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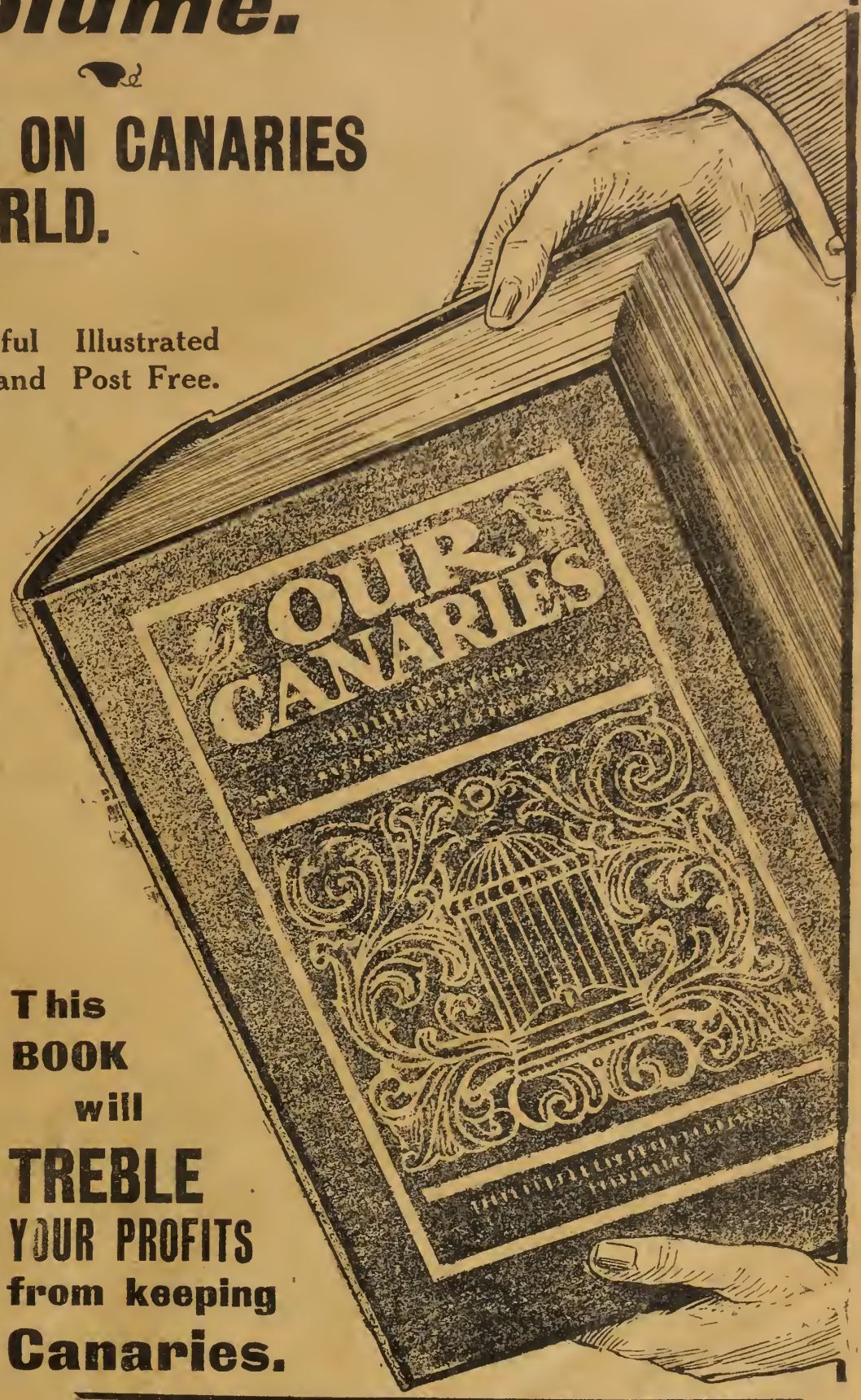
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Twelve members and a few friends rambled to Raith Estate, Kirkcaldy, June 14 (permission having been kindly granted by R. C. Munro-Ferguson, Esq., M.P. for Leith Burghs). The day being one of glorious sunshine everyone looked forward to a grand time in the woods. The first incident of note on the journey was the loss of a collar stud by the heavy man of the party, which necessitated divesting himself of the most of his clothing before the elusive stud was "collared" again, and once more he wore the "smile that won't come off." While passing over that monument of engineering skill, the Forth Bridge, a grand view of the Forth was got. Kirkcaldy was soon reached, when it was noticed that the sec. took out a current copy of CAGE BIRDS and held it in a very conspicuous position. It was the signal for Mr. Lister (who had very kindly agreed to conduct us) to recognise the party, as we were not known to him. The estate is a very extensive one, being well wooded, and an ideal place to spend a day in quest of wild bird Life. We had not gone very far up the avenue when right in front of us was a Mavis feeding her young on the roadway. A little further on a lovely Chaffinch was perched high up, singing merrily and uttering his familiar "pink, pink"; his size and breast were making the eyes of the British fanciers dazzle with envy. Mr. D. Sayer had been foraging on his own, and discovered a nest containing four small eggs of a brown or cinnamon colour, which was thought to be the Sedge Wadbler's, as they are known to build in very exposed places. A nest was espied between two branches high up, and one of our number climbed up to examine, but found it empty. A Mavis nest was next found with three young about a week old, which were ring. One of the party next created a great commotion on discovering a lot of young water hens swimming about in the water (evidently he had never seen such a sight before). Another member, in his anxiety to see them, slipped almost knee-deep into the water, which no doubt helped to cool his burning feet. On going further up the water's side a Chaffinch's nest was found containing two eggs. Near by was a Greenfinch's nest with two eggs, also a Mavis' with a clutch of four well advanced in incubation. At this point Mr. Lister blew his whistle for the party to retrace their steps, as time was getting on. The return journey was made along the side of the beautiful lake, where many birds were disporting themselves. Another nest between the forked branches of a tree was discovered containing six eggs of the same brownish colour as previously found, and to discover what bird they belonged to, it was decided to conceal ourselves and watch the return of the hen to the nest. It was proved that we were correct in saying they belonged to the Sedge Warbler. The last nest found was a Greenfinch's with six eggs. Taken all over, nests were not so numerous as we expected, especially with young, but no doubt it was owing to being too late for the first nests and too early for the second hatchings. Tracks were at this time made for the station to catch the 7.35 for Edinburgh, but before leaving a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Lister for his kindness in conducting us round the estate. Mr. Lister said it gave him great pleasure to do so, and he hoped that the members had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Auld Reekie was soon reached, and before separating the company spent a pleasant hour with song and story, and they all hoped when another year came round that the members would turn out in much larger numbers. Twelve out of a membership of 50 was not very satisfactory, and especially the British bird fanciers, for whom the ramble is principally got up. —G. W. Brown, Sec.

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We should like to make it clear, however, that we think that valuable points appear in most of the answers given below, and that Canary breeders will obtain a reliable guide to the sexing of their young birds by taking the replies as a whole and noting the points made by the various writers. Several competitors send the method of deciding by the size of the exterior opening of the ear, and a well-known Norwich Plainhead exhibitor, Mr. J. H. Davis, of Leicester, describes an equally curious solution of the problem.

Some Humorous Replies.

Quite a number of readers have approached the matter in a humorous vein, and most of these have favoured us with replies based on the well-known formula: "If he goes to sleep on the left leg, it is a cock, but if she goes to sleep on the right leg, it is a hen." See? It is more than a little difficult, in fact, to decide whether some of the replies are serious or otherwise; we leave it to readers to say. Some of the best of the "funny" ones are:

Wait and see.—J. Bevan (Ipswich).

Cocks roost with their heads under the right wings, and hens with their heads under the left wings.—G. Freeman (Gainsborough.)

When young and in the nest the males have their heads turned to the right, whilst females are quite the opposite.—S. Roberts (Garth).

I hold a piece of lump sugar up to the wires of cage, and if she comes up and pecks it, it is a hen, but if he comes up and pecks it, it is a cock.—F. Hughes (Henley).

Take the legs in the right hand and the beak in the left, and watch the tail: if a cock the tail will turn down, if a hen it will turn up.—R. Scase (Camberwell).

[We believe this method is sometimes seriously put forward.—Editor.]

American's Novel Method.

Since the competition closed, the following novel reply has been sent in from an American fancier:—The earliest time about which I tell the cocks from the hens is when I change the young into a clean nest—at, say, eight days old. The breast-bone of the male is one-eighth inch longer than that of the female. This was how I knew I had two cocks and one hen in the nest of Rollers I wrote about a few weeks back, when mentioning the "Eggs and Bacon" diet.—David O'Brien (San Francisco).

The Ear Said to be a Guide.

Young cock Canaries have larger ear-holes than young hens.—Miss M. Spedding (Frizington).

The most sure and easy method, in my opinion, is to wait and hear them sing.—J. Goddard (Dalston).

When about 6 to 8 weeks old watch them as they sleep in the day time; you will see the throats of the cocks quiver and hear a faint twittering.—A. Smith (Aylesbury).

When the young birds begin to feather, the young cocks generally show a little tuft of feathers in the ears. I find this very successful; nine times out of ten I find I am right.—J. H. Davis (Leicester).

When the youngsters are in the flight cages, get a bottle and rub a cork backwards and forwards on it. You will soon solve the problem then, for the cock birds will begin to "sing" against the noise produced by the cork.—T. Emerson (Henley).

Always in the Front Row!

When in the nest pick out the birds with big heads and the boldest eyes. In a full nest these birds most always sit on the top. These are the cocks; mark them.—J. Golsby (Hugglescote).

The best time to sex young Canaries is when the birds are from 6 to 8 weeks old, at which time the cocks begin to assert themselves by "singing," and by their apparently overbearing manner, as against the hens, which, as a rule, are quiet in manner and have only a simple "tweet." If any doubt should exist further evidence may be obtained by closely observing the vent when the birds are changing their nest feathers, as the cocks have some 4 or 5 feathers which stand out prominently, but these are not to be seen on the hens. I have followed this system for some time, and close upon 100 per cent. correct has been the result.—R. Yates (Hull).

I choose the front bird in the nest. If one cock and two hens, cock in front, two hens behind. If two cocks and two hens, two cocks in front and two hens behind.—J. Thomas (Port Talbot).

Young cock Canaries, when they start to "chitter," expand the throat; another point is, the young cock's tail is straight, and the hen's is inclined to turn up.—W. Fleming (Cleator).

Cocks are generally bolder in appearance than hens, with the eye set a little higher in the head. They are also richer in colour, and, if studied, you will find a prominence at the vent not found in hens.—Jas. Calderwood (Kilmarnock).

The Feathers Under the Tail.

The feathers under the roots of the tail feathers I always find much longer in the tails of the cock birds than they are in the hens; also I find the cocks bolder birds possessing larger heads and fuller eyes.—Percy Uren (Hayle).

Cock birds are much quicker in their movements, more bold and defiant, and hop about the cage in a more commanding and fearless manner, the chirp being much clearer and ringing. When in the nest the male birds always stand head and shoulders above the hens, being stronger, and often get more than their share of food.—W. H. Brotherton (York).

Young cocks have a bolder head, with a larger, bolder-looking eye, set slightly higher in the head, located just above the line of the mouth, whereas a hen is more shy, not so bold looking, and with a smaller eye, set lower in the head, rarely clear of the line of the mouth. There are exceptions, of course, both ways, but this is a general guide.—Wm. Coward (Barrow-in-Furness).

The Cocks Will Look Vexed,

A way which seldom fails is to catch the bird and hold it in the hand a few seconds, then put it in the cage again. If a cock, he will expand his chest for all he is worth and appear very vexed; if a hen, she will not do this. I have found this the best way to be sure of the sex, after 20 years' experience.—M. Dawson (Peterborough).

I think the best and easiest way is by the colour and boldness in appearance when they come out of the nest. The cock birds are richer in colour than the hens and bolder in appearance. Whether they are bred from two yellows, two buffs, or yellow and buff, this I have always found to be successful with me.—Robert Cairncross (Edinburgh).

Watch them when they are singing; you will notice the cock bird's throat heaving with a pulse-like motion, which is scarcely seen with the hen.—H. Hawkins (St. George's, E.).

Several held over until next week.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Notes by the Secretary are unavoidably held over this week.

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FALKIRK AND DISTRICT

C.B.S. First Feather Show, Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign. **Oddfellows' Hall, Saturday, July 12th, 3 p.m.** Judges, Mr. James Jeans and Mr. Hugh Sharp. **Admission 3d.—Sec., R. Rennie.** (771)

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Confined to Cornwall. Fanciers kindly support us. Don't forget the closing date, July 18th. **No extension. Valuable Cups, Medals, etc.—Alf. L. Pearce, Hon. Sec.**

NORTH LONDON

Cage Bird Association. Young Stock Show. Judge, Mr. John Robson. Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, Saturday, July 12th. Doors open 2 o'clock. Admission 3d. (769)

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Twitterings.

We hear from Mr. J. R. Colville, hon. sec., that Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington, will judge the annual members' show of the Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.

Mr. T. Barton, hon. sec., writes that the date of Preston O.S. open show has been altered to Nov. 21 and 22, so as not to clash with Nottingham.

Mr. J. T. Cheetham, sec. Smallbridge C.B.S., writes that the second Nest Feather Show will be held in St. John's Schoolroom, July 12. Mr. Schofield, Heywood, will judge.

Allow me to thank Mr. J. Tomlinson for his article "The Master Singer." Being a beginner with the Roller Canary, I have derived much benefit from it.—A. Downes (Risca).

Mr. A. Berry, 7, Ebenezer St., Glossop, writes that he has been appointed sec. of the Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S., and that all business correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

We have secured the services of the following judges at our annual show, Oct. 25, writes Mr. R. Rennie, sec. Falkirk C.B.S.: Norwich, Mr. J. Holmes; Borders and Crests, Mr. R. Lambie; Bri. and For., Mr. J. Steel.

At our meeting on Saturday last, writes Mr. H. Briggs, sec. Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S., it was decided that we let our Nest Feather Show fall through this year owing to the bad breeding season our members have had.

We hear that the secretary of the Irvine and Dist. C.B.S. (Mr. H. B. Young) is likely to resign his post, as he feels that owing to lack of time he is unable to give the attention to the work of the society which he considers necessary to its success.

We are holding our first Feather Show on July 12th, writes Mr. E. Jameson, hon. sec. Derwent Valley C.B.S. Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington, will judge. Owing to our financial position we are not having an open show this year, but a members' show on October 25th.

Mr. J. P. Carr, hon. sec., National British Bird and Mule Club, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W., asks us to notify that applications for the patronage of the Club must be in by 26 July, giving classification and names of judges, or they cannot be dealt with this season.

I noticed the letter from Mr. H. Hill respecting show staging, writes Mr. H. Orford, 105, Cromwell Road, Patricroft, Manchester, and feel confident I could give satisfaction. I should be pleased to receive inquiries from any show secretaries who may be in want of show staging.

The Y.B. Show of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. is being held to-day, July 12, at "The Clock House," Clapham Park Road. There are 13 classes for young Canaries, and two for young Hybrids. In the British section there are 14 classes, and Foreign birds have one class.

Mr. C. W. Law, hon. sec., London and Provincial O.S., writes that a Young Bird Show and Table Show of British Birds and Mules will be held July 17th, at 8 p.m., at The Raglan, Aldersgate Street. All friends and fanciers welcome. Admission free. Specials of 30s. in money, and several L. and P.O.S. silver and bronze medals.

I have been appointed secretary of the Sunderland C.B.A., writes Mr. John Peacock (6, Whitburn Terrace, Fulwell Sunderland), and all matters concerning the affairs of the club should be sent to me. It is very encouraging to, and a great help to, a secretary, in keeping the interest of the members on the doings of their respective Clubs, to have such a paper as Cage Birds.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

The Keighley and Dist. C.B.S. are not holding an open show this coming season, we are informed.

Mr. W. Cumming, hon sec., Forres and Northern O.A., writes that Mr. J. Strachan will judge the annual show, Dec. 3.

Mr. H. Myers, sec., writes that the annual ramble of the Queensbury C.B.S. will take place July 20, leaving Granby Hotel at 12.30 by car to Shipley Glen, then over the moor to Eldwick, and return by Bingley. Friends cordially invited.

We learn from Mr. T. Dawn, the genial chairman of the Sheffield O.S., that he has been successful in making arrangements for the ramble via Haselhead and Lampett on Sunday next, July 13th. This of itself is a guarantee of success (see Club Notice for particulars).

It was a very generous act, writes a correspondent, on the part of Dr. W. Craig, the smiling treasurer of the Sheffield O.S., to hand over the three specials won by him in the Yorkshire section at the Y.B. show to the runners-up, which was much appreciated by those gentlemen.

I have received as specials for the Southern Border F.C., writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec., a diploma for best champion bird and diploma for best novice in each show, presented by Mr. W. Plank. These diplomas are very beautifully designed, and are well worth winning.

OBITUARY.

Dr. P. L. Sclater.

Dr. Philip L. Sclater, who has died in his 85th year, may be said to have paved the way for Darwin and Wallace by his work on the geographical distribution of animals. He was a great naturalist, and was the practical founder of the British Ornithologists' Union. Dr. Sclater had been a Fellow of the Zoological Society of London since 1850, and was its secretary from 1859 to 1902. One of his sons is Mr. W. L. Sclater, also a distinguished zoologist.

We hear that Mr. F. Collins, Camborne, has been engaged to judge the Mule, Hybrid and British section at Exeter open show, Nov. 15.

Mr. J. Griffiths, sec., Clay Cross C.B.S., asks us to announce that fanciers may be elected members on the day of the show, and will be able to compete.

I was agreeably surprised when receiving Cage Birds to find my winning Buff and myself illustrated on front page, many thanks for same and success to Cage Birds.—W. Salter, Hackney.

We hear that there is every prospect of the entry at the young bird show of the North London C.B.A. being a record one. It is held to-day (July 12); note advertisement.

Societies wishing for the patronage of the Southern Border Fancy Club, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec., 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, London, S.W., should apply before July 23. Several applications have been received, but still open to receive few more before allotting patronage on July 24th. Classification required, four champion, two novice.

I was surprised and pleased to see the picture of my champion Yellow Wagtail on the front page of the leading bird journal, Cage Birds. It has always been my ambition to moult and exhibit a Softbill to win at the Palace. This bird has never been beaten by one of its own species. I must thank your artist for his splendid work. May Cage Birds always prosper.—F. Collins.

Will societies wanting patronage of the Yorks and Lancs. B.B. and M. Club please apply at once, writes Mr. T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford, as we want to get all fixed up. We have already granted patronage to Leeds, Oct 10-11; Halifax, Oct. 17-18; Manchester and N. Counties, Oct. 24-25; Sheffield, Nov. 7-8; Preston O.S., Nov. 21-22; Bradford Nat., Dec. 5-6-8; Malton, Dec. 26; Doncaster, Jan. 10.

The July issue of "British Birds" (Messrs. Witherby and Co., 326, High Holborn) is especially interesting. The articles are "The Sense of Smell in the Grey Lag-Goose," by Misses Mary G. S. Best and Maud D. Haviland, illustrated by clever photographs by Miss Best, and a most entertaining account of a colony of Tree Sparrows on Inishtrahull Island, by Professor C. J. Patten. The usual "Notes" contain many items of great interest.

Schedules of members' young stock show, fixed for July 30, have been sent to all members, writes Mr. F. W. Capell, hon. sec. Croydon F.A., 121, Brighton Rd., Croydon. Should any have miscarried will members write at once. Classes have been provided for cage birds, children's pets, and other stock. The show will be open from 4 to 9.30. Shall be glad to supply any information regarding the association to any fanciers residing within 12 miles of Croydon. The 4th annual show has been fixed for Nov. 5.

Several letters were sent to my Sheffield address last week, writes Mr. Fred Allen, so will you please mention again that all communications now should be sent to 156, Porter Street, Hull.

The Ardwick and Manchester C.B.S. hold their Nest Feather Show, on July 12, at the St. Thomas' School, Ardwick, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec. This being the first fixture at the new headquarters I should like to point out that the show will be held in the schoolroom in Thomas Street, the far side of the clock looking from Ardwick Green Park. Special meeting of members at 6.

Swallow's Nest in Bedroom.

In one of my spare bedrooms swallows have built their nest and laid eggs, and have now three young birds. It's quite a pretty sight to see the mother bird feed her young. The window is always left open for her writes Mr. F. Wentford (Ship Inn, South Walsham) on June 29th, to the "Eastern Daily Press."

Cuckoo's Egg in Ring Ousel's Nest.

A Ring Ousel's nest was found in a bank in Airedale (Yorks), on June 10th, containing three of the bird's own eggs, and also that of a Cuckoo. As the Ring Ousel usually lays four eggs, and clutches of five are occasionally met with, the Cuckoo had probably ejected one to make room for her own contribution.

Sheffield's Red Letter Days.

Nov. 7 and 8, 1913, are to be red letter days in Sheffield, we hear. The Sheffield O.S. have engaged the largest room in the Cutler's Hall, at enormous expense, for their annual show, and the schedule when issued will close upon "lick creation." All prize-money will be guaranteed by two well-known stalwarts in Messrs. Thos. Dawn (chairman), and Dr. Craig (treasurer). Enterprise such as this deserves the greatest of success.

The Sparrows' Cool Cheek.

A few weeks back, says a writer in the "Western Mail," I was walking through the zoological gardens in Lisbon and came to a very large aviary, in which were confined numerous Eagles, Vultures, Buzzards, and other birds of prey. Against the wires of the aviary, and quite within reach of some of the smaller occupants, a pair of Sparrows had built their nest, and were industriously cultivating a family. For cool cheek I think that takes some beating.

150 Canaries at a Wedding.

A romance which began at Palm Beach, Florida, has led to the marriage, at St. Louis, of Mr. Charles Squier, a rich broker, of New York, and Miss Olive Ray, one of the younger leaders of society in St. Louis. The marriage was celebrated at the Buckingham Hotel, and vied with some of the more extravagant weddings for which New York and Chicago are renowned. One hundred and fifty Canary birds joined the orchestra in providing music, and during the ceremony hundreds of butterflies were released and flew over the heads of the guests.

Cage Birds 1913 Annual: A Few Copies Now for Sale

Some time back we had to announce the fact that our very successful "Annual" for 1913 was out of print. We have now, however, succeeded in getting together about 50 copies from various agents, and these can be obtained direct from our offices at the usual prize; viz., 8d. post free. Orders should be sent early, as there is no possibility of more of this splendid edition being on sale. Please note that these copies can only be obtained through the post, direct from 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Larkhall C.B.A., July 19, to Bonnington, Falls of Clyde; Cumnock C.B.S., July 12, to Lorn Estate, meet at Auchinleck Station Road End; Longton C.B.S., July 13, to Cheadle, meet Longton Station 9.15: Sunderland C.B.A., July 12, to Haltwhistle, meet North end of Central Station, 12.45, tram leaves 1.0; Sheffield O.S., July 13, to Haselhead and Langsett, train leaves Central station 1.15: Queensbury C.B.S., July 20, to Eldwick, etc., leave Granby Hotel 12.30; Sheffield C.B.S., July 19, to Wyming Brook, meet Malin Bridge car terminus 2.30.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.S., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W.; latest date, 26th July. Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthee, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Road, Windhill, Shipley; Green C.A., F. Handley, 23, Coventry Rd., Wavertree, Liverpool; closing date, July 17th. Yorks and Lancs. Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Rd., Thornbury, Bradford; Cinnamon C.C., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool; Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Midland Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham; Fife and Kinross N.P.C., A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty; Southern Border F.C., F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott-rd., Clapham Junction, S.W., closing date July 23rd.

"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON SHOWS.

At these fixtures "Cage Birds" Championship Competition will be in progress during the 1913-14 season. Particulars of our Championship scheme will be found on another page; or an explanatory pamphlet will be sent on application. Coupons may be purchased by exhibitors from any secretary whose address appears in this list:

Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street.
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Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Av.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.
Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—W. Tallantyre, South View.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—R. M. Ward, 16, Wark Street.
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—W. Cumming, 28, North Road.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford National.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.
Dec. 6.—**Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.**—R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida.
Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth, W.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

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"Please thank all those who replied to my advert. of Hen Canaries. Birds were sold by wire at 3 o'clock Friday. I cannot answer all applicants individually. Could have sold them several times over, which speaks volumes for your paper. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success."—J. MILLS (Liscard).

"Mr. W. T. HARDING, Birmingham, has disposed locally of his birds advertised in CAGE BIRDS. The applications were so numerous, and from as far as Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the Channel Islands that he could not reply to them all personally, and those who have not heard from him will quite understand the circumstances."

"Please thank all who answered our advert. in your valuable paper. We could have sent a lot more off if we had got them to spare. We can find nothing like CAGE BIRDS for Adverts. It would be a good thing if those answering adverts. and wanting an answer would enclose stamp. Wishing CAGE BIRDS and every fancier success during 1913."—TURNER & ROBERTS (Ripley).

Nightingales Extending their Range.

It has always been recognised as a fact that the distribution of the most charming of all our summer visitors, the Nightingale, has been roughly limited by a line drawn in a west by south direction from The Wash on our east coast to the southern portions of Hereford and Glamorgan, and thence southward across Somerset and Devon to the River Dart. Like many others of our British birds, this talented songster appears now to be extending its range, and the line across England will have to be drawn almost East to West, for Mr. H. E. Forrest writes to "British Birds" (July issue) that "the present season has witnessed an influx of Nightingales into localities in Shropshire where they do not occur regularly." Mr. Forrest has located six pairs within a few miles of Shrewsbury, and others have been unmistakably identified in the same county. Mr. Forrest says "the above is the only instance of the species occurring in North-east Shropshire that has come under my notice during the twenty years I have kept the county records."

Important Developments in Our Championship Scheme.

Continued Splendid Response of Societies and Exhibitors: All Limitations to Competition Removed.

WE have two important announcements to make this week in connection with our Great Championship Competition.

In the first place we have under consideration a modification of the method of distributing the special prize-money in the specified sections at the Palace Show. This, mark well, does not in any case mean that the amount in cash specials (at present totalling the huge sum of £99) will be reduced. The contrary, indeed, is the actual fact, as we may see our way to increase not only this very large amount of money, but also to add one or two further sections in which it may be competed for. Our sole desire is to afford every one of our readers the easiest possible chance of sharing in this unprecedented collection of cash specials. We have not been able to come to a definite decision, however, before this issue must go to press. Don't miss our next number; we will tell you all about it therein.

Specials Open to Every Bird.

In the second place, we have reconsidered the position of ring birds in relation to our scheme. It has been represented to us that any sort of limitation of our competition prevents the equitable use of the term "championship" in connection with it. This seems to us a reasonable view to take, and we have therefore decided to delete rule 4, seeing that it tends to impose this said limitation. We are gratified beyond measure at the splendid reception accorded our Championship Competition, and with the great possibilities so clearly looming ahead—it is pleasant to find societies and exhibitors so widely and unanimously recognising our efforts to provide a means of adding interest to our shows, of stimulating bird-keepers to support them, and of helping along the hobby we all love.

An Objection Considered.

We have also given further thought to the objection raised by the members of the Cardiff Society, viz., that our specials (the 10s. cash) will be won every time by rare Hybrids, or Foreigners, or Crests. We really cannot (we say it with all respect to them) see the force of this contention. (1) One exhibitor can win only two of the 10s. specials, and each of these must be won by a different bird, so that even if every owner of rare Hybrids, rare Foreigners, or champion Crests, competes (and this, of course, may not be the case) it is quite impossible for this contention to prove correct. (2) We hope to enrol at least 100 coupon shows, and it is unthinkable that Crests, Hybrids, and Foreigners of sufficiently high merit to be worthy of being considered even serious competitors for the position of best bird, will be found at even a small proportion of them. The records of past shows fully support this view.

An Accusation of Bias Against Judges.

It must be remembered, too, that it is not a case of *every bird in the show* competing for our specials—they are confined solely to coupon birds, and it is impossible for anyone to foretell what birds may, or may not, be competing under our scheme at any particular show, just as it is impossible to foretell what individual fanciers may think fit to join in. We cannot bring ourselves to believe, either, that our judges are prejudiced in favour of Crests, Hybrids or Foreigners. One of our correspondents goes so far as to say that the winning of the specials will "mostly depend on the judge's fancy. If he favours Borders or Norwich or Crests or Foreign, or anything else, where his fancy leads him no others will have any chance, although perhaps other sections contain much superior birds of their own kind. Nobody could blame him; it is his fancy and he is quite right to follow it." Frankly, we find it amazing that anyone can pen such an opinion as this, and, in particular, to say that no one could "blame" a judge for giving an inferior bird the special for best in show, just because he fancies the variety to which it belongs, when there are superior birds of other kinds present. Personally, we should think "blame" a mild punishment to visit upon any judge who allowed his awards to be biassed in so flagrant a manner. We cannot think our correspondent is justified in writing his remarks.

In any case exhibitors, whether competing for ordinary or for special prizes, have to bow to the judges' opinions concerning the merits of the birds put before them, and so long as their opinions are honestly expressed no one can ask more or can justly complain. There is no other possible system under which prizes can be awarded, and we cannot believe that any capable judge would overlook the claims of what one might term 100-point Borders, or Norwich, or Yorkshires, in favour of Crests which are not so good from the point of view of standard specimens of this variety, or of Hybrids or Foreigners which are merely "rare." There is another side to this question, too; we will deal with this next week.

Coupons Steadily in Demand.

Orders for coupons flow steadily in from both exhibitors and societies (the preliminary order from Stoke is for one hundred), and societies are notifying their acceptance of the scheme practically as fast as meetings of the members can be held to discuss it. Among the newcomers during the past week are:—

ALNWICK C.B.S.
BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.
CHELTENHAM C.B.S.
FORRES AND NORTHERN O.A.
HARROGATE C.B.S.
SHEFFIELD C.B.S.
STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

A full list of the Coupon Shows to date appears on page 8

Recognition of a Good Thing.

The London and Provincial O.S. and myself give your scheme our unanimous support.—C. W. Law, hon. sec.

I sincerely hope that CAGE BIRDS' great prize scheme will meet with the success it deserves.—W. Cumming, hon. sec., Forres and Northern O.A.

Enclosed please find acceptance form for Championship Competition. Personally I do not see how any society can afford to be outside this Competition. The prizes offered will make a nice addition to the special prize list of any show, and I think the conditions very simple and just, giving, as they do, a reasonable chance to all competitors to win something at one or other of the shows accepting your conditions. I wish CAGE BIRDS' scheme the success it deserves.—A. Hobson, secretary Sheffield C.B.S.



A KEEN AMERICAN BIRD-LOVER.

Our photograph is of Mr. David O'Brien (San Francisco). The Roller Canary is the especial favourite of this gentleman, who recently contributed an interesting article to our pages concerning it. He raises a novel point, too, in a note published this week in our article, "How to Sex Young Canaries." Mr. O'Brien is an enthusiastic bowler, and the photo was taken on the green of the San Francisco Bowling Club.

Some Points Raised by Correspondents.

We purpose now to consider a few points from letters which have reached us.

A correspondent writes that he supposes it is impossible for natural coloured birds to compete at the Palace show in the Norwich and Yorkshire sections. This is not the case, however. Though colour-fed birds are barred in certain sections (Borders, for instance), natural-colour birds can compete wherever their owners choose to enter them. We can find nothing in the Palace schedule which debars them from taking their chance in any class in the show. It is the present-day fashion to colour-feed certain varieties, true, but the majority of show schedules lay it down that the prizes shall be awarded for "purity of breed, beauty of plumage, and high condition." Thus it clearly seems left to the judge to decide the precise value of the colour-feeding as an aid to attaining the ideal "beauty of plumage."

No Age Limit Applies.

Several enquirers ask as to the age of birds eligible to compete in our championship competition. They may be of any age; it is an open matter. In the future we may consider the desirability of (1) limiting the competition in Canaries and Mules and Hybrids to birds bred during the current year, or (2) providing special prizes confined to birds of the current year.

All Societies Can Make a Profit.

A secretary asks whether societies adopting our scheme are involved in any outlay. The reply is, none whatever, except that we ask societies adopting our scheme to put a brief notice (roughly, quarter-page space) announcing the same in their show schedules and catalogues—the wording of the notice being supplied by us. As a matter of fact, every society can make money by the scheme, as secretaries are supplied at a reduced rate with coupons to sell to their members and others, the profit therefrom belonging to the society. Then, of course, every section of our Coupon Shows should be benefited in entries, by reason of the competition for the diplomas and the right which they convey to participate in the grand finale at the Palace for the £99 (cash) in special prizes, and the £10 10s. challenge shield, all of which, of course, are confined strictly to coupon birds.

Our Money Ready Irrespective of Entries.

"How many entries are expected before you pay over the prize-money?" asks another secretary. We make no stipulation whatever on this point beyond that contained in rule 6, i.e., that there must be not less than 10 separate competitors in our competition at any diploma show. If there be ten competitors we shall pay the £1 cash (10s. for champions and 10s. for novices) quite irrespective of the number of coupon birds entered by each competitor. The prizes at the Palace show (£99 cash and £10 10s. shield) will be competed for without any stipulation as to number of either competitors or birds—i.e., if there are competitors to win them the prizes will be awarded.

The Choice of Venue for the Finale.

We have been asked why we allotted the bulk of the specials to the Crystal Palace Show. It is purely a matter of convenience. This fixture is the last great show of the year, and thus we are able to offer every preceding show the chance of participating in the benefits of our scheme, and every member of our great circle of readers the chance of competing for diplomas and cash specials at all the leading shows of the season. And only by fixing upon the Palace show can we secure these two very important points. No question of "favouritism" enters into the arrangements at all. That the Crystal Palace is accessible to everyone is established by the birds which reach there year after year from all quarters of the British Isles.

We would remind secretaries that our pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme have now been sent out; if any secretary has been inadvertently overlooked, we shall be pleased to forward him one if he will be good enough to notify us to this effect. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154 Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before the end of July, 1913.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, such diploma to be given for the best bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show:—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of August, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one diploma show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

The Blackbird's Expensive Nest.

In one of the villa gardens at Crathes (Aberdeen) the other day a Blackbird's nest of curious construction was found by the gardener over one of the bow-windows of the house. He had planted out a number of stocks, asters, and nemesias, and was unable to account for their partial disappearance on the next day. He rose before the sun was up and set to watch. He was not long in noting two Blackbirds pulling up the plants by the roots and carrying them to the top of the nearest window, where they had chosen to build their nest. Besides the seedlings, a number of viola flowers, white and mauve, had also been used.

Owing to unprecedented pressure on space, our notes on the "Hobby Week by Week" have had to be held over.—Editor.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For Rules See Last Week's Issue.)

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WEAK HIND CLAW. (Mr. V. Lee).—No, the claw, judging from your description, is not dislocated. Treat it as advised fully to "A. W." in last issue, which should set things right. You will do well to allow the hen to sit her full time, as however sure you may feel that the eggs must necessarily prove infertile it does not preclude the probability that events have occurred in the early mornings of which you know nothing, but which will ensure the fertility of the eggs.

LUMP UNDER FOOT (A.W.). It is a pity you did not carefully examine the foot before sending the previous query, and thereby save losing time with unsuitable treatment. Bathe the foot in fairly warm water for a few minutes, then dry it, and paint over the lump with tincture of iodine. Repeat this treatment four or five times with an interval of four clear days between each time. If this does not cause the lump to disappear, and the bird is a valuable one, your best course is to ask a veterinary to look at it. The substance might be removed by excision, but do not attempt this yourself.

MISSING TOES. (J. S.).—Your surmise so far as it goes is undoubtedly correct. The missing portions of the toes without a doubt have been bitten off by one or other of the parents whilst the chicks were very young. It is not certain that the hen was the culprit, and indeed, the cock is even more to be suspected than the hen when he is left with the hen during hatching and rearing. It is a vicious habit not infrequently met with, and can only be dealt with by keeping a sharp look-out and discovering the real culprit. If it proves to be the cock the remedy is obvious—remove him during the hatching and rearing periods. If it is the hen the only course is to transfer the young to a more natural hen to be reared. In such cases it is always well to examine the nest to see if it is free from insects, as it is not unlikely the irritation from these pests may incite a hen to commit these unnatural acts. It would be a mercy to destroy any young with feet as bad as those sent for inspection.

PLUCKS OUT HIS FEATHERS (13th Hussar).—Catch the bird and examine it carefully for the presence of grey lice. Also examine cage closely for red mites. If either pest is found, take steps to exterminate it as frequently explained in this column. In addition to staple seed diet, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled well with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece,

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); Hause's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); Hause's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

and the same quantity of chlorate of potash to its drinking water, and give a morsel of ripe banana, or some kind of green food. For green food use half ripe plantain stalks, as these will find occupation for the bird and help to divert its attention from its plumage. If greater diversion seems necessary, fix a cube of lump sugar in the wires at the end of a perch, and tie a couple of inches of string on the wires for it to unravel.

CAGE FALLING (Brighton).—It is impossible to say what will be the result of such an accident as this in any particular case. The shock will scarcely cause some birds to "turn a feather," whilst others will not get over it for years, in spite of every care. Beyond saying the bird has gone off song, you do not say whether it appears to be ill or injured in any way. It is doubtful whether the bird will quite recover itself and come into song again now until it has moulted, and considering the nearness of the moult, I think you may as well give up the idea of getting it right to breed again this season. If it appears bright and healthy in a general way, keep it caged alone for a time. Add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to its water for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for three or four days. After this turn it into a flight with other stock for a week or two, when it should quite throw off the effects of the shocks in the course of a few weeks.

FEEDING IN OUTDOOR AVIARY (W. Emmott).—You do not mention the size of your aviary nor the type, so I am assuming that it is a fair-sized structure wherein the birds get exercise in the open air. In such circumstances it is best to give the staple seed diet of canary and summer rape in a self supplying hopper divided into two compartments to keep each seed separately. The supply of each may be unlimited. In addition, during the breeding season, when young are in the nest, give a saucer of egg-food daily, supply cracked hemp in another vessel, and once a day give a supply of soaked or scalded rape sufficient to last, say, two hours only, on account of its liability to turn sour. Give the egg-food, green food, and any wild seed heads fresh each morning and afternoon. Two or three times a week a small supply of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, millet, teazle, and broken groats may be given, and anytime when available a box of sprouted seedlings may be placed in the flight as a special treat. During the moult the supply of egg food should be limited to a heaped teaspoonful for every three birds every second day, and a little of the above seed mixture given on the intervening days. A rather more liberal supply of various wild seeds may be given, and a few handfuls of waste seeds, grass, etc., from a threshing machine thrown on the floor now again will be much appreciated, and keep birds occupied at the same time. In other respects the above dietary will suffice while birds are moulting. At ordinary times cut down the egg food to once or twice a week, the mixed seeds ditto, and let the rest of above dietary remain.

A LATE START (Perplexed). I have some doubts whether this pair will really start at all this season now, we are so near the moulting season. Judging from your account of their performances, however, there is just a bare chance they may do so, and your best course to hasten the event is to treat the bird for a fortnight or so, the same as advised to "Segrave," in this issue.

NOT BREEDING (Segrave).—The cock that had his claws clipped so clumsily has probably been much run down from the consequent bleeding, and the subsequent moulting, which sufficiently accounts for his failure to breed so far this season. It is almost too late to expect him to do so now, as even the most robust birds will be rapidly going off breeding condition now. Still, you might try the effect of giving him half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two or three finely minced fat mealworms mixed in it, and about half the bulk of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame and gold of pleasure seed added to it. Give this every second day for a fortnight or so, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give a liberal supply of dandelion seed heads, and shepherd's purse or plantain seed stalks. In the drinking water give four drops each of the tinctures of gentian, calumba, and steel every second day for a fortnight. It is not unlikely that the second cock has gone off breeding condition preparatory to an early moult. You may treat this bird and his mate as above for a fortnight, leaving them together, of course, by which time you should see whether they are going to settle down for another nest this season.

CONTINUALLY MOULTING (E. C.).—We are just now on the verge of the moulting season, and many birds are already deep in moult, so it is only natural for your bird to be losing feathers more freely now. It is indeed a very favourable sign, as, given proper care, the bird will get through a complete moult, and be cured of the continual loss of feathers. Keep the cage in a fairly warm position, and in as equable a place as possible, but free from impure air or draughts, and throw a light cover over it. Allow bird to bathe daily, if it desires to do so. In addition to the ordinary seed diet, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence and a few blades of saffron to the drinking water. After this, omit the sulphur, but continue giving the cake and maw for another month, and on the alternate days, give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Give a little green food or wild seeds in variety four times a week. In the water during this time give 20 drops of Chemical Food every third day for a fortnight or so, the same as advised to "Segrave" in this issue.

HOW NOT TO DO IT. (F. D.).—Your record of three years' experiences in the fancy reads somewhat like an essay on The Trials of a Would-be Canary Breeder. You appear to have had a long run of hard luck, and after carefully considering your record I am inclined to think your management is partly, and it may be largely, accountable for your non-success. There are portions of your letter which give me the impression that you, perhaps, interfere with the birds' domestic arrangements too much. Is this so? If this surmise is correct it will go far to explain your failures, and you would meet with better success next season by making a firm resolve to interfere as little as possible with the birds from the time they are mated. Your feeding also may be at fault, but on this point you do not give sufficient details. Anyway, I would advise you to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners" and master its contents between now and next season, when you should follow its instructions implicitly. Also clear out your present unsatisfactory stock and get one or two pairs or a trio of healthy, vigorous young birds to start afresh with. If the cock which has been filling eggs well this season is not older than 1911 bred, and gets through the moult well and in good robust condition you might keep him to breed with next season. But let the rest go, and get strong active 1913 bred birds to replace them to make up a trio, or two pairs. Try with this number only next year on the lines laid down in the hand-book mentioned above, when I feel sure, you will meet with more success. If anything goes wrong, or you fail to understand anything in the book, write us at once and I shall be pleased to assist you to achieve success after so many failures.

NESTING DIARRHOEA (C H.T.).—Considering the number of hens affected, it appears tolerably certain that the cause of your trouble arises from something of a general character to which all your birds are exposed. The fluctuations of temperature, though certainly bad for the birds, are not, I think, wholly the cause of the trouble. Still you would be well advised to remedy this as far as possible. The chief cause, I believe, lies in some portion of the dietary, or the method of supplying it, but you give no particulars at all about your feeding when young are hatched. See that your hemp is quite good and sound in kernel; use only fresh eggs from healthy fowls in making egg-food; and never allow the egg-food, nor the water supply, to be exposed to the rays and heat of the sun in the aviary. When young are hatched give a moderate supply of egg-food, freshly prepared each time at least twice a day—and prepare it with half the bulk of stale bread crumbs or manzena wafer biscuits, to which you may add a few sprinkling of rice powder for the first few days. After two days slowly increase the proportion of bread or biscuit to twice above amount. Give a little maw separately each day. Do not give green food until young are three days old; then give only moderate supplies, quite fresh, and be careful it is not wet or too rankly grown. At a week old add a supply of well-boiled summer rape daily. This may be given earlier if any signs of looseness appear. At eight or ten days add a little cracked sound hemp. Unless something is radically wrong with your aviary or treatment, of which I have no knowledge, this undue looseness should not occur under this treatment. If any signs of it appear, however, at once dust the egg food for a day or two with carbonate of bismuth, and add to each ounce of drinking water six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of opium for a day or two.

A SICK ROLLER (T. Ward).—Keep the bird in a warm and fairly equable place, and where it will get plenty of fresh pure air, but still avoid direct draughts, and fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Keep on a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this, give daily for a week a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and then sprinkled with maw. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and on the alternate days a half ripe stalk of plantain seed, or a seedy head or two of shepherd's purse. Add thirty drops of fluid magnesia to the drinking water daily for three days. After this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of Chemical Food, continuing the latter for two or three weeks. After the end of the first week stop the bismuth, give the bread and milk with maw every second day, and twice each week on these days add also a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and broken groats. On the intervening days continue giving the scalded rape and the plantain or shepherd's purse. Continue this feeding until the bird is once more in nice plump condition.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MULING HEN NOT LAYING (Winox).—The fact of a hen Canary sitting in a nest and not laying is unfortunately a rather common occurrence. The only way to deal with her is to take the nest away and let her have a fresh start in about a week or ten days. Tie a piece of rough string on the wires of the cage front, and as soon as you see the hen pulling at it, give her a nest pan and building

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

materials. There is still time for a clutch this season providing neither of the birds drops into moult. While waiting, feed them well, and allow them to bathe daily; in fact, do all you can to keep them fit. Do not on any account move them from their present position, as doing so would probably throw them into the moult at once.

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Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

LIBERATING A THRUSH (G. Underwood).—The bird would doubtless live all right if you were to set it free now—that is, if it were liberated near a wood in which it could find food and shelter. The moulting season will soon be here, and unless you liberate the bird at once, it will be better to keep it over its moult and through the winter, when food may be difficult to find in freedom. You could then let it have its liberty in the spring.

BULLFINCH UNSETTLED (Inquirer).—It is doubtless the proximity of the wild birds which is unsettling your tame Bullfinch, and to get him a hen at this season of the year would not be likely to mend matters very much. It would, however, do no harm, and there can be no objection to your trying it. If they make friends so much the better, and you might get young ones in the spring. The leaves you mention will not hurt the bird, and it would certainly not harm him to pick at the growing vine leaves. I am sorry that I am not able to advise as to the "bare patch on the head" without further particulars. Is it simply that a few feathers have fallen out, or is there really a bare patch of any size? If the skin is bare, is it scurfy, or inflamed, or merely normal? It may be that some of the other birds have pulled a feather or two from the head of the Bullfinch.

FOOD FOR ORTOLAN BUNTING AND HAWFINCH (J.M.W.).—An Ortolan requires only the same food as other Buntings, and, like the others, will live almost entirely on seed. As you are doing so well with the Snow, Reed, and Yellow Buntings, you should succeed equally well with the Ortolan. (2) It is fortunate that birds do not eat "according to their size," and a Hawfinch would certainly not require twice as much as a Chaffinch, as you suggest. A Hawfinch is not a difficult bird for which to cater in captivity. It likes a change of food, as do most birds, but is not a big eater for its size. His especial favourites in the way of seeds are sunflower and hemp, and a good stock mixture would be sunflower 2 parts, hemp 1 part, and ½ part each of rape, canary, and linseed. Supply also garden peas, fruit, small snails, smooth caterpillars, mealworms, wild berries, and beech nuts, and seeding weeds of any kind, not all at once, of course, but change them about from time to time.

TAMING A BULLFINCH (Bullie).—It is not often one hears of a "very wild Bullfinch," as you describe your bird. Bullfinches, generally, adapt themselves very quickly to cage life, and soon become the most delightful pets. In taming this species we have that most useful ally, "cupboard love," for there are many things of which a Bullie is very fond. Hempseed, for instance, is an irresistible treat. Every time you approach his cage, put between the bars one or two grains of hemp, and leave him to eat them in peace. He will soon begin to associate your coming with the appearance in his cage of his especial dainty, and will begin to look for your approach. In a very little while he should take a grain from the end of his perch while you are standing by, and it is then only a short step to induce him to take it from your fingers or from the tip of your tongue. You must be careful with this seed, however, for if you give him sufficient of this he will eat nothing else, and will soon get too fat, to say nothing of losing his breast colour at his next moult. There are many other things which are beloved by a Bullie. He will appreciate, and much to the advantage of his health and colour, any kind of berries or other fruit you may offer him. Cherries, blackberries, elder, privet, etc., any of these may be given ad lib. Your stock food is quite all right, but you might add a little sunflower (break the seeds at first if the bird will not crack them for himself). You will find much valuable information in our Nutshell No. 11, "The Bullfinch," 2½d. post free from our office, or 2d. from your local dealer or newsagent.

THRUSH OFF SONG (J. Ramsbottom).—Your bird has probably simply gone off song in the ordinary way before moulting in due season. It is not possible to advise without full particulars of feeding, symptoms, etc., and details as to the duration of the suspected trouble. If you will let me know more about your methods I shall be pleased to help you if possible. You will find valuable information as to the proper feeding and treatment of a Thrush in either the "Song Thrush and Blackbird," or the "Larger Insectivorous Birds" Nutshell (see italic advt. inset in this column).

A YOUNG CHAFFINCH (Miss Griffin).—Your Chaffinch should now be able to feed himself, and after a little while you may altogether discontinue feeding him by hand. Give an occasional small mealworm, smooth green caterpillar, well scoured gentle, housefly, spider, rose aphis, or any insects or grubs available. Young Chaffinches are largely insectivorous, and should be treated accordingly. Offer also sprouting seedlings of almost any kind of plant, especially turnips and radishes. Gradually get it on to a stock mixture made up as follows: Canary seed 1 pint, German rape ½ pint, teazle 1 pint, charlock ½ pint, and give at times linseed, maw seed, sunflower, broken walnuts, thistle seed, beech mast kernels, and wild seeds of sorts. You would find Nutshell No. 13, "The Chaffinch," very helpful. Price 2½d. post free from our publisher, or twopence from your local dealer or newsagent.

VARIOUS QUERIES (T. W. Haddle).—(1) Robins with young may be fed upon a mixture made up of equal parts, by weight, of ants' cocoons, dried flies, preserved yolk of egg, and fine meat powder (crissel), to which is added powdered biscuit to make up to three times the weight. A portion of the mixture sufficient for a day's supply should be moistened to a crumbly consistency by the addition of boiled potato, grated carrot, chopped green stuff, boiled greens from the table, or occasionally with water or milk. (2) Bananas and any fruit in season are quite the best of food for all softbills which will eat them. (3) The Nuthatches would not hurt the boarded sides of your aviary, nor would they interfere with the other inmates. An ordinary insectile food with a few cracked nuts, sunflower seed, beechmast, etc., with such grubs and insects as you are giving to your other softbills, will meet their requirements. (4) Many birds which live mainly on insect food eat also seed at some time of the year, not "for purposes of digestion," as you put it, but as food. It is held by some aviculturists of experience that some portion of indigestible matter, such as seed husks, the cases of ants' pupæ (the cocoons), etc., is useful in the way of cleansing the crop before being ejected by the bird in the form of pellets, and you will find the matter referred to in the portion of Mr. Teschemaker's article "Something about my Nightingales," published in our issue of July 5th.

ABOUT OWL-KEEPING (A.W.K.).—This is a subject upon which I know very little from personal experience, as Owl-keeping is a branch of aviculture which has never appealed to me. The danger of advising without full knowledge was recently brought home forcibly to me. In an answer about Owl-keeping I had said: "Of course, they want water, all birds do." A friend told me that this was quite wrong. He had kept Little Owls quite well without water; ergo, Owls did not drink or bathe. I have since learnt from those with more extended experience, that while the Little Owl will exist without water, there are some Owls, the Tawny and the Long-eared, for example, that delight in a bath. As for the Barn Owl, a friend who has kept the species, assures me it drinks and bathes, while I learn in another quarter that it does neither. So my answer was the better after all. It is better to advise something which may not be a necessity than to advise the deprivation of something which may be absolutely indispensable. Now to answer your questions:—(1) The principal food should be rats, mice, and small birds, with lean

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raw meat as a substitute when these are not readily obtainable. (2) Notwithstanding the fact that I know that the Little Owl has been successfully kept in a cage, I have no hesitation in saying that a cage is not a suitable place in which to keep an Owl, especially a pair, as you suggest. Nothing less than a large aviary fitted with thick boughs as perches, and with suitable shelter places, will suffice for the proper keeping of Owls in confinement. (3) In properly equipped aviaries, some kinds at least will breed regularly. (4) I do not know of any book which treats fully on the keeping of Owls in captivity. (5) Different species of Owls will agree in company with one another, but "ructions" sometimes occur, and a fight between Owls is not a small matter. I should certainly not chance other birds with them, even such large ones as those you mention, the Jay, Magpie, and Jackdaw.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS (A. Hinxman).—The general diet, viz., canary and white millet seeds, millet in the ear (spray millet), crushed oats, and greenfood about meets the wants of these hardy and beautiful birds. In a large enclosure this should suffice to keep them in condition. In many aviaries these birds are now in moult, and this may be the case with your birds. If you think they are all out of condition, give first a laxative one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water for one day; follow this by putting half a teaspoonful lyno-phosphates to each ounce of the drinking water for the remainder of the month, treat so weekly for a month. It would be well also to supply seeding (flowering) grass as long as it is obtainable. The birds should have continuous access to grit and cuttlebone.

WHAT BIRD? (R. S. Bowell) —I have carefully considered your description, but it is not full enough for me to act upon, though I think the bird is a Weaver. Please describe separately the colours of the various parts of the body as fully as possible, viz., head, sides of face, back, tail, throat, breast, abdomen then I think I shall be in a position to give you a reply.

WHAT IS IT? (A. R. Coe) —I think it must be the Two-coloured Mannikin as stated last week. With the Mannikin group audible song counts for very little, and you have to go by gesture, movement of the throat, etc., but there is usually a distinguishable difference either in volume of sound or vigour of movement. With most species of birds in which the plumage of both sexes is similar, there is usually some slight difference in size, in form of beak, or shape of head, and birds are well worth studying from this standpoint. In seed-eaters the upper mandible of the male is often strongly arched and stouter than that of the hen; that of the hen being mostly narrower at the base and more pointed and the upper mandible only slightly arched. In a few species these conditions are wholly or partially reversed in the respective sexes. Hope you'll have luck with Alarios. Serins and their allies are usually keen on getting some live food for the progeny, especially during the first seven days.

WHAT BIRD? (B. Heness).—Where the description of a bird is closely similar to that of many others it is very difficult to actually define them and this is the case with the description you send. I gather it is about the size of a Siskin, and I am inclined to think it is a Green Singing Finch, or some other nearly related Serin—there are so many green and yellow birds with darker markings that unless the description is both accurate and minute, it is difficult to place them with certainty, and I think your bird is as above, though it might be one of the Siskins. If you can improve on the description I shall be pleased to try and be more definite.

AILING PEKIN ROBIN. (C. G. H.).—Give this bird a really good insectile mixture for a time, say one part each crushed arrowroot biscuit, crumbled sponge cake, ant's eggs, and dried flies—well mix these together and then moisten the daily portion with boiling water. Continue to give the live insects, but half-a-dozen mealworms in the course of the day will not be too many. Also supply ripe fruit liberally. As you have it in a cage, you should carefully catch twice or thrice weekly (daily would be better) while the eye trouble lasts, and first cleanse with tepid water, partially dry with a soft cloth and then bathe with a rose water and zinc eye solution. While the eye trouble lasts, soak half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the soft food (insectile mixture) twice a week, and put daily half-a-teaspoonful of byno-phosphates into the drinking water for a month. Keep the bird out of draught, but it should get plenty of light and air.

WHAT BIRD? (J. W. McDonald).—I gather from your remarks that the bird referred to is some species of Parrot, and from your description is undoubtedly a Senegal Parrot, which is an African species. Once over importation troubles, they are hardy, but often arrive in very poor condition. Give it a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet seeds; one pint each oats, hemp, dari, half a pint sunflower seeds, add a few shelled nuts, and well mix the whole; this mixture will form the staple dietary, but ripe fruit, pieces of plain biscuit, sponge cake, or stale bread, greenfood, and a few

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); or *the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." A thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

nuts should be given regularly as extras. For a month give once a week as a laxative ten drops of Dinneford's Magnesia soaked into a piece of spouge cake, or something similar, and allowed to become dry before offering to the bird. Every other day put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water. The bird should have continuous access to grit and cuttlebone, and if tame a fly round the room when convenient will prove a great conditioner.

PARROT SQUAWKING (P. A. L.).—As you say, this is more or less the natural call of the bird, but as a rule once a bird has become fairly tame and a talker, it is either teasing, causing anger, or a sudden scare which sets up this vexatious habit. I should be inclined to try the opposite to what you have been doing. While the summer lasts put it out of doors on every possible occasion, keep it interested, and also fuss about with it in a quiet way, and when you see symptoms of the squawking coming on, talk to it, give it some tit-bit of which it is very fond, and seek by every way you can, without scaring it, to engage its attention and thus check the squawking. If it has not been accustomed to have its liberty at all, and its temperament is such that you can venture to let it have a fly round the room when convenient, such would most probably be another means to the desired end. I presume there is nothing it sees about which it is craving for, and, being denied this, it vents its disapproval by squawking. At the same time do not give it unwholesome messes to quieten it—this is a matter you can decide by observation. Also, if possible, trace the cause of the squawking by close observation, and if you can succeed in this, it should be fairly easy to remove it. I take it the bird is perfectly fit, and that there is no probability of the squawking being occasioned by internal discomfort or pain. In a bird such as you describe there must be a distinct cause—your letter does not disclose one, and only you or someone with it for longish periods can discover it.

BUDGERIGARS (Mrs. C. H. B.).—It will be better to put in additional nests (two) at once, as the birds are barely settled yet, and to have to do it later will seriously disturb them. I think the present position of the cage is the better of the two. The birds will ultimately go to nest, but they have not yet had time to settle, and there is plenty of time for them to bring off broods yet. I should not increase their number, as when they have young the accommodation of your cage will be fully taxed. While it lasts, give them as much flowering (seeding) grass as they will eat. Budgerigars are not delicate, and only need protection from draught. Keep a millet spray in the cage, renewing it as often as one gets picked clean. If you only have two nests, the probability will be the choice of both pair will fall on the same nest, and the result be more or less continuous bickering. The birds should breed for you this year, but they may not actually take to the husks for another month yet. The season is not over for these birds till the end of October, and young are often reared in November and December. If you supply sound, sweet food according to directions, and let them have plenty of light and air without draught, they will do well, and you have only to wait till they have fully settled; one pair may settle in a month and another pair take three or four months to do so.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 15, St. Thomas' School, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. E. Long.—J. Spencer.

Birmingham City C.B.S.—July 16, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8. N.F. Show. Friends and fanciers invited. Admission free.—J. H. Jones.

Boldon Colliery F. & F.S.—July 12, Working Men's Institute, 7. Final meeting before show; business important. Subs. to be paid before show.—Alf. Hirons.

Bradford City O.S.—July 12, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Alteration of meeting night.—W. Hellwell.

Bradford National Show Committee.—July 16, Market Tavern, 8. Staging for annual show; estimates and other very important business.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 12, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Report of show, etc. Business important.—A. Cooper.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—July 15, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Receive entries for N.F. show.—A. Wood.

Cardiff C.B.S.—July 17, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Classification of open show; also to decide cup scheme for open show.—E. Thomas.

Crewe O.S.—July 15, at Brotherhood Institute, 8 p.m. Payment of prize money.—E. Jaycott.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—July 14, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Discussion on "Why do young birds die." Opened by Mr. W. Mugford. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Clapham C.B.A.—July 12, "Clock House," Clapham Park Road, 5.30. Young Bird show.—T. J. Hose.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—July 19, Angel Hotel. F.F. show. Birds staged 5. Judge, Mr. W. R. Nutt.—J. Griffiths.

Denton C.B.S.—July 12, Brotherhood, 6. F.F. show. birds staged 5.30. Judge, Mr. W. Booth, Hyde, who has also been elected for back-end show, Nov. 22.—W. Hopwood.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—July 13, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. N.F. show and other important business.—B. Robinson.

Edmonton F.A.—July 17, headquarters, Charity School, Church Street, Edmonton, 8. F.F. show.—W. H. Jackson.

Great Eastern Railway F.F.S.—July 15, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8. Young stock show. Judge, Mr. Forse. Members please make as many entries as possible. Important business re young stock and 3rd annual show, judges, etc.—W. G. Rogers.

Great Horton O.S.—July 12, Butcher's Arms, 8. Business important.—J. Holroyd.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—July 12, Wesley Place School, 3. Members' F.F. show. Birds staged 3 prompt. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday.—W. A. Brown.

Guisborn' Priory C.B.S.—July 12, F.F. show. Mr. Woodhead judge. Staged by 3 prompt.—J. G. Cook.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—July 12, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, London, N. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. C. Battison. Pleased to see all old friends and fanciers, also to make new acquaintances.—J. Hyde.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 12, Crown Inn, 7.—R. J. Notley.

Hornsey, Wood Green F.A.—July 12, "Three Jolly Butchers," High Road, Wood Green. Young stock show, 3 to 10. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—P. Brooks.

Larkhall C.B.A.—July 12, Y.M. Halls, 7. Young bird show business, etc.—A. Thomson.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 16, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Entries close at 9 for N.F. show. R. Charleston.

Leicester C.B.S.—July 16, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. Heighton on Mr. Clarke's case of wild seeds. Members please attend in good numbers to encourage lecturer. J. Cook.

Listerdyke B.F.A.—July 12, Railway Hotel, 2. 2nd N.F. show; entries day of show. Judge, Mr. W. Morement, Bfd. J. E. Hudson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—July 16, Coffee House, 8. Report young bird show. Intending members please attend.—H. Woodhead.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—July 19, Sawley Road Council Schools. F.F. show. Birds received at 6; also judging competition; entrance 6d. and 3d. respectively; particulars at meeting.—G. T. Wall.

Manchester, Salford Amalgamation.—July 24, Mr. Robinson's, 9. Delegates' meeting; appointment of officers, etc.—J. Spencer.

Morley C.B.S.—July 11, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Entries for July 12 show. Judge, Mr. S. B. Grayson. Birds staged 3.—J. Rhodes.

Northern Counties Norwich P.C.—July 16, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Table show, etc. Three classes. Judge, Mr. R. W. Smith. Fanciers invited.—F. W. Laidlow.

North Staffordshire Roller C.C.—July 12, Evans's Cafe, Newcastle, 7. Birds at meeting.—J. Tomlinson.

Pontypridd F. & F.S.—July 12, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Classification for open show, Nov. 26, and other important matters; 3 more members required to make 50.—A. A. G. McLucas.

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Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—July 11, Fleece Hotel, 8. Entries for show, 8 to 10.30. Y.B. show, July 12. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. W. Mann.—W. H. Raistrick.

Reading C.B.S.—July 10, Palmer's Hall. Y.B. show. Birds staged 2.30. Fanciers please patronise us.—W. H. Pyke.

Sheffield O.S.—July 13, Ramble via Haselhead and Langsett. Tea at Langsett. Train leaves Central Station 1.15.—E. C. Job.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Ramble, July 19. Meet at Malinbridge Tram Terminus, 2.30. Route, Whyming Brook. Tea at Grouse and Trout. Ladies and fanciers welcomed.—A. Hobson.

Skipton C.B.S.—July 14, Globe Restaurant, 8. Important. Committee please meet at 7.30 prompt.—E. Gill.

Snwerby Bridge C.B.S.—July 12, Wharfe Hotel, Sowerby Bridge. N.F. show. Entries to be made and birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. T. Pilling (Halifax).—A. Sutcliffe.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—July 12, National Schools. F.F. show; birds staged 2 p.m. Judge, Mr. F. Bishop (Sheffield).—G. L. Sampson.

Wanstead F. & F.S.—July 14, Cambridge Park Hall. Monthly meeting; table show of cage birds and lecture by Mr. G. Gardner.—Chas. J. Moss.

West Stanley C.B.S.—July 12, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Schedule for annual show.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 15, headquarters, 7.30. N.F. show. Please give us a bumper.—W. G. Andrews.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 12, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. T. Bentley.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 19, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members F.F. show. Silver cup for best novice bird. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves. Entries, Friday night, 8 to 11.—Taylor and Ellis.

York C.B.S.—July 14, All Saints' School, 8. Lecture on Colour-feeding by Mr. A. Humphries. Subs. now due.—H. Sayles.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. C. Floyd.—Cirrhosis or hardening of the liver due to impurities partaken of somewhen in the food. It is a slow and insidious disease, and illness is rarely manifested until the liver is so badly affected as to interfere with its normal function, and death occurs as the result.

W. Brinkman, junr.—Death occurred from enteritis, following fatty degeneration of the liver. This disease is not of a hereditary nature, as you surmise, but follows the introduction of impurities or irritants partaken of in the food. In some cases it is due to a contagious element, but not so in this instance.

E. Paterson.—I am inclined to suspect "septic fever." There is some evidence of it, but not sufficient to make certain. You must send along another bird, in the event of such loss occurring.

"Edina."—The liver was in a very advanced stage of fatty degeneration, which, in my opinion, had been in existence for some time. Death resulted from enteritis, due to disorganisation of this organ. Your treatment was good, but in any case, would be ineffective, treating the effects as you were, and not knowing the cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

G. Oliver.—We will see if we can get a satisfactory reproduction; many thanks

A. Hale.—We must ask you to excuse us publishing your letter; the record is too depressing for anything. May there not be something amiss with your methods?

Interested.—The seeding head you send is that of the Yellow Goat's-beard (popularly known as "John-go-to-bed-at-noon."

R. J. Tuckett.—We are much obliged to you for giving us the opportunity of perusing the papers, and regret to hear of the unsatisfactory ending.

W. Gambrill.—We do not think for one moment that the condition you mention will be prejudicial to the welfare of the birds.

H. W. Carrier.—The publisher of the work in question ("The Rudimeuts of Angling") is Mr. Matthews, the Cabot Press, Bristol.

A. J. Linsey.—We think this is rather a well-known idea; we have often seen it put into practice by aviarists.

J. Peacock and B. Bnult.—Many thanks for the newspaper cuttings so kindly forwarded.

Thirteenth Hussar.—If the bird is not as represented, and you can prove it, you can refuse to pay, and defend any action to compel payment. We notice you say it is a "young" cock. If you mean a bird bred this year, how could you expect it to prove a "grand singer"?—it would be too young to prove so.

BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A.

F.F. show held in St. Peter's Hall, July 2. The hall is a capital place for a show, the light being A1. 120 birds faced the judge, and all cards were up by 1.30. The Sec. and Committee did all they could for the comfort of the exhibitors and visitors, and are to be congratulated upon the manner the show was carried out. There were some very nice birds staged, The winner of challenge cup was a clear buff Norwich, a very promising youngster. He has a nice head, good body and wing carriage, and well filled-in neck. The Crest and Crestbreds were moderate. The winning Crest was dark crest and even-marked wings, neat. The old bird class of Norwich turned up trumps with 24 in the class and not a bad one in it. Foreigners were not well represented in numbers, but quality was good. The exhibits of Miss Bousfield drew much attention and were well staged. British birds brought out some really good specimens and were much admired for condition, the winner being a splendid Waxwing, 2nd a grand Snow Bunting, and 3rd a Yellowhammer. Miss Bousfield won special for most points, but, being herself the donor, kindly passed it on to Mr. Fulford, who ran up closely. Mr. W. Haysom, Southampton, judged.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, hc, Howard, good stamp, nice birds, want time to fill out; 3, Mrs. Farrar, not so full in chest and neck; vhc, Matthews; c, Goodland. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Matthews, heavy mkd., good size and shape; 2, Allen, mkd. one wing, good head and neck; 3, Goodland, heavy mkd., not so stout as 2nd. CL. BUFF, &c.: 1, 2, Howard, good body, nice round head, well carried wings and tail, wins spl. for best young bird; 2nd fails to winner in size of body and neck; 3, hc, c, Allen, good stamp bird, but on the small side; vhc, Goodland. TKD., ETC.: 1, Howard, tkd. on head, good body, good wing and tail carriage; 2, 3, Mrs. Farrar, nice body, close up, tkd. neck and a mkd. head and wing, not so full as 2nd; vhc, hc, Matthews; c, Goodlands. 1, sp, Bousfield, nice yell., good straight bird; 2, 3, Fulford, 2nd close up to winner, just a bit pinched in neck; 3rd on the same lines, but just a bit of frill; vhc, Harris; hc, Witherington. TKD. OR MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Fulford, tkd. on neck, good straight bird, 3rd nice Cinn.-mkd. wing, loses in neck to others; 2, Harris, heavy mkd., good bird, a little heavier. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Fulford, straight as a rush, good carriage of wings and tail; 2nd close up, fails a bit in neck; 3, Bousfield, little frilly on breast; vhc, Withington. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, Fulford, mkd. head and wing, nice straight body; 2nd heavy marked bird, fails to 1st in neck; 3, vhc Bousfield, Cinn. body, light wings and tail, cast in head and neck. CREST: 1, spl, 2, 3, Miss Onslow, even mkd. wings, D.C., neat, 2nd cl. body, D.C., full front, nice back, 3rd heavy mkd. wings and breast, nice frontal, bit horny in centre and back of crest, 1st, Mrs. Spooner, lightly mkd., heavy body, feather bit short on head; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Miss Onslow, leader nearly green, good head feather, bit pinched, close up; 3rd mkd. head and wing, loose in head feather. MULES: 1, 2, Miss Bousfield; 3, Goodland, all Goldie-Can. Mules, winner good size, splendid blaze, 2nd close up, but smaller, yellow, dark, nice exhibit. NOR. OLD BIRDS, 24 in the class and all good: 1, 3, Mrs. Farrar, leader yell., fine bold bird, good all round; 2, vhc, Goodland, nice buff, little heavy in brow, good body. YORKS OLD BIRDS: 1, Fulford, yell., stands well, very straight, a gem; 2, 3, Bousfield, leader on the same lines as winner, but hardly so fine in feather. CREST OR C.B. OLD BIRDS: 1, 3, hc, Miss Onslow, variegated, C.B., long head feather, 3rd nearly green, bit too slim in body; 2, vhc, Allen, D.C., wing mkd., neat crest; c, Goodland. BRIT.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Miss Bousfield 1st Waxwing, shown in the pink, a grand specimen, 2nd Snow Bunting in good form, 3rd Yellowhammer, A1 condition. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Miss Bousfield, 1st a Sugar Bird, much admired, 2nd Yellow Hangnest, 3rd Diamond Sparrow, all shown in rare form.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

First Feather Show held July 5th, in Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill. Over 50 exhibits were staged, some very fine specimens amongst them. Yorks. made the strongest section, and it was here the judge found the best bird in the hall, a very typical ticked buff cock, belonging to Mr. Johnson, the runner-up being Mr. R. B. Cairns with a nice variegated yellow Norwich. The judge remarked that it was a very fine bird, only it lost points on the feather, which was corded a bit in front. Should it moult out well Mr. Cairns will be proud of him yet. The show was well patronised. The judge, Mr. Charles Campbell, got through in good time, and no complaints were heard as to his decisions.

NOR., CL. or TICK. YELL.: 1, spl., Robertson; 2, hc, Cairns; 3, 4, Morgan; vhc, c, Cuthbert. BUFF: 1, spl., Robertson; 2, Cairns; 3, spl., Findlay; vhc, c, Holliday; hc, Fulton. VAR. or GR.-YELL.: 1, sp., Cairns; 2, Morgan; 3, Ross; 4, vhc, Fulton; hc, Jones; c, Thomson. BUFF: 1, spl., c, Findlay; 2, hc, Holliday; 3, vhc, Forman. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl., 2, Morgan; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Brown; 4, vhc, hc, Morgan. YORK.: 1, spl., 2, 3, spl., 4, vhc, Johnson; hc, c, Steel. CRESTS: 1, spl, 2, McKinnon; 3, 4, vhc, Steel. C.-B.: 1, McKinnon; 2, 3, 4, Steel. MULES OR HYB.: 1, spl., 2, Hunton; 3, 4, vhc, Jones.—R. Heggie, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Fourth annual Y.B. show of Canaries, British, and Foreign birds held July 5 at the Dun Cow Hotel. Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead) judged. Entries were not as many as expected, but there were some good birds staged. NOR. YELL.: 1, Lindsay, cl., grand col., easy win; 2, Stanger, eye mkd., going back in col. BUFF: 1, Foster and Son, grand size, easy win, good col. for a buff; 2, A. Foster, head mkd., makes it look smokey on head, good body; 3, Stanger, lost his bloom, short-legged one; 4, Lindsay, some thought a yellow hen. YORKS YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, Stanger, good length clear yell., broken into the moult; 2, Ward, variegated, ran winner hard; 3, Welford. BUFF: 1, Stanger, cl., grand tail and wings, wins; 2, 3, Welford, two grand birds. BORD. YELL.: 1, Stanger, yell. mkd., the best in show, the judge said. BUFF: 1, Stanger, cl., grand wing and tail; 2, Foster, runs winner hard; 3, 4, Ward. CRESTS: 1, Redpath. C.B.: 1, Redpath, with a good moult will be heard of again. MULE: 1, 2, Lindsay, marked Goldie Mule and a dark one. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Wild, Goldie, easy win, grand blaze; 2, Foster, nice one. GREENF.: 1, Davison, grand size, wins; 2, Welford, nice bird; 3, Lindsay, grand body, loses on head, but might have been second; 4, Stanger, very wild; 5, Wild. LINNET, H.M.: 1, 2, 4, Davison, a good team; 3, Welford, another grand bird. F.M.: 1, Foster and Son, very steady, grand size, good one; 2, Davison, grand bird, runs winner hard; 3, Welford, a bit wild. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Wild, Yellow Bunting, grand colour, wins; 2, Davison, Corn, grand bird; 3, Davison, Bramble in good trim. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Davison, Waxwing, easy win, and a grand Blackbird. FOR.: 1, Foster and Son. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Stanger, Lesser Redpoll, grand bib; 2, Davison, Twite, runs winner hard, a matter of fancy only; 3, Davison, Redpoll, another good one; 4, Foster and Son.

HALTWHISTLE C.B.S.

2nd annual F.F. show held July 5, in Mechanics' Hall. 74 birds were on view, all being well staged, and among them were undoubtedly some that will be heard of later. Borders were the leading item, 41 being staged. Mr. J. Nicholson won special for best bird, with a grand buff marked Border. Bowerbank Bros., special for 2nd best with a fine variegated Mule, and Wm. Tallantyre spl. for best young bird bred and exhibited by a novice, with a clear yell. Border. Mr. W. Pennington (Wigton) judged and gave every satisfaction.

BORD. CL. OR TICK YELL. (10): 1, sp, 3, Tallantyre, cl. yell., bonny bird, grand type and qual., and good yellow hen, grand carriage and feather; 2, Heslop, not quite the qual. of 1st; vhc, J. R. Dodd; hc, W. Dixon; c, J. Benson. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Nicholson, cl. buff cock, grand feather and position; 2nd also clear buff cock, hardly the qual. of 1st; 3rd bonny buff hen, should make a topper; hc, J. Wray; c, J. R. Dodd. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Nicholson, eyes, wings and back of head marked, grand feather and type, and 3-pointed Cinnamon mkd., not as good head; 3, vhc, Nixon, mkd. wings and back of head; hc, H. Heslop; c, J. R. Dodd. BUFF (8): 1, sp, best bird in show; vhc, Nicholson, eyes, wings and neck mkd., a grand 'un; 2, 3, Dodd, 3-point Cinnamon mkd., 3rd mkd. eyes and winge; hc, c Forsythe. GREEN (1): 1, Nicholson. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Nicholson. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Nixon; 3, Bowerbank Bros. YORK. (2): 1, 2, Dodd. CL. OR MKD. MULE (2): 1, sp, second best bird in show, 2, Bowerbank Bros., 1st bonny variegated Goldie Mule, 2nd also variegated Goldie Mule. DARK (1): 1, Bowerbank Bros. GOLDIE OR BULLF. (9): 1, Bowerbank Bros., Goldie; 2, Spark, Bullie; 3, Morrow, Goldie; vhc, Nixon; hc, Fawcett; c, Heslop. LINNET (4): 1, Bowerbank Bros., grand size, col. and penciling; 2, Graham, not far behind; 3, Nixon, another good bird, hardly big enough; vhc, Spark. A.O.S. (6): 1, c, Bowerbank Bros., Redpoll; 2, Fawcett, Greenfinch; 3, Heslop, Redpoll; vhc, Dodd; hc, Spark. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Fawcett; vhc, Nixon; c, Bowerbank Bros.—W. Tallantyre, Sec.

CAREFULLY READ PAGE 3 THIS WEEK.

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1913.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Mixed Luck at New Cross.

The members of the New Cross C.B.S. have had mixed luck during the present breeding season, several not having a single youngster on the sticks, while others have had a record year. Amongst the latter is Mr. Fuller, who has now finished breeding, having reared 44 youngsters, chiefly Norwich, from 5 pairs. Mr. Pope has also done well, having about 25 Norwich and several Goldie Mules. Mr. Gardner, too, is one of the lucky ones, having 18 young Norwich from 3 pairs. The Border Fanciers have not done so well as usual, clear eggs and youngsters dying being the chief complaints. Mr. Williams has over 20, Mr. Sutton 18, Mr. Preece 14, Mr. Joplin 5, Mr. Culham 9, Mr. Martin 8, Mr. Kay 5 (this fancier has had hard luck, having lost a lot of youngsters a few days old), Mr. Rosendale 4 (here, again, a lot of youngsters have been lost). Messrs. Burton Bros., after starting badly, getting only 15 from their first 17 nests, have now about 50, all Borders. Mr. Hill cannot do anything right with his Norwich pairs, and it seems as if he will have a blank season with this variety; he has a few nice Yorkies on the sticks. The Yorkshire breeders generally are having a bad time; but we trust the later nests are turning out better and that all members will finish the season pleased with themselves.—Burton Bros., hon. secs.

Country Rambles

LEICESTER C.B.S.

On July 5 a few cycling members journeyed to Tur Langton for a ramble, arriving about five o'clock, after an eventful ride. Leaving our cycles at The Checkers Inn, we had a good ramble through fields and woods for about two hours, when we made our way back to the inn feeling tired and hungry, to do justice to the good spread provided by our genial host, who was only sorry he could not accompany us on our ramble. Altogether, we had a very enjoyable afternoon, our members hoping that it would not be the last.—J. Cook, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S. HAVE A GRAND DAY'S OUTING.

Under a summer sky, we meet at Lochgelly Cross at 8.30 on the morning of June 2, a company of thirteen. Our way lies through the public park, thence to the public highway into that part locally known as the "Avenue," owing to its being approximate to Minto House. Here in the hawthorn hedge we get a view of a fine looking pair of Greenies, doing a little spooning, the cock showing off with outspread wings, and crying for sheer joy. The Spittal wood now takes up our attention, but we pass this rather quickly, as we are timed to meet our guide at Johnny Blair's Store; we can hear, however, the pink-pink of the Chaffies, the "Pretty Joey" of the Thrush, and the long drawn "chree" of some little Tits, which are disporting themselves in a beech tree. Soon we come in sight of Lochgelly Loch, where a pair of Swans can be seen, and the cry of the Coot and Plover can be heard. Passing Muirhead farm we eventually arrive at Dundonald, where the keeper and forester meet us. Off we start for Birkhead Farm, which is to be the scene of our operations. The first find is declared by A. Strachan, a Blackbird's nest, with 4 eggs. M. Smith almost immediately found a neat little Chaffinch's, also 4 eggs; Johnny Anderson now gives the signal, a Thrush with 4 eggs, mother Thrush having just disappeared with a startled cry into a neighbouring bush. A little further on Dr. Dunsire declares another bird, and all gather round in the attempt to specify. The keeper does not hesitate on pronouncing it a Goldfinch's nest, with 4 eggs. Two others are found by J. Anderson and J. McLeod, each six eggs. We wait here for some time on the chance of seeing the owner of the little homesteads, but can only detect the cry of a Goldfinch cock some little distance away. So far we have done exceptionally well, and the inner man is crying out. A nice little clearing at hand, we sit down to lunch, good and substantial, with the usual dessert of birdy stories. Wild flowers and seeding plants are here in profusion, not forgetting the noble mountain ash, the silver birches, the larch, and the lordly spruce fir, all these forming a birdy home, rarely to be seen in our rambles. Our friend the forester gave some insight into one species of plant, which was named something like a Black Italian poppy. On our way once more, we find more Thrush and Blackbird nests. Arrived by the West River, we proceed to Crouple Craig, where we receive an agreeable surprise on viewing the beautiful cascade which pours over the rock to a depth of 40 or 50ft., through a veritable forest of bracken and tangled undergrowth, and, farther on, empties itself into the lake. The lake soon appears to view, and we are in the presence of many species of wild fowl. Among the rushes Mr. Smith finds a nice little Bullfinch family of three, the first of its kind we had seen. By this time, 3.15, we are just a wee bit "peckish," and send off a detachment with orders for dinner. Half-an-hour elapses, detachment back, signal "all's well in the canteen," at the Antony Temperance Hotel, to which we proceed. Mr. P. McCue occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks, thanks, the keeper and the forester for their kind assistance. A resolution is passed that the secretary be instructed to thank our patrons, Lady Helen and the Hon. Munro Ferguson, for the permission so kindly granted to our society. Tired out, but pleased at our day's work, which has made us feel as if life was worth living, we entrain for home, arriving in Lochgelly about 8.—P. Muir, Sec.

Correspondence.

New Society for Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.

Sir,—At a meeting held at the "Pied Bull" Hotel, Newton-le-Willows, on Wed. last, it was decided to form a "Newton-le-Willows Fur and Feather Society." Our next meeting will be held at the same place, which we have fixed as headquarters, on July 16th, at 8 p.m., and fortnightly afterwards. Any fancier is heartily invited to join. The subscription is 2s. 6d. per year, and 1s. nomination fee.

H. A. Waddington, Hon. Sec.
78, Crown Street, Earlestown, Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.

Birds as Distributors of Weed Seeds.

Sir,—It is surely contrary to general opinion that seeds pass through the system of our Finches without being really digested, and without having their natural functions damaged. One of the varieties of seeds mentioned by Mr. Collinge is charlock seed. That is a bold round seed, and it is difficult to imagine a seed of that description passing through the digestive organs of a Finch without suffering damage, so that its powers of germination are not spoiled. On the other hand though, it is remarkable how nature—in the form of wild seeds—is tenacious of life. As example, take horse droppings and notice how oats will grow from them. Still, there is a vast amount of difference between oats growing from horse droppings and Charlock seed from the droppings of a Finch. I haven't read the "Journal of the Board of Agriculture," so haven't seen the full report of Mr. Collinge's experiments; but if he happens to be a reader of Cage Birds, perhaps he will tell us in which way the soil was sterilised before the droppings were laid on, and how the droppings were collected. Were the captive Finches fed on the separate varieties of wild seeds previous to the experiments, or were the droppings collected immediately after the capture of wild Finches? The whole subject is very interesting.

Sub Rosa.

Pussy Thought it Prison.

Interesting Experiences with Foreign Birds in an Aviary.

Sir,—Will you kindly tell me if Pekin Nightingales and Pekin Robins are the same birds? I have the latter in splendid form in an outdoor aviary. I can fully endorse what a recent correspondent says as to the anxiety shown by escaped birds to get home again. I have at different times lost several, Cockatiels (young), Cordons, Waxbills, Madagascar Weavers, and others, but have recovered them, as they make every effort to get through the wires of the aviary. We generally, for a small bird, open the outer wire, unless it is small enough, as in the case of a Waxbill, to get through itself. When between the two wires, it is easy to close the first and open a small part of the inner, and gently drive the bird to the opening—which it is only too delighted to find. I have double wire everywhere, on account of cats. The birds then seem to realise that no cat can get at them, and feed and sing fearlessly, while the furry foe sits harmless on the outer wire, admiring the tantalising inmates. One morning, coming up to the aviary, I heard the door gently opening and shutting (it has a spring, and cannot fly open), and to my surprise and horror, saw my cat's paw inserted in the opening trying to push the door wide enough to get out. I naturally released her promptly! and looked to see whether any birds had fallen victims. They had merely flown to the furthest division (the open-air flight), and appeared perfectly unconcerned. The cat's great desire evidently was to get out. How she managed to get in I do not know, but aviary life seemed to have no charm from within, however pleasing it looked from without. I think she had come in quest of mice rather than birds. I have just now a fine nest of young Cockatiels in a barrel, seven good birds, every egg of the clutch.

Edith M. Binlingham.

[The names Pekin Nightingale and Pekin Robin apply to the same bird and are indiscriminately used.—Ed.]

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Are Zinc Drinkers Dangerous to Birds?

Our correspondent most emphatically says "Yes."

Sir,—During the last correspondence on the keeping and feeding of Goldfinches, no one, in my opinion, pointed to the real cause of so many Goldies dying, with the exception of Mr. F. Balcombe, and he only slightly. I refer to the zinc drinkers used by "Goldfinch Fancier," and, no doubt, many others. My advice is to do away with every one you have, throw them into the dustbin, and let the man cart them away. I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that the cause of the loss is nothing more nor less than the zinc drinkers. I have kept Goldfinches for years, in fact, ever since I was a little boy going to school, and now I am nearing forty, and have never had a Goldfinch die through ill-health—accidents, yes. I do not wish to say a word against the way others feed their Finches, but I would advise "Goldfinch Fancier" to follow the advice given by Mr. G. E. Weston ("our" expert). I feed in the same way as Mr. Weston during the winter months, except that I give hemp every day, and plenty of it; in fact, there is always some left over next morning. As a tit-bit I give three times a week Messrs. W. A. Rudd and Co's Goldfinch Mixture, and this mixture I give as a stock food during the breeding season, with all the wild seeds I can gather, and almost any kind of green food, even to grass; but during the frosty weather I give a bit of apple. Last year I had 13 Mules hatch out and reared eleven, not so bad. The water I am most particular over. I boil rain water in an iron kettle, then pour it into a jug and let it stand until cold. I then give it in glass drinkers, which I run my fingers round every time I give water (that is sometimes twice and sometimes three times in a day), and twice a week I scour them out with hot water and soap, using a good sized painter's sash tool, with the handle cut off about one inch above the binding. The latter will be found very handy for cleaning any drinker. Best wishes to Cage Birds.

E. G. Southwood.

A New Cage Bird Society for North Liverpool.

Sir,—The North Liverpool and District Cage Bird Society is the title of a new club recently formed in the North-end. We are having our nest feather show next Wednesday, July 16th, in the Hall, Royal Street, Liverpool, N., Mr. Hamilton, of Bootle, having kindly consented to judge. Our next meeting takes place August 6th at 8 p.m., in the same rooms. Fanciers wishing to join can have particulars from the honorary secretary,

Edgar S. Broadbent,
25, Wellfield Road, Walton, Liverpool.

Starling's Nest Built in the Wool of a Sheep!

Astonishing Happening near Morpeth.

Sir,—A Morpeth correspondent writes in the "Newcastle Chronicle," on July 4: An event of unusual interest and unique character is reported from the neighbourhood of Blagdon. As Mr. George Pringle, of Bellasis Parks, was clipping sheep last Friday (June 27), a Starling's nest, containing three hatched birds, was discovered in the fleece. The young birds had evidently been suffocated when the sheep was turned over, and the first intimation of anything unusual was the appearance of the blood when the still warm birds were cut by the shears. The sheep in question is a half-bred Oxford hogg, and it has been running in a flock of thirty, in a twelve-acre field, since "dipping" a month ago John Stevens.

Fertile Eggs After Five Weeks' Separation.

Sir,—Allow me to thank "Victor" for sending report of the fertility of the clutch of eggs he had previously enquired about. I regret that owing to accidentally mislaying a clipping of his letter I have not been able to acknowledge his favour earlier. As I said in my reply to his query, the "possibility" of all the eggs proving fertile from the previous mating was recognised, but, notwithstanding, the result of the clutch was most interesting—that is, assuming no mistake was possible in the marking—in that the latter half of clutch, which had ample time to have been impregnated by the second mating should prove barren, whilst those from the union of weeks beforehand were fruitful. Incidentally "Victor" adds a thread of evidence regarding the harmlessness of marking eggs with copying pencil, which has been accused of causing dead embryos.

Claude St. John.

The Fancy in South Africa.

A Few Notes from an ex-Durhamite.

Sir,—I am enclosing a letter I have received from a fancier in South Africa. If you think it would be interesting to any readers of your paper would you please publish it.

R Peart, Sec. Annfield Plain C.B.S.

Natal, June 6th, 1913.

Sir,—I feel I must write and ask you to favour me with news of your C.B.S. I see in Cage Birds that you are now secretary. I do not know whether you will remember me, but I think if you will look back to the first exhibition of the Leadgate C.B.S., you will be able to call me to mind when I mention the only Starling in the show, I being the exhibitor of the same. I am not amongst the feathered pets here at present, but for all that I take a great interest in them, and I have a dear friend at Pietermaritzburg who owns some very good stock in Yorkshires and Britishers, and is at present busy preparing for the annual show during the present month, and which show I hope to visit. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that the Fancy is going strong out in this country, and one needs very good birds to stand a chance on the bench. I expect to see some very good stock at the coming show, and I think the judge will have a very hard task. I may here state that the judge is a Newcastle-on-Tyne gentleman, Mr. Cox, and that he acted as judge last year and gave every satisfaction. It gives me very great pleasure when I look back and think of the happy times I have had visiting the shows in the County of Durham, and I can tell you I have looked forward to mail days during the past home show season to get my Cage Birds to see who has been doing all the winning. I often wish I had brought my Britishers out here with me, especially when I visit the fanciers and look at their stock of beauties. The bright-plumaged Britishers do not keep their colours here as in the old country, but the Linnet family do all right. My friend has a fine Siskin for the show. Mr. Peart, I wish you and your society every success during the coming season.

W. H. Eleanor.

A Fight Between Swans at Hampstead Ponds.

Sir,—On the morning of July 3, about 10 o'clock, a fight took place between two Swans on a pond at South Hill, Hampstead Heath. The pond has been for some time the haunt of a pair of Swans with three cygnets, which are now about two months old. The male has always resented intruders, and early this week attacked two men who were working in a punt. Yesterday another pair of Swans with three young arrived from a pond at the Vale of Health, and the male was savagely engaged by the one in possession. An hour's exciting struggle resulted in the total defeat of the newcomer. It was rescued by a keeper, who waded into the water and transferred the bird with its mate and young to the bathing pond. Both Swans lost some plumage and the blows from their wings were audible a long way.

A Hampstead Reader.

The Effect of Thunder and Vibration on Fertile Eggs.

Sir,—I always read my Cage Birds with great interest, especially Mr. Weston's ideas, and I have been very interested in the discussion about the effect of thunder and vibration upon fertile eggs. I have come to the conclusion that so far as vibration doing harm is concerned, it is a fable. For seven years I worked under a steam-hammer, the weight of which is 5 tons, and I can assure you that when it strikes a blow a passing train is nothing to compare with it so far as vibration goes. Yet the Sparrows and Starlings in numbers have hatched out their young successfuly under the same roof, which also covered a 3-ton hammer, and both hammers were working night and day. Canaries, too, have been hatched for years, not 20 yards away, in house property, the occupants of which had to be careful how they placed their crockery on small shelves. At present I am working under an 8-ton hammer, and there are plenty of young birds about the roofs that have been bred not many yards away. So far as thunder and its effects go, I, with many more brother fanciers, have seen no damage done, and I have had eggs incubating at all stages. In my opinion there is no fear unless it may be of startling nervy hens and causing them to forsake their nests.

Thomas Peters.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Hen Redpoll's Great Record.

Eighteen Eggs all Fertile by a Greenfinch

Sir,—It may interest your readers to know the result of my mating a cock Greenfinch with a hen Redpoll. The hen laid 11 eggs, one each day for 11 days, and every egg proved fertile, eight chicks hatching out. I lost three after hatching, and now have five on the sticks. She has seven eggs for her second nest, all fertile. I have bred the Redpoll-Greenie, but do not remember the Greenfinch Redpoll being exhibited. This beats all my own previous records—eighteen eggs in two nests, all fertile.

Lancaster. T. Fisher.

Are Prohibitive Prices Objectionable?

A Plea for the "N.F.S."

Sir,—In reference to the paragraph under "Twitterings" in Cage Birds of July 5, re the Provincial Roller Club's decision as to placing "N.F.S." (not for sale) against the entry, laying the exhibitor open to being objected to should he win a prize, I consider this is a matter that could well be discussed in your columns. My humble opinion is that it is far preferable to see "N.F.S." in a catalogue than to see a bird priced at £1,000. Many times have I been told by visitors to shows, not fanciers, that they have seen Canaries worth £1,000. In all probability the birds would be dear at 1,000 pence. The letters "N.F.S." are not misleading, whereas prohibitive prices very often are, and do the Fancy no good.

A. W. Morrison.

Linnets that are Actors and Acrobats.

Durham Man's Remarkable Training Feat.

Sir,—I send you the following from the "Newcastle Chronicle," as I think it will be of great interest to many of your readers:—

"Mr. William Cutter, of Coalburns, possesses two Brown Linnets which are remarkable actors and acrobats, and go through performances which show at once their remarkable intelligence and the infinite trouble taken in their training by their owner. They drive a toy motor car (driven by clockwork), one acting as chauffeur and the other sitting in the seat, they ride the see-saw, 'die for their country,' stand on their heads, walk up a ladder, climb a stick, turn somersaults, walk a tight rope, keep their balance on a revolving postcard, work a windmill, skip, jump hurdles, and swing in a swing boat. They will go outside with Mr. Cutter without attempting to regain their liberty, will sit on his pipe while he smokes, and sing beautifully when asked to do so. Mr. Cutter is a shaftsman at Greenside Pit, and was for a short time incapacitated by an injury to one of his thumbs, and buying from different quarters two Linnets which had just been caught, and were consequently quite wild, he conceived the idea of training the birds to 'do tricks' with the object of making his enforced idleness less irksome. This was six months ago, and his efforts have been crowned with remarkable success."

I think we have here evidence enough to convert even those faddists who are always preaching about the "cruelty" of keeping birds in captivity, when this can be done with birds of wild birth in such a short time. It speaks volumes in favour of their owner's treatment and of the birds' appreciation of his kindness. John Stevens.

The Breeding of Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Carroll Dawson, who, I may say, is unknown to me, I have last year's Goldie-Twite preserved, and it is in splendid condition. This year's young one is out, flying about the cage; it came out yesterday, when 17 days old. I have two more eggs fertile out of four, and the Twite is building again. I shall be pleased to show them to Mr. Dawson, or anyone who cares to come to see them, any day.

E. Southwood.

Old Head, Kinsale, Co. Cork.

Sir,—Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids were bred here in Arbroath last year by Messrs. Muir and Heenan. The parents were a British Goldfinch cock and a white-cheeked hen Twite. Altogether the hen laid 28 eggs, and four young resulted by the end of the season. They showed one of them at Broughty Ferry show and it was placed third. This year the same pair have gone to nest, and up to now have four or five young. I wish your championship scheme every success.

One Who Knows.

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Some "Good Things" at the Sheffield O.S. Young Bird Show.

The lower photo depicts the excellent display of special prizes; in the upper one figure Messrs. A. Snape, G. Fletcher and E. Matthews (standing, left to right), and W. Baxby, J. C. Barnes (judge), E. C. Job (sec.), R. Colton (assist. sec.), and T. Dunford (seated).

Young Blackbirds with their Beaks Eaten Away.

What is the Explanation?

Sir,—It is not very unusual for Canary breeders to find young in the nest with beaks and legs "eaten," but I have never heard of a case like the following, which I cut from the local "City News." "A strange or mysterious thing has happened here," writes Mr. W. Lockett. "Can any of your naturalist correspondents suggest an explanation? The man who attends to my garden found in the fence a Blackbird's nest, with five young birds about half grown. One had the upper mandible of its bill entirely eaten off. Another had it eaten off to about half. In the case of the third the point of the bill was so far gone as would have rendered it incapable of picking up food for itself. When the old birds ceased to feed these they would have starved to death. They were not injured in any part of the body, nor could any injury be found on either of the other young birds. When I went into the garden the man showed them to me, he had just killed them all. He said it was no good putting the two uninjured ones into the nest as they would have lost their bills even as the others had. I examined them very carefully. They were quite warm, just out of the nest. The injury to the bills had decided the appearance of having been eaten away, but they were the very last thing that I should have expected to have been attacked."

Mancunian.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON

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How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

IF the hens are all ready to go to nest together, the chances are against the majority of the eggs being fertilized; to overcome this a portion of their number should be removed, and another cock be provided. Another disadvantage is that some hens may not have youngsters to rear, and they consume the egg-food that must necessarily be provided for those hens with young. This is very unsatisfactory, as birds should never be alowed to eat large quantities of egg-food, excepting when they are feeding youngsters. In some cases it will be very fattening, in others it will upset the stomach, and have a tendency to lead to inflammation. Another disadvantage is that there will be a certain amount of fighting amongst the birds that are put up to breed in this way. Sometimes the cock will take a fancy to one hen, and bully the others, or it may be found the hens fight amongst themselves; but if they go on satisfactorily with their breeding duties, too much importance should not be attached to these family squabbles, but in some cases the culprit must be removed from the cage.

How to use the Double-Breeder.

The double breeder is a useful cage; another name for this cage is the two compartment breeding cage. The majority of these are constructed of wood, with a removable wire front. These double breeders may be purchased made of block tin, or zinc, but, like the wire breeding cages, are expensive. The compartments are divided by wooden slides; some of them have a small portion of the wooden slide cut out, and wires fitted into the aperture. Others will have an extra whole wire slide. The wire slide is used when pairing the birds together; the cock is placed in one compartment and the hen in the other, with the wire slide between them. When it is noticed that the cock is passing food through the wires into the hen's mouth, the slide can be withdrawn, and no notice need be taken of any little family "spar" that may occur. Sometimes a cock will refuse to allow the hen to touch any dainty bit of food that may be given to them. With a threatening manner and open mouth, he will drive her away, and shortly afterwards the "oddity" will go and feed her with all the food he has been eating.

The double breeder may be used either for two pairs of birds, or for one cock and two hens, there are several ways that can be adopted when the latter are put up. Often it will be the condition of the birds that will compel you to follow a method, even though it does not work in accordance with your views. For instance, it may be that one hen is more forward than the other; this can be ascertained by watching the hen's demeanour, at the sound of the cock's voice she pulls herself together, and utters shrill calls in return, and tries by every possible means to get a peep at the cock. At other times she will carry in her beak any loose bit of material that may be in the cage. Travelling quickly from one perch to another she retains her bit of treasure; after a few moments she tires of this pastime, and shows she wants to build a nest. If there is no nest pan in the cage, she tries the egg-food pan, or a corner of the cage bottom, and should the headholes in the cage front be large enough she will get inside the seed hopper and try to form a nest among the seed. Another sign, and it is her last one before she begins to lay her eggs: her evident desire that those eggs should be fertilized. When she hears the cock singing she will at once assume a crouching attitude, with tail slightly raised, and beak pointed upwards. She utters a low rapidly given call; somewhat nasalised in tone, and sounding to the human ear as a very rapidly breathed sc, sc, sc, sc, sc.

Where Fanciers Sometimes Go Astray.

I might mention at this point that when birds are placed in the breeding cages the nest-pans should be placed into their positions at the same time, allowing three pans for each two hens, or if only one hen she should have a couple to choose from. One of the chief causes of hens desiring to make a nest otherwise than in the nest-pan, is dilatoriness of the fancier in supplying the nest-pans; no harm is done, and nothing is lost, if a small portion of nesting material is also put in the cage.

To revert to the methods of using the double breeding cage, the cock is placed in one compartment with the hen that is showing a desire to go to nest. He should be left with this hen, which I will name No. 1, until the evening of the day she lays her third egg. Why I recommend his removal at night is that a hen may be met with that will refuse to sit, should he be removed in the daylight. Place him then with hen No. 2 until the evening of the day she also lays her third egg, then remove him entirely out of the breeding room.

I have given you a picture when the sun is shining, now let me give it when things don't work smoothly. A hen may be met with that will not sit without the cock is left in the cage with her; such instances are few I admit, but yet there are such hens. Again, some will be found to sit all right, and then refuse to feed without the aid of the cock. In the first case, where the hen will not sit without his company, and it is not convenient to purchase another cock for hen No. 2, there is no alternative but to let him stay with her and try one of the following methods.

Withdraw the slide from the middle of the cage and allow them all to be together; probably this may not suit the hen that is sitting, and she commences to rush off her nest when No. 2 approaches her, and rushes the intruder about the cage. If she goes back to her eggs again, and eventually settles down peacefully, then let them all remain together. Otherwise, if the fighting becomes so serious that she begins to neglect her eggs, No. 2 must be partitioned off again by herself, when No. 1, well satisfied, will go back to her eggs.

Two Wives for Every Male.

Again, it may be that the cock will not take kindly to No. 2 hen, and the only way out of either of these difficulties is to withdraw the slide a little and gently drive him into the compartment containing No. 2 hen, but before doing so make sure that this No. 2 hen is in a forward condition. Then, immediately copulation has taken place withdraw the slide again just a little and drive the cock back again to No. 1 hen. This should be repeated each day until No. 2 hen has laid her third egg, as this will afford every opportunity of the whole clutch being fertilised.

We are always learning something, and an experience that I have met with in my own breeding room this year may be worth relating, as it bears on the method of mating that I have just described. I have a hen that I have tried to pair with three different cocks, and she refuses all of them, or seems to do so when I am in the room; it is just the same should she come in contact with another hen, there is a bit of a scuffle, and out of the contest she comes victorious with a beak full of feathers. She simply ignores the cock's advances, and artfully dodges out of the way. Sometimes she will stand on the opposite perch, then make a rush, and that poor cock finds himself on the cage bottom! As a last hope I ran a vigorous young cock with her for a few minutes each day, each time leaving the room immediately; and she has laid two clutches of fertile eggs.

(To be continued.)

Club Reports.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting, held July 2, in Drill Hall, Mr. Wildridge presiding. Sandiford colour food was disposed of. Secretary was asked to intimate that subs., 2s. 6d., is now due, and will be received at members' earliest convenience.—R. Mnlr.

BOWHILL O.S.

Meeting held in the Gothenburg, June 28, Dr. T. R. Hunter chair. There was a good turn-out of fanciers. Agreed to have a judge for each section of Canaries. Secretary was instructed to engage a separate hall for the staging of cage birds, as entries have been falling back, through the birds being staged with the poultry. Please watch CAGE BIRDS for show date. R. Taylor, Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY F. & F.S.

Meeting held June 28, Mr J. Stephenson chair. Large number of members present. Decided to hold F.F. show July 19 in the Quoit Shed of the Workmen's Social Club, 11 classes for bird, seven rabbits, two cavies. Silver bowls for best young bird bred novice and three best young birds nominated. Members, make as many entries as possible to make the show a great success. Subs. to be paid before show. A. Hirons, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held June 28, Mr. J. Stenhouse chair. Agreed to apply for CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition. The Plumage Bill petition was signed by all those present. A wonderful case of plants and seeds belonging to Mr J. B. Clarke, Rothesay, was on view, and members derived great knowledge as to the different uses of some of the most common weeds which grow in this locality. Mr. Clarke must have spent many weary hours before he got his case in such perfect condition, and he fully deserved the vote of thanks accorded to him in his absence. —A Dickson, Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.S.

Meeting, held at the Imperial, Richmond, June 25, Mr. W. Phipps, chair. Final arrangements were made for F.F. Show, July 16, at the Imperial, at 1. Mr. J. Robson judge. Fanciers and friends heartily welcomed. Schedules have been sent to all members; anyone not receiving same, please apply at once to secretary. We have received a special for most points during the year, points to count at all table, F.F., and autumn shows, up to December 30, also two specials, kindly given by Messrs. Rudd and Co., Bishopsgate, E.C., for the best Norwich and Yorks., fed on their colour feed. Same can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., W. Nichols.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Committee meeting held in Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, June 28, Mr. C. Campbell chair. Result of official election for current year was read, and as Messrs. McNaughten and Thomson tied, it was agreed that both gentlemen be asked to accept office on the committee. Mr. Campbell was again elected president without opposition; vice-presidents, Messrs. Moreland, Noble, McLay, Adamson, and McNaughton. Agreed that a club show be held in 1913. Several likely venues and dates were considered, and it was agreed that secretary approach Glasgow and Dis. Association, Nov. 21, 22, with a view to ascertaining if that association would be favourable to granting desired classification, etc. The following were successful in applications for patronage:—Markinch, Dunbar, Dunfermline, and Scottish National. Further consideration to be given at September meeting. The following gentlemen were elected members:—Alex. Gray, Dysart; D. Summers, Markinch; J. Lindsay, Markinch; C. Low, Broughty Ferry; G. S. Hamilton, Motherwell; G. L. Scott, Dunbar.—J. Young, Hon Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting, held July 8, at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waringate, Mr. T. Dawn presiding over an exceptionally good attendance. The meeting was set apart for receiving entries for the N.F. Show, and a lecture on Breeding, Exhibiting, and Moulting the Norwich Canary, by Mr. Waters, Wombwell. Mr. Waters gave us his own practical experience, and he has had a good deal, having, as he said, kept birds as a lad at school. In those days he stated he was exceptionally keen, and that keenness had grown up from boyhood to manhood. We can well imagine that the ups and downs during that lengthy period have been great and numerous, and made the lecturer all the more able to deal with his subject in a masterly manner. Pairing, Breeding, Preparing for Exhibition, and Moulting were all subjects dealt with in a manner which no one but those having had the experience of the lecturer could have emulated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Waters for his very interesting lecture, which was appreciated by all. Ramble, July 13; see Club Notices. —J. T. Woodall, Press Corres.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held July 3, at Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones, chair, supported by the Secs.; attendance was very good, the attraction being the special table show, which brought together 71 entries. Quality all round was very good, several birds of great promise being staged. Several items of correspondence were dealt with; one was an explanation re the cup, given by Mr. Fletcher, which goes to the foreign section. Secretary was instructed to ask for CAGE BIRDS' COMPETITION for open show and to secure coupons. A vote of thanks to Mr. Bishop for kindly judging our N.F. Show was carried by acclamation, also the thanks of the meeting were given to the stewards, Messrs. Kelley and Curley. Mr. Curley also received a word of praise for guiding us on our recent ramble. The second ramble of the season has been fixed for July 19th, to Wyming Brook; meet at Malin Bridge car terminus, 2.30; friends are cordially invited, including the ladies; the man with the camera will be there. Messrs. Tomlinson and Memmott promised specials for the table shows, also Mr. Mace promised a 10s. special. Messrs. J. W. Oates and Evans were elected members. The judges, Messrs. Bloom, Mace and Taylor were thanked for their services, and Mr. Mace suitably acknowledged CHAMP., YELL., YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Tomlinson, 3, 4, Furness; hc, Butler; c, Sorsby and Billard. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Jones; 3, 4, Furness; hc, Tomlinson; c, Butler. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, J. Woolhouse; 4, hc, Cowley. NOV., YELL., YORKS.: 1, Blunt; 2, 3, Carr; 4, c Fowler, vhc, Oates; hc, Pickering. BUFF: 1, 3, Carr; 2, vhc, hc, c, Pickering; 4, Fowler. NOV., YELL., NOR.: 1, 4, L. Woolhouse; 2, hc, White; 3, Bailey; vhc, Marcroft, c, Curley. BUFF: 1, 2, L. Woolhouse; 3, Curley; 4, vhc, White, hc, Gill; c, Marcroft. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, vhc, c, Falding; 2, 4, hc, Bailey. —J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting, held June 25, at Angel Hotel. Mr. J. G. Bescoby president. Decided to hold F.F. show, July 19; classes: Nor., Yell. Cl., or Tkd.; Buff ditto, Yell., Green or heavy mkd.; Buff ditto.; Yorks., Yell. Cl., or Tkd. Buff ditto, Yell. Green, or heavy marked Buff ditto. 10s. sell. class January, 5s. sell., Brit., Linnets, Goldf., or Bullfl., Mules, A.V. Can. Birds must be staged by 5. Mr. W. R. Nutt judge. J. Griffiths, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, June 25, James Muir presiding. A table show of British birds was judged by W. F. Sutton, who gave every satisfaction in his awards. 1, Leishman, Linnet; 2, J. Muir, Greenie; 3, Gillespie, Goldie; 4, Hunter, Bullie; 8 birds were tabled. Three new members were elected. F.F. show takes place July 26, our next meeting day, please have a good entry and have them in by two o'clock.—Walter Clarkson, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting there was a fair turnout of members, who considered at great length the various classes for schedule re annual show, and ultimately decided to have the following classes:—Norwich, eleven classes; Crest and Crest-bred, seven; Yorks, nine; Borders, eight; Cinnamons, Lizards, and Scotch Fancies, two each; Selling, four; Mules, two; British, eight; and Foreign, two. Will fanciers please support what we consider a fairly good classification?—G. Havver.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held White Lion Hotel, July 6. A good number present. M. Dixon chair. After the letters from judges were read, M. A. Brown (Gateshead) was selected for our annual show, which will be held on Nov. 29. N.F. show business was gone into, and we decided to accept entries until 10.30 on the morning of the show, July 12, although a fair number were taken; birds staged by 11. Mr. W. Reid judge. We appeal to members to bring in as large an entry as possible, and help to make the show a success.—R. H. Dixon, Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F. & F.S.

Meeting held July 6, Mr. T. H. Curry chair, who said he had received word from Mr. E. Forsdick thanking the members for their kind wishes. Final arrangements were made for our char-a-banc trip. Leaving the club at 6 a.m., we stop at Riding Mill; next stop, Hexham; stop at Wark, and on to Bellingham, where we have dinner at the Black Bull; on to Scots Gap, and next stop at Morpeth, where we have tea; on to Ponteland and Newcastle, leaving at nine o'clock for home. If we are fortunate to have a fine day, members will have something interesting to tell at our first meeting after the trip. The route chosen is supposed to be 125 miles.—R. Peart, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held July 5, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Mr. T. Davison, owing to his employment, could not give sufficient time to his duties as secretary, and resigned the position, and Mr. J. Peacock, 6, Whitburn Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland, was elected to the vacancy, with Mr. F. Riseborough as assist. sec. Our chairman was appointed show manager of open show Jan. 16 and 17, 1914. The secretary was instructed to engage Miner's Hall for open show, it the fee is same as last year. Letters were read from M.C.C. re patronage, and from CAGE BIRDS re competition, and both matters are to come up for further consideration. A letter was read from the N.B. and S.F.C., asking for nine classes (Borders), and it was agreed to have that number, if patronage was granted to us. Decided to have a ramble to Haltwhistle on July 12, there being no excursion to Corbridge that day. Meet at north end of Central Station at 12.45, train leaves at 1. All fanciers are invited. The second N.F. show is to be held at headquarters, July 19; birds staged by six; judge, Mr. J. Clarke.—John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

IDLE C.B.S.

This society had another treat on July 2 at the White Bear Inn, in a lecture ably given by Mr. H. J. Chittenden on colour feeding; Mr. T. Elsegood in the chair. Mr. Chittenden handled his subject in a lucid and masterly style, the same being made more interesting by the fact that the lecturer had brought with him, through the kindness of Mr. Ramsden, some samples of pepper (hot and cold) in their natural state. Much real and good knowledge was gained from this veteran of the bird fancy, for not only did he give those present the why and wherefore of colour feeding, but he also gave his experience, which has extended over many years. The lecture was much appreciated by our members, especially by the novice section of which we have a good number. After having been on his feet for two hours Mr. Chittenden invited questions, and answered them to everybody's satisfaction. They, like Oliver Twist, ask for more first-hand knowledge such as they had been privileged to hear from the lecturer. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Chittenden and the chairman, and was carried with acclamation, every member present being more than satisfied and feeling that time had been well spent. All eagerly asked the question, "When is the next lecture?".—C. E. Hylton, Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

A little more life was shown at our monthly meeting, held July 7, but the attendance was nothing near the number we expected to see after Mr. Ratcliffe's appeal to the fanciers of Grantham through CAGE BIRDS. The society is quite sound financially. A special meeting and lecture is to be held at the headquarters, Brewer's Arms, Brewer Hill, July 21, at 8, and I appeal to every member to make a special effort to attend and express his views as to what shall be our future. I think all will agree that it is high time some definite decision was arrived at and a few show dates arranged. I think as most of our members up to now have had bad luck this season, they are looking on the black side of things; but turn your heads the other way and look on the future. Come forward and push the wheel of prosperity, and I am sure we shall all push in the right direction. A hearty invitation is given to all Grantham fanciers to attend this special meeting.—H. Lowther, Hon. Sec.

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ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

BRAMLEY O.S.

F.F. show held June 28, at Carnival Committee Rooms, Bramley. 44 birds, 14 of which were British, faced the judge, Mr. S. Wilcock, Ecclesbill, Bradford, who gave every satisfaction with his awards. Mr. H. Mitchell gained special for best bird in show, also 20 points. Mr. Mitchell is a novice, it being his first year of breeding and showing, and he must be congratulated, as he has bred about 20 Yorkshires more than a lot of old hands can say. W. H. Steel 18 points, F. Page 16, Wilson 13, Etherington 10. In British, a novice, Mr. R. Jones, won 1st and 2nd, also specials, with 12 points. Six specials were given in this class. Mr. Etherington took 3rd and sp. with 4 points, Mr. Palmer, vhc, sp, 3 points, Mr. B. H. Wilson, hc, sp., 2 points. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, sp, Mitchell; 3, vhc, Steel, hc, Palmer; c, Baldwinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Steel; 3, hc, Page; vhc, c, Mitchell. SELF UNEVEN OR FOUL YORKS.: 1, 3, Page; 2, Mitchell; vhc, c, Palmer; hc, B. H. Wilson. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR: 1, 3, B. H. Wilson; 2, vhc, Etherington. BUFF: 1, hc, Etherington; 2, E. Moore; 3, vhc, B. H. Wilson. BRIT.: 1, 2, c, specials, R. Jones; 3, Etherington; vhc, Palmer; hc, B. H. Wilson.—W. H. Steel, Sec.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

Second annual N.F. show, held June 28, at Barnfields Inn, Pleasant Street. There was a splendid turn out in the open classes, the winners being tip-top specimens. Mr. F. Bate judged, and, as is his custom, gave entire satisfaction. OPEN NOR.: 1, Bowers; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Smith; c, James. YORKS.: 1, 3, hc, Lawton; 2, vhc, c, Alcock. LINNET: 1, James; 2, Davies; 3, c, Glover; vhc, Oakes; hc, Hulme. MEMBERS, NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Greatbatch; 2, Colclough; 3, Hassall; vhc, Oakes. BUFF: 1, 2, James; 3, hc, Hassall; vhc, Hulme; c, Johnson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, James; 2, 3, Hassall. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Greatbatch; 3, Colclough; vhc, James; c, Hulme. GOLDF.: 1, Hulme; 2, Theabold. LINNET: 1, 2, Theabold; 3, Dean. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, hc, Dean; 2, Swanson; vhc, Theabold. MULE or HYB., ADULT: 1, Swanson; 2, Theabold; 3, Dean. Special winners were: J. Bowers, best Norwich; G. Lawton, best Yorks.; L. James, best Brit., Mule or Hyb.; F. Greatbatch, best member's yellow; R. Smith, most points in open. Points gained for cup were as follows: L. James 18, H. Hulme 8, H. Theabold 8, J. Colclough 7, H. Hassall 5, A. Oakes 4, F. Johnson 1.—L. James, Hon. Sec.

Owing to the enormous number of show reports which have reached us this week, we have been compelled to hold several over until our next issue.—Editor.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual nest feather show held Foresters' Hall, July 5th. The entry was capital, and many grand exhibits were on view. In Yorkshires Dr. Craig benched a magnificent team, and G. L. Sampson put down some "right 'uns." Norwich contained a few sparklers, notable being those owned by Messrs. Waters, Bagnall, and Dunford. In Crests, Messrs. J. Evans and J. Memmott took leading honours with promising youngsters. British and Foreign were absolutely a gem collection, from such well-known experts as Messrs. P. Walsh, Geo. Fletcher, J. Milne, and W. Baxby. Amongst the novice birds many likely-looking specimens appeared, and with a good moult should stand a capital chance of gaining high mention later on. As regards the management, one cannot speak too highly. In Mr. Thos. Dawn the society possess a most enthusiastic chairman, and Mr. J. A. T. Woodall acts as understudy in fine style. Mr. E. C. Job, the secretary, has few equals, and Mr. R. Colton (well-known mule exhibitor) ably acts as assist. sec. The staging was very neat, and a very fine array of special prizes was on view for a young bird show. The stewards, who worked judiciously and well, were Messrs. Baxby, Matthews, Dunford, and Snape. When we left the show room many visitors were present, and success appeared assured. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged. Specials: Best in show, Mr. P. Walsh, a very charming Waxwing. Best in Classes 1, 2, 3 (Yorks), Dr. Craig; 4, 5, 6 (Nor.), A. H. Waters; 7, 8 (Crests), J. Memmott; 9 to 17, P. Walsh; 18 to 21, G. Fletcher; 22 to 24, J. Kershaw; 25 to 27, J. Matthews. Most entries, Mr. Geo. Fletcher.

CHAMP. YELL. YORKS (7): 1, Sampson; 2, vhc, Dr. Craig; 3, Spencer; hc, Porter; No. 1, Bagnall, absent. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Dr. Craig; 2, Sampson; 3, Porter; vhc, Ridal; No. 1, Bagnall, absent. MKD. (10): 1, vhc, hc, Dr. Craig; 2, c, Ridal; 3, Spencer. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Waters; 2, Bagnall; 3, Dunford; vhc, Moore; No. 4, W.C., Buff. BUFF (4): 1, Waters; 2, Dunford; 3, Moore; No. 3, Woodall, absent. MKD. (3): 1, 2, Dunford; 3, Bagnall. CREST (8): 1, Memmott; 2, 3, Evans; vhc, hc, Moore; c, Richardson. C.-B. (7): 1, Evans; 2, vhc, Memmott; 3, c, Colton and Dawn; hc, Richardson. GOLDIE (6): 1, Wright; 2, Bagnall; 3, Baxby; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Hartley. No. 6, Colton and Dawn, W.C. BULLIE (7): 1, Walsh; 2, Baxby; 3, hc, Fletcher; vhc, Bagnall. No. 3, Woodall; 4, Lindley; absent. LINNET (6): 1, Walsh; 2, Hartley; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Baxby; Nos. 2 and 4, Woodall and Walsh, absent. GREENIE (6): 1, 2, hc, Walsh; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Baxby; c, Colton and Dawn. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Milne; 2, Walsh; 3, hc, Baxby; vhc, Fletcher; No. 3, Woodall, absent. A.O.V. (4): 1, Walsh; 2, Milne; 3, Fletcher; No. 2, Walsh, absent. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, hc, Fletcher; 3, vhc, Walsh; c, Milne. A.O.V. (3): 1, Walsh; 2, Fletcher; No. 2, Walsh, absent. MULE (3): 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, Colton and Dawn. FOR., WAXBILLS, ETC. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Fletcher; 3, hc, c, Baxby. PARROTS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Fletcher; No. 4, Colton and Dawn, absent. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2, 3, Fletcher; No. 4, Colton and Dawn, absent. A.O.S. (9): 1, 2, vhc, c, Fletcher; 3, hc, Colton and Dawn; No. 1, Baxby, and No. 9, Colton and Dawn, absent. NOV. YELL. YORKS (8): 1, 2, c, Simpson; 3, Webster; vhc, Cadman; hc, Rouston. BUFF (9): 1, Wm. Cadman; 2, Simpson; 3, vhc, Hbt. Cadman; hc, c, Webster. MKD. (3): 1, 2, Kershaw; 3, W. Cadman. NOR. YELL (7): 1, 2, Matthews; 3, White; vhc, Marcroft. Nos. 1, White, 3, Smith, 7, Green, all W.C., Buffs. BUFF (12): 1, Moore; 2, no name; 3, R. White; vhc, Matthews; hc, Smith; c, W. White. MKD. (9): 1, Smith; 2, R. White; 3, R. Smith; vhc, no name; hc, Matthews.

BURNLEY O.S.

F.F. show held at Star Inn, June 28. Considering the bad season we have had, the entry was very good, while quality was excellent. Mr. Tom Edwards, the one time well-known Norwich exhibitor, was judge, and he did his duty very well. The winner of the breeders' challenge cup, a most handsome trophy, was Mr. Tom Lingard. The team he entered was a grand one, and a credit to any fancier. It is to be hoped that all cage bird fanciers in the district, especially novices, will join us, as we are to have table shows, lectures on colour-feeding, washing, and judging competitions, and a splendid members' show near Christmas, with plenty of specials already promised. The show was opened by Mr. Johnson, who made a few encouraging remarks, and presented the cup to Mr. Tom Lingard, the winner, who stated he would do his best to try and win it again next time.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, breeders' chall. cup, T. Lingard, lot a gem, perfect in all points, 2nd not far behind, looks a hen; 3, J. Lingard, grand shape, but not quite as large. BUFF: 1, Spencer, good size, perfect shape; 2, J. Lingard, very sweet shape, will improve; 3, T. Lingard. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Baker, real typical youngsters, well staged; 2, Spencer, lovely type, nice condition. BUFF: 1, J. Lingard, one of the smartest variegated youngsters ever staged, grand exhibit all over; 2, Baker, lovely bodied, but not same qual. in head; 3, Spencer, very good example. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 4, J. Lingard, grand shaped Yorkie, variegated, well drawn, good legs, shows himself for all he is worth; 2, 3, Whittaker, really good shaped birds. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Lingard, pair really good shaped Yorkies. A.O.V.: 1, Spencer, very fine Dark Goldie Mule, with a good moult will make a stormer. BRIT. HARD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Barwise, grand team, Greenie, Goldie, Siskin, and Redpoll.—A. E. Barwise.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Second F.F. show of season held July 5 at Halfway House Inn; 46 birds faced Mr. A. Jowett, whose awards gave general satisfaction. CLASS 1: 1, Blagbrough; 2, Jowett; 3, Pearson; 4, Fowle. CLASS 2: 1, 4, Firth; 2, Pearson; 3, Myers and Lumb. CLASS 3: 1, Hudson; 2, Fowle; 3, Jowett, 4, Allatt. CLASS 4: 1, Allatt; 2, 4, Firth; 3, Ambler. CLASS 5: 1, Hudson; 2, Blagbrough; 3, Skelton; 4, Nichol. CLASS 6: 1, Jowett; 2, Allatt; 3, Nichol; 4, Wood and Sharp. Most points, D. Firth, 21; C. Blagbrough, 16, A. Allatt, 16.—H. Myers.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Show held at Assembly Rooms, Carnarvon, July 5. Entries were very satisfactory on the whole, quality being excellent all round. The young bird classes were well filled, and some good ones were staged. Most of the old birds are well-known winners. Challenge cup for most points Canaries, bred 1913, was won by Mr. Jones, chairman, with a team of nice Yorks. Best Mule or Hyb., Mr. R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec., Goldie-Bullie, in food fettle. Specials for most points were awarded in every class. Mr. J. Kershaw, Menai Bridge, judged.

The Critique.

BORD. (11) 1, sp., 4, Herbert Jones, typical, two-pointed yell. leading, good col., but a bit faulty in car.; 2, 3, D. Roberts, nicely mkd. yell., good qual., exquisite, 3, nice cl. buff, good type, beaten condition; vhc, H. Roberts; hc, H. Williams; c, R. Green. BORD., BRED 1913 (13): 1, sp., 2, 3, H. Jones, promising team, three-pointed buff leading, 2, headmkd. buff, 3, yell.; 4, W. Jones; vhc, hc, J. Wilson; c, R. Green. YORK., YELL. (7): 1, sp., 4, James Jones, cl. yell., good length and pos., rich col., fair wings and condition, 4, neck mkd., nice length and style; 2, 3, W. Nolan, 2, tkd. yell., full of style and quality, 3, cl., yell., lengthy and stylish, in grand form; vhc, hc, Herbert Jones, mkd. yell., nicely moulded, good shape and finish, full of qual., might have been higher, hc, neat cl. yell. BUFF (5): 1, sp., 3, Nolan, 1, cl. buff, rare shape, nice length, grand outline, tight boxy feather, good position 3, tkd., good length and pose, grand flight and tail; 2, 4, H. Jones, 2, variegated buff, neat and slim, A1 quality, full of swagger, 4, mkd. buff, close up; vhc, J. Jones. YORKS., BRED 1913 (10): 1, sp., 2, 3, vhc, hc, James Jones, 1, head, wing and thigh mkd., yell., grand length and pos., good quality, promising, 2, cl. buff, neat and stylish, 3, same type, not so good in condition; 4, Nolan, neat neck mkd. buff; c, H. Jones. NOR., YELL. (2): 1, sp., 2, W. H. Williams, two cl. yell., of the first water, good type, quality and col., former most subs. BUFF (5): 1, sp., 3, 4, L. D. Owen, winner four pointed, immense size and qual., good shape, nicely cut away, 3, good type and col., beaten size, 4, rare bodied tkd. hen, nice head and neck, good feather; 2, W. H. Williams, cl. buff, monster for size, rare head and neck, the right sort; vhc, W. Aitken, very neat, good feather. NOR., BRED 1913 (11): 1, sp., 2, W. H. Williams, 1, cl. buff, good head and neck, grand body and shape, 2, eye tkd. buff, neat and stylish promising youngsters; 3, 1. Wilson, cl. buff, nice quality, beaten size; 4, vhc, E. D. Owen; hc, O. Davies; c, Geo. Jones. CAN., NAT. COL. (10): 1, sp., W. H. Williams, variegated. D. Crest, well known, in grand fettle; 2, R. Green, Bord. cl. Buff, good qual.; 3, Nolan, Yorks., wing tkd. buff, nice length and shape, grand form; 4, H. Jones; hc, Geo. Jones; c, W. Aitken. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, two sps., R. E. Griffith, Goldie-Bullie, rare size and shape, good qual., in nice form; 2, Hughes Bros., four-pointed Goldie-Can., immense size, full of qual., grand exhibit; 3, Robt. Davies, Light Goldie Can., neat, smaller. DARK (6): 1, sp., 2, R. E. Griffith, 1, Siskin, typical, full of quality, grand size and shape, 2, Greenlinch, yell., monster for size, rich col., good condition; 3, vhc, Hughes Bros., Linnet, good col. and feather, grand form; 4, vhc, J. Jones. GOLDF. (10): 1, sp., 3, vhc, Ed. Jones, typical, sound Finch, good tan and markings, excellent rich square blaze, well polished, 3 nice shape, size and finish, good bars and markings, rich blaze; 2, Mrs. Hughes, good blaze and markings, rich col.; 4, hc, W. H. Williams; c, Hughes Bros. GREYPATE (9): 1, sp., 3, Ed. Jones, good sound face, grand shape and polish, 3, good quality and col., not the size of winner; 2, W. H. Williams, good face, tan and markings, nice condition; 4, c, Hughes Bros.; vhc, R. Davies; hc, H. Williams. LINNET ETC. (8): 1, sp., C. D. Green, Siskin, neat and stylish, good condition; 2, Evan Hughes, well pencilled Linnet, 3, W. Aitken, good Redpoll; 4, E. Jones; vhc, hc, Jas. Jones. A.O. BRIT. (8): 1, sp, R. E. Griffith, extra good Bullie, good dense black cap, A1 markings; 2, W. H. Williams, good Spangled Bramble, 3, J. Thomas, good Bullie; 4, Green; vhc, Harrison, hc, Jas. Jones; c, W. Aitken. FOR (4): 1, sp., 4, R. E. Griffiths, 1, good Lorikeet, 4, pair of Diamond Sparrows; 2, Capt T. Williams, good size Amazon Parrot, 3, O. E. Ellis, neat Cardinal SELL. (13): 1, sp., H. Roberts, 2, R. Davies; 3, Hughes Bros. NOV., BRIT. (4): 1, sp., 3, G. D. Green, Bullie and Siskin, noted, 2, R. Davies; 4, Harrison. CAN (6): 1, sp., L. C. Wilson, Nor., noted in open, 2, 3, W. Hughes, 4, Green; vhc, R. Davies.

OLD RADFORD C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 3, at the White Horse. The room is a capital one for the purpose, plenty of light and room. Mr W. T. Tomlin's special for best bird was won by R. Clifford, Ath. Spencer running very close. The season has been a very bad one Mr. J. Tebbs, Arnold, judged to everyone's satisfaction. YELL: 1, sp, Clifford; 2, Smith; 3, Pratt; 4, Hatton. BUFF: 1, Clifford; 2, 3, 4, Spencer. BRIT.: 1, Hall, Challinch; 2, Pratt, Bramble; 3, Hooley, Greenfinch; 4, Hill, Linnet.—A. Spencer, Sec.

LINCOLN C.B.S.

There were 54 entries for the annual show, held at the Central Hall, Lincoln. The judge, Mr. L. Dykes, Bradford, found the birds to be of excellent all round quality. BULL.: 1, spl., Hill; 2, Speakman; 3, Foley. GOLDF.: 1, spl., Cordwell; 2, Hall; 3, Spurr; 4, Foley. MULES: 1 spl., Pinchbeck Bros.; 2, Hill; 3, 4, Pinchbeck Bros.; hc, Hall; vhc, Willerton. YORKS., Buff: 1, spl. Boucher, 2, Lowis; 3, Cordwell, 4, Willerton; vhc, hc, c, Sindell. YELL.: 1, 2, spl., Boucher; 3, Cordwell; 4, vhc, Rawling; hc, Lewis; c, Willerton. NOR. BUFF: 1, spl., 4, Barnsdale; 2, 3, hc, Sisson; vhc, Willerton; c, Hildred. YELL.: 1, spl., Lowis; 2, Barnsdale; 3, Willerton; 4, Sisson. LINNET: 1, 2, spl., vhc, Foley; 3, Hill; 4, Kettleborough. BRIT.: 1, 4, spl., Sisson; 2, Cordwell, 3, Foley.—R. W. Sisson, Hon. Sec.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

2nd annual F.F. show held July 5, in Temperance Hall. Although breeding has been giving very poor results up to date, members staged some promising youngsters, including Crestbreds, Norwich and Bord., and Mules. Mr. W. Guthrie judged Borders and C.B. Mr. J. Johnstone Norwich, Mules and Brit., and their awards were well received.

C.B.: 1, 2, Johnstone; 3, Watson. NOR. YELL. OR TKD.: 1, Candlish; 2, Jones; 3, Guthrie. BUFF: 1, Richmond; 2, Paton; 3, Guthrie. VARIEG.: 1, Jones; 2, Candlish; 3, Guthrie. BORD. YELL. OR TKD.: 1, 3, Reid; 2, Rae. BUFF: 1, Rae; 2, Reid; 3, Johnstone. VARIEG.: 1, Reid; 2, Rae; 3, Johnstone. LIGHT MULE: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Dunsmuir. DARK MULE: 1, 2, Dunsmuir; 3, Jones. LINNET: 1, Dunsmuir. BULLF.: 1, Rae. GREENF.: 1, Jardine. GOLDF.: 1, Paton; 2, 3, Jardine. A.O.V.: 1, Jones; 2, Rae.—R. McCaw, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The young bird show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., held at headquarters, the Church Institute, Paddington-st., W., on July 5, was on the whole very satisfactory, there being the excellent total of 191 exhibits. The Canary sections were quite good in view of the moderate breeding season so many fanciers seem to have experienced. We noticed some very promising youngsters, including a really nice Crest, bred by the chairman, Mr. W. Shepherd; while the Nor. and Yorks were good all through. The silver cup for best youngster fell to Mr. G. Thurley (another triumph for the novices), a very taking marked Norwich deservedly securing this honour. Other chief specials fell to Mr. F. J. Martin (champion points cup); F. Knight (Canary points cup); E. C. Offord (Brit. points cup); while Mrs. Salter and Mrs. Thynne tied for the Sayer cup, and Messrs. Offord and Clark for the Harris cup; most points by a lady, Mrs. Thynne; best lady's Canary, Mrs. Salter. The management was again in the able hands of Mr. V. Wynn, and was at every point absolutely A1. The splendid hall looked at its best, and the staging reflected every credit upon Messrs. Sanders and Rolls. Valuable assistance as stewards, etc., was lent by Mrs. Thynne and Messrs. A. W. Curtis, J. Pooley, F. Thynne (the popular assist. sec.), and other willing helpers. Messrs. Robson and Silver judged.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. OR TKD. (6): 1, 2, Martin; 3, vhc, spl, hc, Knight; c, Roberts. A.O.V. (2): 1, Roberts. CREST: 1, Shepherd. C.B.: 1, 2, Shepherd. YORKS CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, 3, hc, Ayers; 2, Salter; vhc, spl, c, Lloyd. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Lloyd. BORD. CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, spl, 3, Mrs. Salter; 2, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, spl, Knight. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Salter; 3, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, hc, Knight. AMAT. NOR. CL. OR TKD. (12): 1, spl, c, Wakefield; 2, 3, T. Hart; vhc, Warwick; c, A. W. Hart. A.O.V. (9): 1, Wakefield; 2, 3, T. Hart; vhc, A. W. Hart; hc, c, Warwick. YORKS CL. OR TKD. (10): 1, 2, vhc, King; 3, hc, c, Sanders. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl. King; 2, 3, c, Scudder; vhc, hc, Monger. NOVICE NOR. CL. OR TKD. (17): 1, vhc (2), Fleet; 2, Cobb; 3, ex 3, Thurley; hc, Thrower; c, Taylor. A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, 3, Thurley; 2, Cobb; vhc, spl, Dossett; hc, Clark; c, Fleet. CREST: 1, Poulter. C.B.: 1, Poulter. YORKS CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, 3, Rumble; 2, hc, c, Sanders; vhc, spl, Monk; ex vhc, Clements. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, Sanders; 3, Taylor; vhc, Clements; hc, Rumble; c, Monk. BORD. CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Bradley; 3, Mrs. Parry. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Mrs. Parry. OPEN CLASSES—HYB.: 1, Sauders; 2, Brumbridge. BRIT. GOLDF. (7): 1, Walker; 2, Clark; 3, Brumbridge; vhc, spl, Bradley; hc, Thrower. LINNET (6): 1, Parrington; 2, Clark; 3, Mrs. Maher; vhc, Thrower; hc, Styles. GREENF. (5): 1, spl, Hobden; 2, Styles; 3, Clark; vhc, Offord; hc, Thrower. SISK.: 1, Thrower. REDPOLL (7): 1, 3, Offord; 2, Miss Shepherd; vhc, Styles; hc, Parrington; c, Lathbury. TWITE: 1, Offord. CHAFF.: 1, Brumbridge. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Mrs. Maher. YELLH.: 1, Clark. BULLF. HEN (5): 1, Hobden; 2, Walker; 3, Styles; vhc, spl, Offord; hc, Parrington. A.O.S. HEN (2): 1, 2, Parrington. SOFT LARGE: 1, spl, Styles. CONT.: 1, Parrington. BUDGER., ETC.: 1, Lathbury. AVADAVAT, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Offord; 2, vhc, spl, c (2), Brumbridge; 3, Mrs. Thynne. A.O.S. SEED (2): 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Thynne. MYNAHS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Shepherd. SELL.: 1, 2, Taylor.

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HOLMFIRTH C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 4, at Rose and Crown Inn. Judge, Mr. J. Moorhouse (Meltham). YELL. (6): 1, hc, Smith; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Sandford; 4, vhc, Lee. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Smith; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Sandford; vhc, hc, Ellis. Tom Smith, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (High School Pet Show).

A garden party was held June 16th to celebrate the 400th anniversary. A nice exhibition of boys' pets and hobbies was held, which was very interesting to the visitors. Three money prizes were given to each kind of pet, all entries free. Cage birds formed a nice class and included Foreign, British, and Canaries. A large table was filled with silver and silver plated prizes, including three large silver cups, all of which had been won by Mr. Robert Holmes, the judge, who appeared to give satisfaction in all classes.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 5, in Good Templars' Hall. Entries numbered 47. The Mule and Hybrid classes had to be cancelled owing to lack of entries, and the committee decided to have a show for Mules and Hybrids in August, date to be fixed at next meeting. Mr. Smart (Carnwyle) judged and got through his work in a very able manner.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 2 spls., 3, 4, 5, Hood. NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, sp. best in show, Berry; 2, 5, Kean; 3, 4, Carrick; 6, Divens; 7, sp, Davidson. VARIEG.: 1, Irvine; 2, 3, spl, Jackson; 4, Williams; 5, Kean. GR. OR CINN.: t, Irvine. BORD. CL. OR TKD.: 1, sp, 3, 5, Lunn 2, spl, Mackay; 4, 5, 7, Baird. VARIEG.: 1, Mackay; 2, 3, Kean; 4, 5, Jarvie. GR. OR CINN.: t, 2, Berry. YORKS. CL.: t, spl, Baird; 2, Jarvie; 3, 4, Wood. VARIEG.: 1, Baird; 2, Jarvie; 3, Wood.—A. Berry, Sec.

GUISBORO' PRIORY C.B.S.

Members held a successful nest feather show in the Band Room, Lingdale, kindly lent by Mr. Sanders. Some very good birds faced the judge (Mr. V. Wake), whose awards met with satisfaction.

YORKS, CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Barker. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Barker; vhc, Allinson. NOR. CL.: 1, Cook. MKD.: t, Barker; 2, 3, Mayse, vhc, Cook. NOV. YORKS, CL. OR TKD.: 1, Wesson; 2, Wilson, 3, vhc, Hall; hc, Marsey. MKD.: 1, vhc, Hall, 2, Wesson, 3, hc, Marsey. NOV. NOR. CL.: t, Marsey, 2, 3, vhc, Husband. MKD: 1, 2, Husband; 3, Marsey. OPEN BRIT.: 1, Cook, Linnet; 2, Mayse, Goldie, 3, Barker, Greenie; vhc, Husband; hc, Wesson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Husband.—J. G. Cook.

YORKS. C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

F.F. show held in Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, June 28. Entries turned up fairly well, being only seven down from last year. The champion medal was captured by Mr. Fred Bowman, while Mr. Peters won novice medal and special for best bird in show. Dr. J. C. Syson judged, and his decisions were well received.

CL. YELL (12): 1, ch. medal, Bowman. 2, sp, Priest; 3, McLean; 4, sp, hc, Martin; vhc, Webster; c, sp, Park. BUFF (4): 1, McLean; 2, 4, Webster; 3, Gray. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, runner-up novice, Pinnock; 2, Peters; 3, Gray. BUFF (7): 1, sp, 4, sp, Park; 2, Pinnock; 3, sp, McLean; vhc, Peters; hc, Martin; c, Gray. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, 2, McKnight; 2, Bowman. BUFF (4): 1, novice medal sp. best in hall, Peters; 2, Pinnock; 3, 4, Bowman. At a meeting held after the show the following applications for next season's patronage were successful, viz., Cowdenbeath, Kirkcaldy, City of Glasgow, Glasgow and District, Partick and Scottish National.—R. R. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show held July 5 at Bennett's Tea Rooms. There was a good entry, and some very good birds were staged. Mr V. Metcalf won special for most points with four birds. Mr J. Barnes judged CL. YELL.: 1, Calverley, 2, Wilkinson, 3, Speak Bros., 4, vhc, Cook and Son. BUFF: t, vhc, t, Southworth; 2, Calverley, 3 hc, Speak Bros., 4, Cook and Son. MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Cook; 2, Cook and Son, 3, Southworth, vhc, Bate, hc, Metcalf, c, Speak Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, Metcalf; 3, Bate; 4, Cook, vhc, Cook and Son; hc, Speak Bros.—J. Southworth, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Annual F.F. show held June 28. There was a good entry of about 73, all Norwich, and some good birds were shown. Mr. F. Iscott judged CL. OR TKD. YELL.: t, 2, 3, H. Marsh; 4, T. Barton. BUFF: t, 3, Marsh, 2, Nickson; 4, Clemmon. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, H. Marsh; 2, J. Nickson; 3, 4, J. Pyke. BUFF: 1, 4, Marsh; 2, 3, J. Nickson. NOV. SELECTION CLASS 22: A very good class of 17: t, 2, 4, Cottam, 3, Knowles. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: t, 4, Brewer; 2, Knowles; 3, W. Cottam. VAR. YELL.: 1, Wigna 1, 2, Knowles, 3, Jarvis; 4, Regan. BUFF: t, Knowles, 2, Cottam; 3, Lambert; t, Bramley. H. Marsh won trophy given by see for best bird, W. Cottam, gold medal, kindly given by Mr. R. Johnson, for best bird in novice classes.—T. Barton, Hon. Sec.

REDRUTH.

Redruth was gay with bunting on July 2-3, the occasion being the Redruth Exhibition Society's annual show. Our section was nicely staged in a tent set apart for cage birds and fur. The tent was roomy, but at times the pressure was great, and it was somewhat difficult to see the exhibits, so numerous were the visitors. Entries were slightly in advance of last year. Among the Canaries the Norwich were the chief feature, and taking them all round they were a good lot, although some of the local birds inclined a little to lightness of build, yet excelling in quality of feather. Mr. Pascoe, Truro, had out a strong team and did well with them. Mr. Ferrill, Redruth, staged a lovely buff as also did Mr. Kemp. Yorks. were not particularly numerous, but good; the Cornishmen certainly have the type. Special for best went to Mr. Julian for a very smart attractive buff. Mr. Thomas staged the winner in the yellows. It is many years since we saw classes for groups of Canaries; they certainly attracted a lot of attention, and some of the groups were beautifully put down. Hybrids, British, and Foreign were quite a show in themselves. Mr. Collins, Camborne, having quite a field day among the former, he certainly staged a wonderful team and deserved his success. One of the best classes in British was the one for small Hardbills, there was not a bad bird in the collection. Foreign were an interesting lot. Mr. Woolcock won spl. for rarest bird with a beautiful Aurora Finch. The show was splendidly managed, Messrs. Opie and Kemp having everything up-to-date, they were ably assisted by some willing workers, amongst whom were: Messrs. Ferrill, Sherman, Crews, Nelson, Clemo, Smith, Opie, Martin, and Keen. All the birds were packed and despatched within an hour of the closing of the show. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Pascoe, two beauties for type, leader red hot col., good bold front, shows himself well, 2nd grand type, A.1. feather, inclined to crouch a bit, still a real good one; 3, hc, Ferrill, topper, hardly so cobby, but good head and back, nice wedge-shape, grand condition; res, c, Kemp, good size, capital type, neat head and neck, nice wings, short tail; vhc, Sherman. YELL. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Pascoe, both variegs. birds, grand wedge-shape, good heads, neat in wings, leader the bolder bird of the two, grand qual.; 3, res, Ferrill, tail mkd., lovely quality, hardly so cobby as winner, but nice type and well put down, res, similar, head and wing mkd., grand condition; vhc, Andrew; hc, Kemp; c, Sherman. CL. BUFF (12): 1, Ferrill, round as a ball, lovely head, very short wings and tail, bull neck, well rounded front, stands well, real good one, grand qual.; 2, Kemp, typical, good head and shoulders, capital wing carr., nice silky feather and well shown, close up; 3, Price, capital type, looking its best when judged; res, Andrew, good bold bird, nice head, well filled neck and shoulders, stands well, capital qual.; vhc, Stephen and Gaved; hc, Uren; c, Hill. TKD. BUFF, ETC. (9): 1, Hill, fine bold head, grizzled bird, grand size and subs., well rounded front, neat head, well filled neck, short wings and tail, nice qual.; 2, Uren, bold and typical, good head, short thick set body, capital flights and tail, close up; 3, Pascoe, very typical and neat, shade small, in rare condition; res, Sherman, neat head and neck, nicely rounded body, hardly so short in wings as some; vhc, Collins; hc, Martin; c, Kemp. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Thomas, leader grand length and style, A.1. pos., neat round head, nice bit of shoulder, good back and wings, in fine form, 3rd lengthy, graceful shoulders and wings, hardly so good in head, well filled back, nicely rounded, well up on legs; 2, Boundy, good length of body, wings and tail, nicely rounded back and front, good position, nice quality, smart; res, Julian, hardly so long as winners, but neat head, good shoulders and wings, grand condition; vhc, Allen; hc, Kellow; c, Peters. BUFF: 1, Julian, very smart and taking, nicely drawn, smooth as a bottle, neat head, neck and shoulders, good length of wing, piped tail, in A.1. condition; 2, Peters, smart bird, equally as good on points, a bit open at neck, but worth its position, capital wings; 3, vhc, Thomas, grand length and style, good shoulders and wings, well rounded, fails a bit in head; res, Peters, hardly the length, still smart, neat head and wings, good qual.; hc, Webster; c, Price. TKD. ETC. (7): 1, Boundy, very smart tkd., grand length, nicely rounded, good shoulders, perfect wings and tail, very fine qual., takes good position; 2, vhc, Thomas, grand wings and head mkd., wonderful length of body and wings, neat tail, good head, stands well, in fine form; 3, Allen, lovely wing tkd. buff, grand length of side, neat well carried wings, good head and neck, nice position; res, Peters, grand neck tkd. yell., fine length and style, well up on legs, good qual.; hc, Julian; c, Kellow. CREST (6): 2, 3, Rabey, bonny birds, leader cl. body, d.c., good size and formation capital centre and droop, nice density, 2nd equally good in shape and size, hardly so dense; res, Collins, good wing mkd., dark capital size and shape, good centre and droop. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Sherman, leader a fine bold buff Cinn., grand head and neck, full body, good back and wings, grand depth of col., 3rd capital Silver Liz., very shapely, neat cap, capital even shangling, good qual., well shown; 2, Rowe and Richards, really good green Scotch Fancy, capital size and shape, good depth, neat head, very nervy; res, vhc, Collins, bonny Cinn., capital size and shape, good depth of col. PAIRS 1913 (15): 1, Collins, grand yell. and buff Norwich, just at their best, good type, grand size, A.1. qual. of feather, should moult out good one; 2, Boundy, two rattling good Yorks., wonderful length and position, neat head, A.1. wings, bonny pair, very racy; 3, Sherman, clear and wing mkd. Norwich, very evenly matched, lovely qual. of feather both true to type; res, Thomas, clear and var. Yorks., lengthy, very typical and well up on leg, grand qual. of feather; vhc, Andrews; hc, Pascoe, both good, but hardly at their best; c, Allen. GROUPS, 1913 (8): 1, Howard, four grand Nor., all very typical, just caught at their best, well shown, good headed birds and capital size; 2, Bowery, very taking group of Yorks., grand long racy birds, neat in head and wings, tight feathered, should make good ones; 3, Ferrill, Norwich, close up to leaders, but hardly so even, all of nice type and qual.; res, Pascoe, equal to any for size and type, but one bird a bit soft, should make up into good ones; vhc, Thomas; hc, Sherman; c, Keen. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, res, Collins, wonderful team, leader a lovely yell. Goldie, not one of the largest, but grand depth of col., shown in the pink, 2nd extra large grizzled Greenie, very shapely and well proportioned, in very fine fettle, 3rd lovely lightly mkd, Linnet, grand shape, full of qual., res, fourpointed bull Goldie, fine bold bird, very fit, a good team. DK. (12): 1, 2, 3, res, Collins, wonderful team, leader grand buff Goldie, good bold shape, very fine rich blaze, good wings, full of qual., 2nd bonny Linnet, grand depth of col., tight as wax, 3rd neat Redpoll, shapely, good size, well mkd., nice face, capital qual., res, bonny Twite, bit rough in feather, but grand size and shape and sound col.; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Watson; c, Stephens and Gaved. A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, Collins, grand Goldie Greenie, wonderful size and type, capital blaze and col. throughout, quite by himself in condition and qual., spl for best in show; 2, Davies, lovely Siskin Greenie, capital size and shape, well mkd. throughout, stands well, a real good one, grand col.; 3, Watson, described as a Greenie-Linnet (in nest feather), some thought Greenie-Siskin, grand size and shape, should make a bonny bird; res, Hobbs and Son, Goldie-Bullhe, neat bird, of nice col., but rather small for the cross; hc, Minshall. GOLDF. (4): 1, hc, Polkinghorne, not one of the largest but beautifully proportioned, good rich face and body col., capital wings, teeming with qual.; 2, Collins, hardly so full of polish, but shade larger, shapely, with a good face, nice rich chestnut, close up; 3, No Name, nice size and shape, capital face, with a good top, rich in col. throughout, hardly so fit as winners; res, Lugg, bonny bird for col. and qual., nice rich blaze and body col.; vhc c, Coombe, good one, hardly so nicely proportioned as some, still a bonny finch. BULLF. (7): 1, res, Rowe and Richards, leader grand shape and size, good depth of col., A.1. cap, of nice width, in fine condition, res, beaten depth of col., otherwise good; 2, Basely, quite as good for size and shape, hardly so rich in col., but grand wings, close up, in good fettle; 3, Cheney, not quite so fit as leader, A.1. shape and size, nice full head and cap; vhc, Rowe; hc, Crews; c, Greenslade. LARGE: 1, 3, Stephens and Gaved, grand Waxwing, lovely shape, put down in the pink, a good win, 3rd good Chough, but hardly at his best; 2, Collins, very fine Hawfinch, grand size and shape, good depth of col. throughout, nice clean cut bib; res, Lugg, lovely hen Hawfinch, grand size and col. for a lady; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Burrows; c, Dale. SMALL (16): 1, res, vhc, c, Collins, good team, a wonderful Chaffinch leading, grand size shape and col., good cap and wings, wins well, res, a good Bramble; 2, Cheney, real topping Linnet, lovely size and shape, full of work, grand depth of col., a beauty; 3, Rowe and Richards, Cirl Bunting, real gem, A.1. size and depth of col., beautiful clean cut markings, very steady; hc, No Name. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 3, res, vhc, Collins, lovely Wagtail leading, we believe the Palace winner, looking fit, grand depth of col., full of life, 3rd sound Blackcap, not one of the largest, but lovely shape, good cap and sound plumage, res, fine Nuthatch, hardly in the best of condition, but sound col. FOR.: 1, res, Nelson, lovely pair of Lavender Finches leading, beautifully matched, sound col., in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, grand Madagascar Weaver, capital size and shape, very rich sound col.; 3, No Name, very fine pair Fire Finches, grand size and col., res lovely Aurora Waxbill; hc, Woolcock; c, Veith. A.O.V. (6): 1, Stephens and Gaved, lovely pair Black-cheeked Lovebirds, grand depth of col., nice size, very steady, in very fine condition; 2, Rowe and Richards, grand Silky Cowbirds, very fine size and shape, simply dazzling with polish; 3, Woolcock, very fine pair of yell. Budgerigars, grand condition; res, vhc, Meagor, capital Red-eared Bulbul, in nice order; hc, Jones. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3, Woolcock, very fine team, pair of Leadbeaters leading, grand size and col., tight as wax, 2nd equally good pair of Lemon Crests, 3rd grand Barnard's Parrakeet, fine size and col.; vhc, Nelson, lovely Green-cheeked Amazon, very shapely, grandly marked, rich colouring, just a shade small; res, Peters, very fine Slender-bill Cockatoo, grand size, fine condition; hc, Collins; c, Stephens and Gaved.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Members' contest held July 5 for three prizes. 1, Wilson; 2, Jones; 3, Nelson. Also July 6; 1, Nelson; 2, Jones; 3, Proctor. Members' and open contests every week-end. All are welcome.—W. Beard, Sec.

WITTON GILBERT.

Linnet sing held July 5, at Travellers' Rest. 32 competed, and some good singing was heard. 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Bentick; 4, Boyd. Next sing, July 12, 2 prompt, Dodds's, Quebec, Durham. Meeting after sing to form a Linnet club.—Andrew McAvoy, Sec. pro tem.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held at British Oak, Carbrook Street, July 5. 14 birds entered for three special prizes. 1, Rodgers, 86 sec.; 2, Thompson, 65; 3, Woodcock, 63; also July 6, Mr. Austin gave 3 special prizes: 1, Robinson, 74 sec.; 2, Cutts, 68; 3, Watson, 66. Contests every week-end. First pair hung at 3 o'clock, July 12.—A. Thompson, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Contest held June 28, 34 birds entered for 3 prizes: t, Parnell; 2, Nelson; 3, Kirk; also June 29, 25 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Wainwright; 2, Nelson; 3, Smith. July 5, 30 birds entered for 3 prizes: 1, Sweeting; 2, Nelson; 3, Wainwright. July 6, 10 sang for 3 prizes: 1, Wainwright; 2, 3, shared between Wainwright and Smith.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held Butcher's Arms, Union Street, June 28, for time; only a few birds were entered, but some very good singing was heard: 1, Syddall, 112sec.; 2, Green, 104; 3, Rothwell, 74; timekeepers, Messrs. Talbot and Wynne; tappers, Bate and Caswell; minutes, Hodgkiss. Next contest for time, July 12. First pair up at 3.30 prompt. Contest, open, for time and quality, July 19, at Queen's Hotel, Tyldesley.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LEIGH.

Consolation contest for members held at Globe Inn, July 5. 20 sang for 20 good prizes. Quality winners in order: T. Hatham, E. Page, W. Cain, J. Dobson, G. Amison, R. Disley, J. Dobson, J. Coan, Chris. Dobson, J. Baxter. Tim: J. Statham, R. Hughes, J. Woodward, W. Hampson, J. Hampson, A. Jackson, G. J. Hilton, J. Yates, D. Banks, E. Tatum. Contest for time and quality open to all England, at Grapes Inn, Westhoughton, July 12; also contest for quality, July 26, open to all England, at Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, Blackburn.—R. Holcroft, Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contests for quality held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, July 5. Nineteen sang for three prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. 1, 2, Smith; 3, Sellers. Also July 6, 18 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. 1, Blackburn; 2, Sellers; 3, R. King. Judges, T. C. Summers and A. Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, July 6; 22 birds sang for three prizes: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Smith. Judges, C. Lorriman and A. Binns.—A. Lorriman, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at O'd Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, July 5. Eighteen sang for three prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Ward; 2, Wigfield; 3, shared by Hardcastle and Ward. Also July 6, 19 birds sang for three prizes. 1, 2, Ward; 3, shared by Wigfield and Melbia. Judges, T. Stead, W. Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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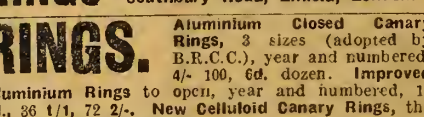
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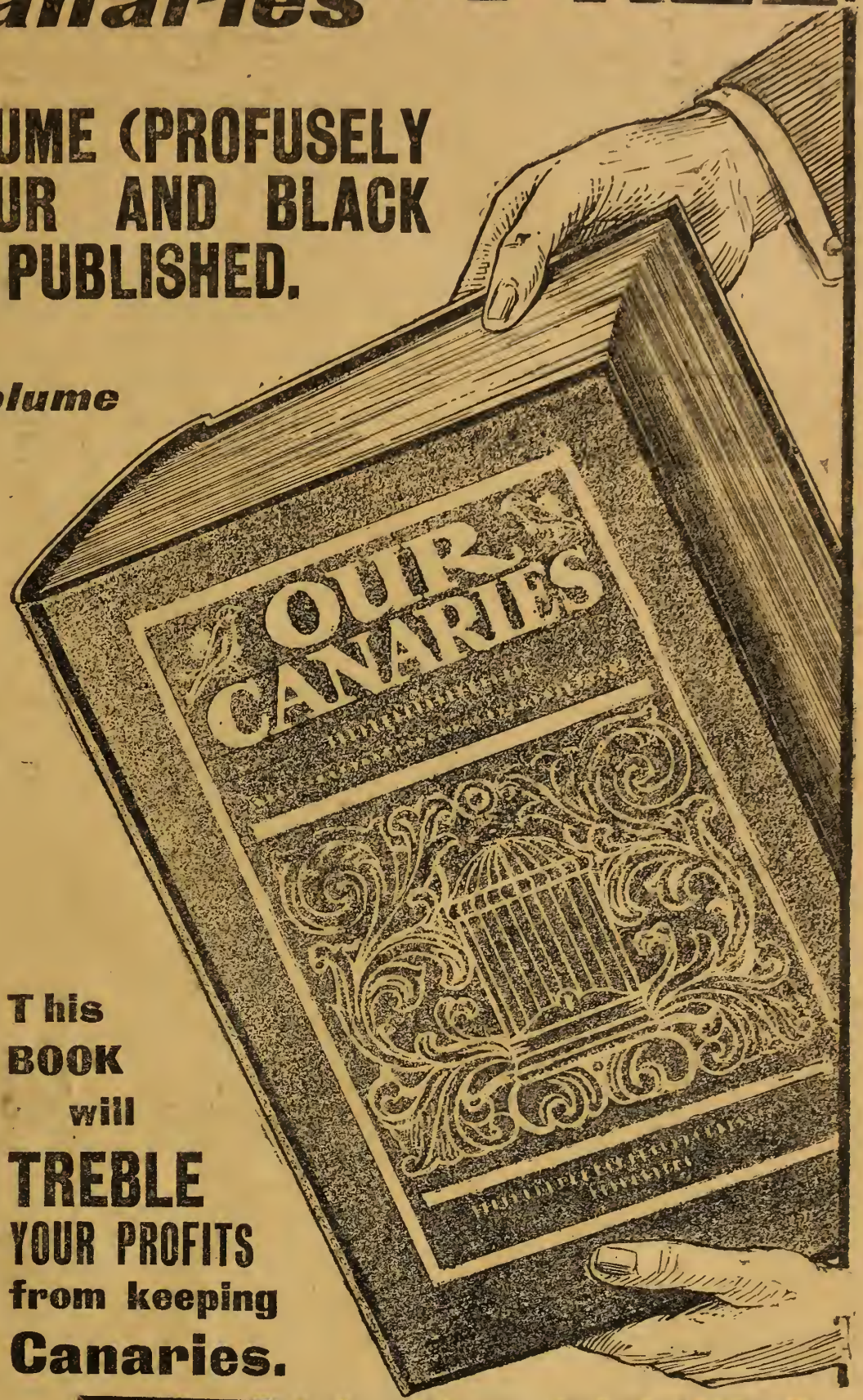
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Green Singing Finches, 2/6 pair; Zebra or Golden Breasted Waxbills, 2/6 pair; Orange Cheeks, 2/3 pair; Grey Waxbills, 2/- pair; Mannikins, 1/6 pair; Cordons, 3/6 pair; Fire Finches, 3/- pair; Bronze Wings, 3/- pair; Avadavats, 2/6 pair; Green Avadavats, 5/- pair; Pope Cardinals, 5/9 each; Crested Cardinals, 5/9 each; cock Saffrons, 4/6 each; Green Budgerigars, 5/9 pair; yellows, 7/6 pair; Cockatiels, 15/- pair; Quakers, 8/6 pair; Ring Necks, 10/6 pair; Napoleon Weavers, 3/6 pair; Orange Bishops, 3/6 pair; Lavender Finches, 5/6 pair; Combassous, 1/6 pair; Grey Javas, 1/9 pair; white, 7/6 pair; Indigo Blue Buntings, 14/- each; Rose Cockatoos, 7/6 each; Grey Singing Finches, 3/- pair; Paradise Whydahs, 5/6 pair; Steel Finches, jet black, 3/- pair; Indian Blue Pies, 48/6 each; Orange-headed ground Thrush, 45/-; Blood-stained Finches, 18/- each; Red-headed Finches, 20/- pair; Silverbills, Cutthroats, 2/6 pair; Pennants Parrakeets, only few left, 27/6 each, 52/6 pair; Song Sparrows, 5/- each; Plumbeous Grosbeaks, 20/- pair; Mandarin Starlings, 20/- each; Red-legged Cuban Thrushes, 45/- each; Crested Mynahs, 20/- each; African Grey Parrots, 40/- each; tame Chattering birds, 50/-; talkers, 30/- each; Amazon Parrots, blue fronts, from 25/- each; monkeys, 21/- each; Masked Doves, 7/6 pair; Nonpariel Buntings, full colour, 38/6 pair. One of the finest selections of birds, Parrots, etc., in the Kingdom; call and inspect: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham, and High-st., Sheffield: list free; dealers should send for weekly wholesale list. (780)

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Watch this advertisement—An important announcement shortly. In the meantime send us a line when you require anything in the bird or animal line. **Beautiful Foreign Finches from 2/- a pair.** We specialise in tame Monkeys.

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(776)

VARIOUS BIRDS.

LARGE 3-compartment Crystal Palace aviary, 3 Canaries, Goldfinch, Linnet, sell 15/-: Smith, 39, Kessley-st., Battersea, S.W. (778)

PAIR clear Norwich and cock Goldfinch Mule, 10/-; live Budgerigars, outdoor bred, 8/- lot: W. Huckle, 53, Birkenhead-av., Kingston-on-Thames (780)

CINNAMON hen, bred with Goldfinch and Linnet, 3/-; Yorkshire and Norwich hens 2/- each; 6/- the three: Furness, 32, Onslow-rd., Blackpool. (779)

CANARIES, nest of four, 7/6 (suit outdoor aviary); cock Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; two cock Bullfinches, 3/3; full coloured: Hinder, Crosshayes, Malmesbury, Wilts. (776)

PAIR flat nets, ½ square mesh, 13 yards long, 7½ deep, 12/6: Featherstone, cock Goldfinch, singing, 8/6, cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/6: Kemp, 34, Tovey-place, Kentish Town. (780)

PAIR house-reared Goldfinches, 5/; four house-reared Linnets, as bred, 6/-; one 1911 Norwich Canary, just reared nest of four, 3/: Goodfellow, Castletown, Penrith, Cumberland. (775)

BARGAINS: Three good 1912 yellow Mules, hens, 2/6 each; 1912 pen-throated Goldie, guaranteed bred Mules, 7/6; 1913 handreared cock Song Thrush, 7/6, Adams' Cave, 43, Sarah-st., Lincoln. (776)

ADULTS. Wanting to nest. Pair Green Budgerigars, 6/6; Yellow hen, Green cock, 7/-; cock Saffron Finch, 1911 bird, 3/; cock Greenies, 1/- each: Turner and Roberts, Havelock-st., Ripley, Derby. (771)

WILL sell singing cock Canary and new hanging cage, 9/-; 12 Foreign birds and new aviary, 3ft. long, 15/-; pair Norwich, new double breeder, 10/6; approval: Killin, b133, Walton-st., Lozells, Birmingham. (7768)

FOR sale, 2 Norwich cocks, 1 hen, and 2 Yorkshire hens, 1912 birds, finished moulting, splendid condition, also two large breeding cages and three 12x10 cages, all new; accept 20/-; very cheap: Cullings, 114, Verdant lane, Catford. (775)

FIRST-CLASS birds: One pair of Norwich Plainheads, bull dog strain; one pair of pure Seifert Rollers, one pair of Schoolmasters, one pair of Yorkshires, two breeding cages, 36in. by 18in. 9in.; one seed mill, three Linnet contest cages and all accessories, £3; or offers: James Downes, 6, Helena st., Kippax, near Leeds, Yorkshire. (776)

WANTED.

CANARIES wanted, any quantity, 1913 birds: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (780)

WANTED all kinds of live stock, purchase, or exchange other varieties: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (781)

WANTED, 200 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, best price given: Enock Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London. (782)

WANTED, exhibition Snow Bunting, large bird, to moult out; approval, deposit. G. Beavis, N.P. Bank Chambers, Exmouth. (776)

WANTED wholesale firms to send catalogues, price lists of bird appliances, etc.: Eggleton, Breeder, The Arcade, Reading, Berks. (767)

WANTED, healthy pair Bullfinches and Siskins, also two hen Goldfinches; must be reasonable: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall. (776)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (717)

WANTED, dealer to supply weekly Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; state price per pairs: Enock Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London. (782)

WANTED, weekly supply of all kinds British birds from reliable catcher: Parkinson, The International Bird and Seed Stores, Nelson-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (780)

WANTED, surplus stock, all varieties, Canaries, for cash, also Mules, foreign and British birds, cash sent with order: M'Kenzie, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas. (757)

WANTED offers in Linnets or Mules, for Yorkshire hen and single breeder, also pure Seifert cock and box cage: R. Homewood, 36, Reedworth-st., Kennington, London, S.E. (775)

WANTED for cash, large 1912 or 1913 Norwich, Crests and Yorkshires; only good birds required; first-round birds preferred: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. (776)

WILL buy for cash any quantity Goldfinch Mules, cocks 4/-, hens 1/-; 1913 Linnet and Goldfinch Mules as bred; write stating price: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (779)

BRITISH and Foreign birds, pigeons, poultry, dogs; buy or give good exchange gent's and lady's clothing, boots, watches, furniture, tools, etc.; stamp reply offers: 50, Wenlock-rd., City-rd., London. (777)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

TWO hand-reared Magpies, good birds, sell 8/-, or exchange, small gun wanted, anything: Hayward, Steep, Petersfield, Hants. (779)

THREE house-moulted Linnets, 7/6 lot; exchange with cash; young cock Mules preferred: Ward, 119, Lutchmere-grove, Battersea. (780)

THREE 1912 Red-breasted Linnets (singing), 2/- each; 1913 hand-reared cocks, 2/6 each; offers outer covers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (781)

EXCHANGE, three hand-reared young Thrushes, for double breeder, loose fronts, complete; mine first: Evans, Signal Box, Rhayader. (778)

COCK Goldie and hen Canary, 10/6; and their four young, unsexed, two light, two dark, 20/-; exchange entertained: Russell, Tullamore, Carisbrooke, Wight. (777)

SALE or exchange, hand-reared cock Jay, and cage, 8 months old, 6/6; two hand-reared cock Hawfinches, 14 weeks old, 4/- each; hand-reared young cock Thrush and cage, 4 months old, 3/6; all birds in splendid condition: Mr. Riley, 100, Shernhall-st., Walthamstow. (780)

Mainly Canaries.

WATTON'S strain, 1912 Roller hens, cost 7/6 each, 3/6 to clear off; giving up: Blythe, Pianeist., Bacup. (781)

FEW good Rollers, cocks and hens, for sale or exchange; no rubbish: G. Wagg, Poplar Terrace, Suettisham, Norfolk. (776)

SALE or exchange, Roller cock, 1912, in full song, and two hens: Markwick, 31, Thornley-st., Middleton, Manchester. (778)

SALE or exchange for Goldfinch or Mule, one cock Norwich Bramble, twice house-moulted: Slater, Pentrewern, Trefriw. (777)

EXCHANGE two Cinnamon hens, bred Mules, for two good feeding hens, or Sib.: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool. (779)

WANTED good field glasses, gramophone, anything useful, in exchange young Canaries: Baker, 13, Curzon st., Runcorn. (778)

SIX young Yorkshire cocks, 4/6 each; pair Norwich Green marked 1912 bred, 7/6; exchange: Stubbs, 23B, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (778)

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AMBLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 5, held in room kindly granted by Mrs. Gibson, Gardener's Arms. Mr. R. Luke, judge, gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, c, Richardson; 2, vhc, hc, Cockburn. BUFF: 1, hc, Crackett and Hume; 2, Richardson; 3, c, Morgan; vhc, Smailes and Son. BORD. YELL.: 1, c, Douglas and Lee; 2, 3, hc, T. Aston; vhc, Smailes and Son. BUFF: 1, Smailes and Son; 2, Douglas and Lee; 3, Darling; vhc, hc, Glass; c, T. Aston. A.O.V.: 1, Smailes and Son. LINNET: 1, John Aston. BRIT.: 1, T. Aston; 2, 3, John Aston.—J. T. Crackett, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

HOW TO SEX YOUNG CANARIES.

A final selection from the host of interesting methods revealed by our recent competiton.

(*Continued from page 7*).

Put five or six birds in a cage together; now put a piece of green stuff between the wires and note the birds that are most quarrelsome—those are the cocks.—C. Rowsell (Chalfont St. Peter).

When the young are placed in the flight cages take notice which do the most fighting. We all know that males, whether humans, or birds, or beasts, do the most fighting. You will find that nine times out of ten the birds that fight most are cocks.—P. Shawcross (Hindley Green).

Having been a bird stuffer for many years, I have always found with male birds of all species that their feathers grow to the breast bone and cover the abdomen; the hens do not have any feathers on the breast bone nor abdomen.—Joseph Mallett (Cranleigh).

The Swagger of the Male.

A cock is always bolder and brighter in the eye; has more swagger and alertness, raising its head feathers occasionally. Buff cocks have more colour round the eye and head; in yellows the hens have a buffish sheen down the back of the head, continuing onwards for some distance down the back. Young cocks are generally stronger.—S. W. Beresford (Hornsey).

Put young birds in a cage, and with finger nails scratch bottom of cage. The cocks will answer by chirping; the hens won't.—J. McQuilken (Glasgow).

I have always found the following method most successful: The young cocks, as a rule, have bolder eyes, and a greater depth of colouring on the top of the head, the saddle, and on the butts of the wings, and a sort of "eyebrow," formed of rich coloured feathers, which distinguishes them from the hens. In the hens no such points are noticeable, they being paler in colour than the cocks. Another good tip is to take a young yellow bird in the hand, blow back the neck feathers, if a black tick presents itself I have always found it to prove a hen bird; no such tick appears in the cock bird.—Chas. Kelsey (Salford).

When not fully fledged the difference is very noticeable. The eyes of the cocks are larger and more oval, and their beaks more hooked. At 5 or 6 weeks old the throat of the cock is full, that of the hen slopes back from the beak. The cocks are more backward in feeding themselves.—Miss Ida Cheshyre (Cheltenham).

The cocks carry rather more colour than the hens, especially round the eyes and on the wing butts, also on the top of the tails, and, as a rule, are bolder looking and larger than the hens. Most young hens are very pale on the forehead.—R. Whitehead (Fartown, Huddersfield).

A Real Safe One.

Get in a position where you can see them and they cannot see you when they are making their attempts at singing, which they do when only a few weeks old. Take notice of the ones that are trying as though they mean business, swelling their throats out like old birds. You can be sure they are cocks. Then make a note of any distinguishing feature about them so as to be sure when removing them. I have sexed hundreds by this method and consider it a real safe one.—J. Hayter (Southampton).

There is only one sure way, and that is colour; especially is this so with the feathers on the rump. Take a nest of young six weeks old, and examine them; you will find that some are much brighter than others. Cage them up and you will find that in 99 cases out of 100 they are the cocks.—Geo. Street (Crouch End).

TO INTEREST THE CHILDREN.

Happy Idea of a League Member

Notes by the Secretary of "Cage Birds League."

The name of our member, Mr. G. H. Peck, of Bexley, will be familiar to all original members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE as the winner of our £5 prize for most recruits during our first year. This enthusiastic bird-lover is never happy unless he is doing something for the good of our hobby. Like all members of our League, he believes that the hobby of bird-keeping is a worthy one, and he is always exercising his mind as to the best means of spreading its interest, especially among those who are not too well blest with this world's goods.

He now writes me that he is a member of the Westgate House (Dartford) Workingmen's Club, a club which has attached to it a fur and feather society, and that he has conceived the idea of running a Decorated Cage Competition among the children of the members of his club. In furtherance of the idea, he wishes to get a hundred Redpolls for free distribution among the children who would be unable to buy a bird for themselves for the purpose of entering into the competition.

Mr. Peck himself has already given a number of these birds to the children of the members, is giving a cup as the chief prize, and has guaranteed that every competitor shall have a prize of some kind. He says in his letter: "I acquainted a gentleman last evening with what I intended doing, and he has given £1 towards a prize fund, and I have several other promises. There will be a cup, medal, and diploma as first prize, and so the prizes will run down, but every child shall have something, as I am determined to bring these young fanciers along. If there is any profit from the competition, it will be given back to the children at their annual party at the Working-men's Club."

In furtherance of such an admirable movement I have great pleasure in complying with Mr. Peck's request that I should appeal to brother fanciers to help him by sending along to him, at 5, Baldwyn's Road, Bexley, Kent, some Redpolls as gifts to these young fanciers.

Mr. Peck says: "I catch a few birds myself at the proper season, and later on I can make up in good British birds to any fancier that will help these children." I am sure that even without this promise there are many members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE who will take a pleasure in helping Mr. Peck to carry out his very laudable object. It will be understood, of course, that birds are to be sent to Mr. G. H. Peck at the address given, and not to me.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.—Members under the age of fourteen years at the date of joining shall pay an annual subscription of One Shilling.

VICE PRESIDENTS.—An annual subscription of not less than Half-a-Guinea shall constitute the subscriber a Vice President.

LIFE MEMBERS.—A donation of not less than Five Guineas in one amount shall constitute the donor a Life Member.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.—The payment to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE of a legacy of £20 and upwards shall constitute the administrator or executor making the payment an Honorary Life Member. A form of bequest will be sent, post free, on application.

Leaflets setting forth the aims and objects of the LEAGUE will be forwarded, post free, to any reader upon application.

THE LEAGUE BADGES.

Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold in two forms, one as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps or coat lapel, and the other as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE,
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

date ..... .1913 .....

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BAINES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 63, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

WOOD GREEN

Fur and Feather Society Young Stock Show, Cage Birds (London English Rabbit Quarterly Show), **Sat., July 19, 2 p.m., Assembly Rooms, High-rd., Wood Green. Admission 4d.** (778)

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Grand Young Bird Show of **Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds,** will be **held at Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green,** this **Saturday, July 19th.** Show opens 5 p.m. **Admission 6d., including Catalogue, with awards. Judge, H. Norman.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec., 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction.** (701)

MELTHAM AND DISTRICT

Agricultural Show, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. First Feather Show, in connection with above. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye, 33, Scarr, Lockwood, nr. Huddersfield. Schedules, now ready, from **J. Sanderson, 32, Bank Buildings, Meltham, Huddersfield.**

CAMBRIDGE

Bank Holiday, August 4th.

20-Mile Radius Show. 14 Classes for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. **Judge, J. Harrison, Esq., St. Ives, Hants. 5 guinea challenge cup and 9 good specials. Entries close July 26th.—H. Driver, Hon. Sec.**

BORTH

Cardiganshire Annual Show, August 5th. Judge: Mr. J. O. Williams, Bangor. Classes for **Yorkshires, Norwich, British, Hybrid, and Foreign Birds. Silver Cup, Medals, and Money Prizes.** Schedules now ready.—**Secretary, J. Morgan, "Tvafalgar."** (Q)

MERIONETHSHIRE

Agricultural Society. Great Show at Bala, on Friday, September 12th, 1913. A good classification for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, 115, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford. Sections for Dogs, Poultry, and Pigeons. Popular Judges. **Entries finally close August 23rd.** The Old Calabar Pen and Feed the Birds.—Apply early for schedule to the **Secretary, Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.**

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held July 3, Mr. T. C. Crawhall chair. Following new members were elected: Messrs. R. Winter, Tyne Dock; S. Lindsay, Birtley; J. Cosser and A. Noble, Newcastle; T. Parker, South Shields; J. Nicholson, Haltwhistle. Correspondence read from Mr. J. G. Hutchison, Mr. S. Harrison, E. Short, Esq., M.P., and Northern Norwich P.H.C. Mr. W. Curry was appointed show manager in place of Mr. J. C. Atkinson resigned. The recommendation of the committee re show classification, etc., was carried; classes practically the same as last year. Mr. Curry (Norwich), Mr. R. Tindale (Yorkshire), and Mr. J. Johnson (Border Fancy) had a debate on their different varieties, which was listened to very attentively, and at the finish they were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The following gentlemen said a few words after the debate: Messrs. C. Farrer, J. Mackenzie, C. G. Patterson, and the chairman. At next meeting, August 7, there will be a debate, "British versus Canary." Mr. J. Maddison will champion the British, and Mr. T. C. Crawhall the Canary. Will those members who have tickets for N.P. kindly let me know how many they have disposed of? Subs. now due; I shall be pleased to receive same.—J. W. Reed.

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Twitterings.

Please notify my change of address from Evesham Road, Headless Cross, to 35, South Street, Redditch, writes Mr. T. Herbert.

We hear that Mr. J. E. Jones (Harlech) will judge the cage bird section at Festiniog Horticultural Association Show, held August 30th.

In report of Redruth Show, in the Yorkshire Clear Buff class, 2nd prize should read Andrew, not Peters, writes Mr. J. P. Andrew.

I have removed from St. Anne's Road, Southport, to 32, Church Road, St. Annes-on-Sea, writes Mr. Jos. Wright. Will show secretaries please take note?

South Shields C.B.S. will hold their young bird show on July 26, at the Cyprus Hotel, and Mr. Reid, of Sunderland, will judge, writes Mr. Smith, Hon. Sec.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. young bird show is held to-day (Saturday) at Kelvedon Hall (near Fire Station) Walham Green with, we hear, a record entry in all classes.

Our secretary, Mr. James McHolme, having resigned, I have been appointed secretary of the East Lothian C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Fairgrieve (10, Hope Park, Haddington).

I have been appointed secretary of the South Moor Social Club F.F. and C.B.S., and all business concerning the society should be sent to me, writes Mr. George Lane, 7, Moore Street, South Moor, Stanley, S.O.

The second ramble of the Sheffield C.B.S. will be held to-day, July 19th, to Wyming Brook; meet at 2.30, at the Malin Bridge car terminus, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec. Tea at the "Grouse and Trout." All friends invited.

Will societies desiring patronage of the Cumberland and Westmorland Yorkshire C.C., apply at once, as we wish to have this matter settled at our next meeting, August 6th, writes Mr. J. Huntington (19, Nelson Street, Maryport).

To obtain the best results in colour feeding, fanciers should use Ramsden's pure peppers. These peppers are pure—are packed in tins only—and orders are executed same day as received. Ramsden's peppers are acknowledged by experts to be the finest, both in colour and quality, possible to procure.—Advt.

The Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S., we hear, are having a ramble through Epping Forest on Saturday, July 19th. Meet at Junction Road Station (Midland Railway) at 2 p.m. Train leaves at 2.10, fare 1s. return. Anyone wishing to join party can do so at the start or any station en route.

Owing to the bad breeding season, we have decided to abandon our Nest Feather Show for this season, writes Mr. H. Jameson, Sec., Bury C.B.S. We have secured the services of Mr. James Hopkins, of Bolton, until recently a very successful exhibitor of the Norwich and Yorkshire, to judge our autumn show, held November 29.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. E. Richards has resigned the secretaryship of the Upper Rhondda C.B.S., and I have been appointed in his place, writes Mr. E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries Street, Treherbert. All matters concerning the club should be addressed to me. Will members make a special effort to attend next meeting, July 26th, when important matters will be discussed.

The annual show of the Falmouth and Dis. C.B.A., confined to Cornwall, will be held on Wednesday, October 8th, writes Mr. W. J. Medlin, the hon. sec., when Mr. J. Davies will make the awards. The committee has secured the large Assembly Room for this year's show at the Unionist Club. This is a well lighted room, with every accommodation for such a show. It is hoped that all Cornish fanciers will give us good support, as we had to meet a loss on last year's show of £4 10s.

Arrangements are now well in hand for our First Feather Show on July 26, writes Mr. J. Cosgrove, Hon. Sec. Uddingston and Dis. C.B.S. I have visited most of the local bird fanciers, and find they have done extremely well, both in quantity and quality. Intending members are requested to send on their subscription, 2s. 6d., early. Mr. Morrison F. Hamilton judges. The judges have been selected for the open show on Nov. 22. Next meeting 23rd inst.

We learn that the Upper Rhondda C.B.S. hold their show on Oct. 29, with Mr. W. Mundell as judge.

The next show of the Llanelly C.B.S., writes Mr. D. John, the sec., is fixed for Tuesday, January 13, 1914. Judges: Canaries, Mr. H. W. Battye; British, Foreign and Mules, Mr. C. Houlton.

Societies wishing the patronage of the Southern Border Fancy Club should apply to F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, London, not later than July 23rd. Classification required, four champion and two novice classes.

The Border Fancy Canary Club's list of members for 1913 will be sent to printers in a few days, so fanciers wishing to become members should forward their names to me at once, writes Mr. M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec. (3, Green Terrace, Hawick).

In connection with the Bradford West C.B.A., there is to be a ramble to Luddenden Foot, July 19th, conducted by Mr. W. Crabtree, our worthy president. Meet at Four Lane Ends, Girlington, to catch the 2.30 tram car for Thornton. Members and friends cordially invited.—A. Cooper, Sec.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. Cook, Sec., Leicester C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of the wife of one of our most respected members, Mr. Brooks. I am sure his many friends and brother fanciers will join with us in expressing our deepest sympathy with him in his sad bereavement.

Mr. J. Greenhalgh, Manchester.

I am very sorry to have to announce the death of Mr. James Greenhalgh, aged 79 years, writes Mr. J. Davey, Hon. Sec., North Manchester C.B.S. He was one of the oldest fanciers in Manchester, having been a bird-lover from youth. He kept Yorks., Norwich, Borders, and had bred some Mules this season, having had a good breeding season. He was always at the local shows, and I understand that he was one of the first members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. He always had a kind word for the novice, and would tell anything that he knew. I am sure that all fanciers will join with me in offering our sympathy with the relatives of the deceased gentleman.

No N.F. Show at Gateshead.

Gateshead and District C.B.S. nest feather has been cancelled, owing to unforseen circumstances, writes Mr. W. Curry, sec. The date of same was to have been July 26.

Hull's Hard Luck.

We are informed that owing to unfortunate circumstances over which the present officials have had no control, the members of the Hull C.B.S. have been compelled to reluctantly abandon the idea of holding an open show during the present year.

A Novel Item!

At the Hornsey and Wood Green Society's young bird show, during the evening one of the members showed a Yorkshire Canary that had been fed and reared entirely by hand with the use of the "Filup" Feeder. He gave a demonstration how the feeder was used, the bird still evidencing a strong regard for its "foster-mother." The bird was 23 days old, and created a deal of interest.

Cage Birds 1913 Annual: A Few Copies now for Sale.

Some time back we had to announce the fact that our very successful "Annual" for 1913 was out of print. We, however, succeeded in getting together about 50 copies from various agents, and have a few of these left, which can be obtained direct from our offices at the usual prize; viz., 8d. post free. Orders should be sent early, as there is no possibility of more of this splendid edition being on sale. Please note that these copies can only be obtained through the post, direct from 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The Abharacanluarcrach.

[In a book published by Messrs. Witherby, mention is made of a bird called the Abharacanluarcrach.]

Should an abharacanluarcrach
Alight on your garden plot,
Pray don't be alarmed—no harm will be done.
I expect he ain't half a bad lot!

He really can't help it, poor chap.
Most likely he thinks it a shame
That science profound without asking his leave
Should give him this jaw-splitting name.

Our names are upon us all thrust,
For which, as the Welshman says, "Ach!"
So lot's sympathise right up to the eyes
With the poor abharacanluarcrach.

And when in your yard he alights,
No doubt, you can make him quite tame,
If you tickle his wings and give him nice things—
And take care not to mention his name!

"Idris." (In the "Western Mail.")

GUESSING THE "GHOST."

Hundreds of Readers Fail to Spot the Sparrow!

The problem set for our readers of identifying the "Ghost" of a bird published in our issue of July 5, proved, as we certainly anticipated, somewhat more difficult than the first one concerning the Nuthatch, for, whereas more than two hundred readers then succeeded, the readers who recognised the second "ghost" as being that of the ever-present House Sparrow number just under a hundred. The post cards conveying the correct solution were well mixed up, and the fortunate one to be drawn was that sent by

Mrs. W. ARMSTRONG, Sandymount, Blackrock, Dundalk.

Will Mrs. Armstrong kindly let us know whether she wishes a cash prize, or books to the value of five shillings, and, if the latter, which books she would prefer.

The incorrect guesses came in enormous numbers, and it would seem that the very fact that the House Sparrow is a bird which must be known to absolutely everyone put most of the solvers off the scent, for a very great majority of our readers seem to have exercised their ingenuity in naming the rarest birds which could possibly meet the case, and, may we say, some of which could not by any chance be correct. It has often occurred to us that although every man, woman and child in our country must know a House Sparrow when he or she sees one, and that is every day throughout the year, yet many would be "floored" if they were asked to describe offhand the plumage and markings of our familiar and mischievous little friend. The result of the competition has proved this to be the case.

The shape of the bib of the male House Sparrow in breeding plumage is quite characteristic, and was exactly depicted in the drawing. Notwithstanding this, readers mentioned among them every British bird which has a bib of any kind, and some which have no bib at all! The favourite among the losers was the Grey Wagtail, whose bib is very different in shape to the one indicated in the drawing; the legs, too, should have been all-sufficient to show that the "ghost" could not be that of a Wagtail. Buntings were the chosen of many; even the Corn Bunting, which has no bib at all, was sent by some as a solution. Many guessed the "Ghost" to be that of the Great Tit, and some sent the Blue Tit. Among the "impossibles" may be mentioned the Robin, Greenfinch, Wheatear, Bramblefinch, Ring Ouzel, Bullfinch, Hawfinch, Linnet, Pipit, Magpie, Skylark, Chaffinch, Swallow, Blue-throated Warbler, Shrike, Blackcap, etc. Even the Jenny Wren was sent in by one or two!

We noticed that a certain keen Sheffield "blade" got over the rule restricting each competitor to one attempt at the solution, by inducing his family and relations to tackle the problem. Curiously enough (?) they one and all thought it a different bird. Their eight attempts read—Hawfinch, Waxwing, Tree Sparrow, Cirl Bunting, Reed Bunting, Grey Wagtail, Great Tit and House Sparrow!

Robin Finds Scarecrow Useful.

Mr. J. Miles, of Llanishen, is amazed at the cool nerve of a Robin. Having erected a fearsome revolving scarecrow on his strawberry beds, Mr. Miles found that a Robin had got into the opening where the winds and rain had blown away the rags from the scarecrow's manly bosom, and had made a nest on a batten across the back of the body. Not only that, but the bird showed its contempt by laying and hatching five eggs there.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: Larkhall C.B.A., July 19, to Bonnington, Falls of Clyde; Queensbury C.B.S., July 20, to Eldwick, etc., leave Granby Hotel 12.30; Sheffield C.B.S., July 19, to Wyming Brook, meet Malin Bridge car terminus 2.30; Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S., July 19, to Epping Forest, train 2.10 p.m. from Junction Rd. (M.R.) station; Bradford West C.B.A., July 19, meet Four Lane Ends, Girlington, to catch 2.30 car for Thornton.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.S., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W.; latest date, 26th July. Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Road, Windhill, Shipley; Yorks. and Lancs. Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford; Cinnamon C.C., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool; Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Midland Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham; Fife and Kinross N.P.C., A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty; Southern Border F.C., F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, S.W.; closing date July 23rd. Will secretaries please notify us to the latest date on which applications can be received?

"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON SHOWS.

At these fixtures "Cage Birds" Championship Competition will be in progress during the 1913-14 season. Particulars of our Championship scheme will be found on another page; or an explanatory pamphlet will be sent on application. Coupons may be purchased by exhibitors from any secretary whose address appears in this list:

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.
Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Ruthergien, and R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Av.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.
Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idalhoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson St.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—W. Tallantyre, South View.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—R. M. Ward, 16, Wark Street.
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.**—D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown.
Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—W. Cumming, 28, North Road.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford National.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.
Dec. 6.—**Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.**—R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.
Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth, W.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

REMARKABLE HYBRIDS REPORTED BRED.

We have this week to record the breeding of two remarkable Hybrids, although it must be understood that we do so with all reserve, as no opportunity of seeing them has, of course, come our way.

Orange Bishop-Canary!

One is a hybrid between the Orange Bishop and Canary. The former is a handsome (when in nuptial plumage) and popular member of the Weaver family, and we think we are correct in saying that no hybrid between any member of this family and a Canary has hitherto been produced. An account of this interesting happening will be found in a letter on Page 28, from Mr. F. J. Weaire (of Snodland, Kent), in whose aviaries these new hybrids are being reared.

The other hybrid is one between a cock Yellowhammer and a Canary, and the manner in which the news of this reached us will be found detailed in the appended paragraph. Rumours of Yellowhammer-Canary Hybrids have been afloat before, but we believe that a specimen accepted as authentic has never yet been exhibited. We hope that in neither case may there prove some "flaw" in the "diamond."

Yellowhammer-Canary!

At the first feather show of the Kirkintilloch C.B.C. held July 12, Mr. W. Stewart exhibited two hybrids said to be between cock Yellowhammer and a hen Canary. These naturally created a sensation. One of them (reports the secretary) showed the V-mark on the head very distinctly. From the report these birds appear to have been placed 2nd and 3rd by the judge, Mr. W. Hutchison, of Glasgow.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Epworth (near Doncaster).—August 4. Seven classes, judge, Mr. J. Wheldrake. Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Can. 1 (confined to Axholme), Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close July 28, to W. E. Burrows, Hon. Sec., Epworth, Doncaster.

Meltham (Yorks).—August 2. Four first feather classes, judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. Yorks. 2, Nor. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s.; fee 1s. Entries close July 26, to J. Sanderson, 32, Bank Buildings, Meltham.

IMPORTANT!

Fill up and post at once the form found on page 19. The result will delight you.

Over £200 in Cash Specials Waiting: Are You Participating?

"Cage Birds" Great Championship Scheme Continues to Gain Favour and Sails Steadily Towards the Harbour of Success.

OUR endeavours to meet the wishes of our readers in every possible and reasonable way in regard to competing for the £200 cash and other prizes offered in our great Championship Competition are, we are glad to say, evidently appreciated, as the flow of congratulatory letters increases in volume, societies continue to notify their acceptance of the provisions of the scheme and orders for coupons from exhibitors grow larger daily. The engraving of the coupons is being proceeded with; the process is a somewhat slow one, however, and we hardly anticipate that we shall secure delivery from the printers until next week end, but immediately they come to hand all orders will be dispatched in rotation.

The Specials at the Palace.

We had thought to have been in a position to make an announcement in this issue concerning a modification in the method of distributing the special prize money amongst the coupon birds at the Palace Show, in the final competition of the season, but owing to a matter outside our control we find ourselves compelled to defer publishing our proposals in this direction until next week. When made public we think they will meet with widespread approval, and serve to still further enhance the merit and value of our great scheme.

We may mention that societies joining in our scheme during the last few days include:—

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.
DONCASTER C.B.S.
LLANELLY C.B.S.
LONGTON C.B.S.
NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.
SOUTH CO. DUBLIN C.B.S.

and the preliminary orders for coupons range from 4, 5 and 6 dozen up to 100, which is the number booked by the Longton Society.

The Matter of Unused Coupons.

We have been asked this week whether, in the event of an exhibitor winning a cash special and diploma at his first show, he will be able to return any coupons he may have by him unused. We cannot see our way to accept coupons back under these circumstances, but there would be no objection raised to the said exhibitor disposing of any coupons he is in a position to dispense with to a fellow-fancier desirous of using them in the competition. Diploma winners must, of course, take care to keep by them sufficient coupons to cover their needs at the Palace Show (vide rule 8). Every coupon will bear a distinctive number, and a record of them will be kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

The Equal Chance of the Novice.

We have from the very first stated that it is our intention to cater equally for the novice exhibitor as for the champion. And we mean it, too, up to the hilt. Evidently, however, up to the present we have not made our intentions sufficiently clear—or stated them sufficiently definitely—with regard to at least one aspect of the competition. We are moved to this remark by the following letter, which reached us the other day from a valued supporter:—

Sir,—As an exhibitor who is very interested in your Championship Scheme, it seems to me, if I read your rules aright, that it is next to impossible for an exhibitor in the open novice classes to win a diploma. Presuming there are sufficient competitors, after the 10s. cash special has been awarded in each section, novice and champion, the birds will be judged for the diplomas. My point therefore is this: If one diploma only is awarded to each variety, the novice exhibitor has got to compete against the champion every time, and in my opinion his chance of beating the champion is somewhat slender. You may possibly say there are as good birds in the open novice classes as in the champion. I have often heard this said myself, and quite admit that in a good many instances it is true, but generally speaking I do not think the novice could hope or expect to compete with the champion with any chance of success. This being the case, from my point of view the novice will go to the wall, and the final at the Crystal Palace will practically be composed of champions.

Leyton. A. W. FARMER.

If Mr. Farmer's views were correct, it would naturally upset the "equal chance for the novice" plank in our platform, and as we realise that others may very likely see matters in the same light as the able assistant secretary of the Leyton C.B.A., we thank him for the opportunity given us of pointing out that we intend novices to compete for their diplomas *strictly amongst themselves*—i.e., there will be diplomas for the best novice coupon birds in the various sections and diplomas for the best champion coupon birds. This, of course, was our intention from the outset, and we have altered the wording concerning the allotting of the diplomas so that there shall be no misconception on the point in future.

We may say, too, that the position of the novices at the Palace Show is having our consideration; we wish to be as equitable and liberal towards them as is possible in the course of our great competition, and to merit their hearty support.



THE LARGER STREAKED SPIDER HUNTER.

This curious species (Arachnothera magna) is one of the gems of the recent consignment of Indian birds brought to England by Major Berreau,, a first appearance here. Colour, greenish, with black stripes. The bird took readily to captivity, and exhibits many quaint mannerisms. Its present owner is Lady Kathleen Pilkington.

We, Too, Hope So.

With regard to your excellent competition, I hope that it will be the means of uplifting the Lancashire variety, as I see no one can win more than one diploma up to the Palace. If the breeders of Lancashires will only come out of their shell I think and feel certain that we could muster some good classes. The birds are there in the bird-rooms, and good ones at that, but their owners lack "staying power" after the first time or two out. I hope, however, that your scheme will give the Lancashire its proper place again in many shows, and wish it success.—Wm. Adams, sec., Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before the end of July 1913.

TWO PRIZES OF 10s. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird, and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For details of rules tentatively adopted see page 9 last week.

Through a Bird-room Window

ELEGANT PARRAKEETS

This article on the rare and beautiful Elegant Grass Parrakeet, is No. 38 of the new series of personal birdy experiences related by that eminent aviculturist, the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

I SOMETIMES think that there is no rest for the wicked. I only got back from Paris recently, and lo! I found awaiting me a post card from the Editor. "We shall be glad to receive, whenever convenient to you, a further article." Now, Editor's letters, as most of my readers will know, are of the nature of a Royal command. They have to be obeyed; so, though I hate writing, I obediently sat down to pen an article on some favourites I owned in the "days of long ago."

Embodiments of Grace.

Elegant Parrakeets! I wonder which of my readers has ever seen one. I have not, I can truthfully say, for more years than I like to recount. Perhaps, as they are so rare, I may go outside my usual custom and give a rather full description of them. They are very graceful birds, and quite hardy. In the most ordinarily well-constructed aviary there will be no fear of losing them. This is a great consideration in a world of losses. The Elegant has a particularly flattened head and a big, soft, black eye. The upper part of the body is a dark olive-green, merging into yellow on the breast and underparts to between the thighs and vent. Above the beak is a band of dark Oxford blue, and the flight feathers are of the same colour; beneath the legs is a patch of pink, The hen differs from the male in having no pink between the legs; the blue over her beak is lighter, and her head is not quite so flat.

Personally, I believe that the Elegants are first cousins to the Turquoisine, if not a variety thereof; but at any rate I have found that they will breed quite readily together. At one time I had quite a flock of Turquoisines, and when I ran short of a male I tried an Elegant, with quite satisfactory results. Indeed, it was hard to say whether the resultant young were Turquoisines or Elegants.

Wisdom Through Experience.

How I got hold of my first Elegants I can scarcely remember, as I have not notes by me; but I rather think they came from Edinburgh. The person who had them for sale did not know what they were. He merely described them as Grass Parrakeets from Australia. He has learnt a little bit since then, and no longer offers Elegants in this simple and child-like way. If I were the happy owner of a pair of Elegants now shouldn't I boom them; and what a host of telegrams I should get, sent by rich aviculturists all fighting for the chance of the same prize.

Love at Second Sight.

When they arrived, I must confess I was a bit disappointed, as they seemed rather phlegmatic sort of birds. They did nothing but sit on the perch and doze through the hours of daylight, though they woke up and became a bit more lively towards evening. I found afterwards that that was the fault of cage life. I put them into a small aviary and all was changed, and they became the most lively and inquisitive of birds, running swiftly about and examining every log and possible nesting site. I was glad I had transferred them to be birdroom, as they were always nibbling the logs, and the consequence was they made a bit of a litter. Now nothing is so fatal to domestic peace as a mess. Seed trodden into the stair carpet seems a little thing, but doesn't Solomon say somewhere that a fly causeth the apothecaries' ointment to stink! Solomon was right. In keeping birds you can't be too careful to clear up all litter. The place therefore for nesting Parrakeets is not a cage but a birdroom.

One great comfort about Elegants is that they are the most gentle creatures in the world, and could not or would not hurt a healty blue-bottle fly. Any sort of bird will bully them, or give them notice to quit. They can't retaliate, for they have little or no power of biting; unlike, say, for instance, their cousins, the Blue Bonnets.

(To be continued.)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?

If so, have you grasped all that our World's Championship Scheme means to you, and ordered your Coupons?

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who receive letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**A. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S..** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamous, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

PECKING TOES OFF (Cloyn).—There is no accounting for these vicious tendencies, and, unfortunately, no reliable remedy save by transferring the young to a more natural parent as soon as the old birds begin to maltreat them. See reply to "J.S." in last issue.

SEX AND VALUE (Weaver).—You will have seen the great collection of opinions on the sexual question in last issue and the present one. This consensus of opinion about touches the bed-rock of the question and leaves me nothing to add, beyond saying that a novice is best advised to be guided by the song, which is more connected, sustained, and powerful, with a pronounced inflation and throbbing of the throat. Young cocks, when reeling quietly on the perch, almost as soon as they leave the nest, may be noticed inflating the throat a little, and quietly "muttering" over a few notes. The value of the birds naturally depends upon the quality, and the singing ability of the cocks. Being crossbreds, your youngsters will only be worth the price of songsters 4s. to 7s. 6d. for cocks, and about 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. for hens.

FAT ROLLERS (Constant Reader).—Put the overfat hens together in a good-sized flight, keep the floor reasonably free from husk and waste seed, and strew with clean, gritty sand. For staple diet allow a small teaspoonful of summer rape per bird each day. Twice a week reduce this allowance by one-half and make up the bulk with good, sound canary seed. Once a week give half a teaspoonful of soft food, and allow a liberal supply of green food, watercress, lettuce, or flower-heads of groundsel, daily. Add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day for a week, and in the next week substitute six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid. Continue this treatment for a month, if necessary. Be careful not to forget the daily dole of seed, as there will be no waste for them to fall back upon.

WHAT IS WRONG? (Bad Luck).—Your management certainly errs considerably in that it is, or should be, purely of an experimental nature. Your birds may perhaps have been faulty feeders or not in good breeding condition, but in any case they have not had a fair chance, and nothing short of a stroke of phenomenal luck could have brought you success. It is too late now to hope for any further success in breeding this season, and your best course is to separate the birds and turn your attention to getting them in good condition for next season. You say nothing about the age or general health of the birds, so I can only say that if the hen is not a reasonably young one, you had better discard her, and get a strong, healthy young hen for next season. As regards your management, it would be impossible to go into details here, so I cannot do better than advise you to invest in a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager, and be guided solely by the advice therein.

DOES NOT SING (B. T.).—Possibly the cock Yorkshire is in an overfed, sluggish condition, which would account for him appearing to breathe quickly. This symptom, however, is also very frequently significant of bronchial trouble, so you must see that the bird is being kept quite free from cold draughts, extreme fluctuations, and heated fumes from artificial lights, which are all likely to give rise to this trouble. Having attended to these points, treat the bird as follows for a month, and if not quite well, apart from the moult, which, in the natural course of things, will be in progress by that time, write again and refer to this reply. Give a staple diet of plain canary only, and for the first fortnight limit the quantity to a small teaspoonful per day. Twice each week decrease this quantity by one-half, and add a half teaspoonful of summer rape. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Give a liberal supply of watercress, lettuce, or the flowering tips of groundsel daily. Keep cage fairly free from husk or waste seeds, and strewn with clean gritty sand. After the first fortnight you may give a free supply of canary in the box, and add the other items as mentioned above. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. In the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the third and fourth weeks repeat the above two weeks in the same order.

SEED SAMPLES (Enquirer).—The hemp is on the whole an excellent all-round seed, but it contains a small proportion of grains with rancid and decayed kernels. As this proportion is quite small if supplied whole, the birds would probably reject the bad grains, and I think you might risk feeding it to any ordinary stock in this condition. But do not crush it for the birds, as this would make the whole bulk more or less injurious. The canary and the teazle are both first-rate seeds of very good quality.

EGGS ONLY (W. E. B.).—You seem to have had a very fair average number of eggs if your result so far is of a first round of nests, with one or two second clutches. The fact that none have hatched may be due to the cocks being out of condition, but you give me practically no data on which to found an opinion worth anything. Are the birds apparently in good health, and the cocks in song; or have they really been in song? I suppose you are satisfied they are the right sex? How old are the birds? These points, and fuller details regarding your management, would help me to be of more assistance to you. The breeding season now is practically at the close, and unless the birds have actually made some progress with another round of nests I advise you to separate them and turn your attention to getting them through a good moult, and in good, hard condition for next season—that is, of course, if they are worth keeping. As it is impossible to go into details here on such a large subject, get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager will send you, post free, for 7d., and digest its contents between now and spring. If you follow the directions therein, and treat the birds during the interval as advised, you will not find these troubles crop up next season if your birds are really healthy.

ABNORMAL LAYING (H. B. S.).—The performances of the hens in question are due to an abnormal condition of the ovaries, which remain in a dormant or undeveloped condition for a longer or shorter period. A hen may be so affected all through one season, and breed well the next, or in the case of young birds the ovaries may remain dormant during the first season, and yet develop to maturity in the second and subsequent seasons. Unfortunately one cannot discover the cases that will resume their proper functions except by keeping them and putting them to the actual test. Considering the lateness of the season you would be best advised to separate these hens, turn them into a large flight, and feed sparingly until the moult. If you do not want them for exhibition during the coming season, moult them in the flight, and let them remain there until next spring, and if in good, plump condition, feed rather sparingly all through the interval between now and spring, except whilst moulting, when you may be a little more generous. At the approach of the breeding season cage them separately, feed more liberally, and keep in close association with vigorous, high-conditioned young cocks until ready for mating.

A LONG MOULT (E. E. M., Wimbledon).—The bird's age is rather against it, but still I consider it most probable that the following treatment will pull it together nicely. Should it commence to cast feathers more profusely in a week or two, keep it fairly warm, throw a light cover over the cage, and, generally, aim at encouraging a quick and complete change of plumage. Give a staple diet of plain canary only for a month. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, rape and broken groats. After the first fortnight give each of these items every third day only. Give a fair supply of green food or wild seed heads in variety daily. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece to the drinking water for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second for a fortnight.

MITES AND MOULTING (Would-be-Breeder).—(1) The appearance of mites on the cage cover after two dressings with methylated spirit which seemed to quite clear them out, is probably due to the fact that you treated the cage locally, and not all over, and the mites, or, rather, those that escaped the applications, simply migrated to another portion of the cage, and founded a new colony. Otherwise, they have some other harbour in close proximity to the cage, perhaps on the wall, or whatever cage hangs against or stands on, which you omitted. Continue applying insecticide and giving quassia baths twice a week for a time, and you will certainly win. Of course, look out for any fresh harbours. I suppose you add a little camphor to the spirits? If not, you should do so. The combination is much more effective and lasting. It is not necessary nor advisable when birds are kept in warm room and free from draughts to cover over the cages at night. Such covering, however, will not actually cause mites, though it might provide harbour for them, and help to shield them from observation until a secure foothold was established, especially if covers are of a dark colour. (2) The loss of feather is undoubtedly due to the moult. Quite a number of adult birds are now falling in moult. Put them on the ordinary treatment for moulting birds as given in No. 5 Nutshell booklet on "The Canary."

BEST FOR BEGINNER (W. Rowland).—Common Rollers, Border Fancies, Norwich, Yorkshires, are all very hardy, free breeders, and easy to manage, and are about the best for beginners to start with. There is little to choose between them, but if any advantage exists it is probably in the order named. Personal taste is the best criterion of "the best kind," so make your own choice. Again, it is almost a "toss-up" whether double or single breeding cages are the best. If you are making a stack of cages I would certainly advise "singles," all of the same size and type. But if your space is limited, and you can only accommodate a few cages, then you would do well to go in for double breeders fitted with movable partitions, so that you could remove the partitions at the end of the moulting season, and convert them into flight cages for the winter. You would find all the pros and cons of each method discussed in Part I. of "Our Canaries." In making your own cages you would also find the handbook, "Aviaries, Bird-rooms and Cages," 2s. 3d. post free from our Manager, very useful. From the end of October, when the birds should be well over the moult, until January, is about the best time to buy. Birds hatched this year will breed themselves next year.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); *Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *"Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds"* (1/2); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*) *No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border ancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.*

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN, in the absence of Mr. Fulljames on holiday.

HURRYING THE MOULT (Cuthbert).—The moult is a natural occurrence and, as you know, takes place every autumn, and occurs when the bird is in a proper condition to cast its old plumage. To "force" the moult is a mistake, and often detrimental to the health of the subject. It is frequently brought about by a sudden change of temperature, and in captivity even the moving of a bird from one part of a room to another will sometimes cause it to commence. I would advise you to give the bird a change of position, say, into another room, or even an unheated conservatory, and partly cover the cage with a rather thin cloth; also steep just a sprig of meadow saffron in the drinking water daily. As it is now almost the natural time for birds to moult, this treatment will probably have the desired effect. As you will probably be moving before the bird has finished, I would advise keeping him covered with the thin cloth until he is nearly finished, when gradually uncover a trifle each day. By following this method he will practically be moulting under the same conditions all through, wherever he is, and will not be so liable to catch cold, to which birds are very susceptible during moult, which checks the process and causes the death of great numbers.

BLACKBIRD WITH BARE HEAD (Blackbird).—(1) You say nothing about the treatment of your bird, and this I suspect is the cause of your trouble. Your food is probably too coarse, and the bird fails to digest it properly, therefore does not get sufficient nourishment from it. Get a good brand of insectile food, one advertised for Warblers or some of the more delicate species, and feed him with it right through the moult, which will now soon commence. He will then be in far better health, cast his feathers quickly, and grow fresh ones on the bare places on his head. He may do this soon after he has commenced to moult, although in the natural course of events the head is the last part of a bird to acquire new feathers. You will find full particulars as to the correct treatment of a Blackbird (and he pays to be treated well) in one of the "Nutshell" or other books published at this office. (2) As a rule birds kept in captivity for any length of time do not keep up the original rich colour of the legs, each succeeding year they get paler, and the scales on them get thicker.

TROUBLED WITH BALDNESS (Henry James).—In spite of your assertion that you have hunted for grey lice, I am still inclined to think that this is the cause of your trouble. Have another look; turn up the feathers under the wings and abdomen. If you find any you will have to treat the whole of your stock for them. To do so get two or three strips of calico, smother them with fresh insect powder, and roll the birds in them, one in each cloth, but be sure to leave the head quite free, then get a small brush and brush in some powder round the back of the head and neck. Leave each bird in its cloth for about ten minutes; this should clear them, examine them again in a week's time, and treat again if necessary. Sulphur ointment is practically a harmless preparation, and I cannot understand your losing birds through using it. Are you sure this was the cause? If you have reason to use it again make it yourself by mixing flower of sulphur with fresh lard. If you find, after examining your birds that you have no insects, perhaps you will kindly write again. Do you give any wild food to the Finch? You do not mention it in your note respecting diet.

YOUNG COUGHS (Nemo).—The large cage you propose to keep your bird in will do admirably, but as you want him for exhibition purpose you must occasionally run him into a show cage; see that this is well made, and in the best possible condition to show the bird off when you exhibit him. A Chough will live upon "melox" which makes a very good staple food, this you should vary with soaked puppy biscuits, biscuit meal, and a spoonful of crissel, or meat meal; scraps from the table, a little minced meat, and when getting into show condition, minced hard-boiled egg and a few mealworm daily. Yes, the colour of his beak and legs can be intensified by adding a little tasteless pepper to his soft food, but you must rely more upon the general healthy condition of the bird, and your manner of staging him than anything else to take the coveted prizes. The perches in his living cage should be large and strong, not too smoothly finished off. Young birds cannot be kept too clean, and the conditions you describe would no doubt cause the loss of the nails and sore feet, they should be cleaned and bathed in warm water. If the socket or root is not destroyed the nails will grow again.

UNCERTAINTY OF PARENTAGE (Twite-Finch).—Yours is a very interesting letter, and I must congratulate you upon getting young ones under the circumstances. I think the father is more likely to be the Twite than the Chaffinch, although one never knows what may happen in a "mixed" aviary, and anyway you are to be envied for breeding either cross. You say the two cocks and the hen are all feeding the young ones, and if they continue to do so, you should get some bouny birds. I would advise you to watch the cock birds closely (particularly the Chaffinch) and if you see any signs of quiteFulness in either, take him out at once. I do not think you can very much improve upon your present feedings, excepting to add a little hard-boiled egg to the biscuit, which should be given fresh twice during the day. As soon as the young ones leave the nest, and are able to feed on soft food, (which will be when they are three weeks to a month old) I would advise you to cage them up out of harm's way.

LINNETS UNFERTILE EGGS (Revel, W.).—Sorry you have been so unsuccessful with your breeding operations. Your non-success I put down to the cock birds not fulfilling their duties. It is strange that from three pairs you did not get any fertile eggs. Did you examine them after the hens had sat the regulation time? This might possibly have assisted you in your future operations. I gather from your letter that you only took one clutch from each pair. Why not have let them have another? The second nest might have been a more successful one. The month of July is not too late for Hybrid breeding, in fact there are more bred during this month than any other. The reason is that many wild birds in captivity breed late, and take no notice of the hens in the spring and early summer. One should never despair because the first batch of eggs prove unfertile. The fact of your leaving the Linnets in with the hens during incubation would not affect the fertility of the eggs. You say the hens sat all right, therefore if the eggs were good they should have hatched out at the usual time. If you decide to use the same birds next season you had better let them fly together during the winter, and put them up for breeding in April, when I hope you will be successful. The Hybrids you are trying to get are not as a rule difficult to obtain.

BRITISH BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT IS IT? (H. B. T.).—It is, I think, a Hooded Siskin (sometimes called Red Siskin), though the description might also fit that of a hybrid between the Hooded Siskin and Canary, but I am of the opinion that your bird is the first-named. It is a beautiful and interesting species with a passable little song.

INDIAN PARROTS (H. Stibbs).—Table scraps are not wholesome for Parrots. Age may have something to do with the loss of plumage, but not entirely I think. I should give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia every fourth day in the drinking water, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Diet: Canary, millet, hemp, oats, wheat, and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, greenfood, plain biscuit, nuts and stale crusts. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must be regularly supplied. If the mouth is at all slimy, put a little honey and borax therein daily for a few weeks. Persevere with above treatment and report progress in a month or six weeks.

HEAT FOR AVIARY (H. G. K.).—It should be sufficient if you can keep the atmosphere fairly dry, and it should be ample if you exclude frost, say a minimum night temperature of 40 deg. F. Undoubtedly hot water is the most satisfactory, either heated by coal or gas; in each case the boiler should be outside the shelter shed, but if gas be the heating medium, then the boiler can be inside the shelter, against one of the walls surrounded by a casing, the gas being lighted and the boiler chamber properly ventilated from the outside. I believe the working cost of an electric radiator works out rather high, but it is effective and also diffuses light.

AILING GOULDIAN FINCH (M.B.).—I should keep the bowels of this bird moving quite freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—half a teaspoonful twice weekly in the drinking water so long as there is no appearance of diarrhœa. I should also offer milk sop (rather sloppy), and if it will take this it will be beneficial. Giving it a larger cage to induce more exercise will also be a decided help. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Gouldian Finches are a lethargic species, and unless they have roomy quarters, do not take sufficient exercise, and liver troubles supervene. I do not think the trouble is pneumonia. After about a month of above treatment please report progress.

FOR SMALL OUTDOOR AVIARY (Amateur).—The birds you name will do well together, and except the Green Singing Finch, are all very probable breeders. The White Java Sparrows sometimes prove troublesome and spiteful in confined quarters, and perhaps you had better leave them out, as your aviary is rather small. The following should all do well, and all are probable breeders: Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, Bib and Zebra Finches, Grey Singing Finches, and Avadavats. Green Singing Finches are green and yellow; the Grey is a plain unpretending bird clad in sober grey with a very sweet song. As the aviary is small, a wood and glass shutter or canvas screen will be a wise protection for winter nights.

POSITION OF HUSKS (F. Bubb).—I have indicated the best means to use to get over the difficulty, viz., to drop a piece of board, sufficiently broad and deep, from the top of the cage to separate the entrances to the two husks; the birds will then be able to enter either husk independently and without encroaching upon the other one. Your husks are evidently a little larger than they need be, but this is a good "fault." The husk nests need no perches, and I should revise the position of the perches so that they do not run in too close proximity to husk entrance. I should fix a twiggy branch at each end of the cage as shown on diagram. It is merely a matter of time and settling down. The birds will ultimately breed. If you planted grass in a couple of small pots, and put one of these in the cage occasionally, immediately after watering it from small rose, the Budgerigars would roll about in the wet grass, and so take it in their usual natural way, which is by rolling about amid wet foliage and herbage. They do not bathe in the ordinary way.

WHAT ARE THEY? (M. V. P.).—The Red-breaks are Common Waxbills, also known as Pink-cheeks, and Grey Waxbills. I do not think they are likely to breed in a cage; in fact, it is only seldom they attempt to breed even in the aviary, and I know of no authentic record of them being successfully reared in this country. Still, it should not be impossible in a cage, and luck might come your way with a single pair in a roomy cage with a couple of rush nests fixed in most retired corners. Diet: Canary and Indian millet seed, also millet spray, green food, grit and water for drinking and bathing.

GREY PARROT (J. G. D.).—There is evidently, I am pleased to say, a great improvement in the bird. For the present I should continue the magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely, and also give the Byno-phosphates several times weekly for the next two months. An occasional dose of honey and borax cannot do harm, and it will help to keep the bird's mouth clean. The bird ought now to soon begin to pick up a word or two, but do not expect there will be much progress in this direction until the bird has become thoroughly tame. With the precautions you name I should take the bird with you to Montreux. It will be far better than leaving it with strangers. Besides, the latter course would unsettle the bird again and possibly hinder its commencing to talk. I do not think you need anticipate any ill-results from the journey.

COCKATOO (Revel. W.).—The temperature of any living room will suit these hardy and robust birds well once they are acclimatised, and they should be kept in some position where they will get all the light and air possible without draught. A seed mixture of canary, millet, dari, hemp, oats, wheat, maize sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed. Also ripe fruit, plain biscuit, stale cruets, nuts, and green-food. Do not give any sops, slops or messes. Water, grit and cuttle bone must also be regularly supplied.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1)); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Warbills." A l thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

WILL THEY BREED? (Nimrod).—You have a true pair and they should have begun breeding operations ere this. Your diet as regards seed is correct, but I should give a few oats occasionally, also green food (flowering seeding grass, while it lasts), and lettuce, etc., grit, cuttlebone, and water to be regularly supplied. The cere of the female will be almost ruddy-brown when she is fully in breeding condition, which will be shortly. A liberal supply of seeding grass will be the thing most likely to hasten matters. They should be kept where they will get all the light and air possible without draught, and also where there is not too much going on in their immediate vicinity. This is to give the quietude necessary to encourage breeding.

GOULDIAN FINCH (A.S.).—Add three drops of tasteless castor oil daily to the milk till the bowels have been fully relieved; follow this with three drops of brandy in the milk, which should be continued for a month at least. Also, twice daily, put a small quantity of honey and borax into the mouth from the end of a quill or stick, but you must only put in a small quantity at a time, as a bird's swallowing capacity is not great. As soon as the bird begins to take seed and water again, put it on a course of Byno-phosphates—half a teaspoonful in the daily supply of water. As soon as the bird can eat it, put a little crumbled sponge cake with the milk. While I will not say the case is hopeless, the bird's recovery is certainly doubtful, but if still alive there ought to be a chance for it, and I shall be interested to hear how it progresses.

GREEN SINGING FINCHES (E. G. Brown).—(1) They are shy nesters in captivity, though they bred in my aviary last year—the first time for very many years. I much doubt their nesting with you this year. (2) A Hartz travelling cage with the fittings removed, and a couple of bars pulled out for entrance, is as good as any. Supply hay, moss, and a little hair. (3) Canary, white and spray millet, also keep a little summer rape in separate tin for them. Give green food; they appreciate an occasional insect, and also take soft food when nesting. (4) Keeping Budgerigars and Finches together mostly ends in numerous losses from the playful Budgerigar beak! It would make a good Budgerigars' aviary, and with them could be associated a pair of Cockatiels and Rosella Parrakeets. Such as Budgies, Cockatiels, Rosellas, Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Java Sparrows, Cut-throats, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins and Avadavats should winter out-of-doors in your aviary, but the responsibility of mixing Budgerigars and Finches must be your own. (5) About 40 the size of a Canary, but that is the full number for breeding results.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W.J.C.—Pneumonia.

M.P., Liverpool.—Necrosis of the lungs, with enlargement of the liver and spleen of specific origin, and contagious in character.

G. H. Parker.—Inflammation of the bowels due to ptomaine poisoning. Use scrupulous cleanliness, and prepare egg perfectly fresh. There is evidently some fault with the feeding.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. E. Tyrrell.—Your letter has been duly forwarded.

J. W. Holmes.—Your club notice card arrived Thursday morning, too late for insertion in our last issue. See notice at foot of column, page 8.

J. M. Brisband.—The stoppage of the crop (this was the nature of the trouble) may be brought about by any one of quite a number of things that might be swallowed, but only an examination carried out at the time of death can determine the precise cause.

F. J. Elliott.—The secs. of the New Cross C.B.S. are Messrs. Burton Bros., 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E. Pleased to hear of your good luck with your Yorkshires.

Loco.—There is only one Linnet. Such terms as Brown, Red, Grey, Marble-breasted, etc., merely refer to phases of the plumage. The "Green Linnet" is the Greenfinch; this bird is not a Linnet at all.

A. J. Rea.—We are pleased to hear you now say that you have found judges "most straightforward and fair." Your other opinions, of course, you're quite entitled to hold; and equally, of course, are we entitled to venture to think that they are not well founded.

A. Hinson.—The only book we know of dealing with the subject you mention is "The Pet Book," by Frank Finn, price 5s. 4d. post free from our office.

C. Kitchens.—With the exception of Nn. 1, Ragwort, we do not recognise any of the plants sent as being commonly in use amongst bird-keepers. The others are unknown to us, except No. 5, which is obviously one of the campanulas (bell-flowers).

H. J. Simmons.—Thanks for your letter. We'll get the information respecting the bill in due course.

W. Burbidge.—We hope to publish the account of the ramble this week. It is in type and only severe pressure on space has kept it out.

W. Blair, A. Wright, T. Hay, and Others. — We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Amble C.B.S. July 20, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6 o'c. Report of First Feather Show; also prizes will be distributed. J. T. Crackett.

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—July 19, Mr. Hannighan's, 7.30. Balance sheet young bird show; special cup business.—R. Peart.

Birmingham South O.S.—July 19, 7 p.m. Young bird show; birds staged at 4 p.m. Members please have birds in time, so "wrong class" birds can be put right before judging.—J. Sheppard.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—July 23, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 6.30 p.m. First feather show; judge, Mr. Mattrass; liberal classification; good specials.—R. Elliott.

Bradford East O.S.—July 19, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Members' F.F. show; judge, L. Dykes, Esq., Bolton Woods. Birds to be staged by 2.30 p.m. Entries Friday night and Saturday, at Schools.—H. Hill.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—July 26, Severn Stars, Riddings, 7 p.m. All members requested to attend to pick date for open show; other important business.—A. Smith.

Derby C.B.S.—July 26, Normanton Hotel, 7 p.m. Date of members' show, etc; all members kindly attend.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Ealing, Hanwell F.S.—July 19, St. John's Memorial Hall, Leiland Road, West Ealing, at 7.30. Second show season; all cups in competition. Cage bird judge, Mr. P. Rorke.—R. Bamber.

East Ham F.S.—July 24, Earl of Wakefield, 8 p.m. Lecture on fanciers' societies, by Mr. Oakes.—W. Kite.

Grangemouth O.S.—July 19, Rochabite Hall, 3 p.m. F. Feather show; meeting during judging.—J. Woodhouse.

Guisbro' Priory C.B.S.—July 26, Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Classification for next table show.—J. G. Cook.

Halifax C.S.—July 19, Plummet Line Hotel. Nest feather show; birds staged at 2.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cockheaton). Entries taken before show.—H. Clegg.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 21, White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Monthly table show; judge, Mr. G. Cartwright. July 19th, F.F. show; judge, Mr. H. Mallinson, at the headquarters.—A. Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—July 21, St. George's School, 8 p.m. Amalgamation business.—T. Allsop.

Idle C.B.S.—July 19, White Bear Inn, 3. F.F. show; judge, Mr. C. A. House. Birds to be staged 2.30. Entries, Friday night. All visitors welcome.—C. E. Hylton.

Kent County C.B.A.—July 31, 36a, Snargate-st., 8.30 p.m. Committee, to grant patronage. Secretaries please notice.—H. Wood.

London Federation of C.B.S.—July 18, The El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8 p.m. Reconstruction of Federation. Will representatives of affiliated and unaffiliated societies please attend.—J. C. Birch.

Leyton C.B.A.—July 19, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, 4 p.m. Young stock show; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Forse and Son.

London and Counties A.C.B.—July 20, The Globe, Maple St., Tottenham Court Rd., 4 o'c. Eighth annual young bird show.—G. G. Stubbs.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—July 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Special meeting, important business; half-yearly balance sheet, etc. H. Boothman.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—July 19, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 5 p.m. Young bird show; payment prize money and specials for nest feather show.—F. Moore.

Northern Crest Club.—July 23, 65, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 p.m. Appoint new secretary, etc.—J. G. Hutchinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 22, Balmoral Hotel, Harpurhey, 8 p.m. J. Davey.

North Shields C.B.C.—Aug. 6, Stone Hall, Howdon Rd., 7.30 prompt. Table show for British birds; birds staged by 7 p.m.—R. P. Fox.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—July 23, 65, Grainger-st., 8 p.m. Meeting and table show; usual classes; points cup competition; judge, Mr. Tomlinson.—R. Tindale.

North Wales C.B.S.—July 19, Assembly Rooms, 7.15 p.m. Copy of balance sheet after members' show.—R. E. Griffith.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—July 23, Alhambra Club, 8.30 p.m. Arrangement for ramble and general business.—Fred Washbourne.

Redcar C.B.S.—July 19, at Crown and Anchor. 4. Second F.F. Show.—C. L. Mallory, Sec.

Southern Border F.C.—July 24, The Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W., 7.45 p.m. Agenda contains most important business; members try and attend. Visitors cordially invited.—F. Moore.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 21, Headquarters, 8 p.m. —J. Bamford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 19, Fawcett-st. Cafe, 7.30 p.m. N.F. show same night, birds staged six. Classification of patronages applied for. Subs. are due July 19.—J. Peacock.

Tong C.B.S.—July 19, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show; birds to be staged by 3 o'clock; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford). — W. Walker.

Universal Social Club C.B.S.—July 26, 7 o'clock. Final meeting before show business; important; subs. to be paid before show.—J. Smith.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 19, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30 p.m. Members' show; silver cup for best novice bird; judge, Mr. J. Greaves (Manningham). Entries, Friday, 8 to 11 p.m.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wood Green F.F.A.—July 19, Assembly Rooms, High Road. Young stock show of cage birds; judge, Jeffery Jeffries. Open 2 till 9.—T. Callegari.

Wombwell B.F.S.—July 26, Zion School room. N.F. show; birds staged 2; judge, Mr. J. Warrender, Hoyland.—J. W. Dean.

Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. and M.C.—July 19, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7.30 p.m. Business very important; hope all members will attend; patronages; books, etc.—T. H. Inman.

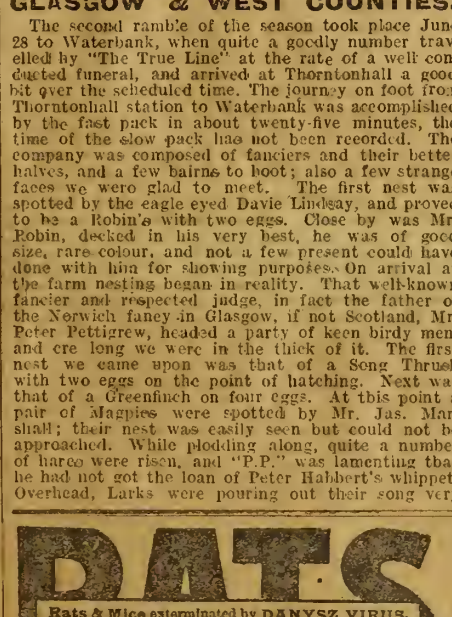
Windsor C.B.A.—July 23, at Headquarters. 6.30. First Feather Show, four special prizes.—E. Strickland, Sec.

GLASGOW & WEST COUNTIES.

The second ramble of the season took place June 28 to Waterbank, when quite a goodly number travelled by "The True Line" at the rate of a well conducted funeral, and arrived at Thorntonhall a good bit over the scheduled time. The journey on foot from Thorntonhall station to Waterbank was accomplished by the fast pack in about twenty-five minutes, the time of the slow pack has not been recorded. The company was composed of fanciers and their better halves, and a few bairns to boot; also a few strange faces we were glad to meet. The first nest was spotted by the eagle eyed Davie Lindsay, and proved to be a Robin's with two eggs. Close by was Mr. Robin, decked in his very best, he was of good size, rare colour, and not a few present could have done with him for showing purposes. On arrival at the farm nesting began in reality. That well-known fancier and respected judge, in fact the father of the Norwich fancy in Glasgow, if not Scotland, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, headed a party of keen birdy men, and ere long we were in the thick of it. The first nest we came upon was that of a Song Thrush with two eggs on the point of hatching. Next was that of a Greenfinch on four eggs. At this point a pair of Magpies were spotted by Mr. Jas. Marshall; their nest was easily seen but could not be approached. While plodding along, quite a number of hares were risen, and "P.P." was lamenting that he had not got the loan of Peter Halbert's whippet. Overhead, Larks were pouring out their song very lustily. Mr. William Jamieson spotted the next nest, a Blackbird's, with four eggs. At this stage a very painful incident came under our notice—a weasel had seized a young Plover and had practically sucked it to death. Our next nest was a Blackbird's with four young just beginning to pen, and in close proximity we found another "Blackie" on four eggs. We noticed that the clutches of eggs are considerably less in this district than in former years. Various clutches that came under our notice had been sucked by weasels. A Yellowhammer's with four young was found by that pair of veterans, C. McLeerie and Wm. Jamieson, and shortly after a Chaffinch's with four eggs. Swallows are plentiful, and quite a number of nests were seen in the byre and hay-shed. A hole in a beech tree provided the apartments of a family of young Starlings. It was now approaching the tea hour, and the guid wives had been busy in the interval. Kettles were plentiful, in fact, we have seen many a travelling tinker with a smaller stock. Tea, pies, and sandwiches were soon served out. Tea being over a programme of sports was gone through, for which some good prizes were given. Mr. A. Macfarlane, a well-known ped. of three decades ago, acted as handicapper and starter, whilst Mr. Peter Pettigrew was judge. Results were as follow:—100 yards, men, 1, Marshall; 2, Macfarlane; 3, McGowan. 75 yards, boys, 1, Wm. Macfarlane; 2, J. Macfarlane. Ladies' race, 1, Minnie Gibson; 2, Annie Gibson; 3, Chrissie Gibson. A dead-heat occurred in this race, but in the run-off, Minnie Gibson won by ½ yard. Boys' race, 1, Wm. Macfarlane; 2, Jackie Macfarlane; 3, Wm. Gibson. Walking race, 1, Gibson; 2, Macfarlane; 3, Marshall. Football and dancing concluded the sports. Piper Archibald McNeill was in one of his happiest veins, and played some rollicking music to the trippers of the light fantastic. A special word of praise is due to Messrs. A. Macfarlane and Peter Pettigrew. The latter, we hear, was presented with a gold scarf-pin of a birdy pattern by a group of strangers present; long may he be spared to wear it.

LEICESTER (King's Head) BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

The fourth annual ramble took place June 1, the district chosen being Six Hills. A start was made at 9.30 a.m. from headquarters, 25 members congratulating each other on their happy choice of a date, the conditions being perfect. Soon getting into the country, we heard the Whitethroat singing his jerky little song, the sweet notes of the Robin, the longer and bolder song of the Hedge Accentor. Near a G.C.R. cutting we observed the Magpie feeding, also the Yellow Wagtail, while in a neighbouring cornfield we saw probably a unique sight, a little owl resting on the ground in the full glare of the sun. A halt was called at the old-fashioned "Gate Hangs Well," and refreshments supplied. Here were Swifts, Swallows, Martins, in abundance circling overhead, around the old shedding, and along the watercourse, now and then entering the barns, probably feeding their young. The Willow Warbler's plaintive song was heard, Blue Tits were seen hanging from the leaves, insect hunting, while the Great Tit called to them with his "Ring, Ting, Ting," from the tops of the tallest trees. The Chaffinch, Blackbird, the Thrush, and the perky little Jenny Wren, all helped to swell the music in this typical country spot. The Rooks flapped lazily across the fields in the heat of the sun, while from shady copse came the call of the Cuckoo. On arriving at "Six Hills" Hostelry, we were met by Host Sadler, and treated with every courtesy. The party now did justice to a substantial spread, after which a ramble round was taken under the guidance of Messrs. Cole, Deacon, Smith, and Pinsent. This is a splendid breeding spot, the gorse-covered ground affording protection for scores of Linnets. It should be a musical colony in a few months. More than a dozen nests were found by our party, each one containing five or six young birds. At the foot of the hedgerow a Willow Warbler had built, and five pretty little eggs were seen. Thrushes and Blackbirds were numerous, with young nearly on the wing. Other finds were a Chaffinch and eggs, Yellowhammer sitting close, Greenfinch and Bullfinch both with young, a Whitethroat and eggs, but the prettiest sight was to come. A pair of Redstarts were seen busily flitting to and fro, carrying food. The party approached quietly, and were rewarded by a peep at six tiny little birds, their golden-tipped tails having just struck through. One of our party climbed several tall trees, and reported four young Magpies, in one nest, and three in another. The Cliff Chaff was seen, but the nest could not be found amongst the undergrowth. Upon our last visit here, we listened with pleasure to the song of the Nightingale, but this time Philomel was a noticeable absentee. Time was now getting on, and we returned to the hostel, where we indulged in a chat on bird life generally. The weather was delightful all through, and at the end of the return journey each expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the trip. In the clubroom, a vote of thanks was passed to the committee, and the host and patron of the club, Mr. J. Pinsent, for their services. This was suitably replied to, and the company dispersed. Wishing success to CAGE BIRDS.—Wm. Burbridge, Sec.



Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest, July 19, at Queen's Hotel, Tyldesley, for time and quality. Prizes according to entries. Commence at 3 p.m.—T. Harrison, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, July 12, and 28 birds were entered for three good prizes: 1, J. Brindley; 2, J. Kirk; 3, W. Nelson. Also on 13th, 17 birds were entered for three prizes, the winners were 1, 3, W. Nelson; 2, J. Kirk.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, held Butchers' Arms, Union St., July 12, for time: 1, G. Bate; 2, J. Green; 3, G. Bate. Time-keepers, Messrs. Hickman and Talbot; tapsters, Bate and Green; minutes, Caswell. After contest we spent an enjoyable evening. Next contest for time July 26th, first pair up at 2.45 prompt.—E. Hickman, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Woodman Inn Linnet Club weekly contest, when we had some good singing. Winners: T. Piper, 109, 1st and 2nd, 66; Mr. T. Jonce, 3rd, 56. Also we had an open contest, when only 11 birds were entered, a big falling off with other contests. The winners were T. Jones, B. Nelson, and W. Proctor. Please remember our weekly open contests.—W. Beard, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet contest, July 12, when Mr. Austin, "British Oak," Carbrook Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield, gave three special prizes to be sung for (three minutes' time singing); 16 birds entered: Albert 79 sec.; Rodgers 64 sec.; Woodcock and Thompson 59 sec. each. July 13, Albert 68 sec.; Rodgers 65 sec.; Thompson 63 sec. Contests every week-end.—A. Thompson, Sec.

LEEDS.

Prince Albert Linnet, Newtown, Leeds, usual weekly contest for quality singing, held July 13, when 12 birds sang for three good prizes. Result, 1, F. Gray; 2, 3, G. Brabiner. It was our annual "trip off," on that date. Judges, A. Binner and P. Maddon.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, held King's Head, Shannon Street, July 13, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tilloteon: 1, C. Ward; 2, J. Bland; 3, B. Farrar. Judges: S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members sing held Headquarters July 5, when 21 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, C. Potter; 2, J. Liversidge; 3, A. Cooper. Also sing held Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, July 12, when 20 birds sang for three prizes. Mr. Potter again obtained 1st and 2nd; J. Liversidge 3rd shared between J. Bath and J. Wallis. A match between birds belonging to J. Wallis and J. Liversidge was decided in favour of Mr. Wallis's bird, after a keen struggle. Members please note: Meeting will be held after sing on July 19, to arrange for August Bank Holiday sing. We shall be pleased to see all members and anyone else desirous of joining our club.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

F.F. Show, held July 12, at the Library Hall, Stoke Newington. Total entries were 133, an increase of 29 on last year. Mr. W. H. Ayling's novice Norwich was awarded special for best bird in show. Mr. G. King spl. best in champion section; Mr. J. Bell, amateur; Mr. T. Ward, British; Mr. G. Mortlock, foreign. Mrs. W. J. Salter, best bird shown by a lady.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

From the marked catalogue sent we note that the principal winners were: Champion Section, Messrs. Canthorne (Nor.), Bennett King, W. J. Salter, Penton (Yorks), Mrs. Salter (Bord.). Amateur, Messrs. Parks, Lacey, Neighbour (Yorks.). Bell, Miss Jeffries (Bord.). Novice: J. F. Salter, Trevallion, Ayling, Burrows (Nor.), Barber, Bolt, Madell, Wood, Grounsell, Dr. Higgins (Yorks.), Williams, Barber, Stephens, Dr. Higgins (Bord.), Stephens, Bell, Sadler, Ward, Hammond, Mortlock (Brit.), Bell, Mortlock (For.).

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Club Reports.

FELLING AND DISTRICT F. & F.S.

At meeting held July 5 Mr. W. R. Clark, in chair, it was decided to hold all future meetings on the first Wednesday in each month, instead of Saturday. Will all members please note.—G. Garbutt, Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Points gained at the July Show in the Monthly Show Competition, were as follows:—F. Dandridge, 17; H. T. Gibb, 15; H. S. Morrish, 9; W. Wall, 9; R. Williams, 7; Rev. T. W. Miller, 5; D. S. Dean, 4; G. Beck, 4; G. Absolon, 4; E. Olle, 3; J. Brown, 1.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

First Nest Feather Show on Wednesday, July 23, at the George Hotel. Following classes provided: Yorks, Norwich, A.O.V., Can., Mule or Hybrid, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll, Gold. or Bullfinch, Green., Bramble., or Chaffinch. Birds to be staged by 8 o'clock.—A. Walker and H. Todd, Hon. Secretaries.

REDCAR C.B.S.

Meeting held at Crown and Anchor, July 5. Mr. Dawson chair. A poor attendance of members; I should like to see more turn up and take an interest in the society. Decided to hold our 2nd F.F. show, July 19, at 4, Crown and Anchor. Classes: Yorks., Yell., Buff; Novice, Any Col.; Rung Any Col.; Nor., Yell., Buff; Novice, Any Col.; Rung Any Col., Canary A.O.V., Mule or Hybrid; Linnet; A.O.V. Brit. Members please bring birds in good time.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held Club Hall, July 5, when eight members turned up. Messrs. W. Carr and Son were prevented from attending owing to Mrs. W. Carr being ill, and she has since unfortunately passed away. Mr. Carr has all the members' sympathy in his sad bereavement. Decided to add Border classes to schedule to apply for the N.B. and S.F.C.'s patronage; rest of schedule to remain as it was last show. Members classes left over to next meeting, which is Aug. 2.—W. Tomlinson, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Y.M. Halls, July 12th; president in the chair. Final arrangements were made for young bird show, in Camera Club Rooms, Saturday, 2nd August; judging to start at six. Mr. J. Braidwood (Burnbank) to judge. Even with the bad season we expect very keen competition at this show, especially amongst the Border men. Mr. Marley's gold medal was on view; medal to be won outright by novice gaining most points at our annual show. The definition of a novice in our club caused a considerable amount of discussion; we decided to leave it over till next meeting, on July 26th, and hear other members' views.—A. Thomson, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Meeting, July 9, at Mechanics' Institute, R. Rhodes (chair). After some discussion it was decided to accept "Cage Birds" Championship Competition in connection with our open show, Nov. 14 and 15. The secretary was instructed to write for a supply of coupons, so that all members who wish to compete can obtain their supply through the society. Decided to write the Midland Yorkshire Club, and ask for their terms for patronage. Owing to the next meeting falling in the holidays, it was decided to postpone this until Sept. 9, when it is hoped that all members will turn up and enable us to commence the show work in real earnest.—J. G. Royce, Hon, Asst. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting and Table Show, July 2, Mr. Mather presided. The following shows were granted the club's patronage:—Newcastle, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Hartlepool, Gateshead, and Sunderland. Decided that competitions for challenge cup and Ramsden's special be granted to Gateshead Show. Next table show July 23. Members please note that we are about to print handbook, and as only paid-up members names appear therein, it will save the club expense if unpaid members will forward their subscriptions at an early date. The table show was fairly well supported in the champion section, the novice classes were again much below what we have seen in previous years, and it was found necessary to amalgamate the two classes in this section. Mr. R. Tindale judged. CHAMP., CL.: 1, hc, Cattell; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Crawhall. TICK. or MKD.: 1, vhc, Mather; 2, hc, Crawhall; 3, 4, Cattell; c, Dix. NOV. A.V.: 1, 4, Hedley; 2, 3, Mirley; vhc, hc, Witherley.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road, July 12. A moderate number of members attending. Mr. W. Morement (chairman) informed the members that it was necessary for the society to change the meeting night to the alternative Saturday. This being done, he said he would be obliged to tender his resignation as chairman, as our meetings in future would clash with certain business he was engaged in elsewhere. After the resignation had been accepted with regret, a vote of thanks was proposed to him, and carried by all present for his services in the past, to which Mr. Morement replied, saying he was sorry to have to resign, but would still continue to be a worker in the society. (Applause.) Mr. T. Fortman (Deputy Chairman) was then called upon to take charge of the meeting for the remainder of the evening. Next came the nomination of a new chairman. Mr. G. Hunter, one of the deputies being elected to fill the vacancy. This bringing the meeting to a close.—P. N. Jenkinson, Asst. Sec.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, July 12, one of the best meetings we have had this year. The chair was taken by Councillor D. R. Jones. Election of officers for ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. D. R. Jones, who thanked the members for the confidence reposed in him; vice-chairman, Mr. Jos. Owens, who also thanked the members; secretary, with no other name before the meeting, Mr. John once again accepted, and the acceptance was very popular among the members. Re guaranteeing for advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, it was proposed that the secretary do so at once, and that he order coupons to the extent of 10/-, to start with. The Society has gone back to the old date in January, and trust that we shall be able to have a more successful show. All the members were very sorry to hear of the continued illness of our worthy show manager, Mr. T. J. Gregory, and his wife, he being one of our foremost members and a good worker in the cause. A vote of sympathy is to be sent him. The secretary mentioned that he had written Mr. Holmes, the president, but upon going to see him, found that Mr Holmes was too ill to make an appearance, as he generally does upon our yearly meetings. It was proposed that we forward to him a vote of sympathy on behalf of the members. Mr. John gave the auditor's report and balance sheet for the last show, and said it was not so good as he should like it to be, but he had done his best. We had a balance in the bank to start with of £5 19s. 1d., and to-day at the bank had £6 6s. 8d. Every credit was given by the auditors for the way in which Mr. John works up the show; they say that his books are a credit to the society. Three new members were proposed and accepted: Mr. Dd. Saunders, Mr. Dd. Davies, and Mr. Wm. Williams.

PONTYPRIDD AND DIS. F. & F.S.

Meeting held Victoria Hotel, July 12. Several new members were made, which brought the number up to 52. This means the number of members has been more than doubled since last year. A good sign for the prosperity of this society. Mr. C. A. House judges the cage birds at our fixture on November 26 next.—A. A. G. McLucas.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting held headquarters, "The Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Rd. Mr. R. J. Pretty presided, and a fair number of members attended. Young bird show was fixed for July 26th, when we hope to have a record. Will all members and friends who have not yet seen our new hall kindly do their utmost to be present.—G. G. Stubbs, hon. sec.

STRATFORD AND E. LONDON.

Meeting held July 10, Workman's Hall. Specials and prizes presented, also Mr. Moxay's testimonial presented. New members: Miss Barrelet (Leyton), Mr. A. Low (Walthamstow); judges fixed for next evening show, Mr. Marley for cage birds. Special for each section given. Show July 24, Workman's Hall, all members must attend August 14, when all arrangements for Young Stock Show will be settled. —A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting, July 9, at Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath. Chairman Willmott occupied his usual place before a good gathering of members. Mr. H. Bevins, Hall Green, was nominated a member, a very hearty vote of thanks to the stewards for their help at the last show was given, and the following elected for Saturday, the 19th (due at room not later than 3 p.m.) Messrs. Kidner, Hughes. Swindon, Adcock, and Burke. Specials and prize money were paid out.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

SOUTH MOOR (Social) F.F. & C.B.S

Meeting held July 13, Mr. Shelley in the chair, before a good attendance. Carried, to have our annual show Jan. 30, 1914, Mr. Emmerson to judge the Cage Birds, and Mr. B. Walker other sections. Decided to have rules drawn up. Secretary to bring them before next meeting, August 3. These Club Shows are getting a rage just now about North-West Durham, and drawing a lot of cage bird fanciers into them. We see the Victoria Club, Stanley (our neighbours) are having a char-a-banc trip and hope they get a fine day.—George Lane, Sec.

EAST STANLEY F. & F.S.

Meeting held, Empire Club Room, July 13. Vote of thanks was passed to committee for the way they have worked for the benefit of their members (fanciers) in presenting five cups for our show on November 22. It was also passed to ask committee to get some Fancy papers in club for benefit of the members, to try and encourage the Fancy in our district. We expect to have our next show as good as any open show within 20 miles of West Stanley, so as to give Mr. House a good time up here.—Wm. Robinson, Sec.

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held July 12, at "Black Bull," Mr. Truman presiding over a good attendance. Decided to hold 2nd first feather show on July 26th, birds to be staged at 4 o'clock; judge, Mr. J. Green. Classes: (1) Yell. Yorks., (2) Buff, (3) Yell. Nor., (4) Buff, (5) A.O.V. Can., (6) Mule or Hyb., (7) Goldf. or Bullf., (8) Linnet, etc., (9) A.O.V. Finch, or Bunting, (10) A.V. Brit. Hen, (11) A.V. Softbill, (12) A.V. Brit. not prev. mentioned. Five new members were enrolled in Messrs. Lean, Temperton, Banjard, Smith and Graham. Mr. Carter kindly promised 2s. 6d. for most points in Yorks.—G. Hunt, hon. sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Montbly meeting, July 7, at Grange Park Hall. Mr. Bartlett occupied the chair, and there were a good number present to hear our member, Mr. A. J. Marley, give a lecture on British Birds. The lecturer treated the subject in his usual masterly style, how to select birds, how to get on hard seed, also the best cages to use, then how to moult, and finally exhibiting. The lecturer afterwards gave some good advice on the more popular varieties of Softbills, and having spoken for over an hour resumed his seat amidst hearty applause from all. He then answered a number of questions, and a vote of thanks, to which Mr. Marley suitably responded, brought a pleasant and instructive evening to a close at 10.15 p.m.—A. W. Farmer, Hon. Asst. Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

General meeting held "El Vino," Piccadilly Place, July 8th, the President, Mr. R. L. Crisp, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. Correspondence to date was read, including letters from CAGE BIRDS re World's Championship Competition, and the London Federation, referring to the reconstruction of same, with a proposal from Woolwich and Plumstead C.B.S. suggesting an inter club competition for a trophy, also particulars and sample of material of a "Cosy Carrier" for show cages were passed round, this being manufactured by Messrs. Barron and Co. Mr. E. C. Offord was elected a delegate to the London Federation. Balance sheet of young bird show was read and favourably received. It being the first show of our hon. secretary, Mr. Jas. Bray, junr., he was congratulated, also upon the prompt manner in which the balance sheet was placed before the members; it showed no loss to the association. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Jas. Bray, junr., and Mr. J. Robson for their services in connection with the young bird show. Messrs. J. Taylor and H. W. Hewitt were nominated for membership. The schedule of the 25th annual Great International Cage Bird Show was submitted to the members and was unanimously passed. The names of the gentlemen elected to judge will shortly appear in the Fancy Press. The remainder of the evening was passed with some very interesting questions being answered and freely discussed by the members. It was agreed that our meeting, which should take place on August 12th, be abandoned. A committee meeting was held afterwards, and Messrs. J. Taylor and H. W. Hewitt were elected members.—F. Knight, Press Correspondent.

Correspondence.

Twin Eggs This Time.

SIR,—I have this morning (July 9) taken from a Canary's nest an egg which has another perfect egg inside. The outer shell is soft, and the colour of the Hedge Sparrow's eggs, containing only the white, and no yolk. The inner one is an ordinary Canary egg with a hard shell. Last night the hen looked very mopy, and I thought I should have lost her, but she is all right now. Have you known anything like this before? If you would care to see it I would send it along for your inspection. Have bred Yorkshires and Norwich for this last 10 years, but I have not seen two distinct eggs in one. This hen is not young, but 3 year old, and brought up three nests last year and two this. She has not laid anything like this before. Does this not help to prove that two eggs can be laid in one day? I wish CAGE BIRDS success; I have read it for years, and cannot do without it.

R. H. GRANT.

[We have had other cases of "twin" eggs recorded in our columns, and some years ago reproduced a photograph of one, showing a smallish egg inside a larger one.—EDITOR.]

The Breeding of Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids.

Sir,—I would like to say with regard to the correspondence over the Goldie-Twite cross, that it is by no means new, as Messrs. Muir and Hennan (well-known British bird exhibitors) have bred various crosses through the Twite. The Goldie-Twite was the most common, and they, to my knowledge, showed it on the bench last year. I may state that they have still in their bird-room a few more of the same cross. I expected to see in your last issue of CAGE BIRDS a letter from either of these gentlemen, making mention of the fact. Their modesty, I expect, has kept them from rushing into print, hence the reason I write. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

WELL-WISHER.

[The claim made was, we fancy, that Mr. Alexander's birds were the first bred in Ireland.—Editor.]

SIR,—I beg to inform your numerous readers that last season I was fortunate enough to get eggs and youngsters. The Goldfinch was a Scotch Goldie and the hen Twite was caught in this vicinity. In all she had over a dozen eggs. I may say that the Twite built her own nest in a tree in one of my aviaries, and hatched four youngsters, but let them die after four days. I tried the other eggs under different hens, but with the same result—after four days old they seem to die. My hen died at the beginning of the season or else I would have had another try. I may say that I have eggs of the Greenfinch cock and Bullie hen, also of the Bramblefinch cock and Chaffinch hen. I have also with eggs a pair of Greenfinches breeding in a cage. I am waiting on results—looking for the cloud with the silver lining. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

JAMES DUNCAN,
Inverness.

Whose Youngsters Are They?

Curious Happening in an Aviary.

Sir,—I should like your opinion on the following: I have a cock Chaffinch, cock Twite and hen Greenfinch, flying in an aviary, 10ft. square, with Budgerigars and other foreign birds. One day I noticed an egg on the floor, and saw the Greenfinch looking a bit seedy, and afterwards she started carrying moss, etc., for a nest. I formed a rough nest with hay, and placed it in a Cockatiel nest-box, close to roof. She built her nest on top, and has now four youngsters. The peculiar part about it is all three birds are feeding the youngsters. Is this an uncommon cross? It is very doubtful whose the youngsters are, as I noticed both the Chaffinch and Twite "driving" the hen. I have had the Chaffinch 5 years, the hen Greenfinch 5 years, and the Twite 3 years. They are fed on a good mixed seed, plenty of different seedling grasses and greenfood, soaked Osborne biscuits, beetles, caterpillars, etc.

TWITE-FINCH.

[This letter is dealt with this week in Mr. Norman's query columns.—Ed.]

The History of a Cage-Bred Bullfinch.

(See photograph on front page this week).

SIR,—I herewith enclose photo of my favourite Bullfinch having his morning bath. He is a fine bird, and the history of him is, his parents were caught, the cock at Bishop Stortford and his mother at Dunmow (both in Essex). They were caught last November twelve months. He was bred in a cage 4ft. wide, 5ft. high by 20 inches. The old birds had two nests, but did not rear the young. I placed one egg under a Yorkshire hen Canary, which she hatched, and brought this young bird up. This season I have put him with a Yorkshire hen Canary, and am pleased to say they are building a nest, so I hope to have some luck by them. Having heard from other bird breeders that it is a very rare thing for a pair of wild birds to breed in captivity, I thought it would be of interest to your readers. The small inset photo shows this young cock Bullfinch with the above-mentioned Yorkshire hen, in the breeding cage.

W. T. ABBOTT.

[Writing later, Mr. Abbott says that he regrets to have to report that the eggs of the first nest have proved unfertile, but that he hopes for better fortune with the next clutch.—EDITOR.]

Reported Hatching of Some Remarkable Hybrids.

A reader states that he has young in the nest from an Orange Bishop and a hen Canary.

Sir,—I have at last been successful in obtaining two young ones (now a week old) from an Orange Bishop cock and a Buff Green Norwich hen. Until this I have been exceedingly unfortunate in this aviary, having lost every nest of eggs. I had cock Greenfinch (Muler), hen Chaffinch, two hen Canaries, cock Goldfinch (Muler), cock Siskin (Muler). The Canaries laid and would sit, but from each nest I found the eggs gradually disappear. I watched and could not find which had them. I took three away—Goldfinch-Chaffinch and Greenfinch—thinking possibly it might be one of them who relished the eggs. I had seen the Orange Bishop pair several times with this Buff Green hen, and anxiously watched and waited for eggs. What I think the more extraordinary is the fact that the Orange Bishop is not in his "breeding plumage," as he moulted about the end of last December, or January, and is still in his winter garb. I had a Canary (prize-bred Plainhead Norwich) hen, one from a noted breeder, which cost 20s., sitting on three good eggs, and was expecting her to hatch in a day or two. I noticed this hen was off rather too much, but being such hot and close weather I thought that might be the reason. But the next day I noticed the same occurrence, so I went and took down the nest to see if eggs had hatched; it was empty, not a sign of an egg. The hen was flying about with the other birds. Having some eggs that had been sat on and were of no use, I put two of them in the nest (one was addled) and stood away under cover, and watched. After a time she went to the nest and saw the eggs and was there some time looking at them, and turning them over, as I thought. When she came away I took the nest down, and she had commenced to eat the addled one. Then I concluded what had become of all the others. I caught her up. The other hen went to nest and laid four eggs and hatched two young, but the cock Orange Bishop takes no interest in them whatever. It rests between the hen and myself, as we both feed the young. I had another Buff Green hen that had commenced to build in another cage, so I caught her up and put her in the same aviary and hung the cock Canary in a cage on the wires outside. This hen called, and the Orange Bishop paired immediately with her, and I am in hopes I may get a nest of the same cross from this one. My hens this season have turned out failures for feeding. Do you know of any previous record of such a cross? I am also trying to procure a cross from an Oryx Weaver. He is just coming into breeding plumage; moulted about same time as the Orange Bishop. It is the same Orange Bishop that I wrote about last season, that a hen Bullfinch took a fancy to, owing, as I supposed, to his bright colours, but shortly after he had a very quick moult and lost his bright plumage, being more like a light coloured Sparrow. The hen Bullfinch's affections then waned, and she took no notice of him. I unfortunately lost the hen in moult. I think there is a large and interesting field for experimenting in Hybrid and Mule breeding in the varied consignments of foreign birds, both seed-eating and softbills, imported into England, but anyone going in for such must be prepared for failure after failure; and after each failure to come up again smiling with the determination to succeed. The above have only been attained after trying every season for many, many years.

F. J. WEAIRE.

More Twin Canaries.

Sir,—It may interest you to know that I have twin birds (Canaries), both from one egg. They are now about eight weeks. I believe they are both cock birds, and they are in the best of health.

H. Skinner.

Another Hen Blackbird that Maims Nestlings.

Sir,—Referring to a letter in to-day's issue (12th) of Cage Birds, signed "Mancunian," I would like to say that, curiously enough, shortly after reading the letter referred to I had occasion to visit my garden aviary and found a hen Blackbird busily nibbling at a small object on the ground of the flight. It looked horribly like a nestling, and upon entering I found a young bird about a week old, presumably a Java Sparrow (of this I am not certain) with the beak nearly eaten off, no other part of the bird being in any way injured. This is not the first time I have found nestlings thus maimed, and now I have no doubt about my tame hen Blackbird being the offender. I had never had a like experience before her ladyship was placed in the aviary, and I have kept birds in this way for several years.

(Mrs.) A. Lester.

The "Only Way" to Sex Young Canaries.

Sir,—There is only one way to tell. The young Canaries are more difficult than the old birds. By the vent I can tell the sex when a bird is a week old, and I have sorted young Canaries for fanciers many times, also Goldfinch-Canary Mules. I have had nests of Blackbirds and other birds brought for me to tell which are the cock birds, and have often been asked to tell parties about a bird they have bought for a cock, and it has been a hen. I tell them it will lay another season, and it has proved true. A cock bird's vent is about a sixteenth of an inch from the body, and a hen's vent is perfectly flat. This is the only way you can tell. I have been in the Fancy about 50 years (have had Cage Birds nearly all the time it has been out). I think young fanciers should get to know how many feathers there are in the wing of a bird (the flights), also how many feathers there are in the tail, as feathers are removed sometimes to make a bigger price of a bird.

W. T.

The Linnets' Human Foster Parent.

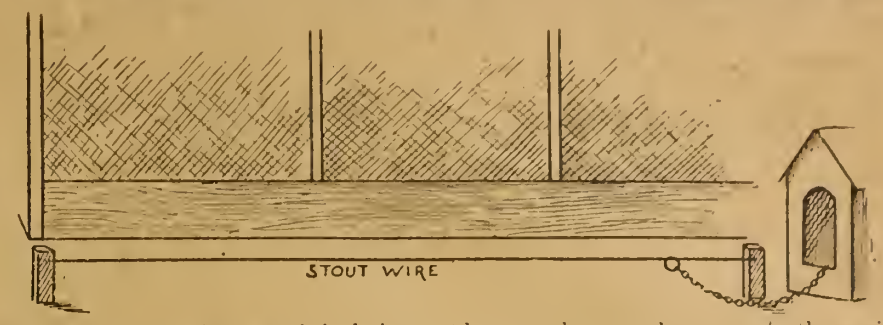
Sir,—Stanley Rennison, Seaton Delaval, is acting as foster parent to five little Linnets which were left parentless when three days old. He found the nest just before the youngsters were hatched, and on going back five days later, found in the nest five little Linnets in an exhausted state. He thought it strango that the birds did not make the usual display of gaping mouth and squeaking noise when he put his hand near the nest, and, being curious, looked about and saw that the two parent birds had been attacked and were lying dead at the foot of the tree. Stanley took the birds home in his handkerchief and at once commenced forcible feeding. Since then the youngsters have never looked behind and have given him quite a busy time attending to their insatiable appetites. The Linnets are now almost ready for flying.

Alex. Wright.

Dogs as Aviary Guards.

Also Some Interesting Breeding Experiences.

Sir,—I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Weston's bad luck in having birds stolen, and to those fanciers who happen to have a good dog perhaps this idea may come in useful. Have the dog kennel at end of the aviary, with two stout posts driven into the ground at each end, and a strong wire line running



from post to post, with a good-sized ring on the wire (put the wire about six inches from the ground). The dog can then run the full length of aviary, and is useful for keeping cats away (note the sketch). I got 5 eggs from my hen Bullie, although she would not sit. I have them now under a hen Canary. She laid 4 in the nest box and one on bottom of cage owing to my taking out the Goldie. I have also a Canary bringing up 4 Brown Linnets. She was sitting two or three days over her time, and the young Linnets were about 10 days old when given her, yet she fed them within 10 minutes of having them. They are now getting about the cage.

J. W. Wright.

Skylarks Bred in an Aviary.

Sir,—I have a hen Skylark sitting on three eggs in my aviary. Both Skylarks were wild birds, bought from a bird shop. The hen I have had five years and the cock two years. The aviary is 5ft. square, with a grass floor, and is only 6ft. from a passage leading to four houses, where people are constantly passing. I would like to know if this is uncommon, and if they have been bred in an aviary before. I shall try to get a photo of nest and eggs, and will send you one if you think it would be of any use. I wish Cage Birds every success.

F. Griffin.

[We shall be glad to have the photo. Skylarks have several times been bred in an aviary, but, of course, the occurrence is uncommon.—Editor.]

SOMETHING ABOUT MY NIGHTINGALES.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A. (Teignmouth).

(Concluded from page 553.)

We certainly also ought not to be satisfied with a bird which only sings for three weeks in the year. I find that slightly heating a bird-room will generally induce a Nightingale to break into song soon after Christmas. This year mine commenced in the middle of January and continned until June 7, but the monlt seems to be exceptionally early this season. I expected to get three weeks more song. Some birds will sing a little in the autumn, but the song is seldom of good quality. I think I have sufficiently pointed out the great value of a Sprosser in bringing a Nightingale into song; but do not forget that a Sprosser will almost always succeed in silencing a Nightingale after a time by its more powerful voice. Two Nightingales, however, will keep a Sprosser in check and make a good combination. There is snch a thing as a Nightingale singing itself to death in a song competition, especially a fresh-caught bird, bnt it is rare; generally the vanqnished bird will sulk for a time and so get a rest.

The Value of Exercise.

Before all things, let ns remember that we cannot possibly expect song from a bird which is over fat, and this condition is really one of ill-health. We shall probably not be troubled with this condition if we feed our song birds on a very simple diet, avoiding mealworms as mnch as possible, and see that they get sufficient exercise. I like to see a Nightingale in a cage three feet long, with open ends, and with just two twig perches set as far apart as possible, so that the bird has to nse his wings to cross from one to the other.

To compel the bird to take exercise, I tap the cage at one end with one hand, thns forcing him to the other perch, then I drive him back again with the other hand, "speeding him up" (as they say in America) faster and faster. With a very lazy bird it is sometimes necessary at first to put one's hand into the cage and actually pnsh him from perch to perch! Having once made the bird understand what is required of him, it will generally only be necessary to clap the hands, give a word of command, and off he will go. As yon may very likely think this a first-class way to make a bird wild, perhaps I may mention that I recently had the pleasnre of showing my Nightingales to that well-known expert, Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, and was able to prove to him that a bird trained in this way would stand as steady as a rock and allow itself to be stroked.

A Lover of Beautiful Song.

I have always regarded the keeping of Nightingales, whether rightly or wrongly, as one of the higher branches of avicnltnre. Anyone who will take so much trouble in order to bring into his own house the most beautifnl of all bird-songs is probably a man of some taste, and not in quest of dollars or notoriety. The trapping of a moderate number of males is an actual benefit to the Nightingale community, because more males retnrn in the spring than females, and the unmated males greatly interfere with the mated birds; but it can be overdone, and it is overdoue in parts of Germany to-day. Also there are a certain number of Nightingales which will not submit to captivity, and, nnless these wilder birds are released at once, they are doomed. Doomed also are those that fall into careless or inexpert hands. But let ns bear in mind that (in the words of a well-known play) "this is a hard world, a blackgnard hard world." In this world there cannot be hope without fear, joy without sorrow, or virtue if there be no vice. We can only try to make our particular birds as happy as possible.

Let us never forget that when we cage a Nightingale we take from Nature one of her rarest gifts, and, shonld we neglect it, she will snatch that gift away from our nnworthy hands. So let us treat our Nightingale as a companion and a valued friend; let us talk to him and amuse him and show him that we estimate him at his real value, and we shall be repaid a thousandfold.

An Aviculturist of the Olden Time.

I recently came across a link with the past for all lovers of the Nightingale, which seems to me to be very interesting, not only in itself, bnt because it shows in what great esteem the Nightingale-lovers of long ago held their favonrite bird. This charming old Latin epitaph was originally inscribed on a marble vase, which, in the year 1622, was preserved in an old honse near the Porto del Popolo at Rome. The inscription has been preserved for ns by Olina, an Italian anthor who wrote a work on Natural History, pnblished in that year. My best thanks are tendered to Mr. J. E. Harting, the well-known ornithologist, who very kindly copied the inscription for me.

I have translated it into English verse, but I am afraid there are some points in it which are never likely to be fully explained. These old inscriptions are not always easy to translate; this one has evidently been incorrectly copied (by Olina) in two places, and one can only guess what the original text may have been. I restored it as I thought best, and then sent it, with the translation, to my former Headmaster, Bishop Welldon, who most kindly sent it to Mr. Sandys, the Public Orator of Cambridge University, for a second opinion. Its age seems to be donbtful; from internal evidence I thought it old, but Mr. Sandys, whose opinion is of the highest value, considers that it was probably written early in the sixteenth century. I have since heard from him, however, that some authorities think it much older and that Belloni includes it in his "Relics of Ancient Rome." All that we definitely know is that in the year 1622 it was considered old. Not even the united wisdom of Mr. Sandys and Bishop Welldon has been able to throw any light on the statement that the Nightingale which came to such an nntimely end was "selected from the aviary of the Domitii," so I have translated this and some other lines in a general sense.

How Licinius Treated his Nightingale.

There are several points which have special interest for us avicnltnrists. Let us note that this Nightingale was kept in a highly decorated cage in its master's bedroom. There was no "penny tin drinker" in that cage, but a valuable goblet (in a private letter, Mr. Harting writes—"What were the *pocula myrrhina*, which the old Romans prized so much, made of? Painted glass or china? Probably Oriental porcelain), and this was the cause of its sad death.

We are told that the bird was fed on "pastilla." I am sorry to observe that Licinius was not a believer in live insect food, but we must recollect that in a warm climate a Nightingale would do much better on a farinaceous diet than in this conntry. If the epitaph is not earlier than the 16th century, "pastilla" would probably be the soft-food mentioned in my former article (horse-beans grownd fine, sweet almonds, butter, yolk of egg, saffron, and honey), which we are told "is the only meat nsed in Italy for the preserving of Nightingails and is made by the Apothecaries and sold ont by the Penny-worth as frequently as Mithridate or Diascordium is here: this is ready at all times and will continue seven or eight months."

Let Us Honour His Name.

Let us also note that, when his favourite bird died, its master did not tell the "slavey" to throw it into the ash-pit; with his own hands this Roman buried it, and, whilst he did so, he shed tears. Please also observe that Licinius did not keep birds by the dozen or the hundred. No; he kept one bird and that bird he treated as a companion and friend. The resnlt was that his Nightingale would sing when perched upon his finger! Now, if there is any reader who claims to have equalled this feat, let him no longer hide his light under a bushel but come forward and tell ns about it. If there are no claimants, then let us take off our hats to Licinius, gentlemen, and give him three times three, for I think yon will admit that he has beaten ns! The reference in the words "the lone and deadly Lake" is to Avernus, the entrance to Hades, described by some ancient writers as a lake from the surface of which such poisonous vaponrs rose that birds flying across it fell in and were destroyed.

The Nightingale's Epitaph.

To Gods and Birds this stone I dedicate:
To Philomel, a Nightingale destroyed by Fate.

No songster owned by the Domitii
In voice or glossy plnmes with thee could vie.
How oft, dear minstrel, hast thon snng thy lay,
Perched on my finger in thy winning way?
Alas! whilst dipping in thy goblet bright,
Thon didst fall in—and drown, nnlucky wight!
But yesterday wast flitting to and fro
Singing so blithely: now thou liest low
In the chill water's sombre shroud reposed.
Thy feathers draggled and thy bright eyes closed.
Thon wast Licinius' darling and his care:
Licinius fed thee with the daintiest fare;
Didst nestle in his bosom and wast kept
In his own inner chamber where he slept.
With tears, beloved, I lay thee now to rest!
Farewell to that I prized and loved the best!
That flew to greet me as I came and went
And lavished on me song and blandishment.
Farewell! Swift flight to far Elysinm take,
But shun, dear bird, the lone and deadly Lake.

In dainty cage who sang and danced so gay
In Death's dark prison now is voiceless clay.

The "Eternal City" still stands upon its seven hills, but its imperial glories have gone for ever; Licinius lies in some forgotten grave, unhonoured and nnsung; bnt this little Nightingale has achieved immortality. Even to-day the graven stone tells us how it lived and how it died, and we can almost hear its throbbing notes ringing still through the long centuries! What better epitaph conld anyone desire than this? In his life to have soothed, if only for a passing hour, the sorrow of the world, and in his death not to be forgotten. This is the crown all singers seek to win; but how few shall wear it!

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

REDHILL C.B.S.

Y.B. show held July 2 at Lindsey's Hotel. The quantity exceeded last year, and quality was very good. We should have liked to have seen more visitors at the show, but several other things were on that day.—A. W. Hacon, hon. sec.

[From catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were: NOR.: Miss Edwards, Wade. YORKS.: Miss Cameron, Martin, Britton, Roser, Bacon. BORD.: Bacon, Hewett, Martin, Smith. CRESTS: Comber, A.O.V.: Miss Hatch. BRIT.: Miss Hatch, Bignall, Britton, Comber, Miss Cameron, Marriott. MULES: Bignall. Specials were won by Messrs. Roser and Martin.—Ed.]

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show held Lowther Arcade Band Room, July 5. Fifty birds were staged, some very promising birds being on view. Mr. W. H. Hamlyn won spl for best bird with a buff of good length, typical, and in the pink of condition. Mr. W. Mundell, judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (13): 1, 2, Gill; 3, hc, Cobiam; 4, Hamlyn; vhc, Robinson; c, Ireland. BUFF (18): 1, spl best in show, 4, hc, c, Hamlyn; 2, vhc, Ireland; 3, Veitch. MKD. OR VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Cottam; 2, Hamlyn; 3, Gill; 4, Robinson. BUFF (5): 1, Hamlyn; 2, Cottam; 3, Gill; 4, vhc, Duxbury. NOV. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Sergt. Leng; 3, H. Gent. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Sergt. Leng; 3, H. Gent. BRIT. (4): 1, Duxbury; 2, Fawcett; 3, Gent; 4, Hamlyn.—G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Members' F.F. show held at Mail Coach Inn, June 28. Entries were about usual, and the quality average. Mr. G. Stringer won spl for best young Yorks. with a nice cl. buff, and Mr. G. Stafford spl for best young Nor. with a good cl. yell. Mr. W. J. Turner running him very close with a variey. buff, a little too young as yet, but will be heard of again. Mr. J. Webster, Rotherham, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL.: 1, spl, 3, Stringer; 2, c, Bagnall; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Wall. TKD. OR MKD.: 1, Wall; 2, Brotherton; 3, vhc, Stringer; hc, c, Bagnall. NOR. CL.: 1, spl, Stafford; 2, 3, Wall; vhc Bagnall; hc, Ridler; c, Stringer. TKD. OR MKD.: 1, 2, Turner; 3, Bailey; vhc, Stringer; hc, c, Bagnall. OLD YORKS. 1, Bagnall; 2, 3, Brotherton. OLD NOR.: 1, Turner; 2, Bagnall; 3, Ridler; vhc, Jones; hc, Bailey. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Bagnall; 3, hc, c, Jones.—B. Bailey, Sec.

PARTICK C.B.C.

F.F. show held Foresters' Hall, Dumbarton Road. Entries were down a little from last year owing to the bad breeding season some members have had. Quality throughout was very good, some grand birds being staged. Mr. Maxwell won spl. for best bird with a grand buff variey. Plainhead, Mr. Crammond following closely with a nice Border. Mr. F. Taylor judged Plainheads and Mr. F. Bowman Borders and Yorks., and everyone seemed well pleased with their awards. NOR., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, spl., Dow; 3, spl, 4, spl., Maxwell; 5, Fraser; 6, 7, Wylie. BUFF: 1, 3, Fraser; 2, Maxwell; 4, Wylie; 5, Webster; 6, Maxwell. VARIEG. YELL.: 1 Maxwell; 2, Fraser; 3, Wylie. BUFF: 1, spl. best in hall, Maxwell. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, spl., 2 best in hall, Crammond; 2, Kidd. BUFF: 1, 2, Kidd; 3, Crammond. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Crammond. YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, spl. best Yorks. in hall, Priest; 2, Webster; 3, MacRobie; 4, Park. BUFF: 1, 5, spl., Park; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, 4, 7, Webster; 7, Sinclair. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Sinclair. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bowman for judging.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

WATFORD C.B.S.

Ninth annual Y.B. show held July 2, in Conservative Hall. Some 90 birds were staged, among which were some very promising youngsters in both Nor. and Yorks, the former being some of the best seen this season near or in London. Mr. Fox's clear buff and variegated were of nice shape, size, and quality, Mr. Sears running very close with some good birds. Yorks also were good, Mr. Clark's clear buff taking the cup for best young bird, a very fine upstanding bird of nice feather and quality. Mr. Buckingham running up with some good ones, but seemed hardly up to his usual standard. Crests were cancelled. Dame Fortune has not been very kind to most of the breeders, several disasters having been reported, which no doubt accounted for the paucity of entries, this being the smallest show the society has had for some time. Hybrids were few, but good, Mr. Higham's Canary-Bullie looking well and shown in good form, being greatly improved since the autumn fixture. Foreigners were excellent. Mr. Watts's exquisite team turned out in faultless condition and were greatly admired by the visitors. Mr. Buckingham's team contained some good birds. Mr. Rackley, the sec., carried out his duties in his usual painstaking manner. Mr. J. Goodall judged and appeared to have given every satisfaction. The show was fairly patronised by visitors, but the attendance was not up to the usual numbers, no doubt owing to the fixture being held in mid-week instead of on a Saturday as usual.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. (10): 1, vhc, Fox; 2, hc, Scar; 3, Wright; c, Wombell. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Fox; 3, Clark. NOV. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Wombell; 3, Leedham; vhc, Rackley. VARIEG. (3): 1, Wombell; 2, Rackley; 3, Leedham. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, cp, cup, 3, hc, c, Clark; 2, vhc, Buckingham. VARIEG. (2): 1, 2, Clark. NOV. CL. TKD.: 1, Wombell. HYB., ANY AGE (4): 1, Higham, Canary-Bullie; 2, 3, vhc, Buckingham. GOLDF. (3): 1, Higham; 2, 3, Finlay. BULLF.: 1, Cashen. LINNET: 1, Buckingham; 2, Higham. GREENF.: 1, Finlay; 2, Wombell; 3, Buckingham. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Finlay, Siskin; 2, Dollamore, Redpoll; 3, hc, Buckingham, Redpoll. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Buckingham, Bramble and Chaffinch respectively. HENS: 1, Finlay, Bullie; 2, Buckingham, Greenie. INSECTIV.: 1, Swain, Nightingale. AVADAVATS, &c. (7): 1, 3, Watts, Goldbreasted Waxbills and Green Avadavats; 2, vhc, hc, Buckingham, Green Avadavats and Lavender Finches. JAVAS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Watts, White-headed Mannikins and St. Helena Waxbills; 3, Buckingham, Orange-cheeked Waxbills; vhc, Wombell, Bengalese. A.O. SEED-EATER (7): 1, 2, Watts, Queen Whydah, Black-cheeked Waxbills; 3, vhc, hc, Buckingham, Pectoral Finch, Ruficauda, and Crimson Finches respectively. FRUIT-EATING: 1, Watts, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird. SELL., NOR.: 1, Fox; 2, Scar; 3, Wombell. YORKS: 1, 2, Buckingham. A.V., 10s.: 1, Wombell; 2, Swain. 30s.: 1, Swain; 2, Buckingham.

KENDAL C.B.S.

N.F. show held at headquarters, July 3. Entries were not so good as hoped, owing to some members having a bad season, though showing an increase on last year, the total being 47. Some very nice birds were staged, Norwich and Borders being particularly strong classes. Mr. H. Durston, Lancaster, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Dent; hc, Heywood. YELL.: 1, Heywood; 2, Crossley. YORKS.: 1, Gibson. BORD. BUFF: 1, c, Allen; 2, Bell; 3, vhc, Thompson; 4, Greenbank; hc, Heywood. YELL.: 1, Allen; 2, hc, Bell; 3, Greenbank; 4, Thompson; vhc, Heywood; c, Dixon. A.O.V.: 2, Crossley. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Wells. P. S. Ransome, Hon. Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Second of a series of six shows, held at Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, July 5th. The Society is now in a very flourishing condition, having some valuable specials to compete for, including two silver cups, also two silver rose bowls. The four classes for Yorks. averaged 12 per class. Mr. Fred Armstrong, Halifax, judged, and congratulated the members on their having bred such most promising youngsters. Several with a good moult will no doubt be heard of again. The class for Green-Mkd. Yorks. was acknowledged to be one of the finest ever seen at a young bird show. Competition is proving very keen, very few points separating several exhibitors.

CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, hc, Allen; 2, Sheard; 3, Ellis; vhc, c, Wharton. BUFF: 1, hc, Ellis; 2, Sheard; 3, Allen; 4, Wood; vhc, Binns; c, Pearson. UNEV. MKD. GR. YORK.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Allen; 2, hc, Ellis; c, Wood. CINN. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Wood; 2, c, Wharton; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Ellis; hc, Pearson.—J. Balmford, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show of season held at People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, July 3; 58 exhibits being staged. The members did badly at the beginning of the breeding season, which accounts for the small entry. Borders were the strongest section, as usual here; champion entries were few, but novices turned up strong, there being three nice classes. Novice Norwich again easily beat the champions, both in numbers and quality, special for best in show going to this section, Mr. Fuller winning with a nice tkd. yell., runners-up, Messrs. Burton Bros., marked Bord. Mr. E. Meades judged and his awards met with general satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Pope. BUFF: 1, Pope. TKD., MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Pope. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, Hill; vhc, hc, G. Barlon. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. NOV. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Deane; 2, Gardner; 3, Fuller. BUFF; 1, hc, Gardner; 2, c, Fuller; 3, vhc, Deane. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Fuller; 2, Deane; c, Gardner. YORKS: 1, 2, Fuller; 3, vhc, Rowson. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Preece; vhc, Martin; c, Culham. BUFF: 1, Culham; 2, Kay; 3, hc, Martin; vhc, Preece. TKD., ETC.: 1, hc, Preece; 2, Culham; 3, vhc, Kay. LINNET: 1, Williams. SISKIN: 1, Deane. GOLDF.: 1, Deane; 2, Fuller. BRAMBLEF.: 1, 2, Deane. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Williams.

NORTH-WEST GLASGOW C.B.S.

First Feather show, held in Blythwood Halls, Great Western Road, July 5th. Over 50 birds were staged, to be judged by Messrs. A. Sloan and C. Martin. The decisions were extremely satisfactory. Mr. P. Houston's cl. yellow Norwich cleared the pool, receiving spl. for best bird in hall, medal for best bird shown by champion, and spl. for best rung bird. Mr. John Houston's Yorkie received medal for best bird shown by a novice. It is interesting to note that John is following his father's footsteps in the way of medals. Mr. P. Thom received the medal for best second prize bird.

NOR., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, best in hall medal, 3, Houston; 2, medal, Thom; 4, spl., Dunn; 5, 6, Crawford; 7, Graham. BUFF: 1, 2, Houston; 3, spl., Graham; 4, 6, Crawford; 5, Thom; 7, Gresham. A.O.V., YELL.: 1, Dunn; 2, Houston; 3, spl., 6, Crawford; 4, Thom; 5, Loan. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Thom; 3, 6, Crawford; 4, J. Phillips; 5, Houston; 7, spl., Graham. YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, novice medal, J. Houston; 2, Pinnock. BUFF: 1, 2, 5, J. Houston; 3, 4, Pinnock; 6, 7, Findlay. A.O.V., YELL.: 1, J. Houston. BUFF: 1, J. Honston; 2, Pinnock. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 5, Brown; 4, Phillips. A.O.V. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, spl., Phillips. DK. MULE: 1, Stanson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Phillips.—Wm. Loan, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Annual F.F. show, held in lesser Public Hall, Alexandria, July 5. The dropping of British and Foreign classes gave the show a less spirited appearance, but quality was a great improvement on previous years, Yorks. making a sensation. The arrangements were well carried out by President Donaldson and Messrs. Campbell and J. McEwan, stewards. Mr. R. Jeffrey, Glasgow, judged and gave great satisfaction.

CL. or TKD. NOR. YELL.: (8): 1, spl., 2, vhc, spl. McLean; 3, c, Davidson; 5, McEwan. YELL., VAR. or GR. (3): 1, Davidson; 2, spl., McLean; 3, Kerr. BUFF, CL. or TKD. (3): 1, Davidson; 2, J. McEwan; 3, McIntyre. BUFF, VAR. or GR. (5): 1, Davidson; 2, Barker; 3, J. McEwan; vhc, c, Maltman. YORK., YELL. (14): 1, medal, McLean; 2, spl., Kinloch; 3, spl., McColl; vhc, Baker; hc, Kinloch; c, Cameron. BUFF (11): 1, Melville; 2, McCall; 3, Baker; vhc, c, McLean; hc, Kinloch. CREST or C.-B. (2): 1, spl., Mrs. McLean; 2, spl., Abrahams. BORD., YELL., CL., or TKD. (5): 1, vhc, Campbell; 2, hc, R. McEwan; 3, J. McEwan. YELL., VAR. or GR. (2): 1, 2, Campbell. BUFF, CL. or TKD. (12): 1, spl., Donaldson; 2, spl., McLean; 3, vhc, McDermid; hc, Donaldson; c, Campbell. VAR. or GR. (4): 1, Campbell; 2, J. McEwan; 3, McLean; vhc, McDermid. MULE or HYB.: 1, spl., 2, spl., Trotter.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held July 5, in the Club Room, at Hutcher's Arms. 43 birds were staged. Mr. J. Bailey judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Peace; 2, Shackleton; 3, Hainsworth; 4, Self; vhc, Firth. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, hc, S. Midgley; 3, c, G. Midgley; 4, Lister; vhc Peace. TKD. YELL.: 1, Lister; 2, Peace; 3, F. Self; 4, c, E. Self; vhc, hc, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, 4, Lister; 2, Peace; 3, S. Midgley; vhc, Hainsworth; hc, Shackleton; c, G. Midgley. GR. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Lister; 4, Hainsworth; vhc, F. Self; hc, Hainsworth and Son; c, G. Midgley. BUFF: 1, E. Self; 2, F. Self; 3, S. Midgley; 4, A. Lister.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

BLANTYRE C.B.S.

F.F. show held in Mr. Blackley's Hall. Judges were Mr. W. S. Wilson, Hamilton; Mr. T. Morrison, Burnbank; and their awards gave every satisfaction. Entries were very good considering some of the members had no birds to show. Specials for best bird in each section were won by Messrs. Hannah, Wilson, Marshall. A smoker followed the show, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, 3, Hannah. NOR. COCK: 1, Wilson; 2, Watson; 3, Gray; 4, Chalmers. HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, 4, Watson; 3, Gray; 5, Chalmers; 6, Linnon. YELL. BORD. COCK: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Gibb. BUFF: 1, 3, Marshall; 2, Gibb; 4, McMillan; 5, Gray. BUFF HEN: 1, Marshall; 2, McMillan; 3, 4, Gray; 5, Marshall; 6, Gibb; 7, McGinn. MULE: 1, Hannah; 2, 3, McGinn.—D. Berry, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 5 in Nelson's Temp. Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Unfortunately, owing to a number of the members failing to get any youngsters in the early part of the season, entries were not up to the usual. However, close on 40 birds were staged, some of them of great promise. Mr. E. Barron judged, and his awards were received with satisfaction.

C.B.: 1, Griffiths. P.H. CL. YELL.: 1, Paling; 2, 4, Hutchison; 3, Watson. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Griffiths; 3, Begg; 4, Jardine. VAR. YELL.: 1, Begg; 2, Jardine; 3, Hutchison; 4, Gunion. BUFF: 1, Hutchison; 2, Griffiths; 3, Jardine; 4, Gunion. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, McLellan; 2, Martin. BUFF: 1, spl, McLellan; 2, Martin. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, Wyllie; 2, Graham. BUFF: 1, Begg; 2, Whitelaw. VAR. YELL.: 1, Graham; 2, Begg. BUFF: 1, Graham; 2, Begg. GR. OR CINN.: 1, spl, 3, 4, Whitelaw; 2, Wyllie.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Show of young birds held at headquarters, July 1. Norwich and Yorkshires were staged, and judging was in the hands of the well-known expert, Mr. W. A. Bladon, of the M. and N.C.O.S. A great favourite with the members, he again added to his popularity, and our many debts of gratitude. If numbers staged are anything to go by, the Yorks fanciers must have had better luck than the Norwich members, but entries, as a whole, proved what a poor season it has been. The judge criticised the exhibits, and his remarks must have been very gratifying to the owners of the prize winners, especially so to the four first prize-takers. In his opinion, given fair luck and a good moult, they should be heard of during the coming show season.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Marsland. BUFF: 1, 2, Marsland; 3, 4, Dowling. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Etchells; 2, Green; 4, c, Ferns; hc, Radcliffe Bros. BUFF: 1, Etchells; 2, 4, vhc, Ferns; 3, hc, Green; c, Radcliffe Bros.—J. R. Colville, Hon. Sec.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD, C.B.S.

F.F. show held in Lecture Room, Victoria Hall, Glossop, June 28th. A nice attendance of fanciers was again the feature of another successful venture. The whole of the members look forward and work hard for the successes attained in their two annual shows, and are to be complimented for the high-class specimens staged, chief amongst these being the splendid Yorkshire staged by Mr. E. Thompson, which won the handsome gold-centre medal, presented by Mr. H. Garside for best bird in show. The old bird class was again very strong. Mr. John Garner, Stockport, again judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CL. NOR. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Hollingworth and Watson; 2, 3, Senior. BUFF: 1, 2, Hollingworth and Watson; 3, Senior. VAR. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Hollingworth & Watson; 2, Senior. BUFF: 1, Lawton; 2, 3, Hollingworth & Watson. CL. CAP GOLD LIZ.: 1, 2, Lawton; 3, Garside. BROKEN CAP GOLD: 1, 2, Garside. CL. CAP SILVER: 1, 3, Lawton; 2, 4, Garside. BROKEN CAP SILVER: 1, Garside. CL. YELL. YORKS. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Deakin; 4, Berry; vhc, Beard. BUFF: 1, 4, Thompson; 2, 3, Booth; vhc, Berry. VAR. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Booth; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Beard. BUFF: 1, 3, Booth; 2, 4, Thompson; vhc, Deakin. A.O.V.: 1, Harrop. OLD BIRDS: 1, Garside; 2, Senior; 3, Harrop; 4, Berry; vhc, c, Booth; hc, Lawton. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Deakin. MULE OR HYB., ANY AGE: 1, Deakin; 2, Thompson. FOR.: 1, Garside.—A. Berry.

WEST FIFE C.B. LEAGUE.

F.F. show held in Masonic Hall, Cowdenbeath, July 5; over 100 entries faced the following judges: Scotch and Yorks, Mr. Cowen (Kelty); Plainheads, Mr. G. Rae (Dunfermline); Crests and C.-B., Mr. H. Kemp (Dunfermline); Border and A.O.V., Mr. J. W. Holmes (Cowdenbeath); British, Mules, and Common, Mr. Raith (Lochgelly). The show was well patronised, and the innovation proved a success, most of the Fife fanciers making the event a rallying place to discuss their various joys and griefs. We fear the latter predominated, as the majority have experienced a very poor season up to the present. We expected to see a good turn-out from the Grewar and Harris's stables, but they apparently would not risk their babies. The sensation of the show was a clear buff Siskin-Canary Mule, bred and exhibited by a novice to the art, Mr. J. Thompson (Dunfermline), who, we understand, has also a few variegated from the same pair, and has also been successful in getting some exceptionally good Darks of the same cross. We hear that a jonque self-Cinnamon of the cross has been produced in the district, but it did not make its debut here. We noticed a few instances of prizes awarded to birds which should have been wrong classed, and Mr Raith evidently failed to find any merit in the clear Mule, as it only secured a commended. We were informed that he failed to identify the cross. Quite a few well-known breeders gave it the closest examination, and without exception pronounced it genuine, a decision in which we share, and heartily congratulate Mr. Thompson on his achievement.

YORKS, CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Anderson; 2, Clayton; 3, Reid. BUFF: 1, Reid; 2, Clayton. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Reid, var. buff; 2, Clayton; 3, Imrie. PH. YELL.: 1, McGregor; 2, McConville; 3, Smillie. BUFF: 1, Spence; 2, Dickson; 3, Cordery. VAR. YELL.: 1, McConville; 2, Smillie; 3, Holmes. BUFF: 1, Dickson; 2, 3, Smillie. CREST: 1, McGregor; 2, Stewart; 3, Guthrie. C.-B.: 1, McGregor; 2, Stewart. BORD. YELL.: 1, Anderson; 2, Stewart; 3, Muir. BUFF: 1, 4, Anderson; 2, Guthrie; 3, Robertson. VAR. OR GREEN YELL.: 1, Guthrie; 2, Scobie; 3, Stewart. BUFF: 1, Clayton; 2, Campbell; 3, Rice. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Guthrie; 2, Dickson. COMMON: 1, Cordery; 2, Dickson; 3, Holmes. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Sinclair; 2, Rankine; 3, Thompson. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 2, A. Anderson; 3, J. Anderson. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Robertson; 2, Rankine; 3, Campbell (Palace winner).

OXFORD C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show held July 3, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. Entries were slightly below last year's total, mainly due to the bad season experienced by some of the members. Mr. Pearce (Abingdon) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL.: 1, 2, sp, Lewin; 3, H. Wood; vhc, Gough. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, Lewin; 3, Lees; vhc, Wood. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, sp, Tombs. A.O.V.: 1, Fifield. NOR. (AMAT.): 1, 2, spl, Wood; 3, hc, Simms; vhc, c, King. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Gough; 2, 3, Holliday. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, hc, sp, Lees; 3, vhc, Gough. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Holliday.—A. F. Fifield, Press Corres.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY, C.B.S.

Second show of the season held July 12, at Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. The entry numbered 47 birds. Points were gained as follows:—W. Richmond 24, F. Page 14, W. Ackroyd 12, J. Butler 11. Noble and Son 12 points in the novice class. Mr. W. Mann judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (10): 1, 3, Richmond; 2, hc, J. Butler; 4, Page; vhc, Noble and Son; c, Allott. BUFF (15): 1, Towler and Hargreaves; 2, Richmond; 3, Winn; 4, Page; vhc, Noble and Son; hc, Allott; c, Marsh. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Richmond; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Page; 4, Marsh; vhc, Towler and Hargreaves; hc, Winn. BUFF (9): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Page; 3, 4, Raistrick; vhc, J. Butler; hc, Winn; c, Marsh. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR. (1): 1, Bracewell. MKD. (1): 1, Bracewell. NOVICE, A.V.C. (5): 1, 2, 3, Noble and Son; 4, vhc, c, Noble.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show held July 5, at the Victoria Hotel; 64 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Greaves, whose awards gave great satisfaction. Special for best novice bird, also for best yellow in show, was won by Mr. W. Bloomfield; best buff, Mr. H. Oldrieve.

YELL. (9): 1, 2 spls, 2, Bloomfield; 3, Fretwell; 4, c, Pullan; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Oldrieve. BUFF (12): 1, sp, Oldrieve; 2, Boocock; 3, c, S. Hall; 4, Shepherd; vhc, Peaker; hc, Alred. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Shepherd; 2, Shaw; 3, Pullan; 4, vhc, E. Peaker; hc, Oldrieve. BUFF (8): 1, Atkinson 2, c, Bloomfield; 3, S. Hall; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Cotterill. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, J. W. Peaker; 2, Aldred; 3, Goodwin; 4, Bryant; vhc, E. Peaker; hc, Ellis; c, W. Hall. BUFF (11): 1, Goodwin; 2, S. Hall; 3, H. C. Ellis; 4, Boocock; vhc, Shepherd; c, Oldrieve. FOUL MKD. (10): 1, Boocock; 2, Bryant; 3, Shaw; 4, Cotterill vhc, Goodwin; hc, Ellis; c, Abbey.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

F.F. show held June 28. The entry was good and quality was all that could be desired. Mr. Allsopp led the way in Yorks, and the team of birds that he put down was the envy of the Yorkie fanciers. Our host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Farrand) take a delight in decorating the show-room, and they deserve a word of praise in going one better this time. Mr. Severn (Hucknall) judged, and everyone seemed satisfied.

CL. YELL. OR TKD. NOR.: 1, 3, hc, Smedley; 2, vhc, Keeling; c, Hare. BUFF: 1, 2, Keeling. VAR. OR HEAV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Keeling. BUFF: 1, Keeling. CL. TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hare. BUFF: 1, Gabbitass. A.O.V.: 1, Ward. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Mallatratt; 3, Hare. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Smedley; 2, Mallatratt; 3, Gabbitass. LINNET, &c.: 1, Ward; 2, Sparks. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Gabbitass; 2, Mallatratt. GREENF.: 1, Oscroft. SOFTBILL: 1, Ward. NOV. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Oscroft. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Ellis; 3, Oscroft. YELL. YORKS: 1, hc, Allsopp; 2, Spencer; 3, vhc, Cantrell; c, Toplis. BUFF: 1, 2, Allsopp; 3, Cantrell; vhc, Toplis; hc, c, Gilbert.

WIGAN C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show held July 5. Legs of Man Assembly Rooms. Mr. P. Warcing judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Owing to the bad season many members had no birds to show, but 55 birds were staged, and a finer collection of young Norwich it would be hard to find.

YELL. NOR.: 1, 4, E. Ball; 2, A. Stonier; 3, G. Dawe; vhc, H. Young; hc, Unsworth; c, McAndrew. BUFF: 1, c, E. Ball; 2, vhc, R. Nichols; 3, J. Unsworth; 4, hc, A. Stonier. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, E. Ball; 4, c, G. Johnson; hc, McAndrew. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wharton. BUFF: 1, 2, A. Hitchen; 3, Wharton. BORD.: 1, 2, vhc, Hesketh; 3, 4, J. W. Johnson. BRIT.: 1, J. W. Johnson; 2, 3, 4, G. Dawe. BRIT.: 1, 2, MacAndrew; 3, J. W. Johnson. BRIT HARDBILL: 1, 2, J. W. Johnson: FOR.: 1, 2, H. Morris. STOCK CLASS: 1, 3, McAndrew; 2, J. Unsworth. Spl. for best Norwich went to E. Ball for a fine saddle-backed yell., also best rung bird and best Green. Best Yorks., A. Hitchen. Bord., Hesketh. Brit., J. W. Johnson. Most points in rung birds, J. Unsworth: highest points for Amateur Cup, G. Dawe.—E. Ball, Hon. Sec.

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RUNCORN B.B.A.

Members F.F. show held July 5, at headquarters, S. Andrews judged. Special prize winners, W. Pool and S. Walker. YORKS.: 1, spl, Jones; 2, 3, vhc, Boot; 4 Sulton; hc, Dutton. NOR.: 1, 3, spl, Walker, 2, vhc, hc, Guy; c, Jones. NOR. GR.: 1, 2, Hayes; 3, Jones; 4, vhc, Guy. NOV. YORKS.: 1 spl, 2, 4, c, Pool; 3, vhc, Faulkner; hc, Ingelsfield. NOR.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Faulkner; 3, Ingelsfield. NOR. GR.: 1, Ingelsfield. E. Rule, Sec.

SPRINGBURN (Possil Park) C.B.C.

First feather show held Hall. Mr. J. McLeod Judged Nor.; Mr. A. K. Chalmers, Bord., Mules.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, Hadley; 3, Waugh. BUFF. 1, Sloan; 2, Towell; 3, Cousin; 4, 5, Waugh. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Dowell. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Dowell; 4, Sloan; 5, F. Cousin. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Sloan; 2, Taylor; 3, Waugh; 4, Gordon. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Sloan; 3, Taylor; 4, Fyfe; 5, 6, Hadley. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hunter. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Morrison; 2, Swan. BUFF: 1, spl, Swan. HEN: 1, Swan; 2, Morrison. YELL. VAR.: 1, 2, Swan; BUFF: 1, Swan. HYBRID: 1, Fyle; 2, 3, 4, Dunlop.—J. Waugh, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Tenth annual Y.B. show held at headquarters, Reindeer Hotel, Peckham, July 1. Entries were well up to the average, Norwich were a grand show, some very fine youngsters were to be seen in both champion and novice, and a marked improvement was made in the Yorkshires exhibited, especially in novices. British birds were disappointing; a few very nice Crest and Crest Bred were exhibited. A large number of members and fanciers generally, attended the show during the evening; seven new members gave their names in for nomination. Mr. Frank Cole, with his usual promptness, had catalogues on sale a few minutes after the judging was over. Mr. Hudson, secretary, had everything well in hand, being ably assisted by Messrs. Tomsett, Fairman, Cant, and Keeks. Mr. F. Easterling judged.

[According to catalogue received, the principal winners were:—CHAMP. NOR.: Tyrell, Richardson; YORKS.: Carpenter, Fairman, Reeks; A.O.V.: Richardson; NOV. NOR.: Tomsett, Hodson, Wiffin, Wilmott; YORKS.: Clarke, Cant; A.O.V.: Cant; BRIT.: Tomsett, Richardson, Fairman.—Editor.]

ABERSYCHAN C.B.S.

Young bird show held July 5. About sixty birds were staged, including some very good youngsters. Yorks and Norwich were well up in numbers and quality very good, but British did not come up to scratch. In Yorks Mr. Ashman showed some very fine birds, also did Messrs. Clarke, Parry, Cooper, and Jones. In Norwich Mr. H. Workman showed a team of splendid birds, especially a marked yellow of very good quality and feather, which secured 1st and spl. in a class of 14. Mr. H. Workman won special for best bird bred by member. There was a record attendance, including some old fanciers, of whom we are hoping to make members in the near future. The officials worked well and the show was excellently staged by W. F. Couch, assisted by Vice-Chairman E. J. Parry. Messrs. Hillman and Broom judged and gave the utmost satisfaction. The committee wish to tender best thanks to the judges.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, Workman; 2, 4, Couch; 3, Vaughan. BUFF: 1, Couch; 2, Jones; 3, hc, Vaughan; 4, Workman; vhc, Sweeting. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Ashman; 2, Parry; 3, 4, Clarke; vhc, hc, Jones. BUFF: 1, Ashman; 2, Parry; 3, Cooper. MEMBERS' NOR.: 1, Sweeting; 2, Couch; 3, Walters; 4, Jones. YORKS.: 1, 3, Ashman; 2, Parry; 4, hc, Cooper; vhc, Clarke. A.O.V.: 1, Parry; 2, 3, hc, Cooper; 4, Vaughan; vhc, Clarke.—F. Sweeting, Hon. Sec.

CRAGHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

N.F. show, held Punch Bowl Inn, Craghead, in a nice room lent by Mr. L. Collcotts. There was a good turn-out for a novices' show. There were a few old fanciers among them to let them see what they want amongst their stocks. There was a lot of talk about the first and third Linnet; it was not up in tail, or it was the best in class. There was a lot of people to see the birds, and I think they could get a good show if they would stick together. Committee: Messrs. M. Beecroft, T. Horwood, J. Anderson, T. Robson, W. Soulsby, W. Cameron; hon. sec., A. Dowson; judge, James Stanger.

NOR. YELL., 1913: 1, Harwood, grand col.; 2, Anderson. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Anderson, spl. best young bird and spl. best Can. in show, easy win; 2, Cameron; 5, Knowles. NOR. (old bird): 1, Robertson, good in feather; 2, Beecroft, buff, fine head; 3, Harwood. YORKS. (old bird): 1, Robson. CREST.: 1, 2, Knowles. C.-B.: 1, Knowles. BORD. YELL. (old): 1, Bates, buff, spl. for best; 3, Dawson, good even marked; 4, 6, Wheatman; 5, Harwood. YOUNG YELL.: 1, 2, Dawson. BUFF: 1, 2, Harwood, varieg., grand feather, wins; 3, 4, Dawson; 5, Bates. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Barron, grand markings; 2, Peart, grand size; 3, 5, Lawson, winner, but not up in tail; 4, Anderson. F.M.: 1, Soulshy; 2, Collicotts. REDPOLL: 1, Elliott, Mealy, easy win; 2, H. Barron, Lesser, grand markings, good bib; 3, Anderson; 4, Beecroft. GOLDF.: 1, Soulsby. BULLF.: 1, Elliott, grand cap; 2, Soulsby, good size, runs winner hard; 3, Beecroft; 4, Collicotts. GREENF.: 1, Elliott, grand colour; 2, Peart, grand feather. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Elliott, and spl. best in show; 2, Bates. Special most points, won by A. Dawson.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

Fourth annual Y.B. show held at Long's Memorial Hall July 2, was a decided success. Entry was a record for 166. The exhibits were well staged and arranged for, and the attendance was very large, the place being packed during the evening. Sees. Messrs. King and Joiner, with a willing committee, carried out the show in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Yorks. topped the sections in number, and contained many promising youngsters; Norwich, though not up to number were a decided improvement on last year, in size, shape, and quality, especially in Novices. One of the best birds in this section had to stand back through being damaged by the carriers, hard luck on Mr. Mark Fleming, they should be made to pay. Mr. H. Young judged, and appeared to give satisfaction.

NOR. CHAMP. CL. (8): 1, spl, Ninnees, good yell., in fine form; 2, 3, Hatter, nice quality, good type, loses in size; vhc, Parkes; hc, c, Saunders. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Ninness, capped yell., good even col., well shown; 2, 3, Chitson, right type, well staged; vhc, German; hc, Parkes; c, Hatter. YORKS. CL. (15): 1, 2, White, yell. buff, smart youngsters, should do well; 3, Joiner, close up, not quite used to show cage yet; vhc, Matthews, smaller, very neat, well put down; hc, Olding, nice type; c, Mrs. Gill. TKD., ETC. (15): 1, Matthews, good position yell., well shown; 2, 3, Mrs. Gill, buff and yell., good, close up; vhc, Boxall, nice quality shy; hc, Joiner. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, hc, King, neat Border, well shown; 2, Mrs. Gill, White Canary of Yorks. type; 3, vhc, c, Hinds, rather on the slim side, well shown. MULE OR HYB.: 1, hc, Howick, grand Can. and Bullfinch. perfect; 2, Long, Dark Linnet Mule, good size; 3, vhc, Walker, Siskin Can., Greenf.-Can., good; c, Hinds. GOLDF.: 1, spl, c, Long, grand Finch, simply perfection; 2, 3, Ninness two good ones, vhc Hinds; hc, Hatter. BULLF.: 1, spl, Walker, nice cap and tare, well put down; 2, Hinds, deeper on breast, loses in cap and condition. GREENF.: 1, spl, 2, Long, two gems, 3, Lear, close up; vhc, Walker; hc, Tout; 3, Higle. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, vhc, Long, sweet little Siskin, all at home; 2, Tout, good Linnet, rather wild; 3, Walker, Mealy Redpoll, nice feather; hc, Alderslade, a Linnet, small but good. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, spl, Parkes, Chaffinch, in grand form; 2, Tout, good col. Bramble; 3, Russell, nice condition Bunting; vhc Alderslade, Chaffinch. SOFT.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, c, Tout, good col. Whitetear, Sedge Warbler, Willow Warbler, Yellow Wagtail, Redstart; 2, Lear, Whitethroat; a grand class, all fit to win. FOR.: 1, spl, Walker, Budgerigars, grand pair; 2, Lockhart, good Ribbon Finches; 3, Parkes, Java. NOV. NOR. CL.: 1, hc, Lockhart, good shape, nice qual.; 2, Fleming, nice yell.; 3, vhc, Churcher, good type; c, Parsons, small. TKD. ETC.: 1, hc, Lockhart, bouncing buff; 2, Churcher, close up; 3, hc, c, Cheeseman, promising youngsters. YORKS. CL.: 1, Grist, good yell.; 2, Mercer, buff, close up; 3, Cooper, qual. yell.; vhc, Moore; hc, Chiefe; c, Oakley. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Grist, well shown; 2, 3, Cooper, wins well; vhc, c, Moore; hc, Mercer. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Cooper, nice green Yorks.; 2, vhc, Prentice, clear body D.C.; 3, No Name, foul green Yorks. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Nicholls, good dark Hyb.; 2, Prentice, Goldfinch Mule; 3, Lewis, do.: vhc, Oakley; hc, Baker. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Baker; 2, Lewis; vhc, Cheeseman. LINNET: 1, 3, Lewis; 2, vhc, Buttress. GREENF.: 1, Churcher; 2, Cleife.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Members' post feather show held July 12. Mr. T. Pilling, of Halifax, judged a good show of birds, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Some promising young birds were shown, and they should do well for their owners ere the show season closes. OPEN CL., TKD., ETC., YELL. YORKS., (3): 1, 3, Pickles; 2, Stobart. VARIEG.: 1, Stobart. NOVICE CL. TKD., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, Magson; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, 4, Mitchell. DO. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Senior; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, vhc, Magson; hc, Mitchell; c, Wild. VARIEG. (7): 1, Senior; 2, Parker; 3, hc, Wild; 4, vhc, c, Magson. New member: Mr. Wm. Twicross. Points to count in competition up-to-date are:—Open section: C. Pickles 4, E. Stobart 3, E. Crossley 3. Novice: T. Magson 23, C. Senior 20, J. Hardy 12, E. Sutcliffe 8, W. Wild 8, S. Parker 6, G. Mitchell 5.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

24th annual first feather, July 5th, in the St. Paul's Schoolroom, Bennett-st. There were just over 100 entries, which, considering the poor season some of the members have had, was good. Yorks. and Nor. came up the best, and a finer lot of youngsters it would be hard to find. British did not come up so well, owing to some being in the moult and others being paired up for Mule breeding. Mr. R. Evans won gold medal for best team of four Canaries, all one variety, bred by exhibitor, with a grand lot of Yorks., which we wish him luck with. The room is a grand one for a bird show, well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

LIZ., GOLD: 1, 2, Moorbey. SILVER: 1, Moorbey. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, R. Evans; 2, vhc, Potte; 3, Tansey; 4, Midgley; hc, Brown; c, Appleton. BUFF: 1, Evans; 2, Tansey; 3, vhc, Brown; 4, Moorbey; hc, Potts; c, Midgley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Tansey; 2, vhc, c, Evans; 3, Brown; 4, Midgley; hc, Hickson. BUFF: 1, 4, Brown; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, Hickson; hc, Tansey. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Marlor; 2, Vint; 3, Smith; 4, Whalley; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Bowden. BUFF: 1, Vint; 2, Smith; 3, Cook; 4, c, Bowden; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Marlor. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Vint; 4, Marlor; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Whalley; c, Caldbeck. BUFF: 1, Vint; 2, Cook; 3, Marlor; 4, Smith; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Whalley; c, Bowden, BORDER: 1, Coldbeck. A.O.V.: 1, Smith. YOUNG HYB.: 1, 2, 4, hc, Fairhurst; 3, c, Oldham; vhc, Welch. LINNET: 1, 3, Holden; 2, Fairhurst; 4, Lewis; vhc, Whittaker; hc, c, Smith. GREENF.: 1, Oldham; 2, Lewis. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Austin; 2, Holden. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF.: 1, Holden; 2, Oldham; 3, Beswick. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Beswick; 4, Whittaker. NOVICE, NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, James; 2, Thorpe. BUFF: 1, Thorpe; 2, James. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Land; 2, Thorpe; 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, Thorpe; 2, Lands.—H. Boothman, Sec.

POPLAR C.B.S.

Very successful young bird show held July 5 at headquarters. Entries numbered about 100, quality being particularly good. Some of the exhibits will no doubt be heard of later on if they are fortunate enough to get a good moult. Mr. Leech stoged a good Yell. Nor., short and thick set, with a capital head; this bird won the special for best in the section. In Yorks Mr. H. W. Cook did the same with a yell. of good type; he also had two charming birds in the buff class, standing first and second. Messrs. Hunt Bros. staged some very typical specimens. Novice birds were very little behind the champions; we particularly admired Mr. Mashoff's winners in Norwich and Yorks. These two secured spl for best in their respective sections. Mr. G. Woodcock won in the British and Foreign; all his birds were beautifully staged, and looked fit to show anywhere. Cup for best unflighted Hybrid was secured by Mr. J. Braithwaite with a bonny Linnet-Canary of rare size and substance that should do well in the winter. Mr. H. W. Cook managed the show in his usual able manner, assisted by Messrs. Barker and Lang. Mr. H. Norman judged.

YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, spl, vhc, c, Cook; 2, 3, hc, Hunt Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Cook; 3, vhc, hc, Hunt Bros. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Leech. YORKS AMAT.: 1, 2, 3, Wyatt. NOR. NOV.: 1, spl, Marhoff; 2, Pycock; 3, Barker. TKD., ETC.: 1, Cedge; 2, Pycock; 3, Marhoff; vhc, Taylor; hc, Burrows. BUFF: 1, Pycock; 2, Barber; 3, Stopher; vhc, hc, Dutton; c, Hill. TKD., ETC.: 1, Pycock; 2, hc, Gedge; 3, Stopher; vhc, Barber; c, Lang. YELL.: 1, vhc, Braithwaite; 2, Spink; 3, Plumb; c, Stopher. YORKS BUFF: 1, 2, Marhoff; 3, Braithwaite; vhc, Plumb; hc, Bloomfield; c, Stopher. TKD., ETC.: 1, Braithwaite; 2, Marhoff; 3, c, Spink; vhc, hc, Lang. A.O.V.: 1, Taylor. HYB.: 1, Woodcock, 1913 HYB.: 1, cup, vhc, Braithwaite; 2, c, Hill; 3, Joyce; hc, Marhoff. GOLDF.: 1, Marhoff. GREENF.: 1, Woodcock; 2, Snow. LINNET: 1, Woodcock; 2, Prizeman; 3, vhc, Snow. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Woodcock. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Woodcock; 2, 3, vhc, Snow. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Woodcock; hc, Bloomfield.

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MIDDLESEX O.S.

Y.S. show held 10th July. Mr J. Shepherd judged, and gave every satisfaction. There was a splendid collection of Yorks., a few nice Nor., and a good variety of Brit. Messrs. Taylor and Wright won special for most points.

NOR.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Nields, very nice trio, ought to make up well; 3, Huxley; hc, c, Taylor and Wright. YORKS. CL.: 1, spl, 2, Crockett, two grand ones; 3, vhc, Banyard, not far behind; hc, c, Taylor and Wright. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Taylor and Wright, grand team of youngsters; hc, Green. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, hc, Burrows, nice Goldie leading, 2nd good Chaffinch; 3, vhc, spl, Cambeon, 3rd nicely marked Linnet, vhc good Goldfinch, takes spl. best vhc bird in show; c, Huxley.—Jeffery Jefferis, Hon. Sec.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND YORKSHIRE C.C.

Table Show of Young Birds held July 9, when considering the bad breeding season and our being a new society we had a very nice turn out. Mr. J. Nixon left no cause for comment upon his awards. Messrs. Tweedie and Stewart sent us some right good exhibits. CHAMP., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Tweedie; 3, Stewart. BUFF: 1, Tweedie; 2, Lyall; 3, Stewart. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Pearson. BUFF: 1, Stewart; 2, Huntington; 3, Pearson. G. Tweedie captured the medal for best champion exhibit. The novice section was not so well filled, and the premier prizes went to Messrs. R. P. Bostock and W. Burns. Novice medal was won by W. Burns. Fanciers please note subs. are now overdue, but any sent to me previous to August 6th, our next meeting, will be eligible to compete for season's specials.—J. Huntington, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS. O.S.

F.F. Show, July 12, Mr. J. Goode judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Messrs. Bown and Boaler showed two strong teams of Norwich, which gave the judge some difficulty to separate. Mr. Boaler unfortunately got one of his birds wrong classed, which enabled Mr. Bown to take a useful lead in points, which count for specials offered at open shows. Crest classes were all cancelled. Mr. Hayter took the premier awards in British and Mule classes, while Mr. Saywell sent a splendid team of Softbills and Foreigners, the winner in the last-named class having gained 2nd at the Palace. NOR., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, Bown; 2, Boaler; 3, Sharpe. CL. BUFF: 1, Boaler; 2, Sharpe; 3, Hill. MKD. BUFF: 1, Bown; 2, 3, Sharpe. HEAVY MKD.: 1, 2, Bown; 3, Sharpe. GOLD. or BULL.: 1, Hayter; 2, Hill. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, Hayter; 2, Hill. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Saywell. HYBRID: 1, 2, Hayter. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Saywell.—J. G. Royce, Hon. Assist. Sec.

Owing to the enormous number of show reports which have again reached us this week, we have been compelled to hold several over until our next issue.—Editor.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

Second F.F. Show of the season held July 12, at Wesley Place School. Mr. R. Halliday judged. CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Holden; 2, Hanson; 3, Sharp. BUFF: 1, hc, Widdop; 2, c, Hanson; 3, Peddar; 4, Leach; vhc, Ackroyd. EVEN or UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Hanson. NOR.: 1, 2, Bartle; 3, Peddar.—W. A. Brown, Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH AND MULE BREEDERS' SOCIETY.

N.F. show, held in Buccleuch Halls, July 5. Although early in the season about sixty birds faced Mr. Dewar, who kindly consented to place the tickets. The show was well patronised during the afternoon.

NOR., YELL.: 1, 3, Gray; 2, Stormont. BUFF: 1, Holmes; 2, Murdoch; 3, Stormont. A.O. COL.: 1, Holmes; 2, Murdoch; 3, Stormont. CINN.: 1, Thomson; 2, 3, Charlton. BORD. YELL.: 1, 3, Welsh; 2, Windham. BUFF: 1, Stormont; 2, Welch; 3, Watson. A.O. COL.: 1, Welsb; 2, Watson; 3, Windham. MULES: 1, 2, 3, Fraser.—J. Stormont, Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

F.F. Show, at Headquarters, in Cheapside, July 9, when nearly fifty birds were judged by Mr. W. Swaysland. Special for best Nor., Mr. H. T. Gibb, with a saddle-marked Buff, a nice cobby youngster; special best novice Yorks., Mr. H. Morrish, with a smart bird. Special for best Canary shown by a new member. Mr. J. Brown, nice Varieg. Border; special best British, Mr. H. T. Gibb, with a Hawfinch.

YORK., YELL. A.V. CHAMP. (8): 1, vhc, c, Dandridge; 2, Miller; 3, Gibb; hc, sp, Morrish. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Dandridge; 3, hc, c, Wall; vhc, Gibb. YORK. NOVICE (5): 1, vhc, Williams; 2, 3, hc, Morrish. NOR. (10): 1, sp, 2, Gibb; 3, Dean; vhc, Wall; hc, c, Olle. NOR. NOVICE: 1, 3, Beck; 2, Absolon. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, sp, Brown. GOLD. or BULL.: 1, Absolon. CHAFF. or BRAMBLE.: 1, Gibb; 2, Absolon. GREEN.: 1, Absolon. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, sp, Gibb.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING (Co. Durham).

Annual N.F. show, July 12. The venue was again the large room above the White Lion Hotel, a place nicely adapted for the purpose. The wretched luck in the breeding rooms experienced by many fanciers in the district precluded any possibility of a big show, yet there were about 50 or 60 birds staged, and the quality was all that could be desired. The popular secretary, Mr. R. H. Dixon, was unavoidably absent, being engaged in ambulance work in connecion with the Territorial manoeuvres, but his place was ably filled by the assistant sec., Mr. J. Turnbull, who had everything in applepie order, and got through his work without the slightest hitch. He was well supported by a fine body of fanciers, headed by the genial chairman, Mr. Matt Dixon, the others being Messrs. A. Leach (vice-chair), J. Turnbull (treasurer), and J. Hissett, J. Tarbett, C. Masters, J. Fenton, W. Finlay, and G. Lynn. Fine weather favoured the show, and we trust it will prove a financial success. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Lowry, varieg., nice shape and colour, good qual., neat head and wing carr.; 2, Fenton, cl., equal shape, nice col., scarcely so much subs. as leader or so neat in tail; 3, Atkinson, nice shape and feather; vhc, Leach. BUFF CL. (9): 1, Fenton, nice one all over, good subs., neat head, lovely qual.; 2, M. Dixon, lovely shape, short and cobby, scarcely the subs. of leader; 3, C. Tarbett, bit longer, nice col., neat head; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Fletcher. MKD. (6): 1, Fletcher, mkd. on wing, plenty of subs., nice back and chest, neat wings and tail; 2, Fenton, another nice one for shape, neat head, nice carr., loses in size; 3, Hissett, varieg., nice col. and quality, bit pinched in head; vhc, Jordison; hc, Tarbett. GREEN (7): 1, Lowry, fine size, grand shape, lovely sound col., good head and neck; 2, 3, Chesterton, leader fine size and shape, bit slack in feather; 3rd sound in col., nice shape, but bit small; vhc, hc, Leach. BORD. (7): 1, vhc, Fletcher, cl. yell., sweet one all over, nice shape, good col. and qual., grand wing and tail carr; 2, 3, hc, Masters, buff, nice shape, good carr., neat wings and tail, bit pale; 3rd buff, very similar to 2nd in shape and col. CREST OR C.B.: 1, no name, cl. body grizzle Crest, neat, shapely crest of good radiation and droop, nice size, neat centre; 2, no name, variey. C.B., nice size. YORKS (5): 1, 3, vhc, Fenton, nice team, leader cl. yell., grand position, slim, nicely tapered; 3rd cl. yell., lovely col., nice length, neat head, scarcely so erect; 2, M. Dixon, varieg. yell., smaller, slim and well drawn, gets well up. LINNET (8): 1, Hissett, good one, lovely size and col., well pencilled, grand head, steady; 2, Chesterton, another big one, equal in pencilling, but loses in col., 3, Fletcher, beauty for col., lovely pencilling, beaten for size, vhc, Finlay; hc, Turnbull; c, Tarbett. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, M. Dixon, Greenie, fine shape and size, lovely col., shown in grand condition; 2, Turnbull, Bullie, bit on small side, nice col., neat cap and bars; 3, Finlay, nice Goldie; vhc, Turnbull. FOR. (3) 1, 3, Turnbull, leaders pair Budgerigars, lovely col., nice condition; 3rd pair Madagascar Lovebirds, nice col., bit frayed in plumage; 2, Lynn, pair Cut-throats, nice condition, good col.

GUISBORO' AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second Young Stock Show July 12, in School Room at Charltons, a splendid place for a show. Many choice birds were staged. Mr. E. Woodhead (Hartlepool) placed the cards, and his awards met with general satisfaction. The members hold four shows each year at different places in the district. To fanciers in our district we give another invitation to join. Come and help to extend this most interesting hobby.

CL. YORKS. CHAMP.: 1, 2, Barker; 3, c, Cook; hc, Allison. MARK.: 1, hc, Cook; 2, 3, Hall; vhc, Allison. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, hc, c, Mays; vhc, Barker. MARK.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Mays; 2, Cook; 3, Barker. HYBRID: 1, 3, Barker; 2, Husband. BRITISH: 1, Cook, Linnet; 2, Mays, Goldie; 3, vhc, Allison, Siskin; c, Barker; hc, Husband. NOV.: YORKS, CL.: 1, Wesson; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Warraker. MARK.: 1, 2, Marsey; 3, vhc, Harrison; hc, Wesson; c, Warraker. NOR., CL.: 1, 2, Husband.—J. G. Cook, Sec.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Young bird show held in Church House, July 12. Entries were slightly under the previous year's total, the falling off being most noticeable in the Yorks., as they were conspicuous by their absence, not one of the classes containing an entry. Borders were the feature of the show, two strong classes containing some smart youngsters, and it is evident this Fancy has come to stay. Norwich were also of good quality, the principal winners being Messrs. J. W. Johnson, Goring, and Johnson, junr. The chief awards in Borders were secured by Messrs. Hesketh, Johnson, senr., Crompton and Tiffen. British and Hybrids contained some well-known winners, Mr. J. W. Johnson taking the lion's share, with Mr. Lewis runner-up. Beyond the winner in the Linnet class some very unsteady specimens were staged, one member suggesting the perches be bird-limed, the judge remarking that he wondered whether he was judging birds or mice. Mr. Wellings placed the cards with his customary skill.—T. H. Tiffen, hon. sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show held July 5 in Co-operative Hall. Entries were about the same as last year, there being a notably larger entry in the British classes. Judges were, Mr. W. Curry, Norwich; Mr. R. C. Tindale, Yorks.; Mr. A. Montgomery, Borders; and Mr. J. Maddison, British and Foreign. The thanks of the members are due to these gentlemen for the manner in which they did their work; also to Mr. Crawhall (chairman), and Stewards, Messrs. Irving, Pettersson, Greason, and Laidlaw; the hon. assistant sec. (Mr. J. Craig), also deserves a word of praise for the part he took to make the show a success. Mr. T. C. Crawhall won challenge cup for best Canary, with a clear buff Yorkshire. Mr. A. C. Young, challenge cup for best British or Foreign with a Sunbird.

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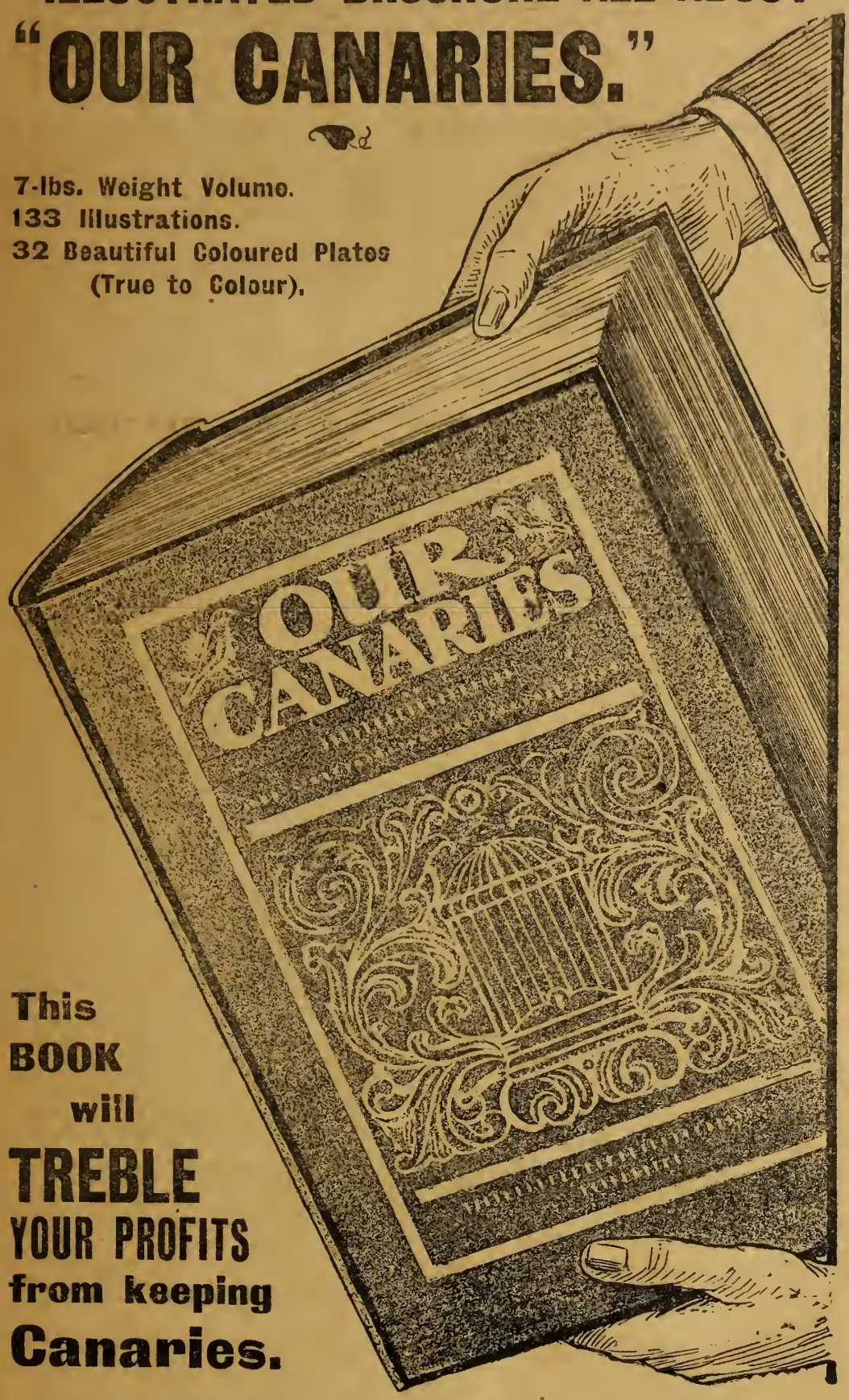
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F.F. show held July 12th, at Oddfellows' Hall. 54 birds faced the judges, Mr. J. Jeans (Camelon) and Mr. H. Sharp (Falkirk), who gave every satisfaction with their awards. Mr. W. Robertson gained spl. for best in show with a nice foreign Goldfinch. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Woodhouse; 4, Simpson. BUFF (8): 1, Leishman; 2, 4, Simpson; 3, Woodhouse. YELL. BORD. (6): 1, spl, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, 3, spl, 4, Berry. BUFF (7): 1, Reid; 2, 4, Berry; 3, Conner. C.-H. (2): 1, 2, Davie. MULE (1): 1, Richardson. LINNET (8): 1, Moreland; 2, Baird; 3, spl, Leishman; 4, Rennie. GREENF. (8): 1, 4, sp, Moreland; 2, Richardson; 3, Marshall. A.O.V. FINCH (2): 1, Robertson; 2, Rennie. A.O.V. BIRD (7): 1, sp, 2, sp, Rennie; 3, Baird; 4, Richardson. A.O.V. BRIT OR FOR. (1): 1, 2 spls, Robertson. R. Rennie, S c.

BARGOED AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Held July 10. Entries a bit down, but some good birds were staged, the most promising being J. Lacey's Norwich cock, a grand bird, which easily secured special for best. J. T. Vivian topped Brit. class with a splendid Goldfinch in the pink of condition. A. Haddrell secured the honours in nest feathers with a nice bird, and A. Humpreys had the best of matters in A.O.V. section with two good Borders. Mr. E. Powell judged Canaries, and Mr. E. J. Bevan Brit. Both gentlemen are from Tredegar, and gave the utmost satisfaction.

YORKS: 1, spl, Lacey; 2, 3, Chisholm; vhc, Bye; hc, Sims; c, Haddrell. NOR.: 1, spl, Lacey; 2, Humpreys; 3, Vivian. NEST F.: 1, spl, c, Haddrell; 2, 3, Bye; vhc, Vivian; hc, Chisholm. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, 2, Humpreys; 3, Lacey; vhc, Sims; c, Smith. BRIT.: 1 spl, Vivian; 2 vhc, spl, Haddrell; 3 Humpreys; hc spl, Sims; c, Lacey.—C. J. Chisholm.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show held July 5, at St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, when 75 birds faced the judge, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), who gave satisfaction. W. Silcock won special best champion bird, D. Steinart special best novice bird. YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Silcock; 2, Rawsthorne; 3, Hamilton; vhc, Algie; hc, Huyton; c, Plunkett. BUFF (13): 1, Larkin; 2, Rawsthorne; 3, Tullock; vhc, Silcock; hc, Larkin; c, Plunkett. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Huyton; 2, Paunkett; 3, Rawsthorne. BUFF (8): 1, Plunkett; 2, 3, Algie; vhc, Rawsthorne; hc, McNulty; c, Silcock. HEAVILY VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Silcock; 2, Handley. BUFF (3): 1, Silcock; 2, Handley; 3, Algie. YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (4): 1, 3, Canderland; 2, Plunkett; vhc, Handley. BUFF (2): 1, vhc, Hamilton; 2, Algie; 3, Handley; hc, Plunkett; c, Blundell. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Handley; 2, Plunkett. BUFF (5): 1, Algie; 2, Plunkett; 3, Rawsthorne; vhc, hc, Blundell. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Steinart; 3, vhc, Handley. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Steinart; 3, Handley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, Steinart; 3, Southwood. BUFF (6): 1, c, Southwood; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Handley.—L. E. Hamilton.

COVENTRY O.S.

37th annual show of young birds held at headquarters, the Sydenham Palace, on July 12th. Mr. G. Hall (Leamington) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Adams, nice col. and qual.; 2, Swift, better type, a little too old; 3, Spann. BUFF: 1, Corrall, nice type, promising youngster; 2, 3, Swift. TKD. YELL.: 1, Swift, tkd. head, good col.; 2, Rowley; 3, Adams. BUFF: 1, 3, Judd varieg. grand col., nice size, very promising; 2, Adams, cap and wing mkd., good size and type. YOUNG. YELL.: 1, Spann, nice length. BUFF: 1, Spann. CREST: 1, Smith, wing mkd., dark, nice droop, neat centre; 2, 3, Peters. CINN.: 1, Spann, fair size; 2, 3, Gilbert, trifle smaller. A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert, Cinn. Crest. FOR.: 1, 2, Coates, Scarlet Weaver and Pintailed Wydah, in nice condition. BIRDS ANY AGE—NOR. CK.: 1, Corrall, cl. yell., good type, nice quality; 2, Judd; 3, Spann. HEN: 1, Mann, good type; 2, Rowley. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, 2, Tipping. A.O.V.: 1, Rowley; 2, 3, Spann. HYB.: 1, Gilbert, nearly clear Goldfinch and Can.; 2, 3, Barratt, Greenfinch-Can. and Twite-Can.; all in good condition. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Coates, Cordon Bleus leading, in nice condition. BRIT., GOLD. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, 3, Gilbert, nice Goldfinch followed by 2 fair Bullfinches. A.V. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Gilbert. Linnet, Yellow Bunting, and Siskin, all in nice condition. LARGE: 1, Gilbert.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Sixth annual show of young Canaries and Hybrids, also Brit. and Foreign birds, at headquarters, July 12. The quality was good throughout, and some very fine youngsters were staged, 118 entries facing the judge, Mr. C. Battison, and his awards were received with satisfaction. An early start in judging and the valuable assistance of the stewards, Mr. F. Sparks and Mr. W. Shakespeare, enabled catalogue of awards to be on sale at opening of show. Mr. A. Lovegrove spl. best bird Champion Nor., and Mr. A. Wakefield spl. best amateur and novice sections. Other special winners were Messrs. J. Kent, T. H. Milsom, W. Cowie, Byrne, Brawbridge, Jones, Dann, Wills and Mound. All prize money and specials were paid out on day of show. There was a goodly number of visitors to the show, and, considering the disastrous season, several of our members have had, the show was a decided success. The Sec., Mr. J. Hyde, did his work well.

CHAMPION: NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 3, hc, Cowie; 2, c, Dann; vhc, Bell. VARIEG.: 1, vhc, Lovegrove; 2 3, hc, c, Bell. YORKS, CL. OR TKD.: 1, Jones. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Jones. BORDER: 1, Dann; 2, Jones. MULES (Old Birds): 1, Bell. AMAT.—NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 3, vhc, c, Wakefield; 2, hc, Hyde VARIEG.: 1, vhc, Hyde; 2, 3, Wakefield. YORKS. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Bush. NOVICE.—NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, c, Wills; 3, Knight; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Cooper. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Milsom; 3, Shorter; vhc, Wills; hc, Wilkinson; c, Street. YORKS. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Withers; 3, c, Byrne; vhc, Newcombe; hc, Cooper. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Byrne; 2, Johnston; 3, Milsom; vhc, Newcombe; hc, c, Bryant. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Shorter. MULES (Old Birds): 1 Milsom. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Milsom; 2, Fisk. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Byrne, 2, Knight; 3, Fisk; vhc, Kent; hc, Street; c, King. GREENF.: 1, Mound; 2, Kent. LINNET: 1, Kent, 2, Mound; 3, Brawbridge; vhc, King. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Mound; 2, Bell; 3, Knight; hc, Shorter; c, Kent. BUNTING: 1, Kent. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Kent. HEN: 1, Mound. FOR (Class): 1, Dann; 2, vhc, Shorter; 3, Brawbridge. DEC. (Class): 1, Brawbridge.

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Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Rose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.E., H.W.B.

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Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, V.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.V.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.** (T. Pope, 93, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.** (C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on Trent.) A. H.

Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.** (Geo. Wharton, 81, Oxford Road.) J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.** (Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester). J.G., W.A.C., W.V., J.H.R., T.H., J.B.

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.

Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford). H.S., J.T.

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road). T.B., A.B., J.Mn.

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N & J. Jeffery, Sarter House, Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—(S. Poyser, Wilmot Road, The Dimple.) J.C.B.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

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Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.)

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.

Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).

Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.G.

Nov. 21-22.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103, Church St.) J. T., A.W.

Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) J.P., T.D.

Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.) A.H., A.Hn., R.T.

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

Nov. 26.—**Sevenoaks F.A.**—(A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage.)

Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)

Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).

Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—(A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road. Girlington, Bradford.)

Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.

Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.

Dec. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.

Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.

Dec. 11.—**Frome F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.)

Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.

Jan. 3.—**Huddersfield O.S.**—(A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.)

Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Parkrook Rd, Bournemouth W.), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.** (J.Pratt'e, 49, Kirkgate.)

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly** (R. Muir, Anderstone Cottages, Station Rd.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.H.

Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, Mount Florida, Glasgow.) A.C.K., J.W., J.C., A.W., G.D., Dr. S., P.McQ., R.V.R., W.T., A.M.B., A.A., T.T., D.C., A.Co.

Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cott.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M., J.T.

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.

Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.

Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 39, Allison-st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.

Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 11, St. Clair St.) J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.

Nov. 1—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.

Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** (A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.

Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.

Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe st., Hamilton)

Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holmes, 8, Hill St.) J.S., W.Mc, J.B., A.S., W.P., R.B.

Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.) A.P., J.C., J.T., J.A., R.G.C., J.M.

Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.) J.McL., A.G.C., T.A., L.D., A.W., L.J.A.

Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.

Nov. 22.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.) J.McL., C.M., W.S.

Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell).

Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Road.) J.S.

Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Doyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.

Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)

Dec. 6.—**Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.** (R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mt. Florida, Glasgow.) R.M., J.W.B.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham Street, Edinburgh.) J.T., J.Y., J.F.D., T.A., W.Mc, W.M., J.M., C.S., L.J.A., J.A.S., A.H., J.C., J.H.

Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.) J.W.M.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)

Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).

Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)

Oct. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries-st., Treherbert). W.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)

Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.

Oct. 31 ,Nov. 1.—**Belfast (Ulster O.A.).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.

Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).

Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Jan. 8-9.—**Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.**—W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St.).

Club Reports.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Through the kindness of the Principal (Canon Wakefield) the members were enabled to visit the magnificent museum at Cheltenham College. A good number availed themselves of the opportunity of viewing the wonderful specimens of birds—the best private collection of Foreign birds in the country, we believe. Mr. White, the curator, was in attendance, and pointed out the "extra specials," and explained several knotty points. One case, which attracted a lot of attention, contained a very large number of Birds of Paradise, all most beautifully mounted.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Horse and Jockey, July 10, Mr. Havenhand presiding over good attendance. The first item of importance was the distribution of prize money and specials for N.F. show, and then, after the usual monthly business was dealt with, the rest of the evening was taken up with a discussion led by Mr. Perry on "Colour-feeding." The time at our disposal was all too short, a very enjoyable evening being brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Perry.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

YORKS AND LANCS. B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held July 19, Market Green, Mr. W. A. Cowgill chair in absence of Dr. M. A. Wilson, who, we were sorry to hear, was laid up with a broken thigh. Vote of condolence from members present passed. Minutes of last meeting passed as read, on the proposition of Mr. Lane, seconded Mr. Ross. Letters then read re patronage. Following were passed en bloc:—Manchester and N.C.O.S., Oct. 21 and 25; Preston, Nov. 21 and 22; Doncaster, Jan. 10. Proposed Mr. Chittenden, seconded Mr. Lane. Also two new members made: Mr J. W Holmes, Bradford; Mr A. Hope, Manchester. New books were left in the hands of Mr Lane to arrange. Prize money to be same as last year both sections, Amateur and Professional. 1st, 25s., 2nd, 12s. 6d; 3rd, 5s.; also "Cage Birds" prizes, as last year, both sections: Amateur, 1st, 25s.; 2nd, 20s., 3rd, 17s. 6d.; Professional, 1st, 25s., 2nd, 20s.; 3rd, 15s.; also other specials to be given by the club, to be allotted later. Also trophy promised, which will be a good thing for this club. Auditors elected Mr R. Halliday, Mr. J. Lane. Will secretaries wanting patronage apply not later than second week in August, which is time for closing?—T. H. Inman, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Will the club members, who have overlooked payment for subscription 1913, please send same before the 1st of Aug., as per Rule 3, so that they may partake of any benefits of membership, also any change in their address for rule book, which will be issued shortly? Will those of committee who have not sent in voting paper do so at once, so that I can allot patronage to be published in press? The club will be pleased to receive names of any fanciers who wish to join for the show season, with which enclose 1s. entrance fee.—F. S. Matthew, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting July 7, Mr. W. P. Smith (chair). Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Moved and seconded that Sec. write Alnwick Show asking them to put on extra classes to suit our patronage. Patronage given to Newcastle, Gateshead, and Haltwhistle, other three shows being required to fill up number required. Mr. W. Marshall, of Blythe, elected a member. The following are the awards at the table show: CLASS 1: 1, 2, Espie; 3, Craig. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Espie. CLASS 3: 1, 4, Allieck; 2, Farrer; 3, Montgomery. CLASS 4: 1, Farrer. NOV. SECTION—CLASS 5: 1, 2, he, Stubbs; 3, vhc, Smith; 4, Snaith. CLASS 6: 1, 4, he, Snaith; 2, vhc, Wilson; 3, Smith. CLASS 7: 1, Cosser; 2, Stubbs; 3, 4, Smith. CLASS 8: 1, 2, Smith. Hearty vote of thanks accorded the judge, Mr. W. Smith, who had a fairly stiff task, 34 birds being staged. This brought a splendid meeting to an end.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

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Mr. Fulljames being away on holiday, his notes are suspended until our next issue.

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Agricultural Show, Saturday, Aug. 2nd. First Feather Show, in connection with above. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye, 33, Scarr, Lockwood, nr. Huddersfield. Schedules, now ready, from J. Sanderson, 32, **Bank Buildings, Meltham, Huddersfield.**

EPWORTH

Agricultural Society's Show, **Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. Cage Birds,** Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits. Cage Bird Judge, **J. Wheldrake, Esq., Goole. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry, 1/6.** Enter from the following:—Class 88, Norwich, Plainhead, clear, ticked, or unevenly marked, yellow or buff; 89, ditto, bred 1913; 90, Yorkshire, clear, ticked or unevenly marked, yellow or buff; 91, ditto, bred 1913; 92, Canary, any variety, restricted to the Isle of Axholme; 93, British bird, A.V.; 94, Foreign bird, A.V. **Entries close Tuesday, July 29th.—W. E. Burrows, Sec., Epworth, Doncaster.**

MERIONETHSHIRE

Agricultural Society. Great Show at Bala, on Friday, September 12th, 1913. A good classification for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, 115, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford. Sections for Dogs, Poultry, and Pigeons. Popular Judges. **Entries finally close August 23rd.** The Old Calabar Pen and Feed the Birds.—Apply early for schedule to the **Secretary, Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.**

RUGBY

(open), October 1st. Cage Birds, etc.—Tom G. Hough, Hon. Secretary.

HARROGATE

Agricultural Show, **Tuesday, Aug. 12th, 1913.** Poultry, 40 classes; prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry fee, 1/6; 3 guinea cup, specials, and 4th prizes. Judges, Messrs. Cragg and Robertshaw. Pigeons, 52 classes; 3 guinea cup, silver spoons, and specials. Judges, Messrs. Martin and Sergeant, T. Walton. Rabbits, 20 classes.—Geo. Morrell, Sec., Commercial St., Harrogate.

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn, has been engaged to judge Clitheroe show on Dec. 6, we hear.

Will Mr. A. Sourmely (?) who sent us some questions to be answered, kindly forward his address, so that we may reply?

I won 1st and spl, 2nd and vhc in Norwich at Middlesex show on July 10th and not Nields as per report, writes Mr. W. Nichols (Twickenham).

I have removed from Faxfleet Street, Bankfoot, to 414, Harewood Street, Bradford, writes Mr. W. A. Brown, secretary, Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.

We have engaged Mr. J. Trengove to judge Norwich and Mr. A. Wellings the other classes at Preston Open Show Nov. 21 and 22, 1913, writes Mr. T. Barton, the sec.

At the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. show, in the novice Mule section, writes Mr. W. Oakley (Fratton), I won special for best bred in 1913; your report has only got vhc.

Will you kindly inquire for me the address of Mr. Ernest G. S. Everard, who wrote a letter recently in your paper concerning freaks in Canary breeding? writes Mr. H. Teat, Ancaster, Grantham.

Mr. E. R. Griffith (Carnarvon) writes that he has been appointed to judge the cage bird sections at Brynsiencyn show, Anglesey, Aug. 30th; Ruthin Open show, Aug. 28th; and hopes to be well supported by members of the North Wales C.B.S. and others.

Can any reader give me the address of Mr. J. Needham, who some four years ago lived at Leicester, and who, I believe, has since emigrated to Canada or America? writes Mr. C. P. Smith, 40, Bearwood Hill Road, Burton-on-Trent. He was a well-known member of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

We hear from Mr. S. M'Collum, sec., that the annual open show of the Lurgan C.B.S. will be held on Nov. 21 and 22. Mr. P. Mason (Shipley) will judge Yorks., Nor., Brit., and For., and Mr. J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), Scotch Fancies and Belgians. We hope fanciers will send plenty of entries and their best exhibits.

Oxford F.S. next annual show will be held October 30th and confined to exhibitors residing in the counties of Oxon, Berks, and Bucks, and members of the society, writes Mr. A. H. Calcutt, the sec. Mr. G. H. Billett will judge. Any exhibitor wishing to guarantee a class or classes, such support would be appreciated.

A Pure White Jackdaw.

A Jackdaw, pure white all over, including the beak and legs, has been shot on Mr. Buckenham's farm, The Frith, Billericay.

Country Rambles.

The following rambles have been arranged: July 27, Bankfoot C.B.S.; July 26, Wibsey C.B.S. to Harden Beck, meet Newbys Corner, 2.0 p.m.

An All White Rook.

We have a pure white Rook in our garden, writes Mr. G. H. de Winton to "Country Life." I suppose his parents thought they had brought a monstrosity into the world, so kicked him out of the nest when his feathers came. We picked him up on the lawn on May 14th, and he is quite white, with blue eyes. We have fed him on worms and bread and cheese, and he has become perfectly tame, knows his name, Peter, and will come when called. He enjoys a bath, also a nice taste for strawberries. Give him a big strawberry, and he puts a foot on it while he pulls it to pieces. He has also a taste for blue lobelia blossoms, which I do not care so much for!

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION, or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Cockatoos at Large.

Two white Cockatoos are reported to be flying about in Richmond Park. They have evidently escaped from captivity, and do not appear to be at home in their new surroundings.

Cinnamon C.C. Patronage.

All applications for the club's patronage will be dealt with on July 31st. Societies please apply at once, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, hon. sec., 18, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.

Epworth's Bid for Success.

At Epworth show, exhibitors from a distance need not fear sending exhibits on the Friday or Saturday before the show, as the secretary, Mr. Burrows, takes charge of all cage bird exhibits so sent, and keeps them in a place clear of draughts, and gives personal attention to them. See advt. in this issue.

The Thrush's Clarion Call.

Over a shop opposite All Saints' Church (says the "Manchester Guardian") in a window the bottom of which is filled with green and glowing plants and flowers, there is a fine Song Thrush in a cage. About seven in the evening, when the traffic at this busy spot is thickest, the pedestrian has to shout to make his remarks audible to a companion. It is proof of the power of the Thrush as a vocalist that you can hear the notes of this bird fifty yards away, loud and clear above the ear stunning roar and clangour of trams, motor-cars, etc., as he sings in the slanting beams of the declining sun.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret I have to announce the death of Mr. S. Armstrong, aged 78 years, the father of one of our most respected members, Mr. Jos. Armstrong, of Northgate, Anfield Plain. I am sure his fellow members and brother fanciers will join with us in expressing our deepest sympathy with him and his relatives in their sad bereavement.—R. Peart, sec. Anfield Plain C.B.S.

Currants for Blackbirds and Thrushes.

I have been in the habit of feeding Blackbirds and Thrushes in my garden with dried currants for many years, writes Mr. E. Simon, to a Manchester contemporary, with cocoanut for Tits, and breaderumbs for Robins. I always strew a handful of currants, which the Thrushes and Blackbirds take eagerly. I have watched a Thrush bring its young to my balcony and feed it with currants.

A Novelty in Nests.

A pair of Robins found a novel nesting place at Llandulas, on the North Wales coast. The birds built under a glass-covered artificial wreath on a grave near the churchyard. The wreath is slightly raised on one side, and in the vacant space the birds are rearing a brood of four. The nest is close to the church, and has been visited by many of the villagers, but the Robins appear to be quite at home with their family.

The Hours by Bird Song.

The clock of bird-song is constantly altering with the altering season, says that well-known ornithologist, Mr. Dewar, but it really does afford a sort of timepiece to those who care to follow it with nicety. Thus as the last Song Thrush notes on a rapt July evening early in the month tell me it is nine or five past—exceptionally ten past—so the first Lark notes on an early June morning tell me it is just about two o'clock.

Is the Cuckoo Reforming?

On the estate of Colonel A. M. Blake, at Welwyn, Herts, two young Cuckoos have been found with the parent birds in attendance. This, it is said, is the third successive year that Cuckoos have brought up their young at Welwyn.

When next I hear the Cuckoo call,
Sweet harbinger of summer days,
I shall not think of him at all
As one of mean, disgraceful ways.
Although the moral laws of birds
He formerly was used to flout
By teaching them those sinful words:
"Get on, or else get out!"

He once was fain—or, rather, she—
To seek some feathered comrade's nest,
And, of that dwelling making free,
To put the axiom to the test.
The scion of that selfish race
Pursued his pushful ways unchid.
The other nestlings gave him place.
In fact, he saw they did!

Now you may search and never find
More perfect parents than the pair
Who, more industriously inclined,
Decide their own sweet brood to rear.
But when these grow to birdhood—ah!
Then haply we shall hear them shout
In bell-like tones: "Now, pa and ma,
Get on, or else get out!"

C. H. B. in the "Evening News."



CAN YOU SPOT THE FAULT?

Five Shillings Cash (or Books) for the Correct Reply.

Our artist is of the opinion that this drawing depicts a Yorkshire Canary possessing one bad fault from the exhibition point of view, and he wonders whether readers can identify the particular show point in which the bird is lacking. We shall be pleased to give 5s. cash (or our bird books to value, as may be preferred) to the reader who correctly names this fault. Look the drawing over carefully then send us your opinion as to which is the bad point indicated by our artist. Your effort will cost you only a postcard, and your postcard may win you five shillings.

RULES.—Answer on the back of a postcard and write your name and address clearly underneath. Address your postcard to the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and post it to reach us not later than first post Thursday, July 31st. Only one effort is allowed each competitor. In the event of more than one accurate answer being received, the winner will be drawn for by an independent person.

RESULTS ALL YEAR ROUND!

CAGE BIRDS will sell your surplus stock at once. Advertise, and see for yourself.

"We are pleased with the sales of desiccated yolk of egg through CAGE BIRDS." LIVERINE, LTD. (Grimsby).

"I have had so many replies to my advert for a Roller Hen, that I cannot answer them all. I always find CAGE BIRDS a good paper for getting what I want."—B. WILLEY.

"Kindly make it known that the replies were so many I could not answer all correspondence respecting Raven advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week."—W. BROWN, JUN. (Long Buckley).

"I advertised a cycle for sale in CAGE BIRDS and I had so many replies that I could not possibly answer them all. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success."—THOMAS McGOVERN (Liverpool).

"Please thank, through CAGE BIRDS, the enquirers for my Waxwing. If I had replied to all it would have cost almost as much money as I had asked for the bird—another example of the wonderful results of advertising with CAGE BIRDS. —GEO. CAPEWELL (Haden Hill).

"In reply to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS I hold over a score of letters from all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. It speaks volumes for your paper, and I should like you to thank those readers whom I have not answered. The goods were sold before their letters reached me."—L. WALKER (Golcar).

We hear that Mr. J. O. Williams (Bangor) will judge Holyhead Show, July 29.

The July number of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, contains some extremely interesting and instructive articles, in addition to splendid illustrations and an exquisite coloured plate by Mr. Goodchild. Mr. W. A. Bainbridge contributes "My Aviaries and Bird-rooms," Mr. Herbert Bright "Early Episodes of 1913," and Mr. W. Shore-Baily an article dealing with the breeding of the Giant, Nigerian, Yellow, and Transvaal Weavers. There are also very entertaining instalments of Major G. A. Perreau and Mr. Westley T. Page's articles, and, too, a mass of correspondence and notes on bird life.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.S., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, London, W.; latest date, 26th July. Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. P. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.: Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Road, Windhill, Shipley; Yorks. and Lancs., Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford; Cinnamon C.C., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool (closing date July 30th); Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Fahmouth Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Midland Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham; Fife and Kinross N.P.C., A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty. **Will secretaries please notify us of the latest date on which applications can be received?**

"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON SHOWS

At these fixtures "Cage Birds" Championship Competition will be in progress during the 1913-14 season. Particulars of our Championship scheme will be found on another page; or an explanatory pamphlet will be sent on application. Coupons may be purchased by exhibitors from any secretary whose address appears in this list:

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.
Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Av.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.
Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.
Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—E. Poyser, Wilmot Rd., The Dimple.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson St.
Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—W. Tallantyre, South View.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—R. M. Ward, 16, Wark Street.
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.**—T. Smyth, 14, Vivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown.
Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—J. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.
Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.S.**—A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—W. Cumming, 28, North Road.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford National.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Dec. 6.—**Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.**—R. Heggie, 27, Mclennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Dec. 6.—**Thrums C.B.A.**—J. Stevenson, 6, Muir St., Kirriemuir.
Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.
Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth, W.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Colwyn Bay (N. Wales).—Sept. 3. 10 classes. Judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe. Nor. 2. Yorks; 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. Can 1, Hyb. 1, Goldf. 1, A.O.V. Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 23. to Geo. E. Cragg, Cayley Estate Office, Conway Road.

Bala (Merioneth).—Sept. 12. 8 classes. Judge, Mr W A. Cowgill. Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Goldf. 1, Brit. 1, A.O.V. 1. Local 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 23 to R. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Town.

HOW £200 CASH SPECIAL PRIZES MAY BE WON.

Splendid Progress of "Cage Birds" Great Scheme: Concessions as to Closing Dates: Further Questions and Answers.

SEVERAL secretaries have written us this week stating that owing to no meetings of their societies having been held recently, they have had no opportunity as yet of bringing our championship scheme officially before the notice of their members, therefore they ask to have the closing date for receiving applications extended. Some of the societies dispense with meetings during July and until the end of August, the members fore-gathering only at the Young Bird Shows.

To Meet the Wishes of Secretaries.

We are, needless to say, ready to take whatever course is best calculated to help societies and our scheme at the same time. We will, therefore, in deference to the views of our correspondents, put back the date, at which all applications from societies must reach us, until Saturday, September 20th. This should serve to give every society in our list of guaranteed shows the opportunity of enrolling its fixture in the list of Coupon Shows and participating in the benefits that will accrue from the working of our popular championship scheme, with its £200 worth of special prizes, practically entirely in hard cash.

We have been requested to add to our present list of Coupon Shows:—

BRECHIN C.B.S.
CARDIFF C.B.S.
LONDON C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall Show).
MATLOCK F.S.
THRUMS C.B.A.

The members of the Brechin C.B.S. send along a preliminary order for 120 coupons.

A Very Welcome Addition.

We are particularly pleased to welcome the Cardiff Society, as readers will doubtless remember that the first objection to any point in connection with the scheme was raised by its members. The Secretary, Mr. E. Thomas, assures us that our scheme has his best wishes for its success; we hope they may be realised and that Cardiff Show in its turn may be materially assisted towards success. It is—we may perhaps be pardoned for repeating—the main object of our scheme to provide exhibitors with something to stimulate them to support the shows freely, and to help maintain their interest in the exhibition side of the hobby.

The Horticultural Hall Show, held under the auspices of the London Cage Bird Association, also, it will be noted, figures in this week's list, and the magnificent classification provided at this popular fixture will afford exhibitors in all the sections covered by our scheme, splendid chances of annexing their diplomas.

Some of the Kindly Things Said.

Your Coupon Scheme I consider a good thing.—G. H. Barnwell (Harrogate).

I will do my best to sell coupons, and wish the scheme every success.—E. Thomas, Sec., Cardiff C.B.S.

Speaking from the exhibitor's point of view, I feel confident your championship scheme will be a success and a service to the Fancy.—F. Peace (Bradford).

I have ordered my coupons through the Longton C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Tams. I think your scheme will do well.

I think the Championship Scheme very good, and it ought to arouse great interest at the winter shows, as there is no doubt something is needed to compete for besides the ordinary prize-money. Kindly send me a pamphlet; I shall want some coupons.—E. Barker (Long Eaton).

From the Exhibitor's Point of View.

Returning to the financial side of the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view. Assuming that we reach a total of 100 Coupon Shows (we do not desire less, and shall welcome more) this means that CAGE BIRDS offers no less a sum than £100 in the form of 10s. special prizes alone, ignoring for the moment the diplomas and their value. And no individual exhibitor can take more than two of these 10s. specials, remember, and he has to win each with a different bird. Thus it is obvious that every exhibitor possesses a considerable number of opportunities of winning one of these cash specials, while the chances of securing a diploma with one, or more, of the varieties they keep and exhibit are very considerably higher, as no one can take more than one diploma in any one of the twelve sections we have provided. Further, exhibitors, of course, have still at all times their usual chances amongst the usual cash and special prizes offered at the shows.

At the Palace Show a further sum of £99 in cash and a ten guinea shield will be offered for competition amongst coupon birds. Here practically each variety has a substantial amount allotted solely to it. A fancier of Borders, for instance, competes only with other Border men, and has the opportunity of winning in his own section a sum of not less than 10s. and up to £5. He cannot spend more than two shillings to enable him to do so (for which he secures four chances); and he need not spend more than sixpence. This applies, of course, equally to fanciers of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Hybrids, British birds—the whole, in fact, of the 12 sections specified in our "Outline of the Scheme." It costs no fancier one penny extra in carriage or other expenses, and his birds have also their chances, to which the payment of the usual entry fee entitles them, for the ordinary prizes and specials offered by the Palace Show authorities in each class. Then one fortunate fancier will win a £10 10s. challenge shield and £13 10s. in cash, while another one will secure £13 10s. in cash; and of these two magnificent rewards, one *must* go to a novice fancier. Surely the prospect of being able to compete for and take a share in these splendid special prizes is sufficient to induce every exhibitor to invest



This handsome bird (its plumage is a combination of green, grey, crimson and yellow tones) is a native of the Aru Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, and lives on wild figs and other fruits.

two or three sixpences in coupons. Remember, it does not need a first prize bird; as *only coupon birds* can compete it is possible and probable that numbers of CAGE BIRDS special prizes will be won by exhibits which are low down in the ordinary prize list, and perhaps entirely out of it.

Some Questions and Answers.

Amongst our correspondence of the past week concerning the scheme, we find one or two questions that may perhaps profitably be dealt with here.

An exhibitor asks: If a fancier finds that he has more coupons than he requires, can he transfer them to another fancier who is short? Our answer given last week to a somewhat similar question also applies in this case—we have no objection to an exhibitor disposing of any coupons he is in a position to dispense with to some fellow-fancier desirous of using them in our competition. As we have said, each coupon will bear a number and we shall keep a record of all sold and used.

A secretary enquires: Am I right in surmising that any fancier who obtains coupons from me before the date specified for the sale of them to cease, will be able to make a repeat purchase from me, should he wish to do so, after the show season has commenced? If so will he be able to purchase as many as he chooses, or only as many as he bought in the first case? In reply, we would point out that our published rules (sec No. 2) state that previous purchasers of coupons have the right to buy up to the end of October additional coupons up to the number bought by them before the specified closing date. These can be ordered either from the same source as the earlier supplies or direct from our offices.

The Closing Date for Sale of Coupons.

The secretary of Cheltenham C.B.S. appeals also for an extension of the period over which coupons will be sold to exhibitors. He writes: "My members are strongly of opinion that your scheme will be even more successful if you do not limit the sale of coupons to August 31st. Hundreds more exhibitors would go in for it had they not to buy their coupons so long beforehand. We note your remarks about those who have already bought some and require more; but what about those who haven't bought?"

Well, we are willing to meet this view of the case as far as is possible, and will put back to September 30th the final date on which exhibitors are able to make their first purchase of coupons. This carries exhibitors practically to the opening days of the show season itself.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Will Mr. A. E. Richardson, of Rigby Street, kindly supply name of town, so that we may reply to his letter.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 20th, next.

TWO PRIZES OF 10s. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird, and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of September, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one diploma show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

The "Bulbul" of Poetry.

In an article headed "The Nightingale and its Sisters," the London *Standard*, after referring to our own Nightingale and the Sprosser, speaks of the Eastern Nightingale (*Daulias golzi*) as follows:—

"In some Continental countries Nightingale and Sprosser meet, but the two clans maintain their distinctness, showing that they are true species, not merely local forms of the same bird. The third Nightingale has a range and a reputation of its own; it ranges from the Caucasus to Turkestan and Persia, and is as much valued by bird-fanciers in India as the two European Nightingales are by those nearer home. This bird is the perfection of the Nightingale type; it is the most slender and elegant of the three, and has the longest tail, and it wears a peculiarly light and cool shade of the family brown, while it has the strongest voice of all though like the Sprosser's its music loses in sweetness what it gains in strength. This is the true Bulbul of Persian poetry, the bird that weeps when its beloved rose is gathered, and by its music causes the fair flower to unfold its petals. The legend is a lovely one, and it struck the present writer as rather an anti-climax when he was told of an instance in which a bird of this species, purchased in India, performed the more prosaic feat of causing an hotel to open in the small hours of the morning, his proud owner of a night being requested by the management to take that bird away at once or leave himself, as nobody could get any sleep on the premises!

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.,** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED SAMPLES (Water Glucke).—No. 1 rape is a very good all-round sample of summer rape, of fine quality; No. 2, also a first-rate sample of summer rape of good quality, but a little smaller and having a quite temporary strong flavour on the outer husk. It may be a little newer, and the latter feature disappears with a few months' longer storage. Of the two, No. 1 is the better. No 3 canary is another excellent seed of fine quality throughout. All three are eminently suitable for feeding high-class Rollers, the rape, of course, forming the principal item for contest singers, as you may find detailed in the dietary given in the Nutshell booklet No. 10, on The Roller, 2½d. post free from Manager, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet street, London, E.C.

NASTURTIUM AND SUNFLOWER (Thos. Smyth).—If you give a liberal supply of nasturtium blooms—the rich deep reds for preference—to Canaries all through the moult, they will, if the birds eat them freely, add depth of tone and brilliancy to the colour. Marigold blooms are also useful in the same way. But you must not expect birds moulted in this way to be able to compete for colour with those which are colour-fed in the orthodox modern way. The blooms may be given in conjunction with ordinary colour food. When supplied as the only aid to colour they are best adapted for those varieties where colour is of secondary account and the birds are intended to be shown as natural colour specimens. Sunflower seed, which needs chopping for the birds, is perfectly wholesome for and greatly relished by Canaries. Being a very rich oily seed, it should be used in quite small quantities. It is chiefly serviceable during the latter part of moult as a substitute for linseed, when birds reject the latter seed, and at other times as an occasional treat, or a substitute for hemp.

NOT SINGING (A. Frost).—It is quite the usual thing for birds to cease singing while moulting, and the length of time, eight weeks, your bird has been moulting is by no means excessive. Therefore, I think you only need a little patience, and will then find things work all right. Keep bird free from cold draughts, and in a cosy temperature. See cage is free from insects. Give a staple diet as advised to "Amateur" in this issue, and also a pinch of the

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Romsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

seed mixture advised in that reply, every second day for a month. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and well sprinkled with maw seed. Give a little green food or wild seeds four times a week. Allow bird to bathe three or four times a week if it desires to do so. In the drinking water you may add twenty drops of Chemical Food three times a week for the same length of time.

AILING YORKSHIRES (Frascato).—I think it quite likely you are treating the moulting bird without first removing causes which tend to prolong the moult abnormally. You should look well into this and remove all predisposing causes before commencing treatment. See reply to "Amateur" in this issue and treat your bird on the same general lines. Give the same staple dict, and give the sponge cake with sulphur and maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and the seed mixture and the potash and saffron in water on the alternate days for same period. At the end of the fortnight substitute three drops of cod liver oil emulsion for the sulphur in soft food, and 20 drops of Chemical Food for the potash and saffron in the water. If not quite well by the end of the month please write again and repeat particulars. In regard to the bird which, as you say, gets cramp when it gets excited and hangs down on perch, examine its claws. I suspect they are much overgrown, and form a kind of hook, which gets fast round the perch and "trips up" the bird. If this surmise is correct, the remedy is obvious: trim the overgrown claws back to a proper length.

IS IT TOO LATE? (W.H.W.).—(1) Yes, decidedly, it is too late to continue breeding this season, particularly as the cock has already commenced to cast feathers. Even if you allowed him to put hen to nest again, the eggs would be practically certain to be "clear." Again, as you have already had five nests from the pair, which is far too many, it is altogether unreasonable to desire another. I am quite sure that "Cage Birds" has not taught you to go to this excess, neither is it the way to prepare for good results next season, as you say you mean to try for. You cannot do better than get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, and be guided by its contents in future. (2) You can do absolutely nothing for the bird whose plumage is ruined by giving it too strong an alum bath. Nature will probably repair the damage when the bird moults, so you can only wait until that event takes place. I cannot imagine what induced you to give a bath of this kind. Certainly it has never been advised in this column. (3) The green bird you describe is a Greenfinch, so this is really a mule-breeding query. They breed Mules with the Canary very freely, but unless you are sure your specimen is of a trustworthy disposition it is best to remove the cock whilst the hen is sitting and rearing the young. Your broken eggs were doubtless due to his presence. If you have any further trouble with this pair, send a query on a separate sheet for Mr. Norman to attend to.

MOULTING SIX MONTHS (Amateur).—The bird will not resume song as long as it continues losing feathers. In all probability the cause of this prolonged moulting is exposure to cold draughts, or extreme fluctuations, or heated impure air, such as hanging near or over a burning light in the evenings, or high up near the ceiling. These predisposing causes must be wholly avoided in future. Keep the bird fairly warm for the next few weeks in order to encourage the normal moult to run its course quickly and uninterruptedly. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every third day for a month give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake (or its equivalent in bread and milk), dusted lightly with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. On the intervening days give first a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, broken groats, and linseed, and next a half-ripe plantain stalk or some other wild seed-heads or seedy greenstuff. In the water add as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and five drops of syrup of saffron every third day for a month. Offer a bath daily for a few minutes. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand; see that it is free from insect pests, and throw a light cover over it during this period. At the end of month stop all above drugs; add three drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the soft food, and 20 drops of chemical food to the water every second day for a fortnight.

CARBON SUSPECTED (Bad Luck).—Sorry, but I must plead ignorance of what you refer to as "carbon," and cannot therefore say whether it is likely to be the cause of your young birds dying. Is it one of these chemical products that you keep stored in the room? And, if so, in what quantity, and what is the size and arrangements for ventilation of your room? If you will send me full particulars and say what particular substance you refer to as "carbon," I will do my best to help you. By the bye, you do not mention anything about the old birds being affected in any way, and it seems to me they, too, must have suffered if the young birds' deaths were due to any substance being kept in the room. Possibly, the hens were non-feeders. It is too late now to make any further attempt at breeding this year.

WASTING AWAY (W. J. G.).—Your feeding does not seem to have been of a wholesome character for a bachelor bird. It has been far too stimulating, and in all probability has affected the liver. For one week give a diet of plain canary only, supplemented with a liberal daily supply of watercress, lettuce, plantain stalks, or seed spikes of shepherd's purse. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean; cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water during this time add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece every second day. After the first week, continue the same staple diet, but add, separately, a small teaspoonful of boiled summer rape every second day, and give a morsel of ripe banana. On the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a large hazel nut sprinkled liberally with maw seed, and a small spray of green food. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Continue this feeding for three weeks. In the water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid. Keep bird fairly warm and free from draughts, as it will most likely drop into moult.

TOO LATE (E. E. Taylor).—Decidedly it is quite too late now to do any more breeding this season either in or out doors. The moulting season will very soon be in full swing, when breeding is quite out of the question. It is quite the rule for cocks to cease singing just before they drop into moult, so, perhaps, yours have already stopped singing on this account. But if they were last year's birds they should not have ceased quite so soon. Cocks will almost, if not quite, invariably sing better when caged separately than when kept in groups, or mated together in pairs. Unless you are sure the birds have been bred and kept in a quite normal temperature, or accustomed to an outdoor aviary, you would do well to moult and winter them in an unheated room indoors. The one that has a difficulty of breathing should certainly be taken in at once, and kept in a cosy place free from cold draughts during the moult. Give it a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary, and add to the water 20 drops of whisky five each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

BETWEEN TWO STOOLS (Novice).—In your case you can only choose the lesser of two evils, and break up breeding pairs forthwith. The season is much too far advanced now to expect any further success in breeding, and the effect of checking the hens breeding will be far less risky than attempting to check the moult. The latter might easily ruin the birds for next season, whilst to check breeding at this season will be of very little consequence. As regards the moulting season, it is just beginning to get into good swing with adult birds, and quite a large number are already deep in moult. The proper moulting season may be said to last from about the middle of July to end of October, the end of August and September being the time when it is most general. Of course, individual birds are not moulting during all this time, but fresh birds will be continually starting their moult from July onwards. Cage the cocks up separately, and turn the hens into a good-sized flight together, and treat them all as you would moulting birds. See that all are quite free from cold draughts, and keep those that are recovering from colds in a fairly warm temperature whilst moulting. Substitute a small teaspoonful of boiled millet and boiled summer rape—first one and then the other—for the bread and milk you are giving these birds. Also add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid to the water every second day for a week. This will help to bring them back on to a diet of dry seeds. Clear away all nesting receptacles and material to afford as little inducement as possible for the hens to desire to go to nest. The hen that falls off the perch would be best chloroformed. It would be most unwise to breed with her.

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Answered by H. NORMAN, in the absence of Mr. Fulljames on holiday.

YOUNG CUCKOO (Cuckoo).—Your young Cuckoo that has just commenced to peck should be fed for a time upon the same food that you have reared him on, whatever that is. A good insectile food with a little hard boiled egg added occasionally, with mealworms and any insects you can procure, should keep him in good health. The Cuckoo is not a very desirable cage bird, and if you think you will tire of him, you had better give him his liberty next month; if not, keep him until the spring before doing so.

REARING BULLFINCHES (Mrs. Pearce Brown).—You have accomplished what many have failed to do—that is, to get Bullfinches to breed in captivity. As a rule, the cock bird refuses to mate. Having many other birds in the same aviary is rather against your chances of rearing young ones. Your feeding when the other brood was about was correct as far as the seed and wild food were concerned, but I would advise you to procure a good brand of insectile food, as used for Warblers, and give them some at once. If, as you say, you can procure fresh ants' eggs, you should mix these with it when they are rearing the young. If they are not disturbed by the other inmates of the aviary you may possibly succeed in rearing the next brood.

PIED THRUSH (Lux).—Odd white feathers in your Song Thrush are caused through lack of colouring pigment in the blood, over which you have no control. It frequently occurs in a wild state. Newly-grown feathers are naturally full of blood until the quill is properly formed and hardened. It is a mistake to extract them, causing an unnecessary strain upon the bird's constitution to reproduce them, and they will probably grow the same colour again. If you keep the bird another season and are anxious to have him in normal plumage, try a course of iron tonic just before the moult; it would enrich the

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insecticorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

blood, and might possibly have the desired effect. It is not difficult to colour-feed a Blackbird. This is done by mixing tasteless pepper with his soft food. About half the strength as given to Canaries would be sufficient. The idea is to simply intensify the colour of the beak and eye eores. It is the general excellence and high condition of the exhibit that catches the judge's eye.

HOARSE IN SONG (J. Rambottom).—The hoarseness you complain of is nothing to worry about. These birds frequently get a bit hoarse and croaky at this time of the year. They have been singing for several months, and the voice naturally begins to break a bit as the moult approaches. Mix a little honey and fresh lemon juice together in equal proportions, and give 30 drops in his drinking water; this may relieve him. His voice will no doubt be right again when he commences to sing after the moult.

SEXING YOUNG THRUSHES (E. C. Scarbon).—The only reliable way to sex young Thrushes is by the song. Watch your birds closely, and you will soon see one or more of them commencing to warble. In the cock birds this daily becomes louder. As you detect them, cage them off separately, when some will soon sing quite loudly. If you are interested in showing, you should keep the largest of the hens, as these usually make the best exhibition birds. You can give them water now both for drinking and bathing purposes. Give them the bath early in the day, so that the birds and cages are quite dry by the evening. When giving drinking water to young birds for the first time, it should be given with the chill off, and only be given at intervals, until it may be left in the cage without danger of their drinking to excess.

PAIRING GOLDIE MULE AND CANARY (W. B. H.W.).—You are too late this year for any experiment in the way of freak Hybrids. We have seen birds reputed to be this cross, but beyond their being something extraordinary in the way of crossing they have no real value. Why not get a good cock Goldfinch and try to breed some Hybrids with it and your Canary hen another season? It is not actually too late now, providing your hen does not fall into moult, but most probably she will in a week or so. If you decide to try another year, get your Goldie early in the winter, and let the couple fly together until the spring, or put them in cages within sight of each other.

BULLFINCH "SEEDY" (T.C.).—You give no particulars of the feeding of your Bullfinch, and as you have him up with a hen Canary I suspect he has had the same food that is given to Canaries generally, whereas Bullfinches require different treatment. Give two parts canary and one of rape as a staple food, a little linseed and hemp, twice a week, and half a dozen sunflower seeds every day. In addition he should have plenty of wild food, such as shepherd's purse, seeding groundsell, and chickweed, raspberries, of which you could still obtain a few if you have a garden with a few canes in it, and privet berries when in season. The drooping wings are probably caused through weakness, and your remedy is better treatment and a tonic. Get an ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine, and give as much as will cover a threepenny piece in the drinking water, fresh daily for a week, when you should see an improvement. You should get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Bullfinch.

VARIOUS TROUBLES (Avis).—To mix honey with soft-food, it requires to be slightly heated, which thins it; it can then be well stirred in. The dripping is hardly necessary where the other ingredients are good. (2) In my humble opinion the Siskin is the only Finch that is improved by being colour-fed, and that only moderately, just enough to intensify the yellow in his plumage. If you so desire you can of course colour-feed any Hard-billed birds that will take soft-food, by mixing tasteless pepper with the latter. This should be done very sparingly at first, and be gradually increased until the desired quantity is taken. Any birds intended to be so treated should be commenced with at once, so as to get the blood well charged with colouring matter. If you leave it until your birds are in the moult they will probably come patchy in colour. (3) The Greater and Lesser Whitethroats have both at times taken premier honours on the show-bench. It is all a question of excellence. A good Whitethroat will beat a bad specimen of a species more rare. It was impossible to treat all birds fully, and the general treatment of the majority of the warblers in captivity is somewhat similar.

LOSING YOUNG GOLDFINCHES (W.J.M.).—I am sorry your friend was so unfortunate as to lose his brood of young Goldies. The mistake made was in expecting them to eat hard seed directly they were weaned. Although they could pick up a little it is doubtful if they were able to crack enough dry seed to sustain them; he should have given them some soft-food, such as egg and biscuit, soaked rape and teazel seeds, and crushed hemp. I have found from experience that where wild birds feed the young in cages, they generally discontinue to do so quite suddenly, when, if the owner is not very careful, he will lose them.

SKYLARK MOPY (R.A.).—Your Skylark is no doubt sickening for the moult. With good treatment you should manage to pull him through. A sprig of meadow saffron in the drinking water would assist him in making a start. Let him have a few extra insects, also fresh ants' eggs if procurable (see advt. cols., under "Foods").

LINNET WITH BROKEN LEG (W. Bragg).—A broken limb sounds dreadful, and yet in a bird it is not difficult to repair. You appear to have treated your bird skilfully. A bird's leg does not take long to join, but I would advise you not to interfere with it until you see he is using it in a natural manner. Then you might carefully remove the bandage, but do not give him any perches (or, if any, very low ones) until he is quite recovered. This should be in about three weeks, but it is all according to the nature of the fracture. I had one case where the bird was using its leg fairly well in a fortnight.

BULLFINCH BALD (Perplexed).—The moulting season is now approaching when your bird will no doubt grow fresh feathers on the bare spots. You should assist nature by smearing the places with a little sulphur ointment. I suppose you are feeding him correctly? At this season of the year wild food for Finches is so plentiful in the fields and by the roadside, that captive birds should be fed liberally with it. Have you examined him for grey lice? These bury themselves in the bird's feathers, and are not easily detected unless the bird is handled. They are frequently the cause of bare places round the neck. Regarding the wild hen Bullie that visits your garden, if you suspect that they have young in the neighbourhood, you should not have much difficulty in finding them, when you could probably hand-rear them and select a partner for your pet bird. This would be better than interfering with the wild pair, as Bullies pair for life.

EYE TROUBLE (Lincolnshire Lad).—Bathe the eye in a solution of boracic acid. Put a quarter of a teaspoonful in a cup, add a little water, and mix into a paste, then half fill with warm water. Bathe the eye with a piece of cotton wool dipped into it. Do not put bird outside directly afterward, into the cold air. If this does not cure it you will have to try a stronger remedy; in that case, look in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL; or write again.

TREATMENT OF OWL (Howler).—You do not say the species of Owl you possess, and as these vary considerably in size, it is impossible to advise you as to the size of cage for him. Anyway, let it be as large as you can conveniently afford room for. In making it, give it a gable roof, so that the bird can retire to a quiet shaded spot during the day; or if you make an ordinary oblong cage of good size, you could fix a box in one corner with a perch in it. This box should not have a bottom in it, or it would soon get fouled with droppings. The cage should be made so that it can easily be cleaned out, which should be done frequently. Sawdust is the best material to strew over the bottom. Owls are not easy birds to cater for. They require mice or sparrows, and failing these, butchers' scraps. Most of them are fond of bathing, and I think it as well to give them water, so that they can take it if required. You will find that if they are fed upon recently-killed mice and birds, some of which should be given to them warm, they will drink very seldom. If you tire of him as a pet, give him his liberty in a suitable district.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

WHAT BIRD? (R.S.B.).—Regret I shall have to defer reply till next week, as I am away from home and all books of reference.

COCKATIELS NOT BREEDING (J.D.S.).—From your description, I should say that both your birds are of one sex. The crest of the cock is larger and more yellow than that of the hen; the sides of his face are lemon-yellow, with a bright red spot on the ear-coverts; the underside of his tail is blackish-grey. The female has the sides of the face grey, only slightly suffused with yellow, and the red spot is smaller and duller than that of the male; the underside of her tail is barred white, yellow, and black. The underside of the tail feathers alone is a distinction which even the tyro cannot miss, once he knows of it. In all adult birds (yours are adult) the male is plain blackish-gray, that of the female being barred as stated above.

CHINESE YELLOW BUNTING, ETC. (R.H.W.).—(1) The Chinese Yellow Bunting is a handsome species, and well worth its place in a mixed series in any garden aviary. (2) Tovi Parrakeets are fairly amiable, but like all Parrakeets are mischievous, and the only Parrakeet I know of that one can pronounce as safe among Finches is the common-place Cockatiel. True, there are others that agree for varying periods with Finches, but

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

sooner or later trouble usually occurs. I may say that I kept a pair of the charming varied Lorikeets in an outdoor aviary with Finches, etc., for five years, and they never did any harm, but I should not care to generalise from the behaviour of a single pair. I certainly mistrust the Tovi, as company for Finches, but as your aviary is roomy no harm may accrue.

IS IT A PARROT? (G. T. Garratt).—It is a Ring necked Parrakeet, but whether it is the Indian or African species, your description is not full enough for me to decide

CORDON BLEUS (Laurence).—(1) Any kind of Finch or Waxbill that will take a little fruit will be benefited by it, but I have never noticed the Cordon Bleu to be any, but they are certainly fond of flowering (seeding) grass, and other weeds, and such should be supplied. My Cordons usually are very fond of sponge cake moistened with boiled milk. (2) It is an inhabitant of Tropical Africa.

WAXBILLS AND FINCHES (C.L.E.).—The seed you name must always be in the cage, also rattle seed, and greenfood, when flowering grass fail, a leaf of lettuce (fresh) may be given, but cut out the fleshy centre rib before giving to the birds. Re the dainty mixture you quote, this should work out satisfactorily, but it must be understood that this special dainty treatment is extra to and not in lieu of the usual dietary given above. If there should be any appearance of diarrhœa, then you must stop the Dinneford's Magnesia for a time. Re your mixture of hard boiled egg and Osborne biscuits, I would suggest in lieu of this, sponge cake, slightly moistened with boiled milk. Your new purchases deal, I expect, from the preparation, which to a greater or lesser degree follows importation. Unless a reply is required by post, there is no charge for replies in this column.

AMAZON PARROT (E.B.).—My experience is that the moult takes about two months; with some specimens it is just over, with others just commencing. If the bird continues well, I should let well alone, but if it gets out of tone, give a laxative (one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water daily till full relief has been given to the bowels), follow this by giving half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day for a few weeks to tone it up. If you give wholesome food and follow above directions, you should not have illness to deal with—never permit constipation. Laxative as above will soon regulate matters, and the byno-phosphates is a good tonic to be given whenever the bird is a little out of tone. There is no modern pamphlet on bird diseases, but simple remedies are given in "C.B." ANNUAL. I am not allowed to recommend either professional men or traders in this column.

GREY PARROT (Perplexed).—Stop giving the bread moistened in tea, but you can give it a piece of bread moistened in byno-phosphates and water (equal parts of each). Keep cuttlebone in cage, also Parrot grit. While the genial weather lasts, spray it every other day with quassia solution, and give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, twice a week, in the drinking water. Do not place it in an exposed position, nor yet where the sun can shine directly upon it, but on all warm genial days it would be beneficial to the bird to stand the cage out of doors. Keep a tin of canary and white millet seed in the cage as well as the Parrot Mixture. Report progress a month hence.

GREY PARROT NOT TALKING (C. Reef).—It is not necessary to cut its tongue, such treatment would not help it talk; it might kill it. It is a barbarous and cruel practice, and quite unnecessary, and is never done now save in ignorance. Some Parrots take much more teaching than others. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, yet not near where there is likely to be a lot of bustling movements likely to scare it; also teach it by the constant repetition method, viz., repeating over and over again to it some word or short sentence you wish it to repeat, and keep at the same one word or sentence till it is thoroughly learned before taking up another. When it is in restful mood is the best time to train it. I presume the bird is quite tame now; it is not likely to commence talking till it is. If you have not got it, get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, it will help you.

COULDIAN FINCHES, ETC. (E.A.B.N.).—(1) A cock Gouldian Finch would live well enough in single blessedness either in a roomy cage by himself or with Cordon Bleus, and other Waxbills. Two cocks would agree well together and make a nice show in a roomy cage, but to prevent you running into any error I must inform you that Gouldians are of a lethargic demeanour, even in a roomy aviary. (2) No, follow the directions in the Nutshell and your birds should thrive. (3) Parrot grit is packed by most of the reputable bird providers. It is a flint grit; write to some large firm advertising in our columns for a packet of Parrot grit. (4) Paddy rice is rice in the husk. Most of the seed merchants advertising in our pages would supply you. (5) Your local chemist might help you; if not, write to one of the large bird food providers advertising in "Cage Birds."

AMAZON PARROT (Douglas, I.O.M.).—I should keep the bowels of this bird moving quite freely by giving one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in drinking water as often as may be required to keep the bowels moving quite freely, yet without any appearance of diarrhœa. Dissolve three grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup on three consecutive days whenever there are indications of a fit coming on, or immediately after one has occurred. Your general treatment is correct, but I should omit the bone. A little fruit, few nuts, and pieces of plain biscuit should be regularly supplied as extras to the seed dietary. Cuttlebone should be continually in the cage. (1) If you put up Amazons for breeding, you must give them a roomy enclosure to themselves, and as soon as you have got your birds to agree together, simply leave them alone together, and breeding should follow in due course—there is no danger in attempting to breed them, and if you have the convenience I certainly advise it. (2) During the summer twice a week, once a week during the late autumn, winter and early spring will be sufficient. (3) Among the Amazons the Blue-front is usually the most fluent talker. (4) Greene's "Parrots in Captivity" is a good book, but it is out of print, but reputable second-hand booksellers frequently have copies for sale. You can get a popular pamphlet, "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit," from this office for 7d., post free—it contains some notes on the Amazons.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. L. H. S.—Broncho-pneumonia, originating in a cold.

J. S. Hughes.—Hen bird; cause of death, pneumonia.

O. I. Stone.—Enteritis, following on fatty degenerative changes in the liver. There must be some error in diet.

H. Eastwood.—Pulmonary apoplexy, following congestion of the lungs.

Dr. C. Peterson Weekes.—Death occurred from pulmonary apoplexy. The bird was a robust one and in high condition. There was also a tendency to fatty degeneration of the liver.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. Nutman.—It is pennycress, a near relation of shepherd's-purse, but far less common. Excellent for Finches.

Kay.—In the County of London, all species of birds are protected all the year round on Sundays, and practically all species of interest to bird-keepers are also protected at all times, the only notable exceptions being the Greenfinch, Jay, Marsh Tit, and House Sparrow. Open season, September 1st to January 31st.

G. M. Nelson.—You will be in time; see our notes this week.

R. Thompson.—We have heard nothing of such a change, and do not believe that the catching of "Goldfinches, Linnets, and birds of that class" is to be thrown open everywhere next season (if this is what you mean; your letter is not really clear on the point). By the way, although the catching of the Goldfinch and Siskin is prohibited all the year round in Glamorgan, the Linnet and all the other Finches are not protected between August 1st and March 2nd, except on Sundays, and Sunday catching is allowed in one or two districts. Why not get a copy of the Act? It only costs 2d., including postage.

THE SHOWS.

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KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held July 19, headquarters, Hare and Hound Hotel; 62 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECT.—CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS: 1, Myers; 2, vhc, S. Smith; 3, Jeffrey; hc, Mitchell; c, Leach. BUFF: 1, Jeffrey; 2, Slater; 3, vhc, Bower; hc, Crowther; c, Scaife. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Crowther; 2, Burnett; 3, Slater; vhc, Middleton; hc, Leach; c, Burnett. NOV. SECT.—CL. TKD. YELL. YORKS: 1, Burrows; 2, 3, Williams; vhc, Dean; hc, Ascough; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Ascough; 2, Williams; 3, Burrows. A.V. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Williams; 2, Ascough; 3, Dean.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

N.F. show held July 5. Mr. T. Rowlands judged, 65 birds being staged. YKS. CL. YELL.: 1, hc, Benson and Young; 2, Green; 3, Alston; vhc, Edwards; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, hc, Benson and Young; 2, Stott; 3, vhc, Alston; c, Cooper. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Alston; 2, vhc, Morton; 3, Green; vhc, c, Benson and Young. BUFF: 1, Morton; 2, Walton; 3, c, Benson and Young; vhc, Stott; hc, Edwards. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, vhc, hc, Benson and Young. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Benson and Young; 2, Cooper. NOVICE: 1, Simmons; 2, 3, vhc, Walton. BORD.: 1, 3, Metcalfe; 2, vhc, Benson and Young. GOLDF. AND LINNET: 1, Morton; 2, 3, Edwards; vhc, Walton; hc, Barker; c, Alston. GREENF.: 1, hc, Benson and Young; 2, vhc, Edwards; 3, c, Barker. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, c, Barker; 3, Benson and Young; hc, Morton.

Highgate Hampstead C.B.S.—July 28, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Mr. P. Johnston responsible. J. Hyde.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Last feather show. Judge, Mr Ralph Greenwith (Lockwood). T. Smith.

Kelly and Blairgowrie C.B.A.—July 29, No 7, Golfburgh, 8 p.m. General business. A. Dickson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—August 2, Camera Club Rooms, Cross gate, 5.30. Young bird show, judging to start at 6 p.m. A. Thomson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 29, White Swan, 8.30. Next Feather show, nine classes, also lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. E. H. Hulse. A. Firestone.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 26, Headquarters, 8 p.m. This meeting is instead of 1st Saturday in month. H. Grange.

Morley and Dis. C.B.S.—July 26, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Important, half-yearly meeting. J. Rhodes.

National British Bird and M.C.—July 31, Feathers, Gt. Chapel St., Westminster, 8 p.m. Allotting of medals.—J. P. Carr.

Newton-le-Willows F. & F.S.—July 30, "Pied Bull" Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Mr. Ashcroft (Golborne), lectures on "Dutch."—H. A. Waddington.

North Wales C.B.S.—Next committee meeting, Assembly Rooms, Market st., July 25th, 7.30 p.m. prompt.—R. E. Grillith.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 28, Irwell Castle Hotel, Lower Brunghton, 8.30. Members please attend; important business.—R. Chaloner.

Portsmouth & Southern Counties C.B.S.—July 30, Headquarters, 8 p.m. sharp. Agenda: Pay local prize money, collect ticket money, and discuss matters relating to annual show.—King and Joiner.

Provincial Roller C.C.—July 26, Old Buar's Head, Corporation st., Manchester, 6 p.m. prompt; important show business.—A. Percival.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Show business.—H. Wantling.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Aug. 1, Headquarters, 7.30. Important matters.—E. Rone.

Sheffield O.S.—July 29, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8 p.m. Committee meeting; business very important.—E. C. Job.

Stanley Vic. Club F. and F. and C.B.S.—July 27, Victoria Club, 10.30 a.m. Char-a-banc and other important business.—R. Peart.

Swindon F. & F.A.—July 30, The Baths, Milton Road, 8 p.m. Table show, pigeons; election new members; judging competition, etc.—W. J. Moran.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—July 26, Cardiff Arms, 7.30 sharp. All members requested tu attend; important business.—E. Thomas.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—July 29, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8 p.m. General discussion on season breeding.—A. H. McLean.

Walsall C.B.S.—July 30, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore, 8.30 p.m. Fixing date of open show; very important.—F. Price.

Warrington C.B.S.—July 31, Blue Bell Sale Room, 8 p.m. Open show business.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 29, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Pay out prize money; schedule open show.—W. G. Andrews.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 26. Ramble to Harden Beck, meet at Newby's Corner at 2 p.m. Ladies and friends specially invited.—H. C. Crossley.

CHOPPINGTON & BARRINGTON.

N.F. show held July 19, Social Club. Owing to a bad breeding season, there was only a moderate turn-out of birds, although the quality of the exhibits was good. Mr. W. Guttridge won spl for best bird in show with a smart little Border shown in grand style.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Griffiths; 2, Paxton. BUFF: 1, Dixon; 2, Paxton; 3, Dixon. BORD. YELL.: 1, Paxton; 2, Hall. BUFF: 1, Paxton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Griffiths. NOV.: 1, spl, W. Guttridge; 2, 3, Clennel.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 12 in Church Hall, Hamsterley Colliery. Owing to a very bad breeding season, very few young birds were staged. British turned up well. Total, 50. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Visitors again disappointed us; only a moderate attendance. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Barkess. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Barkess. C.B.: 1, 2, Routledge. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Curry. OLD BIRDS: NOR. YELL.: 1, Barkess; 2, 3, Marsh. BUFF: 1 Barkess; 2, Marsh. BRIT. GOLDF.: 1, Tomlinson; 2, Jameson and Johnson; 3, vhc, Barkess; hc, Curry. BULLF.: 1, 3, Jameson and Johnson; 2, Barkess. GREENF.: 1, 3, Jameson and Johnson; 2, Barkess. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, 3, hc, Tomlinson; 2, vhc, Jameson and Johnson; c, Barkess. LINNET: 1, 2, Barkess. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Jameson and Johnson; 3, hc, Barkess; vhc, Curry; c, Urwin. SOFT.: 1, Barkess; 2, Curry. HYB.: 1, 2, Barkess; 3, vhc, Curry.—Jameson and Johnson, Secs.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held July 10, St. Phillip's Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, Mr. T. Ridal in the chair, supported by Mr. J. Woolhouse. I regret to announce the serious illness of our secretary, Mr. C. Tomlinson. I am sure we all wish him a speedy recovery. Special table show of young birds, exhibits numbering 70, with many promising birds amongst them. The novices were well to the front with Yorkshires. Mr. W. H. Champion judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Furness; 3, 4, Butler; vhc, c, Marshall; hc, Ridal. BUFF: 1, Furness; 2, Butler; 3, Marshall; 4, Ridal. NOR. YELL.: 1, Woolhouse. BUFF: 1, 4, Lawton; 2, 3, vhc, Woolhouse. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1, Kelsey; 2, 3, Pickering; 4, hc, Finch; vhc, Carr; c, J. Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Carr; 3, Thompson; vhc, hc, Loring; c, J. Smith. NOR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Bailey; 2, 4, Mathews; 3, R. Smith; hc, c, Abbott. BUFF.: 1, c, R. Smith; 2, 3, vhc, Mathews; 4, hc, Abbott. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Bailey.—A. Lawton, Assist. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Fifth annual N.F. show, July 12, at St. Thomas Schools, Ardwick. This is the first fixture in our new headquarters, and we can congratulate ourselves on having such a grand room at our disposal. Entries came up to 100; this was thought very satisfactory, considering that many members have had a poor breeding season. We had not an entry in the amateur Yorks classes; the amateur Nor. came up grand—35 in four classes and 23 in the novice Nor. classes. Borders came up better than in previous years, and the quality of the exhibits was grand. Owners having good fortune during the moult will be heard of later. Mr. J. Vint put down a grand team and secured most points. Mr. A. G. Smith special 2nd most points; Mr. S. Greaves spl best novice Nor.; A. Blinston, spl best novice Yorks; A. E. Hope, spl best novice bird. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) placed the cards, and left no room for comment.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Vint; 3, Bardsley; 4, Henson; vhc, Peters; hc, Chilton. BUFF: 1, vhc, Vint; 2, Peters; 3, Smith; 4, Chilton; hc, Henson. TKD YELL.: 1, Vint; 2, Smith; 3, Henson; 4, Chilton; vhc, Peters; hc, Garbett. BUFF: 1, 2, Vint; 3, Henson; 4, Peters; vhc, Holland, hc, Bardsley; c, Spencer. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Holland; 2, Garbett. NOVICE YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, Fletcher, 2, Benson. BUFF: 1, Fletcher; 2, Wareing; 3, Blinston; 4, Bedford. TKD. YELL.: 1, Fletcher; 2, Wareing. BUFF: 1, Blinston, 2, Fletcher. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Benson; 2, Bedford. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Thorpe; 2, Wareing; 3, 4, Howarth, vhc, hc, Westmacott, c, Hampson. NOR CL. BUFF: 1, Greaves; 2, 4, Howarth, hc, 3, Parish, vhc, Hampson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Greaves; 2, Hampson. BUFF: 1, 4, Greaves; 2, Wareing; 3, vhc, Thorpe, hc, Hunt; c, Hampson. BORD. YELL.: 1, Dr Kindon. BUFF: 1, 2, Bennett; 3, Dr Kindon; 4, vhc, Long. YOUNG MULE: 1, 3, Oldham; 2, Dr. Kindon. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Hope. LINNET: 1, 2 Hughes; 3, 4, Smith. GREENF.: 1, Oldham; 2, Smith; 3, Chilton; 4, Hope. CHAFF OR BRAMBLE.: 1, Oldham; 2, 3, Hope. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Oldham; 2, Chilton. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 2, Oldham. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Hunt. J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Second F.F. show held July 19, at Bull Bell Hotel; entry of nearly 60. Mr. J. Greaves (Manningham) judged to the satisfaction of all. Silver cup, best novice bird, was won by F. Studd, of Eccleshill, with a grand clear buff York. Following are total points for the two F.F. shows: Champ.: Atkinson 49, Shepherd 41, Long 38, Garnett 22, Halliday 19, Elsegood 13; Novice: Ellis 24, Hall 19, Boocock 16, Studd 16, Harney 11, Fretwell 3. Starred birds points: Champ.: Shepherd 28, Atkinson 22, Long 18, Garnett 15, Halliday 15, Greaves 10; Novices: Ellis 22, Hall 14, Boocock 12, Harney 11, Fretwell 3, Spencer 3.

CL. YELL.: 1, Shepherd; 2, Long; 3, Studd; 4, Greaves; vhc, Spencer; hc, c, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, cup, Studd; 2, Long; 3, Boocock; 4, Ellis; vhc, Boocock; hc, Hall; c, Studd. TKD. YELL.: 1, Boocock; 2, Long; 3, 4, Greaves. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, 4, Atkinson; 3, Greaves; vhc, Fretwell; hc, Hall. GREEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Shepherd; 2, Boocock; 4, Harvey. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Mason; 3, Studd; 4, Garnett; vhc, Ellis. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Garnett. BUFF: 1, Harvey.—Taylor and Ellis, Secs.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting and second night show held July 10, Mr. J. Abbott in the chair. One new member, Mr. Rawsthorne, Bootle, was nominated. At night show 82 birds were staged, which were judged by T. Rowlands and R. Beatherton, to whom a vote of thanks was given. CLASS 1 (16): 1, hc, c, Fricker; 2, Hartley; 3, Maxwell; vhc, Kayton. CLASS 2 (14): 1, Handley; 2, Plunkett; 3, Southwood; vhc, Hartley; hc, c, Mrs. Hartley. CLASS 3 (9): 1, 3, Redpath; 2, Eccleston; vhc, c, Skilling; hc, Wilson. CLASS 4 (8): 1, Plunkett; 2, vhc, Skilling; 3, c, Bell; hc, Redpath. CLASS 5 (6): 1, Plunkett; 2, McMahon; 3, vhc, Vogel; vhc, c, Maxwell. CLASS 6 (4): 1, Maxwell; 2, Redpath; 3, McMahon; vhc, Plunkett. CLASS 7 (3): 1, 2, R. Malone; 3, McMahon. CLASS 8 (4): 1, 2, vhc, R. Malone; 3, McMahon. CLASS 9 (2): 1, Skilling; 2, Pullman. CLASS 10 (3): 1, 3, Skilling; 2, Pullman. CLASS 11 (4): 1, 2, Hart; 3, Pullman; vhc, Skilling. CLASS 14 (3): 1, 3, W. Jones; 2, J. Lloyd. CLASS 16 (4): 1, 3, W. Jones; 2, Bell; vhc, Lloyd. CLASS 17 (3): 1, Pullman; 2, 3, W. Jones. Most points: Skilling 19, Plunkett 18, Redpath 15, W Jones 13, McMahon 12, Maxwell 12.—J. Lloyd.

HALIFAX O.S.

Second N.F. show, July 19, Plummet Line Hotel, when 93 birds were staged. Mr. F. Allen judged and gave every satisfaction. In the champ. section a tie resulted between Mr. F. Townsend and Mr. S. Wilkinson for the club sp with 16 points each. In the Novice, Mr. E. Ogden won with 12 points. Mr. F. Townsend won Mr. Lord's sp for most points at both nest feather shows with 31 points, and Mr. S. Wilkinson Mr. E. Saville's sp with 24 points.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (15): 1, Ogden; 2, c, Burdekin Bros.; 3, vhc, Wilkinson; hc, E. Holroyd. BUFF (21): 1, Ogden; 2, Sladdin; 3, Senior; vhc, Horsman; hc, Child; c, Townsend. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Townsend; hc, Thornton; c, Senior. BUFF (8): 1, Holroyd; 2, Townsend; 3, Sladdin; vhc, c, Pilling; hc, Sharp. HEAVY VAR. YORKS (6): 1, Wilkinson; 2, c, Simpson; 3, Pilling; vhc, Holroyd; hc, Woodhead. GREEN YELL. (7): 1, Sharp; 2, Thornton; 3, Woodhead; vhc, Pilling; hc, Simpson; c, Mann. BUFF (3): 1, Simpson; 2, 3, Pilling. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, vhc, Mottram; 2, 3, Heap. BUFF (6): 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Heap; vhc, c, Clegg; hc, Lord. MKD. (2): 1, 2, Mottram. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Macpherson. BRIT. (10): 1, Benn; 2, c, Helliwell; 3, vhc, Macpherson; hc, Mottram.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Two N.F. shows held June 17th and July 15th respectively. Thirty-four birds at first show and forty-four at second. This completed the series of shows for the grand specials, and we must here take the opportunity of thanking the donors of same. We must congratulate the Britisb men on their keenness, they taking the highest awards over all sections. Mr. J. A. Tonks won valuable oil-painting for most points over the British section, and also medal for second most points with four highest birds over all sections. Mr. Palmer, another British enthusiast, took medal for most points four highest birds over all sections, Mr. Collier, the Norwich enthusiast, coming third. In nov. section Mr. Barnsley, another British and Norwich man, took special for most points. Although the entries were not up to average (through bad luck in breeding) in point of numbers, the quality in all sections has been grand, some exceedingly promising youngsters being put down. The society is now in a sound position financially, and with sound fanciers as managers. The judges gave entire satisfaction.

JUNE SHOW; Mr. Geo. Baker judge.—YORKS., CL. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Andrews. BUFF (2): 1, Beck; 2, Andrews. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Beck. NOR., CL. YELL. (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Broardhurst. BUFF (3): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Broardhurst. MKD. YELL (1): 1, Broardhurst. BUFF (2): 1, Cooper; 2, Broardhurst. GOLD. OR BULLF. (4): 1, 3, 4, Tonks; 2, Palmer. LINNET (6): 1, 2, vhc, Palmer; 3, 4, Tonks. TWITE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Tonks; 4, vhc, Palmer. A.O.V. (1): 1, Palmer. NOV., YORKS. (1): 1, Barnsley. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Butler; 2, Barnsley. BUFF (2): 1, Butler; 2, Barnsley. JULY SHOW; Mr. J. H. Roe judge.—YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Andrews; 3, Hernshaw; 4, Beck; vhc, Digger. BUFF (3): 1, Hernshaw; 2, Digger; 3, Beck. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Hernshaw. NOR., CL. YELL. (2): 1, Taylor. BUFF (2): 1, Taylor. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Taylor. BUFF (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Cooper. GOLD OR BELLFINCH (5): 1, 2, vhc, Palmer; 3, 4, Tonks. LINNETS, ETC. (6): 1, 2, hc, Palmer; 3, 4, vhc, Tonks. TWITE, ETC. (4): All to Tonks. A.O.V. (4): 1, Palmer; 2, 4, Tonks; 3, Viles. NOV., YORKS. (3): All Barnsley. NOR., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Butler; 3, 4, Barnsley. BUFF (2): All Barnsley.

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Country Rambles

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

A ramble was arranged to Luddenden Foot for July 19, 1913, conducted by our worthy president, Mr. W. Crabtree. There were a goodly number of members and friends present. Arriving at Thornton, we made our way through Cuneeway Foot, where we refreshed ourselves, to Withens. At this place and around the district, we were very much interested by a friend of Mr. Terry, who talked about and showed various specimens known only to a botanist. Leaving Withens we passed Caulk Edge Dams, on to Upper and Lower Jowler, and from there made our way to Booth Dean, through Luddenden to Luddenden Foot. Here the party partook of a very good tea, which every member enjoyed immensely. We made our way home by car to Halifax, and catching the train there, arrived in Bradford at the headquarters at 10.50 p.m. We were favoured by the weather; and there is no doubt whatever that none of the party would require rocking to sleep.—A. Cooper, Sec.

COLINTON & CURRIE PARISHES O.S. AMONGST THE WILD BIRDS

Members and friends of the Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S. held their first ramble on July 12 through the grounds of Riccarton (permission kindly granted by Lady Gibson-Craig). Thirty members and friends were shown through the grounds by Mr. Haining, the factor, and Mr. Scott, head gardener. We left the Drill Hall, Juniper Green, at 3.20, headed by the secretary and Mr. Steel, of Dalkeith, going up the main Lanark Road as far as Braeside, and then took the way going by the Marewood, where the experience of Mr. Steel was in great request about the various wild seeds on the wayside, and from the questions asked him by the members present all seemed anxious to learn all possible to keep their birds in good order. A good deal of bird life was seen in the grounds. The first was a Willow Warbler. We were all anxious to get a nest, but all the young birds were flown; it was too late for the first rounds and too early for the second. Among the various birds we saw in the grounds were Willow Warblers, Greater Whitethroats, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Coots, Lapwings, Gold Crests, Wood Warblers, and Buntings. We then left the woods and went through the gardens, Mr. Scott taking charge of the party here, and explaining the plants and flowers as we went along. We saw a large bed of marigolds and another of nasturtiums, on which some of the Border Fancy men cast longing eyes when Mr. Steel explained they were good for colour and quite eligible for use. After the garden we again took to the walks and avenues. The first thing we saw was a brood of young Chaffinches being fed on the side of the road by the old birds. In front of the stables, high up in a tree, were four young Redpolls sitting on the branches being fed by the old one. We then went into the flower garden, where one of our party thought he heard a Peacock crying, but our guide said there was not such a thing about; it turned out to be the sheep crying in a field beyond the woods, and we had a good laugh at our friend's expense. Not having got a nest yet, Mr. Haining said there was one of young Blackbirds in his garden, and we left the grounds and went along, but when we got there the young were flying among the bushes, but Mr. Steel very soon captured one and put a ring on its leg. A halt was called, and in a few well-chosen words our president, Mr. Beghie, thanked Mr. Haining and Mr. Scott for their kindness in showing us through the estate. Both these gentlemen said it had given them great pleasure, and hoped we would come back again next year a little earlier in the season. We then went back to the grounds. Mr. Dickson caught a young Thrush in a hedge (another for a ring). Master Haining, who had accompanied us all through with his father, was asked to put on the ring, which he did, and seemed quite pleased with himself. A little further along the path Mr. Robertson found our first and only nest with eggs in it—a Hedge Sparrow's, or, as it is called in our district, a Fieldy. Well pleased with what we had seen, and feeling both hungry and dry, we reached Mr. Mitchell's Railway Inn, where we arrived at 7.10, and satisfied our hunger and thirst. The rest of the evening we spent in song and story. Messrs. Dickson, Ferguson, M'Cram, the sec., and Secretary Charlton (of the Edinburgh and District), and Mr. Dick (also of the Edinburgh and District)—both these gentlemen having accompanied us on our ramble—contributed splendid songs. Mr. Steel was thanked for his information and for his kindness in accompanying us, and suitably replied.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, July 19. 26 birds entered for three good prizes. 1, W. Nelson; 2, J. Wainwright; 3, J. Brindley. July 20; 17 birds entered for three prizes given by Mrs. Parker. 1, 2, W. Nelson; 3, T. Parnell.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held headquarters, Commercial Hotel, Kippax, July 19, when 20 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, 3, J. Liversidge; 2, O. Potter. General meeting held after sing. Decided to hold members' special sing August 2. As we are giving good prizes, I hope all members will endeavour to be present.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest held British Oak, Carbrook Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield, July 19, when Mr. Austin gave three special prizes, to be sung for time, and 16 birds entered. Mr. Rodgers won with E. Bisby's famous old bird, "Bull-dog," 67 sec.; 2, 3, Albert, 49 and 33. July 20, 20 birds entered. 1, Thompson, 62 sec.; 2, Albert, 50 sec.; 3, Shimmer, 47 sec. Contest every week-end. Linnet fanciers, come and join the society.—A. Thompson, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest held for time and quality at Queen's Arms Hotel, when 40 birds sang for eight good prizes, and some very good singing was heard by a crowded house. Quality winners: 1, 2, 3, N. Smedley (Manchester); 4, F. Kennedy. Time: 1, J. Harrison, 132; 2, J. Dawson, 120; 3, J. Poole, 120; 4, J. Fairhurst, 88. Judges for quality, T. Matham, F. Kennedy; for time, L. Hickman and J. Kennedy. Tappers, J. Hodgkiss, D. Robinson; minute man, J. Caswell. After the contest there was a singing match for quality between C. Ward (Leeds) and N. Smedley (Manchester), half minute face on, 5 minutes behind the screen. Mr. Smedley beat Mr. Ward with the first song after the screen. Judges, T. Natham and J. W. Jones (Leigh). Leigh Linnet Club have their first general meeting on Friday, at 7.30 p.m.; all members are expected to attend. The Leigh Club has had a very good season, and has paid a dividend of 3s. 3d. per member.—J. Harrison, Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet sing for quality held Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, July 19, when 17 of the best birds in Leeds sang for three good prizes. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, 2, W. Farrar; 3, J. Smith. Judges, P. Madden and Granger. On July 20, when 14 birds faced the judges:—1, R. King; 2, A. Granger; 3, Tomlinson. Judges, C. Clayton and Granger.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held Old Bird House, "King's Head," Shannon Street, July 19, when 13 birds sang for three good prizes, given by Mr. Tillotson. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, T. Chadwick; 3, J. Fagan. July 20, 16 birds sang. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, 3, shared by C. Ward and B. Farrar. Judges, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Prince Albert Linnet Assoc., Newtown, Leeds.—Weekly contest for quality singing Linnets held July 20, when 12 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, Mr. J. Smith; 2, Mr. J. Chippendale; 3, Mr. E. Wood. Judges, Messrs. A. Binner and C. Lorriman.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

To Prevent the Drinking of Too Much Water.

Sir,—Will any reader kindly tell me through Cage Birds what is the best thing to stop both young and old Canaries from drinking too much water, and what is the best cure for looseness or diarrhœa or inflammation in Canaries? Anxious.

The Keeping and Breeding of Blackbeetles.

Sir,—How can I keep and successfully breed the common Blackbeetle? I have had 200, and on receiving them put them in a big tin box with sugar, flour, oatmeal, and sliced potato, kept them in the dark, but in two or three days all were dead.

(Mrs.) E. Warren Vernon.

Appeal to Members of the Annfield Plain F. and F., C.B.S.

Sir,—Some time back I made an appeal (stating it to be my last) for a meeting to be held at Queen's Hotel, but without success. However, I have been approached by two fanciers (I only wish we had a few more of 'em) to try another appeal. A meeting will be held on Sat. July 26, Queen's Hotel, 7.30, to consider society's affairs and members' prize money; also secretary required, as I am declining through lack of time. Please all attend to settle this matter.

J. W. Christon.

A Testimonial to Mr. W. B. Cobb, of Leeds.

Sir,—At the earnest desire of a few friends, I have arranged to receive subscriptions for a testimonial to Mr. W. B. Cobb, of Leeds. Mr. Cobb's services to the Cage Bird Fancy (especially the Scotch and Belgian Fancies) are well known. The present time is a most suitable one for a presentation, as Mr. Cobb has been confined to his room with serious illness for the past nine months. I hope the response to my appeal will be a generous one, so that our old friend may know he is not forgotten. Subscriptions, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

J. W. Ramsden.

11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton,
London, S.W.

Novice Classes at the Open Shows.

Sir,—In Mr. Lumsden's letter re novice classes at open shows he says they pay the best; they might at times. Also he says that entries are about 40 per class; if he will look at the catalogue of Blaydon's last open show he will see it is the novice classes that don't pay—17 in two classes (not 8 or 9 per class, as he says the champions only average). The champions had an average at the same show of nearly 13 per class. If he and other novices would support the local shows, it would help to encourage societies to put on novice classes for them. He is inviting novices to support Blaydon and Chester-le-Street because they have not got the patronage of a Norwich club, so, being the secretary of the Northern Norwich Club, I wish to inform him we can't give our patronage to two shows on the same day, but it might make the competition a lot keener without our patronage. As regards the two societies he mentions, the classes of both are good, even more than we require for our patronage—we only want six for champions and one or more for novices. We have no novices scarcely in our society; they are soon champions; we don't like them to remain novices year after year. A member last year started as a novice and won our cup over all champions. But I wish Blaydon and Chester-le-Street success and record shows. If the so-called novices would join our club, or any of the specialist clubs, it would help us to demand classes for novices, as societies are not very keen about putting them on unless they have some guarantee of the classes filling. So I give an invitation to all good novices to join our specialist clubs. It will only cost 2s. 6d. per year. May I ask Mr. Lumsden how many local shows he supported last year with his novice entries, also where has the novice society gone to which he was forming last year?

F. W. Laidlow.

55, Colston Street, Benwell.

To Interest the Children.

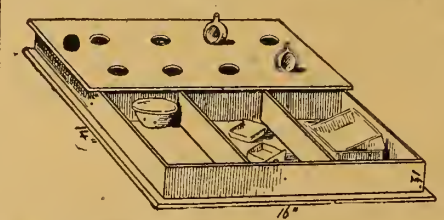
Sir,—Kindly find me a little space in our valuable Cage Birds to thank the chairman, secretary, and committee of the Swanley Village (Kent) C.B.S. for the donation they kindly sent me for the Children's Redpoll and Decorated Cage Competition at the Westgate House Working Man's Club, Dartford, Kent. The date is not fixed definitely at present, but I expect it to be early in September. I also thank Mr. Bennett, of Dartford, for the handsome prize he sent me for these children. This gentleman's two sons are I believe the two youngest members of Cage Birds League.

G. H. Peck.

[Mr. Peck's letter refers to the appeal for Redpolls made on his behalf by the secretary of Cage Birds League in his notes of last week—Editor.]

A Handy Carrying Tray for Food and Water Vessels.

Sir,—Herewith is a sketch of tray which I made for my own use, and find very useful indeed. The use of it is explained fully in sketch. My bird-room is in the front of the house and the scullery, with water tap in it, is at the back. When I change the water or food I simply have to place the vessels in the holes provided, and the egg pans and baths in the spaces as shewn, take the whole out of the room together, and thoroughly wash at the tap. This tray is undoubtedly a very useful article in the bird-room, as it



saves much time in changing water and food. I have gathered many hints from your valuable paper, and in return am willing to give others a hint. I have several other appliances I use which are easily made. The tray can be made any size, but I give you the size of my own, simply to show proportions. Trusting this will be of service to your readers. The tray should be made of wood from ¼ to ⅜-in. thick, and will not be heavy.

W. Allen.

Novice Breeds Hybrid Between Mealy Redpoll and Hen Bullfinch

Sir,—It might interest your readers to learn that I have bred a hybrid from a Mealy Redpoll and my winning Bullfinch hen. It is now more than three weeks old and in good spirits, as I hear it "churling" over its notes. I am only a novice in the hobby yet, and I am greatly indebted to Mr. Wm. Clark, the well-known British bird judge, for his advice and also the help he gave in the rearing of this hybrid. R. Perrie.

Larkhall.

A Splendid Way to Make Milk Sop.

Sir,—On page 55 issue January 25th, appeared Mr. T. Johnson's way of making milk sop. Many thanks to him for same. I have acted on the same to advantage this summer. I used milk (no water in), put a nut of butter in also, to make it richer, and boiled for a full hour, until quite stiff, frequently stirring during boiling. It has assisted the rearing of young very much, all the hens taking to it readily. Being rich and "stiff," it does not relax the bowels, though making them work freely. Kay.

The Recipe Reprinted.

Mr. Johnson's method was given in these words: "Feed entirely on milk sop, prepared as follows: Take a one pound jam jar, and a medium sized saucepan, one thick tea biscuit and a round of stale bread. Fill jar with bread and biscuit (broken up) to within an inch of top, and pour milk and water (in equal parts) to just cover the bread. Add one teaspoonful of sugar. Put jar in saucepan half-filled with water and boil over a slow fire for nearly an hour, when the sop becomes like a thick jelly. It may then be allowed to cool, and is ready for use. It will require stirring up three or four times while boiling. If it appears too thick, more milk may be added; but after once making it, one can generally judge whether or not it will be all right. This sop I find the birds eat readily, and it will last a week almost without going sour."

Which is the "Coming Fancy" in Exhibition Canaries?

Sir,—Would you, through the columns of your valuable paper, tell me which breed of Canary is the coming Fancy for the show bench, as I am an amateur just starting and want to breed the popular bird? I might say I started this year with six birds, two cocks and four hens, and have thirty young birds living. I find great help from Cage Birds.

X.Z.

[We should find ourselves in "hot water," we are afraid, if we attempted to say which was the "coming fancy" in Canaries. Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders are all "popular birds," and no doubt fanciers of Rollers, Greens, etc., would put in a word for their own particular favourites.—Editor.]

Precocious Young Canaries.

Is this a Record?

Sir,—Seeing lately so many breeders writing about early youngsters on the "sticks," I should like to know, through Cage Birds, whether there is any standing record, as one of our members, Mr. T. G. Stubbs, of Victoria Park, bred a Yorkshire a little time ago that was out of the nest at 16 days and singing at 18 days. He now has two more from the same parents that were out of the nest yesterday and to-day (July 22) when he opened the cage door to give them their usual breakfast they darted out and flew five or six yards across the garden; they are 17 days old to-day. G. G. Stubbs.

Hon. Sec. London and Counties A.C.B.

Light Mules Bred from a Hen Brown Linnet.

Sir,—A very interesting case has come to my notice from a friend, a fancier in London. He is a pigeon fancier and keeps only a few Canaries and British. He thought he would like to try his hand at Mule breeding and so bought a hen Linnet and then procured a large buff Norwich cock. He let them keep together all the year round. For two years the hen made no signs of nesting, although the cock Canary used to feed her. This year he began to see signs of building, so he put a small box in the bottom of the cage and gave the hen nesting material. She made a good nest and laid four eggs, and sat well. He then took the cock Canary away and left her to bring up the young, if she would. He supplied her with egg-food and the usual seed mixture, with a good quantity of watercress. She sat well and hatched out three Mules and brought them up as well as any Canary. Strange to say, all three of them are Light Mules, and are now able to do for themselves. The Linnet has now gone to nest again. What about this case and those who talk about Sib-breeding? Just two ordinary birds are put together in a haphazard way by a young trier. He had the qualification of patience or he would not have tried the same pair for three years. The Mules are to be shown at some of the London shows during the season. Hybrid.

The Orange Bishop-Canary Hybrids.

Breeder Says No Doubt as to Parentage.

Sir,—Respecting the hybrids between cock Orange Bishop and Buff Green hen Canary, they are both growing very quickly (fortnight old to-day); and large enough to bolt out of nest. The other hen I mentioned I have set this evening, having laid her third egg this morning, paired off with Orange Bishop. The hen with the two young I expect to soon lay again as she has paired with the Orange Bishop several times during the last three days. I do not know if he has paired off with the hen Chaffinch, as she has continually called, Saturday and Sunday, and has been in same aviary some months. The hen Chaffinch followed and chased a yellow hen Canary to get her to pair, but I had only had her in a day or two. I expect she mistook the yellow hen for the cock that I had hung on front wires to sing to them. I got the second egg this morning from Chaffinch and will try them. There is not the slightest doubt regarding the parentage of the two young ones. They can be seen any time. I have kept birds, Canaries, British, and Foreign, the last 25 to 30 years, and for several years past have tried for Hybrids and Mules, but with very indifferent results—nothing out of ordinary run. I hope I shall be more successful with this new Hybrid.

F. J. Weaire.

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Good Results Follow Good Tuition.

Sir,—The writings of your Mr. Claude St. John have a charm akin to the music of the Pied Piper—they compel one to follow him into the magic kingdom he evidently loves so well. "Canary Breeding for Beginners" gave me a peep into this, at that time, unknown world, and led me to make a flutter in Yorkies, with the following results:—1st hen, 5 eggs, 4 chicks; 2nd, 5, 4; 1st hen (second round) 5, 5. All are strong, healthy chicks, thanks to the advice given in the above book, and to two good feeding hens.

One Who Followed.

A Treat that was Missed at Cumnock.

Sir,—July 12th was fixed for ramble to Sorn Castle Estate. Only four turned up for the day, owing, I believe, to so many other fixtures being on. Messrs. Wyper (Sec.), McDougall, Montgomery, and Nutt decided to wire off arrangements for tea. Our guide was to have been one of Mr. T. W. McIntyre's keepers, so Mr. Wyper and myself decided to go over ourselves, and let him know that it was off. It was just an ideal day for a ramble; the country looked lovely, and we saw bird life in plenty. We got a young phoasant, and the mother bird tried hard to decoy us from it; we had a good look at it, then let it have its liberty again. We saw young of many kinds, also Flycatchers working hard catching flies. We found our guide ready to receive us, also another worker on the estate had a house ready with a good fire in case we had needed refreshments. We thought it was very good and kind of the proprietor to grant these men for our comfort and pleasure, and regretted we could not take advantage of such hospitality. The keeper had his route thought out, the best to find most bird life. So he meant to give us a good day's outing. Talking of Bullfinches, he said they seemed to be very plentiful. He told us about one of the ladies up at the Castle having a Bullfinch, and having got tired of it she let it have its liberty, but it returned. Let away again, it only returned, and for the third time did the same. We took leave of the keeper, and he hoped he would have the pleasure another year of accompanying us as our guide, about June, when the nests are much more plentiful. I am sure the members and friends of the Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S. missed a great treat, and a good outing by not turning up. I am sorry to say that one of our last ramblers is taken serious ill. He meant to be at this one, and also his brother. I hope he may recover soon, and be well and strong again, and able to take up his duties, as I can say he was one of the jolliest and the best of company at our first ramble. He has our deepest sympathy, and hopes for speedy recovery.

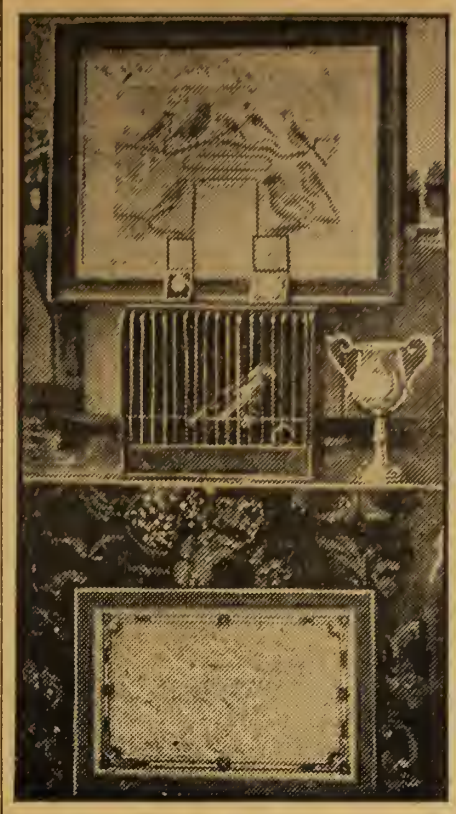
J. Nutt.

Bullie's Little Escapade.

Quite Happy though Caged Once More.

Sir,—I had a little experience this morning which may interest some of your readers. While I was feeding my birds I took all of their dishes away to fill them at the same time, and being busy, I never noticed my cock Bullfinch had managed to squeeze through the wire, where his seed dish rests. Before I had time to close the house door he was out and away. I watched him on the house tops for about two hours, when suddenly he came flying across and alighted on the tree. He started to chirp, and seemed quite pleased. I gave up all hope of him coming into the house again. However, I put out my other two Bullfinches, and put his cage alongside. In about ten minutes he was down on the ground, and after a few minutes he flew up and into his cage. I immediately closed the door of his cage and had him safe once more, where he seems to be quite happy. What makes me think a lot of this, is, not long ago a cat happened to get on top of his cage and got him by the throat, and tore out a lot of his feathers, which are just beginning to come in again. I will prize him more than ever now.

George Hepburn.



A Hawfinch's Fine Record.
This very successful bird last season won for its owner, Mr. G. Oliver (East Ham), four 1st and special prizes and a silver cup, also diploma for best Novice British Bird at the Crystal Palace Show.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING appeals to all of us. A few strokes of the pen on the form found on page 35 this week will make an interesting booklet yours free of all cost. Do it now!

The Nesting of the Swifts.

How a Starling Attacked Them.

Sir,—Knowing that you invite contributions from readers, I am sending an account of the Swift. I was under the impression that this bird usually chose some church tower or inaccessible site for nesting. Where I am living now they nest each year under the tiles of a cottage, in company with the domestic Sparrow. They arrive about the beginning of May. My notice was first attracted by a combat between them and a Starling, which had its nest in a corner of the roof. The Swifts kept wheeling round and attempting to get under the eaves. The Starling kept guard on an adjoining chimney, and when they came too near its nest it swooped like a Hawk. I saw it strike three of the Swifts to the ground in this manner. I caught two of them, as they do not rise readily from the ground. I need not describe them as they are doubtless well known, but I was struck by their short and powerful legs, feathered to the toe, with curved claws—they gripped my hand like bull-dogs. I should think they could hang by the feet for an indefinite period without fatigue. They were more persistent than the Starling, whom they finally drove away. My curiosity being aroused, I explored the roof a week or two later and discovered them nesting in slight depressions in disused Sparrows' nests, mere bundles of grass and feathers. They sat so close I took two of their nests. I have found several nests, but never more than two eggs in them. They are white, about ¾in. long, and in every case one egg is appreciably longer than the other. I have also found young in the nests. They are grey in colour whereas adults are a sooty black. I have them here again this year though in smaller numbers, and thought an account of their habits, which differs somewhat from the usual description, might be of interest to the readers of your favourite journal.

Wm. H. Waspe.

Ipswich.

Through a Bird-room Window

MY ELEGANT PARRAKEETS.

The continuation from page 25 of article No. 38 of the new series of personal birdy experiences related by that eminent aviculturist, the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

I PROVIDED every inducement to nest, in the shape of snug nesting boxes of my own invention, and they soon took the hint and went into occupation. After a time the hen disappeared and was only seen at rare intervals, feeding hungrily at the seed tray. The cock spent most of his time dozing on a neighbouring bough, and occasionally emitting a plaintive call note to his mate. I took the precaution to provide every day an abundant supply of flowering grass and ripe groundsel, for of both of these all Australian Parrakeets are inordinately fond, and they are a sine qua non when there are young about. Another thing which should never be neglected is a good supply of cuttle fish bone for them to gnaw at. Neglect to provide this will mean soft eggs and the probable death of the hen.

An Aroma that Soothed not.

Nothing seemed to happen for weeks; but one day I thought I heard a faint "cheeping" in the log, which I hoped betokened a brood. Every day the noise grew a little stronger, and then one day it suddenly ceased. It was hot June weather, and when I entered the aviary some four hours later I detected a horrid stink. The smell was so high that it reminded me of what John Leech once said of another odour: "I think this stench is strong enough to sketch." I at once took down the box to look into things, as I feared a visit from the Sanitary Inspector of Nuisances. As soon as I opened the lid I smelt death; and when I looked down, there on the bottom were three little corpses rapidly going bad.

I was so angry at my loss that I believe at the moment I should have found fault with an Archangel. I was ready to blame the parent birds, the climate, anything but myself—and yet it was myself that was alone to blame, for what do you think I had done? In the early morning I had gone to feed the birds. I had passed from one division of the aviary to another, and in opening the dividing door the cock Elegant must have slipped into the neighbouring compartment unobserved by me, and there he had remained imprisoned, and unable to get to his nest of young, and they had in consequence died. I mentally kicked myself as hard as I could for being so careless, but that didn't bring back my youngsters. They were dead beyond recall, and there was nothing to be done but to give them decent burial.

He Always Keeps Smiling.

But no true bird-lover is ever discouraged; the true bird-lover is always hopeful. Each time he fails he thinks next time he shall succeed. He fails again and again, but hopefulness carries him on, perhaps through a long life, without ever obtaining success. If he ever really became disillusioned, the game would be up. He is, after all, a man of happy yesterdays and confident to-morrows. He may never succeed, but yet he goes hopefully on ever seeing and imagining a goodly turn in the road. Days of depression come, many and sad, engrossing for a time his whole soul, but the rubber was not left out in the recipe of his mind, and he bounds up with all the elasticity of a ball and starts afresh more hopeful than ever. This exactly describes my feelings after each successive failure. For a few days I am exceedingly low and depressed, but then some fine morning there comes the inevitable rebound; and I start off as hopeful as ever.

Get a Grip on Number One.

There was no exception in the present case; and scarcely had the little corpses disappeared beneath the earth, when I was up and ready for fresh adventure—and disappointments! We all of us get one chance in life; a few get more, but very few, and the wise man is he who seizes the first and most likely only chance. The weak wait for the second. I had had my first chance and failed. It only remained for me to try the second, and to be thankful that I had got it. I am never discouraged for long. I remember my old Horace—*rebus adversus fortis et animosus*—so I go on till my next fall.

I cleaned out the nestbox thoroughly, and put up a new one near by, in case the old one should suggest too sad memories. Apparently it did not, for in a few days the hen was at work again, getting ready for a new brood. I felt exceedingly happy, and I said to myself: "Fortune favours the brave." The only question that troubled me was, did I individually come under the category of the brave? A few more days settled the question once for all, for a few mornings later the cock suddenly attained immortality by dropping dead from the perch. I sent his body to be dissected, and the verdict that came back was "apoplexy, very fat." I had now to search for a cock to replace my departed one. For some odd reason chances do not come readily to those who greatly desire them; therefore is it any wonder that when they do we behave as though singing the song of Hannah: "I have gotten a man from the Lord."

The Penalty of Fame.

I have been fairly successful in breeding rare birds, and therefore I felt that my honour was at stake. The higher up we get the more we are watched; the rooster on the top of the church steeple is of more importance, although he is tin, than the rooster in the barnyard. I therefore made the most frantic efforts to get another cock. I wrote, I advertised, I enquired everywhere, but in vain. Cock Elegants had disappeared for the time being, as completely as the Dodo.

A friend, pitying my evident distress, offered a solution of the difficulty. As I could not get an Elegant, why not try the next nearest thing, a Turquoisine; and he subtly suggested that the resultant young would be so like young Elegants that nobody would know t'other from which.

A Courtship that Failed.

I was so bothered that I felt quite a sympathy for the widow who had lost her husband, and who was told by her Minister that she had been very unfortunate in losing so many. "Aye," she replied, "did ye ever ken onybody that was sae bothered as I hae been wi puir deein' creturs o' men?" I introduced the disconsolate widow to a very nice and sprightly Turquoisine bachelor, and I hoped great things from the union; but alas! my hopes were doomed to failure. Perhaps the hen had laid her full complement of eggs, or perhaps she could not fancy another after the late lamented; or perhaps she did not believe in mixed marriages. At any rate, she would have nothing to do with the gay Lothario, who did his very best to make a good impression. In fact, again and again, she went for him most viciously, and sent him away with a bee in his bonnet.

Truthfully, I believe the reason of the failure was the weather. The atmosphere of Micklefield, winter and summer, is simply that of a roofed-in railway station—open at both ends. Occasionally a breeze blows in at one or the other end and stirs up the smoke a little. As for the air of Micklefield it is mild, and I like it, but its best friend could not call it dry. Now, of all things there is nothing that Parrakeets dislike so much as damp, foggy weather, and just at this time we got a sample. I believe it was this and this alone that proved fatal to my hopes. At any rate, the pair refused to take any further interest in nesting, anyhow, for that season. As I looked at these birds I felt as dull as Sterndale and Hopkins! Of course, I looked forward with hope to another season, for Hope builds as fast as knowledge can destroy; but alas; that other season never came.

He had done his Best.

It was a sweet memory to have come so near to success; but whatever the songs may tell us, we are sadder for our sweetest memories. The grass can never be as green again to eyes that are growing watery. The lambs that skipped when we did are long since served as mutton. Even could I now get some Elegants, would they be the Elegants I owned so long ago? All the same, I believe that if any Elegants came my way even now I should be a buyer, for I am as intent and eager for a rare bird still as a Scotch terrier at a rat-hole.

If Sisyphus was so persistent in rolling a stone uphill, why shouldn't I be equally patient in persevering in face of apparent failure? At any rate I did my best. I am like a certain Frenchman I once knew. As soon as he came aboard in Dover Harbour he selected a seat amidships, produced a serviceable napkin of the proportion of a mainsail, tied it round his neck, ordered the steward to bring him a basin, and sat expectant. He had done his best. The rest was in the hands of Providence!

GT. EASTERN RLY. F. AND F.S.

On July 15, F.F. show. Entry very poor, but some promising young ters were on view, and were ably judged by Mr. Forse (Leyton). NOR.: 1, 2, spl, Marshall; 3, Fish; vhc, Blake. BRIT.: 1, 2, Marshall. Mr. H. W. Bimbridge regretted being unable to show owing to death of his wife, and a vote of condolence was sent him in his sad loss.—W. G. Rogers, Hon. Sec.

LONG EATON & DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 19, Council Schools, Fawbey Road. Mr. T. C. Gulbridge, an old local fancier, judged, and his awards were well received. We had a good muster of fanciers and friends, but were not over-staged with exhibits, although I may add that our members generally have had a poor season. I myself have only ten on the sticks, and intending about ten more, from twelve pairs.

YORKS VELL.: 1, Baker; 2, Freebury; 3, vhc, Beers; hc, Stafford. BUFF: 1, Freebury; 2, Barber; 3, vhc, Bahnes; hc, Bryan. C.B.: 1, Sharp; 2, Fair brother. BORD. YELL.: 1, Buckingham; 2, Brown. BUFF: 1, Buckingham; 2, 3, vhc, Brown.—G. T. Wall, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON C.B.S.

Second N.F. show at Bow Street Assembly Hall, July 19. The whole of the Yorks. classes were cancelled, but considering the bad breeding season the Norwich were good, averaging nine per class. Mr. John Hopkins judged, and the society are pleased with his services. Over the two shows Mr. J. Lawton and Mr. J. Terrell tie for the Whitehead Cup with 32 points each.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Brooks; 2, Haslam; 3, vhc, Lawton; hc, Smith; c, Smiare and Taylor. CL. BUFF: 1, Brooks; 2, Mitchell; 3, Lawton; vhc, Terrell; hc, Davies; c, Haslam. VAR. YEL.: 1, Davies; 2, Lawton; 3, Terrell; vhc, Sharns and Taylor; hc, Smith; c, Langham. VAR. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Terrell; 3, Lawton; vhc, hc, Terrell; c, Smith.—J. Gerrard, Sec.

SMALLBRIDGE AND DIST. C.B.S.

2nd N.F. show held St. John's Schoolroom, Smallbridge. Mr. Schofield, of Heywood, judged, but owing to bad weather at the beginning of the breeding season only a moderate entry came up. Some fine birds, however, being staged. A rather good turn-over was made at the door, this tiding over what would certainly have been a great loss.

CL., ETC., YEL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Coupe; 4, Judson; hc, c, Cryer. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Coupe; 3, 4, Atkinson; vhc, Bamford. TKD. OR VAR.: 1, 3, Coupe; 2, 4, Bamford. CL. YEL. NOR.: 1, Lord; 2, Cheetham. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Cheetham; 3, Judson. Club's rosebowl winner, J. Coupe, also members' rose bowl; runner-up for both rose bowls, J. T. Cheetham; best bird in show, J. T. Cheetham.—J. T. Cheetham, Hon. Sec.

AINTREE F.S.

Second N.F. show, held July 9, at new headquarters, St. Mary's Hall, Walton. A large number of fanciers were present, and all were loud in their praises of the excellence of the birds staged, many of which will be heard of later in the open shows. Mr. John Walker judged, his awards giving great satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, T. Handley; 2, Woodcock; hc, Broadbent. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, T. Handley; vhc, hc, Broadbent; c, Woodcock. GREEN YELL.: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, Woodcock. BUFF: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, Handley; vhc, Woodcock. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Wilkins. BUFF: 1, 2, Wilkins. BORDS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Skilling. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Skilling; 2, vhc, Handley. GOLDF. OR CHAFF.: 1, 2, Wilkins. BRAMBLEF.: 1, Wilkins. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Wilkins. FOR.: 1, Stubbert.—J. A. Anderson, Hon. Sec.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S.

Second F.F. show held July 19 at Cwm Assembly Rooms, these rooms being a delightful place for the purpose. There were 50 birds staged. The principal winners in Yorks were Messrs. J. Pritchard, J. Parfitt, G. Morgan, and A. Moule. In the Nor. section they were not so strong in numbers as last show, but superior in quality. The exhibit of Thomas and Durham, a bird of fine feather, won the silver rose bowl for best in show. Other winners were Messrs. Hillman and Broome. The Brit. section was stronger than last show, and some fine exhibits were shown by Messrs. Hillman and Broome and J. Meredith. Mr. J. R. Leech judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. OPEN: 1, 2, Hillman and Broome; 3, 4, Thomas and Durham. NOV.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thomas and Durham. YORKS CL. OPEN: 1, J. Parfitt; 2, H. and A. Parlitt; 3, vhc, c, Hillman and Broome; 4, hc, J. Pritchard. MKD.: 1, 4, hc, J. Pritchard; 2, c, Hillman and Broome; 3, G. Morgan; vhc, J. Parfitt. CL. NOV.: 1, vhc, G. Morgan; 2, G. Thomas; 3, H. and A. Parlitt; 4, A. Moule. MKD.: 1, 4, hc, Moule; 2, vhc, H. and A. Parfitt; 3, Thomas. GOLDF.: 1, Hillman and Broome; 2, G. Thomas; 3, W. Bowyer; 4, vhc, J. Meredith. A.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, J. Meredith; 3, 4, vhc, W. Bowyer; hc, G. Thomas.—George Broome, Hon. Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY (Co. Durham).

Annual Y.B. show held July 19th, Workmen's Social Club, a really nice place for the purpose. Despite the moderate breeding season experienced by many of the members entries came up very well, totaling 70 in the eleven classes provided, and the quality was all that could be desired. The competition for the rose bowl for teams of three nominated birds bred by a novice was very keen, Mr. A. Hirons securing a very popular win with his team of Mules. The runners up were a nice team of Norwich, shown by Mr. A. Tucker. Mr. Hirons also secured the rose bowl for best young novice bird with a very nice Siskin mule, the same bird also taking the cash spl. for best bird in show, the runner up being Mr. Noble with a nice clear bull Norwich. The popular sec., Mr. A. Hirons, had everything in grand order, and although new to his position, got through his duties without the slightest hitch. He was well backed up by a grand body of fanciers, composed of Mr. J. Stephenson (Chairman), Mr. J. Tracery (Treasurer) and Messrs. J. Scott, W. Boldon, A. Tucker, T. Wilkinson, J. Priestley, E. Noble and A. Widdowfield. The attendance was very good, and we are assured that the show will prove a financial success. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

NORWICH (9): 1, Noble, cl., a baby, but a very nice one, lovely shape, grand col. and qual.; 2, Stephenson, nice size, good col. and qual., shows signs of breaking; 3, vhc, hc, c, Tucker, nice team. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Smith, leader varieg., slim and finely drawn, 2 cl., good length, nice style; 3, vhc, Erwin, varieg., plenty of length. BORD. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Erwin, good team, leader mkd. head, nice col., well rounded, correct shape, 2nd foul green, trifle slim, nice col. and qual. CRESTBRED (6): 1, 2, vhc, Tracey, leader foul tail, green, plenty of size, good carriage, carries any amount of feather; 3, Noble, varieg., nice size, good skull. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hirons, grand team, leader dark Siskin, not a big one, but lovely col. and quality, in the pink of condition; 2, Greenie mule, nice size, good col. and shape, 3rd another good Siskin mule. LINNET (6): 1, Urwin, medium size, nice col., lovely pencilling; 2, Stephenson, nice size, good col., well pencilled; 3, Rollinson, good, rather unsteady; vhc, hc, Hall; c, Hirons. GOLDIE (3): 1, Tucker, good one all over, nice size, rich b'aze, square and clean cut, lovely condition; 2, 3, Hirons, big one leading, plenty of blaze, not so clean cut as leader. A.O.V., HARD (5): 1, Boldon, Greenie, grand cobby shape, good col.; 2, Tucker, Twite, good rol., nice pencilling; 3, Stephenson, Yellowhammer, nice body col., good head, bit unsteady as yet; vhc, Hirons; hc, Rollinson. FOREIGN (2): 1, 2, Mason, two nice pairs.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show held Sycamore Hotel, July 12th. Judge, Mr. S. B. Grayshon (Hecksmondwike). CL. OR TK. YELL.: 1, 2, Scholes; 3, vhc, Burton; hc, Brook. BUFF: 1, vhc, Scholes; 2, 3, Brook; hc, Burton; c Abbott. MKD. GREEN: 1, Abbott; 2, hc, c, Burton; 3, vhc, Scholes. LINNET: 1, Cockrem. GREENF.: 1, Burton. TWITE, ETC.: 1, vhc, hc, Burton; 2, 3, Cockrem. J. Rhodes, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second Y.B. show held July 12th at Victoria Hot l, a few grand birds being staged. Mr. M. Broadley judged and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, Long; 2, Denton. BUFF: 1, Crossland; 2, Grange; 3, J. Excell; vhc, S. Excell; hc, Gait; c, Cooper. TKD. YELL.: 1, Long; 2, vhc, Grange; 3, Gait. BUFF: 1, Crossland; 2, vhc, Long; 3, c, Harrison; hc, Gait. MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Long; 2, Mason; vhc, Murgatroyd. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, Mason.—E. Grange, Sec.

GAINSBOROUGH AND DIS. C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 12th, in club-room, Neptune Hot l. Owing to moulting, entries were somewhat short, come 40 birds being staged. Mr. A. Duncan judged and gave general satisfaction. CL. NOR. (9): 1, Miller; 2, hc, Conway Bros.; 3, Jackson; vhc, Crowston. VARIEG. (9): 1, Miller; 2, vhc, Crowston; 3, Conway Bros. CL. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, vhc, Collinson. VARIEG. (6): 1, J. Collinson; 2, vhc, Cooper. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Jnlb. Spl. best in show, Jnlb.—J. E. Conway, Hon. Sec.

TIDESWELL B.I.S.

First annual F.F. show held at the Star Inn, July 12th. About 70 birds faced the judges—Mr. Harris, of Eckington (Yorkshire), and Mr. Driver, of Hucknall (Norwich). The principal winners were: Messrs. A. Flint, W. Millward, and G. Robinson; Mr. W. Millward took sp. for best bird in the show with a clear Buff Norwich.

NOR., CL. YEL.: 1, 2, Flint; 3, F. Millward. BUFF: 1, 2, sp, W. Millward; 3, F. Millward. YEL., TKD. OR MKD.: 1, W. Millward; 2, 3, J. Longstone. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Millward; 3, W. S. Flint. YORKS. CL., YEL.: 1, G. Robinson; 2, A. Flint; 3, T. A. Lomas. BUFF: 1, A. Flint; 2, G. Robinson; 3, F. Gilbert. YEL., TKD. OR MKD.: 1, G. Robinson; 2, 3, T. A. Lomas. BUFF: 1, 3, A. Flint; 2, G. Robinson. HYB.: 1, 2, Gilbert.—W. Millward, Sec. (Please write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Editor.)

YORKS. C. & C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Fourth annual Y.B. show at Central Hall, Dublin. Entries exceeded previous years, totalling 105—easily a record. The quality was far above previous years, and the judge, Mr. D. Carroll, found his task pretty hard. He got through well, and gave great satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Sholediee; 2, Wheatley; 3, Burtenshaw; hc, Ryan; c, Dowling. HEN (a grand lot): 1, McNally; 2, Dowling; 3, 4, vhc, Wheatley; hc, Holley; c, Power. CL. BUFF: 1, Wheatley, and runner-up medal for Rowan cup; 2, Lawless; 3, Wheatley; vhc, Sholediee; hc, Burtenshaw; c, Keogh. HEN: 1, Fleming (and Hawkin's cup); 2, Keogh; 3, McKeon; vhc, Wheatley; hc, c, Sholedice. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Dowling (and Rowan cup); 2, Wheatley; 3, Sholediee; vhc, McKeon; hc, Sholediee; c, Lambe. HEN: 1, Dowling (and runner-up medal for the Hawkin's cup); 2, vhc, Sholediee; 3, McKeon; hc, Wheatley; c, Lattimore. BUFF (competition was very close); 1, Sholediee; 2, Fleming; 3, Holley; vhc, McKeon; hc, Fleming; c McKeon. HEN: 1, Holley; 2, Sholediee; 3, McKeon; vhc, Wheatley; hc, Lambe. MULE: 1, Townsend. F.M. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Furley; 3, vhc, Kavanagh. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Bolton; vhc, Kavanagh. BULLF.: 1, Townsend; 2, Kavanagh; 3, Bolton.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Successful N.F. show held 19th July in the Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green. The entry totalled 100—a record for the society. Bordero headed the poll, some of the novice classes being particularly well filled, among them some of the gems of the show. Mr. Harrison staged a beauty, which secured the sp. in the section; the bird was much admired, and we heard changed hands twice during the show. Mr. W. E. Plank led in the champions with three charming specimens. Norwich and Yorkshires were well up in quality. Mr. Hall secured the sp. with a grand yellow. A feature of the show was the capital display of British and Hybrids. Messrs. Hall and Cross both staged some grand Finches, while Mr. Nicholls' team of young hybrids (mostly the Goldie-Bullie) attracted the attention of the numerous visitors. The society has added many new members since the change of headquarters, Mr. F. Moore, the sec., being keen on acquiring new blood. He had everything up to date. We are glad to report that the majority of the members have done fairly well this season in the breeding room. Mr. H. Norman placed the cards.

CL. NOR.: 1, 2, Ward. MKD.: 1, sp, 2, Ward. CL. YORK.: 1, sp, 3, Hall; 2, hc, Whiteman; vhc, c, King. MKD.: 1, 2, King; 3, Whiteman; vhc, Hall; hc, c, Moore. CL. BORDER: 1, 2, 3, Plank; vhc, Gollop; hc, c, Mrs. Moore. MKD.: 1, 2, Mrs. Moore; 3, Gollop; vhc, Plank. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Moore. NOV., CL. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, Nicholls; 3, vhc, Thrower. MKD.: 1, 2, Thrower; 3, Nicholls. CL. YORKS.: 1, sp, 3, Clemente; 2, Henn; vhc, hc, c, French. MKD.: 1, 2, Clements; 3, Bowring. CL. BORDER: 1, sp, Harrison; 2, vhc, Green; 3, c, Pegg; hc, Freeman. MKD.: 1, 3, Green; 2, Freeman; vhc, hc, Ward; c, Harrison. GREEN: 1, 2, Ward. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, 2, hc, Cross; 3, c, Hall; vhc, Mower. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Hall; vhc, c, Garrod; hc, Crose. HENS: 1, Nicholls. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Nicholls; vhc, Freeman.

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HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

F.F. show, July 19, at Headquarters; 46 birds were staged. Mr. H. Mallinson judged, and gave general satisfaction. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Townend; 2, hc, Rhodes; 3, vhc, Fountain. BUFF (9): 1, Crowther; 2, vhc, Townend; 3, Atkinson; hc, Rhodes; c, Hicks. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Crowther; 2, c, Cawtheray and Son; 3, Fountain; vhc, Shanks; hc, Rhodes. BUFF (6): 1, Cawtheray and Son; 2, 3, Beaumont; vhc, Hicks; hc, Rhodes. CINN. MKD. (a): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Rhodes; 2, Fountain. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Skinn; 2, Jackson; 3, Morris; vhc, hc, c, Rhodes. BUFF (6): 1, Skinn; 2, Jackson; 3, hc, c, Rhodes; vhc, Morris.—A. Lawford, Sec.

IDLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, at the White Bear Inn, July 19. Although numbers were down to the extent of ten entries, the show was a success. Mr. F. Mason, of Windhill, judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS: 1, 2, 4, Pearson; 3, c, Studd; vhc, hc, Sparks. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, sp, Chippendale; 4, hc, Sparks; vhc, Studd; c, Pearson. UNEVEN, ETC., OR BUFF: 1, Chippendale; 2, 3, Pearson. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS: 1, spl, Thomas; 2, Hall. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Hall; 3, 4, Thomas; vhc, Major Hall; hc, Camm; c, Palmer. UNEVEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, Major Hall; 2, Cooper; 3, Camm; A.O.V.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Pearson; 3, Palmer.—C. E. Hylton, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Second F.F. show held Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, July 19, Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) officiating as judge with an entry of 45 birds in the 12 classes. All points gained count towards the society's valuable special prizes. Chief winners of points at Saturday's show: Messrs. J. Northrop, J. Farrar, S. Midgley, G. R. Rushworth, S. Wood, A. Newbould, in their respective sections. The judge's awards gave every satisfaction to the members.

CHAMP. YELL. YORKS (3): 1, 2, Cruise; 3 Farrar. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Northrop; 2, c, Midgley; 3, White; vhc, Farrar; hc, Cruise. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Farrar; 2, White; 3, Northrop. BUFF (9): 1, hc, c, Northrop; 2, 4, Midgley; 3, vhc, Riley Bros. UNEVEN MKD. (8): 1, 3, Farrar; 2, Cruise; 4, Riley Bros.; vhc, Northrop; hc, White; c, Northrop. NOVICE CL. YELL. YORKS (1): 1, Morrell and Harper. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Woad; 2, 3, Rushworth; 4, vhc, Newbould; c, Morrell and Harper. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Newbould; 2, 4, Rushworth; 3, Morrell and Harper. UNEVEN MKD. (3): 1, 2, Woad; 3, Morrell and Harper.—H. Hill, Sec.

Owing to the enormous number of show reports which have again reached us this week, we have been compelled to hold several over until our next issue.—Editor.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S

N.F. show held Crown Hotel, Hill Street, July 16th. Considering the bad season several of the members have had, and many of the early birds being in moult, the entry was very good, while quality was excellent, J. Burke taking sp. for best bird in show with a very promising Yorkshire. Other sp. winners were: J. H. de Maillet, best Nor. champion; A. Ward, best nov. Nor.; J. Burke, best Yorks. champion; and J. Clay, best novice Yorks.; F. Derry, A.O.V. Can.; G. Raby, best Mule or Hybrid; also cp. for best British bird. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YEL.: 1, J. H. de Maillet; 2, Eckersley; 3, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Eckersley; 2, Broadhurst. VAR.: 1, Eckersley; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Broadhurst. CL. OR TKD. YEL., NOVICE: 1, A. Ward; 2, Mrs. Giles; 3, Derry; 4, Austin. BUFF: 1, 2, Wakefield; 3, hc, Ward; 4, Derry; vhc, c, Austin. VAR.: 1, T. Jones. YORKS. CHAMP., CL. OR TKD. YEL.: 1, J. Burke; 2, 3, J. H. Allen. BUFF: 1, J. Burke; 2, 3, J. H. Allen. VAR.: 1, 2, J. Burke; 3, 4, J. H. Allen; vhc, J. Jeffrey. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, J. Clay. BUFF: 1, 2, Clay. VAR.: 1, J. Clay. CINN.: Derry. HYB.: 1, 2, G. Raby. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, 2, G. Raby; 3, A. Ward. A.O.V. (any age): 1, 2, G. Raby; 3, A. Ward. SOFTBILL (any age): 1, J. Jeffrey.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AMATEUR C.B.S.

Held July 19th at Boar's Head, Surrey Street. The entry was somewhat smaller than in previous years, but the specimens were well to the front in way of type and quality. Mr. Jacob Mackley and Mr. R. J. Mackley judged, and their awards appeared to give entire satisfaction. Mr. J. J. Smith's silver medal was won by Mr. H. E. Dunham; Mr. E. Clarke's sp. was taken by Mr. H. Simmonds; and Mr. H. E. Phillips' sp. went to Mr. W. H. Davison. In the inter-club competition the East Norwich C.B.S. gained first with 132 points; the Golden Dog C.B.S. took second with 103 points.

NOR., CL. YEL.: 1, Symonds; 2, Laccohee; 3, King; 4, Alden; vhc, C. Holmes; hc, Meen; c, Whitmore. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Davison; 3, Meen; 4, King; hc, Wones; c, Killingback. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Symonds; 2, Killingback; 3, Clarke; 4, Whitmore. TKD. OR VAR. YEL.: 1, Baker; 2, 4, Laccohee; 3, Applegate; vhc, Alden; hc, c, H. Davison. BUFF: 1, Baker; 2, Amiss; 3, Alden; 4, Meen; vhc, Applegate; hc, c, Davison. A.V.: 1, King; 2, Meen; 3, Baker; 4, Amiss; vhc, Laccohee; hc, Hall; c, Applegate. YEL. CREST: 1, Woods. CL. BUFF: 1, Goldsmith; 2, Hall; 3, Holmes; 4, Panling. VAR. BUFF: 1, Dunham. CRESTBRED BUFF: 1, Panling; 2, Dunham; 3, Goldsmith; 4, Woods. CREST AND C.B.: 1, Goldsmith; 2, Dunham. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Hall; 2, 3, King; vhc, Dunham.

WIDNES C.B.S.

F.F. show, held July 19, in the Conservative Club Assembly Hall, when about 50 entries were received. There were a few nice young Yorks., also Borders. Norwich and Nor. Greens were very fine, and some really grand youngsters were shown, particularly in the novice section. Mr. Tomlinson won spl best Yorks and spl best Nor. in novice section. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. S. Andrews, the evergreen hon. sec., had all arrangements very complete.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, J. W. Jones, good trio. NOR. YELL.: 1, W. Jones, fine clear in A1 trim; 2, J. W. Jones. BUFF: 1, Andrews, varieg., best of condition, good type; 2, Lea; 3, J. W. Jones; vhc, W. Jones. YELL. GREEN NOR.: 1, Abbott, real Green right through; 2, vhc, Jenkins; 3, Andrews. BUFF: 1, Yates, foul, A1 colour, grand quality and condition; 2, vhc, Jenkins; 3, Johnston; hc, Lea. BUFF BORD.: 1, Andrews, very neat. GREEN BORD.: 1, 2, Johnston, pretty pair for col. and type; 3, Andrews. MULE: 1, Howarth. LINNET: 1, Tomlinson, wins on colour and markings; 2, W. Jones, fine shape and cond., rather smoky in feather. A.O.V.: 1, Rice, very neat Bullfinch; 2, Roberts. NOVICE YORKS: 1, spl best Yorks, 2, 3, Tomlinson, all very neat and typical. NOR. YELL.: 1, Potter, tick neck, good in colour, type and qual.; 2, Lowe; 3, Tomlinson; vhc, hc, Roberts. BUFFS (8), a strong class: 1, spl. best Nor., Tomlinson, storming line bird all over, slips back chws a little, wants bandaging forward a few days; 2, vhc, Potter; 3, Yates; hc, Lowe; c, Roberts. YELL. GREEN NOR.: 1, Yates, foul tail, fine colour and type. BUFF: 1, 2, Yates, good pair; 3, Tomlinson.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Held Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, July 19, when 56 birds were judged by Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford), who gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Casey; 2, 4, Wright and Son. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Hodgson, sen.; 3 Casey; 4, McLaughlin. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, 4, Hodgson, jun. BUFF (6): 1, Casey; 2, Gledhill; 3, Padgett; 4, Hadwin. NOVICE CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Hellwell and Jackson; 2, Crabtree; 3, Baker; 4, Wright. BUFF (8): 1, Ramsbottom; 2, Gee; 3, Jennings; 4, Baker. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Baker; 2, Gee; 3, Ramsbottom. BUFF (6): 1, Wright; 2, Crabtree; 3, Baker; 4, Jennings.—W. Walker, Sec.

WOOD GREEN F. AND F.S.

Young Stock show held Assembly Rooms, High Road, Wood Green, July 19. Mr. J. Jeffries was down to judge, but he met with an accident on Monday, and could not attend, so the judging was taken over by Mr. Wm. Shakespeare, the well-known fancier of Kentish Town, and his awards gave very satisfaction. Entries were poor, but quality very good. Novices again well to the front with some really good birds. NOR.: 1, 2, Tichner. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, 3, in each class, and sp. J. Pettitt, with nice birds. NOV. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Tolfree. BUFF: 1, sp, Tolfree; 2, Archbold; 3, Nuttall. VARIEG.: 1, Tolfree; 2, Nuttall; 3, Archbold. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Warner, with grand lot. MULE: 1, Pettitt, Goldfinch, good bird.

NORTH LIVERPOOL & DIS. C.B.S.

N.F. show held July 16, at headquarters, The Hall, Royal Street, Liverpool, N., when 48 birds faced the judge, Mr. Hamilton (Bootle), who gave every satisfaction. We thank the stewards, Messrs. Wilkins, Foxeroft, and Aindow, for their kindness in arranging showroom, also staging birds. Next meeting at headquarters, August 6, at 8 p.m. Intending members cordially welcomed. Subs., 2s. 6d. per year. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Frankham; 2, Holden; vhc, T. W. Kelly. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Hammond; 3, Broadbent; vhc, Foxeroft; hc, Holden. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Frankham; 2, Broadbent; 3, Leadbetter. BUFF: 1, Hammond; 2, vhc, T. W. Kelly; 3, c, Holden; hc, Broadbent. SELF. YELL.: 1, Aindow; 2, Williams; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Smith; 3, Foxeroft. FOUL BUFF: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Aindow; vhc, Foxeroft; hc, Smith. NOR.: 1, 2, Wilkins. BRIT.: 1, 2, Wilkins, Chaffinch and Bramblefinch; 3, Frankham, Greenfinch; vhc, Foxeroft; hc, c, Wilkins. The following won specials: Hammond, Wilkins, Frankham, and Foxeroft.—E. S. Broadbent, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Young bird show at The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, July 19th. Mr. Robson officiated as judge. Entries were good, some 90 birds being staged. Exhibits were exceptionally good, and the competition very keen in several classes. It has been suggested that in future we give a better classification for British birds at our small evening shows, also that a catalogue be issued. Both these matters will be put before the committee, who no doubt will meet the wishes of their members. Both the pair show and this show have been great successes. The committee fully appreciate the way in which members have come forward during the year, and trust that they will make the autumn show a great success, especially as the prize-money is not on the sliding scale, but guaranteed.

CHAMP. SEC.—NOR. YEL.: 1, 2, vhc, Crawford; hc, Kilby. BUFF: 1, hc, Crawford; 2, vhc, Kilby. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Salter; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Bullen. BUFF: 1, vhc, Bullen; 2, Salter. CREST: 1, 2, Oldaker; vhc, hc, Mrs. Litchfield. CIN.: 1, Oldaker. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Salter. NOV. SEC.—NOR. YEL.: 1, 2, Harris; vhc, Cullers. BUFF: 1, 3, Harris; 2, hc, Cooper; vhc, c, Cullers. YORKS., YEL.: 1, hc, Ward; 2, vhc, Huggins; c, Clarke. BUFF: 1, c, Ward; 2, Clarke; vhc, hc, Huggins. MULES: 1, Mdme. Madewell. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Warner. HARDBILLS: 1, c, Allison; 2, vhc, hc, Stephens; 3, Mdme. Madewell; 4, Ward. MULES OR HYB.: 1, hc, Crabb; 2, vhc, c, Hull. FOR.: 1, hc, Cooper; 2, vhc, Newley; c, Mdme. Madewell. SP. WINNERS—SIL. MEDALS: Messrs. Crawford, Harris, and Allison. BRONZE: Messrs. Oldaker, Ward, and Crabb. MOST POINTS SPS.: Messrs. Bullen, Harris, and Stephens. SECOND MOST POINTS: Messrs. Crawford, Warner, and Hull. Second best young bird in show, Mr. Harris; best British, Mr. Allison; most entries, C. R. Bullen.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Y. B. show held July 5th, in St. George's Schools, and proved a huge success in every respect. A grand lot of young birds was on view, to the admiration of the numerous visitors who thronged the room during the whole of the show. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Entries totalled 187. Leaders for Hattersley cup are: H. Chew, 50 points; J. Owen, 44; D. McMillan, 40; E. Middleton, 39. Sectional gold medals: Yorks: H. Chew 36 points. E. Norton 28. Norwich: D. McMillan 35 points, W. Tose 26. Brit.: J. Owen 35 points, E. Middleton 33. Novice gold medal: J. W. Peace 24 points, T. Bott 21, J. Graham 20.

YORKS CL. YELL. (12): 1, Norton; 2, 3, Chew; 4, Rhodes; vhc, hc, Farrar; c, Marsh. TKD. OR VAR. (9): 1, 2, 4, hc, Chew; 3, Norton; vhc, Farrar; c, Marsh. CL. BUFF (14): 1, hc, Norton; 2, 3, Chew; 4 Farrar; vhc, c, Marsh. TKD. OR VAR. (10): 1, Norton; 2, 3, 4, Chew; vhc, Baldwinson; hc, Farrar; c, Ramsden. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, hc, McMillan; 2, 4, Tose; 3, Johnson; c, Wilson. TKD. OR VAR. (8): 1, c, McMillan; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Tose; 4, Wilford; hc, Wilson. CL. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, McMillan; 4, vhc, c, Johnson; hc, Tose. TKD. OR VAR. (11): 1, Marsh; 2, c, Tose; 3, Middleton; 4, Wilford; vhc, Johnson; hc, McMillan. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hornby. LINNET (7): 1, 2, hc, Owen; 3, Waind; 4, vhc, Hattersley; c, Middleton. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Owen; 4, hc, Hattersley; vhc, Waind. TWITE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Owen; 3, 4, c, Middleton. A.O.V. HARD. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Middleton; vhc, Hattersley; hc, Owen. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Hattersley. HYB. (4): 1, Owen; 2, Hattersley; 3, 4, Middleton. FOR. SEEDEATER, A.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hattersley. SOFTBILL, A.V. (1): 1, Hattersley. NOVICE YORKS CL. YELL. (16): 1, Beckwith; 2, Simms; 3, c, Bott; 4, hc, Graham; vhc, Colley. TKD. OR VAR. (13): 1, Colley; 2, 3, 4, Peace; vhc, hc, Bott; c, Beckwith. CL. BUFF (15): 1, Graham; 2, 4, Reed and Longley, 3, Pyrah; vhc, Peace; hc, Beckwith; c, Timms. TKD. OR VAR. (12): 1, vhc, Bolt; 2, Peace; 3, hc, Graham; 4, Firth; c, Beckwith.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, held July 12, Mr. E. Noakes judging Canaries, and Mr. W. Judd, British OPEN NOR., CL. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Davis. LIGHTLY MK. YELL.: 1, Heighton, 2, 3, Claypole. BUFF: 1, Claypole; 2, Wortley; 3, Davis. A.O.V.: 1, Wortley; 2, Claypole; 3, Davis. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, Heighton; 3, Wortley. BRIT., GOLD: 1, Cook. BULL.: 1, Howes and Arthur. LINNET: 1, 2, Hawthorne; 3, Heighton. TWITE, ETC: 1, Wortley; 2, Suffolk; 3, Cook. GREEN: 1, Heighton; 2, Howes and Arthur; 3, Cook. A.O.B.: 1, Howes and Arthur. NOVITE, NOR. CL., YELL.: 1, Crane. BUFF: 1, 2, Suffolk; 3, Jordon. LIGHTLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Crane; 2, Howes and Arthur. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Suffolk. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Jordon; 3, Crane. J. Cook, Sec.

RADCLIFFE C.B.S.

F.F. Show, July 5, at Conservative Club, Church St., a very convenient and well-lighted room. Mr. Schofield (Heywood) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. He complimented the members upon having such a good show of birds. There were 61 entries.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, sp., R. Spiby; 2, 3, Ainsworth; 4, vhc, Williams; hc, Kay. BUFF: 1, sp, R. Spiby; 2, Ainsworth; 3, 4, Williams. TICK., ETC.: 1, 2, sp, R. Spiby, 3, Kay; 4, vhc, Williams; hc, Lord; c, Allen. CL. BUFF NOR.: 1, sp, Pennington. VARIEG.: 1, 2, sp, Pennington; 3, 4, Grimshaw; vhc, Bolton. CL. ROLLER: 1, sp, Spiby; 2, 4, Britton; 3, hc, Hickton and Oller; vhc, Kay. VAR., ROLLER: 1, sp, Grimshaw, 2, Hickton and Oller; 3, 4, Spiby; vhc, hc, c, Britton. LINNET, ETC.: sp, 1, sp. best Brit., Grimshaw; 2, vhc, Pickup; 3, Higham; 4, Bolton; hc, Lord. GREENF.: 1, sp, A. Walton; 2, Pickup; 3, hc, Lord; 4, Allen; vhc, Grimshaw; c, Crompton. A.O.V. HARDB.: 1, sp, Pickup; 2, Allen; 3, Crompton.—G. Lord, Sec.

LANCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show, held July 12, at Market Hall Coffee Tavern, when some most promising Mules and Hybrids were staged. T. P. Alexander's Linnet-Bully, with a decent moult, most certainly in the future will catch the "glad eye" of the judges; also T. Fisher's Greenie-Redpoll breed as described in last week's "Cage Birds." Mr. G. Winn judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Hoyle; 2, Durston; 3, Swainson; hc, Whalley. BUFF (15): 1, c, Hawthornthwaite; 2, 3, Swainson; vhc, Whalley; hc, Durston. YORK. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Mason; 3, c, Cafferty and Son; hc, Bostock. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Cafferty and Son; 2, hc, Bostock; vhc, Durston; c, Mason. CINN. NOR.: 1, Whalley; 2, Swainson; 3, vhc, Hawthornthwaite. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wilson. MULE or HYB. (10): 1, 2, hc, Fisher; 3, vhc, c, Alexander. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Whalley; 2, Durston; 3, Bostock; vhc, hc, c, Alexander. GOLD. or BULL.: 1, 2, vhc, Alexander; 3, Durston. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, 2, vhc, Fisher; 3, Bostock; hc, Alexander; c, Durston. NOV., NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Radcliffe; 3, Johnson. BUFF: 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, hc, Johnson; 3, Winn.—J. Bostock, Hon. Sec.

BEAMISH C.B.S.

Y.B. show held in the Club Room, Bird Inn, High Hold, July 5. Judge, Mr. W. Butler, West Stanley. There was much discussion about the colour of the birds in the Norwich classes. Some birds are very difficult to class in their nest feather. There was a very nice turn-out, nicely arranged. Another 100 birds could have been staged in the room.

NOR. YELL.: 1, J. Elliott, grand col., easy win; 2, Foster, we think a buff, if a yellow is a stormer; 3, S. Elliott, mkd., some thought lucky to beat 4, Coates; 5, Yates. BUFF: 1, 3, 5, S. Elliott, leader too young yet; 2, J. H. Elliott, might have won as they were; 4, hc, Yates. CREST: 1, Steppenson, nice front, easy win; 2, W. Knowles, bit short in front. BORD. YELL.: 1, A. Dawson, grand bird; 2, 3, J. H. Elliott, leader ran winner hard; 4, Cates; 5, Bates. BUFF: 1, 2, J. H. Elliott, both nice birds; 3, 4, Bates, not the colour of the winner GR. OR CINN.: 1, Dawson, the best Border in the show, wins easily, Green; 2, 3, J. H. Elliott, nice Cinn. and a good Green. MULE, OLD: 1, 2, Peart and Cresswell, a good sized dark Goldie Mule and a varieg. Goldie Mule; 3, Steppenson. YOUNG MULE: 1, W. Gouldon. LINNET, H.M.: 1, 3, Gouldon, grand size, very steady; 2, W. Elliott, another grand one, ran winner hard; 4, Steppenson. F.M.: 1, Peart and Cresswell, a grand bird; 2, A. Dawson, could win easy, but tail a bit thin. GOLDF.: 1, Steppenson. BULLF.: 1, W. Gouldon, wins on size, grand cap; 2, W. Elliott, good one, runs winner hard; 3, W. Becroft. REDPOLL: 1, Gouldon, Lesser, easy win; 2, Becroft. SISKIN: 1, Bates, wins on size; 2, W. Elliott. GREENF.: 1, J. Steppenson, easy win, grand colour; 2, W. Elliott. BRAMBLEF.: 1, W. Elliott. FOR.: 1, W. Elliott. FOR.: 1, Peart and Cresswell; 2, W. Elliott.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Eleventh Annual Y.B.S., held Co-operative Hall, Catherine Street, when over 100 entries were secured. The Yorks. were a very creditable lot. Very noticeable was the first prize clear yellow of Mr. Darlington. Yorks. Greens., were also very good, and a few nice Nor. and Borders also were shown. British birds came out strong, and materially helped to make up a very good show. Cash points specials were keenly and closely contested for. Mr. G. Morton had everything in apple-pie order, and Mr. Chas. Boulton judged, and the results were very well received.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Darlington, grand, typical bird, round and straight as a pencil, well on leg; 2, c, Benson and Young, larger, grand bird for type, A1 when tighter in body feather; 3, Adams; vhc, Edwards; hc, Stott. CL. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Stott, very fine pair, both full of the right properties; 2, vhc, Darlington, fine big bird, grand style; hc, Greatrix; c, Benson and Young. TK. BUFF (10): 1, Benson and Young, varieg., well rounded and finely drawn, very silky; 2, Adams, tk. wing, good size, nicely drawn; 3, Morton, very smart; vhc, Walton; hc, Stott; c, Edwards. TK. YELL. (11): 1, c, Benson and Young, tick. head, A1 all through; 2, Morton, tick. wing, grand position and cond.; 3, Morton; vhc, Darlington; hc, Adams. YORKS., GREEN, SELF YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Darlington, fine trio, full of colour and type; vhc, Shaw; hc, Benson and Young; c, Edwards. BUFF (12): fine class: 1, c, Cooper, grand type and even tone of colour; 2, vhc, Darlington, nice soft tone, good type; 3, hc, Benson and Young. FOUL YELL.: 1, Greatrix, best in colour; 2, Benson and Young, nice type. BUFF: 1, Cooper, wins on colour; 2, Greatrix; 3, McElroy. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Howlett; 3, nearly green, A1 type, size, etc.; 3, bird. BUFF: 1, Burns, fine type, A1 feather; 2, bird. YELL. BORD.: 1, McElroy, wins on qual. and finish, nice jaunty bird; 2, 3, Edwards, good type and carr. BUFFS: 1, McElroy; 2, 3, Edwards. YOUNG MULES: 1, Darlington, like Varieg. Siskin, fine prize; 2, 3, Shaw, Buff Gold-Can. and Buff Linnet-Can., good feather. GOLD.: 1, Mealor; 2, Morton; 3, Edwards, all good, but beginning to show signs of moult. GREEN.: 1, Edwards, good all over; 2, Barker, fine shape; 3, Burns; vhc, Benson and Young; hc, Walton. LINNET: 1, Edwards, rare good shape and markings, wants more colour; 2, Shaw. CHAFF, or BRAMBLE.: 1, Benson and Young, grand old champion Chaffinch, has now secured 40 to 50 first prizes, "; Redgate, fine Bramble, good colour; 3, Edwards; vhc, Barker. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Barker, very good all round Siskin, leading; vhc, Morton. SOFTBILL, ETC.: 1, 3, Redgate, fine Nightingale and good Redstart; 2, Walton, very smart Bullfinch. A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, Barker, nice col., and well mkd. Yel. Bunting, Reed Bunting, and Snow Bunting; 3, hc, Redgate, good coloured Hawfinch.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

N.F. Show, held Good Templars Hall, July 12. Fifty-seven birds were staged. Yorks contained some extra fine birds. Mr A. Telfer won rose bowl for most points at the two young bird shows. Mr. T. Erskim spl. for second most points; Mr. A. Cook 3/1, best bird in the show with a fine Yellow Yorks., one that will take some stopping. The show was well patronised during the afternoon, and everything was in good order. Mr. A. Girvan judged Canaries, and his awards were well received. Mr. John Kelly judged the British.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, McLauchlan; 2, Murray. BUFF (6): 1, 3, McKay; 2, McLauchlan. A.O.V. (2): 1, Murray; 2, Wilson. YORKS., YELL.: (8): 1, Cook; 2, 3, Telfer. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Telfer; 3, Erskim. A.O.V. (7): 1, Telfer; 2, Cook; 3, Lovie. BORDER (5): 1, 2, 3, Aitken. COM. CAN. (1): McFedres. GOLD. or BULL.: 1, 2, Lyall; 3, Bell. LINNET: 1, Mason; 2, Lyall; 3, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Mason; 3, Lyall. GREEN.: 1, Mason. HEN.: 1, Lyall; 2, Bell. HYBRIL: 1, 2, Lyall. A.O.V. FINCH or BUNT.: 1, Lyall.—C. Aitken, Sec.

KIRKINTILLOCH AND DIS. C.B.C.

Annual F.F. Show, in Upper Temperance Hall, July 12th. About eighty birds were entered. Mr. Wm. Hutchison, Glasgow, acted as judge, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. D. McClement secured the specials for best in Nor. section, and best in hall, with a yellow varieg. Nor. hen, while Mr. John McLay was runner-up with an even-marked dark Crest hen. Mr. J. B. Thom, the president of the club, staged a nice pair of Scotch Fancies, but owing to the bad season he had no competition. In the Nor. section Mr. D. Pirret secured most points, with Mr. R. Martin, a good second. In Bord. Section Aitken Bros. staged a good team, and carried everything before them. Mr. W. Stewart created some sensation by exhibiting two Hybrids, bred with a cock Yellowhammer, and hen Canary, one of them showing the V markings on head very distinctly.

SCOTCH: 1, 2, sp., Thom. CREST: 1, sp., M'Lay; 2, 3, M'Clement. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, M'Lay. CL. or TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Martin; 3, 5, Pirret; 4, Whitelaw; 6, Donald. BUFF: 1, 2, Martin; 3, 6, Pirret; 4, Donald; 5, Thom. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, sp., M'Clement; 2, 4, 6, Pirret; 3, Martin; 5, Whitelaw. BUFF: 1, 4, 5, sp., Pirret; 2, Martin; 3, M'Clement; 6, M'Lay. CINN. OR GREEN NOR.: 1, 4, Thom; 2, Dick; 3, Pirret. CL. OR TKD. YELL. BORD.: 1, 2, sp., Aitken Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, sp., Aitken Bros.; 4, Donald. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Aitken Bros.; 2, O'Donnell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Aitken Bros.; 5, O'Donnell. GREEN: 1, 2, M'Lay. HYBRID: 1, sp., Donald; 2, 3, sp., Stewart; 4, O'Dounell; 5, 6, Hastings.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN, C.B.S.

It would be difficult to imagine a more suitable rendezvous for a show than the splendid concert room at the "Three Jolly Butchers," Wood Green, and the society is to be congratulated upon its selection. The staging, too, was splendid. For these arrangements thanks are due to Mr. P. Brooks, the excellent hon. secretary, and his committee. Mr. F. Day, the chairman, has entered into the duties of his office with zest, and has signalised the same by presenting to the society a very handsome silver cup, which was on view at the show. Mrs. Day, too, gracefully dispensed tea to the helpers. The quality and the entry were on a par with the arrangements, there being some 80 exhibits staged, not a few of which will undoubtedly be heard of at future shows. The list of specials was a long one, and the competition for them was very keen. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction. The list of specials was as under:—Best Nor., Mr. J. Griffin; best Yorks., Mr. C. Tolfree; best and 2nd best Border, Mr. H. W. Warner; best Crest, Mr. J. Pettit; Brit., Mr. E. W. Waldock; 2nd best ditto, Mr. J. Griffin; 3rd best, Mr. E. H. Waldock; best Champ., Mr. P. Brooks; best Amat., Mr. C. Tolfree; best Novice, Mr. H. Warner; best Novice Nor., Mr. W. Gaine; Yorks., Mr. F. Day.

CHAMP., NOR., CL., or TKD.: 1, sp, 2, Titchner, varieg.; 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, sp, Brooks, a fine team of four, all said to be out of one nest—a grand varieg. yell. leading. CRESTS: 1, sp, 2, 3, Pettit, a bonny Crest, being first. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Pettit. BORDER YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, McGuffie. AMAT. SEC., YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Tolfree, a very meritorious team; 3, Jones. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Tolfree. VARIEG.: 1, Tolfree; 2, Jones. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Griffin, bonny bird winning, and taking the sp. for best Norwich in show, good business in the part of the amateur. C. or C.B.: 1, 2, Jones. BORDERS: 1, Jones. NOVICE SEC., YORKS, CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Huggins; 2, Cobden. BUFF: 1, 2, Huggins; 3, vhc, hc, Everett; c, Cobden. NOR., CL. or TKD.: 1, sp, Gaine. VARIEG.: 1, Lambert; 2, Gaine. BORDERS, YELL., a sweetly pretty lot, a gem leading: 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, vhc, Warner. BUFF: 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, vhc, Warner. BRIT., GOLD.: 1, sp, 2, sp, Waldock; 3, Wilson. LINNET: 1, Griffin; 2, Parish; 3, Wilson. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Parish. MULES: 1, Griffin; 2, Pettit. A.O.S.: 1, sp, Griffin; 2, Waldock; 3, Parish. FOR.: 1, Twilley.

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BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

N.F. Show held Dalton Road School's, July 12. Entry very good, a total of 100. Mr Jas Stewart (Whitehaven) was judge, and he did his duty very well. The winner of the challenge cup, Mr. S. Woodward put down a grand team, a credit to him. The winner of the Border cup, Mr. J. Armstrong, is a novice, this being his first time showing, and he must be congratulated. Mr. J Jones won the silver medal.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, c, Woodward; vhc, hc, Currie. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Henderson; 2, Woodward, hc, c, Currie. A.O.V.: 1, Woodward, 2, Large. NOR. BUFF: 1, Plumb; 2, Jones. NOR. CINN.: 1, 2, vhc, Plumb; 3, hc, Wagstaff. BORD. YELL.: 1, hc, Shackley; 2, 3, Hannah; vhc, Hudson; c, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, c, Armstrong; 2, 3, Shackley, vhc, Hudson; c, Large. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, Shackley; 2, 3, vhc, Hannah; hc, Large; c, Armstrong. SCOTCH BUFF: 1, 2, Willison. A.V. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Hudson; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Jones. LIN.: 1, Large; 2, Armstrong; 3, Wagstaff; vhc, c, Shackley.—A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

First Y.B. show held at the Wheel Inn, Friar Gate, Derby. Some grand young Norwich and Yorkshires were on view, and experienced breeders were given a surprise by being beaten by some of the younger members. Mr. A. Morrell secured 1st with a grand clear yell. Nor., a bird that with careful management should do well in later shows. Mr. J. H. Drakeley secured two 1sts with a beautiful brace of buff Norwich. In Yorks Mr. G. Wheeldon secured a 1st with a clear yell. and 1st with a clear buff, two charming birds. Mr. W. H. Eley judged and his awards seemed to give entire satisfaction. Owing to so many counter attractions, the attendance was not what it might have been, but later shows will, perhaps, fare better in this respect. Mr. F. Harrison kindly lent the room for the show, which proved an admirable one for the purpose.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Morrell; 2, hc, c, Baker; 3, Roberts; vhc, Tongue. BUFF: 1, Drakeley; 2, Twells; 3, vhc, Watts; hc, Tongue; c, Baker. LIGHTLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Drakeley; 2, Twells; 3, Sharman; vhc, Tongue; hc, Hodgkinson. BUFF: 1, Drakeley; 2, Hodgkinson; 3, vhc, Roberts; hc, Watts; c, Tongue. GREEN: 1, Watts; 2, Baker. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wheeldon; 2, Pass; 3, Yorke; vhc, Ramm; hc, c, Elkins. BUFF: 1, Wheeldon; 2, Yorke; 3, Cockeram; vhc, Elkins; hc, Wood; c, Barton. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Yorke; 2, hc, Pass; vhc, Elkins; c, Wood. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Barton. NOV.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Oliver. BRIT.: 1, vhc, hc, Ramm; 2, Wood; 3, Watts; c, Thompson.—Wharam and Bainsey.

SOUTHPORT AND DIST. C.B.S.

First feather show held July 12, when a nice lot of youngsters faced the judge. The show had been postponed owing to the scarcity of youngsters about. A few of the fanciers seem to have had a decent season, but the majority have had only indifferent results. Nor. were a decent lot, the sec., Mr. E. Sutton, putting down fine birds, which accounted for most of the spoils. Yorks. were a very fine lot, and some class birds were put down. Mr. Linaker staged a young yellow that will make up even better than his winner of last year. In the buff marked class, Mr. Wright put down a beautiful young hen. Mr. Peter Waring (Preston) judged in his well-known painstaking and efficient manner.

YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, Cookson, rare good type, quality and head, will moult out a buff; 2, vhc, Sutton, varieg., grand body and qual.; 3, Milliburn, heavy mkd., best headed bird in class, stands high on legs and had broken tail; c, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Sutton, two very promising youngsters, grand size, rare heads and qual.; 2, Millburn, cleaner cut, good col., beaten size; hc, Johnson; c, Whitehead. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Sutton, all three good type and heads, 2nd our choice, very wide chest, rare size, but wild; vhc, hc, Cookson; c, Milliburn. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Linaker, mkd. wings and eyes, rare length, slim as a poker, exquisite qual., should make up A1; 2, vhc, Nixon, another good one, only beaten legs and qual.; 3, hc, Wright, big clear. BUFF: 1, hc, Linaker, nicely drawn, neat head; 2, vhc, Wright, good bit thicker in body; 3, c, Nixon, as good as either, but crosses wings. VAR. BUFF: 1, Wright, lovely youngster, neat head, stands well up, grand quality; 2, vhc, Linaker, longer bird, beaten little in position; 3, hc, Nixon. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Millburn; 3, vhc, Whitehead, all Cinnamons, 1st winning in size and col.

RAMSGATE AND DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 10, when 54 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Canterbury, who gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Burgess won special best Canary with a nice typical yell. Nor., Mr. F. Thomas' special best Mule with a splendid yell. Goldie Can.; Mr. T. H. Wellard, special best British with a really lovely Goldie. The society should have a great future with such an energetic sec. as Mr. F. Thomas, who had everything in apple-pie order, and was backed up by a sportsmanlike committee, among them being Mr. S. E. Brumhill (late of Maidstone), J. Burgess, A. G. Fasham, T. H. Wellard, Dr. R. Alliott, E. J. Kew, F. Shaxted.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Brumhill, quite a baby, nice depth of chest, very typical, should make up into a good one; 2, Fasham, nice col. and type, fails in head, promising youngster; 3, Burgess, bigger than 1st and 2nd, but long in tail and flights; 4, Dr. Alliott; vhc, Brumhill; hc, Burgess. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Brumhill, couple of the right stamp, winner very typical, beautiful qual; 2, 4, Kew, good size, nice soft, silky feather; 3, Thomas, very promising, beginning to show signs of moult or no doubt would have stood higher; hc, Fasham; c, Burgess. MKD., Etc. (10): 1, 3, Brumhill, winner wing and cap mkd. buff, very nice, short and chubby, 3rd another mkd. wing and head, bigger but longer in flights; 2, vhc, Burgess, nice substance, fails a little in head; hc, Dr. Alliott; 14c, 14d, Kew, too late to be judged, or would no doubt have altered the awards. CL. YELL. YORKIE (4): 1, 2, 4, Wellard, grand team, straight as pencils, beautiful col. and quality; 4, Shaxted, very typical, but smaller. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Wellard, couple of beauties. MKD. (2): 1, Wellard, wing and eye mkd. buff, beautiful long slim stylish bird, very taking; 2, Fasham, another nice youngster, fails length to winner. YELLOW, 1912 (7): 1, 3, Burgess, two hot coloured clears winner shorter and more compact; 2, Wellard, well-known yellow Yorkie, wonderful bird for his age. BUFF, 1912 (3): 1, 3, Thomas, good ones, nice and chubby, plenty of substance; 2, Fasham, beautiful quality of feather. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Wellard, charming Goldie, splendid deep scarlet blaze, beautifully tanned, grand size and steady as a rock, 2nd another nice Goldie, smaller; 3, Brumhill, Goldie, good size, showing signs of moult; 4, Thomas, Bullie, grand size and col.; vhc, hc Fasham. LINNET (2): 1, Wellard, a good one, nice size and markings; 2, Thomas, plenty of size and colour. GREENF. (2): 1, Fasham, good big yell., very steady; 2, Thomas. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Fasham, fair Bramble.

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ARBROATH C.B.S.

F.F. Show held July 12, there being about one hundred birds forward. Mr. W. Hampton judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Messrs. Muir and Heenan had forward their last year's winning Goldie-Twite Hybrid. The quality was up to the standard in all sections, the Borders being first in point of numbers, closely followed by Nor. and Brit., while Mules and Foreign contained some really class birds. Mr. J. Gray had everything in first-class order, and the society are lucky in having such a hardworking secretary at the head of affairs.

NOR. CK.: 1, 4, Jamieson, nice cobby bird, lightly marked, wins; 2, 5, Duncan, good, close up; 3, Muir and Heenan; 6, Stewart. HEN: 1, Muir and Heenan, sweet hen, fine wings and tail, thick body; 2, Stewart very promising, lightly var.; 3, 4, Jamieson; 5, 6, Duncan. EOR. CK.: 1, 5, Rae, typical, almost even-marked, should be heard of later; 2, 6, Gray, cl., good one, close up; 3, Bonnyman, very promising; 4, Stewart. HEN: 1, 4, Gray, charming hen, lightly marked, should do some winning later; 2, Rae, fine carriage; 3, Wilson; 5, Stewart. A.V. CAN., OLD BIRD: 1, McArdle. BOR., OLD BIRD: 1, 1. Rae; 2, Wilson; 3, C. Rae; 4, 5, Capt. Edwards. LINNET: 1, 2, Muir and Heenan, pair of good ones; 3, G. McArdle, field-mounted, promising. SISKIN, Etc.: 1, 2, 3, Muir and Heenan, leader, Big Twite; 2, nicely made Siskin, rare cap, good colour. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Muir and Heenan, leader Greenie, fine colour, very steady; 2, sweet Goldie; 3, 4, Colville, also Greenie, monster for size, but inclined to face back of cage; 5, Rae; 6, Stewart, good class. MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Muir and Heenan, promising lot, leader should moult a good one; 6, Capt. Edwards. MULE (Old Bird): 1, McArdle, Goldie Mule, yell., grand size, nice Nor. type; 2, Muir and Heenan, Goldie-Twite, looking well, rather wild. FOR.: 1, Colville, pair Yellow Budgies, nice condition; 2, 3, McArdle, nice Siberian Goldie, and Gouldian Finch; 4, Colville, Pintail Nonpareil, or choice.

KING'S LYNN C.C.

Annual F.F. show in Blackfriars Hall, July 9, 19 members showing the grand total of 143 birds in 25 classes—an increase of 16 over last year. The quality was well up to the standard of previous years, competition being very strong in some classes. The class for Goldfinches was the best seen at our shows. Judge, Mr. F. Beilby (Holbeach).

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Breeze; 2, Stoakley; 3, Langford; 4, Bell; vhc, Lee; hc, Smitb; c, Greenfield. HEN (12): 1, Lee; 2, Langford; 3, Hately; 4, Ricketts; vhc, Harrod; hc, Norton; c, Breeze. CL. BUFF (12): 1, Harrod; 2, Smith; 3, Norton; 4, Ricketts; vhc, Hately; hc, Lee; c, Stoakley. HEN (10): 1, Hately; 2, Bell; 3, Cole; 4, Harrod; vhc, Kent; hc, Stoakley; c, Breeze. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Hately; 2, Breeze; 3, Young; 4, Gordon; vhc, Cole; hc, Bell. HEN: 1, Cole. TKD. BUFF (3): 1, Greenfield; 2, Breeze; 3, Addison. HEN (5): 1, Harrod; 2, Lee; 3, Greenfield; 4, Breeze; vhc, Gordon. VAR. YELL (4): 1, Cole; 2, Breeze; 3, Stoakley; 4, Langford. HEN (2): 1, Cole; 2, Bell. BUFF (7): 1, Breeze; 2, Young; 3, Hately; 4, Lee; vhc, Kent; hc, Bell; c, Chapman. HEN (7): 1, Breeze; 2, Hately; 3, Stoakley; 4, Bell; vhc, Williamson; hc, Young; c, Kent. LIGHTLY VAR. YELL. (5): 1, Lee; 2, Young; 3, Breeze; 4, Cole; vhc, Williamson. HEN (6): 1, Lee; 2, Young; 3, Cole; 4, Greenfield; vhc, Williamson; hc, Breeze. BUFF (7): 1, Greenfield; 2, Breeze; 3, Stoakley; 4, Chapman; vhc, Lee; hc, Smitb; c, Young. HEN (6): 1, Stoakley; 2, Chapman; 3, Breeze; 4, Harrod; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Young. GREENF.: 1, Cole. CINN.: 1, Williamson; 2, Harrod. A.V.: 1, Harrod; 2, Kent, both Lizards. HYBRID: 1, Addison, Linnet-Can.. BULLF. (3): 1, Chilvers; 2, Williamson; 3, Young. GOLDF. (8): 1, Harrod; 2, Chilvers; 3, Langford; 4, vhc, Kent; hc, Gordon; c, Addison. LINNET OR A.V. FINCH (8): 1, Smith, Linnet; 2, Chilvers, Greenie; 3, Williamson, Hawfinch hen; 4, Gordon; vhc, Addison; hc, Cole; c, Bell.—A. Harrod, Hon. Sec.

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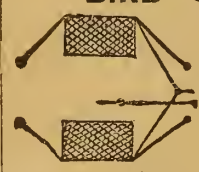
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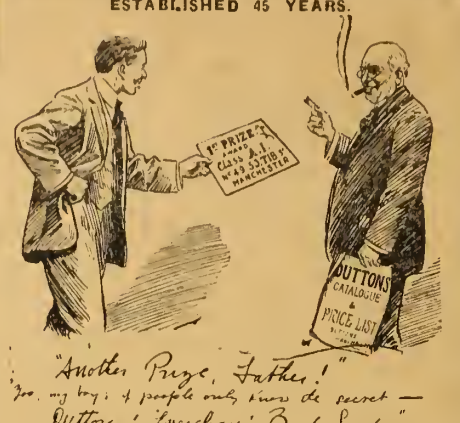
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Club Reports.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, College Inn, July 26, Mr. W. Brotherton chair. We have increased schedule for our open show to 27 classes, and we have engaged the Central Hall, which is a new hall, and is only one minute from the Midland and 3 minutes from Great Central station, and is a very nice place for a show having large windows all round. I think there is not a better in Yorkshire.—B. Bailey, Sec.

EALING AND HANWELL F.S.

Evening Show, held July 19, at St. John's Hall, West Ealing, when 250 exhibits of various kinds faced the music for a two hours' show, what fanciers we have in West Middlesex, and there is room in the society for plenty more who live near. Specialist judges only engaged. Cage birds came along well. Mr. P. Rorke judged the cage bird section. YORKS.: 1, sp, Taylor and Wright; 2, br, Monger; 3, Crockett; res, vhc, Boffin. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Monger; 2, r, hc, Huxley; 3, c, Taylor and Wright. NOR.: 1, 2, Nicholls; 3, res, vhc, hc, Withers.—R. Bamber, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby).

The following have been added to the list of members: A. Crosbie, R. Johnstone, J. Nairn, R. Carmyllie, G. Fulton, L. Jackson, W. B. Smart, J. D. Brown, J. Lavery, R. Thoms, J. Gladstone, D. Burgess, J. Main, A. Wilkie, J. King, A. Jardine, J. Morrison, W. Grey, J. Muir, J. McLennan, D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell, W. Hutchison, W. Niven, J. F. Dewar, W. Robertson, A. Allardice, D. Mills, R. Menzies, A. Livingstone, J. Maxwell, J. Rodger, W. Rodger, G. Simpson, A. Steele, A. Curtis, J. McHolme, M. Petrie, J. Russell, H. McLevy, J. Sinclair, W. Allan, A. Howden, G. Cockburn, W. McClure, J. Ronaldson, J. Neill, W. Neil, T. Thomson, G. Stewart, D. McEachern, P. McNiven, P. West, W. Thornton, R. Trimble, J. Wyness, J. Hogg, J. Rodger, T. Long, J. Brown, J. R. Meikle, P. McAdam, D. Bell, W. Dougall, W. Mitchell, A. Lang, A. McDonald, J. Robertson, J. Gordon, J. Kean, J. Strachan, G. T. Campbell, J. Tait, J. Black, T. Chapman, R. Findlay, W. Wilson, M. Binnie, D. Campbell, J. Gardiner, T. Preston, W. Carson, E. Ramsay. The following judges will officiate at our show on September 27th: A. Hamilton, J. Watson, J. Hardie, D. Brown.—R. Lilie, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY (National Derby) O.A.

Additional and final list of members for 1913: A. Jardine, W. Lees, A. McLauchlan, Glasgow; J. Dalgleish, Leith; D. Martin, C. R. Drysdale, Prof. J. F. K. Kerr, Edinburgh; J. Hart, J. Fulton, A. McDonald, J. Gillies, N. O'Donnell, Paisley; T. Brown, Duns; J. Wyness, Airdrie; J. McClure, Prestwick; W. Watson, Uddingston; P. McAdam, Jamestown; C. T. Campbell, Dalmuir; J. Hannay, Dumfries; R. Neil, J. Brown, Barrhead; D. Bell, Dumbarton; J. Smith, Howwood; W. D. Hogg, Oakley.—A. M. Baird, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held July 20, at Mr. E. Fuller's, Glossop. Present: Messrs. Fuller, Rukin, J. Hamer, F. Hamer, Stansfield, Ridgard, Swalwell, J. Ollerenshaw, E. Ollerenshaw, Millington, Bradley, Lowsnap, Martin, with Mr. Barker Clegg in the chair. Patronage was granted to L.C.B.A. and Bradford National shows. Messrs. Garside and Hamilton (Glossop), Bradley (New Mills), and Beattie (New Hey), were proposed as members. The following gentlemen were put on our list of specialist judges: E. Fuller, J. Garner, J. Swalwell, Barker, Clegg, J. Hamer, J. Rukin, J. Ollerenshaw, S. R. Compston. After the meeting the Glossop members invited the rest of us to tea at their homes, then to a view of their young birds. Next meeting at Mr. T. White's, Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde, Aug. 16, at 6.—Alec Martin, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting, held in Fountan Bar, July 16. Mr. J. C. Murray, chair. Estimates from Spratt's and Old Calabar were submitted and agreed we get Spratt's stationery. Estimates from Fraser Simpson for show bunting were also submitted, but owing to a little change in the work estimated for it was left to Mr. J. Reid and secretary to see Fraser Simpson and report at next meeting. A cup for the Yorkshires was then handed over to the society, for the most points gained by member, and to become the property of the member winning it three times, not necessarily in succession (open membership). Sec. was instructed to write the winners of our cups and ask if they would let us have them for a short time, as we intend getting them all photographed together. Usual vote of thanks to the chair brought the meeting to a close.—J. W. Holmes, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.C.

Committee meeting held July 26, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Mr. W. A. Wilson, Leeds, chair. Mr. J. Wilford, Leeds, was elected a member. Letter was read from Mr. P. H. Wingworth, M.P., stating that he will again accept the presidency of the club. Also he has sent a substantial cheque to replace cup that was last year won outright. The committee expressed their best thanks for his kind support. Names were submitted for the printing of the club's handbooks. The various competitions, etc., were made for the coming season—Champion section: Prizes, £1 10s., £1, 10s.; amateur: £1, 15s., 7s. 6d. Money special at each patronage show for the birds. Junior novice competition for member of Yorks. Union, at their shows:—For first half of the season: prizes 12s. 6d., 7s. 6d.; second half of the season: prizes 12s. 6d., 7s. 6d. The "Percy Illingworth cup" conditions as before.—F. Rhodes, Sec.

LEINSTER O.S.

Meeting of committee held July 17, when a very large number of members put in an appearance. Our worthy chairman, Mr. J. J. Cloke, received the congratulations of the meeting on his recovery from his recent sickness. The Hon. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Hawkins in reference to his very generous gift to the society's forthcoming open show, an extract of which is as follows:—"I will give a solid silver cup or its value in cash to the amount of £3 to a member of the L.O.S. gaining most points in Canary classes, to be won outright." The committee were very pleased with such generous support, and hope that the good example set may soon be followed by other supporters of the society. The hon. treas. reported the funds in a very flourishing condition, over £20 being at the disposal of the committee after paying for their staging, etc. Other routine business and a hint of another cup brought the meeting to a close.—C. Holley, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Maskell's Hotel, there being a good number present. After a long discussion it was decided to apply for CAGE BIRDS coupon scheme. Mr. E. J. Davies reported he had paid a deposit on Wyverne Road Hall for open show. I am pleased to have to report that we are making progress. Four new members were enrolled at last meeting, Messrs. Jephson, H. Gooding, Pedlar, Phillips, making eight in two meetings. Final arrangements were made for young bird show. Classification of open show was dealt with. Norwich, Yorks., and Border sections are closed, and we hope to deal with British, Mules, and Foreign, at next meeting. We are sorry to have to strike out the Crests, as we only had four entries in two classes last year. Scotch Fancies and Crests have not paid for a number of years, but we should be pleased to put them in if any fancier will guarantee them. Please all attend next meeting, as we want to finish classification.—E. Thomas, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Monthly meeting held Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, July 24. Mr. McGuffie presided. Following gentlemen were elected on the Provincial Committee: Messrs. Madagan (Cheltenham), Bacon (Redhill), Pratt (Exmouth), Jenkins (Swansea), Roberts (Penygroes), Pratt (Teignmouth), Gwilliam (Gloucester). Patronage was allotted to the L.C.B.A., Leyton and Dis., Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.A., Cheltenham C.B.A., and Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. Tenders for the printing of the rule books had been received, and it was decided to accept that of Messrs. Stoakley and Co., Wimbledon. A discussion took place as to the definition of a ticked bird. Decided that a ticked bird be one with not more than two marks, these to be no larger than a sixpence and a dark underline. It was decided to allot the diplomas presented by Mr. W. Plank, one for best bird shown by a novice, and one for runner-up to winner of spoon at each show. The following were elected members: Messrs. Williams, Cullum, Martin, Kay, Philpot, Mugford, Richards, Harry, and Hocking. A further donation was received for the cup fund, and rules for the cup competition were drawn up. Any fancier wishing to join and sending in at once, will have his name and address appear in rule books. Members wishing for a breeder's badge or spoon, also tradesmen wishing to advertise in rule books, can have full particulars of same by applying to Sec. at once. Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec., 39, Kelvinscott Road, Clapham Junction, S.W.

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PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Monthly meeting held at club-room, July 22. Mr. W. French presided over a fair attendance. It was unanimously decided to adopt CAGE BIRDS competition for annual show of Oct. 14 and 15 next, and to extend prize list to seven prizes per class, thereby doing away with codding cards. In introducing this new scheme of prize money, the Hon. Sec. (Mr. T. Pope) reminded the members that the society would be giving 25s. in money per class for an entry fee of 1s. 6d., thereby creating a record, and asked for extra help to make the show the success that this liberality merited. A discussion on "2Colour Feeding" wound up the proceedings.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F. & F.S.

Meeting held at club, July 27, Mr. T. H. Curry chair, with a good turn-out of members. Treas., Mr. J. Boyle, tendered his resignation as he has gone into business, and is afraid he cannot do his duty to the show as he would like. Our members did not like the idea of losing him, and they persuaded him to remain in office for this year. He is one of our most energetic members, and his place would be hard to fill. Several members spoke wishing Mr. Boyle every success, and it was the unanimous hope that Mr. Boyle be as successful in his business as he was in getting through tickets for our prize drawing and other business he has taken in hand for the benefit of the Cage Bird Fancy.—R. Peart, Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne July 23, Mr. Robson chair. Sec. read letters from various sources, including one from the Sec. of Newcastle Society, to the effect that that society (after requesting our patronage) could not see their way to put the required classes on unless we were prepared to stand half the loss, should there be any. As this is without precedent, the members decided not to agree to the condition. Letter was read from Sec. of Blaydon-on-Tyne Society that his club had decided to provide the necessary classes for our patronage at their annual show, so it is to be earnestly hoped that the members and others who keep the bird that is being boycotted in the North will endeavour to do their best to make a good entry, to show appreciation of a society that is still willing to cater for the Crested Canary. Letter was also read from the Sec. of Glasgow Society inviting the members of the N.C.C. to patronise their show on Oct. 17 and 18. They have five classes for Crests and are paying 36s. per class prize money (guaranteed). Following were elected members:—A. Jeffries, Richmond; W. Knowles, Chester-le-Street; I. Redpath, Pelton Fell. As there was a small balance from the 1912 social, it was decided that it be equally divided between the various specialist clubs who took part. Without going into detail, I may say that I did not accomplish my desire to relinquish the secretaryship, so that I hope to do my best when the time comes round to make the necessary arrangements for our annual show. A few members have neglected to pay their subscription, and I shall be pleased to receive the same at their earliest convenience.—J. G. Hutchinson.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Ystradgynlais (Glam.)—Sept. 4, Public Park. Judge, Mr. T. H. Furness. Seven open classes: York 2, Nor. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-, fee 1/3. Ent. close Aug. 28, to D. Evans, Ynis Cott., Brecon Road.

Radstock (Som.)—Aug. 20. Judge, Mr. C. I. Young. Eight classes: Yorks 3, A.O.V. Can. 1, Pair 1, Mule or Hyb. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 13, to B. M. Clark, Foxhills, Radstock.

Llanrwst (Denbigh).—Aug. 21. Judge, Mr. J. Kershaw. Four classes: Brit. 1, Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Aug. 12, to J. R. Chambers, Poplar Grove.

Colwyn Bay (Denbigh).—Open within the limits of the Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A. Sept. 3. Judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe. Ten classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule or Hyb. 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 23, to G. E. Cragg, Cayley Estate Office, Conway Road.

Llangollen (Denbigh).—Aug. 13. (open to N. Wales and part of Shropshire within 12 miles). Judge, Mr. W. Birch. Two classes: Can. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 2, to T. J. Edwards, Penrallt, Llangollen.

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

Notes by the Secretary of "Cage Birds League."

Commenting upon the methods of Sparrow and Rat Clubs, the "Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Trades' Journal" says: "War against vermin may have much to commend it, but it will be a sorry day for the countryside when a campaign of extermination is allowed to be carried out against the feathered tribe . . . common decency must revolt against the youth of the villages being encouraged in such battues . . . greater trouble than any wrought by Bullfinches and Blackbirds awaits the industry of fruit growing if such excesses are not put a stop to, and these so called rat and Sparrow clubs brought under proper supervision."

While it is far from the wish of any lover of birds to encourage the wholesale slaughter of even such a pestiferous bird as the House Sparrow, yet it is surprising to find a horticultural journal saying a word in opposition to the thinning out of the multitudes of House Sparrows which in these days of motors are infesting fields, flower gardens, and fruit gardens in clouds, and which are increasing even in greater ratio than when they sought a precarious living in the streets of our towns and cities.

Prepared for the Camera.

"Bird Notes and News," the organ of the Society for the Protection of Birds, has taken seriously an obviously "faked" picture recently published in a London daily. This picture pretended to portray the methods of Linnet fanciers, and represented a number of back cages wrapped in handkerchiefs and hung on the railings near an aviary in a public park. The men in the picture were supposed to be the owners of the birds which were supposed to be in the parcels, and these supposititious Linnets were supposed to be taking lessons from the birds in the aviary.

The correspondent who sent the picture to "Bird Notes and News," said in a covering letter: "I always failed to see before why these aviaries of little English birds were needed, as proper provision for nesting places and food in the parks would do much more to provide attractive bird-life. The working man's 'fondness' is for the money the birds win at the public-house, and I still fail to see why our parks should act as feeders for this business."

The Absurdity of the Thing.

The absurdity of supposing that the Linnets which take part in singing contests take music lessons from the birds in a mixed aviary, needs no pointing out, but when the person who believes such an absurdity goes on to say that the working man's fondness is for the money the birds win, then that person is making a totally unwarrantable statement.

Linnet singing is the sport of a limited number of working men, and is a perfectly harmless sport. The men who take a pride in the performances of their birds, and who find a sport in matching them one against another, have as perfect a right to indulge in their pastime as those who prefer sport of other kinds. The prizes are rarely in the shape of money prizes, and when they are in cash the principal portion of that cash is subscribed by those contesting for them, just as the principal portion of a ten thousand pound horse racing prize is found by subscriptions of racehorse owners. It is a very cheap form of abuse indeed to rail at these humble fanciers, the majority of whom are too uneducated to be able properly to defend their hobby, and it is as contemptible as it is cheap.

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J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

MERIONETHSHIRE

Agricultural Society. Great Show at Bala, on Friday, September 12th, 1913. A good classification for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, 115, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford. Sections for Dogs, Poultry, and Pigeons. Popular Judges. **Entries finally close August 23rd.** The Old Calabar Pen and Feed the Birds.—Apply early for schedule to the **Secretary, Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.**

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RADSTOCK

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Twitterings.

Mr. F. Cox, sec., writes that Northampton Good Intent O.S. will hold a one day show on Oct. 22. Mr. T. Gilbert, Coventry, will judge cage birds.

Owing to August holidays, the Wigan and District C.B.S. will meet on the second Saturday in the month instead of the first, writes Mr. Ed. Ball, hon. sec.

I was very pleased to see the photograph of my Hawfinch last week. Since he won the championship at the Palace I have had several offers, but as he is a household pet he is not for sale. G. Oliver (East Ham).

Will fanciers in the Stanley Victoria Club F. and F.S., please note that we are running our secretary, Mr. R. Peart, for a seat on the Board of Management of the club, writes Mr. John Boyle. Voting takes place 1st and 2nd August.

We have removed our headquarters from the Globe Restaurant to the Friendly Societies' Hall, where we shall be pleased to meet all members and any new ones at our next meeting, August 4th, writes Mr. E. Gill, sec., Skipton C.B.S.

We hear from Mr. J. Fairgrieve, sec. Haddington East Lothian C.B.S., that A. Livingston, Paisley, has been appointed judge of Scotch Fancies, British, and Foreign; and G. Dislop, Stirling, for Border Fancy, and Norwich, for the show held Oct. 18.

The annual ramble of the Openshaw, Gorton and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. F. Washbourne, hon. sec., will take place Aug. 10 to Woodhead. Train leaves Ashbury, 2.25 Gorton 2.30, G.C.R.; return fare, 9d. Fanciers and friends cordially welcomed; guide, Mr. J. W. Pie.

Mr. Nelson, of Redruth, secured the special for rarest bird at Redruth Show, with a lovely Aurora Finch, which also, we hear, had the reserve prize in its class. A fine pair of Firo Finches reported as "No Name" were also owned by Mr. Nelson; these were awarded a third prize.

I would be obliged, writes Mr. J. Peacock, sec., Sunderland C.B.A., if you would let the Fancy know that I have obtained the use of the Miners' Hall for our open show in January, 1914, which is the same hall as we had last year. The Patronage of the five specialist clubs granted to us ought to bring in a large entry and make quite a good show.

At the last meeting of the Birtley C.B.S., held at Station Hotel, writes Mr. S. Lindsay, hon. sec., it was arranged to hold our first open show on Oct. 4. Birtley being so very central it is hoped that fanciers will rally to our support and make this "the show of the North." At the next meeting, August 9, we hope to arrange classification and appoint judges.

Fanciers will be sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Todd, the chairman of the late Darlington C.B.S., and well-known Hybrid breeder, writes Mr. J. Forster. Mr. Todd has been ill for some considerable time, and has just been discharged from the local hospital, but he is still in a serious condition. I am sure fanciers will join me in sympathising with him in his painful illness, and wish him a speedy recovery.

We have been fortunate in securing the following well-known judges for our Open Show on Nov. 22, writes Mr. J. Cosgrove, hon. sec., Uddingston C.B.S.:—Norwich and Crests, W. G. Muir, Kilmarnock; Scotch Fancy and Borders and Yorks., J. N. Bruce, Coldstream; British, Mules, etc., R. V. Raine, Glasgow, and Alex. McGillivray, Boness. Our classification will be on much the same lines as last year, but fuller particulars will be published later.

To Society Secretaries, Advertisers and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Mr. R. Lile, sec., writes that the following judges will officiate at the show of the Edinburgh O.A., November 22. Messrs. McIlwain, Carlaw, Hardie, and Clark.

Mr. A. M. Baird, Sec. Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A., writes that the following well-known judges have been engaged for the annual show: Messrs. J. Carlaw, Falkirk; J. Muirhead, Bonnybridge; J. Watson, Glasgow, and A. Paterson, Edinburgh.

All prize-money won at Bugle Show has been paid out, write Messrs. Pearce and Gregor, hon. secs. Anyone overlooked, please apply at once. We should like to thank those who applied for schedule outside of the county, but being a county show, could not supply.

Through lack of time, writes Mr. J. W. Christon, I have been compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S. The post has been taken up by Mr. M. Archer, 25, William Street, Craghead, and all particulars should now be addressed to him. I thank one and all for kind courtesy shown to me during my term of office.

The patronage of the Southern Border F.C., writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec., 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, has been granted to the L.C.B.A., Cheltenham C.B.A., Portsmouth and Southern Counties, Leyton and Dis. C.B.A., Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. There are still three dates open, and societies wishing for the patronage should apply as above.

OBITUARY.

It is with great sorrow, writes Mr. W. Burbidge, Leyton, I have to inform you of the death of my beloved wife from pneumonia, on July 5, after only six days' illness. My dear wife was well-known among the members of the Leyton and District Cage Bird Association, I being the assistant secretary during the first five years of the Association. Kindly record this sad event in your good old paper.

I should be pleased, writes Mr. T. H. Barnes (Gloucester) if you would allow me to thank, through CAGE BIRDS, those who contributed towards the loss of my Canaries when we had the fire; likewise Mr. J. H. Payne, who collected for the same.

It was a pleasant surprise for me when I opened my CAGE BIRDS on Friday morning to see my Self Cinnamon Border depicted on the front page, writes Mr. F. Moore. I thank you and your esteemed artist for the honour you have done me, and wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it deserves.

Hoopoe Captured Alive.

A Hoopoe, a bird with a "crown" of feathers rarely seen wild in Great Britain, flew in at the open window of the Manor House, Heston, Middlesex, and was captured by Mr. P. H. Browne, who set it free after examination.

A Deserved Testimonial.

A thoroughly well-deserved testimonial fund is being raised on behalf of Mr. W. B. Cobb, of Leeds, whose services have been ungrudgingly given the Fancy in many directions, especially as secretary to the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Specialist Clubs. Mr. Cobb, we regret to learn, through severe and prolonged illness, has fallen on very hard times. A letter concerning the matter, from Mr. J. W. Ramsden (the manager of the Crystal Palace Show), will be found in our correspondence columns this week.

Plymouth's Generous Prize-money.

We are extending our prize-money, writes Mr. T. Pope, the hon. sec. of Plymouth show, and at our next annual fixture it will be: 1st 10s., 2nd 5s., 3rd 3s., 4th 2s. 6d., vhc 2s., hc 1s. 6d., c 1s.; thus there will be no "coding cards," as every award of the judge will carry a cash prize with it. The entry fee will still remain at 1s. 6d. each bird, and the total of 25s. per class in prize-money for this fee, is, we think, a record one. (This very old-established society worthily keeps up its reputation as progressive and generous, and its annual show certainly merits the hearty support of all exhibitors.—Editor.)

Sexing Young Canaries.

Our recent postcard competition relating to the sexing of young Canaries has moved one of our lady readers (Mrs. Gahagan) to "poetry." She writes:

You gave us bird-keepers a rather tough job
In trying to capture that prize of five "Bob";
There's been lassies and laddies doing their best
To sort out the He's and the She's in the nest.
One of the laddies did write "Wait and See,"
A humorous remark that much tickled me;
In concluding my "verses" I'm sure I might say
They don't want much sorting at Valentine's Day!

"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON SHOWS

At these fixtures "Cage Birds" Championship Competition will be in progress during the 1913-14 season. Particulars of our Championship scheme will be found on another page; or an explanatory pamphlet will be sent on application. Coupons may be purchased by exhibitors from any secretary whose address appears in this list:

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Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.
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Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.
Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—E. Poyser, Wilmot Rd., The Dimple.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—Metcalfe and Beacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
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Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Shelfield.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool).
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson St.
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—(J. W. Holmes, South Hill St.)
Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.
Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.)
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—W. Tallantyre, South View.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—R. M. Ward, 16, Wark Street.
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.**—E. Smyth, 14, Vivoi Terrace, N., Kingstown.
Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—J. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.
Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—W. Cumming, 28, North Road.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford National.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Dec. 6.—**Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.**—R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Dec. 6.—**Thrums C.B.A.**—J. Stevenson, 6, Muir St., Kirriemuir.
Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.
Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbrook Road, Bournemouth, W.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

A Nest of White Swallows.

A somewhat unusual freak of nature has been observed at Crossmary, Carrickfergus, where a pair of Swallows have brought out a family of four young birds, pure white in colour. The birds nested in the cart-house on the farm of Mr. John Hart, and successfully completed the rearing of their first family. Swallows of a pure white colour are rare, and the birds have been watched with much interest.

The Patronage of Specialist Clubs.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.C., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; Southern Norwich P.C., Mr. F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Road, Windhill, Shipley; Yorks. and Lancs., Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Midland Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham; Fife and Kinross N.P.C., A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty.

Will secretaries please notify us of the latest date on which applications can be received?

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the August Bank Holiday the Editorial Offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Saturday to Monday next inclusive.

Will advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, August 5th, or FIRST POST Wednesday at latest.

Wild-Bird Life.

Among the Young Birds.

Young birds innumerable have been added to the wild bird life of the country during the last three months. In any walk across fields and through woodlands one cannot fail to notice the huge hordes of wild birds in their first feathers, collected together in flocks and families for mutual companionship and safety. The Sparrows are, of course, the most numerous, and the quantities seen in a few hours ramble would astonish the town-dweller, they literally infest the fields, and



A YOUNG ROBIN.

when disturbed settle on the hedges in crowded masses weighing down the branches to almost breaking point. The Spring and early Summer months have been unusually favourable for the rearing of wild birds, and the Sparrows have benefited as much as any other species. Next to them the Starlings appear to have taken advantage of such favourable times, and have increased in number much more than usual. Private gardens and orchards are crowded with the young birds, and fruit of all kinds suffers in consequence, their never-ending screeching cries can be heard everywhere. No young birds are quite so noisy as young Starlings, and while watching them one wonders what the noise is all about, they simply cannot move without screeching.

The young Greenfinches are almost as persistent in their constant cries, but being less numerous, and their voices less strong, they do not become quite so much of a nuisance. Compared to Starlings, the crics of the young "Green birds" are quite peaceful, and have at times a musical note that reminds one of the love song of their parents in the early Spring. The old birds are still busy in the hedgerows incubating their third clutch.

In many cases young birds differ considerably from the parents in plumage, a homely example is that of the Robin, the young one is a yellowish-brown speckled creature, with no signs of the beautiful red breast of its parents, this not being acquired until the first moult. Many other young ones are more or less speckled, including the Greenlinch and Hedge Sparrow. As a rule where the parent birds are similar in plumage the young birds are unlike them until after the first moult.

In the Courts.

Boys Steal Five Birds.

Three Cambridge schoolboys, whose ages ranged from eight to ten years, were charged at a Children's Court, at the Guildhall, on July 19, with stealing five live birds, value £2, the property of Jabez Constable, of 6, Willow Walk, Cambridge.

Prosecutor said that he kept birds in cages in a back yard. He had recently missed a number of birds, ten altogether, and five during this week. On Sunday, 13th, he missed a Canary, on Monday a Mule and cage (produced). He had also missed a Goldfinch, a Canary, and a young Thrush and cage (produced).

Daisy Wilson stated that she resided with prosecutor. On Monday last, about mid-day, she saw some boys in the back yard, one being in the bird place. She went out of the house and caught one of the boys, but he got away.

By the Chairman: She saw the boy get his hand into one of the cages.

Det.-Sergt. Marsh remarked that he received a complaint about prosecutor losing birds, and also a description of the three boys, who had given a great deal of trouble. He had found the Thrush at the house of the mother of one of the boys. When asked about it, the mother said that the boy had taken it home. He found another one at the home of another of the boys. As witness was taking the birds and cages to the police station he heard a boy remark: "There's a man got our birds." When spoken to the boys accused each other of stealing them.

The Chairman said that the boys seemed to be three little ruffians, running about stealing things and doing mischief wherever they could. They all seemed to be bad, with the youngest the worst of the three. It was nonsense for the parents to say that they could not control their children. The case was dismissed, the boys being cautioned.

OUR COMPETITION FOR £200 IN CASH PRIZES

Join at once: "Cage Birds" scheme benefits both Exhibitors and Societies.

IN view of several letters which have reached us during the last few days, we think it well to repeat that we have, as announced last week, extended the closing date both for sale of coupons to exhibitors and for the receipt of applications from Societies to be enrolled amongst our coupon fixtures.

It has been represented to us that owing to lack of meetings during the summer months, many societies have had no chance of discussing our scheme; we have, therefore put back the final date up to which applications from societies can be considered, until Saturday, Sept. 20th.

We have had a number of letters respecting the limiting of the sale of coupons until Aug. 30, and to meet as far as possible the wishes expressed therein, we have extended the period during which exhibitors may make their first purchase until Sept. 30th—this, of course, being practically to the open day of the show season itself. We are in daily expectation now of the delivery of the coupons from the engravers, and all orders for the same which have been placed with us will be completed either this week-end or immediately after the holidays.

Further Accessions and Opinions.

Since our last list was published we have been requested by the officials of the following societies to include their annual exhibitions amongst our Coupon Shows:—

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.
HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.
PLYMOUTH (W.C.O.S.).
MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S.
RAMSGATE C.B.S.

Mr. T. Pope, hon. sec. of the Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S., when ordering 5 doz. coupons, writes: We wish CAGE BIRDS' competition every success.

Your scheme should appeal to all exhibitors and be a great help to societies. All the fanciers I have spoken to think very favourably of it.—A. Ferguson (Glasgow).

I wish the Championship Scheme the greatest of success; to my mind it is just the thing to create more keenness amongst exhibitors.—A. Elms (Catford).

We have been able to put your scheme before our members and are pleased to say that they all think it is a good one.—Woodhead and Pyman, hon. secs. Hartlepools C.B.S.

CAGE BIRDS' Coupon Scheme is good and should provide fanciers with something to greatly interest them during the time the competition is going on.—E. Foulds (Manchester).

Two Points Cleared Up.

A lady bird-lover in the South of England writes: My husband is an exhibitor of Yorkshires, but for a number of years now I have myself, too, been exhibiting Yorkshires, and also Belgians. My last win was at Frome show, under Mr. Norman. Can we both try for your prizes with Yorkshires?

The answer is, yes. Anyone may compete with birds (vide rule 3) bona-fide their own property. The only other restriction bearing upon a case of this kind is that contained in the adopted definition of a novice, i.e., "All members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them have to compete."

The above means, of course, that if any fancier comes under the definition "champion," no member of his (or her) family, or anyone residing at the same house,



Photo by Humphreys] *[Lichfield Road, Aston*

Skylark's nest built in the aviary of Mr. F. Griffin, of Aston (vide letter published in our issue of July 19). Three eggs were laid, one of which hatched, Mr. Griffin informs us, on the eleventh day of incubation the two left failed to hatch, although the hen sat for 14 days.

can compete except as a champion also. This is to obviate such cases as have created much ill-feeling and acrimonious discussion in the past, where birds have been shown in champion classes for part of the season and afterwards have made their appearance in novice classes, being then entered by the wife, or son or daughter, of the person who previously had been exhibiting them in the higher section.

The second point upon which our opinion is asked is this: "At Coupon Shows, can an even-marked Yorkshire, or a Belgian, compete in the Any Other Variety Canary class, when no special classes are provided for them?"

Here, again, the reply is yes. It is not to be expected that all coupon shows will be able to provide so extended a classification as to embrace all the twelve sections into which the final competition at the Palace show will be divided. We do not ask them to do so; in fact we have previously said (vide issue June 21st) that it is not intended that our scheme shall interfere in any way with the classification any Coupon show may desire to offer. The Diplomas will be in competition in whatever sections are represented in the schedule of classes. If there are no special classes for Belgians, or Lizards, or Lancashires, etc., then these varieties, with any others that come under the "A.O.V." heading, can compete in the any other variety class where such a class is provided in the schedule of a Coupon Show.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 20th, next.

TWO PRIZES OF 10s. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird, and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3; SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £5 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For details of rules tentatively adopted see page 41 last week.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING?

If so, have you grasped all that our Great Championship Scheme means to you, and ordered your Coupons?

THE ENEMY OF THE WASP.

Interesting Facts Concerning the Life History of the Spotted Flycatcher.

By JAS. STEEL (Dalkeith).

THAT a little knowledge is a dangerous thing has often been impressed on me in the past by the number of alleged "rare" birds brought to me for identification. While I always welcome such, in the hope that something really rare may turn up among the "funny birds," as they invariably term any species uncommon to this locality, the nearest approaches have been a very dead flying Fox, a nestling Kingfisher, and a Nightjar. These visitations are not without humour. The birds generally arrive in my absence, and as my better-half simply refuses to absorb the rudiments of Ornithology, the catering for their requirements is apt to be like that experienced by an English visitor to a Chinese restaurant, who, after absorbing part of what he thought was a duck, ventured an interrogative, "quack, quack?" The waiter's reply of "bow, wow," was a trifle disconcerting.

Birds That Puzzle the Unlearned.

Three species in particular, viz., Redwing, Bramblefinch, and Spotted-Flycatcher, seem to present difficulties to the unlearned, as during the winter I am safe to predict the capture to be one of the two first mentioned, and at present I am, to quote, Mark Twain, "dealing wisdom out in chunks" about the latter species. I know many who lack a knowledge of their requirements are prone to attempt keeping them, needless to say with fatal results. Spotted Flycatchers being summer migrants to our shores, intolerant of cold, and entirely insectivorous in diet, the desire to possess one can only be accounted for by its fine appearance when in first, or nest-feather, when it fully merits the prefix "spotted." But with the first moult it assumes a colour scheme compared with which the homely Sparrow, divested of the city's grime, looks almost gorgeous. Lacking also that rarity which counts for so much on the show bench, the Spotted Flycatcher is obviously at a disadvantage when competing against the species generally met with in the small insectivorous class. Nor has he, like the majority of plain-coloured birds, the gift of song.

Beauty is But Skin Deep.

Having condemned, I will now give my reason for placing him in the forefront of desirable birds. Desiring to study every instance of rare-feather, or albinism, even the lack of the qualities I have mentioned failed to mar my delight when I found, among a brood of normal coloured Flycatchers, one which was an entire departure, being of a light cinnamon, in contrast with which the spotting was beautiful indeed. I therefore caged the brood, and allowed the parent birds to feed them till they were able to fend for themselves. Before liberating the normal-coloured youngsters, in order to ascertain if a close examination revealed any departure in the parents, I caught them both, but failed to detect anything beyond the fact that the hen was minus a leg. I rung the cock.

Wasp Stings Have No Terrors.

When I got home it was dark, and the lamp revealed a glittering mass which examination showed to be the heads of wasps, of which the cage bottom and nest contained thousands; a later search under the tree where the cage had been kept revealed many more, the peculiar mandibles and antennæ making identification an easy matter. Now, when we consider that the Flycatcher reaches these shores at a time when the destruction of even one of these or other noxious insects means the prevention of a host being reproduced therefrom—to say nothing of the dead millions which go to the rearing of two broods later on—I feel certain that agriculturists and fruit-growers owe a debt of gratitude to this bird. Knowing from experience what the sting of a wasp is, I caged another brood to ascertain how they avoided the business end of that insect, and have no hesitation in saying they are quite impervious, as they swallowed live and particularly angry wasps with an avidity which made me tremble for the consequences.

The following year I was eager to know whether the marked birds would again occupy the same nesting site, or perchance produce another rarity, but though the cock I had rung continued to return for four years. I found that he had a different partner on each occasion, and no further freaks made their appearance. This I consider proof that the cock chooses the nesting place, and does not pair for life.

With a view to ascertaining the powers of flight of the species, I rung one with the Aberdeen University ring and dispatched it to that institution with instructions for liberation and timing. Unfortunately, in the absence of Mr. Landsborough Thomson, the sacristan had to liberate the bird at a bad time, 8 p.m., yet it was back here at 12.15 p.m. next day. I would be pleased to co-operate with someone and have a series of properly timed flights from an even more distant point, as I am confident their velocity is very high. That they return to the same place each year is proved again by the fact that I have this year re-caught two which I rung at the same place last year. It makes one marvel to get a bird back to hand which has been over thousands of miles of land and ocean.

Ringing the Wild Birds.

I have marked nine Flycatchers this year, and hope that any bird student who happens to obtain one of these (or of any other species; I myself have rung hundreds) will communicate with the University, enclosing ring and data. In conclusion I may state that the Flycatcher admits of easy capture by reason of always returning to the same rock, or branch, from which it darts forth on the passing insect, it only being necessary to place two grasses as described in my former article, to take him without the least injury.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:

(1) *All questions must be clearly written in ink on typewritten on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2) *The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3) *Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4) *Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5) *The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6) *If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7) *Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who receive letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Post-cards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds **Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TAIL NOT MOULTED (C.I.C.).—As you say the bird is two years old, by which you appear to mean this is its second moult, it was quite natural for it to moult last year without losing the large tail feathers, as neither these, nor the large wing feathers, are normally moulted by Canaries at the first moult. This year, however, they should have been shed under normal conditions at a very early stage of the moult. Has the tail been lost accidentally of late, or is it likely you have overlooked the tail feathers being cast off gradually at the same time as the flights? Anyway, if you are quite sure the tail has not been moulted you can do no harm by gently extracting it. Remove four feathers, one at a time, on one day each week for three weeks. They will come away very easily and practically painlessly whilst the bird is moulting, and a new tail will quickly appear.

SQUATS ON PERCH (R.G.L.). I suppose your remark that there appears nothing wrong with the feet includes the claws, or "toe-nails." If not, and they are overgrown, trimming them back to a proper length may suffice to restore the bird's activity. Your feeding is not correct, and this, coupled with the good things going during the breeding season, may be responsible for a little excess of fat. Give a diet of plain canary only with a liberal supply of watercress, lettuce, or crisp young chickweed or groundsel. In the drinking water add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. The approaching moult will tend to make the bird rather sluggish just now.

WHEEZY, BUT CHEERFUL (Novice).—You should have said how you feed and treat the bird generally, and where you keep it. It is not unlikely that since we have had some decent weather the bird has been having considerably more than the average of cold draughts from open windows, doors, etc—hence the incidence of the wheeziness. If this surmise is correct, you must entirely remove these exciting causes. Keep the bird in a bright, comfortable place, with plenty of fresh, pure air, but no direct draughts, or dusty, heated, impure air. Feed on the ordinary diet frequently given in these replies, and for a fortnight, in addition to the seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw every second day. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, daily for three days. After this add to the water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a fortnight. If bird is not well in this time, write again and I will advise you further.

LUMP ON LEG (W.W.).—Truly, a lump on a Canary's leg as big as a large marble must appear a monstrous size. I'm afraid I cannot help you much, as you leave me in total ignorance about the general appearance of the substance, or its position. A rough sketch would have made the latter point clear. It may be an abnormal feather growth, which can be frequently recognised as closely resembling undeveloped feather material. In this case, if there is a "neck," so to speak, tie tightly round it a ligature of hair or silk, and the substance will drop off in due course. On the other hand, it might be a tumour, easily removable by excision by a veterinary; or it might even be an enlarged vein. You see speculation in the dark is very useless. If not apparently a feather growth, you might paint it once a day for a fortnight with a feather dipped in extract of wych hazel of the full strength as you get it from the chemist. If this makes no improvement, and the bird is a valuable one, your best plan is to get a veterinary to examine it and see what is wrong. In addition to the plain diet you are giving, supply a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw every third day for a month, and half a teaspoonful of mixed seed twice each week on the intervening days. Also add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water every second day for a week.

IS IT TOO COLD? (E. Horne).—It must be something more than mere cold which causes so many of your birds to get colds in winter. There must be damp, or, perhaps, extreme fluctuations in addition; otherwise, I can only suspect that your birds come of a delicate stock, or have not been hitherto accustomed to a normal temperature when you got them. You say the room gets as low as 34 degrees in winter. Well, I have myself had the water in the drinking vessels reduced to an almost solid block of ice, and numerous fanciers whose experiences you might have read in our columns have had similar experiences, and the birds have been in the pink of condition through it all. This, of course, means a temperature considerably below 34 degrees, so you see your conditions are far from being exceptional in this respect. If you read up Parts II. and III. of "Our Canaries," you would see that Canaries of high-class stock have been bred quite successfully in cages kept in the open air all the year round, and you would also find full information of all forms of heating worth considering. If you take due care to guard against insects, there can be no objection to covering the cages over at night from the beginning of the moult until the spring; or, if you still wish to heat the room, I would suggest a small portable hot-water coil, of which you will find details in the parts of book mentioned.

VARIOUS (Bosco, Waterford). (1) If you mean an insecticide to paint on ends of perches, joints of doors, etc., once or twice a week, the essence of quassia, or fir tree oil, on the market, are both excellent. Nothing excels a solution of camphor (one ounce) in methylated spirit (half-pint), but it spoils the varnished surface of cages, if they are polished or varnished. If they have no varnished surface, by all means use it. Parraffin is very "smelly," but quite effective, and may have camphor added to it to increase its own effect. (2) Sulphur, being insoluble in water, is quite useless in the bath. Perhaps you are thinking of sulphuretted potash.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Canary," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

This is said to be very effective, though, personally, I have not used it. A teaspoonful in a pint of water is the strength to use—a few drops of essence of quassia in each bath is also very useful. (3) You could certainly put all your Canaries, with Linnet and Greenfinch, in one aviary, provided you do not overcrowd them. In any case you will not get so much song from the cock Canaries, and the Greenfinch will be inclined to be a "bit of a bully" sometimes. (4) This aviary is really only a large cage. Six birds is all it will properly accommodate, but with strict attention to cleanliness you might put in nine, or even a dozen temporarily.

IS IT WORTH WHILE? (Beta).—If the hen is one bred in 1912, I should certainly consider it worth while trying her again next season. Her abnormal laying this season is merely due to the fact that the reproductive organs did not assume full activity, but she has done enough to show that next season there is a probability of her coming into full vigour and making a successful breeder. Do not waste any more of her strength this year. Aim at getting her through a good moult, and in hard vigorous condition for next spring. Then mate her at the proper time with a vigorous young lusty singing cock.

REFUSING COLOUR-FOOD (H.P.).—It is certainly rather strange for all your birds to refuse to touch colour food, even those that were fed last year. Your fears that they are too well fed will not explain their behaviour, as, except in case of quite exceptional idiosyncracy, I have found very few Canaries indeed that do not quite appreciate a well-prepared colour food. Could you get a fancier friend whose birds are taking colour food freely to try a little of your food and see if his birds are as conservative as your own? If so, it is just possible your sample of colour might have been tainted by contact with some other substance, either in transit to you or since. In these days of motor transit this may easily occur, as I myself have discovered quite lately. Try using the colour very weak to begin, say, half a teaspoonful in your heaped teaspoonful of egg-food, and sprinkle it with maw. Cage birds in groups of two to four for feeding. I do not advise you to risk starving the birds totally for 48 hours. It would be very risky unless they had access to egg and colour, or even plaintain or shepherd's purse seed stalks. Whilst trying above means, write again, and say exactly how you mix your colour food—all ingredients, quantities, etc., and how your birds are sorted out for moulting.

TROUBLESOME YOUNG (A.B.A.).—(1) You omit to say whether any of the young are now ill, what symptoms they exhibit when they are ill, or whether any have died. If any have died I would strongly advise you to have a post-mortem on the body in the event of another succumbing, as there is some probability of these casual illnesses being due to a non-virulent type of bacillary disease. If no birds are ill at present, you cannot do better than go on paying scrupulous attention to cleanliness in cages, and all foods and food and water vessels. Once a week add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to each ounce of drinking water. Also give about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird every second day, omit the linseed until towards the latter half of moult, and substitute meanwhile a pinch of maw per bird every second day, alternately with the rape. Every third day give a few half ripe plaintain stalks, seed spikes of shepherd's purse, or a few sprays of nice seedy chickweed. With these little amendments in the diet you may either give the colour food every day or omit it every fourth day, as now, if you prefer doing so. Its omission will make no material difference in the result. By the bye, I do not approve of brandy being added to colour-food, but I expect it is too late to alter this now. If any such stimulant is used, it is usually run in combination with saffron, that is given separately in the water. It is very useful to get birds to break away freely with the moult. (2) Bathe the foot for a few minutes daily in a warm solution of extract of Wych Hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a teaspoonful of warm water. Dry carefully, and paint over the swollen part with a feather dipped in the extract of full strength, holding bird for a minute or two whilst it dries in. If this does not set the foot right in the course of a fortnight, try the peroxide treatment, which you will see described in Part VI. of "Our Canaries."

BLACK ENAMEL (F.M., New Cross, S.E.).—Sorry I do not know the particular brand you have by you, so cannot say whether it is suitable for enamelling cage fronts. In a general way it may be taken that any hard drying enamel of the Brunswick black type is quite suitable for the job. The only precaution necessary is to thoroughly clean the articles before applying it, so that it will dry smoothly and evenly, and allow it to become quite dry and hard before putting the articles in use. I suspect all these enamels can only be termed "absolutely non-poisonous" after they are applied and dry, then, as far as my experience goes, there is "much of a muchness" about them in this respect, and all may be regarded as quite harmless. If you are in any doubt, so as to prefer a particular kind, then use Brunswick Black, and the result should be quite satisfactory.

PIMPLE ABOVE BEAK (J. Shaw).—Touch just the pimple with tincture of iodine, using a small camel-hair pencil or small feather, such as a Canary's tail or wing feather for the job, to avoid touching the surrounding skin. Repeat the painting four or five times at intervals of four clear days, if necessary.

TREATING FOR PNEUMONIA (Hartz).—You should have said how the bird was affected. If it was really suffering from pneumonia it has probably been "gathered to its fathers" long before this reply can appear. Briefly, you should place the bird in a quite warm temperature, free from all cold draughts or serious fluctuations, offer a diet of bread and milk, maw, a little ripe banana, and scalded rape, and add a stimulant such as 30 drops of brandy to each tablespoonful of its drinking water, keep bowels regular with saline aperients, if necessary, and leave the rest to Nature for a day or two until bird shows signs of improvement—if it does improve. Then you may reduce the stimulant by one-half, add 10 drops of chemical food, and give the mixture for one-half of each day, and during the other half add five drops each of glycerine and oxymel, of squills, and three each of chlorodyne and sweet spirits of nitre to the water. If bird recovers, bring it back to the ordinary diet by easy stages. You will notice this is not a very optimistic reply, but the fact is, when pneumonia really sets in, the chances of recovery are somewhat remote. Warmth is the surest anchor, and a good stimulant may help the bird to win. By the bye, I note that you do not specify a particular bird. If it is that you want the treatment to keep handy, you should get a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL before it is too late, and keep that for reference.

NOT YET MOULTING (H. Garside).—The fact that your birds have not yet started to moult is of no consequence whatever. Thousands of birds have not yet begun, but will get through in good time. It is rather early, in fact, for birds to begin, although quite a large number of early starters are now deep in moult. Have patience a little longer. You may with advantage add 20 drops of whisky and five of syrup of saffron to the water about every third day. It will help them to break away more freely.

LIST OF GREEN-FOOD (W. C.).—It is a pity you listened to the croakings of friends on the subject of green-food, as by doing so you are avoiding two of the best vegetable foods you could have used. It is sheer nonsense to say plantain stalks should not be used because they are "too fattening," as however rich they may be in food material, they are not given in anything like sufficient quantity to do the least harm. By the bye, in the old days the plant had a certain reputation as a cure for obesity. As regards the lettuce, it is nothing less than dense ignorance to say it is full of opium. It contains no more opium than a cabbage leaf. I have known groundsel stigmatised as "poison" for Canaries, yet I have had hens feed young almost exclusively upon it from a day or two old, and bring them up fine bouncing birds, too. Thus the tale might go on to the end. Any of the following green-foods you may use with perfect safety, giving preference to them in order named when in season. It is well, however, to use a little variety:—Chickweed, groundsel (the flower buds), watercress, plantain stalks, dandelion, shepherd's purse, lettuce, chicory, rape seed lings, grass seeds, and the extreme tips of the inner stalks of celery dressed for table use. Most young seedlings and a number of common garden weeds are also relished, but the above-named will go all through the year. You would find the handbook, "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," 1s. 2d., post free, from our manager, of great use.

SWELLINGS ON BIRD (Holland James).—It is not possible to dogmatise in cases of this kind without seeing the bird, but I have little doubt the substances are abnormal feather growths. You might touch them slightly once with a moulted wing or tail feather dipped in tincture of iodine. Beyond this let them take their natural course, when they may develop to a certain stage and then drop off. Keep bird in a fairly warm temperature for moulting, free from cold draughts or great fluctuations, and allow it to bathe freely. In addition to its usual seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a morsel of ripe banana and a pinch of maw seed, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of whiskey, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece.

ANXIOUS FOREBODINGS (Perplexed).—You have no cause for anxiety about the hen's temporary absence from the eggs, and have done quite right in removing the cock and allowing the hen to resume incubation. Providing the eggs were duly fertilised in the first instance, the quite temporary chilling at such an early stage will have no effect whatever upon them. You were probably right in your suspicion of the cock. Do not return him to the hen again this season, as it will be too late to try for a second nest. You were much too late in beginning.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHO IS THE FATHER? (Light Mule).—Yours is a conundrum that would easily puzzle the whole of our fifty thousand readers. I can only give you an opinion, which I suppose is what you require. It is quite possible to have a clutch of eggs fertilised by both a Finch and a Canary. In your case I should think the third and following eggs, if any, would be the Canary's, but one cannot be certain upon these matters. Anyway, if the brood belonged to me, I should look to have one or two Hybrids in the clutch—that is, of course, providing you are quite certain about the time you introduced the cock Canary. If they thrive and do well, you will not be kept long in doubt respecting their parentage; you will find the young Hybrids very precocious, and quite ready and willing to leave the nest, and the cage, too, if there is a chance, before their companions, and even if they all come away at once, you should have no difficulty in deciding what they are. It is very improbable that they will be all clears.

FEEDING CANARY-HYBRID (J. T.).—I hardly like your staple food; three part rape is too much for a hybrid. Let it be the other way about, three parts canary to one of summer rape. Then make up a mixture of hemp, teazle, linseed, and niger, and give him a spoonful of this three days a week, and

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

a little sunflower seed on the other days. If the weather sets in hot you had better give him only half the quantity. Let him have any of the usual wild foods, just the seeding tops, of groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, shepherd's-purse, etc., and as soon as the plantaine are ripe, a sprig or two right through the moult will assist him wonderfully. (2) As regards his singing, there are degrees of excellence in all birds, and yours may be a nervous bird that does not "open out." I would advise you to try him in fresh positions, leaving him in each a few days. Some birds sing best in a darkened place, others prefer the full light. You can only tell by testing him. As a rule bird-keepers do not complain about the softness of a Canary-Hybrid's notes; they mostly look round for a piece of cotton wool to deaden it. Yours may do better after the moult.

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Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHITE RING DOVES (Alba).—The young White Ring Dove with pink eyes is certainly an Albino. Albinos occur occasionally in almost all species of British birds, but not very frequently in the Wild Pigeon. There is a specimen or two in the Natural History Museum at Kensington, but I never remember seeing one alive. Your bird would be an acquisition to anyone who has a large aviary, and is in the habit of buying rare and uncommon productions. If you do not require it, why not advertise it in our advertisement columns?

SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES (Ambitious). As you are anxious to get a young bird, you had better get in touch with one of the dealers and tell him to advise you when he has his first batch over. You may get a Greypate or two, or a young one scarcely through his moult. If not, pick out a steady one with clean legs and feet, and as soon as you get your bird, put him in a cage with he seed and water vessels inside. Give him plenty of inga seed in a pot by itself, and in another a mixture of canary, linseed, and teazel, a little maw seed and cracked sunflower. As you get him on to the sunflower and mixed seed, gradually reduce the inga until you can include it in the mixture. Withhold hemp until you have had him some time, and be very sparing with grit just a pinch occasionally. A little soaked teazle is good for a change, or if he looks at all mopy. (2) If your Linnet will take soft food, to colour feed him will improve his throat and breast without any detriment to the whites in the flights. If this is his first moult in captivity, and you give him a fair quantity of hemp and sunflower, and plenty of linseed, he may come out darker. (3) If judiciously administered you can feed twenty birds on 1lb. of colour food. Start it early so as to get the blood well charged with colouring matter; you need not give it very strong at first, but gradually work up to full strength. If you do this properly, you can miss a couple of days a week, and still get them good colour.

EYE TROUBLE (Marlborough).—Your young Thrushes are suffering from some complaint that they have managed to catch from each other. Your feeding appears to be satisfactory, but as young birds frequently overeat, particularly when the food given is of pretty good quality, you had better give them just one dose of Glauber salts at once, and another in two or three days. Put two crystals about the size of a pea in an ordinary drinker, fill up with warm water, give it in the evening, and take it away when you feed them in the morning. Keep them without water for a couple of hours before giving the salts, so to be sure they have a good drink before going to roost. Catch each bird and bathe the eye with a wad of cotton wool dipped in boracic lotion made in the following manner: Put a quarter of a teaspoonful of boracic powder in a cup, add a few drops of water to make into a paste, and then half fill with warm water. Bathe all the parts affected thoroughly. This should soothe and relieve them. Do you keep them thoroughly clean, particularly the perches? If you can change these frequently, putting in clean ones that have been thoroughly scrubbed, you should do so.

THIN-SHELLED EGGS (N. Y. Z.).—All birds' eggs have wonderfully thin shells, and one sometimes wonders how they bear the knocking about they get before hatching. Are you sure yours are thinner than usual? Thin-shelled eggs are caused more from a bad state of health than want of grit. You had better give your bird a tonic even if she is not having another clutch of eggs. Put half a teaspoonful of chemical food in an ordinary drinker, in water that has been previously boiled, or it will not mix. You are particularly unfortunate in having the eggs thrown out of the nest

by the sitting hens, but some hens are very tiresome, and will do it frequently. A good deep nest pan is the best remedy I know of. You might try it in future. Are you giving your Bullfinches' eggs to different hens to hatch, by simply placing one in a nest here and there? If you are, that is probably the cause of them being thrown out. Some hens are very particular about what they sit on, and will often manage to get out a strong egg, even a Canary's. How they know the difference is somewhat puzzling, but perhaps they know more than we think they do.

(Answered by H. J. FELLOWES).

CORN ON FOOT (J. W. Saywell).—Are you quite sure it really is a hard "corn"? If this is so, then touching it with caustic at intervals may ultimately remove it, or you might try any of the "corn solvents" which are purchasable at a chemist's. If the lump is simply a swelling, it may be reduced by painting with iodine or by soaking the foot in a solution of a half teaspoonful of witch hazel extract to a saucerful of warm water, afterwards painting the swelling with the neat extract. If the swelling is a tumour, only a surgical operation would remove it. The foot trouble may be due to improper feeding, but as you give no particulars as to your methods, I cannot advise more definitely.

LINNETS, LARKS, AND MEALWORMS (F. Sims).—(1) Linnets when fresh caught will have been feeding on freshly ripened seeds of various weeds, and they must be gradually brought on to the dried seeds upon which they will ultimately be kept. Have ready some canary seed, German rape, charlock, and teazel. Heat has been soaked in water for two or three days, the water being poured off and renewed with fresh each day during the process, and give this at first, supplying at the same time a tin of mixed dry seed—canary, teazel, German rape, charlock and linseed; the birds will take a little of this, and they must be gradually weaned from the soaked seeds until they are able to do well on the dry seeds only. You will, of course, be careful to supply plenty of freshly-gathered shepherd's-purse, groundsel, chickweed, or any other seeding weed procurable. (2) For Skylarks get a good insectile mixture such as advertised in our columns, and add to it a few extra "ants' eggs" or dried flies or meat powder, supplying also in a separate vessel some canary seed. A few mealworms daily will be necessary, and any other "creepy" thing you may find for them—small caterpillars, spiders, house flies, etc. (3) Unless you have a large stock of birds it is scarcely worth while to trouble to breed mealworms, as they may now be bought quite cheaply. If you decide to

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insecticorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insecticorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

breed them, however, get a receptacle of any kind, a biscuit tin, crock pan or wooden box (the latter is the best of the three). Put in some old sacking some meal of any kind, and some broken dog biscuit. Turn in a pint or so of mealworms, cover the box with a ventilated lid, put it in a dry and warm place, and forget all about it for twelve months. The mealworms will not breed satisfactorily if you are always turning them over searching for the biggest ones, as these are the ones which would soon turn into beetles and lay eggs for perpetuating their species. You will find particulars of the breeding of mealworms, and the feeding of Skylarks and other insectivorous birds, in Nutshell No. 26, and much information as to the proper keeping of Linnets in Nutshell No. 2 (see inset advert. in these columns).

GOLDFINCH WITH INFLAMED STOMACH (J.A.C.).—I think you have been overfeeding and overdosing your bird, and you have left it so long before seeking advice that the inflammation of the bowels indicated may have gone so far as to be incurable. Leave off dosing with castor oil, and feeding on cod liver oil food, and try it with a little milk sop made of bread or biscuit soaked in scalded milk, and squeezed to remove excess of moisture. In the drinking water put either half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's fluid magnesia, or as much sulphate of soda (Glauber's salts) as will cover a sixpenny-piece, and alternate this medicated water with plain water two days out of three for a fortnight. If there is then any improvement manifest, give the medicated water only once a week. For seed, keep it as far as possible on freshly-gathered wild seeds. You would do well to secure one of the few remaining copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1913, in which inflammation and other diseases are fully explained, and remedies given.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

ARE THEY A PAIR? (L.N.).—From your remark, "has turned pale blue," I think you have a true pair. When out of breeding condition the ceres of both sexes are blue, that of the male being usually the darker, but when in full breeding condition the cere of the female is dark brown. If you do not recollect the colour of the cere of the supposed hen, you will have to wait a little, i.e., till the birds are in breeding condition again to settle the matter. Of course, I have only your letter to go by, but I gather you have a true pair.

SPECTACLE THRUSH (W.A.G.).—The two names you use refer to the same bird—Trochalopterum canorum. He has the reputation of being a fine songster, but the song capacity of imported individuals varies considerably. As regards food, a good insectile mixture and a few live insects. The bird would do well enough in the porch from May to October, but during the other months it should spend most of its time indoors.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (W.G.V.).—Continue to foment or soak in hot water (not hot enough to cause discomfort), and dry with a soft cloth. If the sores are hard and the skin unbroken, then paint with tincture of iodine, but if soft and containing pus, then you must lance the sores as soon as they appear fully developed and exude the pus by gentle pressure, well clean it with warm water, and anoint with a little healing ointment. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the bird's drinking water till full relief has been given, then only as required, to keep the bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. Add half a teaspoonful of bynogloss plaster to the drinking water when not giving the magnesia. Your diet is satisfactory.

TALKING MYNAH (F.T.H.).—(1) The Larger Hill Mynah makes the better talker. The plumage is glistening purplish-black with reflections of varying hues; the wattle, which are rich dark yellow, commence below the eye, forming a rather large lappet behind the ear, and then bend upward in a narrow stripe to the top of the head; bill, orange-yellow. (2) From about 60s. upwards, according to talent.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird Keeping" (1/1); "Colour feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Parrbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

(3) This is variable, but somewhere about 35s. or a little more; no special time—watch our advert. columns, or insert a wanted advert. yourself. (4) I should get a cock, if possible. (5) They are fairly hardy when once acclimatised, but if kept out of doors, must have a snug shelter to which they can retire at night. (6) Insectile mixture, ripe fruit and live insects. (7) They are large eaters, and their rage needs constant attention to keep it sweet. (8) I am not aware of this species having bred in captivity, but, given suitable accommodation, see no reason why success should not be ultimately attained.

We are afraid some of Mr. Page's answers have miscarried in the post.—Editor.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. F. B. Leo.—Hen bird. Advanced fatty degeneration of the liver. No cure; the liver tissue becomes converted into fat, a structural alteration which is irreparable.

"Toddie."—Pneumonia; the bird was probably not acclimatised.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

C. MARTIN.—Thanks for the excellent photograph, which we will reproduce in the near future.

A.E.—You must remember that we have no power to compel a society to put on any special class or classes. We accept the classification societies think most likely to pay in their own particular districts. However, we will certainly see if anything can be done in the direction you specify.

A. J. REA.—We most decidedly value the support of every section of the Fancy, but we do not see how we can give one section preferential treatment over all the others.

W. BAXBY.—We apologise for referring to you as a "Sheffield Blade," which was due to all the eight family postcards being headed "Dronfield, Sheffield," and our own lamentable ignorance of the exact location of that doubtless lovely spot. We are not aware that we accused you of breaking any rule; if you are not careful, however, we shall certainly have to accuse you of having no sense of humour.

Redcar C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Crown and Anchor, 8. General, subs. due.—C. L. Mallory.

Redhill C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Wakin's Hotel, 8. To settle Y.B. show and arrange for annual show. Members please return unsold tickets.—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Temperance Club, 8. General meeting, CAGE BIRDS competition, bowling match, etc. New members.—W. Adams.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—No meeting in August.—J. Pitchford.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Questions by ballot. Members should come with questions on their difficulties. Also open show schedule.—A. Hobson.

Skipton C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Consideration of novices' cup.—E. Gill.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Aug. 4, headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Garside Street, 7.30. New members. Second N.F. show report, etc.—J. T. Cheetham.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 4, headquarters, 8.—J. Bamford.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 2, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Classification for open show. Markers' lists to be given in.—J. Peacock.

S. Wales and Mon. Fed. of F. & F.S.—Aug. 2, Griffin Hotel, St. Mary Street, Cardiff, Executive meeting, 4. Formation of new rules; discussion as to challenge cups and other important matters.—A. A. G. McLucas.

Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 2. Members' show. Birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes, Bolton Woods.—W. Walker.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—Aug. 2, at club, 7. Judge for annual show.—H. Briggs.

Walkley C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Lecture on moulting and colour feeding by Mr. J. Woolhouse.—A. Lawton.

West of Fife C.B.L.—Aug. 2, Masonic Arms, 6. Result of show. Smoker same night at 7 to pay prize money.—J. Cordery.

Windhill C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet for July show and ordinary business. Subs. now due for half-year.—Taylor and Ellis.

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Abergynchan C.B.S. Saturday, Aug. 2, Queen's Hotel, 6.30. Report of F.F. show, also annual show business.—F. Sweeting.

Ayr C.B.C.—August 5, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30. Payment of prize money for N.F. show. Subs. due.—Robert Aitken.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Aug. 5, St. Thomas School, 8. Report of show, prize cards, etc., Bank holiday outing cancelled.—A. Spencer.

Annfield Plain C.B.S. Aug. 2, Mr. Hannnighan's, 7.30. Annual show business. New members cordially invited. R. Peart.

Banktoot C.B.S. Aug. 12. Postponed meeting, owing to holidays. F. Gelder.

Barnet and Dis. F. & F.S.—August 6, 35, Wood Street, Barnet, 8. Table show and lecture on pigeons. Judge, Mr. Coleby.—W. J. Cartwright.

Birmingham, City of, C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Crown Hotel, Dill Street, 8.30. Paying out prize money. Open show business. J. H. Jones.

Birtley C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Station Hotel, 7.30. Appointment of judges, etc., for open show, October 4. New members welcome.—S. Lindsay.

Bolton C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Star and Garter, 8.30. Motion re open show. J. Gerrard.

Bootle C.B.S.—Aug. 5, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, Linacre Road, L.-Land, 8. Will members try their best to attend meeting?—L. S. Hamilton.

Bradford, City of, O.S.—Aug. 2, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Lecture on moulting and colour-feeding by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford).—W. Helliwell.

Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance-sheet for July F.F. show. Distribution of Union Handbooks and other important business.—H. Hill.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Aug. 6, Market Tavern, 8. Show business, very important. Designs of show staging will be submitted.—H. Hill.

Bromley and West Kent F.A.—Aug. 5, Co-operative Hall, East Street, 8. Arrange schedule annual show.—W. Foxen.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Prize money for N.F. show.—A. Wood.

Camborne C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Enrolling new members in poultry, pigeon, and horticultural section. Selection of trophy for points special.—A. Scoble.

Crewe O.S.—Aug. 5, Brotherhood Institute, 8.—E. Jaycott.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Club Hall, 6.30. Review of schedule. Members' classes, specials, and to consider the patronages.—W. Tomlinson.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Craghead C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Punch Bowl Inn, 7.30. I am sorry to say at our last show we had the first prize Linnet lifted, belonging to Mr. H. Barron, and I want all members to attend to see what steps can be taken.—A. Dawson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Black Bull, 7.30. Room for open show and other important business.—G. Hunt.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Important business.—G. T. Lyons.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Aug. 2, Fountain Inn, 8. Dates and judges for old shows, and some very important business.—S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, Edinburgh. F.F. show at 3, 14 classes. Entry 2d.; admission 2d. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. Entries taken on or before show day.—J. C. Charlton

Farnworth C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Farnworth Church House, Church Road. Second Y.B. show. Judge, Mr. J. Hopkins (Bolton). Birds staged not later than 1.30.—W. Dawson.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—Aug. 2, 122, Ingram Street. Cl. Nor., Var. Nor., ditto Borders, A.O.V. Canary, Mule or Hybrid. Judge, Mr. Robt. Jeffrey (Glasgow). Admission free.—W. Connelly.

Glasgow West of Scotland O.S.—Aug. 2, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Monthly meeting and N.F. show of Mules and Hybrids.—W. Hutchison.

Guisboro' Priory C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Paying prize money, N.F. show, arranging classification for table show, other important business. At this meeting Mr. Warraker is taking over secretaryship.—J. G. Cook.

Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 2, Butcher's Arms, 3. Also members' show. Birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe.—J. Holroyd.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Aug. 2, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax O.S.—Aug. 2, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Classification for old show and other business.—H. Clegg.

Huddersfield O.S.—Meeting postponed from Aug. 4 to 18.—A. Lawford.

Idle C.B.S.—Aug. 6, White Bear Inn, 8. Arrangements winter shows.—C. E. Hylton.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Urgent business.—J. Bostock.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Aug. 2, "Bay Horse Tavern," 7. Important business.—R. Muir.

Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Final arrangements for annual drive.—R. Charleson.

Middlesex O.S.—Aug. 7, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. General business.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Nelson, Colne C. and C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Mr. Fulton's Shop, 7.30. Fixing date of members' annual show, also report of young show.—J. Speak.

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Openshaw Corton C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Special meeting. Final arrangements for ramble to Woodhead.—F. Washbourne.

Oxford C.B.S.—August 7, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. Important business in connection with open show, held Oct. 16.—A. F. Fifield.

Partick C.B.C.—Aug. 1, Foresters' Hall, 296, Dumbarton Road, 8. Paying point specials. Annual show business, etc.—W. Priest.

Perth City and County O.A.—Aug. 4, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Open show classification.—J. L. Smith.

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P. B. Conly.

The Testimonial to Mr. W. B. Cobb, of Leeds.

Sir, I have pleasure in announcing the receipt of subscriptions amounting to four pounds nine shillings. Mr. J. F. Dewar, 2, St. Patrick's Square, has kindly offered to receive subscriptions in Edinburgh, and Mr. T. C. Crawhall (121, St. Georges Terrace, Jesmond), will be pleased to do the same in Newcastle. Further subscriptions will be welcomed, and acknowledged by

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The Future of the Annfield Plain F. and F. C.B.S.

Sir, I am pleased to inform you that my last appeal has proved successful. We had at the last meeting a grand turn out of 20 members, looking not at all bad after a well-earned rest. It would indeed have been a great pity to have a society like this go to the wall, after holding such a first-class show (considering it was our first venture). It was decided to run another open show on January 3. Fanciers and members, please note that we crave once more your esteemed support. Election of officers followed: President, A. L. Atherley Jones, K.C., M.P.; vice president, re-elected, with Mr. W. Shields and Mr. Beamnont; chairman, Mr. J. Elliott; vice chairman, Mr. R. Bowes; treasurer, Mr. G. Hankey. The secretaryship was taken up by Mr. M. Archer, 25, Williams Street, Craghead. Balance-sheet read and found satisfactory. Two new members enrolled, Messrs. J. Teasdale and J. Mason. Now, ye members, buck up and support your new secretary, who is indeed a keen and hard-working fancier. He walks five miles to every meeting, and thinks nothing about it. Follow this good example, and put your heart and soul into the work. For myself, I shall do all in my power to help our secretary. Next meeting, August 23; subs., due, 2s. 6d. J. W. Christon.

Notes from a Foreign Bird Aviary.

Some Interesting Items Concerning Budgerigars.

Sir,—I should be glad to know if it is a usual thing with Budgerigars to have both colours in one nest. I have both yellow and green birds flying loose in an outdoor aviary, with a good many other birds, and they mate indifferently. Awhile ago I had in one nest (yellow hen) only two hatched, one yellow, one green. Now, in another husk (green hen) I have six birds, four green, two yellow. I was under the impression that when green and yellow birds mated together, the nestlings reverted to the original green, but this is evidently not always the case. My yellow hen was mated with the yellow cock. Then a quarrel ensued, and the six eggs were thrown out, and the green cock taken into favour. She is now on six more eggs, which may also turn out varied. I have had very little trouble with Budgerigars and small birds so far, in five years' experience with an outdoor aviary, and a very mixed series from Cockatiels down to Avadavats. I have only had about two cases which I could fairly lay to the Budgerigars—both of these were Canaries—though I have certainly seen a young Budgie take up a little bird by the wing and shake it, apparently in rough play, but no harm was done.

My Cordon Bleus and Waxbills make nests from time to time, but I have never had any young hatched, the last time the Waxbills unfortunately deserted about two days off hatching. The eggs in this case were all fertile, and the birds well developed, which was very disappointing. Just now I have a Fire Finch-Waxbill alliance, in a beautifully made round nest of grasses, but whether any results will follow remains to be seen. It is rather amusing to see what a huge conglomeration of material these tiny things will gather together, while some of the bigger birds are content with very little preparation. The breeding results seem to be in inverse ratio to the trouble expended on the nest. I always read Cage Birds with much interest.

E. M. Burlingham.

[The Yellows are "sports" from greens, and always more or less liable to appear amongst the progeny.—Editor.]

How to Keep Black Beetles.

Sir,—I see that a reader is asking how to keep black beetles. My advice is to get an old sack and sprinkle in between the folds a portion of dust from any sort of meal, also sprinkle a little porter (beer) over it about every other day. The sack should be folded loose so they can get between the folds.

E. Muon.



HOW TO LIVEN UP (!) OUR SHOWS.

A few classes for exhibitors would, suggests our artist, make things decidedly lively. The lanky ones would go into the class for "Yorkshire type," and those of more corpulent build could compete as "Norwich," while, of course, there would be a "Foreign" class. He thinks (and we quite agree) that the greatest attraction of all, however, would be a class for "matched pairs"!

Canaries and Mules in the Same Clutch of Eggs.

Sir.—I have a hen Canary at present with a nest of four young, three of them Canaries and one a Goldie Mule. The Goldfinch had been only one day with hen before she laid her first egg. J. A. Corteen.

Precocious Young Canaries

Sir,—In answer to Mr. G. Stubbs I had one hatched on the 12 July, which left the nest to-day (July 27). It was not frightened out, as I was sitting alone at the far end of room when it left, and it can hop from the bottom of the cage to the spar. As there was only this one in the nest, it has been well fed, though it never got any egg food. The hen brought up a previous nest of three on seed and lettuce, and I offered nothing else for this one. I cannot say if it will sing at 18 days, as I cannot tell a cock from a hen till I hear them sing. They are Norwich.

T. Cryan (Glasgow).

Hybrids Between the Redpoll and the Twite.

Sir,—It may interest readers of Cage Birds to know that I have five young Hybrids between cock Lesser Redpoll and hen Twite. They are cage bred. The hen built her nest in an ordinary Norwich wooden nest-box. After laying her first egg, she missed three days, then laid four consecutive days. All five eggs proved fertile. After the hen Twite had sat on the eggs for one week, I transferred the eggs to two Norwich Canaries. The young are five days' old to-day (Monday). I am hoping to rear them. Success to Cage Birds. Geo. H. Ball.

A "Cock" Redpoll Lays Eggs and Breeds Hybrids with a Linnet.

Sir.—We thought the following might interest some of our fellow readers and fanciers. We possess a Redpoll which has won a few honours as a "cock" and we did not know it was a hen until this breeding season. We paired to a Norwich hen, when to our surprise it took to the nest, so we took the Canary hen away and left the Redpoll alone. She laid six eggs and sat them for the full time. We then put a cock Linnet with her, and she laid five more eggs. To-day (July 27) she has hatched two young ones. We would like to know if Hybrids off these parents are rare or not, as we have looked through a few books on Mules and Hybrids, but cannot trace any others like these.

Kemp and Govier.

[Redpoll-Linnet Hybrids are easily bred, and are uncommon only because fanciers do not think it worth while trying for the cross, as the progeny stand practically no chance on the show bench against brighter plumaged Hybrids.—Editor.]

Two Cuckoo's Eggs in a Yellowhammer's Nest.

Sir,—It has come to my knowledge where two Cuckoo's eggs were found in a Yellowhammer's nest this season; the eggs of the Yellowhammer were found on the ground under the nest, but how they were thrown out I have not been able to ascertain. Both these eggs of the Cuckoo were hatched out, and the young Cuckoos were seen at the age of about a week. When my friend next went to the nest, there was only one young Cuckoo in the nest; the other was dead upon the ground under the nest, so there is not the least doubt it was a case of murder—the living Cuckoo had thrown the other one overboard, so that it could get all the support of its foster parents, and as everyone knows, they can take some support, for they are always hungry. Only once in my life have I tried the experiment of raising Cuckoos, and never more do I attempt the task, for I never got a minute's peace long after they could do for them elves. They only wanted to hear me about before they began crying to be fed

Nimrod.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality held at Skinner's Arms, Burlingthorpe Lane, July 27; 16 sang for three prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard. 1, 3, Sellers; 2, King. Judges, J. Granger, C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing, held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, July 27, 12 birds sang: 1, Binner; 2, Chippendale; 3, Wood. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and P. Maddison.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon St., July 27. 16 birds sang for three good prizes: 1, Bland; 2, Farrar; 3, Ward. Judges, Cooper, Naylor, W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, held July 26, at Headquarters, Commercial Hotel, with a poor entry, owing no doubt to an early moult overtaking many birds: 1, Tomlin; 2, Potter. Members' special sing, Aug. 2, when all members must be straight on books to compete for prizes. First pair lung 3.15.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Linnet contest was held at Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, Blackburn, for quality, 17 birds entered, and there was very good singing. 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Holcroft; 4, Smedley; 5, Hayhurst; 6, Dobson; 7, Pender. After the contest we had a good evening.—T. Hayhurst, Sec.

LEADGATE.

Next sing, Golden Lion Inn, August 2.—W. Atkinson.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly contest, held July 26; 20 birds entered for three good prizes. 1, Nelson, 73; 2, Sweeting, 64; 3, Parnell, 64. Also July 27, 12 birds entered for three good prizes given by Mr. L. Parker. 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Kirk. Open sing, August 2, everybody will be welcome, first pair at 3 prompt.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held British Oak, Attercliffe, Sheffield, July 26. Mr. Austin gave three special prizes. Rodgers, 1, 76 secs.; Thompson, 2, 48 secs.; Woodcock, 3, 40 secs. Also July 27, Mr. Austin gave three special prizes, 12 birds entered: 1, Watson, 81 secs.; 2, Newton, 79; Woodcock, 3, 77. Linnet fanciers wishing to join the Linnet Society can do so by applying to the landlord, Mr. Austin. Contests, Aug. 2, 3, 4. First pair lung at 1 on Monday.—A. Thompson, Sec.

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The Lancashire & the Way it Has Been Judged.

Friend "Teddy," of Glossop, Indulges in Another Little Grumble.

Sir,—I see we are not to have a show at Rochdale this year. Well, after the way the Lancashire and Lizard classes were muddled last year, I think it about time they shut the shop up. I have been expecting it for some time. I have seen some judging in my time, but that show beat the lot. At Manchester the judge put buff Plainhead down as not fit to show, saying it was not a Lancashire at all. At Rochdale the judge put it first and made it the champion. Now both of these judges are supposed to be specialists on the Lancashire—which is right? Which should the breeders follow. What was Mr. W. Kay's yellow Plainhead vhc for at Rochdale? The bird was in fine form. This bird was first at Manchester, second at Sheffield, first at Nottingham, first at L.C.B.A., and first at the Palace. Although he was second at Sheffield, the winner was a fine young bird and will make him go for all he is worth in the coming show season. I don't envy Mr. Garner his job at Manchester if they meet. I am only a novice with the Lancashire, never having won a first prize, so will some of the big winners tell me how it was the bird was only vhc at Rochdale? I may say I was pleased the way Mr. Robson judged the London shows, but could not understand him putting Mr. Ollerenshaw's broken-cap gold second. The bird left Glossop very fit and came back the same; he was the best broken-cap gold out last season. Also why was Mr. Fitton's buff Plainhead out of the money at the Palace? The bird could easily have been first or second. Still, taking things all round, I think he did very well. I hope all Lancashire and Lizard exhibitors will give our old friend, John Garner, something to do at Manchester. Lancashire fanciers have said that I have done the Lancashire a lot of harm in the past not the Lancashire, however, say the mongrel. Ever since the Rochdale breeders put Crest into the Lancashire, the breed has been going down, so fanciers will see what they have done for themselves—no show after all these years. Everybody looks forward to Rochdale Show. Being in company with the oldest Crest breeder in England at the last Manchester Show, I asked him which was the best Lancashire, the old or the new, to cross with the Crest. He said the old sort, the bird that stood well up, coppy all in front, not rough behind, nice spoon back, not a spread or sprayed coppy, but a well packed front, not over the beak, nicely drawn in at the back of the skull (not a round head; it should be long and flat). Another well-known champion Crest breeder wanted to buy a ticked buff Plainhead that was shown, for Crest breeding. This bird was a Lancashire all over, his owner would not sell. How is it these well-known breeders want the pure Lancashires when there are so many big rough "Fat Heads" about? The Crest breeders want birds with big heads; then why not buy the bird with Crest in it? I asked them that; no, they did not want that, they wanted to know what sort of Crest was in. One said he wanted a pure one to start with, then he would know what he was doing. Judging from what I have seen at shows I don't think Crest breeders want much Lancashire to improve their Crests. I think they ought to be content and leave the Lancashire alone for a bit and let it get going again. I know a lot of breeders who are trying to get it back into its old form. If judges will help those of us who are trying to breed a good Lancashire I will do all I can for the old bird. Let them judge to the standard as near as they can, and I for one shall not grumble more.

E. Fuller (Glossop).

"Twin" Mules This Time!

Two Goldie-Canaries in One Egg.

Sir,—I put a hen Canary and cock Goldfinch together and they paired up. The hen Canary had three eggs, and she has brought four young birds out of these three eggs. The first was hatched on Friday, July 18, one on Saturday, 19, and two on Sunday, July 20. Do you know of anybody who has had a similar experience.

G. Mountain.

[We do not remember to have heard of "twin" Mules before.—Editor.]

A Cage Not Necessarily a "Bad Place" After All.

Sir,—So much trouble seems to have been taken lately in certain directions to prove cage-bird keeping is one of the more refined cruelties, that I thought the following might be of interest, as they certainly go to prove the contrary. In my own experience I have had several birds escape and return to their cages and, moreover, seem glad to get back. These include, Linnets, Redpolls, Waxbills, and Bullies. The Linnet was away a month before returning to his "prison"! This happened during 1912. Recently a Bullie hen escaped and showed no inclination to leave the place, but entered her cage again after a half-hour of freedom. Then, again, the extraordinary period some live in cages over the ordinary span of a wild bird's life, must surely prove that cage life is not what some would try and make out. Take a case in point: Early in the present year I had occasion to visit Evesham, and in one of the rooms of my hotel was a Goldfinch cock which made quite a fuss of all visitors that took notice of him, so much so that I made one or two enquiries about him and found he had been the pet of the place for fifteen years! How old he was when they first had him the present owners did not know. Surely this, together with the striking testimony of many more of your readers, must prove that even the birds themselves do not find that "awful cage" such a bad place after all.

Geo. S. Woodcock.

A Visit to a Deal Fancier.

Sir,—On the occasion of our annual "beano" we took the opportunity of calling on our esteemed friend and member of the Kent County C.B.A., Mr. G. Johnson, of Deal, whose Yorkshires have graced the show bench in this and other counties now for some years with a large percentage of success. It was a great pleasure to find one of the best appointed bird rooms in Kent, and we saw about fifty Yorkies, in all, including, I think, 35 youngsters. Many of these will be heard of later. Mr. J. takes but two nests from each pair, and that accounts for our visit occurring at about the worst possible time, for a few hens were "romping" for nest and young were in moult. The clear yellow cock which you depicted in Cage Birds Annual; and which has taken honours at Canterbury, Dover, etc., is looking well. I am sure he will be ready before long for many a hard fight—most fortunate was its owner in getting four yellows in one nest from this bird and a very nice buff hen. This hen, I think, was bred from double yellows. A clear yellow (which will be sure to make its mark), two ticked yellows, and a saddle mark (a hen, I think) make what I call a good nest. Time will not permit of me dwelling on the other pairs. Amongst the valuable trophies seen was a solid silver cup, won outright at the last Deal show.

James Hunt and W. Ward, K.C.C.B.A.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

appeals to all of us. A few strokes of the pen on the form found on page 51 this week will make an interesting booklet yours free of all cost. Do it now!

Cordon Bleus Nesting in a Cage.

Sir,—My Cordon Bleus have built a nest entirely of grass, about the size of a cocoa nut. Would you tell me if it is at all unusual for this to happen in a cage? Nothing has come yet except one egg they have thrown out and it was without shell. They are both young birds imported last winter.

M. E. K.

[It is not very unusual for this species to build a nest, but it has proved an exceptionally difficult task to get young Cordon Bleus reared in captivity.—Editor.]

Novice Classes and Open Shows.

Sir,—Mr. F. W. Laidlow says if I look at the catalogue of Blaydon open show I will see seventeen novice birds in two classes. Perhaps they are Scotch Fancy classes; you should have mentioned the classes. I remember a year or two ago a few novices wrote to Blaydon for schedules, but never got any reply. Where is the encouragement for novices to join the Northern Norwich Club, when you say "one class for novices and six for champions"? The one class for the novices has to keep up the six champions, and all the club specials go to the champions. You say that there are scarcely any novices in your club, including yourself; I am surprised at you, being secretary, with only one novice class. You expect to get more novices, too! You remember a society called Gateshead. They had a very unlucky time at their annual show. I believe, if I am not mistaken, you are one of the committee. Why is Gateshead putting on novice classes, very nearly every other class? I think Gateshead Society must have good faith in them filling, or else they would not put them on under present conditions. Just look in the Fancy papers, and see for yourselves. In the first place, look at the novice classes: July 18, Portsmouth and Southern C.B.S. Nest Feather Show. Then turn your attention to Newcastle-upon-Tyne Nest Feather Show, with no novices classes and compare the difference. There are other shows in the same way, but look for yourselves. Just fancy, a Newcastle Yorkshire judge cannot be beaten in the champions in Newcastle Nest Feather Show, and they expect novices to enter in the same class. Why don't they put novice classes in? They lose nothing on the sliding scale, and they would see the novices flock in to the show, and there would be a good entry, and the gentleman who takes the money would not have time to sleep. Mr. Laidlow knows that the novices are the backbone of all societies, and help to pay the professional classes. Why don't they put all classes on a sliding scale, and give the novices back the money they pay in each class? No, this would not do for the champions. The novice classes that were put on: Newcastle, York., 1909, 37 in a class, and 21; 1910, 25; Norwich, 1911 32, and 18; Yorks., 36 and 23; Border, 28. Gateshead, Norwich, 1911, 28; Yorks. 31, and 21; Border, 24; Linnets, 20. May I ask Mr. Laidlow how many shows he supported? I supported North Shields, Wallsend, Gateshead, and others, and I did well in them, but I never took any money from them; I gave it to them back excepting 1s. 6d., which was sent to me, and if the committee had been honourable to me I would not have had that. In the society I formed for novices, they did not turn up regularly as I expected. It would have been much better for me and them, if they were going to their society regularly at every meeting. They would score at every try. When the classes are made up the novices are never there; they are in the majority, not in the minority, you know that. I challenge any champion on this subject. I hope I have satisfied Mr. Laidlow; but I have not finished with this subject. They will be looking for your paper on Friday morning for this answer, as it is very important to secretaries.

T. W. Lumsden.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 13)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

ANOTHER way to breed with two hens and one cock is to run him with one hen until about noon, then place him with the other hen until noon the next day; and so on until both have laid. Should one lay and begin to sit before the other, then leave him with the latter hen until she has also laid her third egg. Where one cock has been paired with two or more hens in this way he should afterwards be taken entirely out of hearing of his hens in the breeding room.

One of the causes of hens deserting their young is the cock being left in the same room. His song has a detrimental effect on them at this period, and they evince a desire to go to nest again by neglecting to feed the offspring. I have known cases where the hen has fed and brooded them well in the day time, then neglected to brood them at night, consequently the next morning the chicks have been dead. Others have fed and brooded well up to a certain period, then without any warning (i.e., any outward sign that she is failing in her duties) has abandoned them altogether. She desires to go to nest again, often her eggs are advancing, and the cock should be put with her again. The hen tells you as plainly as possible, by her actions in trying to get a view of the cock and in a shrill voice answering his calls, that he is the cause of those youngsters being deserted.

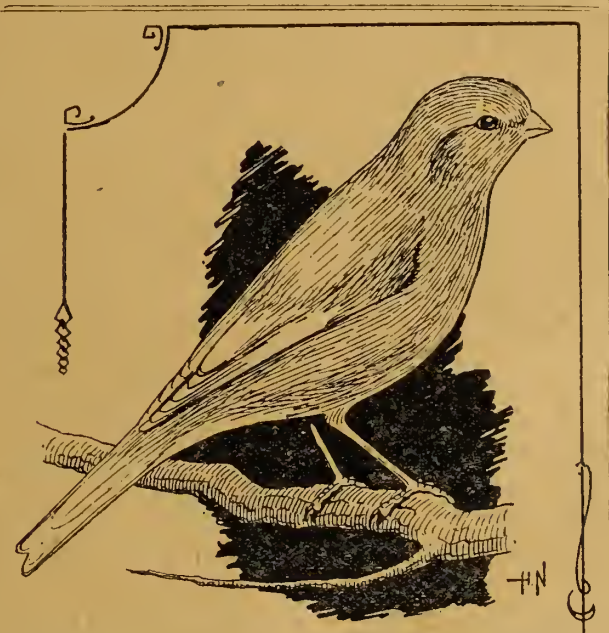
The Best of All the Methods.

When the cock is left with the hen when she is sitting and rearing the young, his singing will not have the least effect on her. This method I have found the smoothest and the simplest of all the various methods. When both parents are feeding, the chicks will grow more quickly, attaining a larger size, and are ready to leave the nest sooner than if the hen had sole charge. You have allowed the hen her choice of two nest pans; leave the spare one in its position, and should the hen wish to lay again before the youngsters can feed themselves, the cock will continue to feed them while the hen is busy incubating her next clutch of eggs.

This last method of breeding may be found, of course, to have its "ifs" and "buts." The presence of the cock in the breeding cage will make some hens indolent; they will sit over or on the youngsters, and take all the food from the cocks, without troubling to give their chicks any. This may be due to the hen having previously had sole charge, and the remedy is to leave the business to her, and take the cock not only out of the cage but out of the room. There is no accounting for the peculiar temperament of some hens; and they have to be humoured.

It may be thought that I have painted a black picture, and that Roller Canary breeding is very difficult. Such is not the case, however. I have given you candidly both sides of the question. It is probable that no difficulty will arise (in fact, it appears to be the new beginner who usually breeds the most young birds). Yet should it do so, you will not be groping, as it were, in the dark, for I have pointed out the best way to combat every obstacle that is likely to be met with in pairing the birds.

I have remarked that the cock should be removed in some instances when the hen has laid her third egg. This may be an opportune time to explain the why and the wherefore. No doubt you will have heard that with one act of copulation a hen's whole clutch of eggs can be fertilized, but we have no means of ascertaining whether they actually will be, although the cock may show every outward sign of having accomplished this. As a safeguard, it is usual to either let the couple remain together, or to introduce the cock for a short period, or for half a day as the case may be, according to the method of breeding you have adopted, until the evening of the third day. In this way you provide every possible opportunity for the eggs to become fertilized.



A GOOD YOUNG NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

This very promising Clear Yellow Norwich was exhibited by Mr. A. E. Leech at the recent Nest Feather Show of the Poplar C.B.A., where it was awarded a first prize.

Dealing with the first three Eggs.

In all the various methods employed in breeding, the first three eggs should be removed from the nest as soon as it is convenient on the day they are laid, and placed on a little bran, or on some other soft material that is not likely to puncture the shell. A dummy egg (i.e., one of earthenware, coloured to resemble the Canary's natural egg) should be placed in the nest as each egg is removed. The natural eggs should be turned over once each day to prevent the yolk settling to one side. When they are returned to the nest again the hen will see to this duty. Use a teaspoon to remove the eggs from, or replace them into, the nest. Some writers do not advise putting more than one dummy egg in the nest. I have tried both ways, and prefer to substitute a dummy egg for every natural egg removed, i.e., three in all, because I have found a few hens that would not at first take kindly to her own three eggs when returned, after she had been sitting only one dummy egg for two days.

Replacing Eggs and "Polishing Up" the Nest.

In the evening of the day when the third egg is laid (or, if more convenient, on the morning of the fourth egg being laid) remove the nest pan and take out the dummy eggs. It should be noticed whether the hen has made a suitable nest, as some will fill the nest pan, and leave just a small hole down one side of the pan, or may be in the centre. Neither of these nests are at all suitable (although, as the hens have built them, perhaps you will think that they should know). Take all the nesting material out of the nestpan, and make her a fresh nest, pressing the charpie, or moss, firmly in and around the sides of the nestpan; and then replace the three natural eggs.

Some hens will make numerous nests and pull them all to pieces again before laying their first eggs, and it will sometimes be found that when the first egg does appear there is no proper nest to receive it. Young hens as a rule are addicted to this habit; the danger lies in the egg being damaged when coming into contact with the bare bottom of the pan. Nest-pan linings made to the shape of the nestpan, can be purchased. They are of Swansdown, or thick felt. I like the latter kind, as less nesting material is required when these are used. These linings should be fastened inside the pan with a little glue, or flour paste, and should be already fitted into the nestpans when they are first hung in the breeding cage.

Giving the Young Equal Chances.

The object of removing the first three eggs from the nest on the days they are laid is that the young birds will all hatch out at or about the same time; this gives them an equal chance of being reared. Some hens will begin to sit as soon as the first egg is laid, and as it is usual for them to lay four or five eggs (sometimes more), were not the first three eggs removed the young birds would be hatching on different days. Then the oldest, being the largest and the strongest bird, would lift its head the highest at feeding time and get the largest proportion of the food, and the rest would often "go to the wall."

Reverting to the breeding cages, the pattern and the size of these have to depend in many cases on the amount of space available. The Roller is not such a large bodied bird as some of the other varieties of Canary, so will not require a cage so large. I have used all the various types of breeding cages, and from experience favour the two-compartment and the four-compartment kinds. I have not described the latter, so will give a description of those I am now using, as I have found them satisfactory in every way.

(To be continued.)

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Eighth annual Y.B. show held headquarters, "The Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, July 26. Judge, Mr. T. Wright. Some very good young birds were on show. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, Bell; 3, Pretty. NOV. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Cullers. YORKS, NOV.: 1, 2, Green; 3, Stubbs. CREST.: 1, 2, Willis. BORD.: 1, 2, Willis. LINNET MULE: 1, Bell. GOLDF.: 1, Green; 2, Bell, 3, Ayris. BELLF.: 1, Harrison. LINNET: 1, Harrison. RED POLL: 1, sp, Stubbs; 2, Cullers; 3, Bell. GREENF.: 1, Pretty; 2, 3, Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

CALDER C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 26. Mr. Winter (Edinburgh) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Some grand birds were exhibited, Borders especially being very fine. Medals won: Best Nor., D. Anthony; Bord., W. Murray, Brit., J. Wight.

NOR. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Anthony. COCK BUFF: 1, Anthony. OR. OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Anthony. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Anthony. BORD., YELL., COCK: 1, Murray; 2, Williams; 3, Boag. HEN: 1, 2, Murray; 3, Boag; 4, Phillips. BUFF COCK: 1, Murray; 2, Boag; 3, Phillips. HEN: 1, 2, Murray; 3, Boag. VELL., VAR.: 1, Murray, 2, 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, Murray, 2, Boag; 3, Williams. YELL. GR.: 1, Boag. BUFF: 1, Boag; 2, Williams. A.O.V.: 1, Struth. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Wight; 2, Anderson; 3, Phillips. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Anthony; 2, 3, Anderson. GREENF.: 1, Anderson. D. Anthony, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Last Y.B. Show of the season, held July 26, Victoria Hotel. 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Walsh, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Special for best bird was won by Mr. E. Shepherd with a grand clear yellow; best novice bird, Mr. W. Bloomfield. Following are the total number of points for three young bird shows: champion, Goodwin, 47; Shepherd, 46; Boocock, 46; Atkinson, 21; novice, Bloomfield, 42; J. Ellis, 26; Alred, 26; Bryant, 26; S. Hall, 21.

CL. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Shepherd; 2, Dykes; 3, W. Hall; 4, A. Ellis; vhc, Morgan; hc, c, S. Hall. BUFF (12): 1, Goodwin; 2, Dykes; 3, vhc, Boocock; 4, Oldrieve; hc, Myers; c, Bloomfield. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Dykes; 2, Boocock. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Bloomfield; 2, W. Hall; 3, Myers; 4, Oldrieve; vhc, Dykes. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Dykes; 2, Alred; 3, 4, vhc, Shepherd; hc, Abbey. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes; 2, 4, Goodwin; 3, S. Hall; vhc, c, Alred; hc, J. Ellis. FOUL MKD. (8): 1, 4, Boocock; 2, Goodwin; 3, Shepherd; vhc, Abbey; hc, J. Ellis; c, A. Ellis.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

PLYMOUTH W.C.O.S.

Third and final N.F. show for 1913 held July 23. The entry was not quite so good as at previous shows, but well up to average for the time of year. About 60 were staged, Yorks. showing up well in numbers and quality; Cresto, however, being very disappointing. Mr. Pope judged Yorks and Nor., Mr. Finch Crests and Cinnamons, and Mr. Pridham the remainder. Cups for most points in three shows were won as follows:—Yorks., C. Javell; Nor., W. Spillman; Crests, J. Bavage; Cinn., A. B. Brown; Mules and Brit., Wills; Nov., W. Hutchings. YORKS YELL. (7): 1, 4, c, Mellows; 2, 3, Jewell; vhc, hc, Craven. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Jewell; 2, 3, 4, Craven; vhc, c, Mellows. NOR. VELL. (4): 1, Spillman; 2, Rowe; 3, 4, Garland. BUFF (6): 1, Spillman; 2, hc, Garland; 3, Rowe; 4, vhc, Sleep. CREST (2): 1, Hutchings; 2, Bavage. C.-B. (3): 1, Bavage; 2, 3, Hutchings. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Brown; 4, Blackmore. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Brown; 4, Blackmore. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, 2, Wills. DARK (3): 1, Wills; 2, 3, Hannaford. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (3): 1, Lugg; 2, Wills; 3, Lugg. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Lugg; 3, 4, Wills. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (2): 1, Lugg; 2, Wills.—T. Pope, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Annual F.F. show held in Oddfellows' Hall, July 26; 50 birds entered, fairly good considering the moulders' lock-out and poor breeding season. A few very good Mules have been bred in the district, some very fine ones being on exhibit here which will be heard more of. Messrs. R. and W. Reid, Shieldhill, judged.

NOR., CL. OR TKD.: 1, sp., 2, Muir, two nice birds, some thought 2nd a buff; 3, 4, Clubb. BUFF: 1, 6, Clubb, 1st fine clubby bird; 2, Muir, promising youngster, 3, sp, Cunningham, fine thick-necked bird, good all round; 4, Hunter; 5, Clarkson; 6, Clubb. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Berry, two beauties; 3, sp., 5, Reid; 4, McDougall. BUFF: 1, McDougall, easy winner; 2, 5, Cunningham; 3, Gray; 4, 8, Berry; 7, Sutton; 6, Reid. CREST: 1, sp, Burnett, nice variegs., good size and crest. C.B.: 1, Liddle. MULES: 1, sp, 4, 5, Dougall, 1st a champion Linnet Mule, plenty size; 2, Herd, good Siskin Mule; 3, sp, Clubb; 6, Gillespie. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Marshall, nice coloured Greenie in grand trim; 2, 5, Rennie, 2nd another good Greenie; 3, Clarkson, nice Goldie, good markings, on the small side; 4, Muir; 6, Barnett. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, sp, Leishman, grand marked Linnet, just wants a little steadying; 2, 3, sp, Rennie; 4, 5, 6, Sutton.—W. Clarkson, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. show, held at Naish Royal Stores, July 23. Mr. J. H. Payne, Gloucester, judged, his awards being well received. The Norwich, Yorks., and Border sections were good in quality and numbers considering that many of our members have had so much bad luck this season. Mr. A. Maggs won special for best Canary with a clinking marked buff Norwich, a bird of wonderful type and quality.

NOR, YELL.: 1, Wells; 2, hc, G. W. Slocombe; 3, Chedgey; 4, F. Slocombe; vhc, Harrington; c, Allsopp. BUFF: 1, G. W. Slocombe; 2, 4, Hopson; 3, Wells; vhc, Allsopp; hc, Chedgey. VAR. YELL.: 1, 3, Wells; 2, Maggs; 4, Chedgey; vhc, Allsopp; hc, Merritt; c, G. W. Slocombe. BUFF: 1, Maggs; 2, 3, Chedgey; 4, G. W. Slocombe; vhc, Wells; hc, Merritt; c, F. Slocombe. NOV. VELL.: 1, Townsend; 2, Hopson; 3, Merritt. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Townsend; 3, Hopson; vhc, Phillips; hc, Merritt. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Merritt; 2, c, Dugmore; 3, 4, Bale; vhc, hc, Brown. BUFF: 1, 3, Brown; 2, vhc, c, Dugmore; 4, Merritt; hc, Bale. VAR. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Merritt; 2, 4, vhc, Brown; 3, Bale. BUFF: 1, Bale; 2, Dugmore; 3, Merritt. NOV. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Stocking; 2, Raymond; 4, c, Merritt; vhc, Bale; hc, Adams. BUFF: 1, 3, Bale; 2, Adams; 4, Stocking; vhc, hc, Charles; c, Merritt. BORD. YELL.: 1, Chedgey; 2, 3, Wiseman; 4, Merritt. BUFF: 1, Chedgey; 2, Pearce; 3, 4, Wiseman; vhc, Merritt. A.O BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Pearce; 4, Chedgey; vhc, hc, Wiseman; c, Merritt. MULES: 1, Davies. GOLDF.: 1, Davies. BULLF. OR GREENF.: 1, Davies. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Pedrson.—E. Thomas, Sec.

ROCHDALE O.C.

F.F. Show, held in Club Rooms, July 26. There was a fair entry, Lancashires, Lizards, and Norwich coming up well. Principal winners:—LANCS.: Messrs. Beattie, Entwisle, and W. Adams. LIZ.: Levi, Butterworth, Naylor, Adams, and Beattie. YORKS.: C. E. Turner and Randle. NOR. and CREST: Messrs. J. Te s and Balcliff. Special for best bird, Entwisle. CUP: L. Butterworth. Mr. T. Ashworth judged. B. W. Blincoe, Sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON, C.B.S.

F.F. Show, held July 19, at Regent Hotel, Guiseley. Judge, Mr. J. Robinson, Otley, who gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Dibb; 2, Brown; 3, vhc, Hardaker; hc, Wheatley; c, Myers. BUFF: 1, c, Cater; 2, Boulton; 3, vhc, Myers; hc, Brown. TKD., YELL.: 1, vhc, Myers; 2, Dibb; 3, Boulton; hc, Wheatley; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Myers; 2, Dibb; c, Brown. UNEV. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Myers; vhc, Wheatley; hc, Dibb; c, Hardaker. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wheatley. FOUL MKD.: 1, c, Myers, 2, 3, Dibb; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Wheatley.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly Table Show, held at Headquarters, July 21. 41 birds were staged. Mr. G. Cartwright judged. YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Rhodes; 2, Gledhill; vhc, sp, best, vhc, Sykes; hc, Cawtheray and Son; c, Townend. BUFF (7): 1, Townend; 2, 3, Moss; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Cawtheray and Son; c, Gledhill. TKD. or MKD. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Rhodes; 2, c, Cawtheray and Son; vhc, Sykes; hc, Shanks. BUFF (7): 1, Moss; 2, c, Rhodes; 3, Townend; vhc, hc, Cawtheray and Son. NOR., YELL. (5): 1, Morris; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Rhodes. BUFF (7). 1, Cawtheray and Son; 2, Morris; 3, hc, c, Rhodes; vhc, Moss. Principal point winners are champions T. Moss, 98 pts.; A. Morris, 85; J. Jackson, 51. Novices, R. Rhodes, 103; J. Cawtheray and Son, 102; W. Sykes, 98.—A. Lawford, Sec.

BRAMLEY O.S.

Second F.F. show held July 26 at Carnival committee rooms, Bramley. Competition was very keen in Yorks. Mr. Mitchell again gained most points (18). Norwich came up poorly owing to bad breeding results. The British class again was strong. Mr. Palmer took special for most points in class. 39 birds faced the judge, Mr. A. Bottomley; his awards were as follows:

YORKS. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Mitchell; 2, hc, Richmond; c, Page. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Steel; 2, Richmond; 3, Page. SELF UNEVEN FOUL (8): 1, c, Baldwinson; 2, Mitchell; 3, Richmond; vhc, hc, Page. SELF UNEVEN FOUL NOR. (6): 1, vhc, Moore; 2, c, Etherington; 3, hc, B. H. Wilson. BRIT. (12): 1, hc, sp, Palmer; 2, 3, sp, Jones; vhc, Etherington; c, B. H. Wilson.—W. H. Steel, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show held Headquarters, Railway Hotel, Leigh, July 19 and 20, when some very good birds were put down, to be judged by Mr. A. Wellings, Prescott, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Norwich and Yorks. were very good, and in keen competition. The entries totalled 63, a very good muster considering the bad breeding season most of our members have experienced. The open Linnet class was knocked off for this show only, owing to there being so many singing contests on, but we have one on for our November Old Bird Show. Principal cup points scorers, J. Lomas, 21; H. Taylor, 20; Gaskell Bros., 15; and W. Hulme, 13. Mr. Bailey's special for best young Norwich, bred by a member, was won by T. Wilkinson, with a Buff Norwich.

NOR., YELL.: 1, 3, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Lomas; vhc, Dawson. BUFF: 1, c, Wilkinson; 2, hc, Dawson; 3, vhc, Gaskell Bros. YORKS., YELL.: 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, 3, Hulme; hc, c, Charnock. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Hulme; hc, Charnock; c, Hamer. CREST: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Lomas; 2, c, Taylor. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lomas; hc, c, Taylor. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Gaskell Bros.; vhc, Wilkinson. BRIT.: 1, c, Hart; 2, 3, Seddon; vhc, Hamer; hc, Gaskell Bros. SELL.: 1, 2, Ordish. EXTRA STOCK: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Charleson; hc, c, Gaskell Bros.—R. Charleson, Sec.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Very successful young stock show held July 19, at the Plough Hotel, Queen Victoria-road, when upwards of 120 birds were staged. Quality was far above the average, many birds standing out in quality, size and shape, and the show was voted the finest young stock show held in Coventry for some years. The attendance, considering other attractions, was very good, and the competition in several classes very keen. Mr. J. Symonds judged, and his awards met with entire satisfaction.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Royeroft; 2, Wright; 3, A. Green; vhc, Saunders; hc, F. Green; c, Buckley. TKD., ETC.: 1, Buckley; 2, Saunders; 3, Prescott; vhc, F. Green; hc, Shirley; c, Rowley. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, A. Green; vhc, Wright; hc, Howe; c, F. Green. TKD., ETC.: 1, hc, Wright; 2, Cox; 3, Wright; vhc, Groom; c, Saunders. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, A. Green; 2, Richards; 3, Wright, jun. BUFF: 1, Miles; 2, Groom; 3, hc, A. Green; vhc, Wright, jun. GREEN, SELF OR FOUL: 1, Groom; 2, 3, hc, c, A. Green; vhc, Wright, jun. CINN., SELF: 1, 2, 3, W. Rowley. A.O.V. CAN., 1913: 1, 3, hc, A. Green; 2, Wright; vhc, Richards; c, Cox. CAN. COCK, YELL., ANY AGE: 1, A. Green; 2, Saunders; 3, Wright; vhc, Follows; hc, Rowley. BUFF: 1, Buckley; 2, Rowley; 3, vhc, A. Green; hc, Follows; c, Howe. HEN, ANY AGE: 1, Wright; 2, A. Green; 3, hc, F. Green; vhc, Rowley; c, Saunders. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Howe; 2, Saunders.

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UDDINGSTON C.B.S.

Young bird show held July 26. Owing to the date clashing with the Fair Holidays some of our exhibitors were not at home, consequently entries suffered.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Cullen; 2, Findlay; 3, Campbell; one or two really good birds in this class. BUFF: 1, 2, Campbell; 3, D. Cullen. BUFF VARIEG.: 1, 3, Campbell; 2, Findlay. BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, McCaskill; 2, 3, Graham. BUFF: 1, 2, McCaskill; 3, Graham. BRIT.: 1, 2, Campbell. Greenf. Mule and Linnet; 3, Cosgrove, Goldfinch. Mr. Morrison, Hamilton, judged and gave general satisfaction. J. Cosgrove, Hon. Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Second N.F. show held July 23, in St. George's Hall. Although there were only about 50 exhibits, the birds were of excellent quality. Mr. E. Woodhead, who judged, gave complete satisfaction, and was accorded the hearty thanks of the members for his services. CL. YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, Bennett; 2, 3, Todd; 4, H. D. Pyman. BUFF (4): 1, E. E. Pyman; 2, Thornton; 3, H. D. Pyman; 4, Bennett. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, E. E. Pyman; 3, Thornton. BUFF (8): 1, H. D. Pyman; 2, 3, c, E. E. Pyman; 4, vhc, Thornton; hc, Todd. CL. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, 3, Papple; 2, Ronald. BUFF (4): 1, H. D. Pyman; 2, 4, Papple; 3, Ronald. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Papple; 3, 4, H. D. Pyman; vhc, Ronald. BUFF (10): 1, 3, c, Papple; 2, 4, vhc, Chapman; hc, Ronald. A.O.V. CAN.: E. E. Pyman. MULE OR HYB. A.V.: 1, 2, Hall. Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORD O.S.

Second N.F. show held July 21, the quality of the exhibits being A1. Clear yellows especially were a very fine lot, not a bad bird among them, which augurs well for the future. Mr. H. Markham judged.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, Osborn, rare size, very typical, one of the very best; 2, 3, Keech, fine big bird, not so tight as winner, but rare stamp, 3rd smart, good col., rare body, fails a bit in head; r, vhc, Wilmot, rare qual., hardly the subs. of winners; c, Beanland. MKD.: 1, 2, Osborn, variegs., grand head and body, nice qual., 2nd mkd. wing and eye, excellent type and qual.; 3, res, Keech, wing and eye mkd., very typical, res handsomest bird in show, fine qual., but not quite so big as winners. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Keech, couple of gems, hard to find any fault, full of qual., 2nd hardly equal in head to 1st. MKD.: 1, 2, Osborn, leader good size and col., just a bit narrow in front, 2nd some preferred to 1st, very typical throughout; 3, res, Keech, very fine specimen, typical, res, well made, nice qual., paler in col.; vhc, Beanland. MULE: 1, 2, Wilmot, two smart dark Goldfinch Mules. NOV.: 1, Brewer, well made mkd. buff, good head and nice qual.; 2, 3, Fowler, very smart cl. yell., nice type and qual., and a mkd. yell., looks like a hen, smart and good col.; res, Brewer, cl. buff, nice stamp, bit out of sorts, or might have been higher; vhc, Greenaway, too small.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Second N.F. show of the 1913 competition for specials and cups, etc., held July 19, at headquarters, Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road. Entry of 100 birds staged to the judging of Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill), who gave satisfaction in making the awards.

OPEN, YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Helliwell; 2, Ludbrook; 3, 4, Clark. BUFF (8): 1, c, Elsegood; 2, vhc, Helliwell; 3, 4, Ludbrook; hc, Clark. A.O.V., GREEN (7): 1, 2, Elsegood; 3, vhc, Moremont; 4, Ludbrook; hc, c, Clark. CINN. (4): 1, Helliwell; 2, Ludbrook; 3, 4, Clark. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Fortman; 2, Plowright; 3, Roe; 4, Clark. BUFF (7): 1, Fortman; 2, 3, c, Plowright; 4, Horsfield; vhc, Birkbeck; hc, Roe. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Fortman; 3, Birkbeck; 4, c, Plowright; vhc, hc, Horsfield. NOVICE, YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: (13): 1, vhc, T. Smith; 2, Riley; 3, hc, McEwen; 4, c, Squires. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Riley; 2, 3, T. Smith; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Bower; c, McEwen. A.O.V., GREEN (14): 1, 3, T. Smith; 2, vhc, c, Riley; 3, T. Smith; 4, Rhodes; hc, Bower. CINN. (4): 1, 3, 4, T. Smith; 2, Bower. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Airton; 2, 3, Kaberry; vhc, hc, Jenkinson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Airton; 3, hc, Kaberry; vhc, Lythell; c, Hunter. A.O.V. YELL. OR BUFF (4): 1, Lythell; 2, 3, 4, Hunter.—W. Helliwell, Sec.—(Please see notice on page 56 respecting the writing out of reports; you can save both yourself and us much time.—Editor.)

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Annual young bird show held Cyprus Hotel, one of the nicest rooms we have seen for some time. In common with several other Northern districts, the Shields fanciers have not been favoured in breeding results, yet a fairly good entry of 56 turned up. Quality was of a high standard. Norwich and Yorkshire classes especially containing several birds of great promise. British were nice, the Linnet class taking pride of place for quality. The society is well favoured in the matter of officials, all keen fanciers, composed of the chairman, Mr. W. Thompson; vice-chair, J. W. Watson; treasurer, W. Duke, assistant secretary, R. Addison; and Messrs. T. Winter, R. Winter, J. Richardson, T. Parker, A. Addison, and W. Howden as committee. The genial and obliging sec., Mr. W. L. Smith, had everything in grand order. The show was well patronised, and everything points to its being a financial success. Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, judged.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Winter, medium size, nice shape, good col. and qual.; 2, Richardson, nice shape, good col., shade rough in feather; 3, Watson; vhc, Duke; hc, c, Fail. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Richardson, leader good one all over, lovely shape, short and thick-set, nice col., good wing carr.; 2nd, not so chubby, yet a nice one, good col. and qual.; 3rd, similar build to 2nd, but not so neat on head; vhc, Winter; hc, Watson; c, Fail. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Hutler, grand team, leader nice length, straight up, slim and well rounded, 2nd wing mkd., trifle stouter in build, grand length, nice position; 3rd, not the length, but very neat and slim; vhc, c, A. Addison; hc, R. Addison. BUFF (7): 1, 2, hc, Hutler, leader good length, nicely rounded, good feather, lovely wings and tail; 2nd, not quite so lengthy, slim, nice position, close up to leader; 3, vhc, A. Addison, nice length, good feather, scarcely so erect as leaders; c, Duke. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Parker, nice green, lovely col., nice shape, grand wings and tail, and a Cinn., nice shape and col. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Parker, leader green, good col. and qual., nice shape and carr.; 2nd, cl., nice shape, bit pale in col. CINN., YELL. (1): 1, Winter, fair shape, nice col., bit small. BUFF (3): 1, Winter, nice one, good col., nice shape, neat head and neck; 2, 3, Duke, fair size and shape, not so rich in col. as leader; 3rd, similar, but runs a trifle light under. CREST (1): 1, Winter, cl. body D.C., nice shape and size, neat crest. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Duke, leader green, nice size, good skull, plenty of good feather; 2nd, var., medium size. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Woodhouse, Goldfinch, nice blaze, well tanned, and Bullie, fair size and col., nice condition; 3, Duke, Goldie, nice col. LINNET (5): 1, 3, vhc, Smith and Thompson, leader good one, grand size and shape, good head, lovely body col., grand pencilling, perfect feather; 3rd, nice one, good col. and pencilling, but shows signs of breaking into moult; 2, Woodhouse, not so stoutly built as leader, good col., nicely pencilled, good condition; hc, Fail. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, Fail, Mealy, nice size, bit light in col., wins on condition; 2, Duke, nice Siskin. A.O.S., FINCH OR BUNTING (2): 1, R. Addison, very nice Cirl Bunting, nice size and col., bit unsteady as yet, should make out well; 2, Duke, Greenie, nice shape and col. MULE (5): 1, 2, Woodhouse, Greenie Mules, good size and shape, leader has a slight pull in col.; 3, vhc, Smith and Thompson, Goldie Mules.

BINGLEY O.S.

Show held July 26. Mr. J. Bailey, Bradford, judged, his awards giving satisfaction. CLASS 1: 1, Craven; 2, Dean; 3, Shaw; 4, Smith. CLASS 2: 1, Craven; 2, 3, Shaw; 4, Dean. CLASS 3: 1, Butterworth and Hardy. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Bailey; 3, Livesey; 4, Priestley. CLASS 7: 1, 2, Priestley; 3, 4, vhc, Livesey. Most points: Craven 16, Shaw 15, Bailey 13, Priestley 12, W. Dean 11, Livesey 9.—H. Shaw, Sec.

EAST BOWLING B.F.A.

The 2nd F.F. show held St. John's Schools, Paley-road, July 26. 54 birds were on show to be judged by Mr. John Greaves, Manningham. The awards were:

OPEN—CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Helliwell; 2, Bleazard; 3, Robinson; 4, vhc, Casey. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Robinson; 3, Bleazard; 4, vhc, hc, Helliwell; c, Padgett. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, Robinson; 2, Gledhill; 3, c, Padgett; 4, Bleazard; vhc, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Padgett; 3, 4, Gledhill; vhc, hc, c, Robinson. VELL., CINN.: 1, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Casey. NOV.—CL. OR TKD. VELL.: 1, Hall; 2, vhc, Pacey; 3, 4, Nichol; hc, Hodgeon. BUFF: 1, hc, Nichol; 2, 4, c, Pacey; 3, Gee; vhc, Hall. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Pacey; 2, Gee. BUFF: 1, 4, Hudson; 2, Hodgeon; 3, Gee.—L. Booth, Sec.

TORBAY O.S. (Paignton).

Torquay fanciers' summer show held Thursday, July 17, in Drill Hall, Market-street, Torquay. Entries were stronger than usual, and a new-comer in Mr. Blower showed a couple of smart Yorks., his cl. yell. unifigh being of grand length, with splendid tail and flights. Crests as usual provided an easy win for Mr. Williams, his 3rd prize bird being the most promising, but had lost a lot of feather, probably by being plucked in the flight cage. Norwich saw Mr. Fox's old winners again on top, while a new exhibitor in Mr. Robbins came very near winning. The British class was grand, the winner being a large bold-headed Chaffinch, a Bullie second, and a winning Greenie 3rd. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged satisfactorily.

CREST, 1913: 1, 3, Williams; 2, Berry. C.B.: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Berry. YORKS, YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Bishop. CL. BUFF, 1913: 1, Bishop; 2, Clay; 3, Berry. YELL.: 1, Blower; 2, hc, c, Berry; 3, vhc, Bishop; 4, Clay. BUFF, TKD., 1913: 1, Blower; 2, hc, Berry; 3, vhc, Bishop. YELL.: 1, Bishop; 2, vhc, Berry; 3, Blower. NAT. COL.: 1, Clay; 2, Berry. NOR. BUFF: 1, Fox; 2, Robbins; 3, Derrick. YELL.: 1, Fox; 2, Robbins; 3, Derrick. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Berry. GOLDF.: 1, Skinner; 2, Berry. BRIT., A.O.V.: 1, 4, vhc, Skinner; 2, Derrick; 3, hc, Fox. MULE: 1, Fox; 2, Skinner. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Miss Walker.—J. N. Jeffery, Hon. Sec.

WOMBWELL B.F.S.

Annual N.F. show held July 26, in the Reform Schoolroom, George-street. Mr. J. Warrender, Hoyland, placed the awards, which were well received. Special winners: Young Yorks, J. Hill, 60 points; young Norwich, A. H. Waters, 34; British, J. W. Dean, 46; old birds, C. Humphreys, 16 points. 57 birds were exhibited, including some grand ones. Fanciers were present from Hoyland, Sheffield, and Doncaster. We could do with a few more members. Only six members exhibited. Next meeting August 23, in Wesleyan Schoolroom, Park-street, Wombwell, when we shall be pleased to enrol new members.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Hill. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hill; vhc, Carby; hc, c, Humphreys. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hill; vhc, Carby; hc, c, Malpass. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Hill; 2, Carby; c, Humphreys. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Waters. BUFF: 1, Waters. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Waters. BUFF: 1, 2, Waters. LINNET: 1, Dean. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Dean; 2, 3, Humphreys; all Bullies. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Dean, Twite, 'Poll, and Twite respectively; vhc, Humphreys. GREENF., ETC.: 1, 2, Dean, Greenie and Chaffie; 3, Humphreys, Greenie; vhc, Carby. A.O. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Humphreys, Reed Bunting. SOFTBILL: 1, Dean, Jay. OLD BIRD CLASSES—YORKS. COCK: 1, 3, Humphreys; 2, Carby; vhc, Malpass. HEN: 1, Humphreys; 2, Hill. NOR. COCK: 1, Waters. HEN: 1, Waters; 2, Malpass.—J. W. Dean, Sec.

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REDCAR AND DIST. C.B.S.

Second F.F. show held at Crown and Anchor, July 19th. There was a total entry of 81, Yorkshires as usual predominating. The quality all round was excellent. Mr. J. Carr (Middlesbrough) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL.: (1): 1, 2, 3, Barker. 3, Dixon. NOV., A.C. (9): 1, 1, hc, Harvey, 2, 3, c, Marsey, vhc, Strickland. RUNG A.C. (6): 1, 4, Harvey, 2, Strickland; 3, vhc, hc, Dixon. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Barker, 3, Husband. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Barker, 3, 4, Husband. NOV., A.C. (6): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Dawson; 2, Marsey; 3, Harvey. RUNG A.C.—Cancelled. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Gibson. HYB. (1): 1, Husband; 2, Gibson; 3, Wiggens; 4, Bray. LINNET (5): 1, Barker; 2, Carnell; 3, J. Mallory, vhc, Bray. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, Wiggens; 2, Bray; 3, Metcalf; 4, Husband.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND DISTRICT (Permanent) O.S.

F.F. show, July 19. Mr. H. Handley judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Very nice show of Crest and Crest-breds. Two very fine Crest-breds staged by Mr. J. Williamson and Mr. J. Wood. Mr. Hayter also staged some grand Mules and Hybrids, Canary Bullfe and Linnet Bullfe being admired by most visitors. The Norwich classes were rather a poor lot, only three birds staged. British turned up very well.

NOR. CL. ETC.: 1, Ecob. A.O.C.: 1, Ecob; 2, Handley. CREST YELL.: 1, Holmes. BUFF: 1, 2, Wood; 3, 4, Bostock; 5, Goode. C.B.: 1, Williamson; 2, 4, Wood; 3, Bowers; 5, Bunn. MULE OR HYB. UNFLIGH.: 1, Reynolds; 2, 3, Ecob. ANY AGE: 1, 2, 3, Hayter. GOLDF., ETC.: 1, Hayter; 2, Brown, 3, 5, Reynolds; 4, Bostock. LINNET: 1, Wood; 2, Marshall. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hayter; 2, Wood; 3, Bowers. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Wood, 2, Hayter; 3, Bunn; 4, Bowers. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Hayter.—J. Bunn, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held July 19 at Fawcett Street Cafe; Mr. Farrer presided over good attendance. Vote of thanks given to Mr. J. Clark for his kindness in judging our two N.F. shows. A silver medal was presented to Mr. Smith for most points gained over both N.F. shows; the lucky member suitably responded, after which the prize money was paid out. In consequence of the members deciding to put on (at our open show) the classes required by Specialist Clubs, the following patronages have been granted to us, viz., Northern Lizard Club, Northern Yorks C.C., Northern Nor. P.C., Northern Bord. and S.F.C., and Northern Brit., Mule and For. B.C. Sec. was instructed to write to the few members who have not yet paid sub. for 1913. Will all markers please let me have their lists in? Result of N.F. show July 19:—NOR.: 1, c, Proctor; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, hc, Moore. BORD.: 1, vhc, c, Miller; 2, 3, hc, Smith. LIZ.: 1, Miller. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Smith. Total points:—Smith, 39; Waters, 30; Proctor, 18; Moore, 16; Miller, 16; G. Davidson, 11; Hunt, 4; Matthews, 4.—John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DIST. C.B.S

An entry of 80 birds, amongst which quality generally predominated, was brought together in the Palmer Hall, Reading, on July 16. Notwithstanding that some of the members have had a poor breeding season. The display was a credit to the society, and a more enthusiastic body of fanciers it would be difficult to find. In Mr. W. H. Pyke the membership have a secretary who puts in whole-hearted and splendid work. He is assisted generously by his committee, and he deserves it. Mr. T. Gates won sp for best in champion section with a bonny lightly variegated buff Norwich, grand in type, and full of quality, closely pressed by a rattling yellow Yorks put down by Mr. F. Roser. Mr. S. Pike won sp best Crest or C.B. Amateur special for best, Mr. F. Frewin, with a really fine buff Norwich; novice spl, Mr. Geo. Munday, with a beautiful Plainhead. The spls for Brit. and For. were both won by Mr. G. H. Acton, who very kindly sent a grand collection of foreign birds, which lent special interest to the show. One and all expressed admiration of Mr. Acton's splendid collection. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, hc, Yates; 3, vhc, Lovegrove. BUFF: 1, spl best in section, 2, hc, Yates; 3, vhc, Lovegrove. YORKS YELL.: 1, 2, Roser. BUFF: 1, 2, Roser. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Pike. A.O.V.: 1, Gough; 2, Lund. AMAT. NOR. YELL.: 1, Church; 2, Pyke; 3, c, May; vhc, hc, Colburn. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Frewin; vhc, Church; hc, c, Pyke. YORKS YELL.: 1, Church; 2, Cooke; 3, Davison. BUFF: 1, 2, Cooke; 3, Dawson. BUFF: 1, 2, Cooke; 3, Davison. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, Emmerson; 2, 3, Munday; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, spl best in section, hc, Munday; 2, c, Eggleton; 3, Emmerson; vhc, Smith. YORKS YELL.: 1, Hebburn. BUFF: 1, 2, Hebburn. MULES: 1, Munday; 2, May. GOLDF.: 1, spl, 2, Acton; 3, Gough; vhc, May. BULLIE: 1, May. SMALL FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Acton; vhc, S. Pike; c, W. H. Pyke. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Acton.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

The saying, "No specials, no entries," was disproved at the above society's show, held at Sydenham Hotel, July 19. No special application had been made for specials, three being sent and won respectively by Messrs. Kidner (best Yorks) and Mr. Raby (best Brit. and best Mule). Over 70 birds were staged, making in all, for the two shows, 140 birds—another record. Increased attendance by the public has well rewarded the committee in their effort to make this society popular. Great credit is due to the show stewards, Messrs. Constable, Kidner, Hughes, Adcock, and Burke, who had everything nicely arranged in time for Mr. G. H. Russell, the judge, whose awards gave the greatest satisfaction. Yorkshires were again a fine show. Mr. Kidner's winning Yellow was a gem of the first water. The Cup Competition has now advanced two more stages, leaving the competition more than keen for the young stock show in October and members' winter show. Total points at both shows:—Mr. Burke, 34, winner of hand-painted medal; Kidner, 29; Adcock, 14; Andrews, 17; Clay, 12; Messrs. Hughes and Constable, 3 each; Murray, 1. NOV. CUP—Bayliss, 25 (winner of President's spl); Swindon, 18; Field, 17; Hall, 10; Rees, 9; Matthews, 6; Luckman, 1. BRIT., MULE AND HYB. CUP—Raby, 27 (winner of H. Kidner's spl); Barnett, 18; Beasley, 7; Matthews, 6; Kidner, 3; Murray, 3.

CHAMP. SLC. YORKS YELL. CL. OR TKD. (9): 1, spl, Kidner; 2, Burke; 3, Andrews; 4, Adcock. A.V. YELL.: 1, Kidner; 2, Constable. BUFF CL. OR TKD. (10): 1, 4, Burke; 2, vhc, Kidner; 3, Burke. CLASS 8 (4): 1, 2, Burke; 3, Constable; 4, Clay. NOVICE YORKS YELL. CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, Swindon; 2, 4, Hall; 3, Field. A.V. YELL.: 1, Bayliss; 2, Hall. BUFF CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, 2, Bayliss; 3, Swindon; 4, Hall; vhc, hc, Rees. NOV. NOR.: 1, Yardley. CLASS 16: Yardley. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Raby; 4, vhc, Kidner. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, 4, Raby; 3, Matthews. GREENF., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Barnett. A.O.V. HARD BILL (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, Raby, 3, Barnett. At August meeting programme is being arranged of great interest to the novice on "Moulting and Colour-feeding," by Messrs. Burke and Hughes, and arrangements will be made for the young stock show.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS UNITED C.B.S.

Last of the F.F. shows held on July 16, Royal Oak Hotel. The judge were:—Yorks, T. Bonch; Nor., T. Veness; the entries being larger than on previous occasions. NOR. CL.: 1, Cramp; 2, Mrs. Crofts. TKD.: 1, Cramp, 2, Mrs. Crofts. VARIEG.: 1, 2, C. Bonch. YORKS CL.: 1, 2, T. Veness; 3, Curtiss; vhc, Greengrass; hc, B. White. TKD.: 1, B. White. VARIEG.: 1, Veness; 2, Curtiss; 3, vhc, Greengrass; hc, Curtiss. To Mrs. Crofts (a new member) much credit is due, this being the first occasion she has shown. Among those present were Mrs. Greengrass, Mrs. Crofts, B. A. Greengrass, C. Bonch, T. Veness, White, sen., and B. White, J. Cramp, and Miss Kirk-Bulloch, Hon. Sec. Next show, Oct. 8. Judge, J. Stevens. (Miss) Irene Kirk Bulloch, Hon. Sec. (Kindly write on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Editor.)

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held July 16, Mr. Topping chair. Correspondence was read from Blaydon and from Sunderland re patronage. Decided to grant patronage to them (failing a reply from Darlington if their classes were suitable. Sunderland sec. having since written that they are increasing their Norwich classes to five more than last year, we have granted patronage to their open show on Jan. 16 and 17. Next meeting Aug. 14, and a debate on colour-feeding, opened by Mr. W. Cuny. Members please attend and spend another pleasant evening. In connection with the meeting a table show was held, but as our members' birds were either too young or too old, we could only have two classes instead of three, as advertised—one clear, one marked—but what did turn out were exceptionally good, and most fanciers present were of the opinion it was the best lot of young Norwich they had seen out this season. Mr. R. W. Smith judged, and gave entire satisfaction, and a hearty vote of thanks was given him. Mr. Smith kindly replied, and said he was always willing to do what he could to help the club on to success. CLEARS: 1, Holden; 2, hc, Laidlow; 3, vhc, Wyndham; c, Cuny. MARKED: 1, vhc, Topping; 2, 3, Holden; hc, c, Cuny.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

RICHMOND AND DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. show, The Imperial, Richmond, July 16. There was an excellent number of entries, and some fine birds were shown, and judging by the amount of interest taken, the society appears to have every prospect of a successful future. Local interest is needed to make it popular, and all owners of birds are invited to take an interest by applying for particulars of the forthcoming autumn show, which will be held in one of the large halls in the town. Norwich headed the list for quantity and quality. The clear buff Norwich exhibited by Mr. W. Nichols was put down in faultless condition, and is indeed a grand bird, and rightly deserved the two spls, viz., best Norwich and best bird in show. We also congratulate Mr. Beavington on his fine team of Norwich and his grand entry of 25. Mr. T. Harris captured the spl for best Yorks with a fine cl. yellow. Mr. J. Robson judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Phipps; 2, Phipps, 3, vhc, Beavington; c, Nichols; hc, Birch. BUFF (17): 1, two spls, 2, Nichols; 3, Buck; vhc, Phipps; hc, Phipps; c, Beavington. VAR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Beaviugton; 3, vhc, Phipps; hc, Nichols. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Beavington; 3, Nichols; vhc, hc, Beavington; c, Nichols. YORKS (11): 1, spl, Harris; 2, White; 3, Phipps; vhc, White; hc, Huxley; c, Harris. VAR.: 1, 2, c, Huxley; 3, Phipps; vhc, Harris. LINNET-CAN.: 1, 2, Young. BRIT.: 1, Beavington; 2, Birch; 3, vhc, Beavington; hc, Buck; c, Birch. GREEN, A.V.: 1, 2, vhc, Best; 3, Huxley.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Annual N.F. Show at Club Rooms, Boot Inn, July 9th. The four handsome cups up for competition brought out a nice entry of about 100 and some very promising youngsters were benched. The awards were very evenly divided. A "dark horse" from Hawarden picked up the Yorkshire cup by means of entering same birds in Champion and Novice Classes. There was a very good attendance, and the Secretary, Mr. Simpson, had everything in tip-top order. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR., C., YELL.: 1, Thompson, very bold head and neck, short and compact; 2, Thomas, good col. and cond.; 3, Jones and Chester. BUFF: 1, Jones and Chester, rattling size, fine head, well braced wings; 2, Jones, good size, bold front; 3, Redfern; vhc, Thomas; hc, Thompson. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Jones and Chester, cobby and full of type; 2, Jones, capital head and neck. BUFF: 1, 2, Thomas, bonny pair; 3, Jones and Chester; vhc, hc, Thompson. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Simpson, leader very smart, good col., bold; 2, Jones, nice style well put down. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Richards, capital pair, straight, wedge shaped and full of style; 3, Redfern, very much down, looked a good bird otherwise. BUFF: 1, vhc, Richards, excellent feather, a real treat; 2, hc, Bunnell, very fair, teeming with quality; c, Parker. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Parker, rare length, good qual. with it, well carried wings; 2, Bunnell, neat, sweet head, capital carriage; 3, Richards; vhc, Redfern; hc, Farrell; c, Jones and Chester. BUFF: 1, hc, Richards, real smart exhibit, straight as a rush; 2, c, Parker; 3, vhc, Bunnell. NOVICE, YORKS., YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, Bradbury, very nice team indeed, good type; 2, Bunnell, very smart, good col. and cond.; 3, c, Melsby, long and racy. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Bunnell, exceedingly smart, rare good feather; 3, Bradbury, just a bit flat-headed, or would have gone up; vhc, hc, Helsby. GOLDF.: 1, J. Jones, lovely fellow, good blaze and tanning; 2, Farrell. BUFF: 1, Redfern, grand size and cond., excellent col.; 2, Windsor. LINNET: 1, Whitlow, well pencilled, rare size; 2, Bradbury. A.O.V.: 1, Bedfern, Greenie, bold skull, staged to perfection; 2, Windsor, Chaffinch, lovely sheen.

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CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Members' N.F. show July 19th, when 45 birds were staged. Mr. W. R. Nutt judged, and his awards were received with satisfaction.

NOR. YELL., CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Smedley; vhc, Bremnshaw. BUFF: 1, Beesley, 2, 3, hc, Beardall, vhc, Bremnshaw. YELL., GR., OR HY. MKD.: 1, Beardall; 2, Harrison; 3, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Smedley, 2, Bremnshaw; 3, Simpson, vhc, Harrison. YORK YEL., CL. OR TKD.: 1, T. Owen. BUFF, CL. OR TKD.: 1, T. Owen. YELL., GR. OR HY., MKD.: 1, 2, Beardall. BUFF, GR. OR HY., MKD.: 1, 2, Beardall. GOLD, OR BELLFINCH: 1, Smedley, 2, 3, Evens. LINNET: 1, Beesley; 2, Lunn; 3, Evens. MULES: 1, 2, Evens. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Carrington; 2, Beardall; vhc, Smedley; hc, Harrison; c, Owen. REDPOLL: 1, 2, Lanckham; 3, Lunn. J. Griffiths, Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Summer show held July 19 at Stallordine Knot, some very good youngsters being staged among the sixty entries, size and quality being well up to the average. The challenge bowl class brought out typical youngsters, Mr. T. Draper taking the lead with 11 points; A. Crouch, 7; W. Elliott, 7; W. Mason, 3. Mr. Pitchford, of Stoke, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CHALL. BOWL (24): 1, Crouch; 2, 3, Draper; 4, vhc, Elliott; hc, c, Mason. NOR CL. YELL. (9): 1, Mason; 2, Hathaway; 3, Elliott, 4, Lee vhc Hathaway; hc, Wood; c, Ford. CL. BUFF (9): 1, C. Mason; 2, Springall; 3, Draper; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Hathaway. TKD. OR LIGHTLY VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Elliott; 2, Smith; 3, hc, Mason; vhc, Hathaway. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Draper; 3, C. Wood; 4, Mason; vhc, Smith; hc, Ford. HEAVY VARIEG. OR GREEN (4): 1, 3, Mason; 2, Elliott; 4, Ford. NOV. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Bond; 2, 3, Crouch. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Crouch; 2, Fitchett; 4, hc, Bond; vhc, c, Freer. GOLDF. (2): 1, Draper; 2, Smith. GREENF.: 1, Freer. A.V. HARDBILL: 1, Freer.—A. Wood, Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in Co-operative Hall, St. George's Circus, July 12, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a good attendance. Business transacted all relative to F.F. show. Spls for same allocated; these totalled 18 of 2s. 6d. each, all contributed thereto by the members. Annual F.F. show also held on this date in the Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross. There was a grand turn-out, no fewer than 61 facing the judge—a considerable increase on last year's F.F. shows. The strongest in numbers were the Border Fancy section. The number of entries would have been much higher had it not been for the bad breeding results experienced by a large number of our members. The quality was very good, and a number of them very promising, and should make a name for themselves during the forthcoming show season. Mr. John Young (Rutherglen) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The office-bearers and members wish to tender him their hearty thanks for his kindness in coming to judge.

C.B. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Hamilton. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, two spls, Tawse; 2, Campbell; 3, Sheridan; 4, 5, Allan. BUFF (4): 1, Tawse; 2, 4, spl, C. Campbell; 3, Sheridan. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Sheridan; 2, Tawse; 3, Hamilton. BUFF (4): 1, C. Campbell; 2, spl, J. Campbell; 3, spl, Sheridan; 4, Allan. MKD. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, 2, Hamilton. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 4, J. Campbell; 2, W. Lunn; 3, D. Lunn; 5, spl, Proudfoot; 6, D. Campbell; 7, Miller. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 3, spl, Walker; 2, spl, Newgreen; 4, Proudfoot; 5, 7, D. Lunn; 6, Miller. YELL. VARIEG. (1): 1, D. Lunn. BUFF (8): 1, Proudfoot; 2, spl, D. Lunn; 3, 7, spl, Sellars; 4, 5, J. Campbell; 6, D. Campbell. MKD. GREEN OR CINN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, 5, 6, D. Lunn; 7, D. Campbell. YORKS (2): 1, spl, Heudry; 2, Proudfoot.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual N.F. cup show, held July 19, at the Duke of York, when only 60 birds had to face the judges, this being the result of bad luck and poor breeding season. Mr. F. J. Weaver won in the clear yellow class. Mr. O. Robinson next walked away with clear buff class, taking 1st, 2nd, 3rd with a trio of real good birds, winner especially so. Mr. J. Crundell, of Crundell and Rowley, staged a fine yellow marked. Mr. F. Loach had an easy win with his buff marked bird, which won the spl for best bird in show at the June table show. In Yorks Mr. J. Hinton won the yellow class with a very typical bird. J. Gibbons, hon. sec., next won the clear buff class and yellow marked class, the latter winning the spl for the best bird in show, which is a beautiful cinnamon-chested bird, teeming with quality of feather. Mr. E. Hall wound up by winning the buff marked class with a bouncing big but typical bird. Mr. G. Harris had the British and novice Norwich and Yorkshire classes under his thumb and finger, his hand-reared Cuckoo being a great attraction. Mr. H. T. Collier, of Birmingham, judged the Norwich and British, and Mr. W. G. Andrews the Yorks., and I am pleased to say their awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Weaver; 2, Hampton; 3, vhc, Loach; 4, Crundell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Weaver; vhc, Harris; hc, Crundell; c, Hampton. MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, vhc, c, Crundell; 2, Hampton; 3, hc, Weaver. BUFF: 1, Loach; 2, vhc, Weaver; 3, vhc, Crundell; 4, Gibbons; c, Robinson. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Hinton; 2, 3, Gibbons; vhc, Hall. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Gibbons; vhc, Hinton; 2, hc, Hall. MKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Gibbons; 2, 3, Hall. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Gibbons. A.O.V. CAN.: 2, 3, Harris. GOLDF.: 3, Weaver. GREENF. OR BULLF.: 1, Harris; 2, vhc, Rowley. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Harris; 4, Weaver. MULE ANY AGE: 1, Weaver. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 2, 4, Harris. YORKS: 2, 3, 4, Harris.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

One of the best N.F., British and foreign bird shows ever held at Pelton Fell. There are a few well-known fanciers in the district, Messrs. Davison, R. W. Boyd, J. H. Elliott, R. S. Bewick, Foster and Son, Stanger and Herdman, and several novices who did well, including Messrs. J. Redpath, Lindsey, Coates, Mackden, Gladstone, Dawson, T. Elliott. All arrangements were nicely carried out in a well-lighted room lent by Mr. E. Waughs. Chairman, J. Stanger. Hon. Sec., W. Foster. Mr. Lindsay won spl for best Canary; Mr. J. Redpath second best; Mr. W. Dawson spl for best Brit.; Mr. Lindsay second best Brit.; and Mr. J. H. Elliott spl most points in Canary Section, Mr. R. W. Boyd most points in Brit. There was 1s. put on to each winner in its class. It is hard lines a fancier carrying a bird to a show two miles and getting a first, and then getting only his own money back.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, Lindsay, winner at Chester-le-Street show, grand colour, takes spl best in show, wins easy; 2, 5, Redpath, another grand bird, well set down for novices; 3, J. H. Elliott, Beamish winner, another good one; 6, T. Elliott. BUFF: 1, 3, Lindsay, Newcastle winner, set down in grand trim, wins well; 2, Foster and Son, 4, J. H. Elliott; 5, A. Foster; 6, T. Elliott. YORKS YELL.: 1, 2, R. Ward, winner good feather; 3, Stanger, good length, out of feather; 4, T. Elliott. BUFF: 1, 3, R. Ward, wins easy, looks like a hen; 2, Stanger, good feather, but short on tail. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, Redpath, set down in grand trim, wins, spl second best in show; 2, 3, 6, J. H. Elliott; 4, Stanger; 5, Dawson. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, J. H. Elliott, little gem, marked on thigh, wins; 2, 6, Redpath, grand feather; 5, Stanger; 7, Gladstone. CREST: 1, R. Coates, nice droop, wins well; 2, Redpath, another nice bird. C.B.: 1, Redpath, wins on size and turnover; 2, Stanger. MULE: 1, 2, Lindsay, winner grand dark. BULLF. OR GOLDF.: 1, T. Elliott, grand Goldie; 2 McDonald, grand colour, Bullie; 3, Foster and Son; 4, Boyd. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Dawson, grand colour and size, wins; 2, Boyd; 3, 4, Davison; 5, Foster and Son. F.M.: 1, Boyd, grand colour, in good trim; 2, Foster and Son; 3, Davison. BUNTING: 1, Boyd, Snow, set down in grand trim, wins easily; 2, Davison, Cara Bunting, should make good bird; 3, Foster. GREENF.: 1, Lindsay, grand body, like wax; 2, Boyd, grand head; 3, Foster; 4, Davison. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Foster and Son, grand Lesser Redpoll, good colour; 2, Davison, fine Twite, sitting thick a bit; 3, 6, Boyd; 4, Stanger; 5, Lindsay. A.O.V. HARD: 1, Boyd. Chaffic, grand colour, good whites, easy win; 2, Davison, Bramble-finch, a grand bird, in grand form; 3, Foster, Chaffinch, nice bird; 4, Elliott. GREEN BORD.: 1, Dawson, Beamish winner, grand bird; 2, 3, 4, J. H. Elliott, runs winner hard with a grand team FOR.: 1, 3, McDonald, Budgerigars, Green, fair birds; 2, 5, Gladstone, Lovebird in grand feather, might have changed places; 4, Foster.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

F.F. and British bird show, held headquarters City Hotel, July 19. Entries were not so numerous as previous years, but the standard was all that could be desired, notably Mr. Tristem's clear buff Nor. and Mr. Parker's ticked buff Yorks. Mr. J. R. Ind judged and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Tristem. BUFF: 1, spl, spl best in show, 2, Tristem; 1st cl., rare substance, type and quality, much admired. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl, Buckland, Cinn. mkd., nice type, good length; 2, vhc, Norman, cl., nice baby; 3, Parker. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Parker, 1st tkd. on neck, charming, nicely drawn, stands like a Guardsman, must have pressed hard for best bird; 2, Buckland, mkd., nice length, well up on leg. GREENF. MULE.: 1, spl, Coggins, plenty of subs., nice colour. BULLF. OR GOLDF.: 1, spl, Parker, Bullie, rare colour, in the pink; 2, Coggins, Goldie, good square blaze, rare condtion for time of year. REDPOLL: 1, 3, Hudd, Palace vhc bird, good head, large bib; 2, Coggins. GREENF.: 2, Coggins, very fine. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Coggins, 1st Redstart (last year's Cup winner), in the pink of condition; 2nd Yellowhammer, nice markings, good colour.

OPENSHAW, GORTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 19, at Alhambra Buildings. The society has only been in existence six weeks, but despite this there was a splendid entry. Mr. J. Matthews (Hyde) placed the cards, and his awards met with general satisfaction.

AMAT.: CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Washbourne and Son. BUFF: 1, Washbourne and Son. TKD. YELL.: 1, Washbourne and Son. BUFF: 1, Washbourne and Son. NOVICE: CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Appleton. BUFF: 1, Painter. TKD. YELL.: 1, Painter; 2, Appleton; 3, Pee; 4, Thurston; vhc, Parker. BUFF: 1, 2, Thurston.—CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Chilton. BUFF: 1, 3, Chilton; 2, Greaves. TKD. YELL.: 1, Chilton; 2, Greaves. BUFF: 1, 2, Greaves; 3, Chilton; 4, Richards; vhc, Cain. CL. BUFF BORD.: 1, Johnson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Newton. BUFF: 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Wilson. CINN. DO.: 1, 2, 3, Wilson. GREEN: 1, Newton; 2, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Richards. YOUNG MULE: 1, Richards; 2, Johnson. GOLDF.: 1, Newton; 2, Washbourne and Son. BULLF.: 1, Newton. LINNET: 1, Donovan; 2, Jones; 3, Richards; 4, Pee; vhc, Washbourne and Son. GREENF.: 1, Washbourne and Son; 2, Chilton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Chilton; 2, Washbourne and Son. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, Washbourne and Son. The following were the winners of specials: Best Bord., F. Johnson; Nor., S. Greaves; best in show, Painter; best Brit., Newton; best Yorks., Gilbert; most points, Chilton.—F. Washbourne, Hon. Sec.

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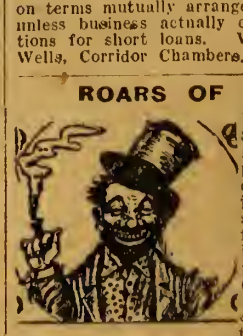
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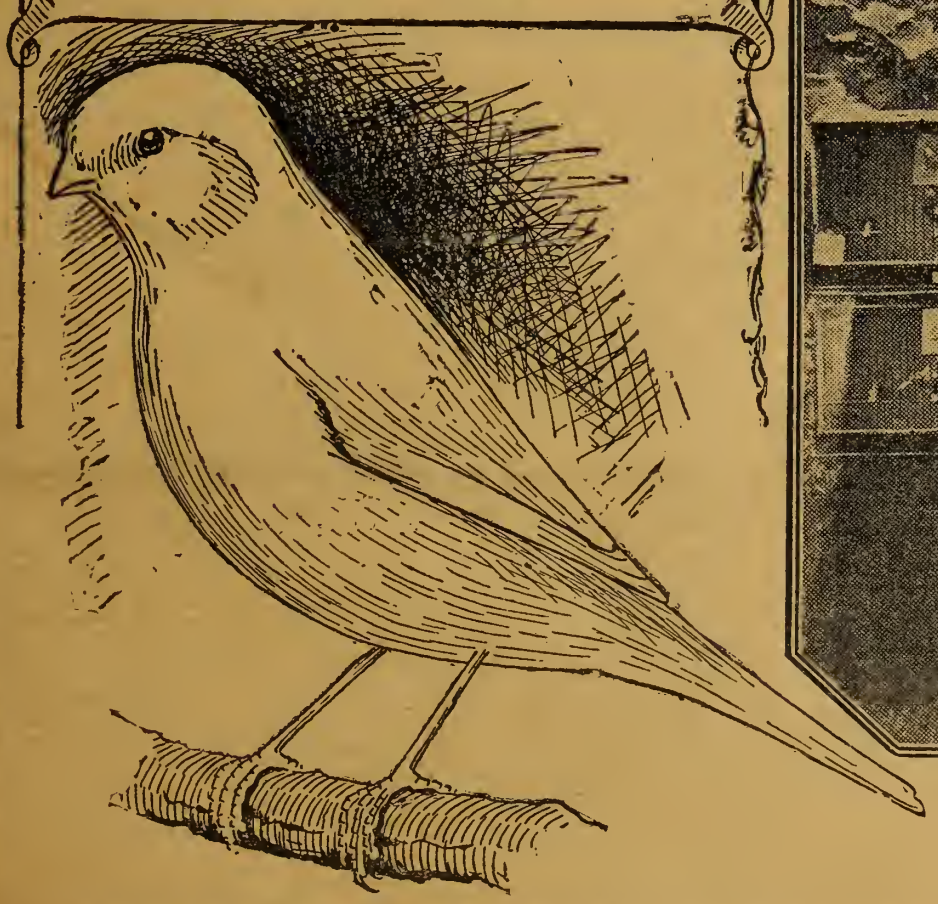
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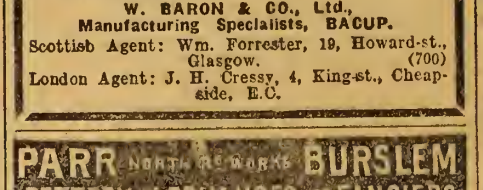
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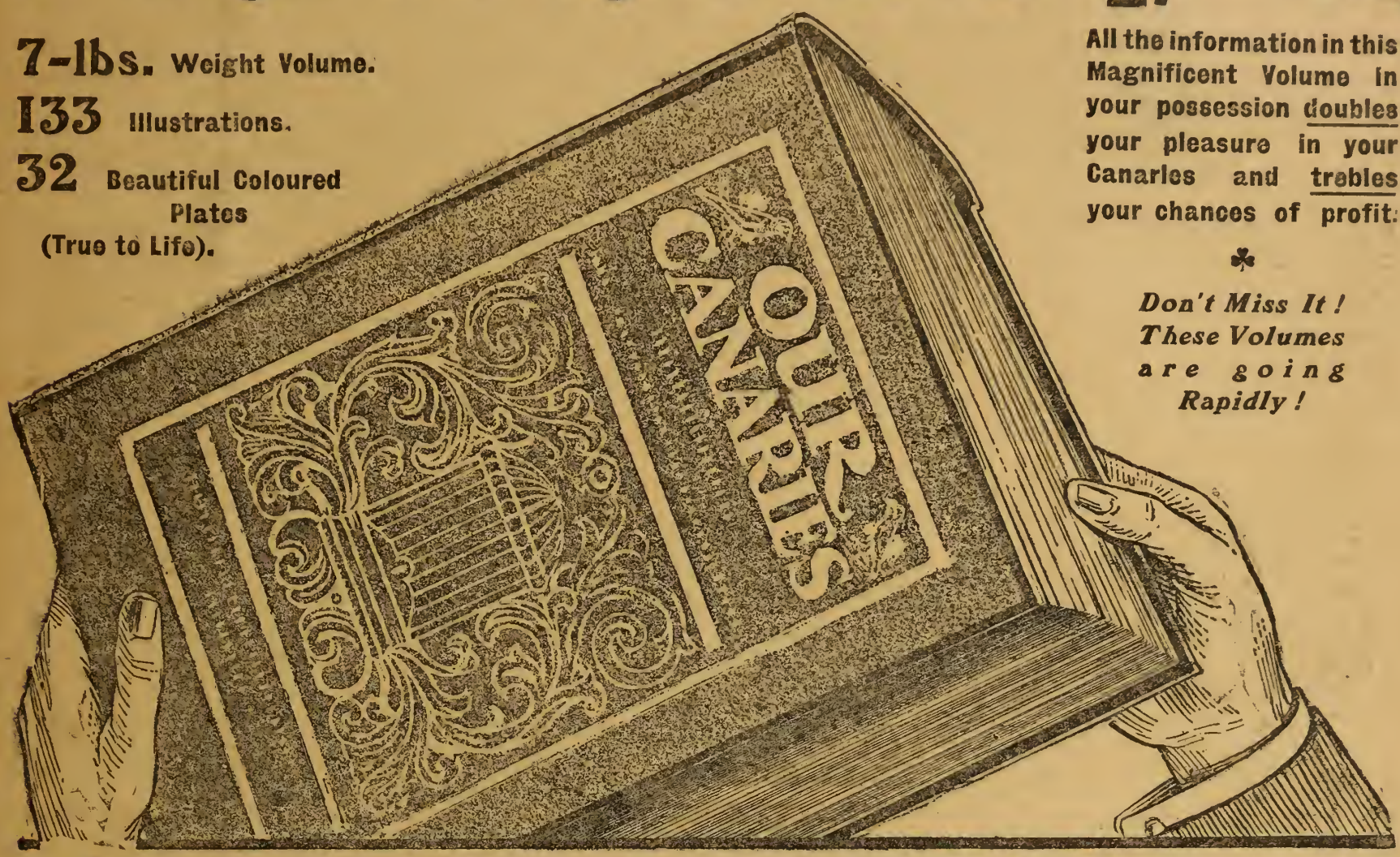
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LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Arbroath C.B.S.—August 13, Shepherd's Rooms, Milligate, 8. Business important to every member; results of delegate meeting, etc. Membership fees due August 27.—J. Gray.

Hatton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Crown Inn, 7.—A. J. Notley.

BEAUMARIS.

Show held in conjunction with the Beaumaris Agricultural and Horticultural Society, Aug. 4, the tenth annual fixture. The birds were well staged at a nice height. Some additional classes were provided this year, and a few more for young birds would benefit the fixture. Entries were very fair throughout, quality predominating. Mr. T. J. Jones was a capable secretary. Mr. R. W. Roberts, Portdinorwic, judged, and gave satisfaction. Special for best foreign was won by Mr. W. Nolan, with a grand Alexandrine Parrakeet, in fine condition. Hyde's special, Mr. J. Wilson, with a nice tkd. buff Yorks.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Nolan, good tkd. yell., grand length and position, good wings and tail, rich col., 2nd cl. yell., long and shapely, rare pose and feather; 3, T. Jones, cl. yell., nice length and position, nat. col.; he, Gallichan. BUFF OR VARIEG. (8): 1, 2, Nolan, tkd. buff, rare length and qual., well folded wings, leggy and stylish, 2nd cl. buff, good length and qual., neat youngster; 3, Sergt. Evans, cl. buff, good length and position, nice feather. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Williams, two grand clears, good type and subs, rich col., winner best condition. BUFF OR VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Williams, clears, 1st immense size, good head and neck, very typical, boxy feather, 2nd same type, trifle lighter to-day, rich colour, good condition. GOLDF. (6): 1, 3, r, E. Jones, winner grand Finch all over, good blaze, tan, and markings, lovely condition, 3rd bigger, good blaze, well defined bars, rather dull to-day; 2, Williams, nice size, col., and markings, nice tan, rich blaze; hc, Hughes Bros. MULE OR BYB. (4): 1, Griffith, immense size, dark Greenfinch-Can., rich col., grand form; 2, 3, Hughes Bros., 2nd dark Linnet-Mule, good qual., nice col., Yorks. type, 3rd four-pointed Goldie-Can., good size and qual., unfortunately not in his best clothes; hc, Owen. LINNET OR BULLF. (6): 1, Griffith, "John Bull," a Bullie all over, grand type, good dense black cap, rich col., fine markings, moulted well out; 2, Rev. J. D. Green, another Bullie, monster for size, good cap, paler on breast; 3, Harrison, Bullfinch, good size and type, beaten in col.; hc, Jones, good pencilled Linnet. FOR. (6): 1, sp, Nolan, grand Alexandrine Parrakeet, good col. and markings, fine condition; 2, Griffith, good Lorikeet, lovely plumage, well shown; 3, Hughes, Yellow-fronted Green Amazon, nice condition. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Nolan, good Yellow Bunting, grand markings and condition; 2, Williams, rich spangled Bramble, nice form; 3, Rev. S. D. Green, neat Siskin, in nice plumage.

BORTH (Cardiganshire).

Sixth annual cage bird show held in connection with the Borth Agricultural and Horticultural Soc., Aug. 5. Entries considerably exceeded those of former years, and the committee are looking forward to extend this section for the future. Quality was excellent. We understand that Mr. T. Richards has worked well to improve the section, and he deserves a word of praise for his energy in getting up the specials, etc., as also does Mr. Morgan, the sec., who worked in a masterly manner to make the show a success. Specials for best bird in show, for best foreign, best Yorks., and best Nor., went to Mr. W. Nolan; best Mule or Byb., Mr. J. Pugh; best British, Mr. T. Richards. Mr. J. O. Williams judged to the general satisfaction.

YORKS. (9): 1, 2, sp, Nolan, 1st tkd. buff, lengthy and stylish, well moulded, teeming with qual., 2nd neck nkd. yell., straight, well shaped, full of style, rich colour; r, vhc, Tudor; hc, Pugh. NOR. (7): 1, sp, Nolan, cl. yell., very bold head, well filled neck, short and compact, good col. and condition, runner-up for the cup; 2, hc, Williams, 2nd good coloured cl. yell., rare size, bold front; vhc, r, Muscott. MULE OR BYB. (5): 1, sp, Pugh, grand light Goldie Mule, rich blaze, good col. and feather, in the pink, rightly won; 2, r, Hughes Bros., good dark Linnet Mule, rich col., nice quality and condition; vhc, Williams, good dark Goldfinch-Can., nice size, good blaze, rich col. BRIT. (6): 1, sp, Richards, lovely Goldie, good blaze and framing, smart exhibit, wins well; 2, Nolan, capital Yellowhammer, rare size and col.; res, Hughes Bros., good sound typical Goldie; vhc, J. M. Williams, Goldfinch; hc, Jones; c, Pugh. FOR.: 1, sp, W. Nolan, lovely Alexandrine Parrakeet; 2, Muscott, good Amadina.

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Shooting a Poisoned Arrow.

Lady Bird-Keeper Repeats Allegations About Blinded Birds.

Notes by the Secretary of "Cage Birds League."

In the August issue of "The Avicultural Magazine," the organ of the Avicultural Society, Mrs. K. Curry writes bewailing that her letter published in the May number of that magazine, and to which I referred in my notes in our issue of May 31 last, has been ignored by her fellow-members of the Avicultural Society.

Mrs. Curry writes: "I see that the subject of the indiscriminate capture and traffic in birds, and their condition in the dealers' shops, has not been taken up by members as I hoped it might have been, for it is a very real and great evil, and ought to appeal to the sense of justice for which England is famous."

It is not surprising that Mrs. Curry's letter did not meet with any support from the members of the Avicultural Society, who know that bird-keeping does not entail the horrors outlined by that lady. The surprising thing is that some of the members did not point out, as I did in CAGE BIRDS, that if Mrs. Curry had any actual case on which to base her denunciation of those who get their living by ministering to the necessities of those who keep birds it was her duty to take steps to have the offender punished, and that if she did not know of any such individual case then her generalities were as unwarrantable as those to which we have become accustomed as being promulgated by those with much less knowledge of birds than is possessed by Mrs. Curry. In support of her allegations against bird-dealers Mrs. Curry writes: "Imagine the daily task of cleaning out such a multitude of bird-cages! A small army of workers, busy the whole day long, would be needed to look after hundreds of birds!" This is drawing the long bow with a vengeance. I could tell Mrs. Curry of a collection of about six hundred birds, including rare Parrots, frugivorous foreign birds and British birds of every species that could be properly kept in captivity, all these six hundred birds being kept in perfect cleanliness by one person, and that person a lady who has, besides, her household duties day by day. How many birds could "a small army" look after?

I should not have referred to Mrs. Curry's second letter if it had not been that she allows herself to ask the question whether any bird's melody, poured forth in a tiny cage, "when its eyes have been put out with hot wires *to make it sing better*," is an indication that it is not suffering.

Who told Mrs. Curry that English bird-dealers put out the eyes of birds with hot wires? The only inference that may be drawn from her remarks is that they do this. She certainly does not know it of her own knowledge. It is simply a repetition of one of the most favoured of the scandalous misrepresentations used by the shrieking "humanitarians" who stop at no exaggeration in their frantic abuse of bird-keeping.

I had occasion in May last to write to a London editress who had allowed herself to make the statement that "many have their eyes put out with red-hot needles," and in answer to my letter this lady said that during the last twelve months there had been at least two convictions in London courts against perpetrators of the atrocity. She was "making enquiries" and would in due course let me have her authorities for her statement.

After "making enquiries," the only case this lady could quote was a solitary one four years old. This one instance of wicked brutality is the whole and sole basis upon which it has been repeated over and over again that it is a common practice among bird-dealers to blind birds in order to improve their power of song. I am still waiting for the particulars of the two convictions alleged, and I know I shall be kept waiting, for there never were such convictions.

It is nothing short of scandalous that a member of such a body as the Avicultural Society, herself a bird-keeper and a fellow member of bird-keepers, should allow herself to give utterance to this wicked accusation, and I challenge Mrs. Curry either to produce some ground for her assertion or to admit that she has allowed herself to go beyond the bounds of truth in her anxiety to bolster up her generalisations.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held July 29. Mr. J. Stenhouse, chair. Letter was received from B.F.C.C., granting their patronage. Agreed to get supply of tickets for show from Hyde's. Collecting books were handed out for the various districts. Next meeting Aug. 26.—A. Dickson, Hon. Sec.

SWINDON F. AND F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Baths, July 30. Present: Messrs. H. R. Halliday (chair), A. Ireland, T. Patterson, E. Ireland, F. R. Gee, S. Tanner, D. Hoare, R. A. Northover, E. Jefferies, W. Townsend, S. Lewis, A. C. Mockridge, E. Wallington, J. Neal, W. Judd, and W. J. Moran. New member elected: Mr. W. Judd. Decided to hold a committee meeting on August 13, to make arrangements for the young stock show. A table show of pigeons bred this year was held. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. Neal for the very able way in which he had judged the exhibits.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH WALES AND MON. FEDERATION OF F. AND F.S.

First Executive Council meeting of this year held Luffu Hotel, Cardiff; Mr. D. A. S. Longden, Swansea, chair. The most difficult matter the Council had to decide was the allotting of the new cups for competition during the coming season. It will be remembered that the Fed. has gone in for a £5 5s. cup, to be subscribed for, and that a £3 3s. cup was presented by Mr. W. G. Camden, Swansea, at annual meeting. Taking into consideration there are four sections to be catered for—Poultry, Cage Birds, Pigeons, and Fur, the Executive decided to purchase two other cups, one £2 2s. and one £1 1s. Decided that the exhibitor scoring the highest number of points at end of season in any one section should win the £5 5s. cup, the next highest number of points (but he must belong to another section) to win the £3 3s. cup, and so on, so that one section cannot win more than one cup. It can thus be seen that the most valuable cup can be won by either a Cage-bird, Poultry, Pigeon, or Fur exhibitor. This arrangement will, it is believed, meet with the approval of all concerned. Several other important matters were dealt with. Considering the quality of the cups put up for competition, and the relative advantage that will no doubt accrue to federated societies, we again appeal to those societies who have not become affiliated to do so at once before the show season starts. The first show affiliated to the Federation is Ystradgynlais, where all these cups will be competed for. Any information required will be most readily given by the Sec., A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

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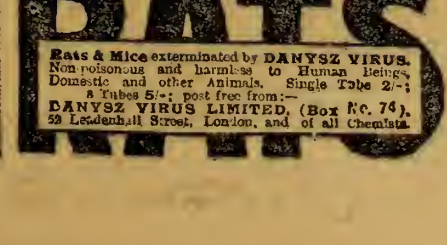
At the usual monthly meeting there was a fair turn-out of members. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Tindale, sec. of the Northern Yorks. C.C., stating that Blaydon had again been granted patronage. Decided to put another Green Border class for annual show. The members also decided to present, for valuable services rendered to Blaydon Society, an umbrella to Mr. G. S. Ellwood, who is emigrating.—G. Havver.

WEST OF FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting held Aug. 2, in Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Mr. Dickson, chair. Balance-sheet of Y.B. Show was approved and considered very satisfactory. Agreed to pay as prize money 1s. for 1st, 6d. 2nd, and 3d. 3rd, which leaves a balance of 6s. towards the funds. After prize money was paid a very enjoyable smoker was held, and the rest of the evening was spent in song and story, nearly everyone contributing to the programme. Will secretaries please note that next meeting will be held on Sept. 13, and keep it vacant for their delegates to get a chance to attend?—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION

Monthly meeting held Oldham Hall, July 24. New members elected:—J. Beasley, J. Barnett, R. Algie, T. Plunkett. Patronage was granted to Newcastle (Borders only), Halifax (Yorkshires), Manchester (full classes), Liverpool (full), Sheffield (full), Preston (full), Bradford National (Yorkshires and Norwich), Gateshead (Borders only), Scottish National (full), and G.C.A. The Palace to be written re classes. The patronage to Liverpool O.S., Warrington, Anfield, G.C.A., and Liverpool Bird Breeders was granted in the novice section, with several shows which are likely to be added later next meeting. Aug. 28 will be question night. Any members who are unable to attend, please send any enquiries relative to our variety to the Sec., who will see they are dealt with and answered through the Press or by post. Several of our leading members are away on holidays, but we hope to have a strong muster next meeting.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.



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PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held July 26. Amongst correspondence read were letters from Mr. Waring and Mr. Lyons. Mr. Massey presided. He regretted to hear of our president's illness, and believed the sympathy of all members would be extended to Mr. Waring. Owing to business, Mr. Lyons finds he is unable to leave home on date fixed to officiate at members' show. This earning of our daily bread prevents many capable fanciers accepting judging engagements. Kindly note, members' show on Nov. 29 at headquarters, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester. Birds to be delivered on the evening of the 28th. Messrs. Massey and Waring will judge. Four classes provided, open, any age, rung or unrung; champion; amateur; novice; young birds, which must wear a 1913 ring. Prize-money on sliding scale. Textile Hall, Bury, again engaged for the annual open show, Jan. 9-10. Following classes:—Open class, any age, rung or unrung; champion young birds; novice young birds (the birds in these two classes to wear 1913 rings); amateur team; and £2 selling. These three classes are for birds any age, rung or unrung. Another class also provided for novices, open to any not having won a first prize. Birds in this class can be any age, rung or unrung. This is another concession granted to the novices, as last year the rule read: "Open to any not having won a first or a second prize." Several interesting discussions took place; notice of others are down for the next meeting.—J. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held Aug 2 at Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road. Owing to the small number of members present, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, who should have given a lecture on "Moulting and Colour Feeding," kindly consented to postpone same till a later date. However, for the benefit of the few novices present, he showed a few samples of colour food in the pod, and gave a good hint how to select your colour feed and also other hints that, if followed out, should prove of great benefit both to the fanciers and birds. I can assure anyone who comes to hear him will be in for a treat, so, members, please watch your CAGE BIRDS for date of lecture, and come in good numbers and bring your friends.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

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TROON (AYRSHIRE)

Poultry, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds. AUGUST 30th.** Cage Birds judge, **John McLay**, Kirkintilloch. Schedules from **A. Shaw, 1, Fullarton Terrace, Troon.** **Entries close August 26th.** (804)

COLWYN BAY

SEPTEMBER 3rd.

Entries finally close August 23rd. Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds**, etc. Cage Bird judge, **Mr. I. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool.** Good classification and prize money. **Innumerable specials.** Schedules from **E. E. Cragg, Cayley Estate Office, Colwyn Bay.** **Competition confined to North Wales.**

MERIONETHSHIRE

Agricultural Society. Great Show at Bala, on Friday, September 12th, 1913. A good classification for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, 115, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford. Sections for Dogs, Poultry, and Pigeons. Popular Judges. **Entries finally close August 23rd.** The Old Calabar Pen and Feed the Birds.—Apply early for schedule to the **Secretary, Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.**

RADSTOCK

Show, August 20. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, etc. **Cage Bird Judge, C. I. Young, Frome.** Schedules of **B. M. Clark, Fox Hills, Radstock.**

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(Will secretaries please notify us of the latest date on which applications can be received?—Ed.)

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging Chester Show, Nov. 22.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address: Mr. H. Sayles, hon. sec. York C.B.S., to 7, Baile Hill Terrace, York; Mr. J. Robertshaw, from Sowerby Bridge to Mytholm Cottage, Hebden Bridge.

At a meeting of the Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S., Aug. 2, writes Mr. H. Briggs, hon. sec., Mr. J. Riseborough, Sunderland, was elected to judge at the 2nd annual show, on Dec 6.

Mr. F. Hampshire, Sunny Side, Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield, writes that he has been appointed secretary of the Skelmanthorpe C.B.S. All correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

Will societies who are desirous of the patronage of the Southern Yorks C.C. make application for same at once, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie, hon. sec., Junction Hotel, Andover. Rule books for current year, have been sent to all members.

We hear from Mr. J. Woolhouse, asst. sec., that the next ramble of the Sheffield C.B.S. will be on Aug. 9, to Wharncliffe Crags. Train leaves Sheffield, Victoria Station, at 2.40 for Oughty Bridge. All friends invited.

A very favourable quarterly balance-sheet reaches us from the hon. secretary of the City and Suburban A.C.B. Whereas the society had a year ago a cash balance of £7 6s. 7d., this now stands at £11 5s. 8d., which reflects credit on the management of Mr. Wynn and his fellow officials.

We hear from Mr. F. Knight, press correspondent, that the following gentlemen have been appointed judges at the show of the London C.B.A., held Nov. 27, 28, and 29: Messrs. Camps, Easterling, Longden, Mason, Marloy, Prior, Robson, Seth Smith, Tyson, and Vardy.

The principal article in the August issue of "British Birds" (Messrs. Witherby, High Holborn) is a very interesting contribution by Mr. J. G. Millais, "The Sequence of Plumages of the Common Eider." Accounts of the breeding of Crossbills in Shropshire, and for the fourth year in succession in Suffolk, appear among the usual "Notes" of the month, together with many other items of interest.

Will members of the Denton and Dis. C.B.S., wishing to go on a ramble on Aug. 31, kindly give in their names to Mr. T. Holden, seed merchant, Manchester Road, before Aug. 23., writes Mr. W. Hopwood, the secretary. Reserved compartments; and a Manchester fancier will act as guide to Wimslow, where we shall be met by a Wimslow fancier who will show the most interesting places. All friends are invited; meet Crown Point, 10 a.m.

In the August number of "The Avicultural Magazine," the organ of the Avicultural Society, Mr. A. Ezra commences an article "Some of my Sunbirds." The Marquis of Tavistock contributes some entertaining "Experiences of King Parrakeets." Mr. H. D. Astley writes of the mating of two species of Ibis. Mr. R. P. Wand tells of a pet Stork. Mr. M. Portal gives an account of the rearing of ornamental ducks. Mr. P. Goose contributes "A day in a Hampshire Garden," and Mr. M. Amsler describes his new aviaries. Bird notes from the Zoo, by Mr. Seth Smith, and the usual notes and correspondence make up a good number.

Sale's Bright Prospects.

I am pleased to inform you that we have again secured the Lecture Hall of Sale Technical School, for our Open Show, Nov. 28 and 29, writes Mr. H. Whitney, asst. sec. Sale and Dis. C.B.S. It is well lighted from roof and sides by day, and by electricity at night, and heated throughout. The show will be managed by such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Royle, Dunkley, Morgan, Hardcastle, Gray, etc., and fanciers may send their most valued birds and depend on them being as well looked after as they would be at home. We hope as in previous years to pay out prize money inside of seven days, and hope fanciers will give us a record entry. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

A Correction.

We hear from our correspondent who contributed the report of the show, published in our issue of Aug. 2, and headed "Torbay O.S., Paignton," that the show in question was held by the Torquay Fanciers Society, not the Torbay O.S. The mistake arose through the report being sent to us on the headed memorandum of the Torbay O.S.

Cricket and Supper at Bradford.

In connection with Bradford West C.B.A. there is to be a cricket match and supper to-day (Saturday, Aug. 9), writes Mr. A. Cooper, the Sec. Match played in the Girlington Field, meeting at headquarters, "Shoulder of Mutton," at 2.30 p.m. Supper, 1s. 3d. per head, at the "Shoulder of Mutton," served 6.30 p.m. After supper business will be brought before the meeting, and it is hoped that all members will turn up.

Nest Found After 100 Years.

While an ash tree, about eight feet in circumference, was being sawn in two at Embleton Saw Mills, near Cockermouth, on Saturday last, the workmen found a bird's nest, containing the dead bird and four eggs, in the heart of the tree, in a splendid state of preservation. The bird had apparently made her nest when the tree was quite young, for there were no signs whatever of any hole through which the bird could gain access, the bark of the tree being unbroken. The tree is without doubt over 100 years old. Needless to say, the eggs were completely dried up.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that I have this week to inform you of the death of the wife of one of our members, Mr. John Murray, who passed away on the evening of July 28, after a few hours' illness, writes Mr. Robert Aitken, sec. Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. To Mr. Murray and his small family we extend our deepest sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Pike and Water Hen.

Waders and other water birds that rear their young among the rushes and coarse herbage on the waterside have deadly enemies in the large pike that infest most inland pools. These voracious fish will swallow young ducks and Moorhens with ease, and it is reported from County Clare that the body of a full grown Waterhen was found in a large pike which was caught by a lady in Killone Lough.

How Opinions Differ.

Samuel Butler, in his "Alps and Sanctuaries," speaks of the Solitary Sparrow as the most beautiful of all bird songsters. "All other bird-singing," he says, "is loud, vulgar, unsympathetic in comparison." Some of Butler's other opinions about the song of birds are curious. "People say the Nightingale's song is so beautiful; I am ashamed to own it, but I do not like it. It does not use the diatonic scale. A bird should either make no attempt to sing in tune or it should succeed in doing so." As for Canaries, he would "almost sooner hear a pig having its nose ringed or the grinding of an axe." Cuckoos, he said, were all right; they sing in tune, "Rooks are lovely; they do not pretend to tune. Seagulls, again, and the plaintive creatures that pity themselves on the moorlands, as the Plover and the Curlew, or the birds that lift up their voices and cry at eventide when there is an eager air blowing upon the mountains and the last yellow in the sky fading—I have no words with which to praise the music of those people."

Wild-Bird Life.

Venturesome Young Birds.

During the past week or two the weather has not been all that could be desired; the wind has persistently come from the east, accompanied by dull leaden skies, and the nights have been cold, but one cannot notice that wild bird life has suffered any great discomfort. No doubt here and there young birds just launched from the nest have felt the keen air, and possibly a few have failed to hold their own. In a quiet corner of a field covered with briers and thorns the writer found three young Lesser Whitethroats, perched in a row close together (possibly for warmth) on a branch of a thorn bush just outside the nest. The mother bird was not in the neighbourhood, as far as could be seen or heard, and had, no doubt, gone further afield for food. The little mites



A YOUNG WILLOW WARBLER.

had scarcely any feathers, and appeared almost too young to venture out of their home. Young birds that leave the nest early are quite creatures of circumstances—while everything is bright and sunny they do well, but if the sky should become cloudy, or a shower come on, they fare badly, and no doubt thousands of young ones "go under" in consequence. Ground-breeding birds are especially liable to lose some of their brood in this manner. Out of a nest of five Skylarks two were found dead within a couple of yards of the nest; they had evidently ventured out when the sun was shining, got cold when it became cloudy, and failed to get back to their companions.

Unfortunately these venturesome birds are generally the most forward ones, the finest and strongest in the brood. This appears to the writer to be quite contrary to the general rule of wild life. We speak of the "survival of the fittest," but here we have the strong and fit going under, and the weakly stay-at-home birds safely reared. The young birds of the year have already begun to wander. During the month of August they leave the thickets and hedgerows that they know so well, and roam into the shrubberies and gardens of the villages and small towns. The Whitethroats and Willow-Wrens are particularly prone to do this, and for the next week or so, we shall have them flitting in and out our rose bushes, and seeking insect life among the fruit trees, charming us with their graceful manners and pretty ways.

H. NORMAN.

THE FINEST AVIARY IN THE LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Liscard in Luck.

It was with the expression of opinion that it was the finest in the district of Liverpool that Mr. T. S. Ashmole, the chairman of the Parks Committee, formally declared open on July 26, the aviary in the Liscard Central Park. He voiced the appreciation of the public of the generosity of Mr. Chapman Porter, who had suggested the establishment of such a feature, and who had also supplied all the birds, with the exception of a pair of storks which had been given by Mr. Cross, of Liverpool. Mr. Ashmole hinted at an extension of the aviary in the future if it was appreciated by the public.

The Mayor (Alderman Storey) cutely suggested that Mr. Porter should have many imitators, and pointed out that many gentlemen who resided in the district were connected with commerce abroad, and had little difficulty in getting foreign birds. His Worship also remarked that he would like to see a collection of British birds there. (Hear, hear.)

The Parrot's Little Idyll.

The gaily plumaged birds fluttering in and out of hollows in natural looking rockery proved a source of general attraction, says the representative of the "Liverpool Evening News." There were some rare members of the feathered tribe who resented the curious gaze of the public, but a pair of "love birds" perched on a branch of a miniature tree were perfectly unconcerned.

Neither did the presence of spectators deter a gentleman Parrot from making ardent love to a female member of his species. His advances were very favourably received for some time, until trouble arose as to which should have a piece of biscuit.

The Waiting Game Paid!

In the midst of the skirmish the biscuit fell to the ground, and was immediately gobbled up by a stork, unconcernedly standing on one leg. This was too much for Miss Parrot's equanimity, and after shrilly upbraiding her lover she flew away to another tree, vowing never to exchange words with him again. Mr. Parrot solemnly winked one eye, and said, "Shut the door," and sat awaiting developments.

When the audience had listened to the speeches, and again turned their attention to the aviary they discovered that Mr. Parrot had obtained forgiveness, and was whispering words of love to his future bride, whose pretty head rested on his shoulder. There are many things that can be learned at an aviary!

THE FASCINATION OF AN AVIARY

With a Mixed Collection of Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

THERE is a call for an article dealing with the keeping of British and Foreign birds together in an aviary, and, by request, I am endeavouring to meet the need. In writing such an article there are to be considered limitations of space, the desire of many to keep a heterogeneous series together in a very limited area, the said series often to consist of small Parrakeets, Canaries, British and Foreign Finches, and all these considerations combine to make the task anything but an easy one. The keeping of a mixed collection, however, has a fascination which is missed by those who are satisfied with the possession of one kind of bird, and when an outdoor structure is used as a home for the birds the pleasure and gratification of watching their various alluring characteristics and ministering to their wants are limited only by the space which may be afforded and the accommodation that may be provided.

Wonders Accomplished in Small Places.

Before saying anything about the aviary or its prospective inmates, I would fain say a word about the limitations of space—there is the fairly generally-accepted principle that each pair of birds of the size of a Finch must be given one superficial foot of floor area—this is the allocation of space I purpose following in this article, for these notes are to meet the needs of those who through force of circumstances are compelled to try and get *a little more than the utmost* out of a given space. I am bound to confess that many such get most excellent results from the much mixed and overcrowded aviary, fighting down their disadvantages and limitations by assiduous care and attention to their feathered captives and ingenuity in contrivances to meet given conditions. Of course, it goes without saying that those able to have more roomy aviaries would allocate yards instead of feet of floor space to each pair of birds. I will close this paragraph on accommodation by stating that I personally know that many fanciers do wonders in quite small aviaries, and get breeding successes too, where many aviculturists would say such were impossible, owing to the number of birds housed in the space. Nevertheless, my advice is, make the aviary as large as possible, even if the extra money spent on same compels its stocking to be quite a gradual process.

Whatever the area to be covered, it is a good general principle (for moderate sized aviaries) to divide the frontage of the aviary into three equal parts, these to consist of shelter shed, covered flight and open flight. The general design is not of great moment, and this must to a great extent be governed by the exigencies of each particular case, and I will merely remark that a plain, neat structure has frequently a more handsome appearance than the ornate one, for to make a thing merely pretty is to belittle it; further, ornamentation costs money, and where funds are limited, put your money into size and let the ornate features go. I repeat that a plain neat erection is more handsome than a pretty one.

The shelter must be wind and rain proof, and also well lighted, the latter is most important, for birds will not use an ill-lighted house, or use it but little even in bad weather. Ventilation is also another important matter, and care must be exercised that there is not a draught between the floor inlet and roof outlet, and perching (roosting) accommodation should never be provided in a direct line between the two. All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside, and the walls



This very uncommon bird, the Crested Wood Partridge, a native of Borneo, was exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell, and won a 1st prize at Clapham Show. Considerable discussion ensued as to whether it could rightly claim to be a "cage" bird.

and roofs furnished with twiggy branches and various nest receptacles, such as boxes, husks, rush-nests, etc. Weather proof walls are best obtained by two courses of boards with a layer of felt between, but such walls should be solid; that is, with no space between the two courses of boards.

The covered flight should adjoin the shelter, and only have the front of open wire netting. One end, of course, will be open to the open-flight. The back of this, the end formed by the shelter shed, and also the roof, should be furnished similarly to the same portions of the shelter-shed. In this portion should be suspended carriers for seed and dishes for other food, or receptacles for same hung on the walls.

The open flight should be all of wire, except the back, and if its extent be at all limited, the owner must be content with growing grass and weeds, as with a quantity of birds occupying a small flight, plants and bushes have but a very short life. The common broad-leaved laurel and aucuba best resist the attacks of the birds, and also provides excellent cover in wet weather. Here should be placed the bath; an excellent one can be easily and cheaply made by sinking a drainpipe into the ground to act as a soak-away, and on top of this forming with cement-concrete a dish with waste pipe and plug and collar in the centre leading to soak-away.

The Importance of the Foundations.

The above will convey the general principles covering a well arranged aviary, the minimum size of which for the purpose in view should be, say, 20 feet by 8 feet wide, which might well be divided as follows: Shelter shed 6 feet, covered flight 6 feet, and open flight 8 feet. As regards height, the flights should be at least 7 feet high, 8 or 9 feet is better, so that the birds may have room to fly about above the head of the aviarist when he enters the aviary for feeding and other purposes. I have really left the starting point to the last, viz., the foundations. These must consist of either brick, concrete, or netting, and must be carried 18 inches below the ground level, and if of wire netting they should be turned outward, thus ⌟, for the purpose of excluding rats and similar vermin. Where the foundations are of netting it is best to proceed by digging a trench of the requisite depth and width, put in a few stakes, and stretch the netting to these; then fill in the trench partly with brick rubble, stones, etc., and thus secure a well-drained surface for the site of the aviary. Then if a good strong skirting board be attached to the foundation posts, the structural standards and framing can be attached to this.

Some Conditions to be Avoided.

The wind blowing right through the aviary: this point is very important in moderate sized aviaries, for in large aviaries trees and bushes supply the necessary cover and protection from the force of the wind; but in all medium-sized aviaries the North and East should be solid, either of wood or brick.

A wet base is very detrimental to the birds. If the soil be a retentive one, the putting in of a kerb, and raising it six inches above the ground level, will be time and trouble well spent, and will mean much in comfort to the birds; the surface water from such a base rapidly drains away after rain.

For perching accommodation do not tolerate straight perches of any kind, use only natural twiggy branches, and arrange these in faggots, so as to provide plenty of cover, and thus enable any given bird to escape the too close attentions of a persecuting fellow inmate.

(To be continued.)

"Cage Birds" Championship Scheme.

A "Good Thing" for Both Societies and Exhibitors.

OUR list of Coupon Shows continues steadily to expand. This week we have the pleasure of notifying that the following additional societies have taken up our Championship Scheme:—

GILLINGHAM F.A.
HALIFAX O.S.
LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.
WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Now that the August Holidays are numbered with the things of the past, the show season begins to loom ahead, and society officials will soon be getting busy upon the details of their show schedules, etc. We shall be glad if those societies who have not already done so will let us know at the earliest possible opportunity the decision of their members regarding the acceptance or otherwise of CAGE BIRDS' scheme, so that our list of Coupon Shows may be completed at an early date.

A Good Thing for all Societies.

Here are a few of the "good things" that come the way of all societies enrolling their annual fixture as one of our Coupon Shows:—

A Competition in which great interest is being evinced all over the United Kingdom, and which will add greatly to the attractiveness of all Coupon Shows, and appreciably swell the entries thereat, appealing as it does to novices and champions alike.

A sum in cash for the benefit of the funds of your society, as coupons are supplied to secretaries at the rate of 5s. for twelve, to be resold at 6d. each, the profit going to the society.

The addition of two 10s. cash prizes to your special prize list, and twelve diplomas of honour for champion exhibitors and twelve for novice exhibitors, covering practically every section in your show, for participants in our competition.

Valuable free publicity for your show in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, the attention of exhibitors being specially and prominently drawn to all Coupon Shows throughout the season.

The adoption of CAGE BIRDS Championship Scheme does not involve any society in any outlay whatever, except that we ask societies to put a brief notice (roughly, quarter-page space) announcing the same in their show schedules and catalogues—the wording of the notice being supplied by us. As a matter of fact, every society can make money by the scheme, for, as mentioned above, secretaries are supplied at a reduced rate with coupons to sell to their members and others, the profit therefrom belonging to the society. Then, of course, every section of our Coupon Shows should be benefited in entries, by reason of the competition for the diplomas and the right which they convey to participate in the grand finale at the Palace for the £99 (cash) in special prizes, and the £10 10s. challenge shield, all of which, of course, are confined strictly to coupon birds.

Easy and Inexpensive for Exhibitors.

It is quite an easy and simple matter for exhibitors to compete for CAGE BIRDS splendid prizes. It costs them not one penny extra in carriage, or in the other ordinary expenses attached to exhibiting, and all birds, of course, at all times stand their usual chance of winning the usual prizes and special prizes offered at the shows *in addition* to the specials offered under CAGE BIRDS scheme. All that the exhibitor has to do is:—

(1) Buy as many coupons (sixpence each) as he chooses before Sept. 30th next.

(2) When the show comes round at which he wishes to compete for the diploma (or diplomas) and 10s. cash prizes, opposite the bird (or birds) he selects for this purpose, stick one of CAGE BIRDS' coupons and write "C.B."—or "C.B. Novice" if he competes in the Novice section.

(3) See that he keeps by him sufficient coupons to cover the entries he will make in the Grand Finale (open to diploma winners) at the Crystal Palace Show.

Exhibitors participating in our Championship Scheme will have prizes value at £200—probably considerably more—to compete for, and all restricted to coupon birds. Every exhibitor can avail himself of numerous chances of competing for them. He has a good and equitable chance, whether he be a champion or a novice, with his brother fanciers. He may, in each of twelve sections, win a considerable sum of money with a very inconsiderable outlay in coupons.

He gains entrance into a competition which adds to the pleasure and interest of his hobby, and his birds become potential winners of CAGE BIRDS' Diplomas and Cash Prizes of 10s. offered at each Coupon Show, also of their share of the huge cash specials at the Palace Show (at present amounting to £99) and of the £10 10s. Challenge Shield for best Coupon bird in the Show.

CAGE BIRDS' Diplomas of Honour will set the seal of excellence upon stock—they will ensure holders of them a ready market for their surplus birds.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 20th, next.

TWO PRIZES OF 10s. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird, and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS
(4) BORDER FANCIES
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3: SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1; FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For details of rules tentatively adopted see page 81.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must concinde with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonyne, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S..** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CARBON DISINFECTANT. (Bad Luck).—Many thanks for sending specimen of the substance you term "carbon." It is in reality a very commonly sold article in a variety of forms and under many different names—eucalpozo, naphthaline, and a host of others—as a preventive of insects and disease. It is useful enough kept in closed cabinets with natural history specimens to prevent attacks of mites, moth, etc., but as a real preventive of disease or disinfectant its virtues are chiefly imaginary. It is a mixture of various substances, camphor, eucalyptus, and probably some form of naphtha, among others, and "carbon" can only be a trade appellation. I do not suppose for a moment it would be the cause of your birds dying, though you had far too much of it in the room to make it a pleasant abode for either man, beast, or bird. Keep the air of your room sweet and fresh by the judicious and sufficient admission of pure air from outside, and you will not need these "smelly" articles to lull you into a false security that it is "disinfected." It is too late to attempt further breeding this year, so the best advice I can give you is to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, and be guided strictly by its contents from now onwards through next season, and I have no doubt you will be more successful. If your hens have passed their second season clear them out and start with fresh, younger ones next year.

ROLLER-YORKS. CROSS. (W. Southwood).—At present give the youngsters an unlimited supply of good sound dry canary in the seed-box daily, and each morning place a teaspoonful of summer rape, also dry, on top of the canary seed. Give in addition a little egg-food each morning, and in the afternoon throw out any remains, and substitute either a little crushed hemp or soaked rape. The latter may be given in turns. As soon as they are cracking canary freely, reduce the hemp and soaked rape gradually, and occasionally miss it altogether for a day, and give in its place an equal quantity of a mixture of equal parts whole hemp, inga, teazle, and broken groats. Continue giving a little egg-food, or bread and milk as a substitute, at least every second day right through the moult. When well on seed give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. A light cover over the cage will help to concentrate the attention of the cocks upon the song of the tutor, which should be kept on hand in full song if possible. For these youngsters you require a tutor that is now nearly, or quite, through its moult, if such a one is available. Towards the end of the moult cage the young cocks separately to bring them in song quickly.

SEED SAMPLES AND WINTER FEEDING. (A.E.A.).—Of the seeds you sent the canary is rather small, but is clean, sweet, and of good quality. The rape is good summer rape of excellent quality. The hemp is thoroughly bad, and totally unfit to feed any kind of Canary. As regards winter feeding I think you would find full details in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say has been so useful to you. Anyway, from now until the end of the moult treat the young the same as advised to "W. Southwood" in this issue. You omit to say what breed your birds are. But if you are not colour-feeding them you may feed the adults on the ordinary diet when not breeding. After the moult treat old and young the same. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. In addition give each bird, separately, a half-teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. On the alternating days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, millet, and teazle twice a week, and a similar quantity of egg-food once a week. Give a little green food when fit to use, or, at other times, banana or sweet apple, twice a week. If birds are kept in a very cold room you may with advantage double the allowance of egg food, and add one part of broken groats to the seed mixture. I note your remark about withholding green food. It is by no means indispensable, but I doubt the economy or advisability of permanently depriving the birds of a wholesome relish which they so obviously enjoy.

DIFFICULT BREATHING (A.M.O.).—The bird is undoubtedly suffering from bronchial trouble, and your attempts at treatment have probably failed because you did not first remove the existing causes of the condition. The bird must be protected from all cold draughts, and, for the present at least,

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Canary," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

should be kept in a fairly comfortable temperature, which is not subject to extreme fluctuations. Feed as advised in latter part of reply to "A.E.A.," in this issue, but for the next fortnight, instead of the egg-food, give every second day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Afterwards give the egg food as above with a pinch of maw added to it. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week. After this give 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, in the water every second day for a fortnight. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

COLOUR-FEEDING YORKSHIRES (F. Barlow).—Certainly you must find full instructions for giving the colour-food, either on or in the tin. I cannot give you definite advice without knowing precisely what you have in the tin, as the firm in question put up both "red" and "yellow" feeds in the pure peppers, and also mixed with biscuit food ready for use. If yours is the pure colour food, without the admixture of biscuit—and to attain your object it

Owing to the intervention of August Bank Holiday, a number of Queries were not received until Tuesday last, and we cannot, of course, get these answered in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—Editor.

should be the "red-feed"—you should mix one teaspoonful thoroughly into eight teaspoonfuls of egg-food, and begin to give a teaspoonful of this coloured egg-food to each young bird twice a week, and to each adult three times a week. After a week or so give it to old and young every second day, and continue this until the birds show signs of commencing to moult. As soon as this happens, begin to give the coloured egg-food daily—a teaspoonful per bird—and slowly increase the proportion of colour to one teaspoonful in six teaspoonfuls of egg-food. Give this regularly each day, in addition to the usual seeds, until you see the birds beginning to moult the head and neck feathers; which indicates, in normal circumstances, that the moult is drawing to a close with those individuals. Then you should reduce the strength of colour to one in eight again, and may omit it every third day. During this final stage give a pinch of linseed three times a week, and add a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed to the water twice a week.

SIZE INDICATOR (W. J. H.).—The size of a Canary's egg is absolutely no criterion of the size of the bird it may produce. Given normal and fully developed fertile eggs, the largest bird may be produced from a quite small egg and vice versa. Size to a certain extent is inherited, but it is very largely controlled by post-natal environment and food supply.

YOUNG DYING (Mrs. E. Tilbrook).—Had you given me details how you feed the birds, and treat them generally, especially from the time they begin to feed themselves, I might have discovered some reason for your losses. As it is, I am quite in the dark, as it were. I am not even aware of the book you refer to as your guide. I am inclined to think the chief cause of your trouble is that you stop the soft food too early, or too suddenly, or perhaps both. Feed the three young you now have exactly on the lines advised to "W. Southwood" in this issue, and during the first week give in the afternoon each day a piece of bread and milk the size of a walnut with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw, in addition to the foods named in reply referred to. See that all your seeds and other foods are perfectly sound and fresh; keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and strew floor with clean gritty sand. Add ten drops of syrup of rhubarb to the water for three days, and afterwards twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight.

SEPARATING SEXES (B. G.).—As your birds are in a mixed collection in outdoor aviary, where they are intended to be kept permanently, it is not necessary to separate the sexes at the end of the breeding season. Nesting is not likely to take place during the winter in such circumstances. It is not unlikely that the failure to rear their young was also due to the mixture of birds in the aviary.

DRAWN BLANK (Collier Fancier).—I agree with you, it is very discouraging to have no less than 13 nests of practically all good eggs and not rear a single youngster. Hard lines, truly; but, maybe, next season will bring ample consolation. It is much too late now to think of retrieving fortune this year, even if your hens had not already spent energy enough for one season, as is the case. As regards the cause of your losses, you do not give enough data to form any definite opinion upon. You mention nothing whatever except the egg food. What quantity, and how often did you give this? And what green food, if any, did you give? Then, how about hemp and all other seeds or items of food, the condition of nests, and any symptoms shown by the young, such as being unduly relaxed or constipated? All these points would have helped to elucidate the mystery, but you leave me in total ignorance upon them all. I cannot advise you better than to invest in one of the handbooks to be got from our office, House's "Manual" (1s. 2d.) or "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.,) and digest the contents between now and next spring. Meantime, separate your stock and aim at moulting and getting them in good hard condition for next season. Then, if you meet with any further difficulty, write again immediately, and give full particulars.

SCOTCH FANCY NOT PERCHING (J. P.).—I cannot account for your young Scotch Fancy refusing to perch, if, as you say, its feet and wings are all right, unless maybe it left the nest with defective eyesight. Examine its eyes in a good light and see if they, too, appear normal. If so, see that the perches are conveniently arranged, and rather low down, and also make them of a suitable size and good shape for the bird's toes to grip comfortably. If it does not then take to them, place two perches from back to front of cage, not more than an inch off the floor, so that bird cannot cross the cage without getting over them, and perhaps resting on them now and again. After a time you can gradually raise these into the upper regions. Is the bird caged alone? If so, give it one or two companions for a time, and see what force of example will do. It is just possible the peculiarity may be only an exaggeration of an idiosyncrasy which some birds have of sitting in bottom of cage or pecking about sand tray just before and during the moult. If this is the case, the peculiarity will disappear at the end of the moult.

YOUNG PLUCKING EACH OTHER (J. T. M.).—You can do nothing in this case but separate the groups of birds among which the plucking occurs and cage them separately until the end of the moult. By close observation it is frequently possible to detect the real culprits, of which there may be only one or two in the early stages, but the habit quickly spreads and becomes general in a group. If you can discover the culprits (these are usually in the best plumage themselves), they especially must be caged separately until the moult is quite over. Also, any birds that are badly plucked and have bare places should be caged separately, as their appearance incites others to begin the vicious habit. Keeping pieces of cuttlefish in cages, giving small bunches of grass seed, seed stalks of plantain or shepherd's purse to occupy their time and attention will help to break the habit, but separation for a time is essential, as well to stop the habit as to prevent further injury.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

GOLDFINCHES MOULTING (Marlborough).—The February moult of your Goldfinches was an out-of-season one, and the one that they are now undergoing is quite a natural one. Your feeding seems to be all right, but while the birds are moulting you must guard against any sudden variations of temperature. It is very dangerous at such a time to put them out all day and take them in at night, as you say you are now doing. The outside temperature has during the past week or so made sudden jumps of many degrees, and the indoor temperature at nights has been quite sultry. To expose birds in moult to such violent changes is to court trouble, and your Goldfinches should be kept inside until they have completed the moult, and the place in which they are kept should be one that is not subject to draughts or sudden changes of temperature.

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants", (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

THE CASE OF A LINNET (T. B.).—I hope it is not quite the case that your Linnet is "always asleep," as you say. If it is just a bit dull, this would only be natural at this time of the year in view of the imminent moult, and the bird should be all right again after he has got over the quite natural troubles of the moulting period. Proper directions as to the treatment of birds during the moult would take up a very considerable amount of space, and I think I cannot do better than advise you to get our Nutshell No. 12, "How to Moult British Birds" (see advt. inset in this column). In this you will find a mine of useful information. If the bird is sleepy beyond what may be expected during such a time, please let me know more about the symptoms and your treatment, and I shall be glad to help. Are you sure that red-mite are not keeping him awake at night, so that the only time he gets for sleep is during the day, when they have retired to their hiding places?

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

We believe that last week some queries intended for Mr. Page went astray in the post, will, therefore, any readers who may not have received answers kindly repeat their questions?—Editor.

AVIARY QUERIES (A. Ogden).—If you wish to keep your birds out of doors all through the winter you must have wooden shelter at least 4ft. long and the same width as the aviary. This shelter must be well lighted or the birds will not use it; it must also be draught and rainproof. By all means retain the growing bushes, though it will be no use retaining those in the shelter portion, save as perching and roosting accommodation. Make the aviary as wide as the surroundings will permit; it adds but little to the cost, and means so much towards its general success. I fear from the tenor of your letter that your conception as to the number of birds it will accommodate for breeding purposes is in fault. Six pairs of Finches are all it will accommodate to give any reasonable chance of success, and fairly regular breeding. Possibly an extra pair of Waxbills might be included without interfering with results, but it all depends what British species you desire to keep. Goldfinches and Bullfinches will soon kill the deciduous bushes by continuous dishudding, and Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, and Yellow Bunting frequently prove very quarrelsome in smallish aviaries, not infrequently killing their smaller companions. As regards foreign Finches and Waxbills, you will find the following interesting and hardy: Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Bib Finches, Bengalese, Long-tail Green-Finches, Cut-throats, Avadavats, and Gold-breasted Waxbills. Of course, merely as a place to live in for the birds—that is, leaving breeding results to chance, you could keep more, say, 30 to 40 small Finches and Waxbills. You must use ½in. mesh wire netting to enclose the bushes, and all glass must be covered with same on the inside.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

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"Bad Luck."—Pneumo-enteritis, that is, inflammation of the bowels, complicated with pneumonia, due to ptomaine poisoning. The egg food may be the source of the trouble.

Meax.—Rupture of the liver, arising from violence, and causing death from haemorrhage.

C. Harrison.—Broncho-pneumonia, arising from a cold. Sorry I did not note your remarks re sex of bird until re-reading your letter, so overlooked this at time of post-mortem examination.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. Carter.—The method of breeding mealworms was explained on page 59 of our last issue by Mr. Fulljames in his British bird queries.

R. G. R.—The body sent is that of a male Cirl Bunting. By the way, you kept this until pretty "high" before favouring us with it.

A. Bishop.—Thanks for the photograph, which we shall be pleased to utilise in the near future.

Churchman.—We will convey the purport of your letter to the author of the article, but must respectfully decline to take any action ourselves in so delicate a matter.

The Popular Moorhens.

Among the water-birds the Moorhens are as well known as any, and if they inhabit a district at all they are popular because of being so particularly tame and confiding. Their nest is a collection of weeds and water-plants, generally pretty well hidden among the rushes. When the young are hatched, the old birds will sometimes form another nest in a more open and sunny spot. This they do for the benefit of the young, who crowd into the new structure.

Nature Study in the Council Schools.

A writer in a "Daily" condemns the nature classes at the Board schools. He fears that the "love" of animal life, as instilled into the minds of thoughtless children, will be fatal to the existence of bird life round London. Another correspondent takes up the cudgels in favour of the boys, and considers that they are only carrying out part of their natural duties in checking the spread of bird life. Unfortunately children have no discrimination, they are as happy while rifling the homes of such rare birds as the Goldcrest and Hawfinch as when appropriating the eggs of the common Sparrow.

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Among the green branches and blossoms of spring?
I wish you would tell me, for then, don't you see,
I'll ask the same person to try and teach me.

I wonder, whenever I hear you, if you
Have to sit in a tree for an hour or two,
And practise your dear little twitter and trill
When it is so dreadfully hard to keep still.

When you want to play in the sunshine all day,
Does somebody hold up a finger and say
As solemnly, 'Now, little birdie, stay so
And carefully practise your do, re, mi, do?'

Do you have to learn about octaves and thirds,
And chords and arpeggios and other hard words?
And those terrible scales? Why, of all that I do
I think them the hardest to practise. Do you?

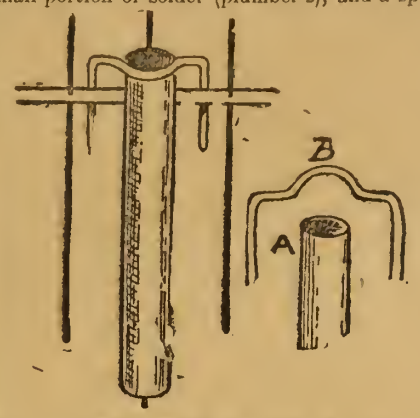
Well, however you do, I am sure of one thing,
That I have to practise before I can sing;
And with all I may learn, and the best I can do,
I never shall sing, little birdie, like you.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 629.
A Holder to Keep Green-food Fresh.
Sent by Mr. S. Golding, 283, Milkwood Road, Herne Hill, S.W.

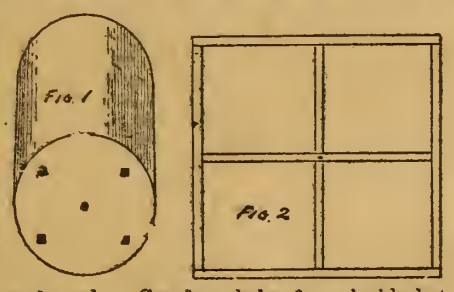
Herewith is an illustration of a green-food holder which should be found useful. The idea struck me some months ago, and I thought it might be useful to some of your readers. It is made by first obtaining a buttonhole flower-holder costing one penny, also three inches of stout, tinned wire, and a small portion of solder (plumber's), and a spot



of zinc chloride, which is made by putting a small piece of zinc in a little spirits of salt. Then bend wire as shown in B, well clean the centre all over by rubbing with sand-paper, then clean neck of flower-holder, A, in the same way, paint both parts with the zinc chloride, and place in position as per illustration. Lay the solder on top and hold joint over gas-ring flame until the solder runs into the crevice between holder and wire, and all is complete. Water kept in the holder keeps the green food fresh, and consequently more nutritious.

No. 630.
An Ingenious Seed Hopper.
Sent by Mr. F. C. Dickens, 34, Vernon Street, Northampton.

I am sending a sketch of a useful seed hopper for the aviary. I have used the same for several years, and find it very convenient. It is made from a syrup tin, one pound size, and it is best to have one for each kind of



seed used. Cut four holes from inside bottom of tin with chisel, and punch small hole for screw, as shown in Fig. 1, then procure a square piece of wood and nail on strips of wood ¼in. square, forming four small trays, as shown in Fig. 2; place the tin in centre, and screw down tightly from inside with one hole over each tray.

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Attercliffe C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—W. Hallstone.
Bolton Roller C.S.—Aug. 12, Joiner's Arms, Deansgate, 8. Business very important.—J. Kinshaw.
Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Aug. 13, headquarters, 7.15. Committee meeting. Annual show business, etc., 8.30, Table Show, A.V. Canary, A.S. British. Judge, Mr. F. Dandridge. Special given by judge for best Yorkshire.—Will H. Gibb.
Barrow C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Gardner and Rickard's, 7.30. Annual show and nomination of judges.—A. Hudson.
Birmingham South O.S.—Aug. 20, Sydenham Hotel, 8. Please note date, very important.—J. Sheppard.
British Roller C.C.—Special notice: No meeting this month.—J. W. Norris.
Clapham C.B.A.—Aug. 5, 8.30. Special meeting. Arrangements for annual show.—T. J. Hose.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. "Questions to be Answered."—V. Wynn.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 9, headquarters, 7.—E. Jameson.
Dunfermline C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Co-op. Hall, 7. Arrangements for wild seeds ramble, etc.—R. T. Campbell.
East Ham F.S.—Aug. 14, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Arrangements for young stock show and general meeting.—W. Kite.
Empire Workmen's Club F. & F.C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Club Room, 7.30. Fanciers invited to attend to consider the penning for our show, etc.—W. Robinson.
Farnworth C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Payment of prize money, prize cards, etc.—W. Dawson.
Felling F. & F.S.—Aug. 13, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Reading of balance-sheet and auditor's report; also other business.—G. Garbutt.
Gateshead C.B.S.—Aug. 13, headquarters, 7.30. Subs. due.—W. Curry.
Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Aug. 9, Wesley Place School, 3. F.F. show. Birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. F. Self. Also distribution of Union handbooks.—W. A. Brown.
Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 9, Butchers' Arms.—J. Holroyd.
Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 9, Y.M. Halls, 7. Annual show business. Subs. due.—A. Thomson.
Leeds C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Discussion on colour feeding, opened by Mr. H. J. Mennard.—W. A. Wilson.
London and Counties A.C.B.—Aug. 16, The Globe, Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 9.—G. G. Stubbs.
Middlesex and Tees-side C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for open show.—A. Wake.
Manchester and Northern Counties C.S.—Aug. 11, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Amalgamated show and other important business.—H. Boothman.
Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—Aug. 14, Pied Bull Hotel, 8.30. Show business, etc.—H. A. Waddington.
North Staffordshire R.C.C.—Aug. 9, Evans's Cafe, High Street, Newcastle, 7.—J. Tomlinson.
Northern Counties N.P.C.—Aug. 14, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Debate on colour feeding, opened by Mr. W. Curry.—F. W. Laidlow.
Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Aug. 11, Pellar's Cafe, 8. Table show, 4 classes each section, champion and novice.—M. C. Potts.
Oldham C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business, etc.—J. Cope.
Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Half-yearly statement of accounts and arrange series of table shows.—F. Washbourne.
Pontypridd F. & F.S.—Aug. 9, Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, 8. Compiling schedule; initiating ten new members, bringing total to 62; other business.—A. A. G. McLucas.
Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business. Probably Union Hand Book ready.—H. Raistrick.
Stanley Vic. Club F.F. & C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Victoria Club, 10.30 a.m. Trip and other important business.—R. Peart.
Sale C.B.S.—Aug. 11, 10, Brook Street, Sale, 8. Selection of judges for open show. Printing tenders, classification, etc.—H. Whitney.
Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Aug. 11, headquarters, 7.45. Classes for annual show. To discuss the conditions re entries for Filmer's Cup. Every member must attend.—W. Broadbridge.
Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Liberal Club, 8. Business important.—F. Hampshire.
South London Col. and F.A.—Aug. 14, headquarters, 8. General meeting.—G. F. Crawford.
Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Aug. 13, Reid Hall, 8. Medal for most points to be awarded.—J. Waugh.
Swansea C.B.A.—Aug. 12, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Decide place for open show; also other show business.—S. D. George.
Thatto Heath O.S.—Aug. 11, Railway Hotel, 8. Consideration of open show; business important.—H. Cuttler.
Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 12, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Union books.—W. Walker.
Wakefield Roller C.C.—Aug. 10, Elephant and Castle Inn, 7.30. Show business.—H. Roebuck.
Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Station Hotel, 7.30. Cup business; important.—M. Wigglesworth.
Wandsworth F.S.—Aug. 14, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8.—W. Lightfoot.
Watford C.B.S.—Aug. 13, headquarters, Essex Arms Hotel, 8.15. Balance-sheet and pay prize money of Y.B. show.—W. Rackley.
West Stanley C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Adoption of schedule for annual show.—W. Elliott.
Wibsey C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. N.F. show. Judge, Mr. R. Wilkinson.—H. C. Crossley.
Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of Ireland.—Aug. 11, 47, York Street, 8. Question night.—C. Lattimore.
York C.B.S.—Aug. 11, All Saints' Room, 8. Lecture on wild seeds by Mr. F. B. Sissons. Appointment of judge for club show.—H. Sayles.

In the Kingfisher's Haunt.

By the quiet stream, flowing slowly through the meadows, one can occasionally get a glance of the gorgeous Kingfisher as he darts away like a stream of coloured light. Sit quietly under the lee of a bush, and we shall probably see him alight on yonder dead branch, suddenly peer downwards with excited look, drop like a stone, returning almost instantly with his prey.

A Nuisance to the Neighbours.

Allegations Against a Canary Breeder at Bradford.

A case of considerable interest to the Canary Fancy was heard at the Bradford Police Court on July 29, when James Clark, 59, Hustler Street, was summoned for creating a nuisance by keeping Canaries in an attic. Mr. H. R. Watling, from the Town Clerk's department, prosecuted, and Mr. T. I. Clough defended.

When the case was called the Stipendiary magistrate inquired if the defendant was summoned for creating a noise.—Mr. Watling: No, sir; a noisome smell. (Laughter.)—Mr. Watling stated that the defendant indulged in the unusual pastime of breeding Canaries in the attic. This being an annoyance to the neighbours, notices had had to be served upon the defendant. The number of Canaries kept by the defendant varied from 20 to 200. The Canaries were fed on stuff which seemed to attract mice, numbers of which invaded the room, and the inspector found as many as nine mouse-traps in use there. The smell that greeted the inspector on his visit was better imagined than described.

An inspector said that on one occasion he found over 200 Canaries in the room. There was a fearful smell in the place, which was also very dirty. The defendant had to light his pipe before he could enter the room. The smell was perceptible all over the house.

Mr. Frank White, the chief sanitary inspector, gave evidence to the effect that the keeping of these birds in such great numbers was against good sanitation.

The Stipendiary Magistrate: Is this keeping of Canaries a common thing in Bradford?—Mr. White: There is a good deal of it done, I believe. We have served notices in several cases, and an improvement has been effected.

The Number; and the Mice.

The Stipendiary Magistrate: Is there any limit as to the number to be kept?—Mr. White: Perhaps if there were only half a dozen no objection would be taken. Another reasonable objection was that the mice got into the false roofs of the adjoining houses and "danced about" during the night.

Mr. T. I. Clough, for the defendant, suggested that these birds were prize Canaries, and it was in the interests of the defendant that the place should be kept spotlessly clean.—The Stipendiary Magistrate: But you could not keep prize pigs in a bedroom.

Mr. Clough raised an objection that the Canary was not an animal within the meaning of the Act of Parliament.—The Stipendiary Magistrate: It is not a vegetable or a mineral. The Act implies any living thing the keeping of which might constitute a nuisance.

Mr. Clough, continuing, said that the defendant had kept Canaries in this way for fifty years. The attic was not used as a bedroom, but kept solely for the birds. There had only been complaints from one neighbour, who had a substantial interest in making the defendant suffer. The place was kept clean.

The defendant gave evidence, and said he had kept Canaries for fifty years in the same place. He had had as many as 500 at one time. He had never had complaints from neighbours, for they had never seen the birds. It was to his advantage to keep the birds clean. He had taken steps to keep the mice out of the room, and had lined the walls with sheet iron.

Mr. George Taylor, the well-known bird fancier and judge, said he had visited thousands of bird-rooms in various parts of the country. There were more Canary keepers in Bradford than in Norwich.

Mr. Watling: But it is stated that there are 20,000 people who keep Canaries in Norwich.

Mr. Taylor said he had visited the defendant's rooms, and the birds were as well kept as any he had ever seen.

The Stipendiary Magistrate remarked that he had no doubt there were too many Canaries kept in this room, and there must be smells which should not exist. "You must tell your client, Mr. Clough, that he must reduce the number of his birds."—Mr. Clough: This case will affect a very large number of Canary breeders, sir.

Mr. Wilberforce said he would not inflict a penalty this time, but would make an order for the nuisance to be abated within fourteen days.

A Local Paper's Views.

Commenting on the above case, the "Bradford Daily Telegraph" says:—

Canary farming is a more popular pastime in Bradford than many people imagine, and in the opinion of one of the best authorities there are more persons in the Canary fancy in Bradford than in Norwich itself. Conducted on the best lines the fancy is also one of the most profitable in the feathered world, and quite a number of our citizens find in it a considerable part of their income. The attempt of the Corporation Health Committee to interfere with the fancy is not appreciated in these circles, and it ought in fairness to be stated that there is little cause for complaint regarding the way Canaries are kept in this city. It is just as much in the interests of the Canary breeder himself that strict cleanliness should be observed, for the bright little yellow bird is one of the most intelligent and sensitive of all the feathered tribe.

What a Norwich Paper Thinks.

The "Eastern Daily Press," published at Norwich, remarks:—

"The case heard at Bradford Police Court will be read with quite as much interest in Norwich as in the Yorkshire town itself. We confess that we had no idea, before reading this case, that there was any other town in England which claimed to rival Norwich as a Canary breeding centre. Bradford, it appears, makes a claim not only to rivalry, but to supremacy; and it was stated in court that there are more Canary breeders there than here, in the traditional home of the industry. We should want something more than a casual statement in a police court before accepting any such claim.

"On the point raised in this case, as to whether Canary breeding in cottage homes leads to insanitation, an issue of considerable importance is raised. Carried on in a reasonable way, Canary breeding as a home hobby may be, and in the majority of cases is, a pleasant addition to the interests of the family. But it is with Canary breeding as with everything else. It is possible to overdo it. In this particular case there does not seem to be any question as to the existence of a nuisance.

"The defending solicitor remarked that the decision would affect a very large number of Canary breeders. So far as Norwich is concerned, we hope it will not, and that here locally Canary breeding is carried on under conditions which could not be described as a nuisance. A home which is primarily a home, with Canary breeding carried on in it as a hobby, is all right; but a home which is primarily a Canary breeding place, with the comfort of the home regarded as a secondary consideration, is all wrong; and we should be better without a Canary breeding industry if the amenities of a decent home life have to be sacrificed to it. Such cases are, we imagine, rare in Norwich."

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A Talented Starling.

Sir,—I have a Starling that sings, whistles and talks. I will give you a few of the things he says. If my wife gives him what he likes he says "Ta, dear Mum." If he does not like it he says, "You tease me; you are saucy." We have taught him to whistle the soldiers' bugle call, and when he has done it he says: "Ain't it nice? Come and kiss me." If he hears baby cry he says, "That's a pretty baby; kiss missus." We are willing to allow any lady or gentleman to see and hear him on presentation of their card. He is not for sale. He is now six years old.

Edward Laxton.

129, Tottenham Road, N.E.

Birds That Remained Widowers

Curious Story of a Crow and a Thrush.

Sir,—In the "Irish Times," a writer signing himself "Ovins," relates some curious things concerning a Crow and a Thrush. He says:—About my residence there is an aged Crow, ten or eleven years old. Several years ago this Crow lost his mate, and has never formed a second alliance. When the others are building their nests he sits alone on his perch, quietly looking on. One day last year I found him very busy feeding two young birds which had lost their male parent. He helped to rear them till they were old enough to look after themselves. Last March he appeared to have resumed his solitary life, but later found another nest of orphans in the rookery, to which he is still devoting his attention. There is in my garden a Thrush which also lost his mate some years ago, and he also remains solitary. On summer evenings I often see him perched on the top of the tree wherein he used to build his nest, but he never sings a note. I would very much like to know if these are peculiar instances of fidelity, or would all birds of the species be likely to act in the same way if bereaved in the same way? P. Finnigan.

Two Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrids Reared this Season.

Sir,—I thought perhaps it might be of some interest to your many readers to know of my breeding two Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrids. These are now ten weeks old. I hatched out five more, which died at five days old. I have not heard of any others of this cross being bred this season. F. Mascall.

A Wagtail's Peculiar Nesting Place.

Sir,—Whilst Mr. Eli Parish, employed as a packer on the L. and S.W. Railway, was recently engaged in weeding the permanent way near Egloskerry Station, Cornwall, he discovered a Wagtail's nest under the off-sets of a crossing which connects the loop with the main line. The nest, being built directly under the off-sets, is sheltered from the weather by the metals. It is built chiefly of cotton-waste used at the station for cleaning purposes. There are four young birds in it, and several trains pass over the crossing daily. Western Star.

Mule Breeding in the Olden Times.

With Some Observations on the Production of White Canaries.

Sir,—In the first place I was very pleased with the beautiful coloured plate you gave in Cage Birds of the White Canaries. I little thought that they would become a recognised breed. In the eighties I used to go into Mule breeding strongly and had then made a good strain of Sib. hens, especially for muling them with the Goldfinch only. To get this strain I used the largest Norwich birds I could obtain, in fact some were Crest-bred birds, but not of the immense feather these birds have to-day. In breeding from them I resorted to the "Sib," or in-breeding system. I used to breed yellow to yellow and buff to buff for some years, father to daughter, and son to mother. After a few years breeding in this way I had got the blood so well set that from the double buffs I frequently got a "White" Canary, which I then thought was "no colour at all;" such birds I discarded as early as possible as quite useless for Mule breeding, for I did not want the Mules to be a "white" colour. My object in those early days was a bright sound yellow, and that is the reason I used to always "double yellow" a pair or two each year; then I crossed these with the double buffs. Now and then, by so doing, I upset my "apple-cart," as the buff blood was stronger and more vigorous than the yellow. I inbred the yellows so much that they were a very raggy miserable lot, and hardly worth a gift. What some fanciers thought of them may be gathered from the fact that I was offered 1s. each for them, and cocks at that. Of course I thankfully declined the generous offer and kept my mouth shut over them, for I did not wish my secret (as it was most certainly then) to get out. From this inbreeding of the yellows, and from the most miserable and ragged of the hens, I got some of the most beautiful yellow-marked Mules any one might wish to see. At that time, I might as well state, I solely depended upon the hens to bring up the Mules. Some of the hens, being so highly bred, were very weak, and many a good Mule I lost, both in the shell dead and in the early stages from seven to ten days' old, most probably through the hen's weakness. Had I then the experience I have now, I think I might have raised and saved many a good bird. Let me most strongly impress upon young breeders who take up this hobby of Mule breeding always to have a pair put up at the same time to act as feeders or foster-mothers, for you may never know what you may want. It is very disheartening, after having Mules hatch out, to find that the parents refuse to feed, and that you have nothing to put the young under. When I had this choice strain of "Sibs," I was a bit bigoted and thought that the Mules of any other Finch but the Goldfinch were no good, and not worth trying after, so did not go in for using either the Linnet or Siskin. We then had no fancy paper to run to for advice. Old fanciers of over thirty years' standing must now acknowledge the great good that a paper such as Cage Birds has done the Fancy by giving information and helping them in many ways. Wonderful progress and improvements have been made in the different varieties of Canaries, Mules, and Hybrids, and I dare say if we could get some letters from the old breeders of thirty years ago they would prove very interesting and many a wrinkle would be learnt, but I daresay some of them don't like to report their failings and mistakes. For myself, I am always ready to admit where I had failures, for many I had in those early days, as they may benefit others and prevent them making similar mistakes. No hard and fast rules can be laid down in Muling; patience and common sense are the most essential qualifications. Just a word on the sentimental; some years ago I put up some Canaries for breeding. I did this one Sunday morning; my wife told a lady that I had that morning put up a pair for breeding. This lady then said as I had put them up on Sunday I should not raise any young from them; which turned out a true prophecy, for I did not, and she gave me a parting a piece of advice gratis, that I should always put up my birds with a new moon and never when the moon was on the wane. Of course all that nonsense is only superstition. I was also given the advice respecting Bullfinch hens when I first began to use them for breeding (this is now some 25 years ago), that I should always feed the hens (Bullies) solely on hemp seeds, as this would cause them when they moulted to assume the black plumage, and this would be given to the offspring. I have always been a believer in hemp for Bullfinches, and have had some hundreds in my time, and I can only say that with all the birds I have had only one has turned black from the hemp seeds, which they have had ad lib, and that was a cock, but they always had in addition any amount of green food and, in season, young shoots of various trees and the tender shoots of the plum with aphides on. Another old fancier once gave me a great secret, as he called it, that when you put hens up you should give them a stimulant in the water, i.e., a small quantity of gin. This was, he told me, a sure prevention of egg-binding, and also brought the hens into breeding condition. I did try it and used it some time 25 years ago, but I cannot say that I derived much benefit from that grand recipe, although I have since that time given hens a little in the water when they have been egg-bound. I have since proved that it is a great mistake to over-feed hens before they are put up, or to give them too much stimulating food. The great secrets which I had given me in these days of long ago have since caused me many a good laugh, although they were given me in good faith, and as great tips. How the times have altered since those "dark days" of the Fancy! At the present day, nearly all the various breeds have improved almost out of recognition. What a contrast there would be if the Norwich of to-day was shown against the Norwich of thirty years ago! They would be termed Borders now.

Hybrid.

How to Get One's Anxieties Relieved.

Sir,—I saw in the issue of Cage Birds for July 26th, a letter signed "Anxious," asking for information on certain questions with regard to the management of Canaries. I would suggest that if he read Cage Birds Annual, and also regularly and carefully read the answers to Queries in Cage Birds, "Anxious" would find all the knowledge he requires given in detail. As I get four consecutive numbers of Cage Birds I sew them together and save them. When I want to know anything I look up the queries or articles, and can always find an answer. Besides, it is always interesting to read old numbers of Cage Birds. Shellback.

Have You Seen the "Water Jack"?

An Ornithological Marvel which Hides Her Nest and Eggs Under Water.

Sir,—I think somebody has been having a bit of fun with us people in Glasgow. Have you ever heard of a bird which pulls its nest and eggs under water to escape observation? Yet this is what was told us in the natural history column of the "Glasgow Evening Times" the other day. The writer says:—"A few weeks ago, during one of our moorland rambles, we discovered a pond in a sheltered nook among the hills. As we sat smoking among the heather our attention was drawn to a bird, which was hovering above the water about ten yards from the shore. At first I took little notice, but my friend, who was watching eagerly, said he saw something like a nest in the water. At once my interest was aroused, and doffing our boots and stockings we waded out to the spot. The water was little more than knee-deep, but to our surprise both nest and bird had disappeared. My companion was mystified; he was positive he had seen a nest. We waded back to the shore to await developments. In a few minutes the nest again appeared, floating among the rushes. My friend arranged to remain on land and watch, while I again waded out to solve the mystery. As I approached the nest I was amazed to see it gradually disappearing under the water, but making a rush I secured it, while the parent bird came to the surface a few yards away, and assailed me with plaintive cries. The ingenious tactics of the Water Jack may be briefly explained. The nest is built to float among the rushes, but on the approach of danger the parent bird, which has been sitting on eggs, immediately dives overboard. She seizes one of the tough tendrils hanging from the bottom of the nest, and drags her house under water. She has been known to remain submerged for five minutes at a time. The nest we found on this occasion contained five eggs." A. Ferguson.

Curious Site for the Nest of a Nightingale.

Sir,—I was shown a few days ago, in the garden of a neighbour, the nest from which a brood of young Nightingales had just flown. It was placed under the eaves of a shed, about five feet nine inches from the ground, partly in a hole in the wall, and partly in the jasmine which grew up it. I had previously repeatedly seen and heard the Nightingales in the garden, and had talked to the gardener about them, asking him to let me know if he found the nest. Unfortunately my friend, the owner, was away for a fortnight or so when the nest was found, and the birds often seen feeding the young in the nest. My friend returned home the day after the young left the nest, and told me about it. The gardener and a maid who had seen the old birds feeding the young, and watched them leading the young away from the nest, pointed out the birds they had seen, which were Nightingales. The gardener is a sensible man, who knows the common birds of the neighbourhood well. The nest was a large structure of moss, hair, etc., and large numbers of oak leaves.

Walter B. Nicholls.

[The above letter appears in the August number of that very interesting magazine entitled "British Birds," published by Messrs. Witherby and Co., price 1s.—Ed. "C.B."]

A Lecture on Wild Bird Life Before the Sheffield O.S.

Sir,—Owing to Mr. G. Fletcher being away on holiday, the meeting of the Sheffield O.S. announced for Aug. 12, has been postponed to Aug. 19. Mr. Fletcher has undertaken to give a lecture, "Bird Life through Camera and Field-glass," on the latter date. This will be most interesting, a good many of the plates having been obtained under very difficult circumstances. We are hoping to have a record attendance, and are throwing our doors open to all fanciers and friends, at Rose and Crown Hotel at 8 p.m. sharp.

J. A. T. Woodall,
Press Correspondent S.O.S.

Fighting for Their Homes.

The Swallows and Their Enemies.

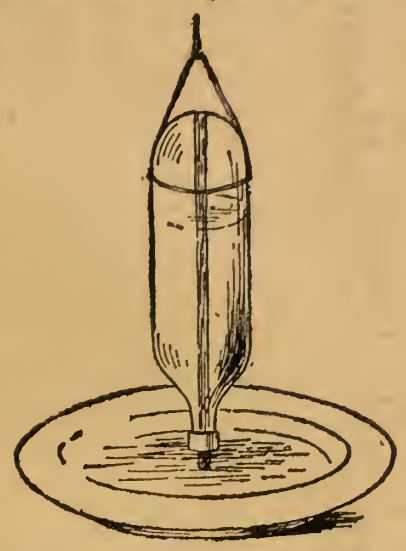
Sir,—I have noticed myself how the Sparrows and Swallows sometimes fight in the spring over nesting sites, and thought these few lines from a weekly contemporary might interest other readers. The writer says:—

It is the Sparrows and Starlings, rivals for the nesting sites, who show themselves the irreconcilable enemies. Terrific battles are continually enacted with varying fortunes, and the anecdotes of these frays would fill a volume. Jesse tells of a feud at Hampton Court, in the course of which the Swallows, having only then completed their nest, were evicted by Sparrows, who forthwith took possession and hatched out their eggs. Then came Nemesis, for the Sparrows were compelled to go foraging for food with which to fill the greedy beaks, and during their enforced absence the Swallows returned in force, threw the nestlings out, and demolished the home. The Sparrows sought other quarters, and the Swallows triumphantly built a new nest on the ruins of the old. A German writer relates a case of revolting reprisal on the part of some Swallows against a Sparrow which appropriated their nest and refused to quit. After repeated failure to evict the intruder, the Swallows, helped by other members of the colony, calmly plastered up the front door so effectually that the unfortunate Sparrow was walled up alive and died of hunger. This refined mode of torture is not unknown in the history of mankind, but seems singularly unsuited to creatures so fragile. C. A. Thomas.

How a Bottle Makes a Useful Water Fountain.

Interesting Variation of an Old Idea.

Sir,—The sketch shows a bottle fountain for an aviary. Tie a piece of string around bottle, with a loop as shown in drawing. Adjust another piece of string or wire so that when the bottle is hung from the roof it will



be just clear from the bottom of a plate placed underneath. Cut a piece of stick so that it projects a little when put into the bottle (if you want an inch of water let it project one inch). Fill the bottle with water, and partially fill the plate; then insert the stick and turn the bottle upside down into the water. The water in the plate will keep fresh, and at the same level as long as there is any in the bottle. W. Purves.

The Cultivation of Wild Plants for Cage Birds

By R. MORSE (Hitchin).

SECTION 2: PERENNIAL PLANTS.

(Continued from page 482).

THE plants to be dealt with in this article differ from those which have received consideration in earlier numbers of Cage Birds, in that they do not die completely away at the approach of winter. The stems and leaves may in most, if not all, cases die down to the level of the ground, but the roots persist, to burst forth into growth with renewed vigour in the following spring. It will thus be seen that those who have but little time at their disposal can make one sowing suffice for several years, if the proper species be chosen.

Most perennial plants thrive better if their roots are divided—or at any rate transplanted into a fresh situation—about every three years. This operation may be performed in the autumn, after the crop of seeds has been gathered, or early in the following spring before the new season's growth has commenced. It may be interesting to note that most perennial weeds can be safely removed from the field to the garden without injury. Indeed, many cultivators prefer this method on account of its greater simplicity, and also because mature plants producing larger crops can be secured in a much shorter space of time.

Take these "Tips" when Transplanting.

As a general rule, it must never be forgotten that perennials should not be transplanted during their flowering seasons, or a great check to their growth is likely to result, and the entire crop of plants may be lost. Further, transplanting should not be carried out when frosty weather is probable, or the plants may die before being able to accommodate themselves to their new surroundings. A few additional notes on this subject will be given under the individual plants, where necessary. Perhaps it should be mentioned here that the method of transplanting which is often so convenient in the case of perennial plants, is practically valueless where annuals are concerned. As was mentioned in a former article, hardy annuals seldom bear transplanting well, and as they all die at the end of their first fruiting season, one is practically never repaid for the trouble taken.

Although a richly manured soil is undesirable in the cultivation of almost all wild plants, soils which are extremely poor, or sour, will not produce good crops. A detailed discussion of soils and manuring would be out of place here, but it may be of interest to some readers to know that a light dressing of lime is an excellent remedy for sour soils; and that a pinch or two of saltpetre sprinkled round each root is a valuable stimulant for plants which appear stunted in growth, or lacking a healthy appearance. Excess is to be most carefully guarded against.

Those who grow perennials from seeds will find that in most cases the plants will mature much more readily if transplanted from the seed beds to their permanent situations as soon as large enough to handle conveniently. Although the plants will mature where sown, if properly thinned out and cared for, yet in the majority of cases one is amply repaid for the extra trouble taken in transplanting them as suggested above.

An Elegant and Useful Couple.

The Great Knapweed (Centaurea scabiosa) is a stout plant about three feet in height, bearing large, crimson, ornamental flowers; and as each specimen increases in size year by year, ample room must be allowed. If the plants become overcrowded after a year or two, some should be thinned out and transplanted elsewhere. For



The Meadowsweet, the Quaking-Grass, and the Wallflower (with seed-pod).

the first season, about a foot or so should be allowed for each plant, but later on considerably more room may be required. The drills should be not more than half an inch deep (the seeds being covered with fine soil), and the rows some fifteen inches apart. Seeds may be sown at any time from April to August, June being a very suitable month. The plant is common in dry pastures and by waysides, from which places its roots may be safely removed to the garden during the month of September. It is always advisable when transplanting to retain a fair quantity of soil round the roots of the plants, and to water them freely at first if the weather be at all dry. A white-flowered variety may sometimes be met with, which is a distinctly ornamental plant.

Common Quaking-Grass (Briza media) commonly reaches a height of about a foot, and on account of its light and graceful appearance, is of a decidedly elegant nature, and very useful for associating with cut flowers for table decoration. It is a common grass in dry pastures and on downs, where it is in flower during June and July. Those who wish to grow it from seed may sow the latter in shallow drills at any time from April to July, giving only a light covering of fine soil, on account of the small size of the seeds. The rows need be only a few inches apart, as the plants do not require much room, and if the seed be sown thinly, perhaps no weeding out may be necessary. Cultivators who wish to remove the plants from their natural habitat into the garden should search the situations above indicated during July and August, carefully uplifting with a small trowel such plants as appear to have matured, and retaining a ball of soil round each clump of roots. Quaking-Grass will not succeed in shady situations.

Two Fragrant Flowers.

The Wallflower (Cheiranthus cheiri), although frequently occurring in a wild state on old walls and such-like places, is not generally considered a native species. It commonly attains a height of from one to two feet, and is in bloom from April to June, its masses of flowers giving off the well-known pleasant fragrance. In cultivation the wallflower is best treated as a biennial; that is, the seed should be sown every year. This should be done in early summer, when the seeds may be scattered broadcast in prepared beds, and lightly covered with fine soil. As soon as large enough to handle, the plants should be transplanted, or weak, straggling plants will result. Later on they may be finally removed to where they are required to flower, about a foot or more being allowed from plant to plant. Wallflowers delight in a sunny situation, and a rich soil is quite unsuitable for their culture. It is generally best to discard the old plants after the crop of seed has been gathered, though some gardeners propagate this plant by means of cuttings, or slips, which take root readily in a light, sandy soil, and after standing the winter, make nice strong plants for flowering the next season.

A Liking for Moist Places.

The Meadowsweet (Spiræa ulmaria) is a common plant in moist places, and by river sides, where its masses of creamy-white, fragrant flowers are in their beauty during almost the whole of the summer months. It is a tall, strong plant, from two to four feet in height, and requires a good deal of room for its full development. It is of little use to attempt the cultivation of the meadowsweet unless a very moist spot, such as a river-bank, or lake-side, be available. In such situations it is really elegant, and strong plants removed from their natural habitat during early autumn will readily establish themselves under favourable conditions. If desirable to grow from seed, the latter may be sown from April to July, the young plants being transplanted when large enough, in order to prevent their being drawn up unnaturally, and finally removed to their permanent situation in early autumn, so that they may become well rooted before winter sets in. *(To be continued.)*

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union Street, July 26, for time. 1, Syddall, 144sec.; 2, Edwards, 97; 3, Green, 90. After contest a most enjoyable evening was spent. Fortnightly contest will be held Nov. 9 for time; first pair at 2.45. Will all members try and be present? Business as to future of the club.—E. Hickman, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing for quality held at Skinners' Arms, Bushlingthorpe Lane, Aug. 3; 18 sang for three prizes, given by Mr. A. Fishwick, when some very good singing was heard for the time of the year, many of the birds being in the moult. 1, Sellers; 2, King; 3, shared between Ward and Granger. Judges, T. C. Summers and C. Clayton.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' special sing held headquarters, Commercial Hotel, August 2. Twenty birds took part for eight good prizes. 1, Potter; 2, Liversedge; 3, 6, 7, Cooper; 4, Tomlin; 5, Atkinson; 8, Bath; consolation prize, W. Perkin. The prizes were presented by Mr. J. Cooper, a willing worker at our sings. Members' sing will be held as usual, August 9; first pair in window at 3.15.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

The Shows.

HOLMFIRTH C.B.S.

F.F. show held Aug. 1. Judge, Mr. Ralph Greensmith, of Lockwood. YELL.: 1, 4, Brown; 2, c, Charlesworth; 3, vhc, Beaumont; hc, Smith. BUFF.: 1, vhc, Beaumont; 2, 3, Charlesworth; 4, hc, Brown; c, Smith.—T. Smith, sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Second F.F. show held July 26. Although there was only the moderate entry of 27, some capital birds were staged. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) judged. CLASS 1: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Sheard; 4, hc, Ellis; vhc, Binns. CLASS 2: 1, Wharton; 2, 3, Wood; 4, Ellis; hc, Allen, Ellis; c, Sheard. CLASS 3: 1, Allen; 2, Wood; 3, 4, vhc, Ellis; hc, Wharton. CLASS 4: 1, Wood; 2, Ellis; 3, Wharton.—J. Bamford, Hon. Sec.

FARNWORTH C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show held Aug. 2 in Church House Club Rooms, about 50 birds being staged. Mr. James Hopkins, Bolton, judged.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Spilby. BUFF.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Spiby. NOR. YELL.: 1, hc, Lawton; 2, Marginson; 3, vhc, c, Dawson. BUFF.: 1, c, Lawton; 2, 3, Dawson; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Marginson. CL. ROLLER: 1, Chappell; 2, Bold; 3, Horsfield; vhc, Spiby. VARIEG.: 1, Horsfield; 2, Partington; 3, hc, Chappell; vhc, Spiby; c, Bold. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, Halliday; 2, Horsfield; 3, Mellor; hc, Chappell. YORKS.: 1, 2, Tootill. ROLLERS. Old Birds: 1, 2, Spiby; 3, Marginson. HARD.: 1, Hulme; 2, Spiby. SELL.: 1, Marginson; 2, Tootill.—W. Dawson, sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Second Y.B. show, held July 26, at Fountain Inn. Some very promising youngsters were staged, and were ably judged by Mr. L. Dykes, Bolton Woods. His awards were well received. Mr. J. Chippendale's buff uneven marked won special for best bird in champion section, and Mr. G. A. Simonett's ticked yellow best in novice. Mr. J. Chippendale won most points.

CHAMP. YORKSHIRES.—CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, Lee; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, 4, Chippendale. BUFF: 1, 2, Chippendale; 3, 4, Lee. MKD. YELL. CINN. OR GR.: 1, Chippendale; 2, 4, S. Wilcock; 3, J. Wilcock. BUFF: 1, sp, Chippendale; 2, Lee; 3, S. Wilcock. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, Simonett; 2, 4, Pearson; 3, vhc, Shaw; hc, Close. BUFF: 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Close. MKD. YELL. CINN. OR GR.: 1, 2, Shaw; 3, 4, Close; vhc, Pearson. BUFF: 1, Simonett; 2, Pearson. NOR.: 1, 3, Pearson; 2, 4, Simonette. Sam Wilcock, Hon. Sec.

RUTLAND C.B.S.

Annual show held in Lime Kilns Field, Oakham, Aug. 4. Entries were disappointing in number, but some grand birds were on view. If the cage bird section is to be a success, it should in future be advertised in CAGE BIRDS several weeks prior to the show. The day was an ideal one for the occasion, and a willing and hard-working committee looked after the wants of the birds. Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC.: 2, vhc, Lewin, buff, mkd. on skull, grand shape, good head and neck, lovely body, short flights and tail, good col.; 1st withheld. CREST, OR C.B.: 2, vhc, Gibson, varieg., buff D.C., good front, leafy crest, well formed feather on top, good shape and size, and a varieg. buff C.B., lovely feather and condition, shown in pink of condition, fails in head feather; hc, Swinburn; 1st withheld. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Hibbitt, cl. buff, a gem, grand upstanding bird, lovely shape, grand head and well filled neck, lovely body, well up on leg, steady, soon in position, well shown; 2, Hedworth, varieg. yell., beautiful stamp, grand col., lovely shape and length, excellent poise, neat wings and tail; 3, Harriman, cl. buff, lovely qual. and shape, good even col. YORKS., 1913: 2, Harriman, cl. buff, good type and shape, neat head, neck, and body, lovely qual. of feather and carr. of wings and tail, good feather; vhc, Sharpe and Hibbitt; 1st withheld. MULE OR HYB.: 2, Fisher, grand Greenfinch Mule, lovely col. and qual., plenty of size, in good order; 3, vhc, Lewin, Goldf.-Greenf., showing parentage, good col. and qual. of feather, in grand form; 1st withheld. A.O.V. CAN.: 3, Martin, four-pointed yell. Bord., nicely mkd. eyes and wings, shown in box cage, should have been an open-top wire cage, good shape, neat head and body, close carr. of wings and tail; 1st and 2nd withheld. A.O.V. 1913: 2, Lewin, varieg. Nor., extra shape and size, good head, neck, and body, neat wing and tail, lovely col.; 1st withheld; vhc, Gibson. CAGE OF FOUR 1913 CANARIES: 2, Harriman, Yorkshires, 2 yell. and 2 buff, good average nest, grand shape and qual.; vhc, Culforth Yorkshires; 1st withheld. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Martin, Goldf., nice size, good rich soft col., scarlet blaze, grand back, bars, and moons, well tanned breast, very steady, a well-known winner; 2, Powlett, old winner, lovely blaze, back, bars, and moons, bit fat, and a little rough on sides of breast; 3, Ireland, Bullf., good condition, neat cap, good bars, fails in breast col.; vhc, Thompson; hc, Fisher; c, Miss Countless. A.O.BRIT.: 1, Martin, Pipit, lovely exhibit, steady as a Robin, lovely feather and condition; 3, Martin, Blackcap, good form, neatly staged, a little wild; vhc, Thornton, Bramble. FOR.: 1, hc, Martin, Tanager, lovely col. and condition, very distinct markings, grand qual. of feather; 2, C. Martin, Leadbeater, extra size, grand shape, lovely feather, in fine condition; 3, Cox, Diamond Finch, faultless condition, but outclassed against the winners, a credit to its owner; vhc, Brown; c, Thompson. LOCAL: CAN. OR MULE: 2, Swinburn, varieg. C.B., grand head, well cushioned, and grand size; 3, Harriman, buff Yorks., lovely condition, nice col., plenty of length, well up on leg, neat carr. of wings and tail; vhc, Thornton; hc, Sharp and Hibbitt; 1st withheld. BRIT. OR FOR.: 2, Thorpe, Goldf., neat little Finch, lovely blaze, rich col., good condition; 3, Carter, Bullf., plenty of size, good cap, back, and bars, nice coloured breast, fallen in moult; vhc, Thornton; hc, Lewin; 1st withheld.

TARBRAX C.B.S.

First Y.B. show of this society held in Institute Hall, July 26, when several birds of exceptional good quality were shown, and the members must be pleased indeed with the turnout of entries. Mr. Kean, Edinburgh, judged. Mr. Jas. Taylor gained medal for most points.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Agnew; vhc, hc, Powley. HEN: 1, Taylor; 2, Agnew. CL., ETC., BUFF CK.: 1, sp, Bryson; 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Gilmour; hc, c, Powley. HEN: 1, Bryson; 2, Taylor. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Agnew; 2, Gilmour; 3, Taylor; vhc, McLean; hc, c, Powley. YELL.: 1, 3, Gilmour; 2, Agnew; vhc hc, McLean. GR. OR CINN. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, McKinven; vhc, Jervis. YELL.: 1, Jervis; 2, D. McKinven; 3, N. McKinven; vhc, Powley. NAR. BUFF: 1, Agnew. YELL.: 1, 2, Agnew. MULE: 1, 2, Agnew; 3, McLean.—Jas. McIntyre.

DUBMIRE WORKMEN'S CLUB C.B.S.

Third annual N.F. show held July 26, Club Hall, which is an ideal place, being well lighted, well aired, and free from draughts. Mr. G. T. Lynn, the new secretary, (Mr. B. Robinson having resigned), had everything in good order, and was ably supported by a fine body of fanciers, headed by their genial chairman, Mr. J. Fenton, and committee, D. Hann, J. Atkinson, T. Stokeld, M. Dixon, J. Lowery, W. Finlay. Fine weather favoured the show, which we hope will soon be one of the best in the district. Mr. A. J. Notley, Hetton Downs, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Atkinson, grand young bird, good head and neck, fine qual. and col.; 2, Fenton, good shape, nice col., not so good in wing carr.; 3, Lowery, beaten in size, nice deep col. BUFF: 1, Atkinson, good one all over, good subs., neat head and lovely qual.; 2, hc, Fenton, lovely shape, short and cobby, scarcely the subs. of leader; 3, vhc, Fletcher, nice col., neat head, loses in size. BORD.: 1, 3, Fletcher, cl. yell., sweet one all over, good col., and qual., grand wing and tail carr.; 2, Fenton, nice shape, good carr., loses in col.; 3rd very similar to 2nd in shape and col. A.O.V.: 1, Fletcher, Green Nor., grand bird, one of the best Greens seen for some time; 2, Fenton, Yorks., grand bird, good position, slim, nicely tapered; 3, Lowery, green Nor., good bird, loses in col.; vhc, Black. BRIT.: 1, vhc, hc, Robinson, Greenie, grand shape and size for a yell., shown in the pink; 2, Finlay, Linnet, good, nicely pencilled; 3, Dixon, Greenie, good big bird. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Lynn.—B. Robinson.

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

The above society is evidently intent upon gaining for itself a position amongst the premier societies of the North, and being possessed by a true fancier's spirit, and in the hands of most capable management, it is pretty certain that the ambition will be realised. Formed a few months only, it has already a membership of half a hundred—keen fanciers to a man. The birds on show would have graced the tables of a society of maturer age in the Fancy. Yorkshire and Nor. classes were well filled, the buffs in each section being a remarkably fine lot. The wing-marked buff Yorks. owned by Mr. Walton, which took first, is a gem, being packed full of quality, while the buff Norwich owned by another novice, Mr. Wilson, is a real good one, and will be heard of again. This bird took first and special; special in Crests was taken by Mr. Ridley. Brownson and Hornsby took special for most points, Burns and Collingwood being runners-up. The society is most fortunate in securing Mr. Elliott as sec., he having already earned for himself the confidence and goodwill of all. Mr. Nattrass judged, and his awards were received with general satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, Watson, good long bird, wins in size, 3rd wing mkd.; 2, vhc, Brownson and Hornsby, nice tkd. yell., little shorter; r, hc, c, Crowther. BUFF: 1, sp, Walton, wing mkd., very promising, easily beats Yorks. in show; 2, 3, c, Moore, 2nd good one, not quite the length of winner, 3rd good shape, little on small side; r, Button; vhc, Dodds; hc, Brownson and Hornsby. NOR., YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Burns and Collingwood, 1st big cobby Nor., plenty of subs., 3rd good col. and feather; 2, Brownson and Hornsby, taking youngster, not fully grown, or might have gone up; r, Elliott. BUFF: 1, sp, hc, Wilson, good exhibit, plenty of subs., with type, fine feather and qual.; 2, r, vhc, Brownson and Hornsby, 2nd seems very young, little down in size, but full of qual.; 3, (name not given—Ed.), lot of substance, not so short, crosses wings a little; c, Ross. CREST: 1, Ridley, nice Crest, good shape, rather small; 2, Ridley, loses in size here; 3, Oughton, bird with best body subs., and good crest, but not so well staged. C.B.: 1, Oughton, rattling good one, plenty of width, good turnover, wealth of feather, promises well; 2, Ridley, much smaller. A.O.V.: 1, 2, no name, 1st nice cinnamon Bord., 2nd cl. Bord.; 3, 4, Robson, Budgerigars. BRIT.: 1, Britton, real good Linnet, good size and col., nicely mkd., 2nd Goldf., good col., bit small, 3rd Bullfinch.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Troon and Loans (Ayrshire).—Aug. 30, Unionist Hall, Troon. Judge, Mr. J. McLay. 19 open classes: Scotch Fancy 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 4, Brit. 6, Mules 2, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Aug. 26, to A. Shaw, 1, Fullarton Terrace.

Holmfirth (Yorks).—Aug. 23. Judge, Mr. C. R. Hampshire. Two classes: Can. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. Fee, 6d. Ent. close Aug. 16, to L. Sykes, Holmfirth.

Abergwili (S. Wales).—Aug. 28. National School. Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. Two classes, Brit. 1, Can. 1. Prizes, 3s., 2s. Fee, 6d. Ent. close Aug. 21 to T. Dempster, Dolgwilli, Carmarthen.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

TONG C.B.S.

Members' show held Aug. 2 Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, 62 birds were staged and well judged by Mr. L. Dykes, Bolton Woods.

CHAMP. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Hodgson junr.; 4, Hodgson sen. BUFF. (9): 1, 2, Casey; 3, Hadwin; 4, Hodgson junr. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Hodgson sen.; 2, Hodgson junr.; 3, 4, Gledhill. BUFF. (10): 1, 2, Casey; 3, Padgett; 4, Gledhill. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Baker; 2, Hellilwell and Jackson; 3, Ramsbottom; 4, Crabtree. BUFF. (11): 1, 4, Jennings; 2, Ramsbottom; 3, Crabtree. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Baker; 2, Hellilwell and Jackson. BUFF. (7): 1, Jennings; 2, Gee; 3, Ramsbottom; 4, Hellilwell and Jackson.—W. Walker, sec.

MATLOCK F.S.

Annual Y.B. show in the show room of Mr. J. W. Waterfall, of Matlock (kindly lent for the occasion). Mr. Nutt, Clay Cross, judged, and gave satisfaction. The show was followed by a meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, was selected to judge cage birds at the annual open show, Oct. 30th, which will also be a CAGE BIRDS coupon show.

NOR. CL. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, sp, 3, Dean; 2, res, Lill; vhc, Buxton. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, ex 3, vhc, Bean; res, Woolley; hc, Wain; c, Lill. YORKS.: 1, Wain. Specials offered by Mr. G. Poyser for best bird in show and by Mr. Nutt for best Norwich were won by Mr. J. Dean. Messrs. Slater and Boden, chairman and vice-chairman, were also the donors of cash prizes. The show was a success financially, and whilst the exhibits hardly reached the number of previous years, quality was very much in excess; the judge complimenting the exhibitors on the quality, also condition in which the birds were staged.—G. Poyser, hon. sec.

INVERNESS O.S.

Annual Y.B. show held July 26th Crown Mission Hall, Washington Court. The show was a decided success, there being over eighty entries, which considering the very poor breeding season in the "capital of the Highlands" was very satisfactory. The youngsters were deep in the moult, especially Crests, Crestbreds, and Yorks. Mr. John Connochie, the new sec., along with a band of willing workers had everything in good order, which augurs well for our show in Nov. Mr. K. McLean, Forres, judged, and his awards were well received. Special for best Crest of C.B. was won by Mr. R. McGregor with a Green Crest, best Nor., Mr. McDonald Beauly, with a nice well-balanced yellow cock; best Yorks., Mr. Junor, with a nice lengthy yellow cock; best Border, E. Chisholm, with a buff cock, which will be heard of later on; best Mule or Hybrid, Junor, Tomatin, with a Canary Bullie Hybrid, a beauty; best British, J. Duncan, a lovely Goldfinch. Some very nice British were staged and a second lot of winners could easily have been chosen, there being 17 in the class. Borders here in the north have come to stay, and nice teams were shown by Messrs. Simpson, Connochie, Chisholm, Falconer. Mules or Hybrids were a nice lot.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, sp, McGregor, G.C., a bit rough but will improve; 2, 3, Todd, nice clear body body and D.C., good heavy bird, but deep in moult, 3rd a beauty of a Green C.B., unfortunately minus a tail. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Junor, nice lengthy birds, will be looking for them later on in Nov.; 3, Smith, nice bird, lacks length of winners. BUFF: 1, 2, Junor; 3, Smith, a baby, will improve. BORD. YELL.: (9): 1, 2, 3, Simpson, a bonnie team, the envy of the show, well shown. BUFF.: 1, sp, Chisholm, nice Border, well put down, plenty life; 2, 3, Smith, nice brace, not much to choose from, close up to winner. YELL. NOR: 1, 2, sp, 1st nice yell., Bully type, lovely head, wins well, 2nd varieg., fails in body, hardly up in condition; 3, Hutchison, nice yell. cl., well shown. BUFF.: 1, 2, 3, Hutchison, not much to choose from, really a nice trio. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Junor, a beauty, Canary-Bullie, will be heard of later; 2, 3, Duncan, a pair of varieg. Goldie Mules, monsters considering their age, much admired. BRIT. (17) The largest class in the show: 1, 2, Duncan, 1st Goldfinch, beauty for col. and tannings, wins well, 2nd Siskin, clinker, black cap and bib, shown in tip-top condition; 3, Chisholm, Greenfinch, one of the largest we have seen; 4, Harcombe.

ANFIELD AND EVERTON C.B.S

N.F. show held July 26, in Mission Hall, Priory Grove, Everton. An entry of 96 cast great credit on the management; quality was very high. Greens were acknowledged to be the best seen out for years. Being shown by the novices, this speaks well for the Green Fancy during the coming season. The foul yellow owned by Mr. Fairclough Jones was a smasher, and easily carried away the best bird sp. Other sp. winners were: Champ.: Best cl. Yorks., Rawsthorne; green Yorks., W. Bell; Nor., J. Cooper. Novice: Cl. Yorks., M. E. Wilson; Green, Fairclough Jones; Tkd., D. Steinart; vhc, Mullen; Nor., Poole. The secs., Messrs. W. Walker and Redpath, shaped like old hands. Prize money and specials were paid out during the afternoon. Plenty of visitors turned up, so everything points to a financial success. Mr. T. Rowlands judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

YORK., CL. YELL.: 1, Rawsthorne, fine upstanding exhibit, rare shape, well filled in neck, breaking into moult; 2, 3, Huyton, not big ones, but exceptional qual. and type. BUFF: 1, Rawsthorne, looks like a yell. hen, capital feather, extra good legs and wing carr.; 2, Huyton, small, but shapely. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Bush and Burns, very racy, capital feather, neat legs and wings, well put down; 2, Poole, lovely type, grand qual.; 3, Huyton; vhc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2, Parsons, winner looks like a hen, if so, a good one, 2nd big one, just trifle loose in feather, good stock bird; 3, Bush and Burns; vhc, Cooper. YORKS., GR., SELF YELL.: 1, hc, W. Bell, great length, lovely pencilling, good shoulders and legs; 2, 3, Parson typical birds, grand tone of col., and well benched; vhc, Rawsthorne; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Bell, monsters, and good feathers with it, well pencilled; 3, Parson, good style, bright tone of col.; vhc, Rawsthorne. FOUL YELL.: 1, 3, Bell, nice exhibit, straight and well up on pins, capital col. and lacing; 2, Parsons, polished like marble, wonderful feather and cond.; vhc, Cooper. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Cooper, neat birds, rare feather and cond.; 3, Jos. Cooper, capital feather. BUFF: 1, Jos. Cooper, bonny size, capital col. and feather; 2, Walker, all there for type, lovely qual., well staged. FOUL YELL.: 1, 3, Walker, good size and col., capital type; 2, Poole, nice size, but broken in moult. BUFF: 1, 2, Poole, neat and stylish, bit weak in head; 3, Redpath, capital type, glorious feather; vhc Walker. BORD., GR.: 1, Leatherbarrow, smart, full of go, sweet contour; 2, Redpath, capital col. NOV. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Wilson, topper for style, straight as a gun barrel, put down like an old hand; 2, 3, Rothwell, 2nd wonderful feather, ran winner very close, should make up well, 3rd full of nerve, shows plenty of daylight; vhc, c, Steinart; hc, Redpath. BUFF: 1, 2, Mullen, full of swank, nice pair of legs, good wings and tail; 3, vhc, Evans, lovely qual., neat wings well braced up; hc, Trafford; c, Rothwell. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Steinart, Bootle and C.C.A winner, very smart type, capital wings and tail, fails a bit in head and neck, or would be a "flyer"; 2, Rothwell, very smart, ran winner close, nice feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Poole. BUFF: 1, Wilson, round as a bottle, capital qual.; 2, Poole, varieg., lovely type and qual., neat legs and tail; 3, Redpath. YORKS., GR., SELF, YELL.: 1, 3, Mullen, capital brace, nice shade of col., 3rd bit short on leg; 2, Kelly, all there for col. and markings, neat wings and tail; vhc, Jones; hc, Redpath. BUFF: 1, vhc, Mullen, neat pair, bit on the small side; 2, Jones, capital style and feather, shapely; 3, Steinart, rare length and style; hc, Evans; c, Jones. FOUL YELL.: 1, 2, Fairclough Jones, real topper, straight as a soldier, lovely feather, knows its business, 2nd bit thicker, capital col.; 3, vhc, Evans, real stormer, runs winner close, but for a slip heel; hc, Mullen. BUFF: 1, Wilson, straight from head to tail, glorious feather; 2, Kelly, beauty, should make a good stock bird, full of Yorks. properties; 3, Poole, very smart, neat head and tail; vhc, Redpath; hc, Evans. GREENF.: 1, Rothwell, rare skull and size; 2, Redpath.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. show held in Cairns' Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, Aug. 2, about 80 birds were staged—a very good turnout indeed. Quality in the Norwich and Border sections was well to the fore, and some grand competition is to be looked for later. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, Ferguson; 2, Charlton; 3, Staines; 4, Dick; 5, Thomson; 6, Dale; 7, Jehrey. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Wishart; 2, Dick; 4, Thomson; 5, Ferguson; 6, Charlton; 7, Staines. A.O.C. (14): 1, A. Brown; 2, Wallace; 3, Wishart; 4, Dick; 5, Thomson; 6, Wallace; 7, Jeffrey. C. OR C.B. (1): 1, Wishart. BORD. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (13): 1, 6, J. Easter; 2, A. Spittal; 3, A. Brown; 4, Watson; 5, 7, G. Brown; 8, J. Michie. BUFF (16): 1, 2, T. Brash; 3, Easter; 4, Dale; 5, Spittal; 6, Watson; 7, Napier; 8, P. Hay. GR. OR CINN. (1): 1, J. Dailly. A.O.C. (10): 1, 3, 4, A. Spittal; 2, Michie; 5, A. Brown; 6, Napier; 7, Dale; 8, G. Brown. SCOTCH FANCY YELL.: 1, 2, A. Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, A. Begbie. CINN. OR A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, J. Charlton; 2, Wm. Thomson. DARK MULES (1): 1, Staines.—J. C. Charlton, Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. show held July 28, 63 exhibits were staged. Quality in all sections was exceedingly good. In Norwich some very good youngsters were on view, and in Yorks. Mr. Olive had matters all his own way, securing 1st in each class. In British Mr. E. Stevens had a good collection, while in Foreign Mr. J. Jacobs was seen to advantage. Mr. C. Conway, Maidstone, judged.

NOR. CL. BUFF.: 1, hc, Roberts; 2, 3, Broadbridge; 4, Churchill; vhc, Jacobs. TKD. OR VARIEG. BUFF.: 1, Whatford; 2, Broadbridge; 3, Olive; 4, Roberts; vhc, Tidy. YELL.: 1, Whatford; 2, 3, Churchill; 4, Broadbridge; vhc, Stevens. YORKS. CL. BUFF.: 1, 2, 3, Olive. YELL.: 1, 2, Olive; 3, 4, Churchill; vhc, Tidy. TKD. OR VARIEG. BUFF.: 1, 2, 3, Olive; 4, Stevens. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Olive; 4, Tidy. LINNET.: 1, 4, E. Stevens; 2, vhc, Grant; 3, H. Stevens; hc, Whatford. GOLDF.: 1, Jarrett; 2, E. Stevens; 3, Young. BRAMBLEF. OR CHAFF.: 1, 2, 3, E. Stevens. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Grant; 2, 3, E. Stevens. GREENF.: 1, Grant; 2, Whatford; 3, hc, E. Stevens; 4, Burley; vhc, c, Young. SMALL FOR.: 1, Grant; 2, 3, 4, Jacobs. LARGE FOR.: 1, 3, Jacobs; 2, Grant.—W. Broadbridge, hon. sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Y.B. held Aug. 2 in Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street. The entry was not quite so good as on former occasions, as although some of our members have done exceedingly well, others report nothing doing. Norwich were the mainstay of the show, some very fine quality birds being staged, a number of them very promising. Special for best Canary was won by Mr. A. McFarlane with a Buff Varieg. cock of exceptional merit, good size, head and front, and rich in qual. Borders were only fair, still some fine quality birds were among them, the tkd. yell. cock bred by Mr. J. M. Edwards being worthy of special mention, also his Linnet-Canary Mule, sp for best in section, a bird of good size, shape, and col., should moult out a topper. We heard of several other Mules being bred by members, but too young for showing. Mr. R. Jeffrey (Pollockshields) judged, and his awards were well received. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. CL. NOR.: 1, 3, 7, sp, Findlay, yell. hen, fine type and qual., and a good yell. cock; 2, G. Bannerman, buff cock, good size and shape, bold front, plucked on head or might have won; 4, McFarlane; 5, sp, Connelly; 6, Edwards. VARIEG.: 1, sp, 2, McFarlane, lightly mkd. buff cock, will be heard of later; 2nd mkd. on head, good size and wings, fails subs.; 3, sp, Campbell, mkd. head and neck, fine qual.; 4, 6, Findlay; 5, Connelly. CL. BORD.: 1, Edwards, yell. tkd. cock, sweet type and qual., fine condition, wins; 2, Connelly, yell. cock, good feather; 3, Prentice, nice one; 4, Cathcart; 5, Munro; 6, Young. VARIEG.: 1, Edwards, mkd. head and neck, rich qual., fine trim; 2, McNeill, close up; 3, Pringle, rather young; 4, Brown; 5, Roulstone; 6, McGowan. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Findlay, buff varieg. Yorks, good type and cond.; 2, McGowan, C.B., good stamp; 3, Bannerman, fine Yorks; 4, Edwards, Cinn. Bord.; 5, Campbell, Lizard; 6, Davis, Gr. Bord. MULE: 1, sp, Edwards, Linnet, grand size, fine make; 2, Telfer, Goldf., promising; 3, Connelly, Siskin, fine cond.; 4, Jones, Greenf.; 5, Gray; 6, Morrison.

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CANARY AND C.B. IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Special Report by Mr. Alexander Thomson, late of Aberdeen.

Seventh annual show held in St. George's Hall, Newtown, Sydney, May 22, 23, and 24. Friends in Scotland will be interested to hear that the Fancy in Australia is about the same as at home. The same old squabbles, jealousies, "wrong judging," opposition societies, etc. Mostly all think they should win, but, just as at home, there is only one winner in a class, although there may be twenty prospective ones staged, each in the exhibitor's eye fit to win. There was a fair turnout of exhibits, 350 odd being staged, their merits in many cases exceptionally good. The officials, with Mr. H. J. Hawes as secretary, managed the affair in excellent style. Scotch Fancies were judged by Mr. J. J. Currah; Yorks by Mr. H. W. Terry, and Crests and C.B. classes by Mr. Currah, who, in the absence of Mr. Joyce, also judged the P.H. classes, and all seemed to give general satisfaction. The 5-guinea cup, presented by Mr. Mearthy, for most points, to be won outright in any one section of Canaries, was won by Mr. Miller; special for best Yorks., Mr. W. Fraser; 3-guinea challenge trophy, for best in show, Mr. Robson, with a clear buff cock of outstanding merit, the runner-up being Mr. Miller's cl. yell. cock; special best clnn., Mr. Douglas; and best Crest or C.B., Mr. Trevall. The challenge shield, presented by Mr. McPherson, for most successful exhibitor in wild birds, or, as they style them here, "cage birds," was won by Mr. Taylor. The trophy presented by Mr. Taylor for the most successful exhibitor in cage birds who had never won a first prize, was won by Mrs. Gorman, and special for hottest-fed bird, presented by Mr. A. Thomson, by Mr. Saunders, with bis var. buff cock, a very level coloured bird, and as colour-feeding is only in its infancy here yet, his exhibit was of exceptional merit.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FY. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, W. Orr, 1st cl. yell., very typical, fine shoulder, good head, good size, splendid drive, 2nd yell. varieg. beauty, grand shoulders, well set up, decided drive, full of nerve, must have pressed, 3rd also varieg., not up to size of 1 and 2, 4th rather on small side. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Miller, grizzle cap, nice head and shoulders, well filled back, wings well laid, grand length, good position, well piped tail; 2, Miller, cl. yell., straight as a gun barrel, perfect in feather, grand length of side, beaten only in size; 3, Fraser, capital feather and colour, erect, good length, and plenty of leg, but lacks a little in style; 4, Miller, well set up; 5, Fraser; 6, Howard. BUFF (9): 1, sp, 3, 6, Miller, 1st nice exhibit, perfect in position, length, lovely back, flights, and tail, well on leg, staged to perfection; 2, Fraser, beautiful feather, stands like guardsman, good col., great length, a good one; 3, Miller, good one all over, grand quality, rare wings and tail, like pipe stem; 4, Fraser; 5, Cromley; 6, Miller. VAR. GR. OR YELL. (10): 1, Cromley, cap and wing mkd., nice head and neck, charming position, great length, polished like marble, regular gem; 2, 3, 6, Miller, 2nd a green, feathered to perfection, shows well, grand back and wing carr., well folded tail, must have pressed hard, 3rd varieg., well laid wings and tail, good length and size, well filled back; 4, Fraser, nice exhibit, well staged; 5, Inglis. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, 5, Miller, nicely balanced all over, grand style, wins, 3rd good length and position, grand qual., shows plenty of leg; 2, Cromley, straight as a rush, smooth as a bottle, capital col. and feather, plenty of thigh, not far behind, 4th also a very typical Yorkie; 6, Pinfold. 1912 COCK OR HEN (10): 1, 3, 5, 6, Miller, 1st res. for Yorks. trophy, grand position, long and narrow, shows well, grand back and wing carr., well folded tail, good one, 3rd also good one, nice quality feather, good style and col.; 2, Cromley, good pos. and qual., good style, best of backs, grand wing carr.; 4, Fraser, little gem, must have made a good bid for better place, beaten only in size. SELL., YORKS., 50s. (a difference from home selling prices) (9): 1, Fraser; 2, 3, 4, 6, Miller; 5, Pinfold. YORKS. HEN (7): 1, sp, Fraser, cl. yell., beauty, full of nerve, not a feather misplaced, grand back, flights, and tail, not a big one, but a good one, champion Yorks. section, and well placed, too; 2, 5, Miller, 2nd buff, good pos., not so neat as winner, but a good one, shows well; 3, 6, Cromley, capital feather and col., erect, good length, plenty leg; 4, Fraser, gem, but on small side. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, sp, 5, Miller, res. for trophy, good size, thick, well placed wings, opens a little in front, but real Bullfinch type, grand col.; 2, Thompson, nice cobby bird, good col., type, and style, bit rough on left thigh; 3, Saunders, well proportioned, good head, crosses wings a bit, smaller than winners; 4, Robson, very typical; 6, Adams. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Robson, real topper, winner of trophy for best in show, well proportioned, nice round chest, a thing that is not always to be found in Australian birds, which are inclined to be pouter-chested, which always breaks the feather, grand head and neck, wings placed to perfection, short tail, short all over, thick and cobby, could win in any company; 2, Russell, good qual., short, thick, bit inclined to hug perch; 3, Beattie, on small side, and rather slim; 4, Saunders; 5, Neale; 6, Miller; No. 92 unplaced, good head, chest, nicely rounded, short and thick, might have been well placed. GREENS (10): 1, Saunders, grand depth of col., short cobby bird, well proportioned, good head and neck, wins; 2, Stone, good size, but on long side, opens in front; 3, Miller, good size, but too long and loose in feather; 4, Miller, short cobby bird, good type, might have been better placed; 5, Russell; 6, Robson. VARIEG. YELL. (12): 1, Russell, cap and wing mkd., a real good one, said to be imported from England, an old winner, nice thick set, cobby body, wings like a well bred youngster, short and well placed, A1 qual.; 2, Miller, tkd. eyes and wings, grand type, short stout body, grand wing carr., short in leg and tail, grand col., real topper, might have more breadth of skull; 3, Saunders, smaller than winners, fails badly in head and neck; 4, 5, Thompson, 4th nice round, thick body, spoiled by narrow head and thin neck; 6, Fraser. BUFF (12): 1, Saunders, good type, well made, short and thick, opens in front a little, rather unsteady; 2, Thompson, good size, very typical, nice broad chest, good col., must have made a good bid; 3, 5, Russell, grand type and qual., thick, short body, well proportioned, good head and neck, grand col., must have pressed winners, 5th also good one, real Nor. type; 6, Adams. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Meale, cl., good size, but rather lengthy; 2, Robson, cl., nice thick set, broad in chest, well up in size, good head and neck, grand col., many thought should have led; 3, Douglas, good size and col., but rough on thighs, and opens in front; 4, Russell, good size, but rather lengthy; 5, Miller, nice cobby hen, good type and qual., might have been better placed, 6, Saunders. BUFF (12): 1, Saunders, variegs., good size, good head and neck, but rather narrow on shoulder, inclined to cross wings; 2, 4, Miller, 2nd grand type and qual., A1 col., falls in size only; 3, Beattie, rather slim all over, 4th darkly varieg., a nice thick cobby body, very typical; 5, Adams; 6, Stone. 1912 (10): 1, Saunders, Buff cup and wing mkd., short, typical, good qual., well proportioned, rather on small side; 2, Beattie, cl. yell., rather slim got up; 3, Douglas, cl. yell., good size, splendid head and neck, rare col., must have pressed; 4, Osborne; 5, Miller; 6, Fraser. COL.-FED (6): 1, sp, 2, Saunders, 1st grand size and good col., A1 qual., but spoiled by narrow head and thin neck, 2nd thick and cobby, very typical, good chest, nice short wings and tail, falls in col.; 3, Douglas, splendid head and nice thick neck, set on good, broad chest, good wing carr., must have pressed hard; 4, Adams; ex. 4, Miller; 5, Osborne; 6, Fraser. NOV.: 1, 2, Bates and Williams, 1st buff, good type and qual., rather small for a buff, 2nd cl. yell., real good one, grand type and qual., could have done well in open classes; 3, Bell, buff, good type and qual., not a bad one; 4, Howard; 5, Bell. NOR. SELL. (17): 1, Adams; 2, Russell; 3, Osborne; 4, 6, Miller; 5, Perry. CINN. (6): 1, 3, Saunders, 1st buff, nice size and col., good qual., grand head and neck, 3rd col.-fed one, good col., but fails in head, rather rough in feather; 2, Beattie, good size and col., fails in qual.; 4, Thompson; 5, Douglas; 6, Taylor. VARIEG. CINN. (5): 1, Saunders, varieg. buff, good size and col., grand qual., very typical; 2, Beattie, yell., good col. and qual., fails in size to winner; 3, Saunders, good qual. and col., falls in size to others. CL., DK., OR GREY CREST: 1, Trevail, grizzle, grand size, plenty of feather, of good qual., dense crest, nicely radiated, great length of crest feather covering beak nicely, slips in claw, inclined to hug perch a bit; 2, Adams, cl. yell., nice silky feather, good length of crest feather, rare size; 3, Davies, Dark Crest, falls in length and qual. of feather; 4, Freeman; 5, Crofts. LIGHT VARIEG. (8): 1, 4, Adams, Dark Crest, great size, grand length of crest feather, well radiated from well defined centre, soft and silky, great length of body feather; 2, Pye, well defined crest, hut shorter and harder in feather than winner, also falls in length of body feather; 3, Trevail, grand size, great crest, fine length and qual. of feather, must have pressed; 4, Adams, also nice one, good size; 5, Henshaw; 6, Byrne. HEAV. VARIEG.: 1, Trevail, great size, grand length and qual. of crest feather, great length of body feather, good qual., soft and silky, a real topper, wins; 2, Pye, Green, good size, nice long, silky feather, well radiated crest; 3, 4, Paine, green great length of feather, well over beak, must have pressed, 4th also good one; 5, Mrs. Oakes; 6, Meale. CHALL. TROPHY CLASS, BRED 1912: 1, A. Paine, easily won. C.B., CL. OR TKD. (9): 1, Trevall, cl. buff, monster, with great breadth of skull, well lashed, and grand length of thigh feather, nice silky qual.; 2, Byrne, good one, but fails in head to winner; 3, Paine, good size, grand qual. feather, well lashed, nice breadth of skull; 4, 6, Adams; 5, Pye. LIGHTLY VARIEG. (6): 1, 6, Adams, 1st great size of head, well lashed, grand qual. of feather, great length; 2, Mrs. Oakes, fails in head and feather to winner; 3, Paine, great size, good feather, well lashed, must have pressed; 4, Smith; 5, Pye. HEAVILY VARIEG. (12): 1, Trevail, monster for size, grand head, nice soft feather, great length, wins; 2, Adams, good head, nice short beak, well lashed; 3, Smith, monster for size, but fails in head and neck; 4, Marchant; 5, Osborne; 6, Meale. SELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Adams; 4, Davies. CAGE BIRD SECTION (judge, Mr. Tucker): GOULDIAN FINCH (5): 1, sp, 3, 4, Taylor, 1st red head, gorgeous col., feathered like wax, 3rd black head, also beauty; 2, Osborne, black head, splendid col., shows more green; 5, Miss Winter. GRASS FINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 5, Taylor, 1st blood Finch, a blaze of col., grand qual. of feather, looks like laundry dressed, 2nd Star Finch, beautifully spangled head, well cut out; 3, Sneddon, yell. rump, grand feather and col., very steady; 4, Mrs. Gorman; 6, Sneddon. ZEBRA, ETC., FINCH: 1, 2, 6, Mrs. Gorman, 1 Bicheno, gem, very clear bars, well defined, well spangled, beauty, 2nd Zebra, gem feathered like silk; 3, Miss Winter, Chestnut Finch; 4th, Double Bar; 5, Taylor. DIAMOND SPARROW, ETC.: 1, 2, 6, Taylor, 1st Parson Finch, grand bib, nicely cut, splendid feather, 2nd Grey-headed Finch, spangled to perfection; 3, Perry, Diamond Sparrow, nicely mkd., grand feather, great size, very steady; 4, 5, Sneddon. CUTTHROAT, ETC. (7): 1, Taylor, Sparrow Finch, grand col. and qual.; 2, Mrs. Adams, Cutthroat, rare size, col., and qual.; 3, Mrs. Gorman, also Cutthroat, and a good one; 4, 5, Sneddon, Green, Singing Finch, 5th Steel Finch; 6, Hawes, Cutthroat. COMMON MANNINKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Taylor, 1st Grey-headed Nun, rare col. and qual. sheen like silk, 2nd Black-headed Nun, 3rd Mannikin; 4, Mrs. Gorman; 5, 6, Sneddon. ST. HELENA, ETC.: 1, 4, 5, Taylor, 1st Orange-crested Waxbill; 4, St. Helena, 5th Common Waxbill; 2, Sneddon, Orange-cheek; 3, 6, Mrs. Gorman, Strawberry Finch, a little gem, gorgeous col., like a firefly, 6th also Strawberry Finch. GOLDF., ETC.: 1, sp, 2, 4, Taylor, 1st Chaffie, good size whites, well defined, but poor in col., 2nd Bramble fair size, well mkd., but washy in col., 2nd Osborne, Goldie, fair size, well barred and buttoned, nice dark tannings, little broken in cap, not a bad one, might have won, good square cut blaze, 4th Siskin; 5, Winter, Chaffie; 6, Sneddon, Chaffie. JAVAS (5): 1, Mrs. Gorman, Blue, grand cap and cheeks, feather like wax, great size; 2, 3, Taylor 2nd White, spotless, 3rd Blue; 4, Miss Winter; 5, Woodward. FOR. FINCH OR BUNTING, LARGE (6): 1, Osborne, Bullfinch, Britisher, fair size, good cap, well barred, good qual., fails in col.; 2, 3, 4, Taylor, 2nd Red-headed Finch, very rare, head well defined, well spangled, grand qual., 3rd Red-headed Cardinal, scarcely moulted yet, 4th Bullfinch, smaller than winner, and poor in col.; 5, Sneddon. Chinese Hawfinch, lacks sturdy build of British bird; 6, Mrs. Gorman. BUDGERIGARS (6): 1, 2, 3, Taylor. 1st Yell., rare size and qual., 2nd Green, beautifully mkd. bird, feathered to perfection, real gem, fit for palace, 3rd Yell.; 4, Sneddon; 5, 6, Mrs. Gorman. MULES AND HYB. (6): 1, Taylor, lightly varieg. yell. Goldie-Can., very small, looks like hen; 2, Schitrumpp, varieg. buff Goldie-Can., shows cross very distinctly, good size and col., must have pressed hard; 3, Novice, varieg. buff Goldie-Can., very small; 4, Matthews, Greenie-Can.; 5, 6, Davies. ROSELLA, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Taylor, 1st dark varieg. Bullen Bullen, 2nd lightly varieg. do., 3rd green do.; 4, 5, Mrs. Gorman. PORT LINCOLN, ETC. (5): 1, 3, 4, Taylor, 1st Lory, very rare, well feathered, staged to perfection; 3, King, beauty, grand feather, 4th Crimson wing, very pretty, in grand feather; 2, Perry, Port Lincoln, grand feather; 5, Mrs. Turner, Port Lincoln. A.O.V. PARROT (8): 1, 5, Taylor, 1st C.G. Parrot, gorgeous col., great size, plumage perfection, winner of section prize; 2, Bennett, Amazon, only a baby, but very promising, rare talker; 3, 4, Osman, 3rd Blue-mountain Lory, 4th Crimson-neck; 6, Mrs. Gorman. The catalogue was rather out of order, and my notes were taken from the cages, and are correct, I hope.—Alex. Thomson.

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Oct. 4.—**Birtley C.B.S.**—(S. Lindsay, Avon Bath, Birtley, Co. Durham.)

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 30, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 10-11.—**Bolton C.B.S.**—(J. Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Rd.) J.C.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.) A. H.

Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street, Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.)

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester). J.G., W.A.C., W.V., J.H.R., T.H., J.B.

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.

Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford). H.S., J.T.

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road). T.B., A.B., J.Mn.

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N & J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—(S. Poyser, Wilmot Road, The Dimple.) J.C.B.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—(W. Hodson, 28, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.) J.R.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.)

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Thorpes Gt. W.M.

Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(C. C. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).

Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B

Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.G.

Nov. 21-22.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103, Church St.) J. T., A.W.

Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) J.P., T.D.

Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.** (J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.) A.H., A.Ho., R.T.

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

Nov. 26.—**Sevenoaks F.A.**—(A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage.)

Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)

Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.).

Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—(A. Cooper, 92, West Para Road, Girlington, Bradford.)

Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston). J.R.

Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.

Dec. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.

Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.

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Jan. 3.—**Huddersfield O.S.**—(A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.)

Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 13-14.—**Bescombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.**—(J. Peattie, 49, Kirkgate.)

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Rd.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, Monnt Florida, Glasgow.) A.Ck., J.W., J.C., A.W., G.D., Dr. S., P.McQ., R.V.R., W.T., A.M.B., A.A., T.T., D.C., A.Co.

Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cott.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M. J.T.

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.

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Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.

Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.

Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.

Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 87, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.

Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.

Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).

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Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.) A.P., J.C., J.T., J.A., R.G.C., J.M.

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Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.

Nov. 22.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.) J.McL., C.M., W.S.

Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell). W.G.M., J.W.B., R.V.R., A. Mc.G.

Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Road.) J.S.

Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.

Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)

Dec. 6.—**Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.** (R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mt. Florida, Glasgow.) R.M., J.W.B.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham Street, Edinburgh.) J.T., J.Y., J.F.D., T.A., W.Mc, W.M., J.M., C.S., L.J.A., J.A.S., A.H., J.C., J.H.

Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.) J.W.M.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)

Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).

Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)

Oct. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries-st., Treherbert). W.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)

Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Belfast (Ulster O.A.).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.

Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).

Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Jan. 8-9.—**Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.**—W. J. Mc Conaghie, 102, Abbey St.).

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CROYDON F.A.

Young stock show held Public Hall, Croydon, July 30. The entry was good, particularly in Yorks, but no doubt the lateness of the date affected the numbers considerably, many of the exhibits being far advanced in the moult. Mr. Mudd's winner in the varieg. Yorks was much admired for size and type, as was Mr. Truelove's mkd. yell., a very stylish bird, close up with the winner. Although not very numerous, Norwich were of good quality. Mr. Saunders, of Sutton, staged a good team. His wing mkd. buff won sp for best in show rather easily. He also staged a nice team of Borders. The show was well attended by visitors. Mr. Capell, the sec., had everything in order, in his usual able manner. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Saunders; 2, r, Broughton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, hc, Saunders; vhc, Boughton; c, Britton. YORKS YELL.: 1, Mudd; 2, Whiting; 3, Britton; vhc, Lisney. BUFF: 1, vhc, Britton; 2, Whiting; 3, hc, Truelove; c, Mudd. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, c, Mudd; 2, vhc, Truelove; 3, Lisney; hc, Whiting. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Saunders. HYB.: 1, 2, Pain. Linnet and Greenf.-Can.

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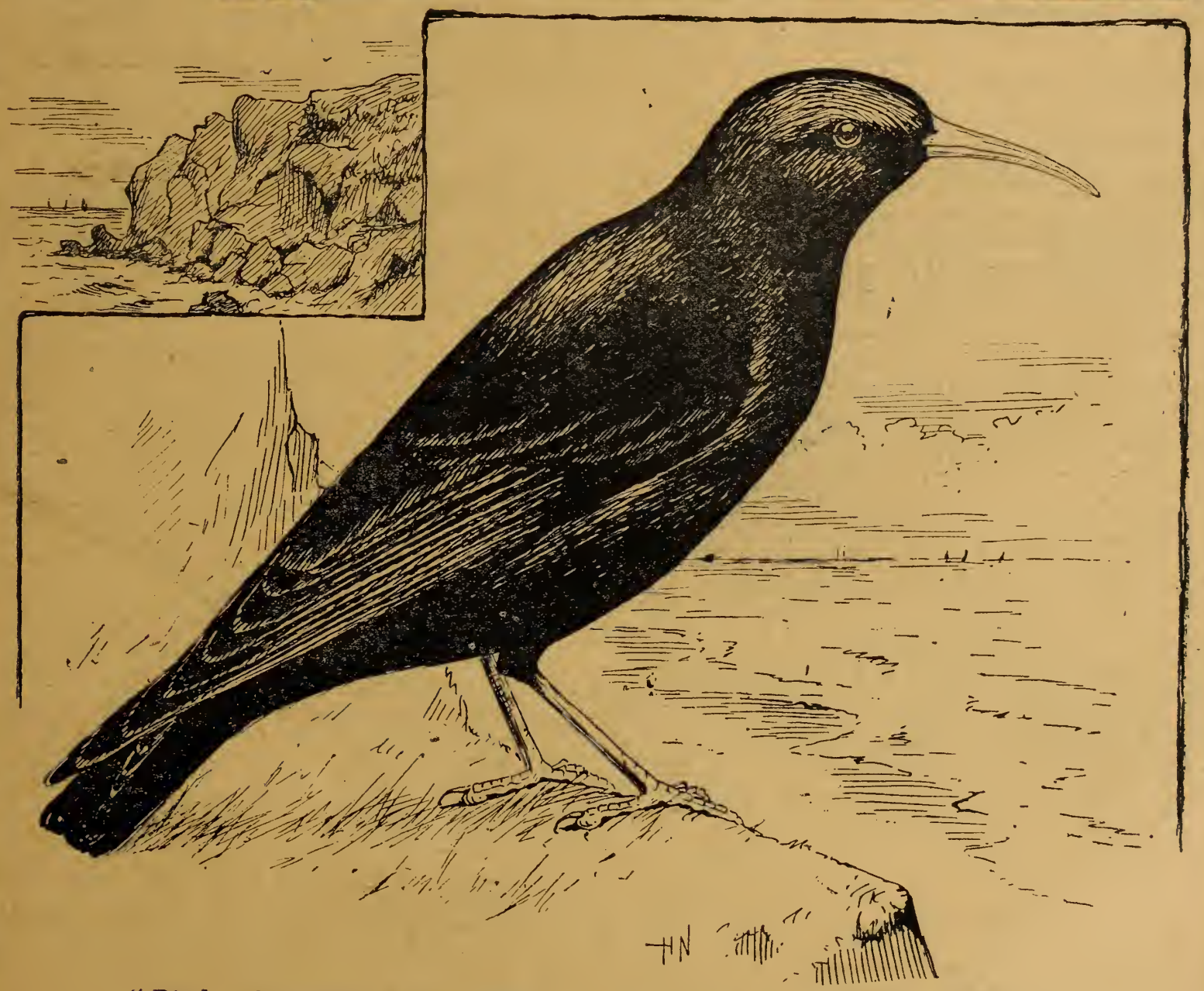
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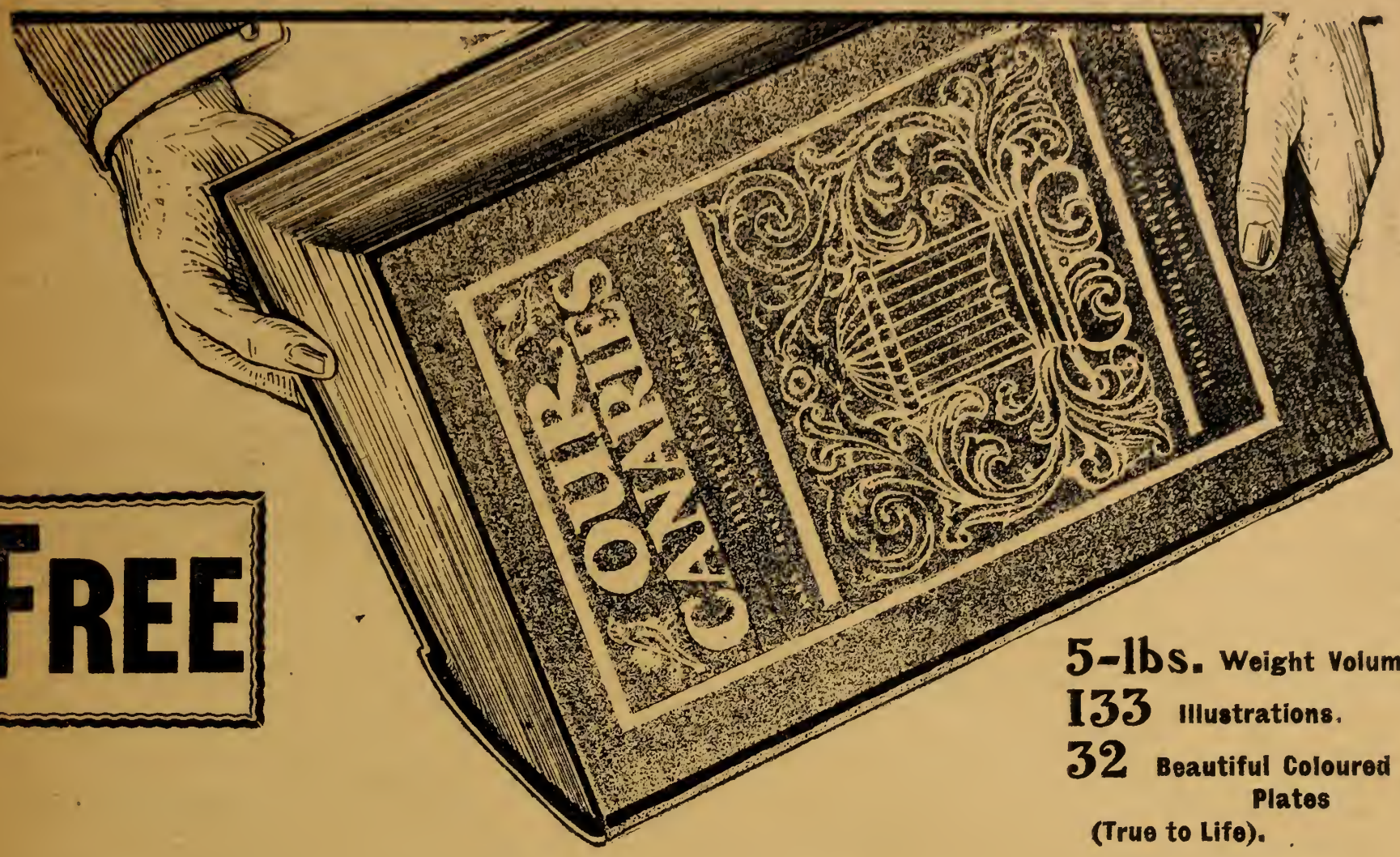
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A Hidden Danger in the Plumage Bill.

Notes by the Secretary of "Cage Birds League."

The Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Bill, presented by Mr. Hobhouse and supported by Mr. S. Buxton and Mr. Montagu was read a first time on the 4th inst.

With the Bill, so far as it relates to the matter indicated in its title, we have, as bird keepers, little or no concern, but a copy of the Bill which I have obtained shows that it goes very far beyond its title, and contains matter which is of vital importance to us.

Clause 4 of the Bill reads as follows:—"An order may be made by the Secretary of State, the Secretary for Scotland, or the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, under sections eight and nine of the Wild Bird Protection Act, 1880, and sections two and three of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, and section one of the Wild Birds' Protection Act, 1896, which give powers with reference to the protection of wild birds and their eggs, without any application or representation from the council of any county or borough."

This clause in the Bill is entirely foreign to its title, but if the Bill is passed as printed the result will be that after the tenth day of January next it will be in the power of the three ministers named to prohibit the taking of any wild bird throughout England, Scotland, or Ireland respectively, and that without even being asked to do so. Things are bad enough, and absurd enough, as it is, it being open already for any local authority, with or without any knowledge of the subject, to get upon application an extension of the acts named above, with the result that the bird laws vary locally throughout practically every county in Great Britain and Ireland.

It is now calmly proposed that one politician *without being asked by anyone*, should be able to render illegal the taking of any bird whatever. Could anything be more ridiculous? But there is the clause, and this will be the effect if the section, which is tacked on to a bill which professedly applies only to the importation of the dead plumage of foreign birds, be not amended out of that bill.

I understand from Mr. Trower, who is one of the committee appointed by the Bird-keepers' Protection Society in connection with the National British Bird and Mule Club, that a letter has been sent to the Secretary of State calling his attention to the petition which was long ago presented, and asking him to receive a deputation, and I will refer further to the matter next week.

A Pertinent Question.

A member of CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, referring to my notes of last week, asks me the following conundrum: "Does Curry spell Grundy?" Mrs. Grundy we all know as a busy-body who has something nasty to say about everything of which she personally disapproves, and the question needs no answer from me. I would, however, take the opportunity of saying that the name of the lady mentioned last week should have been printed "Currey" not "Curry." I regret having omitted to correct the printer's error.

A League Member Dead.

On another page will be seen with regret the announcement of the sad death of a prominent member of the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S., Mr. T. Chiefe. Mr. Chiefe was one of the oldest members of CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, and I am sure that fellow members will join me in a sincere expression of condolence with the widow and orphans who are left to mourn his untimely end through an accident occurring in the course of his duty. Mr. Chiefe leave a widow and six young children, and the Portsmouth Society is making a collection on their behalf.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

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ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

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Certificates printed in seven colours, and suitable for framing, are supplied at One Shilling each. Each certificate bears an enlarged facsimile of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE badge and Motto, and is signed by the Secretary.

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Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold in two forms, one as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps or coat lapel, and the other as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

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GUMMED SEALS printed in gold and colours in facsimile of the LEAGUE BADGE are supplied for affixing to note paper, postcards, or envelopes. Price eightpence per hundred, fivepence for fifty, post free.

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HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE,
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

WANTED, young, healthy Norwich, Yorkshires, Border Fancy Canaries; also British birds; send lowest prices to: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (815)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, either sex, coloured fed preferred: state lowest price, etc.: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London, S.E. (812)

WANTED any quantity hen Canaries, young or old; state price and particulars; spot cash paid, or exchange Britishere; strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: W. Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (800)

WANTED, Linnet and Canary, that has bred Mules this season, in exchange for gent's eight-day watch: offers foreign birds. Canaries; sell 15/-: Whaley, 6, Vickers Buildings, Newton-st., Lincoln. (813)

WANTED CANARIES

any quantity, 1913 birds; send your offers to: C. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (Q)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

LARGE cock Hawfinch, 7/6 pair: prize Jacobin pigeons, 20/-; or exchange anything useful: Harold Noble, Linton, Cambs. (814)

EXCHANGE splendid pair of hand-reared Sparrow Hawks, for Seifert Roller cock, or offers: Chas. Kirkland, Clifton, Ashbourne. (810)

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Yellow-hammer, Hawfinch, 30/- the lot, or would separate; offers; exchange: Bareham, Sible, Hedingham, Essex. (816)

EXCHANGE long Clear Buff 1912 Yorkshire hen and three really good cock Brown Linnets, singing, for lady's watch; or offers: Chesney, Couperage House, Goole. (813)

GOOD coloured cock and hen Bramblefinches; do. Chaffinch, in aviary since January, promise to moult well, 2/6 pair, or offers: Higgins, 86, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester. (814)

FOR sale, large Buff Norwich, Goldfinch-Mule, and Goldfinch, all cocks, in full song; also new three-compartment cage, the lot, 25/-; bargain, approval: Edwards, Kensington House, Goodwick. (814)

Mainly Canaries.

CANARIES, 1 doz., strong, healthy, outdoor, 1913 bred birds; what offers as bred: B., 38, Fant-lane, Maidstone. (812)

EXCHANGE, 5 hen Canaries, for good yellow cock Siskin, or sell, 8/-: Stewart Allan, Coaltown, Wemyss, Fife.

OFFERS in Greypates for four young Hartz Mountain Rollers, sell 10/-: Dellistion, 77, Braemar-rd., South Tottenham. (816)

WANTED, fishing tackle, for large pair of Norwich, value 15s., or exchange anything: Hay, 24, East-st., Chichester. (811)

NORWICH cock, 2 Yorkshire hens, 1 Roller hen, pair of Greenfinches, for good English lever: Robinson, Aldgate, Ketton. (812)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 11, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Idget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUDDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Lydie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Ensworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

TROON (AYRSHIRE)

Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. AUGUST 30th. Cage Birds judge, John McLay, Kirkintilloch. Schedules from A. Shaw, 1, Fullarton Terrace, Troon. Entries close August 26th. (804)

COLWYN BAY

SEPTEMBER 3rd.

Entries finally close August 23rd. Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, etc. Cage Bird judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. Good classification and prize money. Innumerable specials. Schedules from G. E. Cragg, Cayley Estate Office, Colwyn Bay. Competition confined to North Wales.

MERIONETHSHIRE

Agricultural Society. Great Show at Bala, on Friday, September 12th, 1913. A good classification for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, 115, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford. Sections for Dogs, Poultry, and Pigeons. Popular Judges. Entries finally close August 23rd. The Old Calabar Pen and Feed the Birds.—Apply early for schedule to the Secretary, Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.

RADSTOCK

Show, August 20. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, etc. Cage Bird Judge, C. I. Young, Frome. Schedules of S. M. Clark, Fox Hills, Radstock.

PONTARDAWE (GLAM.)

(South Wales Fed.) Open Show, 17 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, C. H. House, Esq., Bradford. —W. Jenkins, Sec. (813)

YSTRADGYNLAIS

Swansea Valley. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits. Second Annual Show, Sept. 4th. Judge, J. H. Furness. 8 Classes Cage Birds. Entries, August 28th.—Sec., Dan Evans, Brecon Road, Ystradgynlais Swansea Valley. (814)

OXFORD C.B.S.

Thursday, Oct. 16.

Judge—J. H. ROE, Esq.

How to become an Associate.

MANY readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

Date..... 1913

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only*

Twitterings.

We hear from Mr. J. Weir, sec., that the open table show of the Coaltown of Wemyss C.B.S. will be held on Sept. 27.

Will the members of the Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S., writes Mr. Geo. T. Lynn, Sec., please note the change in meeting day from Sunday to Saturday

Mr. B. M. Clark, Fox Hill, Radstock, Sec. Radstock F.A., asks us to notify that he will take entries up to first post Aug. 18, for the annual show, held Aug 20.

Owing to a great many of our members being away on their holidays, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec. Metropolitan C.B.A., the August meeting has been cancelled.

Mr. A. Martin, hon. sec., Lancs. and Lizard F.A., 119, Buckstone's Road, Crompton Fold, Shaw, near Oldham, wishes us to say that he is prepared to receive applications from show secretaries for the patronage of the Association.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers are, without doubt, the finest, both in colour and quality possible to procure. Fanciers wishing to obtain the best results in colour-feeding their birds should use no other. Sold in tins only, with full guarantee of purity.—Advt.

There are still three dates vacant for the patronage of the Southern Border Fancy Club, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec., 49, Kelmscott Rd., Clapham Junction, S.W., and societies wishing to receive the same should apply not later than August 27.

Special arrangements are being made by the Sheffield O.S. at their meeting on August 19, for the lantern lecture "Through Camera and Field Glass," by Mr. G. Fletcher. No expense, we hear, has been spared in procuring the best and most interesting slides.

At a committee meeting of the Kent County C.B.A., held July 31, writes Mr. H. Wood, hon. sec., it was decided to give patronage to the Gillingham and District, Oct. 9, 10; Deal and Walmer, Oct. 29 30; Dover F. and F., Nov. 5, 6; Canterbury F.S., Dec. 10, 11. Will members please note rule 7.

We have been, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec., Cheltenham C.B.S., fortunate in securing the use of the Rotunda for our annual show in November. It is very well suited for the purpose, being well lighted both by day and night, and is situated at the top of our beautiful promenade.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. J. Gerrard, that the Bolton C.B.S. has had to cancel its show. I have been sick since May, and now the doctor has ordered me away. The society could not obtain another secretary, and so the members decided to abandon the show. Personally it is a blow, but I could not keep on.

Mr. F. S. Matthes, hon. sec., Southern Norwich P.C., writes:—"Kindly receive result of voting for patronage given to the following clubs: Champion section: 8 votes, Clapham show, Oct. 8-9, 1913; 7, Wimbledon, Oct. 21-22; 9, Cheltenham, Nov. 5-6; 6, Leyton, Nov. 13-14; 7, Cardiff, Nov. 19-20; 8, L.C.B.A., Nov. 27-29. Novice section: Clapham, Wimbledon, Leyton and L.C.B.A. shows."

We are asked to notify the following changes of address: Mr. J. Weir, sec., Coaltown of Wemyss C.B.S., to 42, West March St., Sinclairtown, Kirkcaldy; Mr. W. Reid, from Plantation Rd. to 4, Edward St., Pallion, Sunderland; Mr. A. Martin, hon. sec., Lancs. and Lizard F.A., to 119, Buckstone's Rd., Crompton Fold, Shaw, nr. Oldham; Mr. L. James, hon. sec., Burslem C.B.S., from Pleasant St. to 48, Croft St., Burslem.

To Society Secretaries, and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used

Secretaries of open and confined shows, writes Mr. J. Brown, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow, Sec. Scottish Plainhead Club, are requested to note that applications for club patronage must be in my hands by 30th inst. Members are reminded that subs. are now due and should be paid as early as possible. Prospective members wishing to compete for the Club's trophies should write for particulars.

N.P.C. Show Cancelled.

Owing to Bolton show falling through, the Norwich Plainhead Club is in a little difficulty over its club show, which had been apportioned this fixture. Societies willing to conform to the N.P.C.'s conditions should write to Mr. Hopkins at once (note his letter in our correspondence columns).

White Canaries Honoured.

We learn that the authorities of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, have accepted a White Canary, and mounted it in one of their cases of specimens, alongside of it being placed a copy of the coloured plate of White Canaries which was issued some little time ago by CAGE BIRDS. This particular White Canary was presented by Mr. W. Kiesel (Pentonville Road, London) who, as readers of our journal will well know, has been one of the most successful breeders and exhibitors of the new variety, staging the 1st specimen seen at the Crystal Palace Shows—the bird that was the sensation of the "Jubilee" exhibition there. Several of our present-day leading scientists have taken a great interest in Mr. Kiesel's stud of birds.

OBITUARY.

Mr. C. Cross (Macclesfield).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. F. Broadhurst, hon. sec. Macclesfield C.B.S., that I inform you of the death of Mr. C. Cross, who was one of the founders of our society, and one whom we shall sadly miss, being one of the practical workers whom we can ill spare. The members wish to express their sympathy to his family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. T. Cliefe (Portsmouth).

It is with sincerest regret, write: Messrs. King and Joiner, that we notify you the loss of a much respected member of Portsmouth and S.C. C.B.S., in the person of Mr. Tom Cliefe, who met with a shocking accident at Portsmouth Town Station, on Aug. 2, being accidentally crushed. He was conveyed to Portsmouth Hospital, where it was discovered necessary to amputate a leg. From shock, etc., poor Tom passed away August 5. He leaves a wife and six young children to mourn his loss. We are sure that readers will unite with members of P. & S.C. C.B.S. in sincerest sympathy with the bereaved, under such exceptionally sad circumstances. The deceased was a very enthusiastic member, and much respected by all. The sad accident was announced at a committee meeting, 5th inst. (in ignorance that he had passed away) and a collection was made on behalf of the mother and children. It was further decided to give other members an opportunity to 'contribute at meeting, Aug. 27.

Swallows Taught in School.

For the second year in succession, a pair of Swallows have built their nest, reared their young, and taught them to fly, inside the village school at Little Hallingbury, Essex.

A Wonderful Year Book.

We have received the Handbook for 1913-14 of the Yorkshire Union, from Mr. H. Hill, the secretary to the Union. This compendious annual is, as usual, packed from cover to cover with information, and is a tribute to the perfect organisation displayed by Mr. Hill in his capacity as secretary, and evidences the perfection to which the Union has attained through the untiring efforts of past and present officers. It gives the list of societies comprising the Union, and the names of the delegates or delegate of each society to the council. Societies numbering 30 members send one delegate; from 30 to 60 members, two delegates; and over 60, three delegates. The 27 societies affiliated are represented in all by 47 delegates. Under the heading of each society belonging to the Union is given details of the place and time of its meetings, the name of its secretary, and the names and addresses of its members. It would appear from these lists that the total membership of the Union amounts to more than a thousand. The names, dates, and judges of the twelve societies holding their shows under Union rules, are given, and the classification for each show is set out under the various society headings. The balance sheet for 1912-13 is reproduced, and shows a further drop of £4 15s. 6d. on the balance in hand. The amount now stands at £22 14s. 2d. Rules of the Union, particulars of the competitions promoted by the Yorks C.C., and the National Green Marked Y.C.C., and details of the special prizes presented by CAGE BIRDS complete an exceedingly interesting publication. The Secretary to the Union is Mr. Horatio Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

"Cage Birds" Championship Scheme.

Will Benefit all Societies and Provides £200 in Cash Specials for Exhibitors.

WE have this week to tender our heartiest thanks to the secretaries of several societies, not figuring among our coupon shows, who have written us offering to take coupons for the purpose of selling them to their members.

One of these most obliging fanciers states "Although my society is not holding an open show, many members are exhibitors, and I see no reason, if you agree, why I shouldn't try to help your scheme, which I think a very good one, and which I know is well thought of by the fanciers here." We, of course, are delighted to welcome and to accept the aid proffered in so generous and sportsmanlike a manner.

We have pleasure in announcing the addition of five further fixtures to our list of coupon shows, viz.:—

LEYTON C.B.A.
NORWICH ALLIANCE C.B.A.
NORTH WALES C.B.S.
PERTH O.A. (CITY AND COUNTY OF)
WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

In the case of the North Wales C.B.S., the date of the show has not yet been fixed, but the officials, recognising the great value our Championship Scheme was likely to prove to them, in common with all other shows participating in its benefits, decided to at once make certain of securing it. Among the preliminary orders for coupons arriving this week Leyton call for five dozen, Cardiff for the same, and Norwich for six dozen.

Mrs. Askham, of Surbiton, who is very interested in the breeding and exhibiting of Hybrids, writes: "I think the idea capital and should much like to enter."

CAGE BIRDS' Championship Scheme (a few of the benefits appertaining to which were pointed out in last week's number) is open to every society which has enrolled its annual exhibition amongst the guaranteed fixtures appearing in our list of "Show Dates Fixed" (vide page 91 of this issue). We may say that all guaranteed shows also secure substantial benefits (a reduction in our advertising rates is one) quite apart from those attaching to our Championship Scheme. A request addressed to our Advertisement Manager will bring full particulars to the officials of any interested society.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 20th next.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.
(4) BORDER FANCIES.
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of September, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

A Correction.

Owing to a printer's error in the report of Beaumaris show, published in our issue of last week, 2nd in Linnet or Bullfinch class and 3rd in A.O.V. British were credited to the Rev. Green. These two prizes were won by Messrs. R. and G. D. Green.

The Crested Tit.

The Crested Tit is a somewhat rare visitor to these shores. When it comes it seems to prefer the pine forests of Scotland to any other locality. It nests in the hole of some decayed tree, the oak appearing to be the favourite, if there are any about. Although so rare in Britain it is common enough on the Continent, particularly in the northern countries, and the Swiss valleys. It is occasionally exhibited at Scottish shows, but very rarely in England.

The Early Morning.

There is a wonderful charm in the early mornings in the open, everything is so fresh, although somewhat damp with the heavy dew. The Lark sings overhead, and the Thrush from the elms, and away in the woods someone has already disturbed the cock Pheasants, whose calling, together with some harsh notes from a Carrion Crow, rudely breaks the silence. A few notes from a sleepy Nightingale seem particularly rich beside the other sounds. The time passes with delightful enjoyment.

Sparrow Pest at Epping.

Epping Forest is being plagued at present, it is said, by hordes of rowdy Sparrows. The invaders have taken possession of large tracts of the thicket, especially in the neighbourhood of Chingford, Loughton, and Theydon Bois. The birds seem attracted by the prospect of enjoying an "unearned increment" arising from the crumbs and scraps of cake left by the numerous school treats now held daily on this popular playground.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.C., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Road, Windhill, Shipley; Yorks. and Lancs., Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford; Northern Border and S.F.C.C., Mr. M. C. Potts, 52, Falmouth Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Midland Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham; Fife and Kinross N.P.C., A. Dickson, 37, Venn's Terrace, Kelty; Lancs. and Lizard F.A., Mr. A. Martin, 119, Buckstone's Road, Crompton Fold, Shaw, nr. Oldham; Scottish Plainhead Club, Mr. J. Brown, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow, closing date Aug. 30; Southern Border F.C., Mr. F. Moore, 49, Kelmscott Road, Clapham Junction, S.W., closing date, Aug. 27.

(Will secretaries please notify us of the latest date on which applications can be received?—Ed.)

Through a Bird-room Window

This article on the beautiful British Migrant, the Greater Whitethroat, is No. 39 of the new series of personal birdy experiences related by that eminent aviculturist, the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

No. 39: MY WHITETHROATS.

DO you know the method of making a cat settle down in a strange place by buttering her all over, the idea being that by the time she has polished off the butter, she feels herself at home? Well, that, metaphorically, is the way I act when I go to see somebody's birds. It always proves quite successful. I always use the best butter; and after a little natural repulsion the process turns out quite satisfactory.

One day I was visiting a neighbour's aviary, and he tried the process on me. He gently hinted at my wonderful success in getting birds to nest, and said that nothing seemed impossible to me. I naturally blushed a little, but the process was not unpleasant, and at last the secret of his talk was reached. Had I tried my hand at rearing native birds? He thought it could be done, and I was the man to do it. I demurred; I had so many irons in the fire. At the time I had about seven big aviaries filled with foreign birds, and many of them nesting. Would it be wise to undertake any further tasks? My friend urged that one pair more or less would make no difference. While I was feeding the others, I might just as well feed them!

Succumbing to Temptation.

My readers will guess that I yielded. It meant, of course, that I should have to either build a small aviary, or wire off a portion of one of the big ones. I decided that on the score of expense I would do the latter. It is no good trying to breed softbills unless you can give them a place to themselves, not only on the score of food, but also because softbills are so pugnacious, especially in the breeding season. If you have only a small aviary, don't try to emulate your rich neighbours, be content with a single pair. As well dress Venus like a Dolly Varden as attempt to do in a tiny place what can only be done successfully in a practically unlimited enclosure.

The weather that year was abominable; the rain it rained every day, and nothing is so detrimental to success as a wet summer. From the statement "a dripping June puts all in tune," should be excepted the plain person's temper. My temper that June was awful. Usually I am the most sweet-tempered of men (!) but it is not very pleasant to see all the bushes weighed down with moisture, and to know that a poor little flimsy nest is all that lies between you and failure. It always produces in me a tightening of the heart and throat—the sensation produced on some people by the sound of sacred music or the shimmer of the moonlight on the sea.

A Song That Raised False Hopes.

However, there was nothing for it but to make the plunge. June's coming means half the summer gone, and it only leaves about three months of decent weather, even if you are lucky, to do everything. It is not difficult to get a Whitethroat, as they abound in most parts of the country, and, if you have the luck to find his favourite haunt, he will soon be yours. He makes his presence known the instant he lands, by selecting some bit of bramble, from which he never wanders far, and there he continually gives out his pretty little song, when he is not engaged in scolding you violently. I was not long in finding my friend, and, getting a wire trap, well baited with mealworms, I soon made him my own. A few hours later I secured a lady, and then I fancied my troubles were at an end. As a matter of fact, they were only just beginning. The cock Whitethroat has a much whiter waistcoat than the hen, so it is always easy to tell when you have secured a pair.

My captives did not seem at all concerned at being placed in the aviary, and they at once took kindly to a liberal diet of gentles and mealworms, and soon sampled the egg-flake. The next morning when I went out I heard the cock singing quite merrily, just as though he had been at liberty. My hopes rose accordingly, but, alas! I found that this song was only a part of the day's proceedings. It meant nothing. It reminded me of the story told of a lady, one of a party travelling in Egypt. They were in one of the smaller deserts and ran short of water, and the lady added to the cheerlessness of the occasion by moaning without ceasing, "Oh, how thirsty I am." The other members of the party endured the monotonous cry for some hours, but at last one gentleman exclaimed desperately, "Here's the last ration; for goodness sake, give it to her, even if the rest have to perish." They gave it to her, but after she had drank she continued with her old cry, "Oh, how thirsty I am," and kept it up for the rest of the journey. My Peggy Whitethroat did the same.

The Danger of Unguarded Glass.

The inner aviary had a front of glass. This was my undoing. In the centre was an open window through which the birds were meant to emerge into the flight. The birds I had had in before always did so, and I supposed the Whitethroats would do the same. Alas! it was not so. One morning I entered rather suddenly to feed. I heard a thud, and saw a little flight of feathers; and, looking down, there were my poor little friends, quite dead, with their necks broken. I felt very sad, but it was too late to mend matters, all I could do was to take precautions for the future. We are always wise after the event. I always take care now that all glass is covered up with soft muslin, and thereby many a precious life has been saved. The muslin breaks the force of the blow, but allows the light to penetrate. Before I adopted this plan I lost many a youngster when it made its first exit from the nest. I remember my feelings when I saw a young Andaman Starling dart out of his log nest, and go like a rocket against the glass. Fortunately, he only stunned himself; a smaller bird would have broken his neck.

Here ended my first attempt at breeding Whitethroats. I ought, of course, to have thrown up the sponge; but everybody has a big fault, a sort of standing characteristic, a *pièce de resistance* for their friends to cut at, and in general they cut and come again. Indiscretion is mine. Who else, after such a failure, would have made a fresh attempt? I was still undaunted, and I looked into the darkness of the future as a child gazes after a rocket up in a cloudy sky, full of wondering expectation of the rattle, the discharge and the brilliant shower of sparks of light.

I wrote off at once to a man I know, who generally either has a supply of softbills, or can lay his hands on them at a moment's notice. In reply to my anxious enquiry for a pair of Whitethroats, he told me that he was afraid it was too late in the season. Had I applied when they first landed, he could have got me any number, but now they were all nesting, and would do no good if captured. However, he made me an offer. He said he knew of a pair that had a nest with some half-fledged youngsters and if I liked he would get them and send them on to me. I thought that this would be better than nothing. If I could not actually see the nest built, and the eggs laid, I could have the pleasure of rearing the young, or, rather, of seeing the parents do so. I replied at once, telling the man to take the nest if he could get the old birds with it, but not otherwise, as I had lively recollections of rising at 4 a.m. in the days of my youth to feed nests of young birds, and continuing till nightfall at the same task.

Safe at the Journey's End.

A morning or two later there came a wire: "Whitethroats sent off to-night; be sure and meet them. They will arrive at your place about 8.30 a.m." You may be sure I was on the platform when the train steamed in, and the guard handed me a small cage, carefully wrapped in brown paper, which the porters, at the risk of something inside bursting, had actually not torn off; and, to my relief, I could feel something stirring; by that I knew that some, at any rate, of the birds had arrived alive.

It is a risky thing to send little softbills on a long journey, especially when they are dependent on the parents to feed them. It is quite on the cards that the noise and the journey will so frighten the old birds that they will refuse to feed, and then all your hopes are ended. In this case, happily, it was not so; and when I got home and took off the cover, I was delighted to find that all were in good condition. There was the father and mother, and five grand youngsters, and only one of the latter looked a little thick. The condition in which they arrived was wonderful, as they must have left at 8 p.m. on the previous evening, and here was 9 a.m. the next morning. In spite of the darkness and other natural difficulties, the old birds must have managed to feed them a bit.

A Lesson in the Art of Feeding.

My difficulty now was what to do with them. Would it be better to put them all into a bigger cage, or to turn them out into the aviary where the sad tragedy had happened. The cage seemed the better plan, for many reasons, as I should have them under my eye, and it would not be easy to catch them in the aviary if anything went wrong, as it is difficult to wield a net, however skilful you may be, among a lot of pea-sticks! Finally, however, I decided to risk the aviary, as I knew it would be difficult to keep the plumage clean, especially of the youngsters, in a cage.

I, accordingly, put them out into the garden, set the babies on a bundle of pea-rods, and then turned in the parents. I had placed a big saucer of mealworms and gentles quite close, and the moment the babies began to cry for food, down went both parents to the saucer, and soon the little stomachs were filled, and the owners were sleeping quietly on their perch. The first moment the old birds got to themselves they had a thorough good wash in an old kitchen sink I had sunk in the ground, and by the time they were dry the youngsters were awake, and crying as clamorously for food as a lot of city men in a London restaurant at noon.

My anxiety was now at an end, as I felt sure that if only the food supply held out, the parents would see to the rest. I had never had an experience like this, but it was wonderfully interesting to watch the home life of the little family. When they reached me, I should say that the youngsters were about ten days old and nearly fully feathered. They could feed, and scrambled after the parents from bough to bough, but had no idea of using their wings, except to flutter them when being fed. It was wonderful to see how often they needed feeding, and I felt quite glad that it was being done by deputy, as I thought how tired I should have been by the time night came.

In about a week the parents evidently considered that it was time that the youngsters should do some of the feeding, and it was quite amusing to see a fat youngster following a parent about, plaintively cheeping and fluttering its wings, the said parent having his beak full of fat gentles. But no amount of cheeping would induce him to feed. He would drop a gentle on the ground in front of the youngster, and the little humbug would just touch it with its beak, as much as to say what is the good of this thing? But the father remained obdurate, and after a time hunger did the rest, and the youngster made up his mind there was no help for it, he must feed himself.

Feeding is a lesson which, once learnt, is never forgotten, and soon all the family gathered round the saucer, and it was wonderful to see how often the visits became, and what a number of unfortunate gentles disappeared.

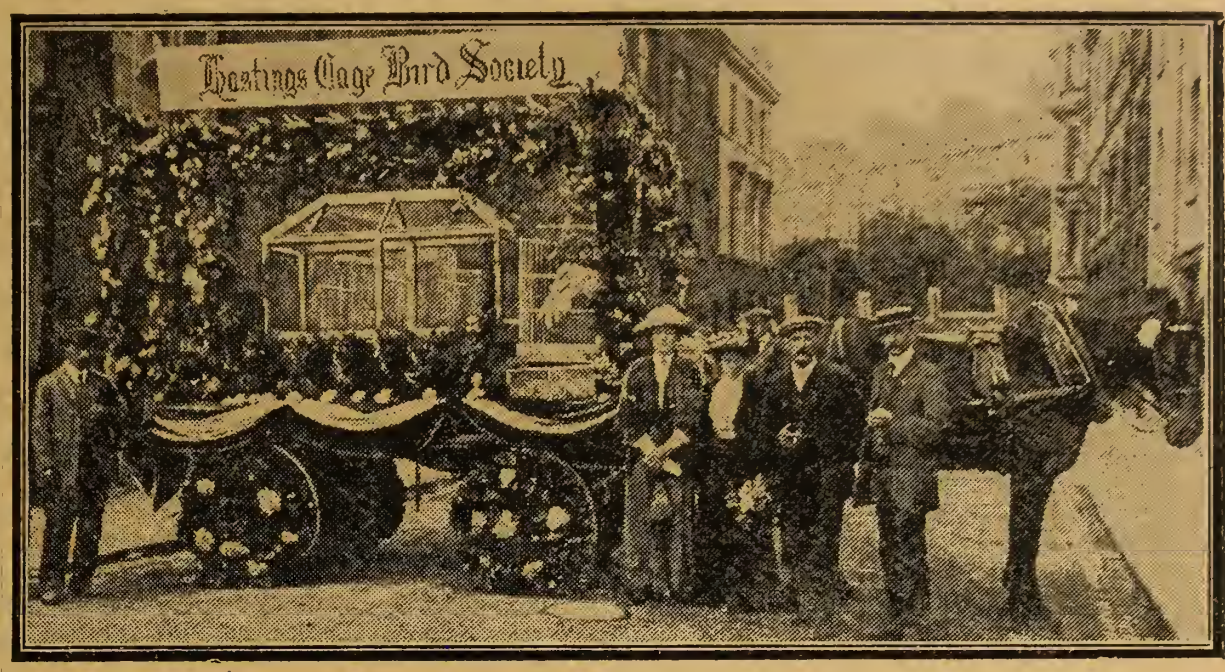
The Family and the Gentle Bill.

Having succeeded in rearing my family, I began to grow anxious. Whitethroats are not valuable from a monetary point of view, and the gentle bill was going up at an alarming pace. I felt that there was only one thing to be done. I must give them their liberty. I should have to do so sooner or later, as the migratory fever would soon come, and then they would be restless and eager to be off, and I had no suitable place to keep them in during the winter, as they would require heat. So one fine sunny morning I opened the prison doors, and let them go forth. For some days they lingered round their old home, but after a time they came back no more, so I suppose they gradually made their way South, preparatory to going to Egypt.

There is one warning I might give: Be very careful in handling such birds as Whitethroats, as they are very soft-feathered, and the plumage almost brushes off them. They are exceedingly fond of bathing—indeed, they will tub four or five times a day, and their plumage, being so very thin, soon dries. I don't think Whitethroats are suitable for cage life, as they soon get dirty and messed up in a cage.

Whitethroats, by the way, are not birds to be left to the tender mercy of servants. I remember once reading in one of Phil. Robinson's delightful books a story to the point. His wife told him she was going to keep a Linnet. His comment was caustic and to the point: "My dear, God help that poor bird!" Whitethroats left to the care of servants will want a lot of help.

I am glad that I had this little experience. We are told that the way to a certain sultry place is paved with good intentions. I had intended to record the breeding of the Whitethroat in captivity, but seeing that our good intentions may not, after all, be so altogether excellent as our natural conceit would have us believe, it may be well that most of them find their ultimate destination in a place where—of course—we are not likely to meet them again! I had my dream, but I saw it, like Ariel's pageant dissolve into thin air.



On August Bank Holiday the Hastings and St. Leonards United C.B.S. took part in the local Floral and Historical Pageant, writes Miss Kirk-Bullock, the hon. sec. The car was beautifully decorated with evergreens and natural flowers, consisting of hydrangeas, rambler roses and other blooms. In the centre we had a large aviary of birds; also Parrots and other foreign birds in cages. The sides were draped in the National colours, finished off with a large Union Jack behind. Seated at the back were two children dressed as Canaries. The driver was dressed in feathers and headgear representing a Parrot. The Society was successful in obtaining 1st prize (£5 5s.). The prizes will be presented next Friday, by the Mayoress, at the Royal Cinema de Luxe. Our warmest thanks are due to the following: Rev. J. M. Paterson (President), loan of birds; Mr. White, for use of garden and evergreens; Mr. A. George, lending aviary; Mr. J. Stevens, calico printing; Mrs. Price and Mrs. Harris, Parrots; Mrs. Kent, drapery, Mrs. Tagg, Miss Sturton Johnson, Mrs. Godden, and Mr. T. Veness, flowers; Dr. Ligat, white coat. For decorating and arranging of car: Mrs. Stevens and Messrs. B. White, F. White, A. E. Godden, A. George, T. Veness, J. Stevens, B. A. Greengrass. The two children, little Miss Godden and Master Drury, made fascinating birds. Reading from left to right, those in the photograph are: Mr. A. E. Godden, Miss Kirk-Bullock (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. and Mr. J. Stevens, and Mr. T. Veness, The Tableau attracted great attention from the thousands of sight-seers.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the queriet desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED SAMPLES (G.W.).—The canary is a very good all-round sample of excellent quality. The rape is probably a mixture of bird rapes, and contains a proportion of hot "mustardy" seed. It would be useful as a component part of a seed mixture for occasional use, or for feeding birds in large outdoor aviaries, but for Canaries kept indoors you should try to procure a milder and more mature seed. Test a sample by chewing a pinch and holding it on your tongue. If it "bites," reject it and try another. You want a seed that has a mild nutty flavour when chewed.

NOT TAKEN LITERALLY (W.B., Belfast).—It would indeed be astonishing if the hen actually ate the first two nests. I take it her appetite was, however, only equal to the first two clutches of eggs. A vicious habit, which may or may not be due to some abnormal craving, is the cause. Whether the hen is worth keeping for future breeding depends very much upon her age, and typical qualities, etc. If of no special merit in typical points, or past the first flush of youth, I should certainly discard her. On the other hand, if still young, and her qualities make it specially desirable to breed with her, you may with a little trouble save her eggs, and give them to a more rational hen to hatch and rear. It is, of course, much too late to do any more breeding this year, but if you want to get young from her keep two or three dummy china eggs in her cage for a few weeks at a time from now until spring for her to "operate" on if she feels disposed. This may break her of the habit of investigating eggs, but if she repeats her performance on the first clutch next year, write again, and I will tell you how to proceed.

LIKE A BALLOON (R.S.).—The hen is suffering from a mild form of emphysema. Cage her alone in a moderate sized cage, and keep in a comfortable temperature with plenty of fresh, pure air, but no direct cold draughts or extreme fluctuations. Prick the inflated skin with a clean needle to allow air to escape, and repeat the pricking a few days later if the accumulation of air has recurred, but do not prick until the inflation of skin is pronounced. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give in addition half a teaspoonful of summer rape; twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, millet, teazle, and broken groats, and on two other days a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake sprinkled with maw. Limit the diet to this for a month. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece, every second day for a week. After this give four drops each of tincture of gentiau, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternating days 20 drops of chemical food.

BARE ROUND NECK (R.H.).—The bareness round neck is a common natural defect, but the loss of feathers you mention is due to the normal moult, which is now taking place, and is also the cause of the bird not singing at present. If you carry out the following treatment you will stand a good chance of restoring the plumage around neck, and the bird's song will return naturally when the moult is quite finished. Keep cage in a fairly warm place where temperature is equable; throw a light cover over it until feathers cease dropping, and offer a bath daily. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give separately every third day for a month a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, dusted with flowers of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar. On the intervening days give first a pinch of maw, and a half ripe plantain stalk, and next day half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts linga, millet, black rape, and teazle. In the drinking water give every second day for a fortnight 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece. Then omit the whisky and saffron and give only the potash on the days you are giving sulphur for the remainder of the month.

OUTSIDE RIGHT TOE CROOKED ("Greenfinch Mule.").—If, as I suspect, the toe is pliable, you should catch the bird and get someone to hold it whilst you tie the outer toe alongside the middle toe. Place the crooked toe in an extended position beside the centre one, and let your assistant hold the two toes together whilst you tie round them, near the tip of the outer toe, with a bit of very fine thread or silk. Pass it round toes twice, and make the knot underneath. Then make a similar tie midway between the tip of outer toe and the "ball" of foot. Tie securely, and firmly enough to hold both toes in position alongside each other, but be careful not to tie too tightly, so as to interfere with the circulation. Allow ties to remain on two months.

REFUSING COLOUR FOOD (H.P.).—Sorry I have forgotten, if you told me, whether your colour-feed is the pure tasteless pepper, with or without the addition of sugar, or a blend of hot and cold and sugar. Anyway, if it is quite unsweetened, add a pinch of soft brown sugar to the food when mixing it, and try the following process. Adhere to quantities named, and go by actual measures, trusting nothing to guesswork. Mix your egg-food as now, using the same proportions of bread crumbs and egg, but omit the pepper until you have first ground and mixed the egg and bread. Now take a teacup—not a breakfast cup—and fill level to the top with the egg-food, put this in the larger cup, add to it one moderate teaspoonful of pepper, take a heaped spoonful from the tin, and give handle of spoon a light tap on side of tin to dislodge the bulk of the heaped up portion, and put what remains in your egg-food; put in a similar quantity of maw, and half as much sesame, and a small teaspoonful of sugar if the colour is not sweetened, but not otherwise. Mix this thoroughly, and give the birds a teaspoonful each. If you have two or three in each cage for moulting, I can scarcely imagine them refusing this food. But if they do, then remove their seed the last thing at night, give the colour-feed first thing in the morning, and do not return seed until colour is eaten. After the first two or three days gradually increase the proportion of colour to four times the above quantity, but do not increase too suddenly or rapidly. If, as may be the case, the birds acquire a taste for the colour food in a few days, you may increase to full strength rather more quickly, but exercise discretion, and you may also stop removing seed. If they do not acquire such a taste, then there will be nothing for it but to go on removing seed nightly all through the moult.

YOUNG WITH ASTHMA (H.P.).—A slight crackling or wheezy noise in breathing is not always of vital importance at this season. It often means nothing more than a quite temporary catarrh, or even a little nervousness or overfeeding. So I should certainly give these birds a chance until next spring. Then, if you find the affection developed instead of having diminished, it would, considering the hereditary taint, be wise to mercifully pass them "behind the veil." At any rate, it would be most unwise to breed from them. Meantime, keep them in a comfortable temperature, and a pure, fresh atmosphere, free from cold draughts, damp, or extremes of heat and cold, but, at same time, do not coddle them. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece to the water every second day for a week, and then give them a month's course of the medicine advised to "A.M.O." last week.

WHITES OR BUFFS? (J.A.C.).—The birds you describe are not true white Canaries, but very pale, washed-out buffs. Some years ago, before the true "whites" appeared, birds like yours often aroused controversy as to whether they were "whites" or not. I examined a number of them at various times, some of them really very colourless, but, nevertheless buffs, and nothing more. It is just possible your birds might be very useful for mating with true white Canaries to increase the white stock, in which case their value would depend upon the enthusiasm of the would-be breeder of whites, or, in other words, what you could get for them. Beyond this they have no exceptional value. True white Canaries, though not yet common, cannot now be called rarities.

BIRDS IN SUMMER-HOUSE (F. D.).—If the summer-house stands in a fairly sheltered position, and your Canaries have been bred and kept hitherto under normal conditions of temperature, they will undoubtedly thrive well all through the winter in the place without any heat whatever, and in any case they will do far better without any heat at all than with having a fire in the place two or three times a week. If you begin to use heat you must continue it regularly all through the winter, so as to maintain a fairly equable temperature. The only time when it would be advisable to drop it would be during the day in any exceptionally mild spell that occurred, when the normal temperature may often be quite sufficient. At such times only a little fire at night would be needed to prevent any serious drop during the night. A high temperature would not be necessary—45 deg. being the point to aim at. The Linnets would do even better without heat than the Canaries.

MOULTING AND COLOUR-FEEDING (A Constant Norwich Reader).—It is not necessary to make separate lots of colour-food for each separate round of young. All you need do is to add a smaller proportion of the colour mixture to the egg-food for birds which have not commenced to cast their feathers, or birds, either young or old, which exhibit any dislike for the coloured food. Then you gradually increase the proportion up to full strength as soon as the birds show signs of beginning to cast feathers, or, in the latter event, as soon as they have acquired a taste for the new food. If your colour is the pure tasteless pepper, unblended, add to 1-lb. of it 4 ozs. of soft brown sugar, and you may also add 1 oz. of best salad oil, if none appears to have been added to the pepper, and thoroughly blend all well together. If you want a good hot colour, you may also add from 1 to 2 ozs. of hot natal before blending. Keep this as a stock colour mixture in air-tight tins or glass or earthen jars. For use make the usual egg-food, and to a small teacupful add a teaspoonful of the colour mixture and blend well together. If birds seem shy of it add a teaspoonful of maw when mixing the colour in egg food. This is the "weak" strength of "food." After a few days, increase the proportion of colour to 1½, then two, teaspoonfuls, and finally, when the moult gets in full swing, increase again to three, then to four, teaspoonfuls. When birds are nearly through the moult gradually decrease the strength of colour-food, and finish off with the same strength as you began. Give each bird a teaspoonful of the coloured egg-food daily throughout the moult. (2) The length of moulting period varies greatly with individuals, and in different environments. About two months would be a very fair average period. Some birds will throw off all their feathers in two or three weeks, others will be casting them for three months. In colour-feeding, remember the moult is not really completed for several weeks after feathers cease to be shed. (3) With strict attention to cleanliness you may moult 20 birds in the flight. At ordinary times 10 is sufficient. With such a number together you must be on your guard against plucking. (4) For highly-fed birds of a level colour "feeding" in flights is certainly not the best method. (5) For details of dietary see "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free. (6) You possibly give the colour-food too strong at commencement. Follow above directions, and this trouble should cease.

LOSS OF YOUNG (Mrs. E. C. L.).—I'm afraid there must be something wrong with your manner of supplying the food, assuming the food is correct, as seems to be the case, and the young are of a sufficient age to feed themselves when finally separated. I note you say the cocks feed them a long time, but you omit to mention any definite age at which the young are either separated or die. Do you give food in the cage, in egg drawer or inside hopper, when first separated, or merely place food in the usual hopper hanging on the outside? The former is the proper plan until the birds are able to fend for themselves, and you should continue giving egg food, or bread and milk as a substitute, until the birds help themselves quite freely to the dry, unerushed seed. A regular supply of canary is essential, and a little dry rape should be placed on top daily. A little cracked hemp is given daily until other seed is partaken of, and a little soaked rape added occasionally. This is only a brief outline, which may help you to see where you went wrong. It is quite too late to go on breeding now, so I advise you to get one of the handbooks from our manager—House's "Manual," 1s. 2d., or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., both post free, and be guided by them next season. If there is anything you do not understand, or anything goes wrong, then write at once, giving full particulars, and I shall be pleased to help you as far as possible.

NO FEATHERS ROUND NECK (Cork).—The bird picking at herself is probably due to the moult approaching, and it is during this period that you stand a fair chance of restoring the plumage. See reply to "R.H." in this issue, and follow the advice contained therein, except that you need not cover the cage over until the bird has begun to cast its feathers in the moult. Feed bird as advised in the reply referred to, and stop the mixture you name for the present. If the new feathers are not appearing round the neck in, say, four to six weeks hence, write again, and refer to this reply.

DISTRESSING ATTACKS (W. H. L., Derby).—The birds suffer from epileptic attacks, which most generally occur in anæmic birds of weakly constitution. Very closely inbred birds are frequently subject to such attacks, and in these cases treatment is rarely of any material service. Keep these birds caged separately. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a month give each a small teaspoonful of egg-food, crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk, and well mix two drops of cod liver oil emulsion in it, and sprinkle with maw seed. On the alternate days give one or two half-ripe plantain stalks, or a morsel of banana, or a few seed-stalks of shepherd's-purse. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of scalded rape. Continue this feeding through the moult. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a six-pence, and half as much bromide of potassium, every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give it again for a fortnight. On the alternate days during the whole period add 20 drops of chemical food to the water. Shall be glad to hear result in a month hence.

TREATMENT DURING MOULT (Lecturer).—For ordinary singing birds, kept under ordinary conditions, in normal health, and not being colour-fed, there is no actual necessity for any particular treatment during the moult. The diet may be made a little more generous by adding a small quantity of egg-food or some substitute three times a week, and giving, on the intervening days, a small supply of wild seeds, and once or twice a week a teaspoonful of scalded rape. The addition of 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water three times a week will be helpful to the birds, and they must be kept free from cold draughts, or extreme variations, and a fairly warm temperature will help to expedite matters. The bath should be offered daily. To encourage a quick moult, or to assist birds that have a difficulty in starting, follow the above general treatment, but keep birds quite on the warm side and throw a light cover over the cage until feathers cease dropping. This, of course, must not mean exposing them to extremes of heat and cold, nor to impure air. For a fortnight or so at the commencement add 20 drops of whisky and six of syrup of saffron to the drinking water every second day, to get the birds well started; afterwards the above treatment and warmth will keep them going, unless some abnormality crops up.

YOUNG YORKSHIRES MOPY (Eight Years' Reader).—It is by no means unusual for young birds, or adults either for the matter of that, to appear thick and mopy when moulting, nor for some birds to show these symptoms much more than others, even when kept in the same flight or cage. Possibly you may have brought these youngsters on to full strength feed a little too suddenly, but, in that case, if they are taking it freely you had better leave things as they are, as the matter will soon right itself. As the other birds are thriving well on the same treatment, I advise you to place these youngsters in a rather warmer temperature, but see they are not exposed to cold draughts, or sudden and extreme fluctuations; add a pinch of maw to the colour-food each day, give 20 drops of whisky and six of syrup of saffron in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of chemical food. If this does not bring about the desired improvement in a week or so, write again, and repeat particulars, when I will advise you further, if necessary.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Conary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Coges" (2/3); Romsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cnge Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each! No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds nnd How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cnges, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border ancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING GOLDFINCH-CANARY (K. Webb).—The food you are giving your young Hybrid is not good enough in quality. It is certainly an excellent food for large adult birds, such as Magpies and Jackdaws, but is not suitable for young, delicate small birds, and I am not surprised that he does not thrive. If you are anxious to rear him you may do so by giving him the prepared egg and biscuit moistened with fresh boiled milk, but I think you would do better by making your own egg and biscuit mixture. Boil a fresh egg for ten minutes, crush up some of the white and yolk together, add four times the quantity of powdered biscuit, a pinch of castor sugar, and moisten with fresh milk. Feed him with this every two hours. To induce him to peck up, leave a little of the food sticking to the wires of the cage, and when he is hungry instead of putting the food direct into his beak, teaze him with it, he will then probably peck at the stick or whatever you use to feed him with. After he can peck up, give him some boiled rape and crushed seeds, and so gradually get him on to hard food, but do not leave off the soft food too early.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Coge-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clnke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

YOUNG REDPOLL-GREENFINCHES (Anxious).—It is impossible for me to tell you the value of your birds, especially as you have not yet succeeded in rearing them, and can therefore give no information as to size, shape, colouring, etc. Good specimens are always worth money, and you would have no difficulty in disposing of a winner, whereas indifferent birds are hardly worth cage room. The second prize bird at the Crystal Palace (novice) was catalogued at five pounds ten shillings, and a vhc bird in the open at five pounds. Rear a good specimen and you could easily ask these prices, but he would have to be good, as this cross although not very plentiful, is hardly so showy as some of the others, and is frequently beaten by some of the Goldfinch-Hybrids. Anyway, if you manage to rear them, keep the best for another season, a nice specimen is a useful bird at small shows.

GOLDFINCH-REDPOLL (Lucky Lad).—Glad to hear of your success, and hope you will manage to get your young Hybrids safely through the moult. I gather from your letter that you are not particularly anxious to part with your birds. The matter of size is a big consideration, although many small birds at five weeks old will develop and sometimes pase their larger brothers. As regards colour-feeding I would only trouble to feed the large one (that is if there is still the great difference between them at moulting time). You could then show him occasionally, but not too often. The others I would put into a three feet flight and simply feed them well and let them grow. They may turn out good specimens another year. Do not let them get wild, but run them into a cage occasionally; if either of them should show a tendency to wildness keep him in a show cage for a few days and handle him gently, but often. Your very small one I expect will turn out to be a hen.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

BIRDS NOT USING SHELTER (J. M. W.).—The fact that there is no light in the shelter except that which comes through the opening in the front is no doubt the reason why some of your birds stay out all night. The wiudow you propose would be a very great improvement, and should obviate the trouble. Have you plenty of perching accommodation in the shelter? If not, it may be that the first birds to go to roost drive the others away. The three-quarter door will be a great acquisition, as it will partially close up the entrance, and make the shelter more cosy. You might arrange a frame covered with wire netting and hinged at the top, to drop down at night over the opening above the door, and so keep the birds in until the morning, or altogether in inclement weather. With these alterations, your aviary should be quite a satisfactory one, except that it is somewhat limited in dimensions, and you must, of course, be careful not to overcrowd it with birds. In the open flight you might introduce a well branched portion of a tree, as large as you can get through the door. Stick the thick end of the branch into the ground, and the birds will take healthy exercise hopping from twig to twig. When, after a time, the branch becomes soiled, throw it away, and replace it with a fresh one. Always glad to help.

BRITISH BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

THE LIABILITY OF RAILWAY COMPANIES (F. M. B.).—Unless there were evident on delivery signs that the package had been subjected to unduly rough usage, and you signed for the same as having been "received damaged," and could therefore prove to the satisfaction of a county court judge that there had been negligence on the part of the company, the latter would be certain to rely on their by-law which states that they will not be "common carriers" of live stock, and that they accept no responsibility beyond the five shillings stated. The only real safeguard when sending birds by rail is to declare their value beforehand, and insure them up to that value.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

WHAT BIRD? (R.S.H.).—It is the way you have described the bird that has misled me, yet your description is not far wrong though widely differing from the usual one. Your bird is a Red-billed Weaver, and a cock, as the hen has no black mask.

WHITE-HEADED LOVEBIRDS (F. Moss).—Yes, these birds will breed in an outdoor aviary; they need a roomy nest receptacle, which they will line with leaves, bark, stalks, etc. Sexing these birds is quite an easy matter, as the hen has no grey head, she is an all green bird.

BUDGERIGARS (L. N.).—You should get our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d post free from our Manager. It would tell you all about these charming birds. Canary, white millet and spray millet, with green food, grit and cuttlebone, will be the main requirements of this species. Oats may be given once or twice a week. As regards crushed or whole oats, it is a matter of individual taste; offer first one and then the other; afterwards supply that which they show preference for by eating most readily.

INDOOR AVIARY (W.G.H.).—There are one or two points you must bear in mind in fixing up your aviary. Sun and light must be able to reach it, and, it must be well ventilated, also free from draught and damp. If you can secure these conditions, then the suggested aviary should prove a very successful one. As regards number of birds, if you want breeding results then seven or eight pairs must not be exceeded, but if you intend it merely as a cage to house a series of birds, then you can put in three dozen. I am assuming that you desire to breed, and am naming a few suitable species to choose from. Cheap birds (3/6 to 10/- pair): Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Bengalese, Bib Finches, Cutthroats, White Java Sparrows, Lavender Finches, Cordon Bleus; Spice, Sharp-tailed, and Striated Finches; Grey, Gold-breasted, and Orange-checked Waxbills; Grey and Green Singing Finches. Others (10/6 to 25/- pair): Alario Finches, Cape Canaries, Gouldian Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Ruficauda Finches, and Masked Grassfinches. You could choose from both series according to the amount you desire to spend.

AMAZON ILL (J.T.D.).—As the bird has lasted so long, and you say there is now an improvement, I should certainly say there is a strong probability of the bird's recovery. I have looked through my replies, and there is little really to add to same. With a spray or squirt you should be able to dodge the bird as readily as it appears to be dodging you when you wish to treat it. You must continue the treatment previously advised as regularly and persistently as is possible, and with as little excitement to the bird as the circumstances permit. Continue to use in the drinking water the ipecacuanha mixture (thrice weekly), and the hyno-phosphates also thrice weekly, giving clear water once a week. Continue to use the honey and borax at least daily, twice daily would be better. If the bird is inclined to bite at all, it will be easy to get her to bite the end of a stick smeared with it. You ought also to manage to spray the nostrils daily as directed; it does not matter if a little of the solution goes astray, and it will not harm the bird in the least if a little is swallowed.

FOR INDOOR CAGE (Poor Paddy).—The accommodation of your cage is two pairs for prospects of breeding. Merely as a cage for housing a mixed lot of birds you could put in eighteen small Finches and Waxbills, providing the cage had a daily clean. One pair each Zebra Finches (7/6) and Silverbills (3/6), would be likely breeders, if you put in, say, one Hartz travelling cage (fittings and perches to be removed and two bars cut away for entrance), one cocoa-nut shell nest, and two rush nests. Use twiggy branches, and do not put in any straight perches. Give good sound seed—canary, white and spray millet, fresh green food daily (especially flowering (seeding) grass, as long as it is obtainable. Lettuce is good for winter use; cuttlebone, grit, and water for drinking and bathing to be regularly supplied.

RED-CRESTED CARDINALS (H. C. Evans).—(1) The main diet will be seed—canary and white millet in equal parts, with a dash of hemp and sunflower—but fruit must be provided daily, also one or two live insects, mealworms, etc.; a little of some good insectivorous mixture should be offered, the Red-crest does not take much. Increase the supply of live food during the moult. A spider is a "tit-bit," as also would be the fruit it favours most. It can have as much fruit as it will eat, any kind it will take. (2) You can get good colour in house-moulted birds, without any aids whatever. Freshly obtained birds would not be steady enough for exhibition, as these birds are usually rather wild at first. (3) Almost any type of Bunting cage would suffice; pale sage green is a good colour for the interior, and black for the exterior.

YOUNG GREY PARROTS (F. J. Parr).—Many species of Parrots partially regurgitate their food when anyone they are fond of is near; in a state of nature they would regurgitate and feed each other. The taking on of the seed diet is merely a matter of time. The noise you describe as a "whinny" is common to all young Parrots. Put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over the maize twice a week, and the Byno-phosphates in the drinking water daily; but you must stop the laxative if there is any appearance of chronic diarrhœa. Put a little honey and borax in its mouth daily for a fortnight at least, and you had then better report progress. Having kept it so long, there is every probability that you will succeed in establishing it, though some of the symptoms you describe point to its not being "out of the wood" yet. You had better write at once, in the case of any adverse symptoms showing themselves. If it does not take fruit, offer it a little banana daily: it will ultimately take it.

WHAT PARRAKEET? (F.H.).—You have either the All Green Parrakeet (*Brotogerys tirica*), or one of the Grass Parrakeets, but your description is not sufficiently detailed for me to form a definite opinion, and I incline to the opinion that it is the former. Has it any frontal band (that is, across the forehead at base of upper mandible), and, if so, what colour is it? In any case, for the first winter I should bring it indoors at the end of October, and put it out again in early May, after which it might be left out altogether. All Green Parrakeets are worth about 40s. pair.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (6d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." A l thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

"**Novice.**"—Death arose from hæmorrhage, due to ruptured liver, caused by violence.

"**Wallitone.**"—Enteritis, or inflammation of the bowels.

"**Knowlite.**"—Cock bird, death occurred from fits, due to its plethoric condition.

C. Barlow Marricks.—Broncho-pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

H. Holgats.—We have three coloured plates of Standard exhibition varieties of the Yorkshire Canary; post free, 7d. the lot, or 2½d. each.

H. Edwards.—We remember that amongst the "Illustrated Ideas" was published one showing how a stuffed bird could be used as a brace bird. Is this what you refer to? If so, we do not know of anyone who makes and sells the apparatus. Should we have misunderstood your letter, kindly write and make the matter clear.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Anfield Everton C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Mission Room, 3, Priory Grove, Heyworth Street, 8.30. General meeting. Election of judges for old show, report of N.F. show.—Redpath and Walker.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Aug. 19, St. Thomas Ardwick, 8. Ten minutes' paper by any member. Ticket money to be brought in.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Aug. 19, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Schedule for old show. Discussion on colour-feeding and moulting.—Geo. Morton.

Birtley C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Station Hotel, Birtley, 8. Appointment of judge for open show Oct. 4. New members welcome.—S. Lindsay.

Bradford City O.S.—Aug. 16, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Distribution of Union handbooks, and other business.—W. Helliwell.

Bristol C.B.S.—Sept. 3, City Hotel, 8.—Mrs. B. L. Pool.

Bursiem C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Barnfield's Inn, 8. Classification and election of judges for annual members' show, and other important business.—L. James.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Finish classification of open show, pay Y.B. show prize money, and other important business.—E. Thomas.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. Annual show schedule, correspondence, and other business.—R. Ward.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—August 20, Lamb Hotel, 8. Schedule for open show.—A. S. Treasure.

Clydebank C.B.S.—Aug. 21, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. General business.—Wm. Kane.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Washing exhibition and other important business.—A. Smith.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Aug. 16, McLean Hotel, 7. Estimate from printers.—J. W. Holms.

Darlington C.B.S.—Aug. 20, George Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' annual show, and other business.—Todd and Walker.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 7.30. To select judge, and fix date for annual show.—G. T. Lynn.

Ealing and Hanwell F.S.—Aug. 20, St. John's Hall, West Ealing. Evening show, all sections. Exhibits penned by 7.45 sharp. Cage birds judge, Mr. J. Dewhurst.—W. Bird.

G.E. Ry. F. and F.S.—Aug. 19, Mechanics' Inst., Stratford, 8. Final arrangements for young stock show.—W. G. Rogers.—(Notices should be sent in duplicate if it is wished that they appear both in "Cage Birds" and "Poultry World."—Ed.)

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Schedule for open show, etc.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Huddersfield O.S.—Aug. 18, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly table show, 4 Yorks. classes and 2 Norwich. Judge, Mr. J. Moorhouse, Meltham.—A. Lawford.

Lancs. and Lizard F.A.—Aug. 16, Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde, 6.—A. Martin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—August 23, Y.M. Halls, 7. Nomination, closing date for novice medal, and Y.B. cup.—Allan Thomson.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important to members wishing to avail themselves of "Cage Birds" coupons. Secretary will have them at this meeting.—D. John.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Aug. 16, Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, 7.45; important business; offers of specials for annual show thankfully received.—H. Best.—(Kindly forward address.—Ed.)

Leicester C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Business important.—J. Cook.

Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Railway Hotel, 7.45.—R. Charleson.

Leicester F. and F.A.—Aug. 19, The Three Cranes, 8.15. Table show of cage birds. Judge, Mr. Richards.—Granger Bros.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 2½ must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a bona fide one.

England.

Oct. 4. **Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Baker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 4. **Birtley C.B.S.** (S. Lindsay, Avon Bath, Birtley, Co. Durham.)

Oct. 8-9. **Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 9-10. **Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.

Oct. 10 & 11. **Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 11. **Morpeth C.B.S.** (E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15. **Plymouth W.C.O.S.** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16. **Hanley C.B.S.** (C. J. Robinson, 44, Crower St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.) A. H.

Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. St. Quinton, 35, Calvert St., Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18. **Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.** (Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Bee Mount, Halifax.)

Oct. 18. **Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18. **Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18. **Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22. **Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester). J.G., W.A.C., W.V., J.H.R., T.H., J.B.

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.

Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford). H.S., J.T.

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road). T.B., A.B., J.Mn.

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N & J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—(S. Poyser, Wilmot Road, The Dimple.) J.C.B.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—(W. Hodson, 28, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.) J.R.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.)

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.

Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES—Continued.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Burgh Arms, 7. Important, show schedule, etc.—R. Muir.

Manchester and Pendleton Amalgamated Show.—Robinson's, Carruthers Street, Ancoats, 9. Re amalg. show business.—R. Chaloner.—(No date given.—Ed.)

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Aug. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Amalgamated and Oct. show, etc., and other important business.—W. H. Tansey.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Aug. 21, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Open show business. Special general meeting.—J. W. Reed.

Sheffield O.S.—Aug. 19, Rose and Crown, Waingate, 8 p.m. Lantern lecture, Bird Life Through Camera and Field Glass, by Mr. G. Fletcher. Fanciers and friends all invited.—E. C. Job.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Headquarters.—J. Bamford.—(Time not stated.—Ed.)

Walsall C.B.S.—Aug. 20, White Harte, 8.30. Special meeting; election of judges for open show.—F. Price.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Duke of York, 8. Preparing schedule for open show, "Cage Birds" coupons on view, and taking orders for same.—J. Gibbons.

Wombwell B.F.S.—Aug. 23, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. Debate on colour-feeding; friends invited.—J. W. Dean.

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Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.) H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.C.

Nov. 21-22.—**Preston O.S.** (Thos. Barton, 163, Church St.) J.T., A.W.

Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.** (W. Tallantyre, South View.) J.P., T.D.

Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.** (J. R. Chantrey, Quarry Cottage.) A.H., A.Hn., R.T.

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.** (R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

Nov. 26.—**Sevenoaks F.A.**—(A. H. Woodcott, Woodleigh Cottage.)

Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)

Nov. 28-29.—**Sals C.B.S.** (O. F. Hardcastle, 262, Cross St.).

Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.)

Dec. 3 t.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.

Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., F.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.

Dec. 6. **Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.

Dec. 9-10. **Brighton and Hove C.B.A.** (Will K. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.

Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.

Dec. 11. **Frome F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.)

Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.

Jan. 3. **Huddersfield O.S.**—(A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.)

Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.**—(J. Peattie, 49, Kirkgate.)

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Rd.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, Mount Florida, Glasgow.) A.Ck., J.W., J.C., A.W., G.D., Dr. S., P.McQ., R.V.R., W.T., A.M.B., A.A., T.T., D.C., A.Ce.

Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cott.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M. J.T.

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.

Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.

Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.

Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.

Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.

Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.

Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.

Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).

Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holms, 8, Hill St.) J.S., W.Mc, J.B., A.S., W.P., R.B.

Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.) A.P., J.C., J.T., J.A., R.G.C., J.M.

Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.) J.McL., A.G.C., T.A., L.D., A.W., L.J.A.

Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.

Nov. 22.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.) J.McL., C.M., W.S., G.B.

Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell). W.G.M., J.W.B., R.V.R., A. McG.

Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Road.) J.S.

Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.

Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)

Dec. 6.—**Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.** (R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mt. Florida, Glasgow.) R.M., J.W.B.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham Street, Edinburgh.) J.T., J.Y., J.F.D., T.A., W.Me, W.M., J.M., C.S., L.J.A., J.A.S., A.H., J.C., J.H.

Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.) J.W.M.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)

Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).

Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)

Oct. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries-st., Treherbert). W.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)

Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Belfast (Ulster O.A.).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.

Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).

Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Jan. 8-9.—**Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.**—W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St.

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Oct. 16 & 17. **Norwich Alliance C.B.A.**—E. C. St. Quintin, 35, Calvert Street.
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Oct. 17 & 18. **Halifax O.S.**—H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.
Oct 18. **Burton-on-Trent.**—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street.
Oct. 18. **Harrogate.**—G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.
Oct. 18. **Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.
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Oct. 25. **Perth O.A.**—J. L. Smith, 120, High Street.
Oct. 29. **Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.
Oct. 30. **Matlock F.S.**—E. Poyser, Wilmot Rd., The Dimple.
Oct 31, Nov. 1. **Liverpool O.S.**—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
Nov 1. **Brechin C.B.S.**—G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.
Nov. 1 & 3. **Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.
Nov. 5 6. **Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idalhoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8. **Sheffield O.S.**—E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.
Nov. 7 & 8. **West Stanley C.B.S.**—W. Eltiott, 15, Fairford Terrace.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.
Nov. 8. **Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
Nov. 11-12. **Bournemouth C.B.A.**—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
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Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Road, Bournemouth, W.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

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Correspondence.

A Homing Greenfinch.

Sir,—A young unfledged Greenfinch rescued from certain death by being killed by cats or dogs, as it had evidently fallen out of its nest, was brought up by its rescuer in a greenhouse. The bird grew strong of wing, flying about the house, and afterwards, when older, would take long flights in the garden, or fly round and round the house, returning to its owner when tired or requiring to be fed. Unfortunately its freedom eventually cost it its life, as it fell into a tank full of water in the greenhouse, and was drowned.

THE OWNER.

Expatriated British Birds

Inspire Thoughts of Home.

Sir,—I have just returned from a tour round the world, and on arrival at Victoria, B.C., I was interested in seeing a number of British birds which were imported from England two years ago. From inquiries I made I learnt that they are gradually becoming acclimatised, but have suffered owing to the large number of predatory birds. However, I saw some very fine young Larks, and the notes of these melodious songsters reminded me of our beautiful, sung little island home. I went as far north as Alberni in Vancouver Island, and found that some of the birds had migrated to that district. These English birds give great pleasure to bird lovers from the old country who have settled there, and they have every care and protection.

T. R. DAY.

Novice Classes at the Open Shows.

Sir,—I would remind novices to look at these letters each week, as it will be very interesting to them, and they will see how the business cliques are worked to the interest of the champions, and not the novices. I will take the side of the novice and Mr. Laidlow the champion and his clique. I think Mr. Laidlow must be in ignorance of his writings; I am dealing with all varieties of novice classes. Let Mr. Laidlow answer my questions, and not use any false statements, especially in the papers. In regard to the question of the Gateshead Palace show in Mr. Laidlow's letter of Aug. 1, I called it the Gateshead Palace show, for which I apologise if I lifted the name of that society up a bit. But Mr. Laidlow pulls it down a bit; he says they don't call it that, but the proper name is the Gateshead and District C.B.S. Of course it must be right, as he is on the committee. Mr. Laidlow says he cannot understand it where the society receives £2 and gives away a sovereign. I took it on the cheap scale, he says. I am on the cheap, now; that is where the intellect comes in. He wants it on the heavy scale; not sufficient profit for him. Mr. Laidlow is very particular. I will base it thirty-seven per class: that is one of my numbers in July 25. For argument's sake, I will say if half of the thirty-seven entries pay 1s. 6d. each, that will work out at £1 8s. 6d., and the other half (members) at 1s. each; that will be 18s.—in all, £2 6s. 6d. for a sovereign prize-money. If they pay 1s. 6d. entrance fee, that works out at £2 15s. 6d. for a sovereign prize-money, leaving a net profit to the society of £1 15s. 6d. to help to pay for the champions with eight to twelve birds in a class. Is this fair or not? Gateshead Society knows. Mr. Laidlow refers to a member of the Newcastle committee who is a novice. He wanted to be in the novice society which I formed, but we refused him being a member. I made a small challenge with the same gentleman—which he accepted—about Newcastle show three weeks before the show. He had not the pluck to come forward, but walked on the other side of the street when he saw me coming. Mr. Laidlow says that I was at the Newcastle meeting when they elected the committee, and that I was not elected on the committee. This is a false statement. When the Newcastle committe were elected each committeeman proposed the other, and there were no seconders. They were all put up in one body, and were so elected. Of course only the committeemen's hands went up. As for me being proposed, I was not proposed, nor even asked to be, nor had I the slightest thought of it, so I could not be elected.

Mr. Laidlow complains about my subscription money—2s. 6d. What trifling things to talk about. I think January very soon for subscription money, being 10 months before the show. They could have had the 2s. 6d., if they were short, with pleasure. But I discovered the clique that night, therefore I never went again. I live about 30yds. away from the show, and I have every opportunity of calling in. So I know something. The year I left Newcastle Society some of the members entered their birds in the members' classes. There were plenty of tickets, but no money. So, members, wake up a bit. The prize-money goes to the open, along with your 2s. 6d., and you have to be content with a ticket or card.

With regard to Morpeth show, 1911, with fifty unflighted hens in one class. Mr. Laidlow has been looking for the biggest numbers in all his catalogues. He will not get another class with that number in the British Isles. That show was a very great credit to the Morpeth committee; but they are not the Newcastle committee. As for birds at 5s. per pair, do you remember there was a gentleman who sent for a pair of Norwich Plainheads, and he got a pair of "Dreadnoughts" to fire at the target, and could not hit it, so he took a "nut" with him to buy a yellow hen, which was on the shelf next to the Clayton Street wall in Newcastle Bird Market, for 5s. This was to improve his "Dreadnoughts." In regard to South Shields, a show we gave the patronage to, he says that we only had about two entries. This is not true. I sent 13s. 6d. down to South Shields show for many more entries besides this. So Mr. Laidlaw, be careful what you say in the papers.

T. W. LUMSDEN.

A Good Match and a Good Supper.

Bradford West C.B.A. Spends Enjoyable Day.

Sir,—In connection with the Bradford West C.B.A. a cricket match was played last Saturday in the Girlington field. A good number of members turned up, and we were favoured with a fine day. The teams were captained by Messrs. Greaves and Cowgill, and Messrs. Stead and Cooper acted as umpires. Mr. Greave's team batted first and scored 57, our worthy president, Mr. W. Crabtree, doing much towards this score, and it must be remarked that he was the cause of violent applause from the spectators on his splendid fielding. Nevertheless, Mr. Cowgill's team won the match by eight wickets. Afterwards we adjourned to Headquarters ("Shoulder of Mutton"), where we partook of a pie supper, which was admirably prepared by Mr. Payne and his wife. After supper business was discussed. We had a good time in the field and a good supper afterwards, and everybody was highly delighted with the arrangements.

A. COOPER.

Why are Rochdale Fanciers Not Holding a Show?

Sir,—Mr. Fuller says we are not to have a show at Rochdale this year, and that "after the way the Lancashire and Lizard classes were muddled last year it is about time they shut up shop;" he further adds that he has "been expecting it for some time." So have I; but not for the reason which caused Mr. Fuller's anticipation. Few societies refuse to run shows through bad judging. They have an easy remedy in that case of changing their judges. The cause generally is an insufficiency of cash; and if Rochdale aren't in that boat, then—well, they're lucky. Year after year—from a perusal of their catalogues—one finds the Lancashire classes only half filled, and when it comes to eight and ten classes at an average of nine entries, there is a great loss on a show financially. One wonders they don't curtail their classification and promote competition, by having the birds standing 20 deep, as my friend Mr. Naden remembers seeing them. Ah; what a time that must have been, compared to the sparsely-filled classes of to-day. Not long ago, I was in conversation with a late secretary of one of the Rochdale societies, and the conversation turned on this very subject. He related an experience of his own in consequence of which he resigned the secretaryship. It was the annual open show and they had in their schedule one class for Crests and one for Crestbreds. Now, most fanciers are aware—especially those who have the running of a show—that when entries are hovering in the region of eight or nine, the members try to keep them at eight, the half-money limit, because of the saving in prize-money; and quite right, too, when it can be done amongst themselves, without sending back outside entries. The show I refer to had nine entries in each class, Crest and C.B., and only three were from outside exhibitors, the remainder being members' exhibits. I have the catalogue in front of me as I write, and I find that a certain official of the society had more than one entry in each class. Naturally, the secretary was anxious to keep expenses down, so, he informed me, he asked this said official if he would withdraw one entry in each class, so that it would leave the classes at half prize-money, but he absolutely refused. One bird in each class was catalogued at a very low price, and I am giving it as my opinion that the request was a small one to ask of anyone. But no arguments could persuade this official to withdraw the two entries. Can it be that he had an idea he could win in those classes, and wanted the shekels transferred to his own pocket? He only managed to get a minor award though; and I should imagine he blessed himself for his stupidity when he could see that he had let the society in for a matter of 19s., an item worthy of consideration in the running of a show. Is there any wonder at societies going down?

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Identity of Friendly Birds.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me the name of a small bird, hardly as large as a Linnet, of a dull greenish colour, yellower on breast? I see many of them in the Silver Birches in the square in which I live. They seem quite fearless and fly round my Canary's cage in the balcony, sometimes perching quite close to me as I sit at the window. Can they be a kind of Tit, or possibly Willow Wrens, as I see them on the rose bushes, looking for insects? They do not eat the seeds I put out for them.

CHELTENHAM.

[The birds would be Willow Warblers; quite a little bunch of them may be found in the gardens near my own house—they come every year at this time.—Editor.]

Wild-Bird Life.

Birds in Harvest-time.

Although the summer days are passing all too quickly wild bird life is quite as interesting now as in the early spring months. True, the majority of birds have finished incubating, and the young have joined with the parents in making huge flocks or family parties, to wander over the fields and uplands, until Nature bids them seek more congenial climes to pass the dreary winter. Single-brooded birds have accomplished their comparatively easy task, but many double breeders are still tending young or starting on another venture. As the corn falls to the reaper, one can wander along the hedgerows, now overgrown with brambles and wild wood-



THE SPOTTED FLYCATCHER.

bine. Nests are difficult to locate, for the Greenbird and Linnet are able to bury deeply into the leafy mass, and not until the young are almost ready to face the outer world is the nest at all exposed, but the repeated visits of the parents to the young with food soon cause the stray shoots of bramble to seek another path, and a home that at one time was most difficult to find becomes exposed to view. Upon every stretch of common land and waste pieces by the roadside the hardy thistles flourish. Those exposed to the full sunshine are now distributing their seeds; in this they are greatly assisted by the flocks of Linnets, single wanderers, and small family parties. The flower heads have turned to a dirty brown in colour and the Linnet, perched upon one of these, pulls at the fluff, and is thus able to get at the seeds quite as easily as the Goldfinch, who with longer beak is able to dig into the mass and feed to his heart's content. On a patch of ground near to the writer's home the Linnets are busy the whole day, and here they are doing a vast amount of good, for no wild seed is scattered so far and wide as the thistle, and no weed is so difficult to eradicate.

The graceful little Flycatchers have been here again this summer in full force: almost every fence and gate post has its occupant. None of our summer visitors attracts our attention more than these little birds, it is impossible to pass them by, for they are constantly fluttering into the path in front of the observer. In its nesting habits the Spotted Flycatcher is almost as easy to please as the Redbreast. We have located the following positions: one on a beam over a summer house, one in a hole in a brick wall, one in a knot hole in a tree, and one on the trunk of an elm, simply supported by a few twigs.

H. NORMAN.

The Sexing of Canaries in the Nest.

Sir,—The best and easiest method to tell a young cock from a young hen is to watch the old hen when she is feeding. The young hens will always be the first to be fed and the cocks will always be the last. I find this is the best way to tell them when in nest.

T. Brooklyn.

The Testimonial to Mr. W. B. Cobb, of Leeds.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of subscriptions amounting altogether to six pounds, eight shillings and sixpence. I am afraid the holidays have, in many cases, prevented a prompt response to my appeal. I shall be extremely obliged to intending subscribers if they will kindly write me at their earliest convenience.

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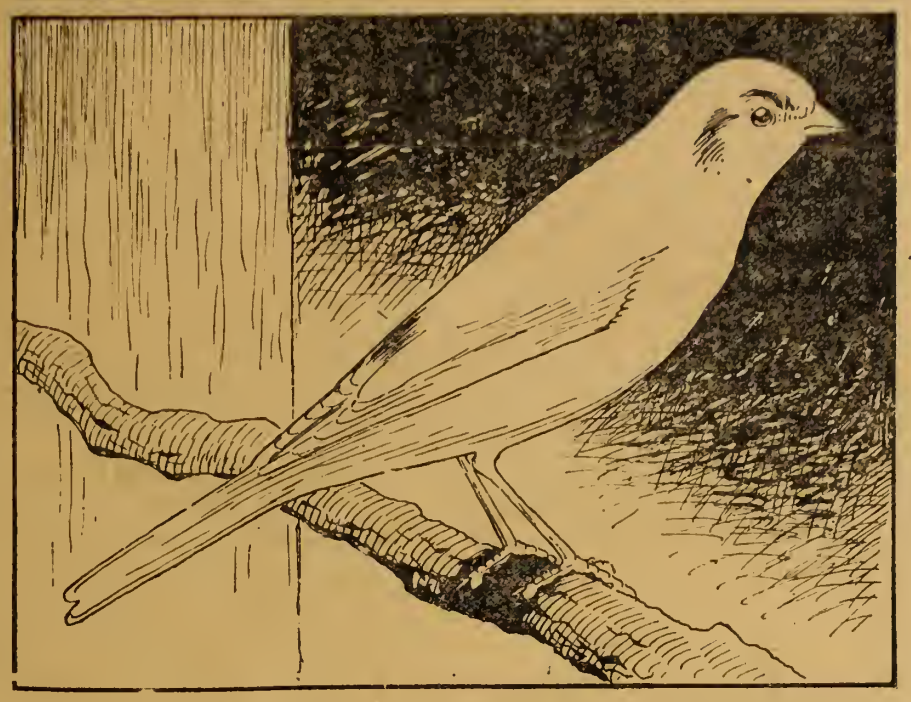
Siberian Goldfinches and the Use of Grit.

Sir,—I notice in a reply to a query regarding a Siberian Goldfinch that your correspondent is told to be "very sparing of grit," I should be very interested to know why. All birds require grit, and I do not think it at all likely that they would eat too much of it. I have never seen or heard of such advice given before, as what one is always told by everyone who keeps birds or poultry is to give them plenty of sharp grit; of course, of a size suitable to the birds.

H. P.

The above letter was forwarded to Mr. Norman who gave the reply to which our correspondent refers, and Mr. Norman's answer is as follows (Ed.):—

My advice to a reader to be "sparing of grit" was given in all good faith, and founded upon past experience. These birds when freshly imported will have been kept weeks, and probably months without any grit, and when it is given to them they will leave the choicest of food to gorge themselves with it. My advice was to be "sparing with it" not withhold it. If one's birds have by accident been kept several hours without water one would not think of letting them drink to excess, which they would do if allowed. One therefore gives it to them sparingly, until the desire for it is somewhat abated. The same thing applies to the supply of grit after a long deprivation. Grit is quite necessary to the health of captive birds, but they should always have it before them. If you are buying Siberian Goldfinches this coming winter you will be able to experiment with one or two of them.



A Winning Border at Scotland's Premier Show.

This variegated buff hen Border Fancy, the property of Mr. T. Arnot, of Hawick, secured 1st prize at the last Scottish National Show.

Bolton Show and the Norwich Plainhead Club's Patronage.

Further Applications Required.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your columns to say that owing to Bolton Society having decided not to hold its open show this year, as previously arranged, at which show the Norwich Plainhead Club's patronage had been given, the Club will now have to select another show for its patronage. Will societies, therefore, who desire such patronage, kindly communicate with me at once. They must be prepared to give 16 classes (10 for champion and six for amateurs), give four money prizes amounting to 22s. per class, and appoint one of the club judges. As the committee will meet on Saturday, Aug. 23rd to go through the applications, same will be sent in at once.

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A Young Scots Fancier for Canada.

Sir,—Mr. James Ward, jun., left the Clyde on Saturday last for Alberta. Mr. Ward, who is a graduate of Glasgow University, has always been an admirer of the Scots Fancy Canary—I might say was born in the Fancy. He is the youngest son of Mr. J. Ward, Shettleston, the well-known breeder and judge of that variety. A number of school teachers and fanciers accompanied Mr. Ward to the harbour to bid him farewell and wish him success in his new home. He has promised to send to Cage Birds a report of the Fancy as he finds it in Canada. He also intends putting up a few pairs of Scots Fancies when he gets settled down. He should prove himself a great help to the breeders out there, as I understand he knows the ideal required, and although a young man has judged several shows, and always given satisfaction. We all wish him good luck in the new country. Many fanciers here will anxiously await his promised report in Cage Birds.

T. S.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 61)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

I HAVE seven of these four-compartment cages made to fit into a recess between a fire-place (chimney-piece) and a window. Each cage is five feet long, fourteen inches high, and eleven inches wide; divided into four compartments by removable wooden slides. I have also a few wire slides to take the places of the wooden ones, in case a pair of birds do not at first take kindly to one another; they are then separated, a wire slide being placed between them, as I have previously described.

Outside Nesting Receptacles Recommended.

The cage fronts are removable, and made of half-inch mesh punched bar. If a larger mesh (say, the next size, five-eighths) is used, a Roller will be able to get its head through the wires, and often is unable to extract it again; then there is a danger of the bird being hanged. Each front has two head holes for seed (which allow the birds to reach both sides of the seed-hopper) and one head hole for water. In the top right-hand corner of each cage front is a small door that swings backwards, and in front of this a nesting receptacle is hung, being attached to the cage front by two wire hooks. These nest-pan holders are of tin, with a swing wire door at the front; they are 6½ inches high, by 4½ by 4½ inches. The advantages of these outside nesting receptacles are: the birds have more space inside the cages, the inside of the pan can be seen without removing it, and the eggs or youngsters can be removed without having to put the hand inside the cage; further, the birds are not nervous or shy when anything is being done to the nest. I have only found one disadvantage with these nest holders, and that is, in the event of having a nervous or shy hen, she will often leave the nest when anyone approaches closely. To obviate this I hang a piece of cardboard on the wire door of the nest-holder, allowing several inches at the top to admit sufficient light, and this has proved very satisfactory.

A Winter's Rest for the Cages.

One pair of birds I allow the use of two compartments; but by having another small door in the top left-hand corner of the cage front, another nest-pan receptacle can be used, when each compartment would accommodate one pair of birds. With all the slides removed these breeding cages make a very useful flight cage in a case of emergency. I do not recommend this, though, for I believe that a cage which has been used to breed birds in is better for a winter's rest. This will allow the fancier time to thoroughly clean and renovate them before the breeding season comes round again. A favourite method of mine is to choose a bitterly cold, frosty night—the kind of a night when it is "enough to freeze one's whiskers"—and place all the breeding cages out of doors, letting them remain out until a change in the weather compels me to bring them indoors again.

The flight cage brings me to the last of the various kinds of cages that we use. There is little to be explained about this. As a rule flights are made as large as the fancier can accommodate, consistent, of course, with them being easy to remove at any time that this may be found necessary. As a rule they are of wood, about six feet long, two feet high, and eleven or twelve inches wide. These flights are used to keep the hens and stock cocks in during the time they are not required for breeding purposes. They are very useful to moult the young birds in, allowing them plenty of room for exercise, which is necessary to develop them into strong healthy birds.

How Working-men May Economise.

As Canary fanciers are chiefly working-men (the term working-men is a very fine point with some people, but kindly accept it here as meaning those classes in receipt of a small wage) it may be necessary to study economy, and the handy man will be able to make many of his own cages. For instance, useful flight cages can be made from Colman's starch packing cases, or the large tobacconists' packing cases, and a useful breeding cage can be made from a Quaker Oats box. So it will be seen that our stock-in-trade need not necessitate any lavish expenditure, though, of course, such cages are far from being so neat and pleasing as those bought from a good cage-maker, and the prices nowadays are very moderate. I have mentioned charpie as a nesting material; usually this is made in Germany, but can be bought of most dealers. A sample can be made at home. First cut a piece of calico about two inches square, then with a stout needle pull it to pieces by drawing out the threads. It will be seen that charpie is composed of short pieces of stout cotton about two inches long.

The Choice of a Breeding Room.

To lay down a rule for the new fancier, and say he should use this or that room to breed his birds in is not always advisable; because the construction of our dwelling houses may be said to vary with the districts. A room with a south aspect, or at least one that will catch the sun at some time during the day, is certainly to be recommended. The cages should not be placed in such a position that they will be exposed to its direct rays; if this is found to be unavoidable, the window blind should be dropped until the sun has passed off the cages.

The ventilation can be arranged from the window, and if this is one of the ordinary sash pattern windows, a draught board can be fitted. These are quite simple to make, and also to use, as it is an ordinary piece of board cut to the width of the window, and about six inches wide. To put the board into position, raise the bottom sash, and place the board on edge underneath, the sash is then drawn down on to the edge of the board to fix it. This will prevent a current of air or draught from rushing straight into the room, as the air then rises, and enters the room between the two sashes. The top sash should be drawn down about one inch to make an exit for the impure air. Damp rooms, direct currents of air, and draughts blowing straight on to the birds are death traps.

Avoid Changes of Temperature.

The majority of hens will feed their youngsters better in a room where people are not continually moving about, and until the height of the breeding season the red mites do not become so numerous as is found to be the case with birds that are bred in a living room or kitchen where it is customary to have a fire in the daytime, and when during the evening the temperature is often raised by a lighted gas jet. As a rule when the family retires at night the gas is turned off, and the fire is allowed to burn itself out, consequently the temperature of the room falls just at a time when it would often be most desirable to keep it cosy.

Good ventilation without draughts is necessary, so one ventilator should be placed low down towards the bottom of the room, and another high up towards the top as an exit for the foul air. A wooden shield should be placed on the outside of the room, over the ventilators, to prevent the rain from beating through. On the inside a slide should be arranged to close, or partly close, the ventilators if it is necessary at any time. The room to stand six inches, at the least, clear off the ground to prevent it from getting damp. In all outdoor Roller Canary birdrooms it is advisable to have some kind of a heating apparatus, for although the Roller is quite capable of withstanding the cold to the extent of having the drinking water frozen, there are very few of us who care to be snug beside our firesides and think that our pets are likely to be suffering from the cold.

The Use of Artificial Heat.

Undoubtedly the safest heating method is by hot water pipes, with a boiler and fire-place outside the room, although for several seasons I used very successfully an oilstove, claimed by the makers to be smokeless and odourless. I found a little smell did arise for a few minutes on it being relighted after it had been cleaned and refilled. When an oil stove is used, if it is necessary to study economy in the use of oil, a couple of hot bricks can be placed on the top of the stove, and just sufficient heat turned on to prevent the temperature from falling below 45 to 40 degrees. As a precaution against any fumes or smoke that may arise, a tin funnel can be placed over the stove. The funnel will require a tin pipe fitting to it, to run upwards and be turned outside the room towards the top, or through the roof, if the roof can be afterwards made waterproof.

A couple of blinds should be provided to the windows, and a table at one window, underneath which can be placed either a nest of drawers or shelves to accommodate the seeds and various spare utensils.

(To be Continued)

In the Courts.

Bristol Man Fined for Catching Goldfinches.

Thomas Nicholls (30), of Barton Hill, Bristol, was summoned last week for being in possession of two Goldfinches which had been newly taken.

P.C. Slocombe stated that on the evening of July 29th, when he was on duty in some fields called Brook Hill, he saw the defendant, who was carrying a basket on his back, going along the public footpath towards Brislington. Knowing him to be a bird catcher witness stopped him and said he suspected him of being in illegal possession of wild birds. In the basket witness found the bird net produced, which had been recently used, also two cages. One contained a Mule bird and the cage produced contained two Goldfinches. The following morning he found one of the Goldfinches dead in the cage.

What the Defendant Said.

Witness handed back to defendant the cage containing the Mule, but told him he should retain the Goldfinches and the net. One of the Goldfinches had traces on. Defendant said they were two call birds, and he had not caught them on witness's beat—he had been to Shortwood, miles away. Witness said to him: "You know you had no right to catch Goldfinches," and he replied, "I must do something for a living, and there's no harm in catching a few paltry birds." One of the birds had undoubtedly been recently caught and the tips of the wings had been tied to keep it from fluttering.

Defendant, on oath, volubly defended himself from the witness-box. He opened by saying: "This is one of those peculiar cases that arise from time to time. Although I set forth in the morning with the intention of breaking the law, yet I was returning in the evening without having broken the law, because I was returning the same as I went forth. It does not signify that because a man goes to shoot with a gun that he has shot anything when he comes home." He contended that the birds had been in his possession since October, and that he could bring witnesses to prove that they had belonged to someone else previously.

Police Press for Substantial Penalty.

Superintendent Jennings said if the Bench thought the case proved he asked that a substantial penalty should be inflicted. He and other superintendents in the county had been requested, through the Chief Constable, to pay special attention to these cases, which were brought under a by-law of the County Council. Goldfinches had been almost extinct, and there had been comment upon the fact that they were snared by bird-catchers.

The Chairman said the by-law had been passed by the County Council because they desired that these rare birds should be preserved. Defendant would be fined 10s. The cage would be returned to him, but the decoy bird and the net and pegs would be forfeited.

The defendant inquired upon what point he was convicted.—The Chairman replied that the magistrates had convicted him for having in his possession a Goldfinch recently taken—the Goldfinch that died.—"Bristol Times."

A. Wood, bird-dealer, was charged at West Ham Court, on August 12, with cruelty to fowls, pigeons and Canaries exposed for sale, the allegations being that they were dirty and without food and water. He was fined £5.

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THE SAD SIDE OF LIFE.

Tragic Fate of Hyde Park Sparrows.

A correspondent of the "Evening News," wants to know if the Herons in Hyde Park, which live between the Albert Gate and the Serpentine, can't be fed sufficiently well to prevent their "merciless preying" on the local Sparrows.

"It is," she writes, "positively distressing to see the way in which some unsuspecting young Sparrow is pounced upon, seized in the Heron's long, cruel beak, and borne off screaming into the bushes."

An "Evening News" representative arrived at the enclosure just in time to see one of the Herons snap up a Sparrow, and hasten with its victim to the pond, where the small bird's terrified cries were quickly hushed.

One of the spectators related how he had seen another Heron get a tiny Duckling. When the mother Duck gave the thief chase a second Heron rushed up and seized another Duckling. The Duck's family originally numbered seven, but now there were only two.

A park keeper answered the correspondent's complaint. "It is true," he said, "that the Herons lead the small birds a bit of a dance, but there is no ground for the suggestion that they are forced to it by hunger. They are regularly fed on fish, but, I suppose, like human beings, they fancy a change now and again. They certainly relish a Sparrow, especially a young one. It goes down whole, feathers and all, but I've often seen them take the bird first to the pond and hold it under water for a while."

Fourteen Years in Love with the Norwich Plainhead.

(*Concluded from page* 499).

This contribution, by J. Bagshaw, Penkhull, was awarded first prize in the essay competition promoted by the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S.

I HAVE heard some fanciers say they never take the seed box off, their birds eat the colour food first. Of course, in some instances we find one that eats it greedily. The greatest objection I think is the smell. Mine I always mix a day or two beforehand. This gives the colour time to penetrate through the egg-food, and also weakens the smell. You need have no fears as to it keeping, it will be as sweet at the end of three days as when you made it.

The second round youngsters we shall treat on exactly the same lines as the first, these will break into moult when about eight weeks old, and by the end of July all breeding pairs should be broken up and the birds put on colour food at once. When about three parts through the moult, I single out the best youngsters and finish them off by themselves. I then give sulphate of iron in the drinking water about twice a week. This fixes the colour and tightens up the feathers. You can now with advantage give a small quantity of linseed, either in the colour food or on the cage bottom, this will put a sheen on the feather, and counteract the constipating tendency of the iron.

Steadying the Show Birds.

They should be run in the show cage as often as possible, and if a fellow fancier visits your room don't forget to let him handle them, this will help to get them steady. It is useless showing a bird that flutters all over the cage when handled, the judge will ignore it no matter how good a specimen it is. In finishing off the moult, you can either reduce the strength of your colour food or give it in smaller quantities. I prefer the latter way and miss them now and then a day when they are getting well through with the head. Here the beginner often makes a mistake and takes them off colour food before they are finished round the eyes and nostrils. It should be continued until they are fined down. We shall have to breed a certain amount of colour in our birds, for, as stated previously, it is useless colour-feeding unless we have got some green blood in our stock.

I will now pass on to the last but not least important subject, that of preparing our birds for the show bench. Our success or failure will depend much upon this, and if two birds in a class are of equal merit the best staged one will certainly win. The first thing necessary is the wash, this should be done by a practical fancier. If you cannot wash your birds get someone to do them for you; of course, it will be more honour to you if you can do them yourself. I always wash mine about four days before a show, this gives them time to tighten up again. Many birds are spoiled, not in the washing but in the rinsing, you cannot be too particular about this, especially round the neck. If you don't fetch all the soap out they will wear a collar.

After washing it will be necessary to hang on the bath, or, failing this, spray them every day, and if any of them seem slack in feather give a small quantity of millet seed; this will soon put them right. You must also see that your show cages are perfectly clean, nothing looks worse than a clean bird in a dirty cage.

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When attending shows do not grumble if you do not win, but compare your own birds with the winners, and if you cannot find out where you are beaten ask some practical fancier to show you. Start at the bottom of the ladder and climb upwards, don't try to run before you are able to walk. A man who starts in the Fancy with more money than brains will buy expensive birds before he understands anything about their management, and at the first disappointment he will die out of the Fancy as suddenly as he came in. I will now give you a useful bit of advice; keep in with the wife, and try to interest her in your hobby. If you can do this it will go a long way towards success. I am pleased to say I can get mine to do anything but to wash birds, and I have hopes of teaching her to do this in the near future.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Monthly meeting held in Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Leonard Street, Aug. 6, Mr. A. G. Forest chair. After sec. had read all correspondence he was asked to write to the British Bird and Mule Club sec., asking about the classification of that club, as our classification is to be gone over at next meeting. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.—J. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, Aug. 7, Mr. Hill chair, and a fair number of members present. Balance sheet of July show was submitted, which showed a profit of 2s. 7d. We are glad to say there has been a profit on each of the shows held this year. Mr. Humphries, Lewisham, was elected a member. Other business was rapidly got through, and the rest of the evening was spent in "Questions and Answers," which proved very entertaining and instructive. Committee meeting, Aug. 21, to draw up schedule for annual show.—Barton Bros.

STANLEY VICTORIA CLUB.

Meeting held August 10, Mr. T. H. Curry, chair, stated he was very pleased at the success of the sec. in securing a seat on the Board of Management of the club, and he thanked the members for the way they had worked on behalf of the sec. Decided to have the pens from the same firm as last year. It was proposed to start a fund to have a trip to the Scottish National Show on New Year's Day. All fanciers in this district that wish to go are invited to join us, whether members or not. Our char-a-banc trip is on Saturday, next, and I hope members will enjoy themselves.—R. Peart, Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held August 9. Mr. Butler, chair. Five new members were elected, Messrs. A. Dawson, Underwood, Barron, Robsons, and Oxley. Next business was the open show schedule, and members' schedule for annual show, Nov. 7 and 8. In open section we have 28 classes, and in members' 37. We are promised a good many extra specials in open classes, and cups for members' show. As we have had a record breeding season here, and some extra good birds have been bred, competition will be very keen. We have again secured the Hiberian hall for our two days' show. Schedules, etc., are in the printer's hands, and will be ready in a day or two. We have only three more meetings before show, so I hope members will turn up to a man, as they did on Saturday last, and no doubt we will not be disgraced on Nov. 7 and 8.—W. Elliott.

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CHESTER C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Boot Inn, July 29, Mr. F. C. Parker chair. Mr. W. A. Carr and Mr. Club were elected members. Date of annual members' show was fixed for November 22nd, and Mr. J. W. Metcalfe was elected judge. Next meeting, August 26th.—R. L. G. Simpson.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held in Bay House Tavern, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. In the absence of secretary, Mr. Wm. Duff read the minutes of previous meeting, and was then voted assistant sec. in place of Mr. M. Kelly, who cannot see his way to fill the position. The coming show was discussed, and canvassers were appointed to call on all probable subscribers. A goodly lot of specials are already booked, and the schedule promises to be a large one.—H. Muir, Sec.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Monthly meeting held August 7. One new member nominated. Decided to hold annual members' show Nov. 6. Mr. R. Cambers was elected assist. sec. owing to the resignation of Mr. T. H. Fletcher. Special for most points at the young stock show, presented by Mr. T. L. Salter (Vice-President) was handed to winners, Messrs. Taylor and Wright. Members please make a point of attending next meeting, Sept. 4, as classification for annual show will be arranged, also other business in connection with the show. Jeffery Jefferis, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 7, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. Correspondence read from Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League, Northern Crest Club, re patronage, and the following specialist clubs, granting patronage for our open show, Oct. 17 and 18: G.C.A. for Borders, B.F.C.C., N.B., and S.F.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., N.Y.C.C. The following were elected members:—Mr. Makepeace, Linty Colliery, and Mr. Wilson, Cramlington. A proposal to put on seven Crest classes for open show was lost; there will be four classes for Crests. Special general meeting, Aug. 21. Will members please note. Messrs. Crawhall and Maddison had an interesting debate, "Canary v. British," Mr. Crawhall taking Canary, and Mr. Maddison British. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, Fairhaven Institute, Iscard, Aug. 7., Mr. Benson chair. Mr. C. Houlton was appointed to judge Old Show. Before a good muster, Mr. George Barker gave a most interesting lecture on the "Fauna of Wallasey and District." The lecturer covered the table with a large and splendid collection of various specimens, which included wild flowers, moths and butterflies, land, fresh water and marine shells, seaweeds, fungi, and grasses. Mr. Barker named each specimen, and gave us brief descriptions as they came to hand. At the conclusion of the lecture many questions were asked, which the lecturer answered in a most able manner. Mr. Geoff. Benson, in a lengthy speech, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Barker for coming forward and giving such an interesting lecture, as it enlightened the members as to what could be found in our district. Mr. W. Mallinson seconded, and said it was a pleasure for him to be there that evening to hear such a lecture, the company unanimously agreeing. Mr. Barker briefly responded, and said he hoped in the future to give several more such lectures.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General meeting held Aug. 5, at headquarters. Mr. A. E. Long presided over a fair muster to discuss the business of the Amalgamated Societies' show. Agreed, that we join in with other societies, and that Mr. Vine, Mr. Robinson and myself, with Mr. Thorpe as reserve man, to represent the society at the delegate meetings, and to support the suggestions from last meeting that date of show be December 20th, also that three successful exhibitors, one for each variety, who have never judged at an open show, be elected as judges. It is not that we are dissatisfied with the present popular judges, but it would be a change, and a chance to infuse new blood. Will the small committee elected for the purpose of selecting new design of show bill submit designs and prices at the next meeting. We are arranging a cycle ride through Alderley Edge and Knutsford on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24, weather permitting; will those who intend going let me know at the next meeting, so we can arrange tea? Mr T. Hunt will act as captain. Local fanciers invited. The proposed date of our annual show is Nov. 22; if this clashes with any other local society will they let me know at once before we fix?—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec., 193, Palmerston Street, Manchester.

The Shows.

HULL C.B.S.

Third N.E. show held July 28, Oddfellows' Hall. Mr. R. Barwick judged. 35 birds were staged. NOR. YELL.: 1, Angel; 2, P. Potter; 3, Douse; vhc, F. F. Potter; hc e, Hope. BUFF: 1, Clark; 2, Douse; 3, F. F. Potter; vhc, P. Potter; hc, Calvard; c, Heseltine. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Kemp; 2, Stones; 3, hc, Gibson; vhc, Lightfoot; c, H. Lowden. BUFF: 1, 2, Fox; 3, Lightfoot; vhc, Stones; hc, c, Gilson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1 2, 3, hc, P. Potter; vhc, Riley.—Heseltine and Lambert, Hon. Secs.

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CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY C.B.A.

Y.B. show held in the Alexandra Hall; a fairly good entry was secured. Silver medal for best Canary bred in Cambridgeshire this year was won by Mr. Langley with a cl. yell. Yorks. of good quality. Mr. W. Ridgeon (hon. sec.) assisted by the committee, superintended the staging of the birds, and Mr. J. T. Palmer, Gamlingay, judged. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Allen. BUFF: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Bishop and Son. YORKS. YELL.: 1, medal, Langley; 2, 3, Bishop and Son. BUFF: 1, 3, Langley; 2, Bishop and Son. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Nichols; 2, Edwards; 3, Bishop and Son. OLD BIRDS: MULE OR HYB.: Bryant. GOLDF.: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Vinsen; 3, Hearn. LINNET: 1, Bryant; 2, Nichols; 3, Bye. GREENFINCH: 1, Ridgewell; 2, Hearn; 3, Bye. SISKIN: 1, Bye; 2, Vinsen. NOV.: YORKS.: 1, Langley; 2, Ridgewell; 3, Cooper. A.O.V.: Vinsen.

EPWORTH.

On Bank Holiday a few cage bird classes were provided at the poultry, etc., show, and fairly well supported, considering the unfavourable time of the year. We noticed that few of the visitors missed inspecting this section. The birds were nicely staged and received every attention. In Mr. Burrows, the Society has a first-rate secretary. The judging was very well done by Mr. J. Wheldrake, of Goole.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, Parlett; 3, Brown; vhc, Boyes, Cooper; hc, Cowling. DITTO, 1913 (10): 1, Parlett; 2, vhc, Savage; 3, Crawshaw; hc, Mallinson; c, Brown. YORKS, 1913 (5): 1, Savage; 2, 3, Shipley; vhc, Brown; hc, Cooper. LOCAL CAN. (5): 1, sp, 2, Shipley; 3, hc, Crawshaw; vhc, Sissons. BRIT. (6): 1, Jubb; 2, 3, Parlett; res, Mrs. Bradshaw; vhc, Miller. FOR. (2): 1, Mrs. Lambert.

CAMBRIDGE.

The classes in connection with the great Bank Holiday gala on Midsummer Common were poor this year, due in great part, we should think, to a radius of 20 miles being put on them. The section, however, proved as great an attraction to visitors as before, and was well managed and looked after. The cup for best bird fell to Mr. Papworth, a very nice Goldfinch "turning the trick." The judge, Mr. Harrison, of St. Ives, gave every satisfaction with his awards.

NOR. (7): 1, sp, 3, Papworth; 2, Williams; 3, Handscombe; hc, c, Bidwell. DITTO, 1913 (14): 1, sp, 3, Brooks; 2, Parker; vhc, Manning; hc, c, Allen. MULE or HYB. (7): 1, 2, Hart; 3, Newman; vhc, c, Mansfield; hc, Bishop. MEMBERS' CAN. (11): 1, sp. (2), 3, Brooks; 2, Williams; hc, Handscombe; c, sp, Papworth. BRIT. (12): 1, sp (2), 2 and cup best bird, Papworth; 3, Ibbott; hc, Handscombe. MULE or HYB. (10): 1, vhc, Lawrence; 2, 3, Hart.

EASTERN COUNTIES (Ipswich) C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. show held at the Ipswich Social Settlement, Aug. 9. The season has been particularly adverse for Canary breeders, and it was not surprising that the entries fell one or two short of last year. But the decrease was very slight, and on the whole the society has every reason to feel proud of the present show, and especially should the result be gratifying to the indefatigable and obliging hon. sec., Mr. W. Barritt, who handled the arrangements in a thoroughly business-like manner. The silver challenge cup of the society for best bird was won by Messrs. Andrews Bros. with a very fine Glossy Starling, shown in the pink of condition. Specials for second best given by Messrs. Andrews Bros., and Mr. J. Bevan—and in the novice section, were awarded to Mr. E. Baker, with a typical Norwich Plainhead. The same exhibitor also won spl. given by the Ipswich Working Men's Poultry Club for most points. Mr. C. Simpson judged.

NOR., ETC., YELL.: 1, Baker; 2, 3, Tydeman; vhc, Barham, Cole; hc, W. Cook. BUFF: 1, Mouser; 2, Tydeman; 3, vhc, Barham; vhc, hc, Cole. TKD., ETC.: 1, Mouser; 2, Tydeman; 3, sp, best 1913, Baker; vhc, Barham; hc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, vhc, Tydeman; 2, Cole; 3, Barham; hc, Baker. GR. OR BEAV. MKD.: 1, Tydeman; 2, Cole; 3, Clarke. CINN. YELL.: 1, Bevan; 2, 3, Cook; hc, Baker. BUFF: 1, Baker; 2, 3, Cook. CREST: 1, Gunn. C.B.: 1, Gunn. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Buxton; vhc, Hammond. BUFF: 1, Flatt. NOV. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, best in show, best in novice, vhc, Baker; 2, Richold; 3, hc, Hammond. BUFF: 1, Flatt; 2, Buxton; 3, Baker. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Baker; 2, Richold; 3, Flatt; hc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Buxton; 2, Baker; 3, Robinson; vhc, Flatt; hc, Buxton. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Flatt. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Buxton. SOFTBILL: 1, sp. third best in show, Andrews Bros.; 2, Dickerson. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Andrews Bros. A.O.V.: 1, challenge cup, Andrews Bros.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show held August 2 in club-room, Butcher's Arms, 44 birds were staged. Mr. D. Sutcliffe awarded the prizes and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Self; 2, Sykes; 3, Hainsworth and Son; 4, Peace; vhc, hc, Lister; c, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, 2, Self; 3, S. Midgley; 4, Hainsworth and Son; vhc, Fieldhouse. TKD. YELL.: 1, Peace; 2, Sykes; 3, J. W. Hainsworth; 4, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, G. Midgley; 2, Peace; 3, hc, Helliwell; 4, c, S. Midgley; vhc, Lister. GR. MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, c, Lister; 2, Midgley; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, F. Self. BUFF: 1, Coombs; 2, Helliwell. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Coombs.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show held Normanton Hotel, August 9, and proved to be a very good one considering that young birds are now beginning to fall into moult. Some really excellent specimens were staged in every section. Mr. J. H. Drakeley judged, and his awards were very popular. There was a fair attendance and the show all round reflected great credit upon the efforts of the society.

CL., ETC., NOR.: 1, 2, Baker; 3, Bamsey; vhc, Hodgkinson; hc, c, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Watts; 2, Bamsey; 3, Baker. LIGHTLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Baker; 2, Watts; 3, Morrell; vhc, Twells. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Hodgkinson; 2, Baker; hc, c, Bamsey. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Watts. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Elkins; 2, 3, vhc, Pass; hc, York; c, Barton. BUFF: 1, York; 2, 3, Cockeram; vhc, Barton; hc, Edkins. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Cockeram; 2, York; 3, Barton; hc, Edkins. CREST: 1, 3, Wharam; 2, Foley. C.B.: 1, 2, Wharam. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Parnell; 2, 3, Thompson. NOV.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Wood; vhc, Twells. BRIT.: 1, Oliver; 2, hc, c, Ramm; 3, Watts; vhc, Wood.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Show held Aug. 4 in connection with the Bradeworth Horticultural Society. The show was a decided success, there being 76 entries, which is not bad considering the time of the year and the bad breeding season we have had in this district. In Yorks some fine birds were put down by Messrs. Truman, Poppleton, Hall, and Hunt, and in Norwich excellent teams were shown by Messrs. Leam, Truman, Brown, Bagnall, and Baxby. In British, birds of merit were staged by Messrs. Pogmore, Truman, Wade, and Bescoby. Special winners were: Best Yorks, J. Hall; best in show, T. Truman; best in Woodlands and Dis., W. Twine; most points in Yorks., G. Hunt: ditto Nor., T. Truman; ditto Brit., H. Wade; second most points Brit., T. Truman. Judge, Mr. Clarence Presley, who gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CK.: 1, Hall; 2, Hunt; 3, Bagnall; vhc, Robinson; hc, Middleton; c, Truman. HEN: 1, Hunt; 2, 3, Truman. YELL. YORKS, 1913: 1, Poppleton; 2, 3, Hunt; vhc, Whittington; hc, Truman. BUFF: 1, Hunt; 2, c, Truman; 3, hc, Wade; vhc, Brown. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Truman; 3, Robinson; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Twine; c, Simpson. HEN: 1, Truman. NOR. YELL., 1913: 1, Bagnall; 2, Brown; 3, Leam; vhc, Truman. BUFF: 1, vhc, Leam; 2, Truman; 3, hc, Brown; c, Twine. A.O.V.: 1, Twine; 2, vhc, hc, Baxby; 3, Brown; c, Truman. MULE OR HYB.: 1 2, Drabbs. DITTO, 1913: 1, hc, Truman; 2, c, Wade; 3, vhc, Blanchon. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Truman; 2, Bagnall; 3, Lister. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Pogmore; 3, Band; vhc, Wade. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, 2, Wade. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, 2, 3, Bescoby; vhc, Poppleton; hc, Truman. FOR.: 1, 3, Truman; 2, Dean.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. Show, held at Headquarters, Brewers' Arms, Aug. 11, when there was a grand reunion of the members. Entries were very good, particularly in Yorkshires, but no doubt the lateness of the date affected the numbers considerably, many of the exhibits being far advanced in the moult. Messrs. Mann & Tilley's winner in Yorks. was much admired for size and type. Although not very numerous, Norwich were of good quality, and much may be heard of the 1st and 2nd birds later on in the season. British were of good quality, and Mr. W. Bailey's winning Linnet easily scored. Mr. W. E. Allen judged, and his awards were received with general satisfaction. NOR.: 1, vhc, hc, Ratcliffe; 2, 3, Garton; c, Mann and Twilley. YORKS.: 1, 2, c, Mann and Twilley; 3, vhc, Garton; hc, Muxlow. BRIT.: 1, 2, Bailey; 3, Mann and Twilley; vhc, hc, c, Bond.—H. Lowther, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Annual young bird show held Aug. 2, in Camera Club Studio, a very suitable and excellently lighted room. Larkhall fanciers have not been favoured in the way of breeding results. Still, we had an extra good entry of over forty birds, quality being of a high standard. The classes contained several birds of great promise. Mules excelled all previous shows, both in quantity and quality. It was pleasing to note the enthusiasm of the novice members, and their exhibits were worthy of mention. Points sp. was won by Mr. Pollock. The awards, placed by Mr. Braidwood, Burnbank, met with entire satisfaction. BORD. YELL.: 1, McGhie; 2, Pollock; 3, McLure; 4, Hannay; 5, Craig; 6, Rundell. BUFF: 1, McGhie; 2, 3, Pollock; 4, Marley; 5, Craig; 6, Rundell. NOR. YELL.: 1, Chalmers; 2, Perrie; 3, 4, Rundell. BUFF: 1, Rundell; 2, 3, Chalmers; 4, Rundell; 5, Kennedy. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 6, Thompson, Twite, Greenf., and Linnet; 3, 5, McLean, Linnets; 4, Perrie, Goldie.—A. Thomson, Sec.

COLERAINE.

Show held Aug. 7 in connection with the flower show, and proved a success. Some fine exhibits were staged in a cosy room free from draughts. Miss Lyle, the sec., deserves great praise for the manner in which she executed her duties. The committee, Messrs. D. Kennedy, R. Forsythe, and F. W. Wright looked well to the wants of the exhibits. Mr. W. Gillespie judged and gave every satisfaction. It is rumoured that another show will be held in October. NOR. CK.: 1, spl, Miss Lyle, lovely exhibit, well staged; 2, Creighton, close up; 3, McKervill. HEN: 1, 2, sp, Mackey, two nice ones. CREST: 1, spl, Creighton, good one, wins well; 2, Mackey, not quite so good in crest. COM. CAN.: 1 Montgomery; 2, McLarnan; 3, Kennedy. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Dunlop, sen., splendid team of Scotch Fancies, an old warrior leading, a gem; 2, 3, two good ones, often described. YORKS CK.: 1, spl, 2, Jamieson, two good ones, will be hard to beat; 3, Forsythe. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Jamieson, good team, will be heard of again, a credit to their owner. MULE: 1, spl, 2, Creighton, gems, will hold their own anywhere; 3, Anderson, nice one, but beaten to-day in hot company. GOLDF.: 1, spl., Dunlop, sen., fine square-cut blaze, well tanned, nicely staged; 2, Newman, not quite so good in blaze or tannings; 3, Dinsmore, close up on 2nd. BULLF.: 1, Lady Bruce, nice one, but on the small side. FOR.: 1, spl, Kennedy, lovely Parrot, not a feather out of place; 2, Lecky, nice exhibit, well worth its place; 3, Creighton.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest held Butcher's Arms, Union Street, Aug. 9, for time: 1, 2, Syddall; 3, Hickman. Timekeepers, Messrs. Caswell and Edwards; tappers, Hodgkies and Syddall. Next contest for time, Aug. 23. First pair 2.45. Members' club contest will be held Aug. 30; first pair up at 2.45. Members must be clear on the books by Aug. 23, or will not be entitled to compete for prizes.—E. Hickman, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Aug. 9, 16 entered for 3 prizes. 1, 2, Smith; 3, Wainwright. Also Aug. 10, 20 birds entered for 3 prizes and some very good singing was heard. 1, B. Nelson; 2, W. Nelson; 3, Wainwright. Annual general meeting for election of officers for 1914 will be held last Saturday in Aug., after singing contest. It is hoped that all members will attend.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Aug. 10. 17 birds sang for 3 prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Lacy; 2, B. Farrar; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, Cooper, Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnets held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Aug. 10. 16 birds sang for 3 prizes: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Binnir. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman, J. Clark.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing held British Oak, Carbrook Street, Attercliffe, August 2. Mr. Austin gave 3 special prizes. 14 competed: 1, Albert, 57 sec.; 2, Woodcock, 44; 3, Rodgers and Thompson, 41 each. Aug. 3, Mr. Austin gave 3 special prizes. 16 competed: 1, Newton, 94sec.; 2, Rodgers, 75; 3, Albert, 52. Aug. 4, Mr. Austin gave 3 special prizes. 22 competed: 1, Newton, 98 secs.; 2, 3, Woodcock, 84 and 81. Aug. 10, Mr. Austin gave 3 special prizes, 12 competed: 1, Newton, 90 sec.; 2, Woodcock, 67; 3, Langley, 59; Thompson, 58. Contest every week-end. Sec. sits every Sunday night from 8 to 9 to receive contributions.—A. Thompson, Sec.

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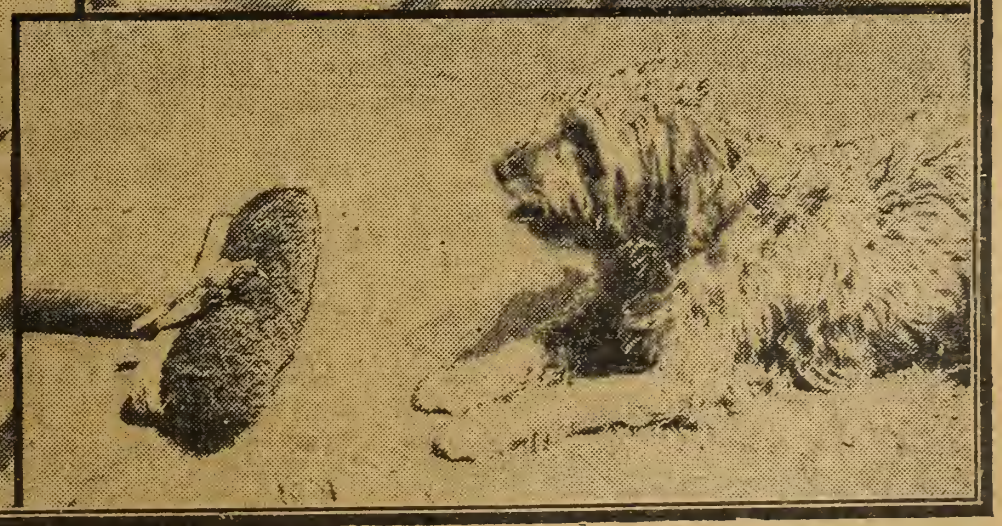
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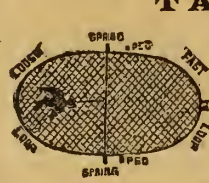
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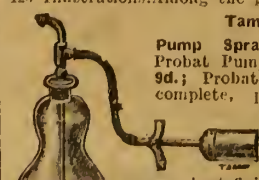
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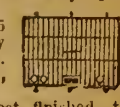
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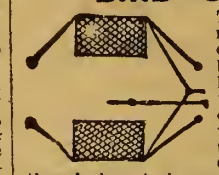
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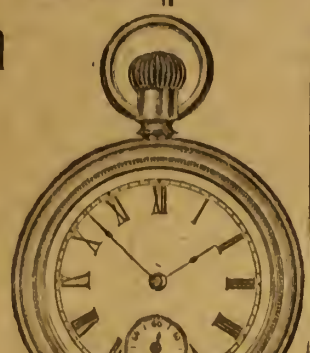
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Some Hints on Colour Feeding.

Mr. W. Curry, in a lecture delivered August 14, gives the members of the Northern Counties N.P.C. the benefit of his wide experience.

We have met together this evening to consider the question of colour feeding, although a more important subject, in my opinion, is breeding for colour, for unless you breed for colour it is practically impossible to colour feed to perfection. As a rule young birds commence to moult at about ten weeks old; old birds mostly start in July, and from this time your bird rooms should be very carefully attended to, as the moulting season is a very critical time for the birds. First of all, you should see your birds are in good condition, for strong, healthy birds moult in about 6 or 8 weeks, whilst birds in poor condition usually hang in the moult for weeks after those which are in good health are finished. See also that your room is well ventilated, but free from any draught. As a rule I select my best young birds, and moult them in twos; but those of my old birds which I intend for exhibition I moult singly; the rest I put in a large flight. Now light has a great influence on colour, and it is very important that the birds should be protected from all strong light during the moulting season. In mixing the feed, the colour food should consist of the ordinary egg food, to which must be added a proportion of the pure tasteless pepper. My own method is to commence with one slice of bread (pretty thick), one hard-boiled egg, two teaspoonfuls of fine sugar, and one teaspoonful of tasteless pepper, and I gradually increase the amount of pepper until I reach the amount required, that is, three teaspoonfuls. I might say that I add two ounces of hot pepper to every pound of tasteless, as by doing this I find I get a better colour. To ensure that the pepper is well mixed in with the egg food I rub well with my hands, and let it stand overnight, giving it to the birds the first thing next morning. I allow a level teaspoonful to each bird per day, and I have always found this quantity sufficient. Canaries, like ourselves, need a change of diet, and for that change I sometimes give Osborne or Marie biscuits, in each case adding sugar and pepper as stated. Some fanciers advocate withholding the seed, and forcing birds to eat the colour food. I contend this is very unwise, as the birds require seeds to build up their constitution, although the egg contained in the colour food aids in this respect. The colour in the food charges the bird's blood with colour, and the blood in turn colours the plumage. I maintain that it is necessary to feed for both stamina and colour, and to do this the birds must be fed daily on both seed and colour food. If the food is made palatable there is not the slightest need to remove the seed-box, which should contain the best of Spanish canary seed only. Towards the end of the moult a little iron as a tonic should be given, as iron feeds the blood with its colouring matter and fixes the colour in the plumage. Colouring matter deposited by vegetable substances fades more or less, so it is very important that something should be given to fix the colour. This year I am trying one good teaspoonful of Parish's Chemical Food mixed in the egg food twice a week. Don't forget to use the bath during the moult whenever the weather is warm and bright, for this is a great assistance towards getting the birds into good condition. No green food should be given during moulting season to birds that are being colour fed, as the feed is somewhat relaxing. In case you find it too relaxing, add a little rice flour to the feed. Where birds are being shown, a little colour food should be given once a week throughout the show season. Be very careful to remove all stale food; there is nothing that will turn a bird against colour food sooner than stale or musty egg food.

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(Will secretaries please notify us of the latest date on which applications can be received?—Ed.)

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Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

LEAGUE members will remember that in my notes of July 19, I referred to the efforts of our enthusiastic friend, Mr. G. H. Peck, of 5, Baldwyn's Rd., Bexley, Kent, in promoting a Decorated Cage Competition among the children of the members of the Westgate House (Dartford) Working Men's Club.

In his letter to me, Mr. Peck desired me to ask his fellow members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to assist him by sending along any spare Redpolls, so that every child competing should be assured of a prize. I now hear from Mr. Peck that Mr. G. Haslett, of Finchley, has kindly forwarded him two Redpolls, and Mr. S. Coote, Cambridge, has contributed four.

Mr. Peck tells me that he is sending on Monday next a Greypate to Mr. Haslett. This is in fulfilment of his promise to send to members forwarding a Redpoll or two for the purposes of the children's competition some British birds of his own catching, as some return for their kindness in assisting him in his charitable project.

I hope that any member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE who has one or two Redpolls which he can spare will send them to Mr. Peck at the address given above, and if the donor should desire some other British birds in exchange I am sure that Mr. Peck will send him something at least to the value of the Redpolls contributed. It is by acts such as these that members can help on one of the ideals of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, the establishment of goodwill and fellowship among bird-keepers generally.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging Sale C.B.S. show, Nov. 28.

Mr. Robt. Elliott, Sec. Bishop Auckland C.B.S., has removed to 1, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, Co. Durham.

Mr. R. B. Gibb, 2, Alexandria Terrace, Govan, hon. sec. of Yorks. C.C. of Scotland, would be glad if Mr. Knight, of Glasgow, would send him his address.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Upper Rhondda C.B.S., it was decided that all members must pay their subscriptions by Sept. 10; otherwise they will not be allowed to compete for members' special.

At a meeting of the Felling and Dist. F. and F.S., held August 13, writes Mr. G. Garbutt, Hon. Sec., 15, Balmoral Terrace, Felling-on-Tyne, it was resolved that the membership of the club be open to the counties of Northumberland and Durham.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Stirling (Brechin).

It is with regret, writes Mr. Geo. Mitchell, sec., Brechin C.B.S., that I have to intimate the death of Mr. John Stirling, one of the oldest members of Brechin C.B.S. He died very suddenly on Wednesday, July 30, after only an hour's illness. He came to Brechin about 25 years ago, and immediately associated himself with the local Society. From the start Mr. Stirling was a very successful breeder and exhibitor. He was a well read, "couthie" old man, and in many matters pertaining to the work of the Society his sound advice was a great help to the members. He leaves a widow and grown-up family, with whom much sympathy is being expressed.

Mr. Wm. Gardner (Lancaster).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Bostock, Hon. Sec. Lancaster C.B.S., that I notify you of the death of Mr. Wm. Gardner, of Lancaster, at the age of 58 years. Deceased had been a member of the Lancaster and Dis. C.B.S. for upwards of 30 years, and had held all positions possible in the society, being trustee up to the time of his death, also steward at our last show. Mr. Gardner was a great exhibitor of Crests and Norwich up to about 5 years ago, when he had to cease through ill-health. He will be sadly missed by his friends and members of the society. He leaves a widow and four daughters.

I regret to announce, writes Mr. W. L. Smith, Hon. Sec. South Shields and Dist. C.B.S., the death of Mrs. Thompson, the wife of our chairman, at the age of 70 years. At the funeral our society was well represented, turning out in good numbers. Mrs. Thompson was a remarkable old lady; a good judge, a keen critic, a constant visitor at our shows, and a great help to her husband in the Fancy. Even at her great age I have known her to wash his birds for the show bench. She was laid to rest on Tuesday last. Poor old "Bill" was suffering greatly at the loss of his life-long pal. It is hoped that it may be some consolation to him to know that he has our deepest sympathy.

Patronage of the Southern Yorks C.C. for season 1913-14, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie, hon. sec., has been allotted to the following shows: Cup; Plymouth, Wimbledon, Taunton, Cardiff, Leyton, and London C.B.A. Trophy: Clapham, Wimbledon, Taunton, Cheltenham, Cardiff, and London C.B.A. Novice: Wimbledon, Taunton, Cheltenham, Cardiff, Leyton, and London C.B.A.

To Society Secretaries, and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

A Misprinted Address.

The new address of Mr. W. Reid, of Sunderland, is 4, Edwin Street, Pallion, Sunderland, not Edward Street as printed last week.

The Scottish British Bird and M.C.

Clubs wishing the patronage of the Scottish British Bird and M.C., writes Mr. John Allan, Sec., 69, Dalmeny Street, Leith, must have their applications in by Sept. 3, along with fee and full list of classification. Members not having already paid their subscription kindly note this is now due.

Rawtenstall F.S.

A general meeting of all fanciers and members, writes Mr. H. Kershaw, sec., will be held August 26, at 7.30, at the Mission Room, Hall St., Rawtenstall. Business: Arranging date for annual show, judges, classes, etc. Will all cage-bird fanciers in the district make an effort to attend, as they are all cordially invited?

A White Skylark for Lochgelly.

A pure White Lark, writes Mr. R. Muir, Hon. Sec. Lochgelly C.B.S., has been captured at Oakenden by one of our members, Mr. Alex. Cooper. This bird has been the cynosure of all eyes in the district for the past week or two. He is a fine singer and is taking to cage life admirably. With the careful attention he will receive from his owner, we hope to see him on view at our show in October.

Addresses Wanted.

Will Mr. Robt. Gracey, of Saltcoates Lane, Hull, and Mr. W. Scales, junr., who writes from Enfield Highway, please send us their full addresses? The former wrote for our free Illustrated Brochure on "Our Canaries"; and the latter sent a deposit of one shilling with his request to be supplied with the complete volume. Letters sent to the addresses given have been returned to us endorsed "Not to be found."

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Idle Fanciers in Luck.

The recently-formed Idle and Dist. C.B.S. are offering a treat to the bird-lovers of the district. As will be seen by the announcement in Club Notices column this week, the Illingworth silver cup and the Idle Subscription Shield will be presented at a smoking concert to be held at the White Bear Inn, Aug. 27. Not only will admission to the concert be free to all, but pipes and tobacco will be handed round without charge. A full house should be assured.

Wet Weather Birds.

In some districts rain has been too plentiful; this has been the case in some parts of Ireland, and where Snipe are resident the birds have benefited by the continuous downpour. Unlike most birds, these fare well in a damp season, and this year the second broods have been plentiful. These birds of the second hatch seldom grow to any size, and when shooting commences they are still upon their native ground, while their brothers and sisters of the first brood have emigrated to other lands.

Changing their Costumes.

The young Robins are rapidly changing their yellowish-brown baby costume for one of richer hue. To see the ruddy colour gradually spreading over the breast of a wild bird is wonderfully interesting. One can occasionally meet a parti-coloured Bullfinch away in the woods, but the baby Robins are almost our daily companions, consequently we are able to watch quite closely the change to adult plumage. Already some of them have commenced to warble their songs, although only just breaking into moult.

A Re-union of Old Friends.

An interesting meeting of two of the "old time" fanciers took place recently when our old friend "Sam" Cook made a sojourn with his life-time "pal," "Joe" Hills. These two old-stagers (Sam is 74 and Joe is 80) had a rare time together talking of times as old as themselves, and of the many years judging they had together in the British bird section at the Crystal Palace. Readers will be sorry to learn that our old friend Mr. Hills is now quite blind, and has to have his CAGE BIRDS read to him weekly by his devoted wife. The Cockatoo belonging to Mr. Hills, and whose portrait some time ago appeared in our pages, is now ninety-four years old, fourteen years older than his master, and knows almost as much. He says nearly everything, and looks like living to double his present age. Messrs. Hills and Cook judged the British birds at the Palace, the former for thirty years and the latter for ten, and both made their last appearance as judges at the Jubilee show of 1909.

"Cage Birds" Championship Scheme.

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SOCIETIES to notify this week their acceptance of our Championship Competition at their annual shows are:—

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UPPER RHONDDA C.B.S.

Please include our annual fixture in your list of Coupon Shows, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, hon. sec., Leeds C.B.S. Will send on later for coupons, which will total a big number.

The members of my society are all anxious to go in for your scheme, writes Mr. J. Gray, sec., Arbroath C.B.S.

Please forward a book of coupons for your grand competition.—R. Elliott, sec., Bishop Auckland C.B.S.

CAGE BIRDS' Championship Scheme (a few of the benefits appertaining to which were explained in our issue of Aug. 9, is open to every society which has enrolled its annual exhibition amongst the guaranteed fixtures appearing in our list of "Show Dates Fixed" (vide page 107 of this issue). We may say that all guaranteed shows also secure substantial benefits (a reduction in our advertising rates ils one) quite apart from those attaching to our Championship Scheme. A request addressed to our Advertisement Manager will bring full particulars to the officials of any interested society.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 20th next.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

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(4) BORDER FANCIES.
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(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
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(12) FOREIGN.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

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Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of September, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

BREEDING OF RARE BIRDS AT THE ZOO.

An interesting and remarkable event is the breeding in the New Bird House at the Zoological Gardens of a pair of Spot-billed Toucanets (Selenidera maculirostris), certainly for the first time in Regent's Park, and most probably the first time in captivity. Toucanets are rather small Toucans from tropical South America, with the characteristic large bill of the family, in this case curiously striped and blotched. Unlike most of the Toucans, the male and female Toucanets are dissimilar, the males being brighter and more conspicuously marked with yellow and black, in place of the pale yellow and rusty chestnut of the females. They are active, gregarious birds, feeding chiefly on fruits and seeds, but probably not disdaining animal diet, as in captivity they show delight and excitement when they are offered cockroaches, mealworms, or even small mice and pieces of meat. They tear animal food to pieces with the serrated edges of the mandible, and then, throwing back the head, swallow the little lumps with every token of pleasure.

A few weeks ago the pair in one of the large compartments of the Bird House showed signs of courtship, and were provided with a hollow log. It was evident that breeding had taken place, but as the birds were left undisturbed the oval and glossy white eggs usual in the family were not actually seen. The cock and hen took turns in incubation, the hen usually remaining inside the log all night, and the male assuming her duty in the morning. About a fortnight ago the keeper was able to ascertain that a single chick had been hatched. It was unusually large and completely naked. The parents feed it assiduously on animal diet. Live cockroaches and mealworms are placed in a tin on the floor of the aviary, and the parents, first satisfying themselves, fly up to the log, the living prey in their bill. So far as has been noticed they do not masticate the food first or regurgitate it for the chick.

Other interesting birds that have been bred are Spotted Tinamous, Douglas, Mexican, Californian, and Rain Quail, Crested, Bronzewing, and White-fronted Doves, Green-backed Porphyrios, Red-shouldered Starlings, Mexican Rosefinches, Snow-birds, Weaver-birds, and Shoveller duck. The Western Aviary and the Summer Aviary near the ape-house are the most successful places for breeding. It is astonishing how quickly wild birds recognise that they are safe from intrusion and go through the duties of nest-making, incubation and rearing with complete confidence if they are secluded from others of their own kind, even though crowds are passing close to them on the other side of the wire enclosure.—"The Times," London, Aug. 18.

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Some time back we had to announce the fact that our very successful "Annual" for 1913 was out of print. We, however, succeeded in getting together about 50 copies from various agents, and have a few of these left, which can be obtained direct from our offices at the usual price; viz., 8d. post free. Orders should be sent early, as there is no possibility of more of this splendid edition being on sale. Please note that these copies can only be obtained through the post, direct from 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The Cultivation of Wild Plants for Cage Birds

By R. MORSE (Hitchin)

SECTION 2: PERENNIAL PLANTS.

(Continued from page 77).

Flowers in the Winter.

THE COLTSFOOT (Tussilago Farfara) produces abundance of flower heads, which, coming as they frequently do in the depth of winter, possess a charm of their own. Although the leaves of this plant are well known to most country people, the flowers are comparatively rarely seen, except by those few who take their walks abroad during the bleak months of February and March. The leaves, which make their appearance as the flowers wither, remain all the summer, so that little difficulty should be experienced in finding ample supplies of the creeping rootstock for removal to the wild-garden.

The Coltsfoot thrives best in moist situations, and grows particularly well in clayey fields, and amongst limestone rubbish. The rootstocks may be removed at any time during late summer or early autumn, and if



Greater Plantain (Rats' tails), Ribwort Plantain, and Coltsfoot.

the operation is successful, a good crop of ornamental flowers on stalks about six to nine inches high should be produced during the following February or March. Those who wish to grow this plant from seed, may sow the latter at any time from April to July, and the young plants will mature much more quickly if transplanted as soon as large enough to handle, and removed again when nice sturdy plants to their permanent situations. This latter operation should be performed early enough for the plants to become firmly rooted before winter sets in. The seeds, being somewhat small, should be covered very lightly with finely sifted soil, and the rows might be some five or six inches apart.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

Those who cultivate Coltsfoot will find it almost impossible to keep the plant within bounds when once thoroughly established, for the underground rootstocks spread far and wide, and flowers spring up in the most unexpected places, sometimes even in gravel paths. The most suitable spot for its cultivation is a plot of ground which the plant can have all to itself. If planted in small clumps, it will rapidly cover the whole area, and an abundant annual harvest of seed may be gathered.

THE COMMON RAGWORT (Senecio Jacobæa) is a stout, much-branched plant, and not infrequently reaches a height of four feet. It therefore requires a lot of room when grown in the garden. The flower-heads (which are similar in structure to those of the common Daisy) are of a bright yellow colour, and since they are produced in immense numbers, and often measure an inch in diameter, they render the plant quite ornamental, especially when large quantities are seen together.

Ragwort occurs abundantly in waste places and pastures, where it is in flower from June to September. The plants may be safely removed to the garden during early autumn, preferably after the seeds have ripened. The stems will die down on the approach of winter, but the roots will retain their vitality, and a fine crop of seeds should be forthcoming the following season.

Those who wish to grow Ragwort from seed may sow the latter at any time from April to July, transplanting the seedlings as soon as large enough to handle, and finally removing them to their permanent situations. The drills should be about six inches apart, and the seeds thinly covered with fine soil. When planted in their flowering quarters, the plants should be from nine to twelve inches apart, according to the space at disposal. A sunny situation is preferable.

Inelegant but Useful Weeds.

THE GREATER PLANTAIN (Plantago major) is in bloom from May to September, during which time its well-known seed-spikes are conspicuous objects along the borders of fields and by waysides throughout the country. The average height of these spikes is perhaps about a foot, but great variations are frequently found.

To grow Plantains from seed, the latter may be sown at any time from March to July, the young seedlings being transplanted as soon as large enough to handle, and finally removed to their permanent situations when they have become strong young plants. The seeds should be sown in shallow drills, and only lightly covered with fine soil. If too close together, the plants must be thinned out early until an inch or two apart, or successful transplanting will be a most difficult operation. When placed where they are to flower, the plants should stand about four to six inches apart.

A simpler method of cultivating Plantains, however, is to remove the plants bodily from their natural habitats (see previous instalment, page 77) during September, retaining if possible a fair amount of soil round the roots. They should then be planted in a rather dry, sunny aspect in the garden, where a fine crop of seed-heads should be forthcoming the following summer. This Plantain will thrive in almost any soil, but one that is too rich should be avoided, for under such conditions many immense leaves are almost invariably formed, and correspondingly few small flower-spikes.

THE RIBWORT PLANTAIN (Plantago lanceolata) is very similar in most ways to the one above. The seed-heads, however, are very much shorter, and consequently this plant is not so productive as the other species. It grows abundantly in pastures, meadows, and waste places, where it is in flower right on to October, and may be cultivated in exactly the same way as the Greater Plantain. It is better in each case to select those plants for removal to the garden which have fully matured, rather than those which are in flower, and the spikes should always be removed before transplanting.

Favourites of Greenfinch and Bullfinch.

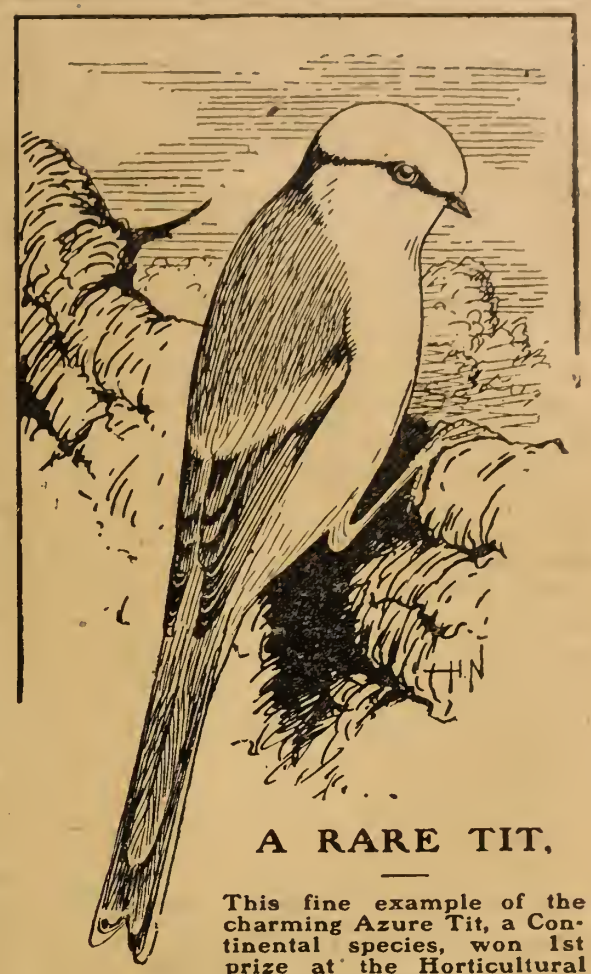
DOCKS (Rumex).—There are at least ten species of Dock which occur in the wild state in our land, and as these are very difficult to distinguish—except to botanists—a detailed account would not be suitable for these pages. All the common kinds, however, may be cultivated from seed by sowing this at any time from March to July in drills about half an inch deep. The seedlings should be transplanted twice, as recommended with Greater Plantain, as this will tend to promote early maturity. The plants commonly reach a height of about three feet, and should stand about nine inches apart in their permanent situations.

Docks are very common in our fields and waste lands, though some species thrive only in moist places, such as river-sides. The plants will readily grow in the garden if the roots are removed from the fields during September, and the hints already given for transplanting are followed.



Cocks-foot Grass, Common Rag wort, and Sweet Vernal Grass.

It would be wise when removing any plants from their natural habitats to note as far as possible the aspect and surroundings, and to choose for them whenever practicable a similar situation in the garden. It is remarkable that vast numbers of our native plants, although they thrive without the slightest attention in



A RARE TIT.

This fine example of the charming Azure Tit, a Continental species, won 1st prize at the Horticultural Hall Show for Mr. C. T. Maxwell, Herne Hill.

their natural homes, require that great care be given to such details as soil and situation before their cultivation can really be called successful.

Two Useful Grasses.

COCKSFOOT GRASS (Dactylis glomerata) grows abundantly in meadows and by waysides, where its well-known spikes are in flower from June until August, commonly attaining a height of about eighteen inches. The seeds may be sown during summer in shallow drills a few inches apart, and no further attention is likely to be required. No seed heads will as a rule be produced the first year, but for many years afterwards large crops can be gathered with very little trouble. Those who do not wish to go to the trouble of sowing the seeds, may dig up the plants in autumn, and remove to the garden, where they will flower profusely the following summer.

SWEET VERNAL GRASS (Anthoxanthum odoratum) is another of our abundant meadow-grasses, similar in height and culture to the preceding species, and hence no further remarks regarding its cultivation will be necessary. It is interesting to note that it is chiefly this grass which imparts, when drying, its pleasant scent to new-mown hay.

(To be continued.)

NOTE.—For full descriptions of the plants dealt with in these articles, reference should be made to "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds" (1s. 2d., post free, from our office), which contains in addition, much useful information regarding the medicinal and other properties of the various plants and seeds commonly used in the bird-room and aviary.

MY FRIEND THE ROBIN

A Charming Happening on a Summer Holiday

ON a summer afternoon, as I came through the wooded grounds of the hotel where I was staying at the edge of the beautiful "Punchbowl" in Surrey, I saw a Robin on the bough of a tree close beside me. As my habit was with birds I stood still and softly whistled to him; to my surprise, he not only listened, but seemed pleased, and came nearer to me. After talking to him for some time, I passed on and left him, thinking little more about the incident..

On Sunshade, Foot, or Lap.

The next day, or the day after, when I was sitting in the quiet and unfrequented part of the garden where I often spent most of the morning, the same little fellow came to me, and appeared to have very friendly intentions. After this first visit I provided him with some sweet biscuit; and he daily grew tamer, and came frequently to and fro to me. "Flop" would come something on my sunshade, or "pat" on my foot, and there was "Bobbie"! He soon came on my hand, and would jump on my lap and tap the little box in which I kept his crumbs until I opened it for him.

"Bobbie" would sit on the seat beside me and sing; but he was very jealous, and drove away every other bird that came near—not one was allowed a morsel of biscuit. When it was wet I used to sit under the porch of the house; and I had only to call "Bobbie" and over he would come.

As the time drew near for my departure I felt sorry at the thought of leaving my pet, for I had grown fond of him; but a heavy thunder-storm broke a few evenings before; and, strangely enough, I never saw "Bobbie" again!—ELSIE F. ALABONE.

Wild Birds on Dartmoor.

Wild birds are plentiful on Dartmoor, and one can note many species in a day's journey across the moors and the surrounding country. All the Finches make a home here, the Linnets and Bullfinches being particularly plentiful. The Buntings are also well represented. The Yellow bird being abundant everywhere, and in no part of England have we seen finer specimens, writes a correspondent. They are large and especially brilliant in colour. Old inhabitants say that the Yellow birds have always been numerous, the place seems alive with them, and one cannot travel far without seeing a dozen or two upon the hedgerows bordering the lanes. Tits are plentiful, and nest in the stone walls surrounding many of the fields. Out on the moors the larger Hawks and the Crows claim one's attention. Local names prevent one gleaning much information from the inhabitants.

Questions and Answers.

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

[We are sorry to get, as we are preparing for press, a note from Mr. St. John that he has been taken suddenly ill, and has been therefore unable to complete the whole of his replies. Will correspondents who are not answered this week kindly excuse the unavoidable delay? Urgent cases will be replied to by post, and the remaining answers will appear next week.—Editor.]

ALARMING ATTACKS (R.B.).—The bird is doubtless suffering from acute epilepsy, most likely brought about by suppression of the moult. Keep her in a fairly warm temperature, but see she is free from cold draughts and that the cage is free from red mites, and throw a light cover over the cage for a time. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and well sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of mixed seed, and four times a week a half-ripe plantain stalk. In the water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn, and as much bromide of potassium as will cover a threepenny piece for two days. After this give 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece in the water every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days 20 drops of Chemical Food, continuing the latter until bird is stronger. If any more attacks occur dissolve as much bromide of potassium as will cover a threepenny piece, and the same quantity of sulphate of soda, in two teaspoonfuls of water, and give two drops of this in the beak three or four times a day for a few days, and still go on with the above-advised treatment.

WEAKLY YOUNG (T.P.).—If the cock has been in apparently good health since the moulting ceased, as I presume it did, in April, or soon afterwards, I see no reason to attribute the condition of the young to his being unhealthy. As a rule, birds are not in good song when they ail anything, even though the trouble is rather trivial. The probability is that there is something wrong with your method of feeding the young, but as you have sent along for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," I need not go into details on that score here. Follow up the system of feeding and management generally which you will find given in the book; keep the cage clean and strewn with clean gritty sand. Do not give a large quantity of lush rank green food, but a few plantain or shepherd's purse seed stalks, grass seeds, or a few marigold or nasturtium blooms to pick over will do no harm and will keep the birds healthfully occupied; and I have no doubt you will find the young get along all right. If they appear to droop you may add a little bread and milk with two drops per bird of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and well sprinkled with maw seed to the diet each day for two or three weeks, and mix 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day for the same length of time. There is nothing to be alarmed at in birds appearing dull and sleepy to a certain extent just now. Many birds show such symptoms on the approach of the moult. Do not try to do any more breeding this year.

GROWTH ON WING (W. B.). The substance is evidently an abnormal feather growth. Moisten it once with a feather dipped in tincture of iodine. This may cause it to dry up and fall off naturally in the course of a week or two. If it does not, wait until the moult is over, then tie a ligature of silk or thread firmly around the base of the growth and leave the rest to Nature. You will find some day, perhaps in a few days, or it may be a week or two, that the growth and ligature have both suddenly disappeared, having dropped off and left the wing practically quite normal. Do not on any account attempt to pull or cut it off.

ANXIOUS FOREBODINGS (S.P.Q.R.).—As you ask for my candid opinion, I give it you plain and unvarnished. I think the giving of a few drops of raw brandy to a Canary which is in "extremis" and too weak to swallow easily, is mistaken kindness, and is much more likely to cause great discomfort, if not actually increase its suffering, than to do any material good. I would not force undiluted spirits upon a far more active and strong bird. In your case you should have diluted it with at least an equal quantity of milk or water, or if an aperient medicine was called for, an equal bulk of syrup of buckthorn would have been as good and served the double purpose. Where food and stimulation are urgently needed, equal parts of brandy, milk, and malt extract are excellent if given a drop or two at a time in the beak, but the raw spirit itself—well, personally, I would not give it. Probably the bird would have died in any case—so why worry?

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H NORMAN.

YOUNG REDPOLL-GREENFINCHES (Alex. J.P.).—It is just possible that your Greenfinch hen has mated with the cock Redpoll in preference to the Greenie, such things have occurred before, especially where the cock of the same species has been somewhat backward and inattentive to his mate. Young Greenfinches are bold in beak and head, and have yellow wings and are tinged with yellow underneath, although generally mottled over the body. The head alone should be sufficient guide for you to identify your young birds. If Hybrids, the beak would be smaller, and the head less bold, and the edges of the wing feathers only slightly tinged with yellow, while the general appearance of the bird would be browner than in true Greenies. The cross is not particularly rare, and as regards the value, kindly look up the answer to "Anxious," in the issue of August 16. If your birds turn out to be Hybrids, I would advise you to keep the old ones together the whole of the winter, and try them again next year. Remove the cock Greenfinch; you can perhaps find him another partner.

TROUBLE WITH GOLDFINCH - CANARIES (E. T. B).—You are very unfortunate in losing your young Hybrids, when doing so well. Young birds are naturally very greedy, and I think you have been somewhat overdoing it in the matter of food. What I mean is that hemp, niger, linseed, mixed seeds, and egg food is a very rich diet for baby birds, especially when nothing has been given as a corrective. I would advise you to be less liberal with the richer seeds; let canary and rape be the staple food, and the mixed seeds given only two or three times a week. On other days, give boiled rape or milk sop. Your object should be to keep your birds healthy, and in good condition, without being fat. If you are not certain how they are going on, catch them occasionally and examine them, and feed accordingly.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES'.

IDENTITY OF WILD PLANT (C. Williams).—The spray you send is from the common Burdock, a biennial plant, which is very plentiful in many waste places and along hedgerows. The seeds are greatly relished by Bullfinches and Goldfinches, and you need have no hesitation in offering them to any seed-eating bird whatever.

ABOUT JACKDAWS (G. E. Le'Grys).—The slitting of the tongue of a Jackdaw or of any other bird would certainly not improve its talking powers. It is difficult to imagine what could have been the origin of such a barbarous idea, and it is strange indeed that credence should have ever been given to it. There is scarcely any limit to the diet of a Jackdaw; it will eat almost anything. Soaked dog biscuit, table scraps, meat (cooked or raw), cracked nuts, beech mast, green peas, any kind of fruit or berries, Sparrow's eggs, an occasional young Sparrow or a mouse, cockroaches, garden worms, smooth caterpillars, all of these will be useful in turn. There is no disputing your statement that "they like mealworms," but I am afraid you would not like the look of your mealworm bill if you gave your four Jackdaws all they would eat of these. A pint a day would look small when they had had their fill. The breeding of enough mealworms to satisfy them would be a very formidable task indeed, and you would not get any results for many months. If you care to breed some as occasional "tit-bits" for the future, provide a good-sized box or chest, partially fill this with layers of sacking and broken dog biscuit, add some barley meal or "middlings," and turn in a quantity, say a quart, of mealworms. Make a few holes in the lid of the box for ventilation and put the whole away in a dry and moderately warm place for twelve months at least. Then you would have a supply from which you could take out an occasional handful as a treat for the Jackdaws. The difference in the demeanour of your birds would suggest that two of them are hand-reared and two are adult caught. Teach the latter to expect some especial treat every time they see you, and they should soon get as tame as the others. A Jackdaw makes a most entertaining pet if one does not object to the trouble of keeping him clean, but I should think there are few bird keepers who would care for four of him.

EGG FOOD AND PNEUMO-ENTERITIS (H. P.).—The answer to which you refer is quite a positive one—there is no mistaking the statement that the disease was due to ptomaine poisoning. How the poison got into the bird's system is, of course, problematical, it may have happened in various ways. You should certainly get from our office (sevenpence, post-free) our little book by Dr. R. H. Clarke, on "Septic Fever in Cage Birds." This goes very fully into the various ways in which that disease may be conveyed, and the remarks are applicable to any contagious disease. It is much too serious a matter to be treated in a short answer.

DEAD BIRDS IDENTIFIED (C. C G.).—The bodies you sent were those of two unfortunate young Yellow Wagtails, cock and hen. It looks like a case not only of cruelty, but of imposture, for the heads of the birds had been artificially stained with aniline dye, so that they looked like no bird that exists. It is not to be wondered at that they only lived one day. They were probably nearly dead when you bought them, and in any case, your "feeding" them on canary seed would have killed them, for Wagtails are purely insectivorous in a natural state, and require the best of "insectile" food in captivity. It is such cases that bring disrepute upon the hobby of bird-keeping, and lend a handle to those who would tar all bird-dealers with the same brush. I should be very glad to hear that you had been able to institute a prosecution against the person who sold the birds to you. Wagtails are protected throughout the year in the County of Middlesex by the Wild Birds Acts, and the catcher was liable for taking them, the dealer for dealing with them, and yourself for having them in your possession as recently-caught birds.

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

HOW TO KEEP THRUSHES AND BLACKBIRDS (F. W. Armley).—These may be kept on any good "insectile" mixture, such as advertised in our columns, together, of course, with some live food such as mealworms, small garden worms, snails, etc. They need a large cage of the box type, not less than two feet long, eighteen inches deep, and eighteen inches high. During the moult it is only necessary to keep their cage in a place free from draughts, and not subject to great variations of temperature. You will find full particulars of how to keep and feed these and other insectivorous birds in Nutshell No. 26 (2½d. post free), see advt. inset in these columns. You sent neither name nor address, and both these should be forwarded with any query.

SEXING NIGHTINGALES AND REDSTARTS (Mealworm).—It would require a cleverer pen than mine to tell you in writing how to sex Nightingales. The plumage is alike in both sexes, and one would need to be very expert indeed to be at all certain with any individual example. As with many species in which there is no describable difference in plumage, there is an indefinable something which would guide an expert in forming an opinion, but even then it would only be an opinion. (2) The number of mealworms a Nightingale would require daily depends a great deal upon the quality of the "stock food" provided for it, and also upon whether it is getting other kinds of insect food, such as house-flies, spiders, gentles, etc. Roughly, with a good stock food, from half a dozen to a dozen a day would be sufficient. Too many are harmful, because of the indigestibility of their tough skins. (3) With Redstarts it is easy to distinguish the sexes. The trace of the white forehead which is evident in the male, even in immature or in winter plumage, is entirely absent at all times in the female, and this in itself is sufficient distinction. The feeding should be the same as for the Nightingale—a good stock mixture containing a liberal proportion of best ants' cocoons and dried flies or silkworm pupæ, supplemented by from six to twelve mealworms or live insects daily. Most Redstarts are fond of ripe fruit, and any such may be offered them, as also to the Nightingales, although the latter are not likely to take it so freely. You should get Nutshell No. 25, which treats fully upon the proper keeping of these and other small insectivorous birds (see advt. inset).

MANAGEMENT OF LINNETS (Young Fancier).—While we are at all times very pleased to help bird-keepers in any difficulty in which they find themselves, and are especially glad if we can do anything to assist "Young Fanciers," yet I think you will allow that it is much too large an order to give in a paragraph "advice on the management of Linnets." It would take columns to outline ever so shortly the details involved. You would do well to get our Nutshell No. 2 (twopence, from your local bird-dealer or newsagent, or 2½d. post free, from our manager). In this you will find full particulars of the proper feeding and management of Linnets, with instructions as to sexing, moulting, hand-rearing, and exhibiting, together with details of the treatment of Linnets which are kept for their song alone. In fact, everything worth knowing about this popular little songster is comprised in this useful little booklet.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

BREEDING IN CAGES (A Beginner).—Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Bengalese, and White Java Sparrows, are all probable breeders in roomy cages; the larger the cage the better for your prospects of success. Cages should be of the box type, and a minimum size of 30 x 15 x 18 inches high, with a bunch of twiggy branches and a nest receptacle at each end. Most certainly the birds must have sun and light, also all the fresh air you can give without draught. You would find our "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our Manager, a great help to you in starting your series. You can procure your birds from now onwards, as opportunity offers; watch our advertisement columns.

ROSELLA IN A BAD WAY (A.D.).—I am very pleased to get so good a report, and congratulate you on your success in treating it. Of course, I can only advise on information supplied, and after being ill and helpless for some time, it appeared as if too far gone for treatment. The emulsion you refer to is used regularly by many bird-keepers, especially with softbills, more particularly the honey suckers, and is a great help for any weak bird that can be got to take it. If your bird is tame enough I should let it out of the cage for a short time daily for a fly round; it will benefit greatly from the exercise. Such daily exercise is of great benefit to caged Parrots of all species, and the lack of it often lies at the root of many of the ailments this group of birds is liable to.

AVIARY SHELTER (R.H.M.S.).—(1) While perhaps not really necessary, double boarding certainly makes things more comfortable for the birds, and certainly would play a large part in their well being. Such is the action of the weather on a single course of boards, first shrinking and then swelling, that for a part of the year at any rate it certainly is not wind-tight, and open seams or split boards spell draught. Double boarded, and with a layer of felt between, the board should give a dry, weather-proof shed, and I certainly advise it. (2) Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Bengalese, Bronze Mannikins, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Spice Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bib Finches, Cutthroats, Black-headed Mannikins, Magpie Mannikin and Red-billed Weavers.

SAFFRON FINCHES (Ginger).—Note: Your query did not arrive till Tuesday, and queries received after Monday morning cannot be answered in the ensuing issue, as "Cage Birds" goes to Press on Wednesday, during the summer months. Weather conditions may have been responsible for your mishaps; it has been rather a poor breeding season with Foreign Finches. You do not say how your birds are kept, whether in cage or aviary. I assume the latter; if so, when giving live food scatter it among growing grass or over plants and bushes, thus compelling the birds to do some amount of foraging. There is a good deal of variability among respective pairs of same species, and some never make good parents. You can add to your dietary but little, but you might try moistened ants' eggs, and give the live food often and in small quantities, rather than a larger quantity once or twice a day. As indicated above, many fledglings have been lost this year from unfavourable weather conditions.

TO KEEP WITH BUDGERIGARS (E.G.B.).—You give me no idea of space or other conditions, but, providing you have room for them, you can keep any of the following with Budgerigars:—Cockatiels, Rosella Parrakeets, Lovebirds, Cardinals, Starlings, Thrushes, Java Sparrows, Pekin Robins, and other species of similar size and strength; but I do not advise the mixing of Parrakeets and Finch-like birds in the same aviary. You will be more likely to have success if you keep only the Parrakeet tribe in your aviary. If it is large enough, it would look very bright with, say, two or three pairs of Budgerigars and one pair each of Cockatiels, Madagascar and Black-faced Lovebirds, Rosella and Passerine Parrakeets, and all these would thrive on practically the same treatment.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (F. W. Todd).—There can be no general remedy; such must be prescribed to meet the particular ailment. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, and on the intervening days half a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, glycerine and oxymel of squills in equal parts, also in the drinking water for a fortnight, and then put it on a course of byno-phosphates (half a teaspoonful in the drinking water) till the bird is in normal condition again. Exercise will count almost as much as medicine, and an occasional fly round the room will help greatly. Keep it in a light and airy position, but do not subject it to draught. The main thing to watch about a bird's condition is to note whether the bowels are moving freely, and at the least sign of constipation to give a laxative, and then a short course of byno-phosphates.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

SEXING SPICE BIRDS (L. Hilbert).—I have never been able to distinguish any difference in the plumage of this species, but have invariably found the hen to be slightly smaller (slighter build), her beak also slightly shorter and stouter than that of her mate, and the crown of her head is also a little narrower than that of the male. The above differences are not very noticeable, and the eye needs a little educating before being able to readily sex them, but once you have had a true pair under observation for a little time they become quite obvious. The distinctions only apply to adult birds.

BUDGERIGARS (Clay).—(1) The print you send is that of a Budgerigar, of which there are three varieties, viz., Green, Yellow, and Blue, the latter being very rare and costly. Budgerigars, Lovebirds, etc., are all Parrakeets. The Budgerigar comes from Australia, and it is frequently called the Undulated Grass Parrakeet. If your bird is exactly like the print, it is a Green Budgerigar. (2) The season is irregular, practically all the year, except during the period of the moult. (3) canary and white millet seed, a few oats, and a millet spray occasionally, with green food (lettuce, flowering grass, etc., according to season), and fruit if they will take it. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must be regularly supplied. Get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager.

WHITE JAVA SPARROWS (F.O.M.).—(1) A seed mixture of one quart each of canary and white millet seeds, half a pint each of crushed oats, hemp, and paddy rice; well mix and keep a supply in cage. Give a millet spray once or twice a week. Supply green food, grit, and cuttlebone regularly. Give a little insectile mixture (soft food) when they are feeding young. (2) Get a roomy box cage, furnish it with twiggy branches for perching accommodation, and hang up a large rush nest at each end of the cage. Hay, grass, and a little moss will suffice for nesting material. They are hardy and robust birds, and will do quite well either caged in a cold room, or will live out of doors all the year round in a garden aviary, if put out in May or June.

WHAT IS IT? (Iredale).—I have never previously heard the name you mention, but your bird is evidently a Serin of some sort. If as I read your note, its plumage is lightish grey, with a yellow rump, then it would appear that your bird is a Yellow-rumped Serin. The cock bird of this species has quite a nice song, but frequently he does not pipe up much except during the breeding. Regret I cannot be more definite, but the above is all I can say from the details you supply. The value of Serins is not large, from 4s. 6d. to 15s. per pair being about the average value, but there are a few rare species which would command a higher figure.

BUDGERIGARS (Wallitone).—Unsound and sour food of all kinds would be likely to set up the trouble, as also would dusty and musty smelling seeds, or during late autumn, winter, and early spring, frosted green food, or the same saturated with morning dews, would be likely to have a similar effect. Attention to perfect cleanliness, good, sound, sweet seeds, and the washing of green food, should keep the trouble at bay—note, washed green-food should be partially dried before being supplied to the birds. To keep birds such as Budgerigars fit, keep a watch on the action of the bowels, and whenever the voidings appear at all hard, give a dose or two of Dinneford's Magnesia, the condition of the bird to regulate the frequency of the doses. In all complaints accompanied by diarrhœa the patient should be isolated, and the voidings frequently destroyed (burning is best). Bismuth is a useful remedy, and in acute cases one drop of tincture of opium, to the beak, daily for a week, should give relief. Get "C.B. Annual" for 1913, and consult the chapter on bird diseases.

CRESTED CARDINALS (A.L.O.).—(1) I should say the plumage difference in your birds is merely a matter of age. There is really very little colour difference in the sexes, but ages being about equal, the hen is slightly less brilliant than her mate, slightly smaller, and she has a longer beak, the ridge or culmen of the upper mandible being less arched than that of her mate. (2) The English spring and summer. (3) I do not think there is much probability of young being reared in a cage, even in an aviary the young hatched out are not always reared, as a more or less continuous supply of live food is necessary, at any rate for the first seven days, and it must not be cut off too suddenly then. (4) The aspect of your aviary (East) is bad, and when you add draughty to this it makes a combination as bad as it well can be, and there are few birds that would survive a winter in it. It is small, and you say nothing about the shelter, so a definite opinion is not possible. (5) As a rule Cardinals will not take insectile mixture, but they are the better for it if they will do so. Their main dietary is canary and white millet seed, with smaller quantities of rape, hemp, and sunflower seeds; the supply of ripe fruit should be continuous, and each bird should get several live insects per diem. (6) Either in a box or construct an open cup-shaped nest in some branches or bush.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Identity of Wild Seed (E.C.).—The seed you send is that of the Sea Plantain (Plantago maritima), a perennial plant growing on sea shores and on mountain sides. Like the seed of all the plantains, it forms an excellent food for any kind of Finch. The fact that your British birds and Canaries seem to relish it better than any other seed, and that both young and old birds thrive on it is a sufficient testimony to its usefulness.

Addresses Wanted (W.P.).—It is against our rules to recommend individual dealers. You will find addresses both of cage makers and of dealers in bird-shop requisites in our advertising columns. If you wish to purchase cages and requisites for re-sale, a short advt. would doubtless bring you several price lists from wholesale dealers.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Milnathort O.S. (Kilnross).—Sept. 6. Judge, Mr. J. Fulton, Collessie. Three classes: Can., Mule, and Brit. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 31 to A. Blyth, Orwell Vale, Milnathort.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Temperance Hotel, 8.15. Open show business.—R. Forster.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Queen's Hotel, 8. Election of judges for annual show. Subscriptions due.—M. Archer.

Arbroath C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, 8. Business very important. Membership fees due.—J. Gray.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Annual show business. Subscriptions.—W. Hall.

Ashington Universal Club C.B.S.—Aug. 23, at Club, 7.30. Annual show business; new members cordially invited.—J. Smith.

Barnet F. and F.S.—Aug. 30, P.S.A. Room, Union Street, Barnet, 2.30. Young stock show; judge, Mr. A. E. Rulkeld.—W. J. Cartwright.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Social Club, 7. General business and subs.—D. Reavley.

Beamish C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Balance-sheet for N.F. show and other business.—W. Knowles.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. Final arrangements for open show and other important business.—R. Elliott.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Calderwood Arms, 7.30. General business.—J. Stirling.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—Aug. 23, W.M. Institute, 6. Election of judges for annual show and other important business.—A. Herons.

Chester C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Boot Inn, Eastgate Street, 8.30. Completion of schedule for annual members' show and general business.—R. L. G. Simpson.

Derby C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Derwent Hotel, 7. Monthly meeting.—Wharam and Bamesy.

East Ham F.S.—Aug. 28, Earl of Wakefield, 8. General business, receiving notifications for specials, re young stock show, etc.—W. Kite. [Kindly note that announcements must be sent in duplicate if it is wished that they appear both in CAGE BIRDS and "Poultry World."—Ed.]

Glasgow North-West C.B.C.—Aug. 29, Blythswood Halls, 8. Annual show business; important. Specials will be given out.—W. Loan.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Marie Stuart Halls, 8.—R. Heggie.

Grangemouth C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Rechablite Hall, 8. Special meeting called; business important.—J. Woodhouse.

Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 23, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business; open show.—J. Holroyd.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Members will continue discussion of a series of questions presented by Mr. P. Johnston at last meeting, which proved so interesting that only four were answered.—J. Hyde.

Idle C.B.S.—Aug. 27, White Bear Inn, 7.30. Smoking concert and presentation of Illingworth cup and Idle shield. Fanciers invited; admission gratis. Good talent and smokes provided free.—C. E. Hylton.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Aug. 26, No. 2, Gothenburg, 6. Stewards' for open show. General show business, etc.—A. Dickson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important; see hopes to have CAGE BIRDS coupons for this meeting.—D. John.

Manchester North C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Show business. Very important.—J. Davey.

Morley C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Back Room, Sycamore Hotel, 8.—J. Rhodes.

Northern British B.M. and F.C.—Aug. 27, 8.—W. Curry.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—Aug. 28, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Special and important business.—R. Tindale.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Show business.—F. Washbourne.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Aug. 25, Crumpsall Hotel, Cheetham Village, Manchester, 8. Meeting re table show.—Chaloner and Cheetham.

Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.—Aug. 27, headquarters, 8. Pass schedule for annual show.—King and Joiner.

Richmond C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Imperial, 8. Novice classes, autumn show.—W. Nichols.

Southern B.F.C.—Aug. 28, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8. General business; election of new members. Visitors welcome.—F. Moore.

Stanley Vic. Club F. and F. and C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Club, 6.30. Proposed trip and other important business.—R. Peart.

Stirling C.B.S.—Sept. 6. McDonald's Temperance Hotel, 8. Preparation for show. Intending members will also be enrolled. Subs., 3s. Classification, 47 in all.—W. Clubb.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Aug. 26, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. General business.—A. H. McLean.

Wakefield O.S.—Aug. 24, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Special and important business.—J. Ieherwood.

Warrington C.B.S.—Aug. 28, Blue Bell Sale Room, 8.—G. M. Nelson.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Aug. 26, Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8.—R. B. Gibb.

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Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.** (P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 4.—**Birtley C.B.S.** (S. Liudsay, Avon Rath, Birtley, Co. Durham.)

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.** (C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.) A. H.

Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. St. Quinton, 35, Calvert St., Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.** (J. W. Reed, 218, Ladyklirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.)

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester). J.G., W.A.C., W.V., J.H.R., T.H., J.B.

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.

Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford). H.S., J.T.

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road). T.B., A.B., J.Mn.

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N & J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweetiug, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—(S. Poyeer, Wilmot Road, The Dimple.) J.C.B.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Frecstone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—(W. Hodson, 28, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.) J.R.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.)

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 14 15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.

Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).

Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, co Durham.) H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.G.

Nov. 21-22.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103, Church St.) J. T., A.W.

Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) J.P., T.D.

Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.) A.H., A.Hn., R.T.

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

Nov. 26.—**Sevenoaks F.A.**—(A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage.)

Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)

Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.). J.W.M.

Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—(A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.)

Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones. 169, Church Lane, Aston). J.R.

Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hill, 15 Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.My., J.M., W.M., J.R.

Dec. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.

Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.

Dec. 11.—**Frome F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.)

Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.

Jan. 8.—**Huddersfield O.S.**—(A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.)

Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.** (G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.** (M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.). J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 4.—**Cupar O.S.** (J. Pentlie, 49, Kirkgate.)

Oct 11.—**Lochgelly** (R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Rd.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—(J. Young, 76 Burn Rd., Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, Mount Florida, Glasgow.) A.Ck., J.W., J.C., A.W., G.D., Dr S., P.McQ., R.V.R., W.T., A.M.B., A.A., T.T., D.C., A.Co.

Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cott.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M. J.T.

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.) J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.

Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.

Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.

Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.

Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.

Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.

Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.

Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).

Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. W. Holmes, 8, Hill St.) J.S., W.Mc, J.B., A.S., W.P., R.B.

Nov. 15.—**Galashiels O.S.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft Street.) A.P., J.C., J.T., J.A., R.G.C., J.M.

Nov. 21-22.—**Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.**—(W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.) J.McL., A.G.C., T.A., L.D., A.W., L.J.A.

Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—(J. Gray, 23, Gutbrie Port, Arbroath.) W.M., J.F.D.

Nov. 22.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.) J.McL., C.M., W.S., G.B.

Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell). W.G.M., J.W.B., R.V.R., A. McG.

Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Road.) J.S.

Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.

Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)

Dec. 6.—**Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.** (R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mt. Florida, Glasgow.) R.M., J.W.B.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 1914.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham Street, Edinburgh.) J.T., J.Y., J.F.D., T.A., W.Mc, W.M., J.M., C.S., L.J.A., J.A.S., A.H., J.C., J.H.

Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.) J.W.M.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)

Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(F. Beard, Laburnum House).

Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)

Oct. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries-st., Treherbert). W.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Macsycoed.)

Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 56, High St.)

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Duhlin.) J.B., G.W.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.

Oct. 31 ,Nov. 1.—**Belfast (Ulster O.A.).**—(R. Trimbie, 11, Waring St.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.

Dec. 5-6.—**Newtownards.**—(W. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street).

Dec. 11-12.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Jan. 8-9.—**Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.**—W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St.).

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To Prevent Sore Feet in Softbills.

Get a supply of old cycle tubing. Place round perches and stick with solution. Use sawdust for the cagebottoms. I find this a great preventive of sore feet.—Thos. J. Edwards, 183, Newgate Lane, Mansfield, Notts.

Lengthening the Yorkshires.

Fix at one end of a perch an oblong piece of mirror. It is surprising how it makes the birds pull themselves up, and improve their carriage. The Yorkshires in my aviary seem to have lengthened out considerably since I put the mirror in.—W. Duke (Scarborough).

Keeping Cats from the Aviary.

An effectual method of keeping cats from raiding outdoor aviaries, is to stretch limed twine where cats are likely to come and touch it. No self-respecting cat will come into contact with bird-lime. Tried and found successful.—Mabel Dunn (Darlington).

A Pinch of Salt.

Cut some fine muslin into three inch squares, fill with table salt, bind, and hang up in the cages and flights for the birds to peck at. Birds are very fond of salt. If the salt does not show through, perforate the muslin well with a pin.—Alex. Hewitt (Govan).

Oil-cloth as Roofing Tiles.

To keep my aviary nice and dry I get some odds and ends of oilcloth and cut up into pieces 6ins. square. Then I get some tintacks and a hammer and tack the oilcloth on top of my aviary with the red side up. It keeps out the rain and seldom wants repairing.—H. A. Davies (Tonypandy).

Dust in the Bird-room.

A dusty atmosphere accounts for many cases of asthma and throat diseases. Most of the dust is created when sweeping the floor, so to prevent it obtain a damp cloth and tie over the bristles of the brush, then sweep as usual. You will be surprised at the remarkably clear atmosphere.—E. Moore (Bramley).

Another Red-mite Perch.

I find a good method for keeping down red-mite is to bore holes in the ends of the perches with a ¼in. bit (about ¼in. down into each end). Then soak some pieces of cotton wool about the size of a pea in creosote oil and place in each end of perch. Get a piece of cage wire about 2 inches long, and drive into the end that goes to the cage back. I find the above keeps my birds clear from red-mite.—E. Wignall (Clitheroe).

Rust Proof Holders.

Winner of Half-crown Prize.

Instead of using ordinary cage wire to make holders for drinking vessels, I use aubo-bronze picture wire, No. 4½ (cost about 9d. per 25ft.) I find, owing to the flexibility of the wire, that the drinkers "sit" better, and as the wire is absolutely unaffected by damp the holders are practically everlasting.—T. M. Millan (55, Vernon St., Belfast).

Butter for Laying Hens.

When you see your hens making their nests, place a little tip of butter (or margarine) on the end of a perch, as much as will cover a sixpence, every day until they lay their first egg. You will see them "worrying" it before you have got away from the cage, and I know perfectly well you will not have another dying egg-bound—I have never had a hen die this last three years, since I tried this "tip."—J. E. Peters (Little-Hulton).

A Cure for a Broken Leg.

Winner of Half-crown Prize.

Should a bird have the misfortune to break its leg, it can be easily cured. Break a raw egg into a sancer and soak a small piece of tape in the white part. Then tightly wrap the tape round the broken leg and fasten with a piece of thread. The egg will set very hard and hold the leg in position. After about three weeks the bird will be moving about again with its usual ease, then, after removing the thread, the tape can be soaked off in hot water. By this method we perfectly cured one of our birds.—Fred Godley, 27, Knowles Street, Rishton.

Ideal Perches for Nothing.

Ask the shopman where you buy your butter to save you some hoops off the butter tubs. Open them out carefully and cut off lengths two inches longer than cage from back to front. They are easily straightened out by pressing on a board. Then cut a slit in one end, 1¾ inches from the end. That slit will fit in wire front and hold tight, and you can take out to clean without putting your hand in cage. Dip both ends in paraffin once a week and your birds will not be worried with red mite, and you will have an ideal perch ready for use. I have found them most useful.—T. S. French (Fulham).

Correspondence.

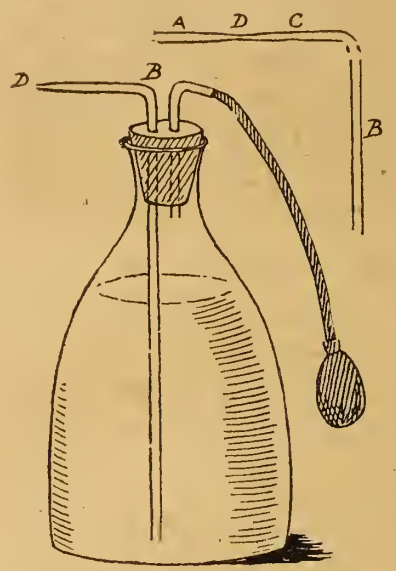
Linnet Singing at Devonport.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your columns for one or two questions on the subject of Linnet singing clubs? There are quite a number of Linnet fanciers here, and it is with great interest that we watch the results of Linnet singing contests in CAGE BIRDS from week to week. Would some of your readers kindly inform me how these Linnet clubs are formed? What officers are required? What entrance fee is charged for membership, and is any fee charged for birds entered to sing? We hope to form a club here and report to CAGE BIRDS every week.

W. C. C.

A Home-made Sprayer.

Sir,—The sprayer illustrated is easily made, and costs very little. Procure a conveniently sized bottle (with a fairly wide neck, and a tight-fitting cork), a length of glass tubing, rubber tubing, and a bulb (the same as used by barbers will do). Bore two holes in cork same size as glass tubing; bend tubing as shown in sketch, and make end of longest piece with a point. To bend glass, take



care that it is quite dry, heat in ordinary gas flame until quite soft, and bend to angle required. To make the point, join small piece of tubing A to longest piece B by heating in flame and sticking together when soft. Allow to cool; then heat again at C, and when quite soft stretch as far as it will go. Break off at D, so as to make a very small hole. Put together as shown, making sure that the cork is quite air-tight. I have a sprayer made like this, and find it acts quite satisfactorily.

EWART IRELAND.

A Talented Starling.

How he was Reared and Taught.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter of last week I herewith give you further particulars of our Starling. My Persian cat is fond of laying about the grass in the garden, and one day Jim's mother (we call the Starling "Jim") brought into the garden three young ones, but Jim could not fly, so my cat picked him up and brought him to us (my wife and I). We did not know what to do with him. My wife proposed to put some flannel in my hatbox and keep him in it! We used to feed him very often and press the food down his throat with a pen-holder. This we did for about three weeks. We thought if we let him go that he would not be able to get his own living. So I bought him a cage and used to hang him in the garden. Every time I passed him I used to say, "Give me a kiss, Jim." This was the first sentence that he spoke. We began to feed him on hard-boiled egg and bread (not crust) chopped up fine, and have continued to feed him on this, with a little crushed hemp-seed. He has, however, something of everything that comes on the table. We give him raw beef three times a week, and raw onions about as often. My wife's brother, who has been in the Volunteers, taught him the bugle call. If he hears my wife in the next room he calls "Mum." She asks, "What do you want?" He replies, "Jim's kisses." I have not named one quarter of what he says. We are no judges of what he sings. Every dinner-time we open his door and he flies out for his bath. We have a heavy glass salt-cellar. We put the water into this and stand it on a newspaper on the table. The bird stands on the side, and after dipping his head in two or three times, stands and talks to my wife! Then he comes round the table to me until he gets dry, after which he flies on to my wife's head. He sings, whistles and talks then, until he goes back into his cage. Oftentimes when he comes out he goes to sleep in my wife's lap. No money could induce us to part with him. I enclose you a few lines that I wrote about "Jim" some time ago.

EDWARD LAXTON.

To "Jimmy," a Starling that Sings, Whistles and Talks.

Jimmy is our darling,
He sings so sweet and clear;
He calls his mistress "O! dear Mum,"
Because she's such a dear.

He is so fond of pudding,
And eats a lot of rice,
And whistles us a bugle call,
And says, "It's very nice,"

He's very fond of children,
And tells them what to do;
He says they're very pretty,
And also saucy, too.

So, Jim, we love you much,
And hope to have you long,
To please us with your talking,
And cheer us with your song.

Siberian Goldfinches and the Use of Grit.

Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. Norman's letter re grit for Goldfinches. He says that to give grit sparingly is on the same principle as giving water or food sparingly after the bird has not had any for some time, but it seems to me absolutely different, as grit is not a food. It is to a bird what our teeth are to us, a means of grinding our food to enable us to digest it, and if a man has the misfortune to lose his teeth he does not get two or three false ones put in at intervals so that he can only partially grind his food. He gets a whole set in at once, so that he can start grinding his food at once almost as well as he did with his natural ones, and if a bird has been kept so long without grit as to have none left in its gizzard, it sems to me that the sooner he gets a full supply again the better.

H. M. P.

[Our correspondent seems to have overlooked the fact that a man cannot crowd a surplus number of false teeth into his mouth. Whether he replaces his natural ones by degrees, or all at once, he cannot have more than the normal number at any time. When a bird has been deprived of food, water, or grit for a lengthened period, it would take too much of either if suddenly allowed access to an unlimited quantity, and it would be as easy for the bird to overload its gizzard with grit as to take too much food or water in its eagerness to assuage the feelings of protracted hunger or thirst.—Ed.]

Captive Raven Eats a Seagull.

Sir,—A correspondent, "A. I. M.," writes to "The Scotsman" as under, and I thought the letter would be interesting to readers of CAGE BIRDS, so am sending you the extract.

The raven in the Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow, rather astonished the visitors about 3 p.m. last Sunday. This bird is the survivor of a pair, its mate having disappeared several months ago. It haunts, as a rule, the trees on the east side of the pond, but is often to be seen on the ground, hopping along the bank. A good many Gulls, attracted by the food regularly laid out for the waterfowl, frequent the neighbourhood of the pond and partake of the city's hospitality. The Raven was on its usual perch last Sunday well up a tree, while a little colony of Gulls were noisily enjoying themselves near by. The Raven was then seen to descend the tree and to make towards the Gulls, who were unsuspicious of any danger When about four yards from the Gulls, half a dozen of which were on the grassy bank, the Raven dashed in its clumsy way upon them, seizing one by the neck. A shake or two, and the poor Gull was on its back, evidently helpless; a few dabs from the Raven's strong bill and there was an end. Thereupon the Raven tore up the Gull and, carefully removing the feathers, began to feed on its victim. On inquiry, the park attendant informed us that this was by no means the Raven's first attack on other birds, though itself pinioned; several Sparrows and Pigeons, as well as Gulls, having already fallen victims to its desire to occasionally kill its own food."

SCOTTIE.

Thrush Follows Its Benefactors.

Sir,—The paragraph herewith, from "The South Wales Daily News," Cardiff, may be of interest to your readers:—"On one occasion my children playing in the backyard broke a large pane of glass in the scullery window. One day a Thrush entered the scullery, and in going out through the broken pane of glass broke one of its legs clean off. During the ensuing winter and for some months afterwards the bird was regularly fed in the back yard and garden. After about nine months we moved to another house four miles away. One morning a one-legged Thrush appeared on the green in front of the house, and continued appearing for some time, and was continually fed."

JNO. H. JONES.

Merthyr.

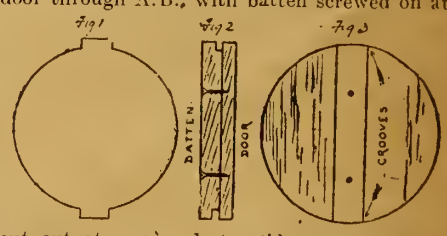
A Yorkshire Breeder Leaves Ireland for New Zealand.

Sir,—I am sorry to tell you that Ireland has lost a genuine fancier in the person of Mr. James Henery, a native of Ballymoney. He promised to be a good exhibitor, for he has been only two years in the Fancy, and has secured several first prizes in some of the leading shows in Ireland. No doubt we will feel the loss of him, but although Ireland is one the poorer, we are glad to know that New Zealand will be one the richer. He told me just before he went away that he intended taking up the Yorkshires in New Zealand, and that he will always welcome CAGE BIRDS, for he will be still on the look out to read how we are doing in the Land o' the Shamrock. A kinder and a more straightforward young man than Mr. Henery never left the Emerald Isle, and as a mark of the esteem in which he was held, his colleagues in the firm of Messrs. Stevenson and Co., Ltd., made him the recipient of a gold albert and a gold scarf pin; long may he live to wear both. Mr. Dunlop made the presentation, and wished him long life and prosperity in the Land of his Adoption. Mr. Henery replying in a most admirable way. At the close of the social all joined in singing "He's a jolly good fellow," this closed the proceedings, and it was the hope of everyone present that he will succeed in the Land of his Adoption. He sailed from Plymouth on August 16, and we all wish him a safe journey.

W. DUNLOP, Sen.

A Door that Needs Neither Hinges Nor Fastener.

Sir,—I enclose for your consideration a method of fixing doors to show and other cages without hinges or fastener. Fig. 1 shows end of cage with hole and notches cut to receive door. Fig. 2 shows section of door through A.B., with batten screwed on at



cut out at each end, to slide round the end of cage. Fig. 3 is inside of door, showing batten. To fix, enter door with batten opposite notches in cage end, and give it half a turn, and it is fixed.

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A Cinnamon Canary-Bullfinch Bred.

Sir,—I am pleased to inform you that a member of the Watford C.B.S. has been successful in breeding a Cinnamon Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid. I should like to know if such coloured bird is a rare one from that cross.

W. Rackley, Hon. Sec.

We believe one was bred in the West of England some 13 or 14 years ago, and exhibited by Mr. John Williams.—Editor.

Brechin C.B.S. and the Rules of the Border Fancy Club.

Partners and their Medals.

Sir,—At the close of the last meeting of Brechin C.B.S. a few of the members foregathered at the "Port" for a crack about things in general and birdy topics in particular. One subject in particular was mentioned, viz., the manner in which the business of the Border Fancy Club was conducted. The local members are of opinion that, seeing that only a very few members are able to be present at the meetings, a better plan would be to send notices to each member of the business to be considered, and also enclosing a voting card, which would have to be posted to the secretary in ample time for the meeting. By this method every member would have a direct vote in the club, and this, I think, would be much more satisfactory to everyone concerned. Then the matter of club subscription came up for discussion. Under the present system each member has a sum of 2s. 6d. to pay for membership, for which he is entitled to win three medals (no more) in one year. This is just and fair, but take the case of two members who are in partnership. They have to pay 2s. 6d. each, but are not entitled to get six medals, as one would naturally suppose. They are only entitled to three medals under present rules. The feeling here seems to be in favour of altering the rules so that members in partnership should only pay 2s. 6d. between them per annum, or else be entitled to six medals. I should be glad to hear what Cage Birds readers think regarding these points.

John M. Finlayson.

A Novice's Success with Roller Canaries.

Sir,—As a 1st year novice Roller fancier I feel it a pleasure to write you of my success, and would like you to find a space for it in Cage Birds. My stock comprises two cocks and six hens (1912 bred) all grand stuff. My pilot paper has been Cage Birds from the beginning, and I owe my success entirely to it. My first nest of four eggs hatched out on Good Friday; second nest, Easter Sunday; third nest, Easter Monday; so you see I had a good send off—nine out of 12 eggs, three clear. Like a good many fanciers, I found rights and wrongs as I went along, through starting too soon, but all the same I have had grand results, 34 grand young birds. Time after time I met with difficulties, but Cage Birds pulled me through, and encouraged me with my hobby. I was short of music in March, but now I have some grand songsters, they are a musical treat. Novice breeders, take my advice; always read Cage Birds, and keep your back numbers on a file for reference, a well ventilated room free from draughts, cleanliness, and correct feeding, and your success is certain. I have not a sick bird in my room. My stock were in large flights up to breeding season, and the youngsters are being reared in large flights. My record for the season is: Eggs 63, 34 birds reared, 14 clear eggs, 9 killed in nests, six dead in shell.

John Seddon.



The Cage Bird Committee of Hayle Show.

Names—Back row, left to right: Messrs. T. Hancock, P. Oatey, T. Richards, G. Pool, F. Pascoe, and F. Collins. Front row: Messrs. T. Rowe, J. Roskrow (chairman), L. Cork, A. T. Coombe (hon. sec.), F. Hill, and B. Bagg.

A New Society Proposed for Craghead.

Sir,—It is proposed to start a C.C. and F.F. Society for the members of the Craghead and Holmside Social Workmen's Club, and in furtherance of same a meeting will be held at the club on Sat., Aug. 23, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers, etc., for the formation of the society. All fanciers are earnestly requested to attend.

A Dawson, Sec., pro. tem.

4, Garden Terrace, Craghead, S.O.

Plymouth Show and the S.N.P.C. Patronage.

Sir,—As a member of the Plymouth Show Committee and an admirer of the Norwich Plainhead, I should like to express my disappointment that the S.N.P.C. has not granted its patronage to Plymouth open show on Oct. 14 and 15 next, especially so because Plymouth has extended its prize-money to 25s. per class for an entrance fee of 1s. 6d., and is giving seven prizes—no codding cards—in each class. I am quite aware, the other eight societies which applied for the Club's patronage have the best of reputations for good management, but Plymouth is in no way behind them. I am sure it will be readily admitted by all that Plymouth's prize-money is not equalled by any of these other societies which applied. The opinion was expressed in the columns of Cage Birds during the interesting discussions which took place on "shows and showing" that prize-money was small, it therefore seems to me that the society which extends its prize-money as Plymouth has done—and has paid same on first day of show for some years—should receive every encouragement from Specialists Clubs, formed for the purpose of the advancement of the Fancy. The S.N.P.C. has twelve committee men entitled to vote for the patronage shows, nine of whom sent in voting papers. Plymouth received four votes, and as three of the committee are members also of the Plymouth society, it is evident that exceptionally generous prize-money coupled with extremely prompt payment and low entry fee is not a recommendation with the S.N.P.C.

Progress.

THE FASCINATION OF AN AVIARY

With a Mixed Collection of Birds.

By WESLEY T PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page 73*).

A LITTLE time and attention bestowed upon doors and fastenings are well spent, for in many instances inadequate fastenings have resulted in serious loss and grievous disappointment. At the same time, while all the locks, catches, etc., must be adequate, the simpler their character the better.

Twiggy branches have already been alluded to and are only referred to again to state that the supply must be ample, so that choice of resting places is not restricted. This provision will tend to the general peace of a mixed community. For the same reason, nest receptacles must be numerous and varied, two or three are not too many for each pair of birds. They may be of almost any kind—small closed boxes with a hole at one side for entrance, open boxes, rush nests, husks, small barrels, or straw hats nailed to the wall by the brim, and a hole cut in the crown to give ingress and egress to the birds.

Advice about the Seed Hoppers.

There should be several food hoppers, as if all are compelled to crowd round a central dish timid birds will be more or less continuously on short commons. A good practice is to make a couple of small hangers, and suspend these some distance apart in the covered portion of the aviary. A useful hanger is easily made by cutting six pieces of board each six inches square, then getting four bamboo canes, or similar sticks, and fastening these one at each corner of the boards, the respective boards to be six to eight inches apart. You will then have a hanger of six small platforms on each of which a pan of seed can be stood, while from the underside of the top platform three or four wire nails can be driven, and are useful for impaling fruit, as such then cannot be dragged continuously about by the birds. Moreover, the contents of seed pans, etc., on the respective platforms are each kept clean by the platform above, and cannot be fouled by flying birds.

The bath may consist either of a shallow concrete basin, with waste-pipe leading to drain-pipe soak-away, as already described, or shallow photographic dishes (these make excellent baths) may be stood about for the use of the birds.

It is well to give an ample range of nesting material so as to meet the requirements of all—supply cowhair, goat's hair, clean moss, hay and long grass; leaves and fine rootlets are also appreciated by many species.

Birds for Beginners.

In considering the various groups of birds, certain species will be named, not necessarily that all should be included, but rather that a selection be made therefrom, as the less closely are the species related, the better they are likely to agree. Thus, if one can only have ten pairs and one desires them to be representative of our title, then it would be well to confine one's selection somewhat as follows:—Pairs each of Buntings, Budgerigars, Finches, Grassfinches, Waxbills, Mannikins, Canaries, Softbills, and three British Seed-eaters.

Of Budgerigars, Parrakeets, and Lovebirds (*Psittaci*) Budgerigars are perhaps the most mischievous of all, yet in the past I have kept them in mixed series—Finches, etc. There were occasional mishaps—sometimes a few of the birds were minus some of their toes; but actual tragedies were not numerous, neither was the aviary in a chronic state of uproar. Cockatiels I have never found to worry or harm the smallest Waxbill confined with them, and for many years I was never without them. I have possessed many, and speaking from the experience gleaned from a fairly large number, have never possessed a cantankerous individual. Lovebirds I have found very erratic, not at all to be trusted. Personally, I cannot recommend them for the mixed aviary.

The only Lory I have ever been able to associate with other birds has been the exquisite Varied Lorikeet, and I kept this for five or more years in the mixed series, and found it most inoffensive, and also hardy and enduring. The larger Parrakeets are very uncertain, but I have found the Red Rosella fairly safe, and have come across many aviculturists whose experience has been the same.

Some Nesting Necessaries.

As regards nesting, Budgerigars, Lories, and Parrakeets (except the Quaker Parrakeet) deposit their eggs on the bare wood amid a few chips left from the fashioning of the nest cavity, log, or barrel, but I have found a light sprinkling of thoroughly rotten wood, that has been crumbled in the hand, in the nest receptacle, appreciated by nearly all species. Lovebirds mostly line their nests with leaves, bark, dried stems of greenfood, and even the denuded millet sprays, or almost any rubbish they find in their enclosure. The nest receptacles for all groups of the *Psittaci* should have concave bottoms, or the eggs will roll about and get spoiled. The thickness of the branches put up as perching accommodation should be very varied. The question of diet for all groups will be dealt with as a whole at the end of this article.

Of the Buntings (*Emberizinæ*): One or two pairs may be kept according to the compass of the aviary, but even in a large aviary not many pairs of Buntings should be associated together. The Nonpareil, Indigo, Black-headed, Red-headed, Hair-crested, and Ruddy Buntings, Pileated Finch, Green Cardinal, and Red-crested (very unreliable and variable in demeanour) have all been kept with more or less success. I have personally tested them all, and in one aviary 20ft by 10ft. I kept all the above together, associated with other groups for several years, with only an occasional "scrap," and never a serious mishap, but, other aviculturists have not been quite so happy in their experience. They mostly construct an open cup-shaped nest, either in a box or amid any available faggot of branches; but very few Buntings have been bred in captivity. While young are being fed, live-food—mealworms, smooth caterpillars, ants' "eggs," well scoured gentles, small beetles, spiders, and plant lice generally—must be liberally supplied, or probably the fledgelings will be thrown out of the nest almost at once.

A Selection of Grosbeaks.

I do not advise putting the larger Grosbeaks, Hawfinch, Virginian, Cardinal, etc., into a mixed series, unless the aviary be a very roomy one; but there are many small Grosbeaks (*Spermophila*, for instance) which are charming in demeanour and general characteristics, and also quite safe in the mixed series. Here are a few: Tropical Seed Finch, Jacarini Finch, Grey Grosbeak or Finch, Plumbeous Finch, Fire-red and Lavender-backed Finches, Reddish, Bluish, Guttural, and Lined Finches, Cuban, and Olive Finches (the two latter rather pugnacious). The remarks as to live-food being necessary for the rearing of young Buntings apply equally to this group.

I have usually had half-a-dozen or more species of the above in my aviary of recent years, and the only ones I found to be untrustworthy are the popular Cuban and Olive Finches; nevertheless, there are many pairs of these two species who are quite model members of a cosmopolitan avian community.

The Beautiful Little Waxbills.

Among the Weavers (*Ploceidæ*) are the Waxbills, Grassfinches, Mannikins, Weavers and Whydahs, and many birds designated as Finches (Weaving Finches). Of the Waxbills, practically all of them may be kept together with perfect safety—they are too numerous to name, but they include the Firefinches, Cordon Bleus, Avadavats, Waxbills generally (Golden-breasted, Grey, Orange-cheek, St. Helena, Sydney, Melba, etc.). Some of the above should be included in every mixed series; once they have become acclimatised most of them are hardy and enduring. A dozen or more of the above light up any series with life, colour, and interest. Rush-nests, Hartz-travelling-cages, small boxes, straw-hats nailed to the wall by the brim and a small hole cut in the crown, and coco-nut shell nests, all form excellent nest receptacles for these charming, minute, and interesting birds.

(*To be Continued*)

Amazing Differences of Opinion.

Did ever a Bird have so many Faults?

OUR last competition proved, we think we are justified in saying, one of the most remarkable of the lengthy number we have from time to time promoted. On the face of it there was nothing which could possibly lead us to anticipate that we should find ourselves writing of it in this strain. We believe, however, that readers will, after perusing these lines, agree that we have exaggerated the situation not one whit.

It will be remembered that we published a drawing of a Yorkshire Canary, and stated that our artist said that he considered this depicted a bird possessed of a particularly bad fault from the exhibition point of view; to the reader correctly naming this fault we offered a cash prize. The response was enormous; the problem obviously appealed to a considerable number of our readers. And we may say that no fewer than 175 sent in correct answers. The draw (as per rules) for the winner favoured

Mr. G. Hamlyn,
26, Bitton Hill,
Teignmouth,
Devon.

Will he, therefore, please let us know whether he prefers cash, or our books to value, and, if the latter, state their titles?

A Real, as Well as a Pictured, Fault.

The fault was "bad wings"—i.e., short and carried too far apart. Of course there were minor faults intentionally included in the picture, but these were insignificant compared to the above. A model answer, indeed—one that puts the whole matter into a "nutshell"—is that sent by Mr. Thos. Atkinson, of Stamford St., Old Trafford. This fancier's postcard reads:—



"Although your artist has (no doubt quite wittingly) sketched a specimen of the Yorkshire faulty in several respects, the most glaring and outstanding fault is the short and badly-carried wings."

Another competitor, Mr. A. W. Farmer, of Leyton, goes further and considers breeders should be warned against the prevalence of this fault in the modern exhibition Yorkshires.

The Astonishing Side.

It is a perusal of the unsuccessful postcards which reveals the astonishing side of the competition hinted at above. We may say that the competitors who returned wrong answers outnumbered by far those who correctly solved the problem—in fact, the proportion was just over three to one. Many of the unsuccessful ones seem to have had the bird under a microscope, so to speak, and in the search for some supposedly concealed blemish, to have overlooked the real failing, presumably because of its very obviousness! The ingenuity, if we may so term it, of competitors in discovering faults in the bird was really remarkable. The publication of the appended analysis of these failings will, we think, be found very entertaining.

It will be noticed that practically not one single point of the bird escapes adverse comment from some one or other, while, most astonishing of all, many competitors "take sides" concerning various points and express exactly contrary opinions about them! For instance, some say that the bird is too hollow on the back, some that it is too flat on the back, and others that its back is too round! When such amazingly opposed views can be seriously put forward concerning the mere drawing of a bird, then it is surely not to be wondered at that opinions should differ about the good and bad points of birds in the actual flesh, and that the awards of judges should meet with comment of varying shades of approval and disapproval. To facilitate the appreciation of the remarks which follow, we reproduce herewith the drawing of the Yorkshire which gave rise to them, and we commence the criticisms from the beak and continue downwards to the tip of the tail!

The beak is looking too straight out; it should look a little more up with the body.—J. A. Oates (Tavistock).

The head is too big, compared with the body.—W. Potterton (Norton) and F. Jacob (Witney).

It has got a Norwich head, too much brow.—W. Wright (Tamworth) and J. McAlister (Springburn).

Skull too flat.—(This answer is sent by 53 competitors).

Forehead too high.—(Sent by 13 competitors).

The head is not long enough.—E. G. Frost (Cambridge).

The neck is too short.—A. McKenzie (Wick) and R. Davidson (Currie).

The bird is too hollow-necked.—J. Wright (Raynes Park)

It is too thick in the neck.—D. Thomson (Buckhaven).

The shoulders are bad.—M. O'Hara (Enniscorthy).

The bird is hump-backed.—W. Jackson (Hereford), T. J. Reynolds (Helston), H. F. Marsh (Preston), T. Gibson (Houghton-le-Spring), J. F. Stride (Southampton). Spoiled by the rise in the back.—H. Wilcock (Mytholmroyd). Awkward bump in back.—H. L. Oakes (Spalding). Back too round.—F. Collins (Camborne); and 19 other competitors.

The bird is too flat on the back.—S. Wilson (Cramlington), E. Sharpe (Melton Mowbray). Not rounded enough on back.—E. Townsend (Bradford); and 11 other competitors.

The bird has a hollow back.—E. Chance (Twickenham) and 5 other competitors. It is not filled in in the back.—W. H. Partridge (Manchester).

The back is not straight.—J. Corrall (Coventry), and 19 other competitors.

The back is too short.—C. S. Latham (Abersychan).

The fault is a narrow breast.—M. Murphy (Enniscorthy). The breast is too slim.—H. J. Ford (Maesycwmmer). Shallow in breast.—E. Holme (Barrow-in-Furness) and 5 others. Too fat on breast.—R. Evans (Ushaw Moor) and 7 others. Too straight down breast.—J. S. Butterworth (Rochdale) and 21 others.

Opinions About the Wings.

Faulty wing carriage (wings not meeting at the tips).—J. Buchanan (Stonehouse) and 198 other competitors.

Bad gutter (or spout) down back, through wing feathers not meeting.—J. Thomas (Otley) and 11 others.

Open wing carriage caused by flatness of back.—Mrs. Lockett (Dover).

The tapering-off of the wings is at fault.—W. L. Garrod (Fulham). The beginning of the wing should be more rounded.—A. Brown (Glasgow).

One feather missing from left wing, causing unevenness of line of back.—W. Moore (Bishop Auckland). Wings not even; there are only five marks on one side and six on the other.—L. Kitching (Thornton-le-dale).

Carries the far shoulder too high, thus causing wings not to meet at tips.—A. Howarth (Smallbridge).

Shows too much thigh.—S. Nancarrow (Bootle) and 15 others. Shows only one thigh instead of two.—J. Brennan (Larne).

Stands too broad legged on the perch.—J. E. Farrell (Hayle). Stands with legs too far apart.—G. O. Hagan (Jarrow) and 26 other competitors.

Is at fault in the joint of the right leg.—S. Russon (Burnley)

Shows too much thigh, does not stand at proper angle, and flights are too short and do not meet.—J. Devins (Sligo).

Not well tapered; cut off too short behind.—A. James (Spalding) and 7 others. Too short behind the legs.—F. Reed (Ryde). Not well drawn out; not enough behind legs.—J. Locke (Bristol).

The tail is too long.—C. Heathcote (Saltley) and 15 other competitors. Too much lead on the tail.—W. B. Main (Aberdeen). Tail is insufficiently piped.—J. Ward (Melton). Bird has one extra tail feather too many.—R. H. Beber (Yarmouth). Tail not even, one side shorter than the other.—J. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) and 28 other competitors.

The bird has got too big hind claws.—C. Doggett (Waterbeach). The hind claws don't grip the perch.—T. Honey (Netherton Colliery).

The bird's head, neck, back and tail should be in a straight line.—E. Evans (Neath) and 34 other competitors.

The majority of the remainder of the answers say that the bird is not of the standard length; but the length was limited by the space at our disposal when reproducing the drawing (i.e., the width of one of our columns). It was not intended that size should be taken into consideration.



A few of the Ramblers on the Crags at Wharncliffe.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S. MEMBERS RAMBLE THROUGH WOODS, AND OVER HILL AND MOOR.

The third ramble of the season, held Aug. 9, proved a great success, a fair number turning up considering that the weather was a bit unsettled in the morning, but as the day advanced, the sun came out and the conditions at the time of starting were excellent. Taking train to Oughtibridge, we cross the line and immediately are in the midst of the rambler's paradise. Our guide was Mr. A. Bailey, and he struck off a different way from the one we took on the last occasion. The idea was to make the ramble shorter, but, as it turned out, we did about six miles more than last time. What a trot we had, and what a lot of questions were asked our guide, such as how much further before we get tea now? Leaving the station, we enter Wharncliffe Wood, and keeping to the left, we traverse the bottom side of the wood. This is one long avenue, some three miles in length, with lots of beauty spots here and there; the trees, ferns, etc., looked beautiful after the rain of the previous day. Passing along we catch sight of a Redstart, though birdlife seemed to be rather quiet to-day, not many species being seen. Emerging from the woods, we begin the ascent of the Crags, and what a climb we had; all were ready for a rest when we reached the top. Looking around from here the view is grand; in the distance, miles away, could be seen the Langsett Reservoir, Bolster Stone, and Kirk Edge Orphanage, now a convent for Catholic nuns. After a brief rest we resume our journey, picking our way as best we can, as the road is very rough just here, and we eventually come to the semblance of a track; making our way along this we pass acres that a few years ago caught fire, and the ground was stripped of all vegetation, but in places the heather and bracken are growing again. After a mile or so on the top of the Crags, we again enter the wood, and after all our walking and climbing the inner man was beginning to make himself felt. The question is asked: "How much further, Mr. Bailey?" "Oh, not so far now," comes the answer, so on we go till we emerge from the wood and enter the moors. Here are a few houses, presumably of keepers, as several hutches were about containing ferrets, these being kept no doubt to fetch the rabbits out of their holes. Enquiring how far we were from Hollow Farm (as here tea was awaiting us), we are told about half-an-hour's walk. As we enter the moors we are greeted with the sight of two red deer, and they looked very beautiful as they scampered away. Rabbits were about in hundreds; you could see them everywhere. After a while we came in sight of a house, and when we learn it is our destination a sigh of relief is heard, and friend Bailey goes on in front to warn them we are coming. It appears they had given us up, but it is not long before everything is ready, and we begin tea about 7.30. For the next half-hour very little is said, the things provided claiming our attention. When all are satisfied, we commence our homeward journey. The sun is sinking like a great red ball behind the hills; the effect is beautiful, and this alone was worth the walk to see. From now our way lay along the main road, most of it down hill, a welcome change. We pass through the village of Grenaside, then on to Wadsley Bridge, and here the party begins to break up, but before doing so, not being satisfied with what we had already done, we fix up another ramble for Sept. 6, to Ryecroft Glen, meet at Ecclesall Car terminus at 2.30. This one is not so far, and is arranged specially so that the ladies can accompany us. Thus ended another fine outing, and we are looking forward to the next; everybody welcome.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

THE MARVEL OF THE CUCKOO'S EGGS.

How They are Slowly Changing—The Better to Deceive the Foster-parents.

In the "Ibis" magazine, Mr. Stuart Baker has a very interesting contribution concerning the parasitic members of the Cuckoo family, and their eggs, his observations being based on a lengthy experience of the birds in many lands. Speaking on the question as to whether their eggs are still undergoing adaptation in size, shape, and colour, in order to conform more nearly to those of the selected foster-parents, he writes:—"There are still ornithologists who declare that no such process of evolution is in existence, and that there is practically no law which governs the Cuckoo's practice as to where it places its eggs. These authorities, in order to enforce their arguments, point to the Cuckoo's eggs which are so often found in other birds' nests, together with eggs with which they have absolutely nothing in common; and when an oologist, trying to prove them wrong, says 'How is it that so many blue eggs are found in Redstarts' nests?' the other side replies, 'How is it that so many Cuckoos deposit their eggs in the Hedge-Sparrows' nests, yet so very few are found to be blue?'"

"Both are right in what they say, only it is hardly fair to lay down general laws after a study of but one species, and, therefore, before drawing any deductions many species should be studied. Also it should be understood that in the case of the evolution of the Cuckoo's egg Nature is working much as she works in other cases. Evolution here only means the elimination of the unfit; creation is the result of destruction, and the result of perfect adaptation is attained by the slow but sure elimination by the foster-parents of those eggs which contrast most distinctly with their own. It is not the Cuckoo that evolves a perfectly adapted egg, but the foster-parents, which gradually eliminate the types of Cuckoos' eggs that are so ill-adapted as to attract their notice. By this means those strains of Cuckoos which lay the most ill-adapted eggs gradually die out, whilst those that lay eggs most like those of the fosterer are enabled to persist."

Mr. Baker summarises the matters in these words:—

"I have now for many years past collected eggs of Asiatic parasitic Cuckoos, and a study of the very many hundreds that have passed through my hands has produced sufficient material to satisfy me on the following points:—

"1.—That the eggs of the parasitic Cuckoos have undergone, or are undergoing, a process of adaptation.

2.—That the majority of foster parents are totally unconscious of incongruity in size between their own eggs and that of the Cuckoo.

3.—That they are not conscious of variation in shape.

4.—That individuals do detect differences in coloration."

The Shows.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Monthly table show held Aug. 13, but only a few entries were made owing to the moulting season. Mr. F. Dandridge judged and awarded his special for best Yorks. to Mr. W. Wall. Class awards were: 1, spl., 2 c, Wall; 3, vhc, hc, H. T. Gibb. Competition points: Wall, 12; H. T. Gibb, 9; Dean, 0.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly table show, held August 18, at head quarters, 36 birds staged. Mr. J. Moorhouse, Meltham, judged. YORKS., CL., YELL. (5): 1, Moss; 2, hc, Cawtherau and Son; 3, vhc, Rhodes. BUFF (5): 1, Shanks; 2, Cawtherau and Son; 3, vhc, Rhodes. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Cawtherau and Son; 2, hc, Rhodes; 3, Moss. BUFF (8): 1, Rhodes; 2, 3, hc, Cawtherau and Son; vhc, c, Moss. NOR., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Morris; 3, hc, c, Cawtherau and Son; vhc, Moss. BUFF (8): 1, Moss; 2, 3, vhc, Rhodes; hc, c, Cawtherau and Son.

WESTON (Cheshire).

Third annual Horticultural and Ornithological show held Aug. 15 under canvas in a field opposite the "Village Hall," when glorious weather prevailed. A very pretty show with much festivity attached—Morris dancers, maypole, and many other outdoor pleasures resulted. Cage birds were a nice lot, the novices being really keen competitors. Hyde's special was very keenly contested for, with an entry of 14 birds, a capital chin.-mkd. Yorks. (Tomlinson) winning. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged to the general satisfaction. Mr. Harry Barker very ably opened the show and promised a valuable challenge cup to be competed for in future. Mr. Nancollis made an able Sec., assisted by a capital working committee of working men fanciers.

YORKS., Yell. Y.B.: 1, Sutton, nice type, but loose in feather. BUFFS: 1, Jones, fine and neat in feather; 2, 3, Bootc, 2 finely drawn, 3 very strong colour, slim type; vhc, Sutton. YORKS., old: 1, 2, Boote, yell. and buff, both good ones. NOR. YELL., Y.B.: 1, 2, Jones, good typical, variegd. birds. BUFF: 1, Jones. Old: 1, Jones, four Green. HYB., any age: 1, 2, Norton, nearly even 6-point buff Gold.-Can. and a nice dark buff Siskin-Can., both in good order; 3, Harrison, nice dark buff old.-Can. LINNET: 1, Tomlinson, best colour; 2, Norton, going well in moult, good Linnet; 3, Harrison, ditto. NOV.: YORKS., Y.B. (8): 1, 3, spl., Tomlinson, winner a fine cinn. variegd. A1 type, etc., all over, 3rd good slim yell.; 2, c, Bradbury, fine bold clear; vhc, hc, Poole. NOR. (8): 1, c, Bate, fine typical cl. leading, grand feather, etc.; 2, 3, Faulkner, neat wing mkd., A1 type and a pretty variegd. yell., like a hen; vhc, Bradbury; hc, Tomlinson, latter grand bird, gone in moult. OLD BIRDS, A.V.: 1, 2, Tomlinson, good buff Nor., and a fine yell. green; 3, vhc, Mrs. Brown, good yell. Yorks., and variegd. buff Nor. A.O.V. Nest feather: 1, 2, Tomlinson, good pair of foul greens.

Club Reports.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held McLean's Hotel, August 16, Mr. Joseph R. Reid chair. An amended estimate from Mr. W. F. Simpson for the printing of marked catalogues for the open show was considered. After discussion, it was agreed that the extra expenditure would be justified, and the estimate was accordingly accepted. Encouraging reports were given by the canvassers, patronage and specials coming in well. A discussion took place re the holding of table shows during the meetings in the winter months. Various views were expressed, and as no definite finding was come to, the subject will be raised again at next monthly meeting. Chairman reported that Mr. A. W. Ping, of Auchterpool was willing to give the members some sidelights on his bird-keeping experiences, and the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Ping and try to arrange meeting for August 30, so members, please watch the club and society notices column for the date, and be sure and come along. Vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—John W. Holms, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Aug. 14, Mr. J. Woolhouse chair, with only a poor attendance on account of the holidays. Mr. Woolhouse gave a lecture on moulting and colour feeding, which was very interesting. Mr. Woolhouse is a strong believer in plenty of fresh air without draught. He thinks that two nests are sufficient for a season as we get very little benefit from the third round, and without it the old birds get over the moult sooner. He brought with him egg-food and colour-food, showing us his method of mixing. He mixes one day a week, giving a mixture of mixed seed in place. Many questions were asked and ably answered. This is where the novice loses ground by missing these meetings. Will members kindly bring in their tickets and money for N.F. show? Next meeting Sept. 11. Lecture on Foreign Birds, by Mr. G. Fletcher, and arrangements for Nov. show. Members should not miss this meeting.—A. Lawton, Assist. Sec.

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ARBROATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, W. Muir presided over a large attendance to hear the report of our delegate at the meeting held under the auspices of the "Forfarshire Medal Union," which gave every satisfaction to all. Intimation was received of a good lot of specials for open show. Decided to give a medal for best bird exhibited by a novice member, also a medal for most points by a novice member. Letter was read from the B.F.C.C., granting us the patronage and medal. Other minor matters were considered, and the meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. Gray, Sec.

SALE C.B.S.

Meeting held 10, Brook-st., Aug. 11. Decided that Messrs. Tom Harrison, of Bowden, and J. W. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, judge our open show, also that all members show in the open in the 49 classes provided. There will be another meeting at my house on Aug. 25, as our secretary, Mr. Hardcastle, finds that it is the only open date he can have with us until the beginning of October. He will be pleased to see as many of the members as possible. The classification for open show will be read out for the last time. It will too late to alter same afterwards, so let 'em all come; ours is a free house, and all will be welcomed. Two more specials for show have been promised.—Horace Whitney, Assist. Sec..

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held Aug 12, at Marylebone Church Institute, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd chair, Mr. V. Wynn, bon. sec., and a few members present. Letters were read from the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, who kindly sent a silver rose bowl for competition at annual show, Mr. and Mrs. Tatton, resigning membership as they had taken a business in the country, Mr. Allen Silver, Hon. Sec. Foreign bird exhibition league, drawing attention to the numerous classes for Foreign birds at the next L.C.B.A. show, at the Horticultural Hall, and the hon. sec. of the London Federation re trophy, to be competed for by the affiliated societies. Messrs. A. Wallington and J. C. Ellis were nominated for election, and Messrs. W. Smith and H. S. Goodman were elected members. The Hon. Sec. presented the balance-sheet for Y.B. show, and quarterly balance-sheet of the society, which were passed as correct. Questions were then handed round, and the discussion brought out some very useful hints as to bird management, and novel ideas to increase the attendance of visitors at shows. Members please note that at next meeting, Sept. 8, there is a competition for collections of wild seeds; judge, Mr. A. Silver. If good entries are received a very interesting and instructive evening is assured.—F. Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Aug. 7, at Wentworth Cafe, Mr. J. Thorpe chair. The attendance was small, a lot of members being on their holidays, including our President, Mr. Jones, and our Sec., Mr. A. Hobson. For the open show, Oct. 18, there are to be six classes each for champion Yorks, and Nor., four each novice Yorks. and Nor., Limit £3 3s., four Crests, two Mules, nine British (including one novice £2 2s. limit), four Foreign and two Selling. Entry is the usual 1/6; prize money 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; prize money for Foreign classes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; specials for open show were promised by Messrs. Thorpe, Woolhouse, Walsh, Sparks, C. W. Hobson and Drabble; also the following promised birds for the gift class, Messrs. Sopsby and Billard, Bailey, Drabble, A. Hobson, C. W. Hobson, Thorpe, J. Woolhouse and Wakefield. Questions by ballot took up the remainder of the evening, and several of them created interesting discussions. Next meeting important; all members attend.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held Aug. 14, Mr. R. Topping chair, a fair number present. Correspondence was read from Sunderland in reference to patronage, so we have now got our shows complete for same. Decided to have handbooks printed for members so as to know when and where our patronage is allotted. Members wishing to have a small advt. or breeders' card in same please let me know as early as possible; I have already got a few names; charge 1s. Two well-known gentlemen attended our meeting, Messrs. Jas. Maddison and R. Tindale. Mr. Tindale a while since, sold out owing to business matters but has all his cages and bird room utensils, and will soon be in full swing again. He is going to keep a pair or two of Norwich along with his "long 'uns," so if Mr. Tindale takes as much whacking with these as he did with Yorkshires, the Norwich fanciers in the North will have to be moving round to keep foot with him. We all wish him success with his new variety. A lecture on colour feeding was given by Mr. Curry, and was listened to very attentively by all present; several questions were asked by those present, and all seemed to receive a favourable reply. Mr. Tindale also gave us a few useful hints on his experience of colour feeding, and I think a few of our members will be trying them. Next meeting Sept. 17, when Mr. A. Holden will give us a few hints on the Norwich. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Curry for his lecture, which we all enjoyed. He kindly replied, and said he was always willing to do what little he could to help us at any time, this bringing a most pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close. (Fanciers, remember next meeting).—F. W. Laidlow, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held headquarters August 9, Mr. H. J. Mennard, chair. Minor business transacted. Chairman opened a discussion on colour feeding, which proved very interesting and instructive, many of the older fanciers picked up a few points of interest. A few details appertaining to our forthcoming open show were gone into, and in response to an appeal for subscriptions, Messrs. H. Chew, J. Smith, J. Chambers, and H. J. Mennard kindly volunteered 2s. 6d. each.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

It was decided at last meeting to hold a smoking concert, and we have arranged for an enjoyable evening at the Bee Hotel, St. John's Lane, Liverpool, on Sept. 3; tickets, 6d. each, may be had from the Sec. or Committee. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe has kindly consented to take the chair. The musical programme will be in the hands of The Imperial Concert Party under the able management of Mr. Percy Orlay. As already announced, our next meeting night will be question night, and we shall be pleased to see a good muster. The novice scheme is progressing favourably; we have several more applications to come up for consideration at next meeting.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. AND M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel-st., Westminster, July 31. Present: Messrs. Hobson (chair), Dewhurst, Shepherd, Stephens, Crabb, Trower, Askew, Newley, Maxwell and Carr. Letters were read from Messrs. Archer, Longden and Ramsden. The committee granted patronage to the following shows: Clapham, gold and silver medal; Wimbledon, silver; Portsmouth, silver; Manchester, silver; Carlisle, silver and bronze; Leicester, silver; Southend, silver; Sheffield, silver and bronze; Swansea, two silvers and bronze; Leyton, silver; Nottinghan, silver; Cardiff, two silvers and bronze; the Club show (to be held in conjunction with the London C.B.A.) three golds, three silvers and three bronze; Bradford, two silver and bronze; Luton, silver and bronze; Gateshead, silver and bronze; Scottish National, gold, silver and bronze; Doncaster, silver. Mr. Longden kindly presented a gold medal for most points gained at Swansea, Cardiff and L.C.B.A. shows by a member who has not won a gold medal. Mr. Archer also very kindly presented a silver medal for most points gained at Bradford show by a member who has not previously won a medal. Mr. J. Pitchford, Stoke-on-Trent, was elected a member. All members present contributed to the Cobb's testimonial. Decided not to hold a meeting in August. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec.

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Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEIGH.

Meeting held at the Globe Inn, Aug. 4; 17 members present. Decided to hold general meeting Aug. 22, at 7.30; will all members kindly take notice and attend as the business is very important? Anyone wishing to join can do so by writing to me, or attending the meeting. Will Mr. Harrison send me word how many members he has enrolled, as the Leigh members have six new faces amongst them this year?—R. Holcroft, 12, Tunnicliffe New Row.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held Aug. 16; 19 birds entered for three prizes, and some very good time was done: 1, Smith, 109; 2, Parnell, 64; 3, Nelson, 44. Aug. 17 18 entered for three prizes: 1, Wainwright, 55; 2, Nelson, 51; 3, Parnell, 45. Mr. T. Piper, of Pontefract, has had the misfortune to lose his best bird in the moult before he receives the cup which it has won for the biggest score of the year. —W. Dobson, Hon. Sc.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Aug. 17. 1, Ward; 2, Sellars; 3, Tomlinson. Judges, C. Clayton, E. Dolton.—T. Summers. Hon. Sec.

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Contest for quality singing held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Aug. 17; 12 sang for three prizes given by Mrs. A. Saynon. 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Binns. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman, G. Towers.—H. Browne, Hon. Sec.

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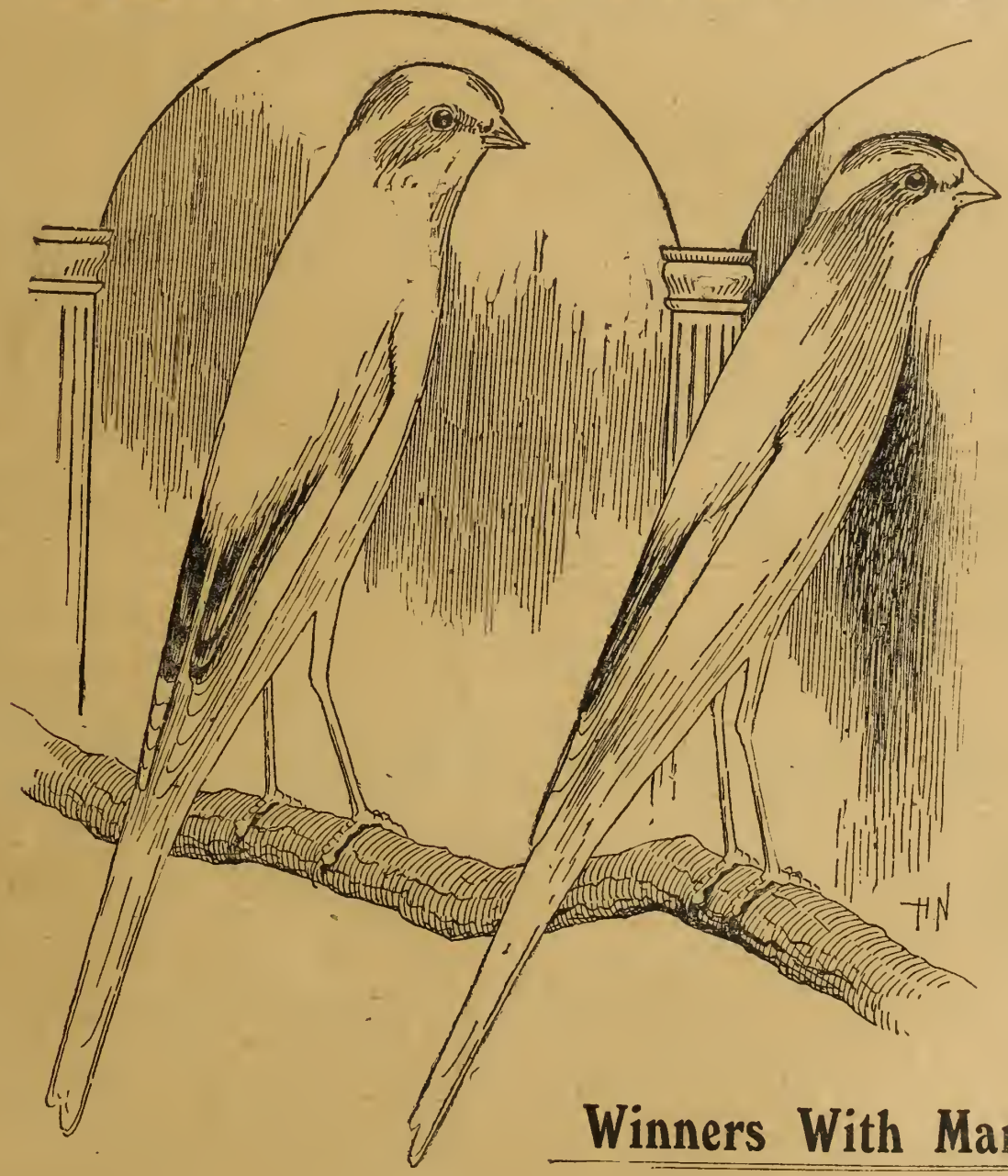
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WANTED, fresh cock Goldfinches, in exchange for foreign birds: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (839)

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COMMOTION OVER A LOST CANARY.

An Unexpected Visitor to Earl's Court Exhibition.

There has been an unexpected commotion at the Imperial Services Exhibition, Earl's Court, and all on account of a homeless Canary, says "The Standard." The beginning was on Monday afternoon last on the lawn of the Welcome Club, when half a dozen Sparrows were noticed by a visitor fiercely attacking something yellow, which, on closer investigation proved to be a Canary. With the assistance of Captain Bartlett, secretary of the club, the Sparrows were put to flight, leaving their victim in such a state that it was easily captured.

Knowing the affection many people have for Canaries, Captain Bartlett asked a journalist friend to mention in a paragraph that a "strayed Canary" awaited an owner, and could be recovered.

The next day positively an avalanche of letters arrived at the Welcome Club, every one of the writers having recently lost a Canary, and asking for particulars. Not only were there letters from all over London, and even from places considerably outside London, but telegrams arrived with pleading requests to hold the Canary until the sender had seen it. Then scores of ladies of all complexions, ages, heights, and figures called in person to see the Canary, until the environs of Captain Bartlett's office resembled the outside of a milliner's at the end of season sale. Nobody, however, could prove satisfactory claim to the Canary, which is now the inhabitant of a pretty cage, and apparently perfectly satisfied to remain where it is.

"One would suppose everybody owning a Canary was in the habit of losing it," said Captain Bartlett yesterday. "Just look at this stack of letters, all from bereft owners full of hope. One correspondent writes: 'My Canary had a long tail feather missing!' Another tells me that her missing pet answered to the name of 'William.' Forty or fifty of the letters describe every variety of spots which their lost Canaries possessed. This bird with us has small specks on his yellow feathers; here is a clergyman's wife bemoaning the loss of an 'all-yellow darling,' and wondering if the specks are only splashes of mud. 'Would you wash it,' she asks, 'and let me know.' I am also informed of the loss of 'this year's birds' and 'last year's birds,' 'half-Canary and half-Linnet' Canaries, and of 'she' Canaries. There are several offers of homes for 'our Canary,' as I suppose I must now call it, one lady writing: 'I should so much like to adopt it, it would be such a nice companion for my dormouse.'"

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The Hidden Dangers in the Plumage Bill.

Notes by the Secretary of Cage Birds League.

On another page will be found an article by Mr. J. R. Trower which demands the earnest attention of every bird-keeper throughout Great Britain and Ireland. In my notes of Aug. 16 I called attention to Clause 4 of the Bill which forms the subject of Mr. Trower's article, and pointed out the insidiousness of tacking such a clause on to a Bill purporting to deal with the importation of skins and plumage.

An Iniquitous Bill.

A portion of Mr. Trower's remarks are in respect of this same section, and are much the same as my own as previously published, but he goes much farther into the matter, and his article is one which should be read and pondered over. I trust it will stir every bird-keeper in the country to a sense of the danger which is confronting our hobby.

In respect of the local orders which are from time to time made upon application of county councils, all the bird-keeper knows is that they have been put into force. He has no voice in the matter. The county councils do not take steps to find out the general feeling of the constituency they represent. If anyone can influence such a body to make application to the Secretary of State to amend the existing Act of Parliament, either in one direction or the other, sanction is granted, and the alteration becomes law.

It is worse with this Importation of Plumage Bill. How many bird-keepers would have known that in this Bill, presented by one individual member of Parliament, and supported by two others, there is a section which would empower one person to make such alterations in the existing Acts of Parliament as may individually occur to him, and that without application from anybody?

In referring to clause 3 of section 2, Mr. Trower says that if this Bill becomes law foreign birds may be imported only under a special licence. This clause reads as follows: "(3) The Board of Trade may grant a licence under such conditions and regulations as they may think fit to any person to import specimens of birds for any natural history or other museum, or for the purpose of scientific research."

The clause does not say that no foreign bird may be imported without a licence. It only says that a licence may be granted. Mr. Trower has taken legal advice upon the actual interpretation of this clause, and that advice is that if a licence "may" be granted it follows that nothing may be imported without such a licence. I think that very few laymen would see the danger hidden in the wording. I am taking steps to get further legal advice upon this vital point, and will say more about it accordingly.

The time has now arrived when urgent action must be taken, and it is the duty of the secretary of every bird society throughout Great Britain and Ireland to bring to the notice of the local member of Parliament that he numbers among his constituents hundreds of voters whose hobby is threatened by the Bill. It is not a party matter, and whether the local member is Liberal, Labour, Conservative, or anything else, all that matters to the bird-keeper is that he should understand that a number of his constituents are opposed to the Bill.

To Cage Bird League Local Hon. Secs.

During the existence of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE there has been until now little occasion to ask the local honorary secretaries of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to do anything extra in the support of the cause which we all have at heart, but now I have to ask every local hon. sec. to be in himself in the matter. Let him co-operate with the sec. or secs. of local bird societies, and see that steps are taken to bring home to the notice of his local Member of Parliament that this Bill threatens to its extinction the hobby of bird keeping.

To Interest the Children.

I am glad to be able on behalf of Mr. C. H. Peck, whose charitable project of instituting a decorated cage competition for children, was mentioned last week, to thank Mr. Sherman, late of E. Ham, who is working so hard to further Mr. Peck's idea. Mr. Sherman has received five Redpolls from Mr. Clark, of Slough, and Mr. Peck wishes me through CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE column to express his thanks to Mr. Clark for his kind gift.

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and District Cage Bird Society, Station Hotel, Birtley, **October 4, 1913. Judge** (all varieties), **J. Stanger, Esq.** No cancellation or amalgamation of classes. Classes: **Norwich 4, Yorkshires 4, Borders 2,** Crest or Crestbred 1, Any other variety Canary 1, Mule or Hybrid, Any Variety, 1, Linnet, House or Feld-moulted, 1, Finch Any Variety 1, Redpoll, Twite, or Siskin, 1, Any Variety British Softbill 1, Foreign Aany Variety 1. **Entries close** (Saturday's postmark), **September 27th, 1913.—S. Lindsay, Hon. Sec.** (835)

PONTARDAWE (GLAM.)

Open Show, **October 9th. 18 Classes Cage Birds. Judge, C. A. House. Schedules ready.—W. Jenkins, Sec.** (836)

MERTHYR, *Oct. 2.*

Judge, Mr. Ben Davies, Abercanaid. **Schedules from: J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon.** (834)

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Twitterings.

The September meeting of the North Shields and Dis. C.B.C., writes Mr. R. P. Fox, hon. sec., is postponed. The next meeting will be held Oct. 1.

Mr. W. B. Watkins, sec. Tredegar and and Dis. C.B.S., writes that he has changed his address from 56, High Street to 35, Whitworth Terrace, Tredegar.

We learn that Mr. Fletcher, a promising member of the Sheffield O.S., when on a holiday in Ireland, was successful in begging a £1 special from Mr. J. Craigley, of Ballandrat.

We hear from Mr. J. Holroyd, hon. sec., that the first Yorkshire Union show for the coming show season will be that of the Great Horton O.S., on Oct. 4; judge, Mr. John Greaves.

Will you kindly notify secretaries and fanciers that I have removed to 34, Poplar Avenue, Gt. Harwood, writes Mr. W. T. Mattinson, Sec., Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.

The success of the season—Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Customers report results to be most satisfactory. Ramsden's peppers are fully guaranteed. Sold in tins only. Orders executed same day as received.—(Advt.)

I am pleased to say, writes Mr. D. John, sec. Llanelly C.B.S., that our society looks very healthy. Five new members for two meetings. We intend having a washing exhibition, and there is a proposal on agenda next meeting for a supper.

Owing to heavy downpour of rain on Sunday last, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec. Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., we were compelled to cancel our cycle outing, but same will take place on Sept. 1, meet at Ardwick Empire two o'clock sharp; local fanciers invited.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. Coupe, Walsden.

It is with regret, writes Mr. J. T. Cheetham, hon. sec. Smallbridge C.B.S., that I notify you of the death of Mr. J. Coupe, senr., of Walsden, who was a member of this society until a few months ago, resigning owing to ill-health. Deceased was a successful breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshires, and will be sadly missed. He leaves a widow and family (the son, Mr. John Coupe is treasurer of this society) to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

An Order has been made under the Wild Birds Protection Acts by which certain birds (of which a list is given) are protected during the whole of the year, throughout West Sussex. A copy of the Order may be obtained (post free, twopence), from Messrs. Wyman, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

Leicester C.B.S. members are having a ramble round Tur Langton and district on Sept. 6, writes Mr. J. Cook, sec. All cyclists will meet outside the White Horse Hotel, London Road, at 2.30; train leaves Midland Station at 2.33 for Kibworth. Members travelling by train make their way to the Checkers' Inn, Tur Langton.

As the Midland Counties Y.C.C. and other specialist clubs, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Rd., Small Heath, Birmingham, hon. sec. S. Birmingham O.S., will be holding shortly their meetings to consider the various Midland Clubs' applications for patronage. I hope secretaries will write me at once. Applications are coming in well, but we can do with more; it attracts entries, it makes profit, and that is what all bird clubs want.

To Society Secretaries, and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Owing to business pressure and lack of time, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, I have been compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Ashton-u-Lyne and Dis. O.S. All letters, etc. should be in future addressed to Mr. J. Whitehead, 69, Grasscroft Street, Stalybridge, Ches.

Mr. F. Jackson, of South Shields, who advertised a Grey Parrot in our issue of Aug. 23, writes to point out that the price was wrongly given by our printers in the advertisement. This should have been 90s., not 10s., and Mr. Jackson has had more applications than he can possibly answer. Will those applying please note the correction?

I would be obliged, writes Mr. G. Whittaker, 18, Sandhurst St., Burnley, if you would kindly announce that I have been appointed secretary of the Burnley O.S. in place of Mr. W. Redman, who has resigned through not having time to follow it up; all communications should be addressed to me. Next meeting, Sept. 4; business important.

Messrs. F. Collingbourne and Co., The Aviaries, East Sheen, write that they have received a postcard bearing the London, S.W. postmark of Aug. 25, asking for particulars of a Green Amazon Parrot. Will the enquirer please send name and address to Messrs. Collingbourne? Neither was given on the postcard.

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The August issue of "Bird Notes," the Journal of the Foreign Bird Club, contains some beautifully executed photographs by Mr. H. Wilford, of the Black-backed Gull, and these are accompanied by notes on the species by Mr. Wesley T. Page. Mr. Page also continues his "Visits to Members' Aviaries and Birdrooms." Miss Chawner writes on the "Nesting of the Eagle Owl." Mr. S. Williams contributes "Holiday Notes from Eastbourne." Dr. Maurice Amsler gives a delightful account of the "Breeding of the Great Tit in Captivity," and also tells of his successful rearing of Hybrids between the Blue-breasted and Crimson-eared Waxbills (Cordon Bleus). Some excellent photographs by Mr. E. O. Page, articles on "An Island on the River Jhelum," by Mr. H. Whistler, "Bird Marking," by Dr. Philip Goose, and "Sexing the Gold-fronted Fruitsucker," by Mr. W. T. Page, together with "Zoo Notes" by the Editor, and the usual reviews and correspondence complete a good issue.

The Testimonial to Mr. J. Young, Rutherglen.

Kindly thank those members of the Scottish Crest Club, who responded so liberally to my appeal for a presentation to our worthy secretary, Mr. John Young, Rutherglen, writes Mr. R. Lambie, Whitburn. I have now called on Mr. Young, and presented him with a splendid barometer, together with cutlery and spoons for Mrs. Young in the name of the S.C.C. I am sure all will join with me in wishing him and his better half, good health and happiness for many years to come.

The Patronage of the Crested Canary Club.

Before submitting present applications for support to the Committee to be voted upon, writes Mr. John Tyson, hon. sec., Crested Canary Club, 169, Sloane Street, London, S.W., I shall be glad to hear from any other Society prepared to give the minimum classification, viz., 8 classes champion and 2 novice, and desiring the support. Societies insured against loss on payment of 2s. 6d. per class in the champion section. Novice classes, sliding scale for less than 8 entries. Applications must reach me not later than Sept. 5.

Sad Loss for Mr. Fred Allen.

We are sorry to receive from Mr. F. Allen, of Hull, a well-known advertisor in our columns, a letter as under. We are sure that customers will extend their indulgence to Mr. Allen in the sad circumstances:—

I am very sorry to inform you of the death of my little boy aged 3 years and 5 months. He died this afternoon, Aug. 25, after a short illness (3 weeks), I have a good deal of correspondence, but cannot get along with it owing to our trouble. I hope all those who have sent me orders will look over the delay.—F. Allen.

"Cage Birds" Championship Scheme.

Will Benefit all Societies and Provides £200 in Cash Specials for Exhibitors.

SOCIETIES which have this week notified their acceptance of our Championship Competition are:—

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Ilkeston C.B.S.
Scottish National C.B.S.
Ulster O.A. (Belfast).

Please send 100 coupons.—J. Holroyd, sec., Great Horton O.S.

I have been paid for two dozen coupons and took orders for three dozen more at our last meeting.—E. Thomas, sec., Cardiff C.B.S.

Please send 100 coupons.—J. Gray, sec. Arbroath C.B.S.

We have agreed to adopt your Championship Scheme Competition at our show, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, and wish the scheme the best possible success.—J. R. Meikle, hon. sec. Scottish National C.B.S.

Please send me 4 doz. more coupons, have sold the last lot.—G. H. Barnwell, sec. Harrogate C.B.S.

Mr. E. Thomas, hon. sec. Cardiff C.B.S., writes asking whether a novice competing in both the open and novice sections at one show, with different birds, could win a diploma and cash prize in both sections. The reply is yes. The diplomas and the cash prizes are given for the birds, and if by the rules of the show a novice owner may enter in both sections, he will, of course, be eligible to compete also in both sections for our cash prizes and diplomas. It must not be forgotten, however, that if his wins in the open take a fancier out of the novice section (i.e., deprive him of his novice status, according to our adopted definition) then, of course, he is debarred from competing in the novice section in the Finale at the Crystal Palace show.

I am sorry to see only one Irish society enrolled in your list of coupon shows, for I think this is one of the greatest competitions ever started, and that every society should take it up, as it certainly will benefit both exhibitors and societies. I hope that before the closing date all the Irish societies (another one has joined this week—Editor) will have become competitors.—J. Porter (Newtown).

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 20th next.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
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(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.
(4) BORDER FANCIES.
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show, entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of September, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

A Pair of Vicious Blackbirds (An American Story).

Recently the people of Los Angeles, California, have been interested and astonished by the conduct of a pair of Blackbirds, supposed to be nesting in the grounds about the Courthouse, says the London "Globe." Persons walking quietly under the palm-trees have been startled by an attack with whirring wings, sharp beaks, and hard claws. The birds, without a moment's notice, pick at the clothing or the hat, and even fly against the face. It is supposed—and this is probably so—that the birds are protecting their nest from possible intrusion. The mother is positively vicious in her attacks. She does not hesitate to bite, glaring with her gold-rimmed eyes as if she would like to tear the intruder to pieces. The pair have taken a special dislike to one man who tried to find the nest. They fly at him, hop before him on the grass, and when he moves dart at his hat or his neck. An account of these birds was published in a Los Angeles paper and many persons went to the park to see them. All the visitors were gratified, for nearly everyone was swept by the dash of a black wing, or felt the thrust of a sharp beak in his face, or a sudden scratch across his hand.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: National Green Marked Y.C.C., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds; Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Road, Windhill, Shipley; Yorks. and Lancs., Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford; Mid. Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham; Fife and Kinross N.P.C., A. Dickson, 37, Adams' Ter., Kelty; Lancs. and Lizard F.A., Mr. A. Martin, 119, Buckstone's Road, Crompton Fold, Shaw, nr. Oldham; Scottish Plainhead Club, Mr. J. Brown, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow, closing date August 30; Scottish British Bird and M.C., Mr. J. Allan, 69, Dalmeny Street, Leith, closing date, September 3. Crested C.C., Mr. J. Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, London, S.W., closing date September 5.

(Will secretaries please notify us of the latest date on which applications can be received?—Ed.)

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THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 93.)

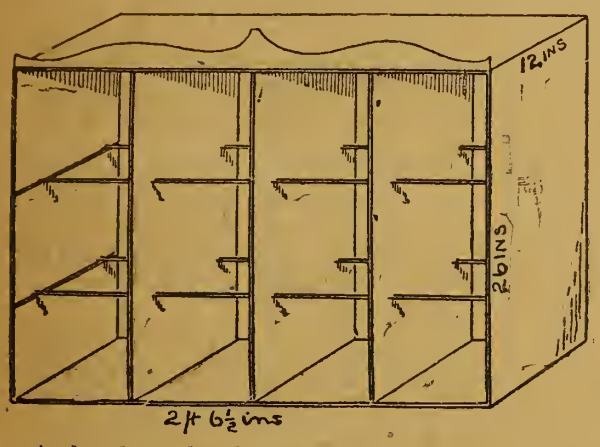
How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

We regret that by an accident a portion of the instalment of this article which appeared in our issue of August 16 was included in error. Will readers, therefore, kindly cancel that part from the words "Good ventilation" to the end, and read on as follows?—(The paragraphs printed by mistake will be reprinted later in their proper place).—(Ed.)

MY experience has been that when the birds are moving about in the daytime, the cold—I do not mean at a freezing point—does not seem to have any ill effect, neither does it appear to be detrimental to those hens that are sitting, or may be brooding, i.e., sitting on or over youngsters. Yet I advise—and practise—the use of a little artificial heat during the nights of the spring months when the birds are paired up, and are on the point of laying, for the weather is as a rule so very changeable at this time. It has a soothing influence on the hens, its influence is also beneficial to the cocks, as it assists in bringing and keeping them in breeding condition; so on these grounds it may be said to assist the cocks in their duty of fertilizing the eggs.

The Limitations of the Living Room.

Although I advise the use of a living room or kitchen as a training room for the young cocks, it will be understood from the remarks I have made that I do not favour it as a breeding room. Yet in many instances the fancier has to use a recess in his living room and be thankful. To breed and rear youngsters successfully here it is necessary that the hens should be placed in the room early, either to moult or, during the late autumn and winter, to get them tame before the breeding commences. A little trouble spent in taming them will be repaid threefold; keep them as quiet as possible and avoid hasty or violent movements in the vicinity of the cages. The feeding and cage cleaning should be done very quietly, and in a short time the majority of the birds will show no signs of fear or distrust, and will afterwards feed their young in your presence.



A cheaply made "Roller Song Cabinet," to hold 12 wire song cages, is shown in the sketch. It was cut to the given dimensions from a "Colman's Starch Case." These cases are very adaptable for this purpose, the back, front, and sides are already glued together, and the case is exactly the same length and height as shown, and it only requires that about four inches should be cut away from the width, i.e., back to front. The inside supports are made from blind laths, which are quite strong enough for this purpose. The partitions are of tin and pieces are cut out of these for the laths to go through. The front which is cut away from the case makes a shutter, or a curtain could be used instead.

Hens That Dislike Company.

Perhaps a few may be found that will not do so, or even when they can see from the nest pan anyone in the room, and these hens will have to be humoured by placing a piece of paper on to the cage front to screen the nest. Others may show no signs of fear while incubating, but immediately the young are hatched they will resent your presence close to the cages. The remedy is obvious. Clear off as soon as possible, or a "hunger strike" commences. I have a hen that when she has young has an odd aversion to a lady wearing a hat. The "oddity" often causes a little amusement, for as soon as the hat is removed she will go on feeding, yet while the hat is on the lady's head she will not move. Probably she may be clannish and resents the wearing of borrowed plumes.

An advantage to be derived when birds are wintered, i.e., kept during the winter months, in the living room or kitchen, is that they come into breeding condition earlier than those that are kept during that period in a cool room. This is a great consideration to the fancier who is breeding his birds from a profitable point of view, for the earlier the young are bred the sooner their moult will be completed; this is a necessity before the young cocks come nicely into full song. The breeder should then be able to command a better price than he will do later, when there are more birds on the market to choose from.

It is also an advantage to have early bred hens, for they will be ready to breed early in the following year, and, being more matured, should be capable of performing their duties better than those hens that are bred later in the season. So if a recess in the kitchen or a bedroom can be used where it is not convenient to have a spare room indoors, it will, to those who have only a small stock, be better than an outdoor birdroom. You need not be afraid of having a few birds in a bedroom, of course that is providing you keep the cages clean to prevent any smell arising from them.

By advising them to be kept clean I do not mean that they should be cleaned out every day. Once a week will be found quite sufficient, and a layer of rough cut pine sawdust thrown on the cage bottoms. As an extra precaution a little Jeyos' fluid mixed with a little water can be placed in a saucer underneath the cages, but this is not absolutely necessary.

It is a good plan before a hen begins to sit, to place a layer of pine sawdust, about an inch deep on the cage bottom, for after the hen has been sitting for several days the excreta becomes copious and generally will be found accumulating in one place, usually opposite the seed hopper or water fountain. By taking the precaution to place a thick layer of sawdust on the cage bottom the accumulation can be easily removed with the aid of a piece of cardboard, and a handful of fresh sawdust can be placed where the droppings were removed. It will not then be necessary to clean the whole cage bottom out until the youngsters are between one and two weeks old.

The Importance of Grit.

Where sawdust is used instead of sand for the cage bottom it is necessary that the birds should always have access to a supply of good clean gritty sand, as, figuratively, it is the bird's teeth, and its action on the food in the gizzard is similar to that of our teeth, without which we could not digest our food. Grit-tins to hang inside the cage can be procured from the fanciers' provider, and a convenient size is one two inches long, three-quarters of an inch deep and three-quarters of an inch wide.

No reasonable objection can be raised about keeping a few birds in a living or a bed room, given a sound, healthy stock to commence with, and that they are kept under sanitary conditions. I have mentioned this because the fancier may at some time hear some of the fairy tales that I myself have been treated to, about the danger of tubercular and other imaginary illnesses that will be caught from keeping birds in the house. I smile, and reply "Well, we are all insured," as it is useless to argue with faddists; their arguments are based on theory, our knowledge is gained from actual experience.

If it is decided to have an outdoor birdroom, then have a good one, as the first cost or outlay is always the best. I have had at different times three outdoor rooms, two were built of bricks and the third had an outer covering of corrugated iron, with a lining of matchboards. This latter proved unsatisfactory, as the heat of the sun on the iron warped the boards inside, which caused the room to be cold and draughty, even though the inside had been papered. I found that new tin ware soon became rusty, a sign that the room was damp, so we parted company.



Mrs. and Miss Ballard, of Manor Park, busy giving food to young birds in the nest by means of a "Fil-up Feeder," which they have used with great success.

I am not conversant with what other writers may have placed as their ideal for an outdoor room, but from my own experience I consider a near approach to the ideal would be one built of bricks, or a wooden portable room i.e., one that is made in sections and fastens together with bolts at the corners.

(To be Continued.)

The Fascination of an Aviary

By WESLEY T. PAGE F.Z.S., etc.

(Continued from page 109)

With a Mixed Collection of Birds.

Some Charming Additions.

GRASSFINCHES and Mannikins are others which lend themselves to the mixed group, and pairs each of the following may be included, if the size of the aviary provides accommodation for such: Gouldian Finches, Long-tailed, Rufous-tailed and Masked Grassfinches; Rufous-backed, Black-headed, White-headed, and Tricolour Mannikins, Silverbills, Bengalese, Chestnut-breasted, Parson, Striated, Diamond, Bib, Sharp-tailed, Zebra, Ribbon, Red-headed, and Spice Finches, and Java Sparrows (White and Grey), although some pairs of the latter prove aggressive. As regards nesting accommodation, these mostly favour husks, cocoanut shell nests, Hartz-travelling-cages, and rush nests. Hay, grass, moss, and a little cow-hair will suffice for building material, as it will for all the other groups except *Psittaci*.

Whydahs are handsome and striking birds, but it is not always wise to include them in smallish aviaries, as when in breeding plumage, if not dangerous, they are an obstreperous and disturbing influence in the aviary. The Pin-tail Whydah is not safe and should not be included. The Queen and Paradise Whydahs I have found quite safe, but even these should not be introduced to the aviary when in breeding plumage, as their long tail feathers may cause a panic, and some of the occupants of the aviary may damage themselves against the netting, 'ere they become accustomed to these long caudal plumes; but if put in when in winter dress then there will be no danger of such happenings as their caudal plumes are only gradually assumed. Faggots of twiggy branches supply the best nesting accommodation, but though they weave many beautiful nests, it is not often that they get as far as eggs, though of late years they have shown more inclination to do so in the large wilderness aviary.

Gorgeous, but Obstreperous.

Weavers are almost legion and are a noisy and obstreperous group, yet in breeding plumage their garments are so gorgeous and glistening that they should find a place in any mixed series, even though they do disturb the nesting arrangements of shy and retiring species somewhat. It is difficult to give a list of these birds and designate them inoffensive, as their demeanour is so variable in different aviaries. For instance, I have kept the Madagascar, Napoleon, Short-winged, Crimson-crowned, Red-billed, Black-headed, etc., without mishap in quite a moderate-sized aviary, but others have not been so fortunate. I have found the common Red-billed species very inoffensive and have had many Madagascars and Napoleons, and never possessed a pugnacious individual, but they are very variable and must be kept under observation. Weavers, like the Whydahs, seem to have shown much more inclination to go to nest of late years in captivity, and this season several species have hatched out young, but only in one or two cases have the young been reared to fend for themselves. In one or two quite small aviaries partial success has been attained. Faggots of twiggy branches (pea-sticks) make the best accommodation, and hay and long grass will suffice for building material.

Some Living Gems.

Of the Tanagers and Sugar Birds (*Tanagridæ and Coerebidæ*) one pair of Tanagers and a pair of Sugar Birds may be kept in the mixed series, and I have found the Blue Tanager both robust and inoffensive in such a collection, and, provided the shelter is draught and wet proof, may be wintered out of doors; but the Sugar Birds (yellow-winged for preference) must be taken in at the end of October, or earlier, according to the season. Superb, Tricolour, Necklace, Black-throated, Black-cheeked, and similar Tanagers of the *Calliste* group, should be taken indoors, at any rate, for their first winter in this country. Under certain conditions in our Southern counties they can be successfully wintered, but in Eastern and Northern counties it is not wise to subject them to the damp, raw-cold, that is so frequently a characteristic of even our mild winters. The Scarlet Tanager is beautiful and hardy, but it is a large species, and the reports from various sources of its demeanour are very variable, and it should be kept under continuous observation.

The Bulbuls (*Pycnonotidæ*) form a most interesting group of birds of strong character, but also aggressive demeanour. Several species have reared young in English aviaries, but in the mixed series they must be kept under observation, and only one pair kept. The Red-eared, Red-vented, and White-eared have all been kept in mixed series without serious mishap. Those named are all desirable birds, mostly with contrasting plumage, full of character, and vivacity, and most interesting occupants of the mixed aviary.

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Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BIRD PUFFED OUT (Crest).—(1) It is just possible you are doing too much for the bird already, so it is more a question as to what less than more you can do for it. It is by no means unusual for birds to appear more or less puffy and listless when moulting, or when the moult is approaching. Try the following simpler method of treating the bird for a month, and if it is not quite recovered then write again and repeat particulars. See that it is free from direct cold draughts; beyond that keep in a bright airy place. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every third day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and on the alternating days give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats, and the next day a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with maw. For the first fortnight put two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it each time before the maw. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover sixpence every second day for a week. After this give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. (2) Sorry you have had such poor luck this season. The chances of getting any more young this season from hens just nesting are exceedingly remote. Possibly there may be young hatched from eggs now sitting, but their chances of being reared to leave the nest are small. (3) Testing eggs at end of first week would have nothing to do with hens deserting the young. Unless your hens are quite young, I would advise you to discard them, and get fresh ones next spring.

GREENHOUSE AND SEEDS (J.B.).—(1) Naturally the locality and position of the building is of vast importance in deciding whether these places are suitable or not for bird-keeping. From your description I should say your building is so well protected that the usual fluctuations in such places must be reduced to a minimum, and if you were to cover the roof with felt, or a layer of "summer-cloud," and make a movable blind or shutter for use over part of the glass sides during particularly severe weather in winter, I see no reason why Canaries should not thrive and do well there all through the year, without any artificial heat at all. The only precaution to adopt is to see that you stock with birds which have been bred and kept in normal temperature, and come of a sound healthy stock. If heating is used I would only advise an oil stove when no other means are available, and, when used, the lamp should be provided with a cover and flue to convey the fumes of combustion out into the open air. (2) You do not say whether birds are meant to be caged or fly loose. If the former, give a staple of plain canary only; if the latter, give canary and summer rape ad. lib., in separate vessels, and not mixed together. All other seeds give as required casually. Full details for feeding will be found in the "Manual" sent you.

BEST SONGSTERS (Iredale).—After the trained Roller must be placed next the more or less imperfectly trained bird, of which there are many qualities, then the untrained pure Roller. After this I would place the best singers in the following order: first-cross Roller-Border, pure Border, first-cross Roller-Yorks., ditto Roller-Norwich, Yorkshire, Norwich, and Crest, which, of course, includes Crest-bred. There is much of a sameness about these, and all the rest not mentioned, but those named are the better performers in the order named. It is very much a matter of taste. Personally, I can appreciate the song of the Crest far better than that of an untrained Roller, but the performance is much shorter, and of a different type from the song which the Roller typifies, hence I place it last on the above list.

A BAD HABIT (Jas. Walker).—The habit of clinging to the wires is certainly very injurious to the prospects of a successful show career, no matter how good the bird may be in typical qualities. It is very often a matter of confidence or tameness on the part of the bird, in which case your method of trying to cure it by frequently handling the cage will simply foster the habit and make it worse. Your best plan is to turn it into flight with other birds whilst moulting, where it will get the minimum of individual attention or petting. Do not give any green food or other tit-bits, in the wires, but throw in on to centre of floor all that which cannot be placed in egg-drawer or seed-hopper. After the moult is over allow bird to remain in flight until a month or so before its first show, then cage up in moderate sized cage, still avoid placing any dainties in wires, handle cage and give bird generally no more attention than is necessary to cause it to take the perch boldly without fear, and run it in show cage for a day two or three times a week—more or less as seems necessary—just before the show. The secret, if such it can be called, is to stop training before bird becomes too familiarly disposed.

TAKING CANARIES TO AUSTRALIA (Wm. Prosser).—Yes, your friend may certainly take a pair of Canaries out to Australia with him with the greatest safety. Given the most reasonable amount of attention and ordinary stamina, they will bear the journey with the greatest ease. If, as I understand from your letter, your friend will keep the birds in his own care, I would advise him to get a double-compartment cage of moderate size, say 24ins. long, 9 or 10ins. wide, and 15ins. high, wired on all four sides, and a solid wood partition across the middle to keep the birds separate. Have the corner uprights fairly strong to bear rough usage in case of need. Over this fit a strong canvas wrapper with a handle for carrying. Have sand trays fixed in cage for cleaning, and take along a supply of about 6lbs. of seed (treble what is needed, but to provide against unavoidable waste), and a few pounds bag of bird grit. When passing through the colder regions keep one, two, or three sides of cage covered with the wrapper, but on approaching the tropics keep all sides uncovered. Feed as usual, and if green salads can be obtained from the ship's cook use them freely whilst going through the tropics. If your friend cannot keep the birds in his own care he should get the steward or butcher to take charge of them during the voyage, when he goes on board, either of whom will do so for a small consideration.

BLOB OF FLUID (H.F.M., Forest Gate).—Before pricking the substance again lightly paint over it with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine once a week for a month. In addition to the staple diet you are now giving, supply separately half a teaspoonful of teazle every second day, and twice a week on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and millet, and once a week a small teaspoonful of soft food. In each tablespoonful of drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day in place of plain water for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give it again for another week. Be careful not to give it in a metal drinker. If this does not bring about the absorption of the blister you can only go on and repeat the pricking from time to time as seems necessary, but after pricking and washing with the wych hazel, continue the anointing daily with Lanocylin until well. If bird is a valuable one it would be worth while asking a veterinary to examine it, who might be able to put in a drainage suture, or remove a snippet of skin and cauterise the spot.

DIARRHOEA (P.H.P.).—You omit to say whether you are colour-feeding the bird. If not, give half a teaspoonful of crushed dry arrowroot biscuit and maw in equal parts every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of boiled rape seed. In the drinking water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If this does not stop the looseness in that time, give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with carbonate of bismuth daily, and omit the sulphuric acid from above mixture and substitute five drops of tincture of opium in its place, and continue this treatment another week. See that all your seeds and foods are sound and sweet, and keep cage and perches as clean as possible. When not colour-feeding, there is no real necessity for special dietetic treatment of birds having a normal moult. Given ordinary care to protect them from cold draughts, chills, etc., a little soft food twice a week, and mixed seed ditto, with a moderate supply of wild seeds now and again, and nothing else is required to bring about a good and perfect moult. Twenty-drop doses of Chemical Food every second day for a week or two, when the birds are moulting the head, will help to tone them up at the finish. It is not too late for early-hatched birds to begin moulting, though it certainly is getting time they made a start. They may start quite suddenly any time now. Add 20 drops of whisky and six of syrup of saffron to the water for a few days.

STRIKERS (Dorset).—You do not give enough particulars about the hens, and your management of them, to enable me to form any definite opinion as to the cause of the hens deserting the young at a fortnight old. Did they want to begin nesting again; had you left the cocks in with them whilst sitting; and how had you been feeding whilst hens were sitting, and up to the time they deserted the young? All these are points which greatly help to elucidate such cases. As it is quite too late to think of further breeding this year, and, as I might write a whole column of speculative theory, and not touch the actual point. I think you cannot be better advised than to break up your pairs now for this season, and get one of our handbooks and master the contents, when you should be able to keep on the beaten track and avoid these disappointing occurrences next season. Possibly you may also discover where you went wrong this year, and thus be able to avoid doing so again. Either House's "Manual," 1s. 2d., or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., both post free from our Manager, would suit you.

SONGLESS ROLLER (T.K.).—I suppose there is no doubt about the sex of the bird? I mention this because when you got the bird in song, three months ago, it ought not to have had a short song, with no variety, as at that time it should have been at its best in song. At the present time, however, with the moult close at hand, you can scarcely expect it to resume singing now until after the moult. Anyway, try what a month of the following treatment will do for it. Keep it in a bright, healthful, and cosy place, and either keep the door of song cabinet open during the day, or place bird in a box cage and keep out of the cabinet for a week or two. For staple diet, give a mixture of equal parts canary and summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of the mixed seed twice each week. Continue giving a little green food or wild seedy things daily. You may dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, in the water for one day, then add 20 drops of Chemical Food for two or three days. After the first fortnight drop the sponge cake, and give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week instead.

SORE FEET (T.W.).—Mix a teaspoonful of extract of Wych Hazel in a saucerful of warm-water. Catch bird and bath feet for a few minutes in this solution, using a small camel-hair brush whilst bathing to thoroughly cleanse feet and sore. After bathing dry gently, and put one drop of the undiluted extract on the sore, holding the bird for a minute or two until any "sting" has passed off. Dry off surplus moisture and dust feet all over with boracic powder. Repeat this daily as long as necessary—maybe a week or so. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible.

BARE ON STOMACH (Pit Laddie).—I am strongly inclined to think that the exceptional barcness you mention is very largely, and maybe wholly due to plucking in the nest by parents, which, as you have been away from the birds, you did not see. If this surmise is correct the birds will moult out all right, and may even improve in appearance before moulting. See that you cage them in a cage quite free from insect pests for the moult, and twice a week from now until moult is half over, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops per bird of cod liver oil emulsion on it, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with maw. On these days add five drops of syrup of saffron and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence to the water. Keep birds rather on the warm side for moulting, otherwise go on with your usual treatment.

COLOUR OF YOUNG, ETC. (C.J.L.).—(1) You omit to say what breed the birds are, or the colour of the hen. If the birds were Yorkshires it is probable the two birds you describe in the second nest are Cinnamon-Variegated, in which case the Green cock is more or less closely related to Cinnamon-marked birds. On the other hand, it is just as likely they are bronze greens. Such specimens are frequently bred among Greens, particularly amongst birds where the Green and Cinnamon elements are striving for mastery, and cannot be termed extraordinary in any sense. (2) Neither is the fact of the hen laying white eggs very extraordinary. The colour and markings of the eggs of the Canary vary tremendously, and white specimens merely mean that the markings are wholly absent. (3) No. it is not usual for cocks to pull out the tails of their progeny, but, still, there are some crusty old Benedicts that will do so, and even pull their daughter's "hair." The remedy is to put him in "durance vile," by caging him alone. It is quite safe to separate young from the parents as soon as they feed themselves freely upon egg-food, and are beginning to nibble at the canary seed.

A PHYSICAL WRECK (Novice).—If, as you say, the bird's feet are clean and appear normal I can only conclude that it must be a physical wreck, and has probably become partially paralysed most likely from a slight apoplectic seizure sometime. At any rate, if I had a bird that could neither stand on a perch, nor yet get across the floor of cage without toppling over, and which found the greatest difficulty in recovering its equilibrium, I would end its career mercifully, or get a chemist to do so, with chloroform. If you do not care to do so, see that the bird is kept in a comfortable, healthful place; throw a light cover over the cage to keep bird as quiet and restful as possible; add a morsel of bread and milk with maw to its dietary every second day for a month, and on the alternate days give a small spray of watercress, and add 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water. Keep bird quiet until it begins to take to the perches voluntarily. See that perches are conveniently placed, and fixed securely, so that they do not wobble about.

FEET, WHEEZE, FLIGHTS (A.B.A.).—(1) The perches shown in your sketch are of no use whatever for your bird. Take them out and substitute moderate-sized perches, say, about midway in thickness between an ordinary perch and a common lead pencil. Make these perches quite round in shape, and then very slightly flatten the top surface. Fix them in cage securely, so they do not wobble. Also treat the feet daily for a week as follows. Get a saucer of fairly hot water, but well below scalding point, and beside it place a saucer of quite cold water in which you have dissolved a teaspoonful of common salt. Catch bird, and hold feet quite immersed in the hot water for a minute or two, then remove, and immediately place in the cold water for a minute or two, then back to the hot, and back again to the cold, and so on, until the feet have been in each bath from six to eight times. Remember to finish up in the cold water. Then dry feet, and gently rub on each one or two drops of whiskey, or methylated spirit will do. (2) There is probably very little, if anything, wrong with these birds. See they are properly protected from chills and direct draughts. If they appear to get worse treat as advised to "Anxious, Hanley" in this issue for a week or two. (3) Certainly remove the broken flights, but to avoid handling bird so much take four from each wing from different parts at each operation, say, every fifth day. It will, of course, disqualify the bird for competition in classes that are for unflighted birds exclusively, but it will be eligible for classes of young birds where the question is left open. You will only need to be careful to read class headings when about to enter him, and see that the class entered in specifies "flighted" or "flighted or unflighted." If no such specification appears over each class, then look in general show rules for any rule relating to exhibition of young birds at that particular show.

MOULTING AND WHEEZING (Beginner, Cork).—(1) A slight wheeziness is not altogether uncommon in a quite healthy bird when moulting, a certain amount of dullness is quite to be expected, and to "sing very hoarse" is a little more than is to be anticipated, because, as a rule, birds do not sing at all whilst moulting. So upon the whole I doubt whether there is much wrong with your bird. If its cage is kept in a window, this, in combination with the open-wire cage is doubtless responsible for any bronchial weakness. Keep in a bright, healthful place, where the temperature is fairly equable, away from draughts or heated fumes from burning lights, and not in window. Keep it rather on the warm side whilst moulting, and treat it for the next month as advised in latter part of reply to "Anxious, Hanley," in this issue. If the wheezing does not disappear with the moult, write again, and repeat particulars. (2) Mites should have been cleared out before birds started to moult. Wait now until moult is over, and then place birds temporarily in fresh cages, thoroughly over-haul, disinfect those vacated, and be careful not to overlook dealing with the rack or wall where the cages have stood or hung. Watch these replies for a few weeks and you will see details given frequently. Meantime dissolve an ounce of camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit, and with a small camel-hair brush touch the ends of perches, joints of doors, corners of sand trays, and any joint or crack about a cage which seems to afford harbour for mites, twice a week with the fluid. Destroy any escaping mites by pressure. This will keep them well within bounds.

BIRDS DYING (Anxious, Hanley).—First of all take steps to see whether the sliding windows at each end of your building are responsible for a direct draught cutting through the cages. If this is the case adopt some means of diverting the current of air so that it does not go right into the cages. As the birds should now, or very soon, be moulting a curtain might be hung before the cages, leaving two inches of air spaces between curtain and cage fronts. This will serve as a screen whilst birds are moulting, and still allow free circulation of air. Keep cages, perches, food, and water vessels scrupulously clean, and treat as follows for a month or so. If deaths do not cease at once I would also advise you to send a body to Mr. Yates for post-mortem, as there is some suspicion of a contagious disorder. Thoroughly overhaul and disinfect every cage in which a death occurs. For staple diet give plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful (per bird) of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk the size of an hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of maw. Once a week give each a small teaspoonful of scalded rape, and once a week a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and linseed. Keep cage strewn with fresh, clean, gritty sand. Give a few plantain stalks or similar wild seedy things occasionally. In the drinking water add 15 drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day only. After this give 20 drops of whiskey and five of syrup of saffron every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of chemical food, containing the latter for a fortnight

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MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

LUMP ON HEAD (H. Cornwell).—I should say the lump on the head of your Goldfinch-Canary is of a tumourous nature, although it is just possible it may proceed from the old wound. You should carefully examine it to see if it is quite hard, or of a soft nature, and if there is any sign of it coming to a head, if so, you can probably disperse it with fomentations, and dosing the bird with Glauber's salts. Give as much as will cover a sixpence, in warm water every other day for a week. When bathing the affected part commence with ordinary warm water, and then gradually add a little hot until you get it almost as hot as you can bear it, then dry with a soft cloth. Do this night and morning for three or four days, and if you succeed in extracting matter continue it until the swelling has disappeared. Should the lump be quite hard, paint it, once a day, with extract of wych elm. You will be able to see in a week or so if there is any improvement; if not and you value the bird, you had better take it to a medical man or veterinary surgeon, and get him to lance it for you. Do not feed the bird on any stimulating food, let him live plainly.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

NAME OF SEED (H. F. C.).—No seed came to hand with your query. If you will send along a sample and repeat your query I shall be very pleased to help if possible.

ABOUT A MISSEL-THRUSH (A. Ward).—(1) The only "wrinkles" I can give you to get your Missel-Thrush into exhibition condition are: feed well, keep in a suitable cage, and scrupulously clean. Let it have a bath of clean soft water every day, and with proper feeding and housing you should have no trouble in getting it into show condition. A good stock food would consist of one part each, by weight, of "ants' eggs" (these must be the best), dried flies, preserved yolk of egg, fine crissel, or some other not overcooked meat powder, and about eight parts of powdered dog biscuit or poultry meal without grit. For daily use take a portion of this mixture and make it "crumbly" moist with boiled potato, grated raw carrot, chopped green stuff, boiled greens from the table, or occasionally with water or milk. You may omit the preserved yolk of egg and use in its place a little hard-boiled egg (yolk and white together) powdered up with a fork

or pressed through a sieve. Give also about a dozen meatworms a day, a snail when you can get one, small earthworms and any live insects you may be able to capture. Grocer's currants, berries of sorts, a piece of banana, ripe pear, or any fruit the bird may fancy will be very helpful. Avoid raw meat, unless you are absolutely unable to give it the insect food as indicated; in any case, it must be given with great caution, as it is liable to set up diarrhœa. (2) The show cage for a Missel-Thrush should be about 22 inches long, 17 high, and 10 deep. The colour of the inside is a matter of taste; a nice green of not too deep a tint is perhaps as good as any. (3) The food and water vessels in a show cage should be inside, they are best when fitted to small doors, which open out of the bottom bar. (4) There is no describable method of sexing a Thrush. Generally speaking the hens are the larger birds, and more profusely spotted. The best exhibition Missel Thrush I have ever seen was a hen. (5) Hens can be shown against cocks; it would be a bold judge who could be certain of the difference if they were barred from so competing.

A JAY IN TROUBLE (Jay bird).—I think it is your feeding that has been at fault, and that the bird's stomach is overloaded with food it is unable to digest. In nature Jays are very largely carnivorous, and in captivity they must have something to take the place of the live food which is essential to them. A good poultry meal, without grit, forms a good basis for a stock food, but to this should be added some preserved meat which has not been overcooked. The kind you mention is only the fibre left after every possible atom of nutriment has been extracted, and you would do better to mix a little of Spratt's fine "crissel," one part crissel to six parts of poultry meal. Scald this, squeeze as dry as possible, and mix with it some boiled potatoes, or potato and greens mixed, from the table. Then you must give in addition a little raw meat, Sparrow's eggs, a young Sparrow, or a mouse occasionally, and any live grubs or insects you may be able to capture. You may also give it with advantage any kind of fruit or berries that it may care for. "Pods of peas, cake, and gooseberries" are certainly not ideal food for a Jay, although nothing seems to come much amiss to such a bird. That is, of course, in moderation, but you write that he has had "two or three pods of peas, a small boiled potato, several gooseberries, and cake in one day." No wonder his "little Mary" is protesting. For a fortnight dissolve in his drinking water every other day as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence; stop the indigestible extras, and feed as indicated and I think the trouble will be surmounted. A supply of grit is not necessary for such a bird, but if you cover the cage bottom with sifted earth as you suggest, it will get a little, quite sufficient for its well-being.

BRITISH BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS (F. W. G.).—On page four of the 'Nutshell" I am simply quoting Mr. Payne's field observations re this most interesting species. On pages 17-18 of the same "Nutshell" you will find the following:—"When once they have settled down, their fecundity is little short of marvellous, and even greater than that depicted by Mr. Payne in his notes of their wild life. In the aviary the young are not produced by couples, but usually in broods of from three to seven, five being the more usual number. In 1906 two pairs in my aviaries reared 36 young to maturity, and this is neither unusual nor abnormal; it has often been exceeded." They usually commence incubation with the laying of the second egg, thus there is often the difference of several days between the first and last hatched youngster, and occasionally the last out gets smothered by his larger and more vigorous brothers and sisters, but mostly all are reared and leave the nest at intervals pretty nearly approximating to their respective hatching out.

PENNANT'S PARRAKEET (Pennant).—(1) Keep this bird rather warm, or, better, place its cage out of doors in some warm sheltered position on all genial days, bringing it indoors before the cool of the evening makes itself really felt. A half-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day should assist the bird in reproducing its feathers, as also should a light moistened crust of stale household bread that has been dusted with flowers of sulphur. Care should be taken that the bowels are kept moving freely by giving a mild laxative (a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water is as good as any) as required, but there must be no appearance of diarrhœa. A liberal supply of green food will also be a help. (2) Use clear water for spraying the bird, soft water for preference, but it is better to induce the Platycercinoe, to which the Pennants belong, to take a bath in a shallow dish; it is more likely then to naturally preen its plumage.

MOPEY PARROT (M. Deale).—You do not say what kind of Parrot it is, nor how you have been feeding it; so I can only give you a sort of general reply. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, and green food, with a stale crust, plain biscuit, nuts, as extras. Grit, cuttlebone, and water to be regularly supplied. I should spray the bird with a tepid quassin solution every other day. Also, every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. While the bright warm weather lasts, put the bird out of doors for a few hours each day, but not in an exposed position, nor yet where the sun can shine unobstructedly into the top of its cage. Parrots are social creatures, and a pet bird should be kept in the general living room if conditions permit.

WHAT BIRD? (Puzzled).—I fear I cannot help you unless you can give me a more detailed description. "Very small" is a comparative term, and depends largely on what other kind of bird you are mentally comparing it with. There is an Indian bird—viz., the Black-headed Mannikin or Nun—which comes very near to your description. It is about the size of a Goldfinch, has a leaden-blue beak, black head and neck, with the rest of the body cinnamon-brown; the beak is heavily formed. I should supply white millet and green food in addition to what you are now giving. That a bird reaches you from a given locality is no proof it is a native; the above bird is largely imported from India, and finds its way nearly everywhere. If you are assured it is not the above, please compare its size with some well-known bird and describe what kind of brown the plumage is, and whether the brown parts vary to any extent in depth of line, and is it striped to any extent with darker brown than the ground colour?

WHAT BIRDS? (Weaver).—You give me very little information to go upon; you say nothing about the markings of the birds. I think from the fact of their weaving nests and the colour of their beaks they must be some species of hen Weaver, probably Madagascar, Napoleon, or Orange, but the similarity in plumage makes it impossible to make a definite pronouncement save from a very detailed description. If neither of the birds shows any change of plumage during the next month, then they are certainly both hens. The simplest course for you to take would be to put them into a small cage and take them to the Natural History Museum (Bird Room) at South Kensington, where they would compare them with their skins and name them for you. Your dietary is very satisfactory.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (6d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.*

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

M. Davies.—Death occurred from enteritis, following on existing liver disease.

G. B. Hyde.—Death occurred from enteritis.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

G. T. Lynn.—Many thanks for the photograph, which we will utilise in due course. Shall be glad to receive the others as you kindly propose.

Bird Laws (J. W. Lindley).—Mr. Trower's Bird Dealers' and Catchers' Guide, sixpence post free from Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, gives extracts from the various Acts of Parliament relating to bird-catching, and also states the close season for each county throughout the country. The schedule of birds protected by the close season varies in different places, and the most recent by-law for any individual county or district can be obtained (two pence, post free) from Messrs. Wyman, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Sept. 2, St. Thomas's, Ardwick, 8. Sharp practice debate. Subs. due.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Sept. 2, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Appointment of assistant sec., and treas., and final table show business. Amalgamated Delegate's report.—J. Whitehead.

Ayr C.B.C.—Sept. 2, Wallace Lower Hall, 7.30. Collection of specials for open show, and other important business. R. Aitken.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Allotting specials for members' shows.—F. Gelder.

Birmingham City C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. Important show business.—J. H. Jones.

Birtley C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Station Hotel, 8. Important business in connection with open show, Oct. 4. New members invited to attend.—S. Lindsay.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Coop Library, 7.30. To fix officers for annual show and other important business.—G. Havver.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Sept. 3, Market Tavern, 8. Show business, very important; all who intend assisting on the various committees kindly attend.—H. Hill.

Bradford City O.S.—Aug. 30, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Altering date of a members' show, and other business.—W. Helliwell.

Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for October members' show, annual open show, and other important business. Union handbooks at this meeting.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S.—Aug. 30, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Monthly meeting, allotting of specials for winter shows.—W. H. Steel.

Bristol C.B.S.—Sept. 3, City Hotel, 8.—B. L. Pool.

Bootle C.B.S.—Sept. 2, St. Andrew Parochial Hall, Lenare Road, L. Land, 8.—F. S. Hamilton.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Schedule for open show.—A. Wood.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Angel Hotel, 7. To decide date and classes for old bird show.—J. Griffiths.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Sept. 6, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. General business.—J. Napier.

Camborne C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Arrangements for forthcoming show.—A. Scoble.

Crewe O.S. Sept. 2, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Show business.—E. Jaycott.

Carlisle Border City O.S.—Sept. 3, King's Head, Fisher Street, 8.15. Quarterly general meeting.—J. O. Bell.

Chorley C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Show business.—H. A. M. Gregg.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Club Hall, 6.30. Business very important.—W. Tomlinson.

Clackmannanshire C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Townhead Tea Rooms, Alloa, 8. Classification, show cards, etc.; arrangements for cup competition. Intending members can be enrolled, sub. 3s.—W. W. Duncan.

Clitheroe C.B.S. Sept. 1, Bennet's Tea Rooms, 8. Committee at 7.30.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Seven Stars, Riddings, 7. Classes for open show and other important business.—A. Smith.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 3, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Schedule for annual open show, financial statement.—A. J. Barratt.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Sept. 1, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Business important.—R. Spence.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Workmen's Club, 7.30. Important business.—G. T. Lynn.

Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.—Sept. 4, 143, High Street, 8. Usual business.—J. Stormont.

Felling F. and F.S.—Sept. 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Business in connection with show and judges; also table show.—G. Garbutt.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Sept. 6, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Granting patronage and placing specials. Subs. now due.—A. Dickson.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—Sept. 6, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Annual show arrangements, special and important business.—W. Connelly.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Sept. 2, J. H. Seniors, 8. Election of assist. sec., and arrangements for members' annual show.—A. Berry.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 3, headquarters, 8. Arrangements for open show including subs., and specials.—C. J. Robinson.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Johnson's, 353, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Washing exhibition.—P. Brooks.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Sept. 3, St. George's Hall, Windsor Street, 8. Classification for open show, etc.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Idle C.B.S.—Sept. 3, White Bear Inn, 8. Preparing birds for exhibition, by W. A. Cowgill, Esq. Fanciers invited.—C. E. Hylton.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Flower Pot Inn, 7. Arranging special prizes for schedule for open show. Fanciers invited to attend.—T. Smith.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Special business.—R. Charleson.

Leyton C.B.A.—Sept. 1, Grange Park Hall, 8. Popular questions and answers night.—All welcome.—Forse and Son.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Aug. 30, West End Bar, 7.30. Important, specials and schedule.—R. Muir.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Sept. 6, Globe, Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8.30. Table show; selling classes only.—G. G. Stubbs.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Sawley Road Council Schools, 7.30. Lecture will be given; fanciers bring friends, all welcome.—G. T. Wall.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Greyhound Hotel, 7. To make arrangements for washing exhibition and other matters.—D. John.

Leicester F. and F.A.—Sept. 2, The Three Cranes, 8. Table show, cage birds, any variety, judge, Mr. H. Richards. Fanciers welcomed.—Granger Bros.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 2, White Swan, 8.30. Classification for open show, also lecture by Mr. W. A. Gibbins on preparing birds for exhibition.—A. Freestone.

Longton C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Roe Buck Hotel, 8.30. Urgent business for the discussion of schedule of open show and other special items.—P. E. Barker.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Sept. 1, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Delegate's report re amalgamated show, and Oct. show business, etc.—W. H. Tansey.

Middlesex O.S.—Sept. 4, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Annual show business.—Jeffery Jefferis.

New Cross C.B.S.—Sept. 4, People's Hall, Tanners Hill, Deptford, S.E., 7.45. Lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. Hill. Washing competition postponed from October. All fanciers welcome.—Burton Bros.

Nelson, Colne C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Mr. Fulton's shop, 7.30. Schedule for annual show.—J. Speak.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Sept. 4, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Allot classes for judges, specials, etc.—J. W. Reed.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Sept. 1, Pillar's Cafe, 7.30. Question night. Members are requested to have questions written out ready.—M. C. Potts.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Church House, 8. Annual show schedule.—T. H. Tiffen.

Portobello C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Masonic Hall, Tower Street, 8. First session meeting. Business important, re show.—James Laird.

Preston O.S.—Sept. 2, Tokio Cafe, 8. We have appointed Mr. T. Trengove to judge Nor., and Mr. Wellings all other classes at open show in Nov.—T. Barton.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business.—H. Raistrick.

Perth City and County O.A.—Sept. 1, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Classification, and other business.—J. L. Smith.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Aug. 30, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Sept. 2, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. General meeting and aranging show business.—H. Wantling.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Business important.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Palmer Hall, 8. Arrangement of schedule for annual show.—W. H. Pyke.

Redcar C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Crown and Anchor, 8. General. Subs. due.—C. L. Mallory.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Temperance Club, 8. General meeting, special business.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Aug. 30, College Inn, 8. Arranging schedule and other show business.—B. Bailey.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Sept. 5, headquarters, 7.30. To arrange classes.—E. Rone.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for open show.—J. Pitchford.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Sept. 1, headquarters, 7.45. General business.—W. Broadbridge.

Sheffield O.S.—Sept. 2, Rose and Crown, 8. All England show arrangements. Most important meeting.—E. C. Joh.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Sept. 2, headquarters, 7.30. Annual show business, etc.—J. S. Cheetham.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Shipley O.S. Sept. 3, Victoria Hotel, York shire Union books ready. Business, open show. E. Grange.

Sheffield C.B.S. Sept 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Open show business and lecture.—A. Hobson.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Sept. 1, Railway Hotel, 8. H. Cuttler.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S. Aug. 30, Cardiff Arms, 7.30. Important business. E. Thomas.

Wakefield Roller C.C. Sept 1, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Business important. H. Roebuck.

Walsall C.B.S. Sept. 3, White Hart, 8.30. Open show business, fixing classes and judges. F. Price.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Road, Liscard, 8. Postponed committee meeting. Business important. W. Hopkin.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Arrangements for open show and other important business. Subs. now due. Taylor and Ellis.

Windsor C.B.A.—Sept. 4, headquarters, 8.15. To make arrangements for coming show. W. Strickland.

"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON SHOWS

At these fixtures "Cage Birds" Championship Competition will be in progress during the 1913-14 season. Particulars of our Championship scheme will be found on another page; or an explanatory pamphlet will be sent on application. Coupons may be purchased by exhibitors from any secretary whose address appears in this list:

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Road.
Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(T. Pope, 92, Embankment Rd.)
Oct. 16 & 17.—**Norwich Alliance C.B.A.**—E. C. St. Quintin, 35, Calvert Street.
Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Halifax O.S.**—H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.
Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—J. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.
Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street.
Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.
Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.
Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.
Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Av.
Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme.)
Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—T. Smith, 5, King St.
Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—J. L. Smith, 120, High Street.
Oct. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries Street, Treherbert.
Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.
Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.
Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.
Nov. 1 & 3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Southend and Southern Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.
Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—E. C. Joh, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.
Nov. 8.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.
Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.
Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—J. Pitchford, 218 London Road.
Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson St.
Nov. 13 & 14.—**Leyton C.B.A.**—Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Road.
Nov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—J. W. Holms, South Hill St.
Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland C.B.S.**—R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, Co. Durham.
Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.
Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—F. Thomas 29, Chatham St.
Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—W. Tallantyre, South View.
Nov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.
Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—R. M. Ward, 18, Wark Street.
Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.**—P. Smyth, 14, Rivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown.
Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—J. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.
Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.
Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—W. Cumming, 28, North Road.
Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford National.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Dec. 6.—**Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.**—R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Dec. 6.—**Thrums C.B.A.**—J. Stevenson, 6, Muir St., Kirriemuir.
Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.
Dec. 31, Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.
Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.
Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Road, Bournemouth, W.
Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

The Young Naturalist.

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*The Distressed "Baby."

One day a friend of mine saw a dog with a "baby" Robin in its mouth. She took it from the dog, and, being none the worse for its experience, she then placed it in an empty hen run. Soon an adult Robin came and sat on a tree hard by. It called, and the youngster answered it. The older one then flew away, and soon returned and fed the distressed one. A little later the baby found a way out of the run, and flew into the bushes near.—F. Newton (age 13), 3, Moorland Road, Scarboro'.

*Our Canary.

We have a nice Canary,
With plumage very fine;
"Pa" says it is a Norwich,
And it's singing all the time.
Its song is sweet and thrilling,
Its music ever bright;
The house he's ever filling,
From morning until night.

Annie Osborne (age 10), Oakwood View, Bridgend Road, Garth, Maesteg.

**Clever "Polly."

"Polly" is a little green Parrakeet, with a long tail and a scarlet ring round his neck. He lives in a large cage in the play-room, but spends most of his time on his stand. The stand is connected with the cage by a ladder, up and down which Polly climbs. Polly is a very clever bird. He whistles "Hold the Fort," and says many things. He calls the cat "Puss, Puss; Toby, Toby!" He asks "Who are you?" calls for tea, tells George to get up, announces that the house is on fire, me-ows, barks, and kisses everyone. He is very sweet-tempered. Sometimes we dress him in a handkerchief; he hates that, but still he never bites us. Polly is very fond of candy, and will steal it from between our lips. He is not afraid of cats, and one morning Tabby, my cat, was found licking him while Polly talked to her and "mewed."—Ernest Walker (aged 10), 90, Southport Road, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

Friendly Robins.

When the smoking-room of this house ("Lowood") was being built in 1903, the workmen left a few bricks out on the walls, when it had reached the height of 3 feet, in which to place the poles to stand on when they white-washed the ceiling. When they came back to finish the room they found that a pair of Robins were building a nest in one of these spaces. In a few days the nest was finished, and five eggs were laid, which later on hatched out. All this time the workmen had been making an awful noise with their hammers. The old birds used to go on to the table at meals and get crumbs from the labourers, and at last, when the young birds were able to hop, the parents used to bring them also to get crumbs. At last the happy family flew away, and the workmen were able to stop up the space.—A true story, sent by L. Dow (aged 13½), "Lowood," Woodbridge.

An Appreciation from South Africa

I am in receipt of your esteemed favour of 8th July. You have my most hearty thanks for the service you have rendered me by furnishing me with the information asked for. This is one of the many instances which proves the value of your excellent paper, Cage Birds, to fanciers abroad as well as at home. I look forward to my Cage Birds each mail, just as eagerly as any of the other papers taken up by me. I wish yourself and your paper every success.—C. Chamberlain, Port Elizabeth, S. Africa.

If You Keep Guinea Pigs.

We have received from the publisher, Mr. Upcott Gill, Bazaar Buildings, London, a copy of "Cavies or Guinea Pigs," by Mr. Geo. Gardner. This work, which is published at one shilling, contains all that there is to be known about these comical little pets. Feeding, housing, breeding and exhibiting are exhaustively explained, and the book is well illustrated by ten photographic reproductions and various useful drawings.

A Small Bird with a Loud Voice.

The voice of the Wren is sweet and melodious, and of a more powerful character than would be imagined from its size. The bird is a merry little creature, and chants its song on the slightest encouragement. Even in winter there needs but a gleam of sunshine to set him singing, and the cold Christmas season is often cheered by his happy notes. While flitting among the branches the Wren utters a continuous little twittering, which, although not worthy to be called a song, is yet very soft and pleasing.

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The four drawings seen above are pictorial representations of the names of three British birds and one Foreign bird, known to all our readers. We offer a cash prize of Half-a-Guinea to the reader who correctly fills in the names of these birds in the spaces provided underneath the pictures. All competitors must observe the following conditions or their efforts will be disqualified.

THE RULES TO BE OBSERVED.

(1) The names of the birds must be clearly written in the spaces provided.
(2) Only one name must appear in each space.
(3) Competitors can send in two or more attempts, but each attempt must be made on a separate form cut from a copy of "Cage Birds."
(4) The name and address of the sender must in all cases be given in full.
(5) In case of two or more competitors identifying the four birds correctly, their names will be written on slips of paper, the latter placed in a hat, and one slip drawn out by some independent person, and the name appearing on the slip so selected shall be the name of the winner of the half-a-guinea prize.
(6) All solutions must reach us on or before Friday, Sept. 5th next, or they will be too late to compete.
(7) Entries are accepted only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be final.

Note.—In the unlooked-for event of no competitor correctly guessing the four birds, the prize will go to the competitor whose form gives the greatest number correct (subject to rule 5 in case of tie or ties).

Correspondence.

The Retirement of a Well-known London Secretary.

Sir,—I have taken a business in the country, and am shortly removing, and I find I shall be unable to continue in the Fancy, so am offering my whole stock through Cage Birds this week. I am very sorry to have to part with my birds, having spent a lot of money in building up his strain, and although I have been very successful, I had hopes of doing still better this season. Still, one must study his living first, and no doubt someone will benefit by my offer, as I am selling at a cheap price to ensure quick sale. I shall still continue to take Cage Birds, and keep up an interest in the Fancy, although I shall not be able to keep any birds for a year or two. F. Moore.

The Testimonial to Mr. W. B. Cobb of Leeds.

Sir,—I have received further subscriptions amounting to 20s., making the total £7 13s. 6d. Mr. Mackenzie has kindly offered to receive subscriptions from callers at his Newcastle establishment. I have decided to keep this fund open for another week, and to make a final appeal for support, as I feel that the amount already received is not commensurate with the services so generously given the Fancy by Mr. Cobb when he was in a position to do so. Doubtless the holiday season is the cause of many of his old friends and others overlooking the matter.

J. W. Ramsden.
11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

How Birds Beat the Bird Scarers.

Sir,—I much enjoyed reading the following notes by "Fleur-de-lys" in "Country Life," and send them on in the hope that you will reprint them for the benefit of my fellow bird-lovers:—"Having read in a book of vegetable gardening that small windmills, arranged to rattle as they turn round, are good things to keep away birds, I made a rather elaborate apparatus. There are four wooden arms and a central pivot on which the arrangement revolves. The fans are made of slanted pieces of tin. In order to get plenty of noise, I have wires on the arms with empty brass cartridge cases sliding on them. As the mill turns, the brass cases slide up and down the wires and make a considerable clatter. The arrangement has not been up very long, yet this morning, on looking out of a window, I saw a Linnet sit on one of the arms of my mill, which was at rest, there being no wind. The arm went down with the bird's weight, to the accompaniment of clattering brass. The Linnet was not at all alarmed at the turning of the arm, but flitted down and began picking at some plants a couple of yards off. I think this shows that our birds are far too intelligent to be imposed on by any ordinary scaring devices. I remember once, in India, watching with much amusement the procedure of a flock of Parrakeets, which a native woman was endeavouring to keep out of a field of ripe millet. The old dame was armed with a sling and a cloth full of stones. She used her primitive weapon with considerable skill, and whenever the Parrakeets swooped down into the corn, she would send a good-sized stone into the middle of the flock. The birds, however, soon discovered the sling's range, and kept making raids just out of the old woman's reach. The Parrakeet always cuts off the millet just below the ear, and so carries off the whole top; consequently they effect enormous damage.

Jas. Stewart.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Blennerhasset (Cumb.).—Sept. 6, Judge, Mr. J. Ellwood, Parkgate. 8 classes: Bord 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close, Aug. 31, to T. B. Charters, Green Bank, Baggrow, Brayton, S.O.

A Strange Bird.

Sir,—The London "Evening News," of Aug. 15, published the following paragraph. Has somebody been "faking" a bird, or is there such a one as described? The paragraph is headed "A strange bird," and is as follows:—"This is not a puzzle. A St. Agnes resident has caught a bird as large as a Woodpigeon, with a breast like a grey Thrush, a green back like a Parrot, and green and yellow and red feathers on its head Some tribe in remote parts appears to have been having a pigeon race." Canariensis.

[There would seem to be no doubt that the bird described is a Green Woodpecker.—Ed.]

What is the Matter with Members' Shows?

Sir,—I have been thinking for some time that there is something wrong with the Fancy. I cannot help noticing that the members' shows in this district (Manchester) are very poorly patronised, both in the shape of entries, and in patronage by the general public. I will try in a few words (with your permission) to point out both the cause and the cure for this state of things. There are in this immediate neighbourhood a good number of good fanciers. There are also a good few societies; I know of six or seven in a very small district, comparatively speaking. Now each of these societies runs at least one members' show each year; most of them run more than one. I have visited most of these shows of recent years, and am struck by the fact that recently there has been a great falling off both in quality and quantity of exhibits. I find that most of the fanciers belong to at least two societies, some belonging to more. Now let us see what this means: In the first place there is the subscription to each society to pay yearly; this must amount to quite a respectable sum, looked at from the standpoint of a man with only a weekly wage. These men, by the way, are generally the best fanciers, and the backbone of all the societies. Then again, each member likes to support with entries each society of which he is a member. In consequence, each society gets fewer entries, and competition is not great enough to warrant fixed prize-money. We therefore get the sliding scale, and this is not worth competing for. Where is the honour or gain financially to the man who wins a first prize in a class of three birds with an entry fee of 1s. per bird? In my opinion, this is at the root of all the trouble. There are too many societies running small members' shows; it is almost impossible for anyone of them to be worth a visit, and thus we get the spectacle, which must be heartbreaking to the officials of a poor show of poor birds (it is not worth while to send out good birds) badly patronised by the public; I am not blaming the public. If I were not a fancier, I should consider it a waste of both time and money to visit a show and see the poor specimens miserably staged, which are the usual thing at members' shows. I grant you there are exceptions, and I am quite ready to admit that occasionally a few real toppers put in an appearance. But the rule seems to be that anything is good enough for a members' show. Another thing which is against the members' show is this: The average man belonging to two or three societies cannot attend the meetings of all his societies, each society on the average holding about two meetings each month. The consequence is that the management of each society devolves on a small number of members who are in a position to spare the necessary time. This again leads to the formation of small cliques in each society, who practically govern the affairs of the society, and this does not tend to make a successful show. I have had my growl, now for the remedy: My idea is for the whole of the societies in a district to amalgamate together and form one good society. I believe that we in this district could have the finest society, and the best members' show in the country. We have the fanciers, we have the birds, and if this scheme of mine comes about, I believe we shall have the money too. Of course it is easy to draw up a scheme like this, but not so easy to put it into practice. We shall have difficulty with the officials of the existing societies. We can hardly expect them to see the necessity of giving up a position in which they play the part of "Lord high everything." It, therefore, rests with the rank and file to say if they are satisfied to go on finding the sunshine while a few officials reflect the glory. I believe that for one subscription of say six shillings per year, an amalgamated society, in this district could guarantee full prize-money at two members' shows each year. It could run the best members' show in England from the point of view of quality, and we could rival, if not surpass, the Crystal Palace show with one open show per year. With your permission, I withhold my name from publication for the present. "Looker-on."

A Rare Feathered Wagtail.

Sir,—It may interest bird lovers to hear that there is a Cream Wagtail, with underparts buffish-brown, flying about here in the private grounds of the mansion, Compton Verney, Warwick. It keeps about the house with the others (Pied) all the time; they are very plentiful. In the early summer a hen Pied Wagtail killed herself by flying against a window. She had laid three eggs. I opened her to make sure it was the bird I watched on the nest, and found more eggs inside. The cock was solitary for six weeks, calling all the time. Then he found another hen (who was perhaps a widow), took her to the same nest, where she laid five eggs and brought up three young. There is a white Sparrow in the kitchen-garden here. I reared a nest of four Wagtails about eight years ago and notified it at the time. They were ten days old when I took them, and they cost me 35s. to rear, as an experiment. This place is eight miles from Warwick.

(Mrs.) Alice Bate.

Another Talented Starling.

"Joey" Likes "Chocolates."

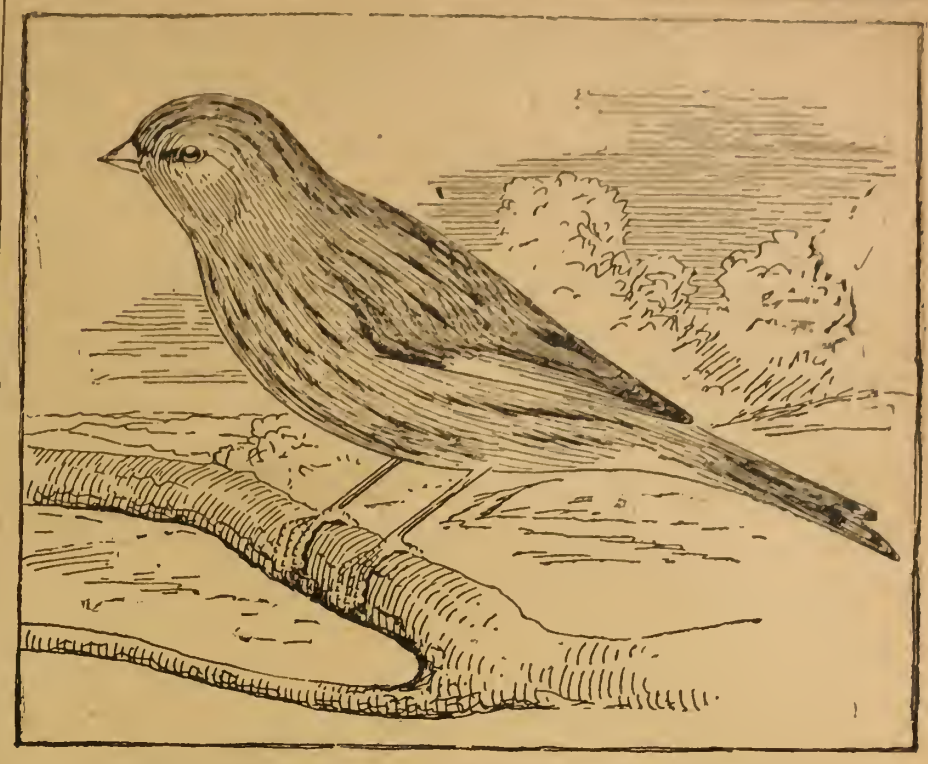
Sir,—Having seen in Cage Birds an account of a talented Starling, I thought you would like to hear about ours. We have had our Starling from quite a baby, when it could not feed itself, so we fed it with a stick. Our house is called Old Park House, in Goldie Leigh Homes, and consists of forty girls. The bird was given to us by a workman in the Homes a year last June, and we named it "Joey." It soon became quite tame, and we taught it to talk, and now it talks as plainly as a Parrot. These are some of the things it says" : Where's mother dear? Nice boy, Joey; Naughty boy, dear; Kiss mother, dear." He mocks the Canary, calls several girls by name, coughs, sneezes, and makes other sounds which he hears. Joey has a bath every morning in a cake tin, which he enjoys very much, and he flies on to our heads and hands. He has meal-worms, which are a special luxury for him, and we call them his "chocolates." When we say "chocs" to him he flies about the cage, and makes a noise until he has one. We have now got to love our bird very much, and to take a great interest in him.

Margaret Tranter.
(age 14.)

Lesser Redpoll Changes His Coat.

Sir,—I think the following may be of interest to fanciers generally: five years ago I caught a number of Lessor Redpolls, one of which I kept, and have shown and won with several times. Each year he has moulted out practically the same as he was the previous year, but this year he has (much to my surprise) assumed the garb of a decent Mealy. He is distinctly lighter on all parts and, in addition, has a lovely pink breast and head colour, which he never before possessed. Further, he certainly appears to have grown bigger. Now what I should like to ask is this: Is the Mealy really a distinct species, or, is it the Lesser in an advanced stage of life? As I caught mine adult, I cannot be sure of its age, but I have in my time caught a great many Redpolls, and can safely say that out of the lot not more than ten were Mealies, and so this has set me wondering if the Mealy as a distinct species really exists. I may say that Mr. G. Gardner judged mine on Dec. 28 last, and doubtless he would remember it as he gave it 3rd at High Wycombe. Anyway I think it would be interesting to know if anyone has had a like experience.

Frank Abbott.



THE TWITE; OR "MOUNTAIN LINNET."

The Twite closely resembles the Linnet in appearance, but has a yellowish beak, while the male has a red patch on the rump feathers, but none on breast or head. Our sketch was taken from the fine specimen 2nd prize at the Horticultural Hall Show for Mr. F. Heal, of Swansea.

British Wagtails, and How to Keep Them

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

An Entertaining and Instuctive Article on the Greyhound of the British Bird Fancy.

OF birds I have kept, these, the *Motacilla*, hold first place in my esteem, combining as they do the charms of grace, activity, beauty of colour, and confiding disposition. I remember a noted aviculturist propounding the query: Why does the Wagtail wag its tail? I confess I have a liking for these problems, and find pleasure in endeavouring to find a solution by studying the subject. That nature should impart and perpetuate a habit which calls for such an expenditure of energy as this, without serving some purpose, is most unlikely. My theory may not be correct, but this is how I solve the problem. Firstly, I find that all those species which wag or indulge in certain spasmodic jerks, of which the Wheatear, Sandpiper, Moor-hen, Chats, and Dipper are familiar instances, are either entirely insectivorous, or largely so. I cannot mention an entirely seed-eating species which has this habit.

Why the Wagtail Wags.

Now all the above have to capture their food by a method which may be termed lunging, as the majority of terrestial or aquatic insects, if not beautiful to look upon, are devils to go, and seldom give their pursuer a second chance. Therefore, just as a man when about to leap swings his arms, and sways his body to gain an impetus, these species seem to me to have been provided by nature with a spasmodic action which keeps in a state of constant preparation those muscles which come into play when a sudden effort is necessary.

Anyone who has watched a cat, when about to spring on a bird or mouse may imagine the effect if such contortions had to be repeated hundreds of times in order to capture sufficient for one meal, and we might pardon pussy if the habit became, like the fabled tailor's thirst, chronic and inherent.

I have kept four out of the five species of British Wagtails, viz., the Pied, Grey, Yellow, and White, but have as yet failed to obtain a specimen of that rarest of the species, the Blue-headed. The Pied is the most common, and also the hardiest. Being a resident species, his suitability for an outside aviary is only marred by his attribute of pugnacity, indeed all the Wagtails exhibit this trait in a manner which often imposes a hardship on the less assertive individuals with which they may be confined, as any live food or other dainty is apt to be divided in a manner which cannot be otherwise than bad for both.

Apropos of this, of three Wagtails I have confined together I have named one after a celebrated K.C., as when any live food is introduced he profits by the row which takes place, and never fails to get the lion's or lawyer's share while the others are disputing the ownership of a single and much elongated grub.

The Pied is the largest and also the most plain-coloured, being, when fully adult, a study in black and white. The peculiar distribution of these colours has earned him the scientific appellation *Motacilla lugubris*, meaning, sad looking (Lugubrious) I cannot help thinking that ludicrous would have been more appropriate, his face markings giving him a grotesque appearance, reminiscent of a circus clown.

Old Birds the Best.

I have known quite a few fanciers make the mistake of taking immature specimens, which may easily be recognised by the yellow tinge of the whites, and the lavender colour of the back, a second moult being necessary to the development of his full livery. I have found that the third moult has the effect of intensifying the contrast, the white being purer and the black denser, apart from the increase in size which all birds acquire in their second year. In the case of such a plentiful species, to take the young birds for rearing is a needless waste of time and food, and it were much better to take a few good adults, and from these select one of those whose actions show him to be kind, i.e., tractable.

When Wagtails Foregather.

The Wagtails are on the whole a gregarious species, but the Pied exhibits this trait in the highest degree, and many shrubberies are the nightly rendezvous of a host during autumn and winter. It used to be one of the sights to watch the assembling of the Wagtails on the roof and cornices of the G.P.O. in Edinburgh every evening, and I have often, while watching their arrival in companies, from all points of the compass, wondered why they unanimously chose that pile. Unlike the Starlings, they do not indulge in aerial evolutions before settling, and their attitude is in direct contrast with their pugnacity during the day, where their time seems to be spent in a succession of fights.

The Pied is, from an exhibition point of view, somewhat under a cloud, no doubt because of his commonness. This, I may say, is a point in which I hold views at variance with the majority of British bird judges, and while admitting that, other points being equal, the most beautiful and rare should win, I maintain that excellence should be a *sine qua non*, and should outweigh any failing in that quality, however rare a bird may be. No doubt the difficulty of keeping certain species merits consideration, but even that does not justify elevating such, on that point alone. Judged from the standard of excellence, I have no hesitation in saying that one of the finest softbills I have ever seen was a pied Wagtail, a veritable giant among his fellows, yet his record on the bench was a series of cards only, and his owner retired from the softbill lists in disgust. How many have done likewise? To the novice who has a desire to annex the red card I do not, therefore, recommend the Pied Wagtail. Yet I myself find a pleasure in watching him, and my memory goes back to an old favourite which nobly undertook the task of rearing an orphan brood in captivity.

Giving the Mealworms a Rest.

I need scarcely go into detail as to the feeding of these species, as such would simply be a repetition of the method recommended by Mr. W. E. Teschemacher in his recent article, but a few hints on meating off may not come amiss and perchance spell a respite for the mealworms. These, notwithstanding the fact that I have plenty, I never use during summer. It is not everyone who has an opportunity of gathering the large ants' nests, but the cocoons of the smaller ants, a very useful and easily procured substitute, may be found under stones in dry situations. These small colonies if brushed into a tight covered box are in my opinion the finest medium in inducing a newly caught Wagtail to partake of food in captivity. Secondly, we have those grubs which are found embedded in the roots of plantain, bur, and common dock. Well scoured gentles are easy to procure and prepare. The larvæ of the click beetle or cockchafer are also greedily devoured. Many pasturages are overrun with these latter pests, and the best manner of locating them is to watch those parks most frequented by Starlings or Thrushes. Further, a visit to such after sundown will often reveal the treasure of swarms of large buff and white moths, which are easily caught, and judging by the avidity with which my Wagtails, 'Starts, Wheatear, etc., devour them must be good. Then we have the wasp grubs, of which I prepare a stock for winter use. My method is to drop the grubs into a pan of boiling water, and let them boil for about five minutes, strain all water off, and wash under a tap to remove all unpleasantness, then lay out in sun to dry. These will keep for any period, and if slightly broken up and softened with a very little boiling water or steaming, form a very useful addition to the winter menu. I am at present experimenting with a view to preserving these in their soft state, and if successful will deal with the subject again.

The Grey Wagtail shares with the Pied the merit of being a resident species, but I have noticed that a southward movement takes place on the termination of the breeding season, and though the numbers here (Dalkeith) during July and August, may be judged by the fact that I have marked and liberated nearly forty during the past fortnight, the approach of winter sees their number reduced to a very occasional individual.

The Handsomest of All.

The Grey is in my opinion the most handsome of the species, and a good specimen can generally get into the money under most judges. The advisability of taking adults only does not so strictly apply to this species, the reason being two fold: firstly, few indeed have such a choice of adults that they can afford to ignore the immature, and secondly some of the latter are so excellent that on the completion of the first moult they are actually superior to many adults. The only precaution necessary is to obtain them before they have started to cast their nest feathers, as the administration of a little cold colour feed has, in my opinion, an enhancing effect.

The Hunger Strike.

I have laid stress on the advisability of selecting tractable individuals, and in no species is this quality more varying than in the Grey Wagtail. I have had some which not only partook of preserved food, but actually enjoyed a bath within an hour after capture, while others resented confinement with a Pankhurstian determination which meant liberty or death. Now, I don't care how wild a newly-caught Wagtail may be, but when it refuses to eat even the most tasty dainties, I know its period of life may be measured within twenty-four hours.

(To be Continued.)

The Threatened Danger to British and Foreign Bird-Keeping.

The Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Bill.

A Stirring Appeal by Mr. T. R. TROWER (King's Cross.)

The preamble of this Bill sets forth that it is "A Bill to prohibit the importation and skins of wild birds, and to amend the enactments relating to the protection of wild birds, and for other purposes incidental thereto."

The Bill was introduced into the House of Commons on Aug. 4th by Mr. Hobhouse, Under Secretary of State, supported by Mr. Buxton and Mr. Montague. It was not passed this session; and it will in all probability be introduced again when Parliament reassembles early in 1914.

The following is a copy, Section 4, of the Bill, also of the Sections of the Acts therein referred to concerning British wild birds.

4. An Order may be made by the Secretary of State, or the Secretary for Scotland, or the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, under sections eight and nine of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, and sections two and three of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, and section one of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1896, which give powers with reference to the protection of wild birds and their eggs, without any application or representation from the council of any county or county borough.

Wild Birds Protection Act 1880.

Section 8.—One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, as to Great Britain, and the Lord Lieutenant, as to Ireland, may, upon application of the Justices in quarter sessions assembled of any county, by order extend or vary the time during which the killing and taking of Wild Birds or any of them is prohibited by this Act; after the making of which order the penalties imposed by the Act in respect of such wild birds, shall in such county apply only to offences committed during the time specified in such order; and the order for the extension or variation of such time shall be published—if made by the Secretary of State, in the London Gazette, or if made by the Lord Lieutenant in the Dublin Gazette—and a Copy of the London Gazette or Dublin Gazette containing any order made under the Act shall be evidence of the same having been made.

Section 9.—The operation of this Act shall not extend to the Island of St. Kilda, and it shall be lawful for one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as to Great Britain and for the Lord Lieutenant as to Ireland, where it shall appear desirable, from time to time, upon the application of the justices in quarter sessions assembled in any county, to exempt any such county or part or parts thereof, as to all or any wild birds, from the operation of this Act; and every such order shall be published and may be proved in the manner provided in the preceding section.

Wild Birds Protection Act 1894.

Section 2.—A Secretary of State may, after the passing of this Act, upon the application by the County Council of any Administrative county by order prohibit (1) The taking or destroying of wild birds' eggs in any year or years, in any place or places within that county, or (2) the taking or destroying the eggs of any specified kind of wild birds within that county or part or parts thereof as recommended by the said county council and set forth in the said order. The application of the county council shall specify the limits of the place or places or otherwise, the particular species of wild birds to which it is proposed that any prohibition in the order is to apply, and shall set forth the reasons on account of which the application is made.

Section 3.—A Secretary of State may, on the representation of the council of any administrative county, order that the principal Act shall apply within that county or any part or parts thereof to any species of wild bird not included in the Schedule of that Act, as if that species of wild bird were included in the schedule of that Act, and on the making of such order that Act shall apply accordingly.

Wild Birds Protection Act 1896.

Section 1.—From and after the passing of this Act the powers exerciseable by the Secretary of State on application under section 8 of the Wild Birds Protection Act 1880, shall extend to the making of an order prohibiting, for special reasons mentioned in the application, the taking or killing of particular kinds of wild birds, during the whole or any part of that period of the year to which protection of wild birds under that Act does not extend, or the taking or killing of all wild birds in particular places during the whole or any part of that period.

This Bill, as now proposed, is the most deadly and iniquitous piece of Bird Legislation introduced into the House of Commons, and, if passed into Law next year, will stop the importation of all Foreign Wild Birds. Further, in combination with our present existing Wild Bird Laws, it will give one individual, the Secretary of State for the time being, the power to make any order he may choose to protect all the year round throughout Great Britain any and every species of British Wild Bird.

With respect to Foreign Wild Birds these could only be imported into Great Britain under a letter of licênse granted by the Board of Trade, see Clause 3, Section 2. This clause clearly specifies "Birds" not Plumage, the expression Plumage being described in Section 5. We may rest assured such a license would only be granted to some Zoological Society or influential person for the purpose of scientific research or Zoological purposes, and no dealer would probably be allowed to import Wild Birds for trade purposes or for sale.

With reference to British Wild Birds under Section 4. The Secretary of State for the time being would have the power to prohibit the catching and killing, if he thought necessary, of any and every species of British Wild Bird throughout the whole area of Great Britain, a power that is now held piecemeal and split up among some hundreds of Borough and County Councils, but which can only be enforced by them over the district where they exercise control. Hence in some towns and districts birds are protected all the year round and others where they are plentiful and destructive are only protected during the breeding season, or say from March 1st till August 1st, and, where not in the Schedule, may be taken by an owner or occupier of land, or by a person authorised by an owner or occupier of land, but here under this proposed act we are to give one man, the Secretary of State for the time being, the power, without consulting anyone, to make an order or orders protecting any and every species of British Wild Bird throughout Great Britain for any part of or the whole year.

This drastic enactment is very cleverly worded, and every keeper of British and Foreign Wild Birds must not fail immediately to realise the fact that if eventually passed into Law in its present form would undoubtedly be the means of slowly and surely annihilating bird-keeping by cutting off the sources of supply. We should then only want another small measure—no Foreign or British Wild Bird to be kept in a cage—to complete the catastrophe.

Even outside the question of compelling the Bird-keeper to dispense with his hobby, let us look at the ruin it would affect on thousands of individuals whose livings would be destroyed, and whose capital is now invested in supplying the wants of Foreign and British Bird-keepers. Many of these are too old to take up other occupations, and with their small business partly destroyed, and their little capital lost, would see only the workhouse staring them in the face. One hardly realises off hand the large number of persons whose part or whole livelihood depends on the Bird-keeper.

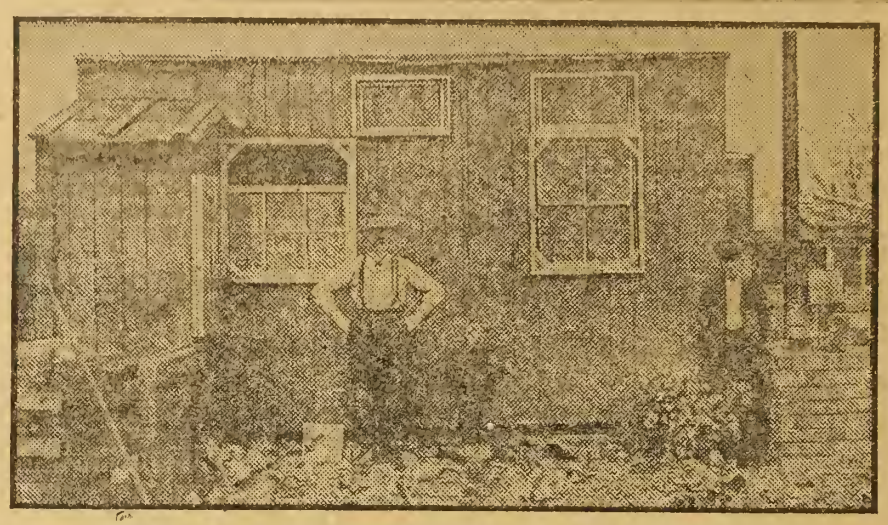
I have seen this legislation gradually growing since 1882; we have also seen and heard a deal written for and against keeping Wild Birds in cages, but no one, not even the "faddist," has ever put forward any sound argument that it is cruel to keep wild birds in cages. Knowledge and experience causes everyone to come to a contrary conclusion.

Let us hope and trust we are going to have a big fight to preserve our hobby, which many of us have spent a lifetime in building up; now at once is the time to begin. It will need all our resources, and it means very hard work for those who will undertake the task on behalf of those interested; don't be fainthearted, but at once see what you can do to help and assist to combat the proposed evil. Besides the Cage Birds League, which has already done much good work, the only protected organisation we have at present in existence is the recently-formed Bird-keepers' Protection Association, in connection with the National British Bird and Mule Club, which has had this matter in hand for some time, and which is now endeavouring to organise a defence to the proposed Bill; every Bird-keeper and other persons interested in Bird-keeping throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain should not only be a member of Cage Birds League, but should become a subscriber towards the funds of this Bird-keepers' Protection Association. The sub. is a merely nominal one of 6d. per annum. Vouchers of Membership can be obtained of its Secretary, J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, London, W.; the Treasurer, T. R. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.; or of the Secretary of any Cage-bird Society or Association in Great Britain.

The defence of our hobby will need all the resources and help that can be organised. No doubt a large central meeting will shortly be held in London to give the matter the most earnest consideration. I have urged many many times this combination of Bird-keepers to protect its interests, and in making this last appeal to everyone concerned, no matter whether they are interested in bird-keeping as a hobby, or depending on it for a living, I ask them, will you help and assist trying to preserve one of the most innocent and instructive hobbies the world knows? It is simply now or never. Don't delay, or it will soon be too late.

T. R. Trower.

[See also the Notes by the Secretary of Cage Birds League on page 119.—Ed.]



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Club Reports.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, Old Cocoa Room, Aug. 15, Mr. Sutton in chair, and good number present. Decided not to have the trip. Decided also to hold a members' show on Nov. 15 in Bethesda Lecture Hall, off Church Street, Mr. Chas. Houlton, St. Helens, judge. Next meeting Sept. 5 to arrange classes, please all attend.—E. Rone, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at Horse and Jockey, Aug. 14, Mr. Hibberson, in the absence of president, taking the chair. After the usual monthly business arrangements were made regarding annual show. Decided to hold it at Attercliffe Vestry Hall, Nov. 22. Judges were next elected providing their services are available on that date. Other arrangements re show were left over for next meeting.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Special general meeting held Aug. 21, Mr. S. Lindsay chair. Letter read from chairman, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, saying he was unable to be present. Mr. J. Hall, Bewley Cottage, Street Gate, Whickham, was elected a member. Estimates were read from printer re printing for open show. Rules and regulations for show were agreed. Will members please note that the classes for the judges will be arranged at next meeting, Sept. 4? I shall be pleased to receive specials as early as possible.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.S.

Meeting held 81, Kilbowie Road, August 21, Mr. McGown presiding. Secretary reported that owing to the holidays he had not got the estimates for uprights for annual show, but expected them shortly. Classes for annual show were discussed, and it was agreed to have them the same as last year, including a class for Parrots, open to the district. Also agreed that we get posters and tickets for annual show from the Leith Publishing Co. Mr. A. Easton, Clydebank, was elected a member. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Will members please note that subscriptions are now due, 2s. 6d. per annum. We are anxious to get all in, as specials must be allotted at September meeting. Any member wishing to give a special towards the cups and medals, etc., or for the old show, please send on, as we are desirous of having a record year. Our smoking concert is to be held at the Bee Hotel, St. John's Lane, on Wednesday next. Will members do their best to be present, and bring their friends? Our first turn-out for the novices at Anfield, October 18, champions; Newcastle and Halifax on same date.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

STANLEY (Victoria) CLUB F. & F.S.

Members Take an Enjoyable Trip by Char-a-Banc.

The members of the above society held their char-a-banc trip August 16, when we had a grand day. We left the club at 6.30 a.m., and we went via Rowlands Gill, Blaydon, Prudhoe, Riding Mill, and on to Hexham, where we stopped for an hour to allow our party a look at Hexham. We next passed through Ascomb, Chollerford, Wark, and stopped at Bellingham for dinner, at the Black Bull, and our members did full justice to a grand dinner, provided by Mr. Johnson. From there we went via Hareshaw Head, Watling Street, Otterburn, Elsdon, Knowesgate, Belsay, Whalton, and then we stopped at Morpeth for tea, provided by Mr. Wilson. We had a very heavy shower of rain at Morpeth, but after we got clear of Morpeth the weather was fine again. We next stopped at Newcastle for an hour, and then proceeded home, which we reached at 10.45. That they had spent the most enjoyable day of their lives was the unanimous verdict of every member present.—R. Peart.

BIRD LIFE THROUGH CAMERA AND FIELD GLASS.

A Lantern Slide Lecture given by Mr. G. Fletcher before the Members of the Sheffield O.S.

Such was the title of one of the most unique subjects ever selected by a lecturer, to be given before the members of a Cage Bird Society.

The Sheffield O.S. members were fortunate in having the pleasure of a most entertaining lecturer, at their monthly meeting, held at Headquarters, Aug. 19, Mr. T. Down presiding. The meeting was about the largest ever held under the auspices of the society, the large club room being packed by members and friends; those who were unavoidably absent, would be greatly disappointed, Mr. G. Fletcher was the lecturer, and very great credit is due to him for the excellent manner in which he handled his subject; the time taken in preparing the slides, etc., all of which had been very carefully selected, must have been very considerable. He exhibited 95 slides, explained the habits, food, mode of life of the birds, and the best means of keeping them in captivity and exhibition condition. The slides depicted practically every kind of British bird, included among them being many which are not at all commonly seen, such as the Hoopoe, Nightjar, and others, not to mention a beautiful representation of a young Cuckoo in a Hedge Sparrow's nest. These slides were followed after a five minute's interval by a quantity on nests, rearing young, etc., the latter half of the programme proving even more interesting than the first, the surroundings appearing so realistic and beautiful. At the conclusion a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Fletcher was proposed by Mr. J. Woodall, who said that it was almost difficult to realise, when looking at the beautiful surroundings which had been so ably placed on the screen by the lecturer, that they were after all only in a club room in a leading Sheffield Hotel; they could almost fancy they were now in the wood, and a few moments after in a shady glen, again transported to the river side with the Kingfishers carrying out their domestic duties, skimming the top of the refreshing streams, then gliding to their offspring with some dainty morsel. They were indeed very greatly indebted to the lecturer for the time and trouble he had taken in preparing so enjoyable an evening's entertainment for the S.O.S. members. This was ably seconded by Mr. Walsh, who was at home with all the subjects, and unanimously accorded.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Corres.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Y.M. Halls 8-pt 23, Mr. Rundel presiding. A good start was made in business for annual show. Subscription sheets, donors, and admission tickets are already in printer's hands. Mr. Robert Cummings, one of our members, kindly presented the club with a handsome rose bowl for competition at annual show for the best British bird. Competitor to win bowl three times before it becomes his own property. We now have three cups, rose bowl, gold medal, and silver medal to compete for. Members of committee to meet Saturday, Aug. 30 at Cross to hear report from printers. Next meeting 8-pt. 6th, Y.M. Halls, 7 p.m., Business, classification for annual show. Allan Thomson, Sec.

HALTWHISTLE C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held at Mr. Nicholson's, Aug. 21, Mr. G. H. Bowerbank, chair. Letters read from the secretaries of Northern Norwich F.C., and Northern B.F.C.C., announcing that our society had been granted the patronage of those clubs, also from the Border Fancy Club, announcing that we had been granted both championship and novice medals. For our open show, Nov. 21 and 22, there will be fourteen classes for Borders, including two novice and one selling; nine for Norwich (one novice); four Yorks. (one novice); two selling; five British, two foreign, three Mule, and fourteen members' classes. Other minor matters were discussed, and meeting brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chair.—Wm. Tallantyre, Sec.

STANLEY Victoria Club F. & F.S.

Meeting held August 24, Mr. T. H. Curry chair. Decided to start a fund at once to have a trip to Edinburgh to see the National Show. Decided that trip be for one or three days, as any fancier may prefer. We got about 20 names wishing to go. Fanciers desirous of joining us, please give their names in as early as possible to Mr. J. Boyle, treas., or the sec., so that arrangements may be made in good time. All names to be accompanied by a deposit. We had several specials promised, and the enthusiasm of our members looks promising for our annual show being a huge success. We have the use of the club hall free; one of the best halls in North-West Durham. Mr. F. Hopper gave a cage and flight combined, value 30s., for 4 nominated birds; Mr. W. Elliott, medal most points; Mr. J. Bowman, 5s. best Norwich; Mr. R. Goodchild, medal best Yorks.; Mr. J. Dover, medal best Linnet; Mr. W. Gowland, medal best Border. It was proposed that every member ask his wife to give a special, and several of the ladies have already promised to do so.—R. Peart, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting and table show held Aug. 11, Mr. W. Smith chair. President, Mr. Barr, could not attend through pressure of business, but he sent word that he would be pleased to give a case of cutlery for the runner-up in the champion competition. Vice-pres., Mr. Parkin, then offered a tea set for the runner-up in novice competition. These two gentlemen are of the right sort, both having the Fancy at heart. It was decided that Blaydon, Sunderland, and Chopwell be allotted our patronage, this making the six shows required complete. The awards at the table show were:—CLASS 1: 1, Affleck. CLASS 3: 1, 2, Affleck; 3, 4, Harvey. CLASS 5: 1, Snaith; 2, 3, Beevor. CLASS 6: 1, Snaith; 2, 3, Beevor. CLASS 7: 1, Cosser. CLASS 8: 1, Cosser; 2, Snaith. A hearty vote of thanks to the judge, Mr. W. Espie, brought a grand meeting to an end. In my last month's report I forgot to mention the medal kindly presented by Mr. Duncan for most points was won by Mr. W. P. Snaith. Next meeting to be a question night, members are requested to have their questions written out ready.—M. C. Potts, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held Maskill's Hotel, Mr. Whetton presided; 22 members present, Mr. Manning was enrolled as a member. Prize-money won at Y.B. show was paid. Mr. E. J. Banks attended the meeting, and in an able speech explained his idea re his offer of £5 5s. towards cup fund conditionally that members subscribe £10 to purchase three cups for open competition at the open show. Mr. Banks stated that it was time we gave the exhibitors something worth coming to Cardiff for, in addition to usual prize money. He also offered to help us get the fourth cup, the members present were delighted with Mr. Banks' sporting offer, and on the list being sent around the room we were promised £7 10s. by the members present, leaving £2 10s. necessary to complete the fund. Members who were unable to be present at the meetings can send on to me or Mr. E. J. Davies, the amounts they wish to give; Sec. read a communication from N.B.B. and M.C., allotting us patronage, and also have seen in Fancy papers that we have secured S.N.P.C., also S.Y.C.C. patronage. It is with deep regret that I have heard since the meeting that Mr. C. Wells has by death lost his sister, I am sure that all the members of our society will extend their deepest sympathy to him and his family. Three dozen "Cage Birds" coupons were ordered at the meeting. Will all members requiring coupons please let me know how many they will require? Classification for open show was completed; we were forced to amalgamate a couple of British classes. Members please try and attend next meeting, as final arrangements will be made for the open show. Also members are requested kindly to pay amounts promised to cup fund as soon as possible. Subs. are now due.—E. Thomas, Sec.

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LONGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Roc Buck Hotel Aug. 19, Mr. E. Tams chair. Decided that this year's schedule for open show be the same as last, with the exception that there will be two more classes, A.O.V. Mule, and A.O.V. Canary, and in the Novice British it will be Goldfinch or Bullfinch. Decided that the novice classes be limited to £3 3s.; also that all specials be given to the society, the society is to allot the same. All specials are asked to be brought and exhibited at the show, so that those winning same can take them home. Mr. Hickman has kindly consented to look after the specials. Proposed by Mr. Ratcliffe, seconded by J. Peake, and carried, that the sec., write to CAGE BIRDS regarding recognising of the championship scheme, asking whether it would not be advisable to distinguish the birds that are to compete for the same so that no exhibitor has his bird left unjudged.—Philip Barker, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS U.C.B.S.

The President (Rev. J. M. Paterson) and Mrs. Paterson, gave a garden party to the members at St. John's Vicarage, Hollington, Aug. 20. Among the large number who accepted the kind invitation were the following: Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Crofts, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Greenglass, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Cragg, Misses Dawson, Miss White, Miss C. Godden, Miss Kirk-Bullock (hon. sec.), and Messrs. A. E. Godden, B. White, T. Veness, and H. Pennells. Mr. Paterson's fine collection of foreign birds proved a great attraction. Their brilliant and magnificent plumage created much delight and enthusiasm. The various games: putting, croquet, bowls, etc., for which Mr. Paterson very generously gave prizes, caused considerable excitement. The members all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and a very warm vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Paterson for their kindness and hospitality. Also the thanks of all are due to Miss Paterson and Miss Walker for their share in making the amusement so successful. The evening show will be held Oct. 8th, at 7.30; at 8.30 the Rev. T. M. Paterson will give his lecture, postponed from Sept. 3rd, and the Committee hope they will have a record attendance.—Irene Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec.

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SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Postponed monthly meeting, held Aug. 20, at Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, Mr. Willmott, chair, before a splendid gathering; new members nominated at July meeting elected; Sec. read report of the two Y.B. shows; after the expenses had been met a profit of 10/6 had resulted, although admission was free; a record number of birds being shown, good support had been given by the public, and the members could feel that though progress was slow in getting good attendances, it was steady and encouraging to all. The result of the second stages of the cup competition had resulted in Mr. Burke leading on the two shows in Champion section also securing the hand-painted medal, and Mr. Bayliss in the novice section, securing the President's handsome special. In Mule, Hybrid, and Brit. Bird Section, Mr. Raby led, and secured Mr. Kidner's useful special. Sec. drew attention that in the Canary section of the cup competition very little divided the leaders in number of points, and it would encourage all to make the stock show a success as a friend of the societies had promised handsome dinner service, and the points would be counted at the Young Stock Show, and Members' Winter Show for same, the rest of the specials were then presented to the winners. Mr. Bayliss proposed a vote of thanks to the sec., commenting on his endeavours to attract good attendances at the meetings, and said that his management of the shows was excellent. The Chairman, seconding, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to attend all the meetings, knowing full well that every thing connected with the progressing South Birmingham O.S., was being carried out in business like way. Decided to hold, if room is available, the Young Stock Show on Nov. 1st, same classification as F.F. shows, with an expert judge. The business concluded with a very interesting and instructive debate by members Hughes and Burke, on "Colouring and Moulting of Birds," all agreeing that another splendid evening's work had been done.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

The Shows.

RADSTOCK.

Annual show, held Aug. 20. Owing probably to the lateness of the date the entry in the Cage Bird section was disappointing, all the open classes except one being cancelled. However, there was a strong show of Yorkshires in this, and the three members' classes. It is remarkable that only Yorkshires are bred in this district. Mr. B. M. Clark, hon. sec., as usual, had everything in order. Judging was finished and cards up long before show was open to public. Mr. C. I. Young, Frome, judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS.: 1, res, Chivers, cl. yell., fine upstanding bird, good wings and position; 2, 3, Beal, very fine buff, lovely condition, not quite length of winner, shows slight frill on breast, 3rd yell. tkd. cheeks, fine racy bird; res, a buff variegated, as good as any, but showing signs of moult. MEMBERS YELL. YORKS., a really grand class for quality: 2, Hooler, champion yell., graud length and pos., not quite so well staged as might have been; 3, Fricker, cl. yell., spanking condition, good head and wings, not so racy; res, Chivers, nice bird, close up; vhc, Beal, sweet bird, on small side, looks like a hen; hc, Woodlands. BUFF: 2, Woodlands, long upstanding bird, good position, nice wings and tail; 3, vhc, Beal, smart one, showing signs of moult; res, Chivers, nice wing, tkd., also in moult; c, Hooler. YORKS., BRED 1913: 1, Hooler, smart buff, nice condition, very good position; 2, res, Beal, good yell., not quite through moult, will make a good one; res, sweet little bird, standing down through soiled wings and tail; 3, Chivers, long and racy, showing slight frill on breast; vhc, Lippiatt; hc, Woodland.

LLANRWST.

The Vale of Conway Agricultural Society held its 43rd annual show, at Llanrwst, Aug 21. We were pleased to see a few classes added to the cage bird section this year. Quality was excellent and the classes were well filled except Norwich, which we hope to see increasing in North Wales, as the numbers have been very small this season, so far, although there are several small breeders of this lovely variety. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. R. E. Griffith, with a grand Greenfinch Mule in capital form. President, Mr. J. C. Wynne-Finch; Vice-Pres., Mr. B. H. Pullan; Treas., Mr. E. Jones Owen, J.P., and the Sec., Mr. J. R. Chambers, managed affairs well, having everything in apple-pie order. Mr. J. Kershaw judged, and his awards were well received.

GOLDF. (10): 1, res, vhc, E. Jones, clinking good Finch in capital order, good size, rich expansive blaze, well-known; 2, c, Mrs. Hughes, good type, col. and markings, well-defined bars, in nice form; 3, T. Roberts, good blaze, tan and markings, close up; hc, J. L. Roberts. YORKS. (7): 1, P.C., J. Roberts, good col. cl. buff, rare length and pos., through moult, grand youngster; 2, res, J. O. Williams, cl. yell., good length and qual., well-drawn youngster, excellent feather; res, yell. tkd. hen, leggy and stylish; 3, hc, T. G. Roberts, good cl. yell., slim and leggy, great length, nice style; vhc, Griffith. NOR. (2): 1, 2, D. Roberts, good typical yell., nat col., rare size and subs.; 2nd, buff, good size and col., hit too long. A.O.V. (10): 1, sp. best in show, 2, vhc, Griffith, grand Greenfinch Mule, capital size and col., stood well out; 2nd, well-known Bullie, lustrous col., grand markings, Bethel winner; 3, res, T. Roberts, Goldie-Greenie Hyb., good size and colour; hc, e, T. J. Roberts.

BETHEL (Carnarvonshire).

Second annual show, held Aug. 6, in good weather, the attendance being remarkably good. The schedule was well got together, with several variations to suit the locality. The open boy section brought many an old winner up once more. Secretaries D. Parry and W. Jones, Edwards, R. Jones, H. Griffiths, J. Pritchard, W. Jones, all seemed to work hard, but owing to some of the birds being entered in wrong classes, numbers were changed and altered, which put some of the birds out of order for judging, thus being over-handled. The classes were good, but entries were meagre in most of the classes, young bird classes were well filled, and the Border. Special best Canary went to Mr. H. Jones, for a grand Yorkie, also best 1913 Yorks., and sp. for most points, his old birds being in grand order. Best Mule, Mr. R. E. Griffiths, a monster Greenie in good fettle, also sp. for best Linnet or Bullfinch. Mr. E. R. Roberts made the awards.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Shorrock, nice type and carriage, good wings and tail, very fair feather; 2, H. Thomas, nice type and colour, wants more style; 3, O. Davies, neat one, shade light. BUFF (2): 1, Aitken, grand type, good head and neck, plenty of size, colouring nicely; 2, O. Davies, cl. bell, typical youngster, good feather. NOR., 1913 (3): 1, 2, O. Davies, 1st, buff, noted; 2nd, good shaped cl., nice condition; 3, G. Jones, good size and shape, not ready two colours; 4, R. and G. D. Green, neat youngster; hc, Ore; c, Parry. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, H. Jones, good pair, well moulded, grand length, position and feather, in the pink, well known; 3, J. O. Williams, good lengthy tkd., nest feather, nervous, spreading his tail too much to-day. BUFF (5): 1, H. Jones, good mkd., rare style and qual., good pos. and feather; 2, Griffith, nice length and pose, promising youngster, changing colours; 3, hc, J. O. Williams, nest feather, grand qual., position and feather, fit; 4, Pritchard and Morgans, nice length and position, shade heavy built. YORKS., 1913 (6): 1, spl, H. Jones, buff, good length and style, shapely, shade open in feather; 2, Griffith, noted; 3, Pritchard and Morgans, noted before; 4, hc, J. O. Williams, buff and yell. tkd., might have gone up. BORD. (5): 1, 3, 4, H. Jones, good trio, winner good mkd. buff, nice type and carr.; 3rd, head tkd., jaunty carr., good feather; 2, W. J. Jones, nice shaped tkd., trifle heavier lines, good form. A.V. NAT. COL. (8): 1, 2, H. Jones, winners in previous classes, young Yorks.; 3, hc, J. O. Williams, Yorks.; 4, R. and G. D. Green, Bord.; c, Hughes. MULE or HYB. (6): 1, sp, Griffith, monster Greenie-Can., capital form, well known; 2, 3, Hughes Bros., good Linnet Mule, nice size and col.; 3rd, grand qual. four-pointed Goldie Mule, not yet in form; 4, hc, c, Pritchard and Morgans. GOLDF. (6): 1, 3, E. Jones, winner good size and col., rich blaze, good markings; 3rd, rare size and col., good tan, nice finish; 2, Hughes Bros., good type and col., rich blaze, close up; hc, R. Jackson; c, W. E. Jones. LINNET or BULLF. (9): 1, sp, Griffith, well known, Bullie, capital size and col., stood well out; 2, R. and G. D. Green, monster for size, good cap, beaten col.; 3, 4, c, Pritchard and Morgans, good pencilled Linnet, wants steadying; hc, W. Parry. A.O.S. (2): 1, Aitkin, good Yellow Bunting, steady as a rock; 2, Pritchard and Morgans, good sized Grenie. SELL.: 1, 2, G. Jones. LOCAL, not having won three first prizes; CAN. (3): 1, sp., 2, W. J. Jones, yell. and tkd. buff Yorkies, fair length, good position, in nice form. BRIT. (5): 1, W. J. Jones, nice Goldie; 2, Maggie Thomas, Goldf., moulting; 3, H. Roberts, neat Redpoll; 4, W. T. Williams.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

KIPPAX.

Sing held Aug. 23, at headquarters, Commercial Hotel; only nine entered for two prizes: 1, Tomlen; 2, Potter. Last sing for this season Aug. 30, which will be open, first pair hung 3.15. Contest to be followed by a general meeting when I hope to see as many members present as can possibly attend.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held Aug. 23, 11 entered for three good prizes. 1, Parnell; 2, 3, shared between Parnell and Smith. Also Aug. 24, eight entered for three prizes. 1, Wainwright; 2, 3, Parnell. General meeting Aug. 31 for election of officers; hope all members will try to attend.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality singing held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Aug. 24; 16 sang for three good prizes given by Mrs. A. Saynor: 1, 2, Chippendale; 3, A. Binns. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorreman and J. Smith.—H. A. Browne.

Contest for quality singing held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Aug. 24; 18 sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, B. Farrar; 2, Clegg; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, W. Sissons, and W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Linnet contest held Aug. 24, Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, 14 sang for three prizes given by Mr. Fishwick: 1, Kelly; 2, Hayes; 3, Tomlinson. Judges, J. Grainger, J. Sellers. Please note Canary club starts Aug. 31; hoping all old members will turn up.—J. Grainger, Sec.

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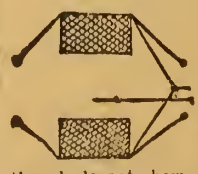
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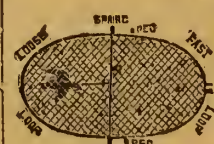
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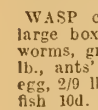
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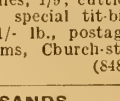
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FOR sale, 50 young Norwich, also four cock Linnet Mules, last year's birds; particulars: Gill, Boot Stores, Dawlish. (845)

TWO pairs good Canaries, one pair good Yellow Budgerigars, 15/- lot; what offers: F. W. Brooklands, Upper Edmonton. (847)

GRAND prize-bred Norwich hens, yellow and buff, also Grey Parrot, excellent talker and minute, £5; all on approval: T. Peters, 23, Dean-road, Gorton. (848)

TWO clear yellow Norwich hens, 4/- each; two yellow Norwich cocks, one variegated, 6/- each; one clear yellow Yorkshire hen, 5/; one good feeder, 2/; Dark Mules, Siberian Goldfinch and Linnet, cocks 5/ each; hens 1/: W. Linton, Gaviesside, West Calder. (849)

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WANTED, anything alive: Brondesbury Menageries, 277, High-rd., Kilburn. (844)

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WANTED, a big Siberian hen Bullfinch for cash, or exchange other birds: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm. (836)

WANTED bicycle trailer for cash, or exchange Norwich Rollers, Canaries: R. S. Roy, Burnham Market, Norfolk. (848)

WANTED, Magpies, Jays, or foreign birds or Budgerigars, Canaries: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett Street, Leeds. (851)

WANTED cock Canary, Roller preferred; exchange new 10in. double records: H. Rankin, 16, Whitehall-rd., Didsbury. (845)

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, cheap for cash: Apply, Wm. Dinwoodie, 13, Tureen-st., Calton, Glasgow. (848)

WANTED offers in dinner or tea services for prize-bred Yorkshire cocks, 1913: A. Bridgwater, Old-square, Warwick. (845)

SIX Yorkshire hens, 1912; 1 Norwich, green crest-bred, large; offers; 3 breed Mulers: B. Aitken, Long Eaton, Derbyshire. (850)

WANTED; will give 1/- each hen Canaries: Manageress, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield. (850)

WANTED any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc.; state price: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-road, Birmingham. (847)

WANTED young Canaries, exchange mahogany aviary, value 21/-; rich toned violoncello, 70/-: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (847)

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WANTED, Talking Parrot or utility pullets, exchange Draper's 30/- organette or 70/- camera: 20, St. Albans-place, Blackburn. (848)

WANTED, good working Ferret; will give good Yorkshire cock, on song: approval both ways: Dean, Highgate, Glusburn, Keighley. (850)

WANTED, young Yorkshirees, either sex, cock Mules; state lowest price; honest dealings: Smith, 52, Essex-st., Dairycoates, Hull. (845)

WANTED, weekly supply Goldfinches, give 12/- doz. cocks, and 5/- doz. hens; also other Britishers: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (850)

WANTED 1913 Yorkshire, Norwich, any quantity, give 5/- couple; cash deposited; particulars, stamp: Oliver, 2, Bridport Place, Hoxton. (791)

WANTED, good pair clap nets on approval; not less than 12 yards; will deposit cash with Editor: J. Kavanagh, Ferus, Co. Wexford. (851)

WILL buy for cash any quantity of Goldfinch and Linnet Mules; hens, 1/-; hen Canaries, 1/-: Helyar, 55, Patmas-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (844)

WANTED, 6 good Goldfinch and Bullfinch catchers, only regular catchers need write: Crossman, Wholesale Bird Dealer, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton. (851)

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WANTED British birds, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, every kind from catchers; send lowest prices: Onions, Bird Dealer, George-st., Walsall. (846)

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, or any kind of live birds for prompt cash; state price and particulars to Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (852)

WANTED, house-moulted Linnets, on song, also clap nets; exchange Norwich show cages, cases, fancy wire cages, hen Canaries: Jackson, Seamer, Yarm. (850)

WANTED, surplus stock all varieties Canaries for cash, also Mules, Foreign, and British birds, cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas. (848)

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WANTED, cash offers for talking Amazon Parrot, with square cage, also 7 hens, 4 cocks, Norwich Canaries, must sell, cash wanted: Minikin, Grape-st., Keighley. (847)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, either sex; state lowest price if colour fed: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London. (850)

WANTED, young, healthy Norwich, Yorkshires, Border Fancy Canaries: also British birds; send lowest prices to: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 530, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (815)

WANTED all kinds of birds, including talking Parrots, Plainhead Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, and Crestbreds: good prices given: West of England Bird Exchange, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. (68)

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WANTED, first-class trout fly-rod, with reel line and landing net, exchange gramophone and 21 records, or sell £2, bargain; approval both ways; yours first: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston. (847)

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CANARIES WANTED

Any quantity 1913 birds: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham.

WANTED

All kinds of birds, including talking Parrots: Yorkshire, Norwich and Crest, good prices given: West of England Bird Exchange, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. (68)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE Goldfinches for left off clothing or Canaries; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (846)

WILL exchange singing birds or show birds for Canaries; any sort; or Mules. Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (851)

WILL exchange four cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries. Helyar, 55, Patmas-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (844)

WILL exchange good 1912 Roller cock for Goldfinch or Mule, singing, sell 7/6: Willis, 13, Lower Bailey-st., Wattstown, Glam. (850)

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE large Norwich cock (Budd's), for good camera; offers: R. Richardson, Over, Cambridge. (852)

SIX hen Canaries, sell or exchange anything useful, 1912-13 birds: Newsome, 2, Wetherby grove, Burley, Leeds. (845)

SOME good Canaries, all own bred, offers of anything useful; stamp reply: Walker, 6, Lambert terr., Aberdare, Wales. (850)

EXCHANGE six hen Canaries for two adult hen Budgerigars; Budgerigars first: T. Lister, Station road, Leven, Fife. (847)

WANTED, offers for 20 hen Canaries, or will exchange Canaries for (B flat) cornet: Spriggs, Sandy-rd., Potton, Beds. (851)

PAIR Norwich Canaries, 8/-; pair Budgerigars, 6/-; exchange rabbits for killing: Scapens, 31, Drysdale-st., Hoxton-st., N. (846)

TWO cock Goldfinches wanted; will give good Yorkshire hen and Roller hen; or exchange: 21, Linaker-st., Southport. (844)

STRONG healthy Canaries for sale, Yorkshires and songsters, or would exchange show British: Cornes, 12, Radnor Park-rd., Folkestone. (845)

SPLENDID Norwich cinnamon cock Canary, good condition and feather, sell 12/6; exchange poultry: F. B. Chitty, South-st., Chichester. (849)

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FOUR good hen Canaries, one cock, exchange for hand camera, gramophone records, boots (9/8), anything: Beaven, Park-place, Devizes. (850)

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WILL exchange two Canary hens, both bred Mules last year, for a real good cock Bullfinch, or sell 7/-: C. West, 27, New-row, Oakenshaw, Willington, Durham. (844)

TWO pairs Norwich, one pair Rollers, one pair Yorkshires, one young Yorkshire cock, exchange two pairs Crests or talking Parrot: W. Pearce, Buscot, Lechlade, Glos. (848)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks or Norwich Canaries or high-class British, talking Parrots, for scrap brass, copper, block tin: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (852)

GRAND Norwich, 1913: sell or exchange; also five grand Old English rabbits, six months old, 10/-; quantity of fountains, egg mill, 1 dozen cage fronts, 14 by 14: E. Smith, Oakland-st., Alfreton. (845)

EXCHANGE seven Canaries, Goldfinch, Goldfinch Mule, Canary-reared Chaffinch, three double breeders, fitted and enamelled throughout, sectional indoor aviary for poultry, sell 25/-: Adkin, 6, Heathorn-st., Maidstone. (844)

Mainly Foreign.

SPLENDID King Amazon Parrot and cage, finger tame, chattering, thoroughly healthy, exchange gramophone, records; offers, sell £3: Confectioner, 72, Surtees-st., Bishop Auckland. (846)

Miscellaneous.

TWO pairs homers, exchange for fowl; what offer: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs. (847)

TWO Italian Greyhound dogs, 10 weeks, £1 each, exchange fowls: 11, Ashfield-st., Leeds. (848)

SIX Bantams, good birds; what offers exchange: Janney, Market-place, Crowle, Doncaster. (845)

GOLDEN Owl, house-moulted, very tame, 10/6: F. Butcher, 293, Gillingham-rd., Gillingham, Kent. (835)

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only.*

Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes will judge at the show of the Tideswell Cage Bird Improvement Society on Nov. 25.

Messrs. Redpath and Walker, joint secs., write that General Meetings of the Anfield, Everton C.B.S. will be held at eight o'clock on the second Wednesdays in each month at 3, Priory Grove.

The annual ramble of the Anfield, Everton and Dist. C.B.S., writes Messrs. Redpath and Walker, joint secs., will be on Sunday, Sept. 7. Meet at Landing Stage 11 o'clock prompt. Members bring friends with them.

We are sorry that, through a printer's error, Mr. Rudd's advt. of last week in the Norwich column was made to begin "Henco my delay." The correct beginning was "Hence *no* delay," which is, of course, the opposite of what was unfortunately printed.

Would you kindly announce, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec. Sheffield C.B.S., that the next ramble is arranged for Sept. 6, to Ryecroft Glen; meet at Eccleshill car terminus at 2.30; all friends invited.

Will any member wanting show cages, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, pres. Northern Yorks. C.C., 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, please let me know as soon as possible. I have orders for 1½ dozen but must have three dozen before I can get them at reduced rate.

Please allow me to say, writes Mr. J. Cosgrove, hon. sec. Uddingstone and Dis. C.B.S., that the prospects of our society never were brighter, and members are looking forward to having a successful show on Nov. 22. Classification will be made up this week, and we hope to publish it shortly. Thanking you for the publicity you give our notes.

We have received from the hon. sec., Mr. J. W. Norris, the Rule Book of the British Roller Canary Club. The membership now amounts to the large number of 250, which must be about a record for a specialist society. The book contains a list of officers of the club, balance sheet for 1912, which shows a balance of cash in hand of £7 13s. 10d., a drop of £2 14s. from 1911, the rules of the society, judging standard, cup rules, and a list of members' names and addresses.

As Saturday, Sept 6, writes Mr. A. Dickson, sec. Fife and Kinross N.P.C., 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty, is our meeting to grant patronage I would like a full turnout of members, also of those who are intending to join. Now is the time to join, not after the shows have started. Annual sub. 2s. 6d., now due. Anyone desirous of joining can have information by applying to me as above. We are catering for the novice this year.

The September number of "British Birds" Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, contains some "Notes on the Breeding Habits of the Common Eider" by Misses Best and Haviland, illustrated by reproductions of beautiful photographs by Miss Haviland. Mr. Eric B. Dunlop writes a most interesting article on "Incubation," and the Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain contributes a chapter on the breeding of the Cormorant, Shag, and Gannet. The usual letters and notes complete the issue.

We have received from Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist of Norwich, who has for many years advertised in our columns, a further letter of complaint that his name is frequently associated with a firm of a similar name. These misunderstandings cause very considerable annoyance to Mr. W. Rudd, and it is only fair for us to grant his request and to say that we know that he has no connection whatever with any other firm of the name. We shall be glad if our readers will kindly make especial note of this, to avoid a recurrence of the mistake.

Messrs. Fattorini, Ltd., the well-known Medallists, Goldsmiths, and Silversmiths, and Die-sinkers, of Bradford, write that owing to their rapidly increasing business with shippers and the wholesale trade, they have opened a London office at 18, Mansion House Chambers, Queen Victoria Street, E.C., with Mr. E. C. Barry in charge, who will be pleased to answer any enquiries addressed to him, or he will gladly wait upon London enquirers at any time. Messrs. Fattorini are actual manufacturers, and are at all times anxious and willing to submit original drawings and estimates without in the least importuning to purchase.

To Society Secretaries, and Correspondents generally.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that CAGE BIRDS now goes to press on Wednesday afternoon so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on TUESDAY TO BE CERTAIN OF INCLUSION or first post Wednesday at latest.

It would much facilitate our work if Secretaries and others would kindly write out their club reports, notices, etc., in the style in which they see them printed. Write on ONE SIDE ONLY of each sheet of paper used.

Cupar Show Abandoned.

We regret to hear from Mr. J. Peattie, sec. Cupar O.S., that at a meeting of the society on Aug. 26, it was decided to cancel the show which had been arranged for Oct. 4 next.

Guinea Special for Rollers at the Scottish National.

We have been presented by a lady fancier in Peebleshire with the very handsome special cash prize of £1 1s., writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, sec. Scottish National C.B.S. This prize is for competition in the Roller section, and to be won by the best singing Roller Canary exhibited at our next New Year's show. Roller exhibitors please note.

A Social Evening at Llanelly.

To open the show season, the Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S. have decided to have a social evening, at their headquarters, The Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday evening next, Sept. 6. A supper for members and friends at 6.30 p.m., and at 7.30 a washing exhibition will be given by Mr. D. Jenkins, Swansea, who is well known to the Fancy. All interested in cage birds are cordially invited to the exhibition; admission free.—D. John, sec.

A Wary Thrush.

The Thrush family as a rule are known as bold, fearless birds, but one of them, the "Hermit Thrush" is possibly the shyest bird in existence. It is a native of America, frequenting the Mississippi district, and hiding itself in the most secluded woods and cane-brakes. Even when venturing into the open country for food it keeps near the ground, flitting from bush to bush with swift, steady flight in the most lonely places. It is not a singer, like our own Thrushes; it simply utters a low plaintive cry. It builds its nest in the very thickest shelter.

A Reed Dweller.

A little-known Summer visitor is the Sedge Warbler. Upon arrival, it repairs to the low-lying spots where reeds and sedges abound. It is nervous and shy, and seldom exposes itself to view. One can see by the movement of the reeds where the bird is located, and can easily trace it working from one side to the other of a reed bed, without once catching a glimpse of the bird. It generally moves about nine inches from the top of the reeds, but by careful watching it may be detected hunting upon the edge of the bed, low down among the sedges near the water. Here insect life should be plentiful, and the bird should have little trouble in finding food.

Missel Thrushes in Autumn.

Particularly interesting just now are the Missel Thrushes. Size alone makes one a conspicuous object, but now they are in family parties of from four to six. They mostly frequent the meadow land where trees are fairly plentiful to which they retire upon the slightest disturbance. At no time of their life are they quite so suspicious and shy as in the Autumn. In the districts now frequented by the parties of half a dozen, several of them will presently disappear, and when the Spring comes round again only an isolated pair here and there will be seen, the cock bird voicing his presence in all weathers. The remaining birds of the family no doubt migrate, and, during the passage or their sojourn in another land, come to grief. Curiously there is also a considerable migration to our Eastern coast in the Autumn, and yet we can see no general increase in numbers.

THE PATRONAGE OF SPECIALIST CLUBS.

Societies desiring the patronage of the following specialist clubs at their 1913 shows should apply as follows, stating classification given, and judges appointed: Cinn. Mkd. Y.C.C., Mr. R. Garnett, 8, Leeds Road, Windhill, Shipley; Yorks. and Lancs., Brit. B. and M.C., T. H. Inman, 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford; Mid. Counties Y.C.C., Mr. J. Sheppard, 129, Floyer Road, Small Heath, Birmingham; Fife and Kinross N.P.C., A. Dickson, 37, Adams' Ter., Kelty, closing date September 6; Lancs. and Lizard F.A., Mr. A. Martin, 119, Buckstone Road, Crompton Fold, Shaw, nr. Oldham.

(Will secretaries please notify us of the latest date on which applications can be received?—Ed.)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—(P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 4.—**Birtley C.B.S.**—(S. Lindsay, Avon Rath, Birtley, Co. Durham.)

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(T. J. Hose, 5, Wells Crescent, Camberwell, S.E.) J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 9-10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15.—**Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.) A. H.

Oct. 16-17.—**Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. St. Quinton, 35, Calvert St., Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.** (J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.)

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

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Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester). J.G., W.A.C., W.V., J.H.R., T.H., J.B.

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.

Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford). H.S., J.T.

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road). T.B., A.B., J.Mn.

Oct. 25.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street). J.C.B.

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N & J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—(J. W. Buxton, Kelvin Side, The Dimple, Matlock). J.C.B.

Oct. 30.—**Taunton O.S.** (W. G. Elsmore, 3, Billet St.)

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—(W. Hodson, 28, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.) J.R.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepool.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.)

Nov. 12-13.—**Sittingbourne C.B.S.**—(W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street.)

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.

Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).

Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, co Durham.) H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.G.

Nov. 21-22.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103, Church St.) J. T., A.W.

Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) J.P., T.D.

Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.) A.H., A.Hn., R.T.

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

Nov. 25.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(W. F. Swarbrick, High Street.) J.C.B.

Nov. 26.—**Sevenoaks F.A.**—(A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage.)

Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)

Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.). J.W.M.

Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—(A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.)

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Dec. 6.—**Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.**—(J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton). H.N., J.R.

Dec. 10.—**Luton C.B.S.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.F., J.R.

Dec. 11.—**Frome F.A.**—(C. J. Young, 8, Palmer St.)

Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.**—(W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.

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Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.), J.R.

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Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly**—(R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Rd.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.

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Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cott.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M. J.T.

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.

Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.

Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.

Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.

Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.** (T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., J.L.

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Nov. 22.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.) J.McL., C.M., W.S., G.B.

Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell). W.G.M., J.W.B., R.V.R., A. Mc.G.

Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

Dec. 3.—**Forres.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Road.) J.S.

Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.

Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir** (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).—(J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)

Dec. 6.—**Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.** (R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mt. Florida, Glasgow.) R.M., J.W.B.

Dec. 20.—**Newtongrange C.B.S.**—(Wm. Bryson, 42, Fifth Street.)

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Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.) J.W.M.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)

Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(C. E. Gregson, Hill Cottages.)

Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)

Oct. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries-st., Treherbert). W.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 19.—**Kenfig Hill P.P. and C.B.S.**—(W. Price, Talgarth Ho., Kenfig Hill, Bridgend). W.H.S., W.H.L.

Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)

Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.)

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

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Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.

Oct. 31 ,Nov. 1.—**Belfast (Ulster O.A.).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

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The Cultivation of Wild Plants for Cage Birds

By R. MORSE (Hitchin).

SECTION 2: PERENNIAL PLANTS.

(Concluded from page 105).

THE COMMON DANDELION (*Taraxacum officinale*) throws up its flower heads to a height of about 8 ins., though on lawns and gravel paths it not infrequently becomes stunted, and under such circumstances the stalks may be only an inch or so in length. Dandelion seeds may be sown at any time during spring or summer, the former being preferable. The drills wherein the seed is to be sown should be about half an inch deep, and the young plants thinned out as soon as they can be handled, for if they are allowed to become at all overcrowded, the seedlings will invariably be weak, and the "seed-harvest" a disappointing one.

Some growers prefer to allow Dandelions to fruit in the same spot as sown, whilst others consider it better to transplant the seedlings as soon as they are large enough to handle. In either case, the plants should finally stand six inches or more apart, according to the space at disposal; a few plants could easily be removed later on if they appeared to be suffering from overcrowding.

Dandelions are Sun Lovers.

When dandelions are grown especially for seed, a sunny spot is much to be preferred to a shaded, or even partially shaded, one, for in common with numerous other species already mentioned in earlier parts of these notes, the dandelion is inclined to become too leafy when grown in shady gardens, and under those circumstances few seeds are produced.

Those who have not the convenience for growing dandelions from seed, may have a fine bed of plants next year if they will search in meadows and waste places during September, and remove a number of the plants to an odd sunny corner of the garden. It is somewhat difficult at first to secure the long, stout, black roots intact, but one soon becomes accustomed to the operation. If the weather is dry when they are transplanted, a liberal watering should be given on the completion of the work, after which no further attention will be necessary.

It should perhaps be mentioned here that there are several other wild plants, which are frequently mistaken for dandelions, and as some of those species are not of perennial duration, and therefore flower but once, those who transplant them will be disappointed to find that the roots die completely away on the approach of winter, and that all trouble taken has been in vain.

How to Grow Watercress.

COMMON WATERCRESS (*Nasturtium officinale*) can be grown in almost any garden if the plants are kept continually wet, but since this necessitates practically constant attention, only those who have ample leisure time, and convenient water supply, can be recommended to attempt its cultivation. If its supply of water is curtailed, the whole crop may be lost; moreover, watercress grown with insufficient moisture becomes unpleasantly hot and biting to the taste.

Those who have the necessary convenience may remove the roots during the autumn from streams and rivulets, in which situations this plant is abundant throughout the land. They should then be planted in a spot as nearly similar as possible to that in which they grew. Watercress may also be grown from seed (which any nurseryman will supply) by sowing the latter, preferably in a sandy or gravelly soil, beside a stream or river at any time from April to August. It must be sown very thinly, and only very lightly covered. If the situation



Nettle. Watercress. Rye Grass.

chosen be a suitable one, no further attention will be required. The flowers usually appear in May, and the plants continue flowering right on to October.

Separate Quarters for Nettles.

THE GREAT NETTLE (*Urtica dioica*) grows to a height of about three feet, and when grown in the garden always gives most satisfaction if a plot of ground is devoted exclusively to its cultivation. It is indeed of little use to grow nettles unless they can be thus accommodated, for if any plants of a more delicate nature be near at hand, they will almost certainly be choked by the rank growth of the nettles, the creeping roots of the latter spreading rapidly in all directions.

Nettle seed may be sown at any time during spring or summer, and the plants should finally stand about six inches apart, though it may be necessary to thin out a few specimens each year, as the plants increase rapidly. The drills should be about half an inch deep, and the seed lightly covered with fine soil.

Nettles may also be cultivated by removing the roots in autumn from their natural habitats (hedgebanks, waste places, etc.) to the garden. It would be wise to wear thick gloves for this operation, as all the species of British nettles possess stinging hairs in immense quantities, which are capable of causing fairly severe pain (lasting in some cases for many hours) when brought into contact with the bare skin.

Their Sexual Distinctions.

There is a peculiarity in connection with the growing of nettles for seed of which intending cultivators should take note. The Great Nettle produces flowers of two kinds, known respectively as male and female, and these almost invariably occur on different plants. If, therefore, only male, or only female plants are removed to the wild garden, no seeds will be produced, even though the crop be cultivated in the most careful manner. When performing this operation, then, care should be taken to secure plants of each sex, and to arrange them side by side in the plot devoted to their cultivation.

The sexes may be distinguished in the autumn by the fact that the female plants bear clusters of seeds, whilst the males bear simply the withered remains of the flowers. When grown from seed a proper proportion of the two kinds of plants is always produced.

More than One Kind of Nettle.

It should perhaps be mentioned that another species of nettle known as the Small Nettle (*Urtica urens*) is very common in some districts, but is an annual plant, and those who wish to cultivate it will therefore have to sow the seed each year about March or April. In the case of the Small Nettle every plant produces seed.

The plants known as Dead Nettles may be distinguished from the true nettles by the fact that the flowers of the latter are small and green, whilst those of the former are comparatively large and brightly coloured. The true nettles flower from June to September.

RYE GRASS (*Lolium perenne*) commonly reaches a height of about eighteen inches, and flowers in May and June. It is only necessary to sow the seed fairly thinly in shallow drills a few inches apart at any time during the spring or summer. It will be some time before the plants produce much seed, but those who desire a more expeditious method should remove the plants from waysides and waste places during late summer, and set them in the wild-garden, where they will flower freely the following spring. An open, sunny situation is best.

NOTE.—For full description of the plants dealt with in these articles, reference should be made to "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds" (1s. 2d., post free, from our office), which contains in addition, much useful information regarding the medicinal and other properties of the various plants and seeds commonly used in the bird-room and aviary.

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AN OLD, OLD STORY.

Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

In our correspondence columns this week will be found a letter from a reader, and an extract from a daily paper which was enclosed with the letter, referring to the allegation that tuberculosis may be conveyed to human being by Canaries.

A Silly Season Fill-up.

This scare is an old one which crops up at times when certain papers require matter to fill their columns. The last we heard of it was in Jan., 1912, when "The Animal World," the organ of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, had an article headed "Cage Birds and Disease." At that time I disposed of the subject in the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE column (see issue of Jan. 6, 1912), finishing by saying, "I shall be glad at any time to pursue the matter further in the unlikely event of the Editor of "The Animal World" desiring evidence that tuberculosis in birds is not only a very rare disease, but is not, even when it does occur, communicable to human beings." The Editor of "The Animal World" evidently did not desire such evidence, and I never expected that he would.

The "authority" given for the re-hash by "The Animal World" was a "Dr. Wise, of Montreux," while the latest resurrection of the story quotes a Dr. Tucker Wise, a Devonshire medical man practising in Switzerland. "The Animal World" then said it was "some years ago" since the French doctor had made the statement, and now, some years later, we have a "Dr. Tucker Wise, of Devonshire, practising in Switzerland," quoted as setting up the same old turnip to frighten those who do not know it is just a "bogey."

In my remarks I quoted the pronouncement of Dr. R. H. Clarke, M.R.C.S., who said in his famous lecture on Septic Fever in Cage Birds, "I have examined microscopically hundreds of dead cage birds, and have never yet met with a case of tuberculosis, nor known of one demonstrated by any competent observer."

A little later, Mar. 16, 1912, Mr. Hy. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., in a refutation contributed to our columns, said, among other things, "I have yet to see my first case of tuberculosis in the smaller cage birds."

The opinions of Mr. Gray and of Dr. Clarke are worth those of a generation of Doctors Wise, and I hope that Mr. A. Roach, the writer of the letter which has called forth this reference to the matter, as well as any other reader who may come across the same old scare, will be satisfied that there is absolutely no possibility of Canaries communicating tuberculosis to their owners.

To Interest the Children.

In connection with the decorated cage competition at Dartford which is being organised by our fellow-member, Mr. Peck, I have received the following letters:—

"I have just received from Mr. Peck a fine young Goldfinch in return for the Redpolls I sent him for his children's competition. I hope he will receive all the Redpolls he wants for his purpose. It will encourage the children to look after their pets.—G. Haslett, North Finchley."

"Kindly allow me to thank Mr. H. Hill, of Glasgow, for the six Redpolls he ordered to be sent me through Mr. Sandiford, London. They arrived quite safely, and are 'toppers.' Also Mr. F. Bailey, of Stoke-on-Trent, for his kind offer of some Redpolls for the children's competition. Also the committee of the Dartford Working Men's Club, who kindly contributed £1 towards the prize fund at a meeting held Saturday last. I myself (Mr. Peck) am giving a Canary and cage for the best lady's hat made by the mothers of the children out out of paper. The competition is fixed for Oct. 8.

THE PLUMAGE BILL.

Societies Waking Up.

As will be seen from the report of the meeting of the Sunderland C.B.A., appearing in our Club Reports column this week, the committee of the society resolved at the last meeting to draw up a letter to the local members of Parliament calling their attention to the clauses in that Bill to which we as bird-keepers are objecting. I trust that this good example will be followed by every society throughout the country. Let members of Parliament know that cage bird keepers are numbered in their hundreds of thousands, and some consideration will be given to their opinions. If we remain silent this Bill will be passed over our heads, and it will be too late afterwards to alter it.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NORWICH CONE BLIND (G. E. W.).—If the film you say is growing over the eyes takes the form of milky-white spots in the centre of eyes the trouble is cataract, and no treatment whatever will be of any avail. But if it appears to be an external film spreading over eye-ball generally you might do something for it. Get a chemist to mix you two grains of red oxide of mercury in a quarter ounce of spermaceti. Then dissolve ten grains of sulphate of zinc and 30 grains of boric acid in an ounce of rose water, and add three ounces of distilled water, or water that has been well boiled and become cold again. Take a drop of this lotion separately and a small pladget of clean cotton wool and bathe eyes gently for a few minutes each morning. Absorb the surplus moisture, and put in each eye a tiny scrap of the mercurial ointment made as above. Repeat the ointment at night, but not the bathing. Do not use any lotion a second time. Continue treatment daily for a fortnight, and if there is no improvement in that time you may give it up as beyond help. The bird will thrive contentedly enough in spite of this affliction.

EXCESSIVE LOOSENESS (W.T.W.).—Keep cage and perches as clean as possible. Whilst looseness lasts it would be well to cover cage floor with a good layer of clean pine sawdust, and renew it daily. Also keep all food and water vessels scrupulously clean. Every day for a week give a morsel of stale bread the size of a large hazel nut soaked in scalded milk, drained, and well dusted with carbonato of bismuth. If bird does not seem to eat it freely, sprinkle it finally with maw as an extra inducement. In addition to the staple diet of canary seed give a small teaspoonful of boiled summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw and a few grains of good sound hemp. Withhold all green food for the present. Boil drinking water before use, and add to it six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and five of tincture of opium daily until droppings resume the normal condition.

RELIEF ONLY TEMPORARY (Canadian Reader).—The bird being only temporarily relieved by the treatment you have tried probably points to one of two things: Either the bird has already passed into a chronic stage when treatment can only be palliative and does not cure in the ordinary sense of the term, or you omit to remove the exciting causes of the trouble. See reply to "A. Norton" in this issue, and act on the same suggestions as to eliminating all unwholesome influences, and exciting causes of bronchial trouble. Keep the bird in an equable and comfortably warm place, though you need not overheat it. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to its water every second day for a week, and after this treat as advised to "A. Norton" for a fortnight. If bird is not better by that time, please write again, referring to this reply.

ALL GONE WHEEZY (A. Horton).—The fact of all your adult birds going wheezy points strongly to them being kept under unfavourable conditions, and if these conditions are not altered it is only a matter of time, and perhaps but a short time, before the young stock become similarly affected. There is no danger of infection or contagion, but exposure to the same adverse influences must sooner or later affect all the birds. See that they are kept free from direct cold draughts, damp, sudden extremes of temperature, fumes from burning lights, or a dusty atmosphere. This alone will give the birds a chance to throw off the trouble. Those that are badly affected should be moved to a comfortably warm, but not overheated, place until the moult is over. Give a small teaspoonful per bird of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together. If birds are not better in that time, write again, and repeat particulars.

RECURRING MOULT (L. U. E.).—The bird's age is somewhat against him. See that it is kept in a bright and cosy, though not necessarily very warm place, well aired, but free from cold draughts or fumes from burning lights in the evenings, and as equable as possible. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a half ripe plantain stalk, few sprays of shepherd's-purse seeds, or a morsel of banana, and also twice each week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, teazle, millet and linseed. Allow bird to bathe freely if it desires, and twice a week for a month add 20 to 30 drops of sulphuretted potash to the bath. In the drinking water give five drops of syrup of saffron and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a fortnight. For the next fortnight after this substitute half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of cherry and two of cod liver oil mixed in it for the bread and milk, and give 20 drops of chemical food in the water instead of the saffron and potash. (2) Bathe feet and legs well in a warm solution of boracic acid, dry gently, and anoint with Lanocyllin to remove soreness. If claws are overgrown, trim them back to the proper length.

YOUNG BIRDS DYING (J. E. S.).—The cause of the disease from which your young birds appear to have died is a microscopic bacillus, probably taken into the system in the beginning with some portion of the food or water, though it is quite possible that subsequently the cage or cages became infected sufficiently to communicate the disease to any future occupants. The fact that only young birds have died so far may possibly mean that you have had the young stock caged together in one or two flights, in which the contagion has become located. If there is any doubt whatever about the purity of your water supply, boil it before use. See that the eggs from which your egg-food is prepared are fresh, and from a healthy stock of fowls. Also crush a little of your hemp and see if the kernel is sound and sweet; if not, discard it for a sample that is above suspicion. Beyond this you can do very little, and that little lies in observing strict hygienic principles, isolation of any bird showing symptoms of ill-health, and thorough disinfection of all cages in which birds have died, or may yet die. To tone up the birds and give them the best chance to win through, give in addition to the usual seed diet a little bread and milk, with two drops per bird of cod liver oil emulsion on it two or three times a week, and in the water give 20 drops of a tonic composed of half-a-drachm of citrate of iron and quinine dissolved in one fluid ounce of sherry, to which add a teaspoonful of glycerine. For information on disinfecting cages, etc., see the Nutshell Booklet No. 9, 2½d., post free.

TO BREED GOOD CRESTS (L. Cape).—You are not likely to gratify your desire to breed good Crests fit for exhibition very easily or quickly by mating a good Crested hen with a Norwich Plainhead. Nowadays, the progeny from such a mating could only be termed crossbreds, and only of use for breeding in very exceptional circumstances, or as an experiment pure and simple. To produce exhibition Crests from them would cost you a few year's careful breeding to again breed out the Plainhead cross. What you want to begin with is a pair of pure-bred birds matched for Crest-breeding. One of these will be Crested—it does not matter much which sex—and the other will be a Crestbred—that is, it will not have a proper crest, but will have been bred intimately with Crested birds, and will possess the same profusion and length of feather generally, and the same massive frame, size, and type, as the Crested birds, besides which the head should carry as dense a covering of long broad feather as possible. Altogether, you cannot do better than get a known reliable breeder to select a properly matched pair of birds for you. Do not expect a really good pair of stock birds that will breed you birds fit for exhibition for a few shillings. They will cost you anything from £5 upwards. Perhaps, after all, you had better breed with Plainheads, which are cheaper, for a year or two to gain some experience. For full detailed information on all points concerning Crest-breeding, get Parts XII. and XIII. of "Our Canaries."

CAUSE OF ENTERITIS (G.B.H.).—The causes of the disease in birds known by this term are not one but many. It may arise indirectly through bacillary infection, or it may be due to poisons taken into the system with unwholesome food or impure water. In the great majority of cases it is probably due to neglect of the principles of hygiene, either in the cages or the food. In your case I should suspect the quality of the hemp in the first place. Crush a little, and if the kernel is of a brownish colour, there you doubtless have the key to your mystery. If this is all right, then I should imagine you allow your egg-food to remain in cage until it has become stale. Here, again, preventive measures are obvious. There are many other causes which space will not permit me to go into here. In a general way, overhaul and thoroughly disinfect all cages in which cases have occurred; pay the strictest attention to cleanliness in cages, perches, and all food and water vessels, and, of course, see that all foods and water are above suspicion in purity and freshness. If any more cases occur at once isolate the patient; keep in a cosy, but not too warm, temperature, free from draughts; and put on a staple diet of bread scalded with milk and dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and half a teaspoonful of maw daily until symptoms abate. Add one drop of Tysol to each large teaspoonful of the drinking water, and if diarrhœa is excessive add also six drops of tincture of opium to the drinking water daily for the time being. When symptoms abate, bring bird back on to ordinary diet by easy stages.

YOUNG CRESTBRED (G. Goodbody).—I suspect the bird is not yet capable of fully supplying its wants on seed, and your supply of soft food is therefore insufficient. Keep an unlimited supply of good sound canary in the hopper, and place half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape on top of it each morning. In addition to this, give each morning a teaspoonful of egg-food, which may be varied with a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, plain biscuit, or bread and milk. At mid-day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape, and towards evening throw out all remains of soft food and scalded rape and give a small teaspoonful of equal parts broken groats and freshly cracked hemp. See that the hemp is sound and good. Give a half-ripe plantain stalk, seed heads of shepherd's purse, or grass, two or three times a week for it to peck over. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and supply pure fresh water daily. You may add 15 drops of Chemical Food to the water for a day or two, though the above method of feeding will probably soon set matters right.

A LONG MOULT (Jack, C.B.).—I suppose you have removed the bird from the window as previously advised? If not, you must do so, as it is useless expecting any treatment to be successful until the cause of the trouble is removed. Place the bird in a moderate-sized box cage and keep it in a fairly warm and equable place, though you need not overdo the heating, until the moult has quite ceased and the bird begins to resume its song. You cannot expect it to sing whilst moulting. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this, give every second day for a month, if necessary, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. On the alternating days give twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. Give a spray of green food three or four times a week, and allow bird to bathe as often as it desires to do so. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a hemp seed in its water every third day. Should the latter give rise to undue constipation, increase the supply of green food, or add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water with the iron each time.

NEVER SANG (Cassidy).—Are you quite sure of the sex of the bird? I should feel inclined to doubt it being a cock myself. In any case, it is not at all likely to sing now until it has finished moulting, but, if it is really a cock, it should be quite possible to bring it in song soon afterwards. Your suggestion about keeping it where it will hear other cocks singing is a good one. If you do this right through the moult the bird may not, and should not if a cock and in good health, need any further inducement to commence singing itself. Whilst moulting, in addition to its staple seed diet, give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar every third day, and on the intervening days give first a pinch of the seed mixture advised to "Jack C. B.," in this issue, and next a spray of green food. Towards the end of moult, add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water three times a week. If it does not commence singing in, say, a month after the moult ceases, write again, referring to this reply, and I will advise you further.

ABOUT YELLOWHAMMERS (X Rays).—(1) Perhaps the head markings are the most important point in an exhibition Yellow Bunting, for if the bird is not good in these it is at once handicapped in the view of most judges. The less of the black markings there are the better, but during the show season it is, of course, natural for the markings to be present in a more or less degree. They should be clear cut, as to definition, and from the forehead to the back of the head should extend in the form of the letter V. The cheeks also have each an oval shaped black marking, and there are generally a few black feathers on the forehead and crown. Richness of brown in the back colour is a desideratum and the darker markings should be clear and well defined. Size and condition, richness of the yellows, and steadiness are also important points. (2) Price depends upon quality, anything from five shillings to as many pounds. (3) Your feeding seems to be correct; many Yellowhammers eat little except canary seed, with a few mealworms, or other grubs or insects. A little soft food is very useful if the bird will eat it; any good insectile mixture will answer the purpose, and during the moult a dash of sweet pepper (not too much) will enhance the richness of the yellow. (4) They should be shown in cages of the box pattern well finished inside with enamel. The colour of this is a matter of taste; a nice deep green is perhaps as good as any.

BIRDS IN AN OUTDOOR AVIARY (Bullfinch).—Personally, I do not like keeping Budgerigars with Finches. They may conduct themselves without reproach for some time, but they have an insidious habit of sidling up to a bird on a perch as though they were thinking of nothing in particular, and suddenly gripping a toe of the Finch in their beak, with the result that the latter loses a claw if nothing more. You could keep a pair of Bullfinches with every prospect of breeding (next year, of course) in the aviary you mention, especially if you could rig up something to simulate a small bush or hedge, so that the hen could have some degree of privacy for nesting. Linnets and Goldfinches would also probably breed in the same aviary, but you must be careful not to crowd them. A pair of each would be all you could keep with any chance of success.

SEED SAMPLE (H. F. C.).—The seed you send is a mixture of various wild seeds, mainly persicaria and dock, with a little grass seed, and would be useful for Linnets, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches, but not as a staple food. You would require also canary, rape, teazel, and linseed as the mainstay. Give the mixture of which you send a sample in a separate seed hopper, and there is little or nothing in it that they will not eat with enjoyment.

HEADS BALD (A. K.).—As the trouble seems to be persistent with your birds it is possible that it may be due to grey lice. Whether this be so you may easily discover by taking one of the birds in your hand, when, if grey lice are present, you will soon see them crawling about your hand. If you find this to be the case please write at once, or refer to the answer to "G.L." in this issue. If not, try a little sulphur ointment gently rubbed into the bare skin, but not enough to smear the adjacent feathers, and if your birds will take a little egg food or bread, which has been scalded with milk, dust a little of either with flowers of sulphur every other day for a month. Examine more closely for red-mite. You say there are "practically none." If this means that you can see just a few, the probability is that there are a great many instead of practically none, and the red mite may be the cause. In that case the remedy is obvious; make sure that there are no red mite, and the means of ensuring this have been many times described, and the trouble will cease if it has hitherto been caused by these insects.

SNOW BUNTING AND A LUMP (J. Mc. C.).—Snow Buntings, like others of the Buntings, eat little but canary seed as a staple food, but they should have a separate supply of hemp, rape seed, cracked sunflower, and crushed oats, so that they may help themselves if they so desire. A little of a good insectile food may be also offered, and if they will eat this so much the better. They will also require a few mealworms or other grubs or insects daily. Persevere with the treatment you have already found effective for the lump on what you term the "knee." (Is this really the knee, i.e., the joint formed by the large bone of the leg, the thigh bone, and that part of the leg which contains two bones, the fibula and tibia?) Anyway, the lump was disappearing under your treatment, and should vanish altogether if you keep on with it.

A BUDGET OF QUESTIONS (Regular Reader) (1) A stock cage for a Wagtail should be about 20in. long (more if convenient), 10in. high and 10 deep. It should be furnished with four or five perches sufficiently close together to allow the bird to walk from one to the other (Wagtails like to walk from perch to perch rather than to hop from one to the other). The perches should be just so high as to permit of the bird walking under them with ease, and a large shallow dish of water should be placed in the cage bottom. It is better if this can be always left in the cage, for Wagtails like to paddle in water. In such case a piece of turf could be placed between the water and the sanded portion of the cage bottom. Wagtails do not eat "seeds" (1) They require a very good insectile food, such as advertised in our columns, this to be supplemented

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Canary," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BOWEL TROUBLE (Dark Goldie Mule).—The looseness of bowels in your bird has been going on far too long. You should have written for advice earlier, so as to stop it before the moult. If the bird is otherwise in good health give him a dose of glauber salts; as much as will cover a sixpence in his drinking water, just for one day. Afterwards, boil all his drinking water, and give him in it half a teaspoonful of chemical food three times a week. I would advise you to discontinue his colour food for, say, a week, as this in itself is rather relaxing and possibly increases the trouble. If he is an exhibition specimen, and you are disinclined to knock off his colour food, mix it with a teaspoonful of powdered arrowroot biscuit, and give it as dry as possible. If he has this twice a week he will lose little or nothing in the way of colour, until you feel it is safe to give it to him again regularly. Another dose of the salts in a week's time may be required if the motions are still offensive.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

NAME OF BIRD (Mrs. Weeks).—The bird is a Green Singing Finch. I have forwarded your query as to the hybrids reared to our Mr. Page, who will answer you in the Foreign bird columns of these replies.

JACKDAW WITH FEATHER TROUBLE (R. G.).—Examine the bird for grey lice (see answer to A. K.). If these are present put in the bird's bath 40 drops of extract of quassia to each half-pint of water, or boil some quassia chips in water, one pint of water to each spoonful of the chips, and use the solution as a bath when cooled. Wash the cage thoroughly with carbolic acid solution. Continue the medicated bath for at least a fortnight, and wash the cage out every second or third day during that time. For the bare places, use a little sulphur ointment, not enough to make the surrounding plumage messy, but before using the ointment gently bathe the eyelids with comfortably warm water in which a little borax has been dissolved.

GOLDFINCH QUERIES (C. Williams).—(1) Goldfinches or Goldfinch Hybrids would scarcely be in song just yet; they are not through their moult, and you must not expect them to sing until this is quite completed. (2) The use of limed twigs for catching Goldfinches is fully explained in Nutshell No. 1, The Goldfinch (2½d. post free from our publisher), and much valuable information as to the proper treatment of freshly-caught Goldfinches is also contained therein.

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by some additional nuts' cocoons and yolk of egg (or see Nutshell No. 9), post free 2½d., for full particulars of the proper food for these and other small insectivorous birds). (2) If you are only fitting a number of Nutshells, the postage to be included would be, say, threepence for each dozen in addition to the published price of twopence each. You could get these at twopence each from your local dealer or newsagent, and save the postage. (3) A collection of mixed Finches in an aviary would need every kind of seed you could supply—Canary, rape, hemp, wild seed, etc., etc., but you would need be careful with certain seeds. For instance, Bullfinches and Siskins would eat together too much hemp to be good for them if they had an unlimited supply, while Goldfinches could scarcely have too much of this. (4) Here you beat me. I have never kept a Plover in captivity. If I were to do so I should feed in something of the way recommended in these columns last week for a Missel Thrush.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

GREY PARROT LAYING EGGS (G. S. Kerr). No, it is not uncommon for a Grey Parrot to lay eggs in captivity; some hens do not commence to do so till after very many years of captivity, but there are a fair number of cases recorded annually of their doing so. These so-called King Greys are merely a colour variety of the ordinary Grey. It would be wise to keep cuttlebone continually in your cage, also a lump of old mortar for it to nibble at.

DOUBLE-FRONTED AMAZON (T. H.).—Continue to give the Dinneford's Magnesia, as already advised, and also several times per week put half a teaspoonful of hyno-phosphates in the daily supply of drinking water. You must only use a glass or china drinker when giving drugs. Whenever there is any running at the nostrils, spray and cleanse them with dilute glyco-thymoline. Give a little soaked corn daily, and well dust it with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Give it two or three drops of cod liver oil daily, direct to the beak, for some little time. I should continue to foment the legs, and after dabbing dry with a soft cloth paint them with whisky. As the bird is out of its cage a great deal, fix a small barrel on the top of its cage, or some other suitable position; the bird will rest in it and occupy itself generally in and about it for hours at a stretch. Persevere with the treatment and keep the bird out of reach of draughts, yet not in a stuffy or vitiated atmosphere. Report progress in about a month.

WILL IT DO FOR BUDGERIGARS? (F. H. K.).—Yes, the aviary should answer well; the glass in the front must be covered with wire-netting on the inside, and fasten round the back and ends (not in close proximity to door) twiggy branches (pea sticks) to perching accommodation; also hang up four to six cocoanut husks, each as far apart from the other as you can arrange them. I should only

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Goldfinches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

put in two pairs, as you will require accommodation for the rearing of the young; or you can put in three pairs, and then later on get rid of the least prolific of them. Procure from some reliable source, and purchase unrelated pairs only. See that they are large birds, well feathered, and with rich coloured, glossy plumage. Do not accept ill-conditioned or ill-feathered birds, however cheaply they may be offered you.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (W. H.).—Give this bird an occasional spraying with a tepid quassia solution, but take care it does not get a chill while drying. Put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery-loose; on other days just colour the drinking water with the chemical food (use only a crock or glass drinker while giving the above). In addition to the seed mixture give a little boiled maize daily, or every other day, and dust it with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird—boil till soft and then drain all water—this only keeps fresh one day. Also supply ripe fruit (most Amazons are fond of sweet apple), nuts, such as shelled walnuts, or shelled Barcelona nuts, and pieces of dry plain biscuit. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage. If yours is a young and newly-imported bird, only supply grit in very small quantities for a time.

AVIARY CAGE (H. Atkinson).—If you add a shelter having a floor area of not less than 3ft. square at base, and of the same height as your cage, you can then keep the birds out of doors during the winter, but the shed must have a window (glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside) of some kind fitted, as the birds will not use a dark place. Your aviary will not be large even then, and during the colder months it would be well to drop a curtain over the wire netting front and ends at night time. You must not put fresh birds in at this time of year as the cold will be here before they could become acclimatised. Pairs of Zebra Finches, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Silverbills, and Bengalese could be added to the birds you already possess, but when you can get birds which have been out of doors for three months at least, you must wait till next spring before increasing your stock.

AVIARY QUERY (Hove).—(1) I take it from your query that you are acquainted with me, but you send no name, neither can I from memory connect your present with a previous query. It is not easy to give general directions without a small diagram, but I may at once say that I prefer the attendance door to be quite independent of the birds' way of ingress and egress, and I should make a glass window for this purpose on one side of the door, or in the west end of the shed, and this could be opened and closed at will quite independent of the door. If there was a space one inch deep left at bottom of door, and a few round holes bored, some just under the roof, if these outlet holes were towards the covered flight there would then be little danger of draught. If I have not made myself quite clear on the point, query me again. Unless the weather is very severe it should not be necessary to confine the birds during the daytime. (2) If by Indigo Blue you mean the Indigo Bunting, it is not often a quarrelsome individual turns up—I have possessed numbers and kept them in an overcrowded aviary, too, without any mishaps. If your bird is the Blue Grosbeak, then some of these are troublesome; but even then, by arranging a little dense cover, tragedies are usually avoided.

GREEN PARROT (A. Watson).—I should keep this bird isolated from the Grey Parrot till it is quite fit. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day for a fortnight, and then only once a week till it is quite fit again. Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and put a little in its mouth daily; this is usually easily accomplished from the end of a stick, but you must cleanse the stick (a butcher's wooden skewer answers well) each time before putting it in the mixture. In addition to seed it should have ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts and green food; grit and cuttlebone should be continuously in the cage. Get a bottle of hyno-phosphates and put half a teaspoonful in the drinking water three times per week, but not on same days as the magnesia. No, it is not unusual for a Grey Parrot to lay eggs in captivity.

IS IT AN UNCOMMON CROSS? (E. Weeks).—Yes, as the Green Singing Finch is not a free breeder in captivity even as a species, Hybrids are fairly often reared between the Grey and Green Singing Finches, however, and there ought to be no difficulty in inducing it to cross with the Canary, for both are Serins; once the attempt was regularly made to cross them with the Canary they would soon become less common. The St. Helena Seedeater (another Serin) has been crossed with the Canary several times, so also has the Grey Singing Finches and the Alario Finch. There is nothing very striking or out of the way in the appearance of these birds, and, save as singing pets, they have no special value, unless classes are provided for them at shows. Almost any of the Serins (they are quite numerous) would mate with the Canary; of course, a small variety should be chosen for the smaller species.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Amble C.B.S.—Sept. 6 Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. Arranging of classes and other important business. J. T. Urquhart.

Anfield and Everton C.B.S.—Sept. 7, 11 a.m., annual ramble, meet at Landing Stage. Bring a friend with you.—Redpath and Walker.

Armfield Pain F.F. and C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Queen's, 7.30. Important business.—M. Archer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. To arrange for annual show. Wm. Hall.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Washing competition, special given by Mr. Webster.—W. Hailstone.

Barnet F. and F.S.—Sept. 10, 35, Wood st., Barnet, 8.30. Table show and lecture on cage birds; judge and lecturer, Mr. Titchner.—W. J. Cartwright.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for members' shows and judges.—F. C. Sims.

Birmingham South O.S.—Sept. 10, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Arranging young stock show; rules; judge, etc. J. Sheppard.

Birtley C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Station Hotel, 7.30. Important business in connection with open show, Oct. 4.—S. Lindsay.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Sept. 9, Joiners' Arms, 8. Show business.—J. Kilshaw.

British Roller C.C.—Sept. 9, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Urgent show business.—J. W. Norris.

Burslem C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Barnfields Inn, 8. Drawing up schedule and electing judge for annual members' show.—L. James.

Bolton C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, 8.30.—J. Gerrard.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 8, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., 8.15. "Wild Seed" competition; judge, Mr. Allen Silver.—V. Wynn.

Choppington C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—G. H. Seely.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Classes open show, also "Cage Birds" Championship Coupons on sale; will all members please attend?—H. Saunders.

Consett, Blackhill C.B., Etc., S.—Sept. 6, Co-operative Buildings, Consett, 7.30. Committee meeting; preparation of schedule for annual show, Dec. 6.—J. H. Coupland.—(Please note that matter must be sent in duplicate if it is to appear both in "Cage Birds" and "Poultry World."—Ed.).

Clapham C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Headquarters. Special meeting to complete schedule.—T. J. Hore.—(No time stated.—Ed.).

Craghead C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Punch Bowl Inn, 7. Schedule for annual show; other business, very important.—A. Dawson.

Dawsbury C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for winter shows.—L. Barker.

Denton C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Headquarters, 7.30. Important business over amalgamated show; also to decide over club special; please note.—W. Hopwood.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Headquarters, 7. Special business; classes for members' show.—E. Jameson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Black Bull, 7.30. Classification for open show and other important business.—G. Hunt.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Balance sheet Y.B. shows; election of judge, etc., members' annual show.—W. Dawson.

Glasgow C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Committee meeting, annual show business.—Wm. Hutchison.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Headquarters, 8. Rules for schedule, etc.—W. Curry.

Grangemouth O.S.—Sept. 10, Rachabite Tall, 8. Important business.—J. Woodhouse.

Glasgow, West of Scotland O.S.—Sept. 6, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Annual show business, etc.—Wm. Hutchison.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Sept. 6, Wesley Place School, 8. Special meeting; open show business.—W. A. Brown.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Wear's Room, 7.30. Arrangements for show and other important business.—Wm. Waraker.

Hackney Stoke Newington F.A.—Sept. 9, Headquarters, Amethyst Club, 8. Young stock show.—R. W. Ford, Jun.—(Kindly note that notices should be sent in duplicate if they are to appear both in "Cage Birds" and "Poultry World."—Ed.).

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 6, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for old show, also Y.U. handbooks given out.—H. Clegg.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Crown Inn, 7.30. Election of judge for annual show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Keighley C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Business general.—C. W. Towe.

Lancs. and Lizard F.A.—Sept. 7, Old Mosley Hotel, Shudehill, Manchester, 6. Patronage; enamel for Lizard show cages; permanent headquarters.—A. Martin.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Jackson's, 7.30. Special business, show stewards.—R. Muir.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Urgent business.—J. Bullock.

Leeds C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Open show business.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller Club.—Sept. 6, Lockhart's, 7.30. Show business.—H. Best.

Leith O.S.—Sept. 13, Liberal Club, Hope-st., 7. Show and other important business.—G. W. Brown.

Littlehorough C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Coffee House, 8. Members' book and show business; new members, etc.—H. Woodhead.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Selection of medals and other show business.—W. B. Smart.

London C.B.A.—Sept. 9, El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. General business. Questions and answers.—J. Bray, jun.

Manchester North C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8.—J. Davey.

Manningham C.B.A.—Sept. 6, Headquarters, 8. Yorks. Union, handbooks ready.—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—Sept. 11, "Pied Bull" Hotel, Newton-le-Willows, 8. Arrangement for October show and lecture.—H. A. Waddington.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Sept. 9, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Important show business. Schedule and specialist clubs' patronage. "Cage Birds" coupons on sale.—J. G. Royce.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Important business. Colour food must be paid for at this meeting.—F. Washbourne.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—Sept. 6, Victoria Hotel, 8. Classification of schedule and other business.—A. A. G. McLucas.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Sept. 11, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8.15. Ordinary business, and draw of questions.—H. R. Lowe.

Stanley Empire Workmen's Club.—Sept. 7, Club Room, 7. Arranging of schedule for annual show.—W. Robinson.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Sept. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8. Winter show, allocation of prizes, judges, etc. Union hand books at this meeting.—P. Drake.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Liberal Club, 8. Business important. Appointing judges for members' shows.—F. Hampshire.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Sept. 11, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting; important business.—J. K. Meikle.

Stanley Vic. F.F., & C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Vic. Club, 10.30 a.m. Schedule for annual show.—R. Peart.

Skipton C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Arrangements for show.—E. Gill.

South West London C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8.30.—H. Freeman.

S. Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Cyprus, 7. Show business.—W. L. Smith.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Wharfe Hotel, Sowerby Bridge, 8. Extempore night; fanciers cordially invited.—A. Sutcliffe.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Reid Hall, 8. Monthly meeting and lecture by Mr. Wilson.—J. Waugh.

Swansea C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important show business; members can have "Cage Birds" coupons at the meeting.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Classification for open show.—W. Walker.

Walkley C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Mission Room, Westmoreland Street, 8. Lecture on Foreign Birds, by Mr. G. Fletcher, and arrangements for members' show.—A. Lawton.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Horse and Groom Inn, 8.—H. C. Crossley.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Sept. 10, Station Hotel, 8. Members please attend to appoint new sec.—M. Wigglesworth.

Wandsworth F.S.—Sept. 11, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Arrangements to be completed for young stock show, Sept. 25.—W. Lightfoot.

West of Fife C.B.L.—Sept. 13, 7. Result of essay competition, also consideration of special for open show.—Jas. Cordery.—(No place stated.—Ed.).

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Sept. 11, Duke of York, 8.15. Adjourned meeting re prize money and classes at open show.—J. Gibbons.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Specials and "Cage Birds" coupons for annual show. Subs. due.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 9, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Important, resignation of secretary.—W. G. Andrews.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Important arrangements for open show, etc. Subs. now due.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—E. Ball.

Yarm, Eaglescliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Crown Hotel. We should like to see all old members and anyone who is interested in the above present.—Wilson and Wilkinson.—(No time stated.—Ed.)

York C.B.S.—Sept. 8, All Saints' School, 8. Lantern lecture, Wild Bird Life, by Mr. U. G. F. Zimmermann.—H. Sayles.

Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of Ireland.—Sept. 8, 47, York Street, 8. Lecture on Training and Staging, by Mr. W. C. Sholedice.—C. Lattimore.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

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PROBLEM FOR CANARIES.

Dearer Food Trouble in the Cage.

There is a bad time coming for Canaries. It is almost inevitable that very soon every cage in the land will be faced with the problem of the dearer cost of living.

The Balkan war is the cause of the coming trouble. Canary seed comes chiefly from Turkey, Morocco, and Argentina, and the peasants in the producing section of Turkey having emigrated almost to a man, this year's crop is estimated at barely 30 per cent. of the usual production.

This is enough to make any Canary feel that it wants to go in the garden and eat worms. Five years ago an economical Canary was able to bring up a wife and family on about threehalfpence per week, which included a little chickweed on Sundays. To-day even a young bachelor Canary cannot make both ends meet on less than twopence per week.

The black outlook was explained to an "Express" representative yesterday by a Norwich Canary of large experience.

"It almost makes me wish," he said, "that I had stayed in the Sparrow business, and never got dyed at all."

"Daily Express," London.

THE CAT AS A LIVING SCARE-CROW.

Pussy's Latest Occupation in the Garden.

All through the spring and summer, when the birds root up our seeds, nip off our tender seedlings, and devour our cherished fruit, we are at our wits' ends to devise some means to combat the pest. In a vain attempt to keep in check our feathered foes, writes a correspondent of the "Standard," we, or our gardeners, spend much precious time in erecting scarecrows of many kinds, or in laboriously weaving networks of black cotton here, there, and everywhere. Most of us stop short, of course, at destroying the birds in our gardens—with the single exception, perhaps, of the villainous Sparrow—for we like to see them about the place, and we are not unmindful of the good they do.

A miniature wind-wheel, a bunch of fluttering rags, or even a piece or two of yesterday's daily paper will keep the birds away from our cherished possessions for a time, but there is no contrivance the novelty of which as an agent of affrightment does not wear off in the course of a short time. One of the most effective birdscares, of course, is a piece of plate or looking-glass suspended by a string so that it moves and flashes in the sunlight at every breath of wind. The flash in the air and the reflection upon the ground are alike disconcerting to most birds. But even this is of no use on a dull day.

There is, however, one expedient which is lasting in its effect. The birds' arch-enemy is the cat, and it is to her that we may turn in our distress. But puss is not to be simply turned into the garden that she may catch birds—for, when allowed to follow her own inclinations, she will waste her time in destroying such inoffensive creatures as Robins and Hedge-Sparrows, which of all birds fall the most easily into her clutches. No; Grimalkin is to be tied up like a dog, with collar and chain, the latter attached to a running wire, so that she may trot backwards and forwards along its length. The wire is stretched along the length of the bed, and at one end of it is placed a comfortable shelter, while at the other, to prevent puss from becoming lazy, a saucer of bread and milk is occasionally deposited.

A cat who knows her business will, however, spend a good deal of her time in running backwards and forwards, and the rattle she makes in doing so, will scare the birds as much as her actual presence or her attempts to capture them when they come anywhere near. There is no cruelty involved in this practice, which has been tried with great success by those who have heard of it, for any cat can be trained to collar and chain, just as easily as a dog, provided one breaks her to it when she is in kitten stage.

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Correspondence.

Young Mules Going Light.

Sir,—Will any fancier give me a cure for young Mules going light, as I have lost a lot of young this year?

GEORGE ROBSON.

Marked Linnet Caught.

Sir,—On August 23 I caught, near Common Edge, Gt. Marton, Blackpool, a Linnet with a ring on its leg marked thus: Witherby, High Holborn, London, 0789.

JAMES CARDWELL.

Have Canaries a Sense of Smell?

Sir,—In CAGE BIRDS of Aug. 16, page 94, I notice that Mr. Bagshaw, in his article on the Norwich Plainhead, says: "The greatest objection (to colour food) I think is the smell." Can any reader tell me whether it has been conclusively proved that Canaries, or any other birds are possessed of the sense of smell?

W. M.

The Preservation of Wasp Grubs.

Sir,—Could any of your readers kindly tell me how I can preserve wasp grubs? I live in a district where I can get heaps. I find they are excellent food for softbills such as Thrushes, Blackbirds, Jays, and Jackdaws. This food helps them through the moult.

R. WILLIAMS.

[One method was given last week by Mr. Steele in his article on the Wagtails.—Ed.]

National Green-Marked Yorkshire C.C.

Patronage Completed for 1914.

Sir,—I thank you for your kindness in continually inserting in CAGE BIRDS the request for clubs to apply for the patronage of our club, and now wish to inform you that we have granted our patronage to the ten shows we are limited to, and would thank you to withdraw the request at your convenience.

J. CHAMBERS, HON. SEC.

Good Start for Newtongrange.

Sir,—The committee of Newtongrange Cage Bird Society have decided to hold their first annual show on Dec. 20. Mr. A. M. Gardiner has been appointed president. We shall have ten classes for Norwich Plainheads, ten Border Fancy, two Scotch Fancy, two Yorkshire, one A.O.V., 20 British and Foreign. Judges have not been fixed yet, but they will be appointed at next meeting which will be held in Dean Tavern on Sept. 8, and I will give their names as soon as they are fixed. Our appeal for funds is meeting with a generous response so far.

WM. BRYSON, SEC.

42, Fifth Street, Newtongrange.

A Visit to a Rugby Fancier.

Sir,—I have been visiting Rugby and paid a visit to the secretary of the local cage bird society, Mr. J. W. Veasey. I found him busy in his large bird-room situated at the bottom of a nicely arranged garden. The room contains some 150 birds (all Norwich) and I was greatly struck with the fine cages this fancier possessed, especially the large flight cages; they are mostly made of good figured oak, and kept spotlessly clean. As Mr. Veasey is a carpenter by trade one can realise the good workmanship put into these cages, and they must have occupied a great deal of this bird lover's spare time. He had something like 82 youngsters, all strong and healthy, and more than one or two will make a name for themselves. During a pleasant hour's conversation I realised that the bird Fancy in Rugby is in a very progressive stage.

G. A. WEBB.

Belvedere.

Mr. J. Young, Rutherglen, Returns Thanks.

Sir,—Allow me, through the valuable medium of CAGE BIRDS, to thank sincerely the members and friends of The Scottish Crested Canary Club, who so very kindly and generously subscribed to my testimonial. I can assure the subscribers and promotors, that it was a very pleasant surprise to be waited on by Councillor Lambie, of Whitburn, and presented by him in the name of the club with such valuable and useful articles, which will ever stand as a token of the kindly feelings and good fellowship which prompted the act. I should also like to express my gratitude to Councillor Lambie (who took charge of the fund on behalf of the subscribers) giving his services willingly and ungrudgingly, and carrying out every detail in his own masterly fashion. In conclusion, I am indebted to you for your kind indulgence in this matter. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

JOHN YOUNG.

The Noted Cornish Chough "Jock."

Sir, — On opening my weekly number of CAGE BIRDS last week, (issue dated Aug. 16) my eyes naturally first fell on the front page plate. On casually looking at the Chough depicted thereon, I instinctively said to myself, "My word! here's something good," and on closer inspection, "Why, it's my own 'Jock!'" When I had confirmed my first impression, I scarcely knew what to think. It was my good old "Jock" sure enough, and drawn to life. It does your most able artist, Mr. Norman, infinite credit, and I congratulate him on producing a perfect model of my well-known Chough. I can assure you I was greatly astonished on finding him occupying the place of honour in your influential paper, as I was not even aware of your Mr. Norman ever having "taken" him. That your valuable paper may continue its good work in the Fancy, and that your accomplished artist may long be spared to produce such life-like sketches, is the honest and sincere wish of

P. MCQUISTON.

An Old Scare Revived.

Sir,—As a regular subscriber for many years to CAGE BIRDS, I shall be glad to have your opinion on the accompanying cutting from the "Western Morning News," a Plymouth daily. If the statements contained in this paragraph be true, then Canary-keeping will soon be a thing of the past so far as I am concerned. Yours, with anticipatory thanks,

A. ROACH.

"Death in the birdcage" seems a rather alarming idea, but if the experience of Dr. Tucker Wise, a Devonshire medical man practising in Switzerland, as given in the Paris "New York Herald," may be relied on, the infection of tuberculosis, resulting in death, may very readily be transmitted through pet birds, especially Canaries, which are particularly liable to the disease. Many owners of pet Canaries love to make their pets appear to kiss them by putting their beaks to their mouths, and where the bird is infected with tuberculosis this may be a ready source of conveying the infection to a human being. It seems of little use to be at great pains and expense to prevent tubercular affection spreading through beef and milk if it is allowed to be freely disseminated by diseased cage birds. Some people are attached to their pets as even to risk, and sometimes sacrifice, their own lives on their behalf; but few, we imagine, would in cold blood run the risk of consumption from a pet Canary or Parrot if they knew it. Yet the danger is a very real one, for both these species of birds are, Dr. Tucker Wise says, frequently subject to the disease.

See Mr. Fulljames's notes in CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE columns this week —(Ed.)

The Plumage Bill.

Sir,—Immediately this Bill was introduced into the House of Commons for First Reading, the Committee of the Birdkeepers' Protection Association wrote to Mr. Hobhouse, the Under Secretary of State, the Member who brought forward the measure entitled The Plumage Bill, and pointed out to him that, while agreeing with certain clauses relating to "Plumage," they desired further information in relation to Wild Birds, and asked if he would kindly grant them an interview. The following letter was received in reply.

In reply to your letter of the 11th Aug. I am very sorry I cannot make an appointment now, as I am going away on Thursday. I shall, however, be very happy to meet you sometime in the Autumn, if you would write me later on the subject.—Yours faithfully, C. Hobhouse.

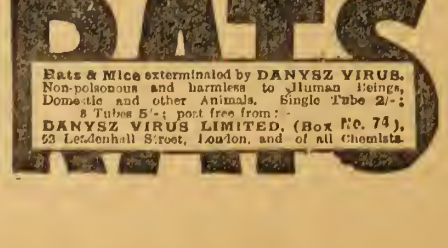
Pending this interview steps will be taken to get together all possible information and material facts relating to Bird Laws and Birdkeeping. Any suggestions that Bird-keepers or Trades may have to make will be very welcome to the Committee. They can be addressed to T. R. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, London, N., or J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, London, W. Everyone must bear in mind that this proposed legislation will need all our resources, and nothing must be left to chance; it must be viewed from its worst standpoint so far as it affects the interests of Bird-keepers and those Trades depending on them.

T. R. TROWER.

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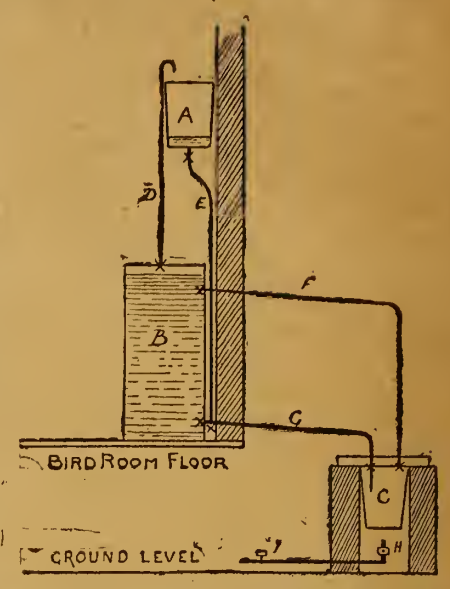


A Heating Apparatus for Two Shillings.

Corned Beef Can as Boiler.

Sir,—A small outside aviary can be effectually and sufficiently heated by a practical method which does not necessarily cost more than a shilling or two, and can be made and fitted up by anyone who can use a soldering bolt. The cost for eight to twelve hours' burning is about a penny for gas, and if gas is not available, it could be heated by means of a lamp. This apparatus is of the hot-water heating type. The source of the heat is outside the bird-room, so that all fears of fumes poisoning the birds are set at rest. It does not take up much room, and if fitted according to sketch, it can be repaired at any time should occasion arise, without difficulty. I was asked by a brother fancier last year if I could heat his bird-room (with the usual qualifications as to the working man's purse). This apparatus is "the goods," it costs about two shillings, and the consumption of gas is infinitesimal. Now I will give you details of this apparatus as fitted in, but I would recommend that more substantial tins be used; in fact if cost is not everything I would advise that the boiler and cylinder be of copper. The material required is as follows: One tea cylinder (they are about 20 inches high by about 10 inches through) two ordinary corned beef cans, about 9 or 10 feet of $\frac{3}{8}$-in. composition gas-pipe, seven $\frac{3}{8}$-in. gas couplings, a number of bricks, and some lime. The tea cylinder is the heating surface, and should be situated low down; in fact on the floor would do, and placed so that the inlet ventilator would be near it, in order that the incoming air would be heated by passing over it. One of the corned beef cans acts as the boiler, and the other as the feed tank. The former should be situated outside; great care should be taken in connection with this boiler, so that every possible unit of heat is conveyed to the cylinder, and that none may escape to the outside air. I will try to describe how it should be built: First of all you require a Bunsen burner, to heat the water. A good Bunsen can be had in the ordinary incandescent burner (not using the parts which hold the globe, mantle, etc.). This Bunsen will heat the apparatus with a consumption of between 2 and 3 cubic feet of gas per hour. You will require to build a little chamber, just a little larger in the inside than the boiler (the sketch will explain what is meant). The boiler will be supported with two pieces of light strap iron across the bottom, the burner being placed a little below the boiler, and the flame plays directly on to the boiler. Any heat which is not absorbed on the bottom will naturally go up the sides of the boiler, thereby making all the surface of the boiler absorb the heat. The top of the brickwork will require to be covered also, a flat slab of stone, fireclay, or even metal would do, not forgetting to leave a little hole to allow the products of combustion to escape. The boiler conveys the heated water to the cylinder by a pipe which leaves the boiler at its highest point, and goes direct to the cylinder, joining it at a high point. As the water in the cylinder cools, it goes to the bottom of the cylinder, and returns to the boiler, by a pipe from the bottom of the cylinder to bottom of boiler (see this connection in sketch). Thus a constant circulation is going on, and when the air in the birdroom is at the required temperature the gas burner should be regulated so that it will remain steady if no great change occur in the outside air, in which case, of course, you would raise or lower it, as the case may be. The sketch is given more as an explanation than as a working drawing, for the pipes may be taken in any suitable direction, always providing that F and G have an unobstructed run between boiler and cylinder. These pipes F and G should be kept level, and, if they are in the open, must be protected from frost. I hope this will meet the requirements of some fancier who may wish to heat his birdroom, but cannot see his way to go in for some of the expensive articles which are usually fitted for that purpose.

W. L. GLASGOW.



A, feed tank, connected by pipe E with return pipe G (the water in this tank should not, when the system is cold, be higher than shown in the diagram); B, cylinder; C, boiler; F, flow pipe, conveying hot water to cylinder B; H, Bunsen burner; 1, gas tap; X, couplings or joints; D, expansion pipe, with escape into feed tank A.

[NOTE.—B and C must be soldered so as to be watertight. The ventilation holes in slab over the brickwork enclosing the boiler are not shown in the drawing.]

What is the Matter with Members' Shows?

Sir,—Every week on receiving my CAGE BIRDS one of the things I mostly enjoy is to read through the correspondence columns, and I was struck by the letter written by "Looker On" under the heading of "What is the matter with Members' Shows?" Seeing he specially mentions Manchester, and belonging to the above town myself, I thought I would like to write in response to it. I cannot hold with him in saying there is something wrong with the societies, especially those that I belong to, although we do have a little squabble sometimes, but I would rather blame the bad breeding results that we have had this last season or two for the poor entries at our members' shows. Surely he does not expect to see birds at members' shows which are sweeping the decks in the open, not only this, but he seems to expect to make a fortune with showing birds, even at members' shows. I should like to know how many are there who are making money by showing birds; I think that getting a good sale for your stock is much more profitable. Regarding the public not visiting shows, this can be answered by the public themselves; as in my own case I must say it is one of the hardest jobs imaginable to get the public so interested as to buy a ticket for a Canary show. Take Manchester and Northern C. show held at Belle Vue as an instance. There is no trouble to sell tickets for the above; why is this? Simply because there are other attractions, the zoo, gardens, dancing, fireworks, etc., etc. All the same, I would like to know the percentage of members visiting the bird show, compared with the tickets sold. Make shows more attractive, and let every member try and get the public more interested in the hobby, then we shall see a great change for the better. His denunciation of the members' birds does not do him credit, as he must be aware we are all aiming at bettering our stock and trying to get those magnificent specimens he desires to see Still, these cannot be got without paying a big price, much above an ordinary working man's pocket; champions are not made in a day. "Looker On" must bide his time as well as myself and others are doing. His idea of small cliques ruling members' societies is not in accord with what I have seen, and I can honestly say that for the most part the bigger percentage of the members seem to work with a will to help to make the shows a success. His remedy for mending these bad defects seems to me to be worse than the mis-statements he has made. Amalgamation of these societies and having one or two shows would never work. Take, for instance, these large Friendly, Insurance, and different trade societies which are all amalgamated. These can be worked only by having different branches up and down the town and I say that the bird societies can be worked only as they are being done. Again, members living a long way off from the central meeting room which would be chosen would not care to come, seeing it was so much farther away from home, which would mean getting back so late at night, especially after doing a hard day's work. No, sir, taking all points together I don't think it possible to amalgamate without losing a large percentage of the members of these different societies. Probably some abler pen than mine will take this matter up, and I shall look forward with pleasure to some future arguments both for and against this question. Thanking you for allowing me to trespass on your valuable space.

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Through a Bird-room Window

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No. 40.—MY JENNY WRENS.

I AM not much more ignorant than other men of my age, but I never pretend to omniscience, and hence, if I don't know a thing, I am not ashamed of asking questions. Before I begin to keep a new sort of bird, I always like to know a few things about them; what they eat, where they sleep, and if they are generally peaceable or the reverse. Of course, I had occasionally seen Wrens popping about in the shrubberies, and as a boy I had often found their nests, but that anyone could keep such tiny little birds alive never entered my mind.

But one day the Tempter came to me, in the form of a friend, and suggested that I should make the attempt. I tried to resist, but, alas! there came into my mind a story that destroyed me. Cardinal Rampolla was one day talking to the Holy Father, and urged principle. "Ah, yes, Rampolla," said His Highness, "principles are like mountains, they rise very near heaven, but when they stand in our way, we drive a tunnel through them." That wretched story was my undoing. Principle said: "You have far too many birds already, get no more." His Holiness, in the place of my conscience, whispered, "True, but you can always make room for more; drive a tunnel through the mountain," and I did.

Preparing a Home for the Wrens.

I went to work and made a dear little aviary, such as I felt sure a Wren would love. In making a place for Wrens, there must be no slovenly work. The smallest hole and they will make their escape incontinently. I spent quite a long time in making all metaphorical doors and windows fast, and then I set to work to make the place such as a Wren loveth.

To this end I got a lot of furze, to the great destruction of my person and clothes, and with the help of long laths I made it into a very tolerable hedge. I then provided sleeping accommodation in the shape of several snug cocoa nut husks, which I placed in the midst of the furze. From long experience I knew the mice would be a source of trouble. I felt sure that if they were not stopped from climbing up the walls, they would soon not only monopolize the cocoa nut shells for family use, but would also make short work of the poor little Wrens. Accordingly I got some cheap sheets of glass—nobody knows how cheap glass is till you go to a wholesale shop. (You mustn't go by what they charge you when they put in a broken pane; that, as Kipling says, "is another story.") Really they almost give it away. I carefully lined the lower part of the aviary, and then I said to myself: I am safe at any rate from one enemy.

Having provided my aviary, the next thing was to get hold of the Wrens. Some people are experts at bird-catching. They have only to put out a trap and the desired one at once enters. I am not one of those happy souls. I set the most alluring traps, but they remain tenantless.

The Trials of an Amateur Bird-catcher.

When I started Wren catching, to add to my sorrows, the weather-glass began to fall, and the rain fell literally in buckets; in fact, atmospheric conditions were enough to make the crops creep underground again.

Try to imagine anyone setting out in this continual downpour watching the wretched trap that never caught anything. Hour after hour I warily baited the trap, creeping under the dense foliage such as the Wren loveth, getting a cold deluge of drops down my neck each time, and only to find the trap empty. Once, when I got there I found the trap had sprung itself. I can't tell you how I felt. "There wasn't no words for it," as the costermonger said when a passing omnibus collided with his barrow and scattered the fruit broadcast. Even his choice stock of profanity failed him.

After about a week I got fairly tired of trying to catch Wrens. I recalled the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes: "One is not necessarily a drone because he revels in the store accumulated by the industry of others. It is quite true that the farm of science is divided into a thousand fields, and it is only by diligent labour in one of these, often in no more than a compartment of one, that substantial additions to the harvest of knowledge can be made." How I wished I had read these words before I went Wren catching. I was sure I was not a drone. I had laboured long and well in the fields of Nature, but clearly, as the writer said, bird catching was not one of them.

The Cobbler to His Last.

It reminded me of the story told of a certain distinguished entomologist. His department of insect life was the Coleoptera, or beetles, and he indignantly resisted some questions addressed to him about a butterfly, as if he were one who should concern himself with these meretritious Lepidoptera. What right had I to usurp the functions of the common or garden bird-catcher? Every man to his trade. Clearly my forte was not bird catching. Accordingly, I got CAGE BIRDS and began to scan its advertisement columns; but I could see nothing about Wrens. Every other sort of bird seemed offered—but no Wrens.

One morning a happy inspiration seized me. I remembered a friend near Keighley who always had on hand a big stock of softbills, and being a man of surpassing skill in keeping them, I felt sure that if they were to be got I should find them there. Accordingly, on my first off day, for even we poor priests sometimes get a day off—Some people say we get nothing else, but they don't count, for they are vain and foolish talkers,—I jumped into the train and set off on my travels. Arriving at the house of my friend, or rather, at the bird-rooms, I smelt them long before I could see them, for he has a very flourishing maggot factory, I discovered a long room lined on each side with cages.

A Lucky Find.

There were all sorts and conditions of birds—Robins, Wagtails, Flycatchers, Pipits, and a host of others I didn't want; and just as I was turning away in disgust at a fruitless journey I caught sight of a cage, right before me, apparently with nothing but a bunch of hay on the sand tray. Some movement of mine startled something under the hay, and ont popped four dear little Wrens, in the very pink of health and condition, and not a feather out of place. I asked my friend what they were doing nnder the hay? "Oh," he said, "They've been having a bath, and they go under the hay to get dry."

I was quite shy about asking the price of the four, especially as they had been reared by hand, and I felt correspondingly relieved when told that I could have the lot for £1. I was not long in popping them into a travelling box I had taken care to bring with me; and at the same time I secured a pint of gentles to keep them going.

When I got home I took them at once to their new abode, and it was quite pretty to see how delighted they were with their new quarters. The moment I put in the dish with maggots they were down and helping themselves quite freely.

The Tale of a Tough Task.

After carefully looking them over next day I felt sure that there were three cocks and one hen. As I hoped to breed them, I felt that I must secure two of the cocks and leave the pair to themselves. I wished I had done the separating while I had them caged! We are always wise after the event. Too often experience comes, as Coleridge says, like the stern lights of a ship, leaving a glare only on the path behind. I wonder which of my readers has ever tried to catch Wrens with a net. I flatter myself that I am fairly skilful; in fact, a friend said to some people I know: "Mr. Farrar is the best catcher of birds with a net I ever saw." Of course he may not have seen many, but there the record remains.

Imagine a little aviary some five feet square; picture along one side a thick furze hedge; then visualize four Wrens and a big man 6ft. high and correspondingly broad, but very active. The problem—how to wield the net, so as to catch the birds without tearing its substance, and to keep a rather fiery temper.

I thought I should never succeed. I spent a good hour; I was absolutely dripping with perspiration: several times I nearly trod a Wren under foot by accident, and the net was torn to ribbons. At last, the Wrens, who fairly seemed to enjoy the proceedings—they probably thought it a game of hide and seek—evidently thought I had had enough, and popped into the cocoa nut husks. I made a wild grab and secured them before they could break cover, and then when they were in the calm seclusion of a cage, I sat down and made my selection, and told them what I thought of them. I picked out the finest cock, then the hen, and relegated the two bachelors to their own company.

On Matrimony Bent.

On returning the pair to the aviary, I was glad to see that there was no more of the old free born bachelor life, like "Colin, kiss me in the shade," or other pretty pastoral work of that kind; but at once they settled down to sober married bliss, and I quite thought that a family of little Wrens would result. True, there were occasionall "amantium irae," but they were of no greater moment than gnat bites on a summer's day.

One morning when I came into the aviary I caught one of the birds carrying about a bit of moss, and that little trifle lighted up my heart like a bit of sunshine on a gloomy road. I am sorry to say that it led to nothing; it had no more meaning for those Wrens than the face of a stagnant pool. I can't truthfully say that Wrens are good tempered. Of course, good Dr. Watts tells children that birds in their little nests agree, well, perhaps they do till they are big enough to quarrel, but not after, and they certainly don't agree outside the nest, but then good Dr. Watts did not know everything. One day the hen said or did something to Master Wren which made him fly on to a neighbouring perch and use language suited to a three bottle buck of the old school; I did not think that so much fury could live in so small a body.

Hope Deferred.

As the weather grew warmer so did my hopes of nesting mount. The hen was continually hopping in and out of the husk, and carrying about bits of hay, but something didn't suit. I believe it was not private enough; because each time the door opened she would come off with a rush to see what was going on, and this, of course, is fatal to nest building. I did not, however, relinquish hope, as I am so used to disappointments.

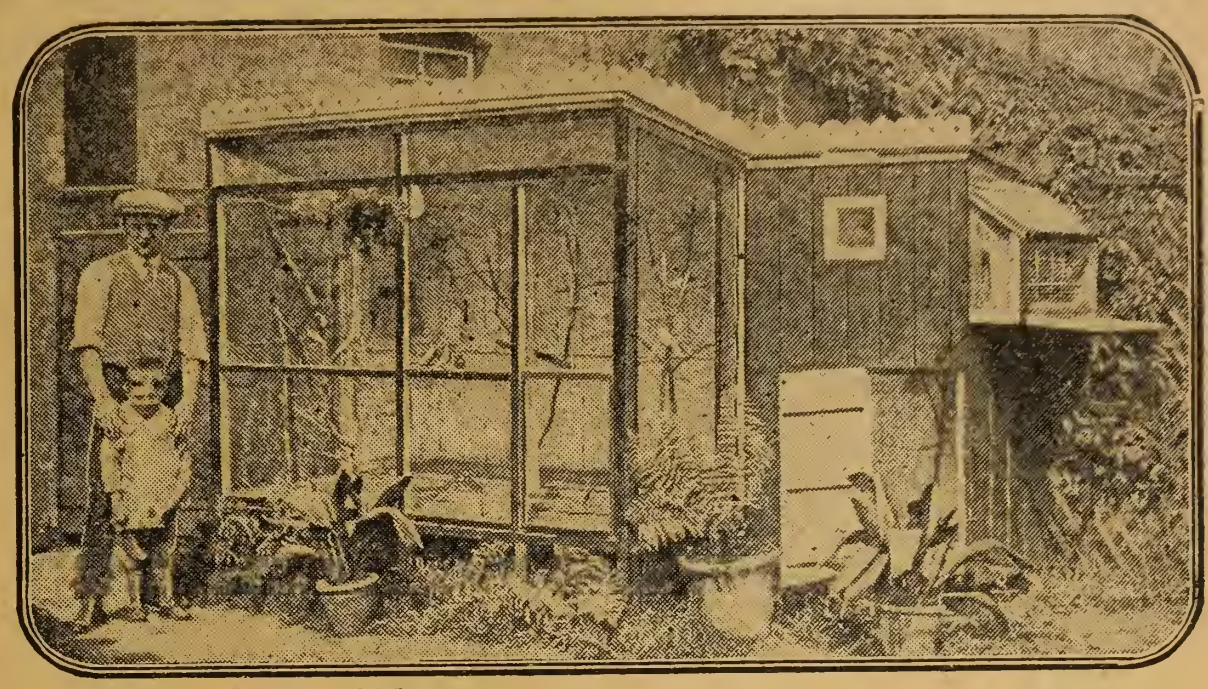
Once upon a time a certain club was redecorated in the yearly holiday time. When it reopened, the painter came one day to lunch, and after paying his bill, asked the waiter whether the members liked the new colouring. "Oh, they are getting used to it," was the cautious reply; so I am "getting used" to failures. I am so used to things turning out contrary to my wishes that I never despair, but I must own that when September came, and nothing happened, I did begin to think that affairs looked pretty hopeless.

I think now that I made a mistake in having an indoors place for these Wrens. They would have done better if I had enclosed a piece of living hedge, and left them to their own sweet will, but then how could I have guarded against prowling cats, marauding school boys, and thieving weasels, and how could I have been quite sure that I had not left one little hole of escape? It seems impossible—it is in reality so easy.

Consolation After Failure.

Though I had failed to get them to nest, these Wrens were a constant source of pleasure. I loved to watch their pretty ways. A brutal outspoken friend once said to me: "Give you some birds and a wall to lean against, and you settle into an easefulness that would madden a saint." This, of course, is a libel, "actionable," I should say! These birds gave me a lot of trouble, but then, as a quaint old fellow once said to me: "We're born to trouble, as Adam said when he found Eve in the garden."

But hope builds as fast as knowledge can destroy, and no doubt before long I shall be trying to breed Wrens again. One last word of advice: Don't keep a lot of cock Wrens together. Good Wrens are bad to get.



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Mr. J. R. Chestney, hon. sec., Cramlington C.B.S., sends an enquiry as follows:—

At our last meeting I was requested to ask if you would kindly inform me re the following:—Can members show from other societies, with the tickets, at our show? Is the 10s. prize for each society, also the diplomas? How many birds will it take before 10s. is given in class, and how many in each section? Are we bound to have the classes stated on list? We will have same as Nos. 1, 2 (not 3), 4 (not 5), 6 will be Greens and Cinnamons (not 7), 8, 9 stand, 10 if necessary 11 will be any variety British bird not larger than a Hawfinch); we will not have section 12. If we can enter under the above conditions we would like 50 tickets forwarded.

To this the following reply was sent:—

At every coupon show there will be given a 10s. cash prize for the best novice bird and 10s. cash prize for the best champion bird; this is subject to rule 6, which says that we reserve the right to withhold the cash prizes if there are less than ten separate competitors for the same.

A diploma will be given for each section named in our list of twelve sections that is comprised in the schedule of any particular show, so that if your society leave out, as you say, Crest and Crest Bred, Scotch Fancy and Belgian, and the others you mention, all these will come into section 8, A.O.V. Canary, and instead of having twelve diplomas in each section you will have a lower number corresponding with your classification.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

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(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
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(11) BRITISH, SOFT-BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN.

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Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of September, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

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Club Reports.

MARKINCH C.B., Etc, S.

Meeting held in Lister's Room, with a large attendance of committee. Secretary read correspondence from various judges, and the following were appointed to judge at our show on November 1: Scotch Fancy, Mr. Jas. Cook, Cowdenbeath; Nor. and Crests, Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow; Borders, Mr A. W. Thomson, Newtongrange; Brit. and Mules, Mr. W. Sharp, Bathgate. Vote of thanks to Mr. John Thomson, the chairman, concluded the meeting.—John Lindsay.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Well attended meeting held in Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, August 26. Spls. for this season's competition were allocated. We have more spls. this year than ever, including 30/- worth of books (5/- worth at each show), and had a sovereign for most points in the young hen class throughout the season, ring birds only to count. Decided that novice trophy take the form of a rose bowl, and 15/- was subscribed towards same during the meeting. Country members might keep this fund in mind. Sec. intimated that pressure of business would probably compel him to relinquish his office at the end of year (possibly before then). Members might remember this when nomination meeting comes round. Subs. now due. Prospective members can have all information from the Hon. Sec., R. B. Gibb, 2, Alexandria-terr., Govan.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting, held August 13, chairman, Mr. Holden, presided. Letters read from the following specialist clubs, granting us their patronage for our forthcoming show. Northern Nor. and Cinn., Northern Yorks., Northern Border, Northern Brit., Mule and F.B.C., Border F.C., Lizard C.C., National B.B. and M.C., Green Border, and the Foreign B.C. Decided to put on novice Yorks., hen class, in the members section, to alter the novice open Border classes as follows: Cock, A.V., hen ditto. At next meeting rules for the schedule will be gone into. Members, please attend. Subs. now due. New members elected: Messrs. E. Hooper, J. McGuire, and Mr. Houston, Gateshead. As the time is drawing near for our show, I hope all members will put their shoulders to the wheel, and get as many specials as possible, so as to make this show one of the best in the annals of Gateshead (Palace of the North).—W. Curry, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting held at Gulldhall, Wandsworth Road, August 28, Mr. Bacon (Redhill), chair. There was only a small attendance, several members being away on holiday. Patronage was allotted to Plymouth and Wimbledon. This makes seven shows to receive patronage in the first year, which is a good kick-off. Decided to give a special of 2s. 6d. to each show for best vhc bird. Eight new members were elected: Messrs. Short, Jamison, Stevens, Kybert, Pearce, Martin, Mrs. Denham, and Mrs. Salter. This proves that Border fanciers are beginning to see the good the club is doing for them, and it is hoped all members will subscribe a little towards the cup fund. It was suggested that the club give a medal to the winner of the cup each year. The matter was left over till next meeting. Rule books are now being printed, and will be posted to all members in the course of a week or so. Members are requested to make a point of attending the next meeting, September 25, as there will be some matters of the greatest importance to be decided. It will greatly assist the committee if members who have not yet paid their subscription will forward same as soon as possible, and don't forget the cup fund; every little helps.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held August 26, Mr. A. Anderson chair. The Secretary reported having received show goods. Letter was read from Hyde's granting the usual special prize, which it was agreed to confine to a two-miles' radius as formerly. Agreed to accept CAGE BIRDS advert. offer. Stewards for open show appointed as follows: Scotch Fancies, A. Cowan and A. Ross; Borders, J. Anderson and J. Robertson; Yorks, etc., J. Campbell and J. Arnott, jun.; Crests, D. Kirk and D. Moffat; Plainheads, A. Ramsay and T. Barclay; Mules, British, etc., G. Malcom and T. Rankine; extra stewards, W. Herd and F. Arnott; Assist Sec., J. Cordery; Schedule Committee: J. Stenhouse, J. and A. Anderson, J. Cargill, T. Barclay, and Secretary. Those with collecting books to hand them in at meeting-room at 6 o'clock on Sept. 9. Schedule Committee to meet to draw out schedule at 7 o'clock same night. Report of League meeting and smoker was given by Secretary. Agreed to try and get a washing exhibition by two of our members at next meeting, Sept. 20, at 6 o'clock, when a full attendance is required, as it is of the utmost importance that every member should be there to see if the schedule as drawn out by the committee meets with their approval. Messrs. Lister, Kelty, and Baxter (Crossgates) were accepted as members. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.—A. Dickson, Sec.

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GRANGEMOUTH C.B.S.

Meeting held Aug. 27, at headquarters, Rechabite Hall, Mr. J. Ovenstone chair, before a good muster. The cups were allocated as follows, (1) for best young Crest, Crestbred, or Nor. Plainhead, (2) best young Border Fancy, or Mule, or Hybrid, (3) best British or Foreign. Secretary was instructed to have the books of door tickets forward for the next meeting. As it is past our regular time for members paying their subs., I would be greatly obliged if they will come to the next meeting, Sept. 10, or send part of their dues on to me.—J. Woodhouse, Sec.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE C.B.S.

Meeting held August 30, a full attendance of members being present. The classification list for 1913 was made up, and 16 new classes added, giving a total of 49. This we hope will give us the support of fanciers in the extended radius (15 miles), which comprises Dunfermline on the east, Falkirk, Boness, etc., on the south, and Stirling and district on the west. It was moved and carried that the cup and gold badge be given to the winner of most points in certain classes, and not to the best young bird as formerly. This year the competition falls to the Norwich Canary section. Decided to use the Leith Publishing Co.'s prize cards at our show, Dec. 6. Three new members joined. Class lists will be ready soon, and can be had by postcarding the Sec., at 68, Mar Street, Alloa.—W. W. Duncan, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting, held August 30, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance, which included an honorary member in Mr. P. Hunter (India). Letter was read by the Sec., reporting that the patronage of the N.B. and S.F.C. had been granted to us. Decided that Sec. write to the three local M.P.'s, drawing their attention to the proposed "Plumage Bill" from a fancier's point of view, and asking for their support to our cause. Classification for our open show will be decided upon at our next meeting, when it is hoped every member will make an effort to be present. Markers kindly complete list of visits during September for the final marking. It was moved from the chair: "That we do heartily welcome our friend Mr. Hunter amongst us, and that his attendance here to-night be recorded in the minutes." It may not be out of place here to say that Mr. Hunter is a native of Sunderland, but some 27 years ago left for Bombay, India. A few years ago he wrote to the then sec. of the club offering to provide some trophy for competition, with the result that a silver cup was sent us from India, for the member gaining most points in open classes at our show. About the same time he also presented a bowl to the Northern Lizard Club, which club originated from this Association. These gifts, though valuable, were still more so to us, because except by correspondence the donor was unknown to us, until his attendance at this meeting. Mr. Hunter is at present in England on a holiday, and if all goes well with him, he expects to retire in a year or so, and settle down in this locality. He has assured us that when home again, he will help to his utmost in the work of our society, and I am certain he will be a most valuable help to us. Would that there were more fanciers like him. Our members all wish him the best of health, and a welcome to his native place, and may he live long to enjoy his well-earned retirement. To-day I have heard from another old fancier in Mr. Snowball, and am sorry to hear of his illness. He is at present recruiting his health at Richmond (Yorks.), and hopes to be amongst us very soon, to take a practical interest once more in the welfare of our club. We wish him a speedy recovery. —John Peacock, Hon. Sec.

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SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Meeting held in Johnston's room, Aug. 9, Mr. Luna presiding over a good turnout. We have fixed the date of annual show for Dec. 13. Judges, Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow, Mr. G. Marlin, Hamilton. Agreed to hold a table show and judging competition Sept. 27. Entry money 3d. and a large number of specials to be competed for.—A. Berry, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Village School Room, Alexandria, Aug. 26, President Donaldson in the chair. Suggestions for Annual Show were fully gone into after a very friendly discussion, also arrangements for hand-washing competitions to be held next meeting, when Mr. C. Hunter, of Glasgow, the well-known expert, has kindly consented to demonstrate how to wash a bird, and afterwards judge the competitions. Prizes for the competitors have been kindly given by President Donaldson, Mr. E. Baker, and Sec. Two lady members and several gentlemen have already handed in their names as competitors.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

BRISBANE (Australia) CANARY IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

Twentieth Annual Show, held July 11-12. The entry was a record for number, and quality was of a very much higher standard than in any previous year. 53 classes were provided, and competition in many of them was very keen, although Belgians and Lizards each had only one entry, Scotch Fancies and Lancs. none. Mules only two, Australian Finches one, and Brit. or For. only four in the two classes provided. Mr. J. G. Miller, Sydney, judged and appeared to give all round satisfaction. Sec. Mr. J. G. Miller and an able staff looked well to the requirements of the birds, and the show must be voted a great success.

The principal winners were: BELGIANS, Hayes; YORKS., Hodgson, Thomson, Day, Bettany, Hynd, Stephens, Bunham, Tate, Crookall, Jones; LIZARD, Hynd; CINN., Hynd, Hayes, Ewart, Smith, Edmondstone, Batt; NOR., Durston, Hynd, Hodgson, Bunham, Lyle; CRESTS, Durston, Dixon, Hayes, Grace, Murray; C.B., Durston, Hayes, Dixon; MULES, Hynd, Soden; AUSTRALIAN, Soden; BRIT. or FOR., Day, Lyle, Durston, Soden.

FESTINIOG.

Held August 30 in connection with the 6th annual Horticultural Show. Pres., Mr. R. Bowton; Treas., Mr. R. Thomas; Sec., Mr. A. E. Foster. This was the first time that cage bird classes were provided, and entries were good considering the time of the year. The Sec., Mr. A. E. Foster, was the right man in the right place. He did his work exceedingly well, ably assisted by a good staff; the attendance was exceedingly good. Mr. J. E. Jones (Harlech) judged.

NOR. (8): 1, vhc, E. Edwards, cl. yell., hot fed, good head and wings, nice feather and condition; 2, hc, R. P. Williams, mkd. buff, loses to winner in head; 3, H. Hughes, tkd. buff, close up, tail just a bit long; c, Foster. YORKS. (10): 1, J. Evans, cl. buff youngster, good length and leg, nice head and wing carr., tight as a Java, easy win; 2, c, P. C. Jones, lengthy yell., fair head, bit unsteady; 3, Edwards, cl. yell., slim and leggy, wants training; vhc, D. R. Jones; hc, Hughes. GOLDF. (5): 1, J. M. Evans, good size, expansive blaze, good tan and buttons, shines all over, could win in better company; 2, hc, Jones, nice size, fails a bit in tan and blaze, will improve with a good moult; 3, Lloyd, too dark in blaze, otherwise good, but wants steadying; vhc, Hughes. A.O.V. (8): 1, R. P. Williams, Goldie-Can., shows parentage well, in fine fettle, shade small; 2, c, Hughes, Ring Ouzel, nice exhibit, glossy feather, steady as a rock; 3, hc, Nightingale, Missel Thrush, good size and markings, toe missing; vhc, D. R. Jones. Special best bird, 5 miles' radius, H. Hughes (3rd in Norwich).

EALING, HANWELL F.S.

Show held August 30. The cage bird classes did not provoke very much competition, but quality was very good. Mr. J. Dewhurst judged, and gave complete satisfaction in a somewhat easy task. YORKS. CK.: 1, Crockett, 2, 3, Bolton UNFLIG. 1, Crockett, 2, vhc, Taylor and Wright; 3, res, Bolton. NOR. UNFLIG. 1, 2, 3, res, Withers.

RUTHIN (Denbighshire).

Annual show held August 26th in the Castle Grounds. The cage bird section was [illegible] tables at a nice height. Entries [illegible] good, especially in Canaries and Fancies; quality was good throughout. Mr Bennett [illegible] won spl, best Canary, also Hybrid, with well known variegated buff Yorks. Best Mule was awarded to Messrs. Hughes Bros. dark Linnet Mule. Mr Butler held the secretarial reins once more, a very capable and energetic official, ably assisted by Stewards W. Roberts and E. A. Baxter. Mr. R. E. Griffiths judged and gave general satisfaction.

CAN. (12): 1, 2, spl, Jones, variegated Yorks., grand length, style and quality, position and feather well balanced, in nice form; 2, Mr. Richards, cl. yell. Yorks., stands well, extra long, good col., leggy and stylish, moulting; 3, T. G. Roberts, cl. yell., good length and position, nervy, good colour; vhc, J. O. Williams. MULE (6): 1, spl., Hughes Bros., dark Linnet Mule, good qual., col. and feather fit; 2, Edwin Williams, variegated Gold. Mule, good condition; 3, D. E. Williams, light Goldie Mule, good qual. and feather, smaller. BRIT. GOLDF. excluded (7): 1, R. and C. D. Green, monster Bullfinch, good shape, cap and markings, lovely condition; 2 vhc, T. Roberts, capital Greenie, good size and condition; 3, D. E. Williams, good Greenie, smaller. F.F. (13) a good class: 1, 2, J. O. Williams, cl. yell. York., fine upstanding bird, good wing and position, well drawn, 2 very fine buff hen, lovely qual. and condition, not quite the length of winner; 3, J. Williams, cl. yel., shade leggy, very stylish, beaten length; vhc, Mrs. Richards, nice qual., all Yorkshires. GOLDF. (9): 1, Mrs. Hughes, capital size, good colour and markings, rich blaze, well defined bars, fair polish; 2, 3, Edward Jones, rich expansive blaze, clean cut, sound colour, grand polish, Llanrwst winner, 3 grand Finch, good tan and markings, smaller.

BRYNSIENCYN (Anglesey).

At the 2nd annual show of the South Anglesey Agricultural Society held August 26th, a few classes were added for cage birds. The Committee intended increasing the prize money and classes another year. Rules were very complicated for a small fixture. Outstanding birds were Messrs. Hughes Bros.' dark Linnet Mule, well-known, and Mr. Edward Jones's Goldfinch, which has done so well this season. Eighteen birds were shown in the five classes provided, the moulting season no doubt telling a tale on a good many. A little addition in the prize money, etc., should make the event a nice show in the future. Secs. W. O. Pritchard and John Williams saw that everything worked smoothly. Mr R. E. Griffiths judged and gave satisfaction.

YORKS. (5): 1, Mrs. Williams, fine buff, nice length and qual., bit open on breast, would look better in a proper show cage; 2, L. S. Pritchard, nat. col. buff, nice shape, not the length of winner; hc, Jones; c, Hughes. NOR. (1): 1, George Jones, typical cl. yell., good col., rather coarse in feather. MULE (5): 1, Hughes Bros., dark Linnet, full of qual., capital order, an easy winner, held same position at Ruthin; 2, Pritchard, variegated Goldie, nice size, good qual. and feather, nicely fed; hc, John Williams, small Goldie Mule; c, O. Jones. GOLDF. (4): 1, Edward Jones, capital Finch, Llanrwst winner, added another to his long list of wins; 2, E. Hughes, already moulted, good col. and markings, rich yell. bars, wants time to finish col. of blaze and polish, a good one; hc, Hughes Bros., deep in moult, requires a rest till ready; c, Jones. LOCAL, 3 miles radius (3): 1, John Edwards, cl. buff Yorks., unflig., through moult, good wings, tight feather; 2, O. Jones, fine cl. yell. Yorks., typical, neat feather, requires training; hc, Glynn Williams, Yorks.

Singing Contests.

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LEEDS.

Weekly sing held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe. Ten sang for three prizes given by Mr. Fishwick: 1, Tomlinson; 2, Ward; 3, Kelly. Judges, Sellers and Clayton. Meeting September 7, at 8, to elect secretary.—J. Grainger.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at Prince Albert Hotel, Newton, August 31. Sixteen birds sang for three good prizes given by Mrs. A. Saynor: 1, Binns; 2, Ward; 3, Chippendale. Judges Messrs. C. Lorriman, J. Clark.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street August 31, 18 sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Clegg; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Battery. Judges, T. Stead, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Contest held at Butchers' Arms, Union Street August 30, for members only. 1, Rothwell, 192 sec.; 2, J. Syddall, 137; 3, A. Syddall, 116. All others that competed received a consolation prize valued at five shillings. Timekeepers, Messrs. Bate and Wynn; tappers, Caswell and Hodgkiss. Winners for the yearly prizes are: Largest number of points, J. Syddall; largest break, G. Bate. Members kindly note: Special general meeting on August 7, at 7.30 prompt.—E. Hickman, Sec.

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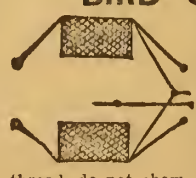
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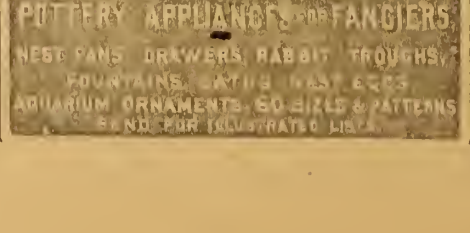
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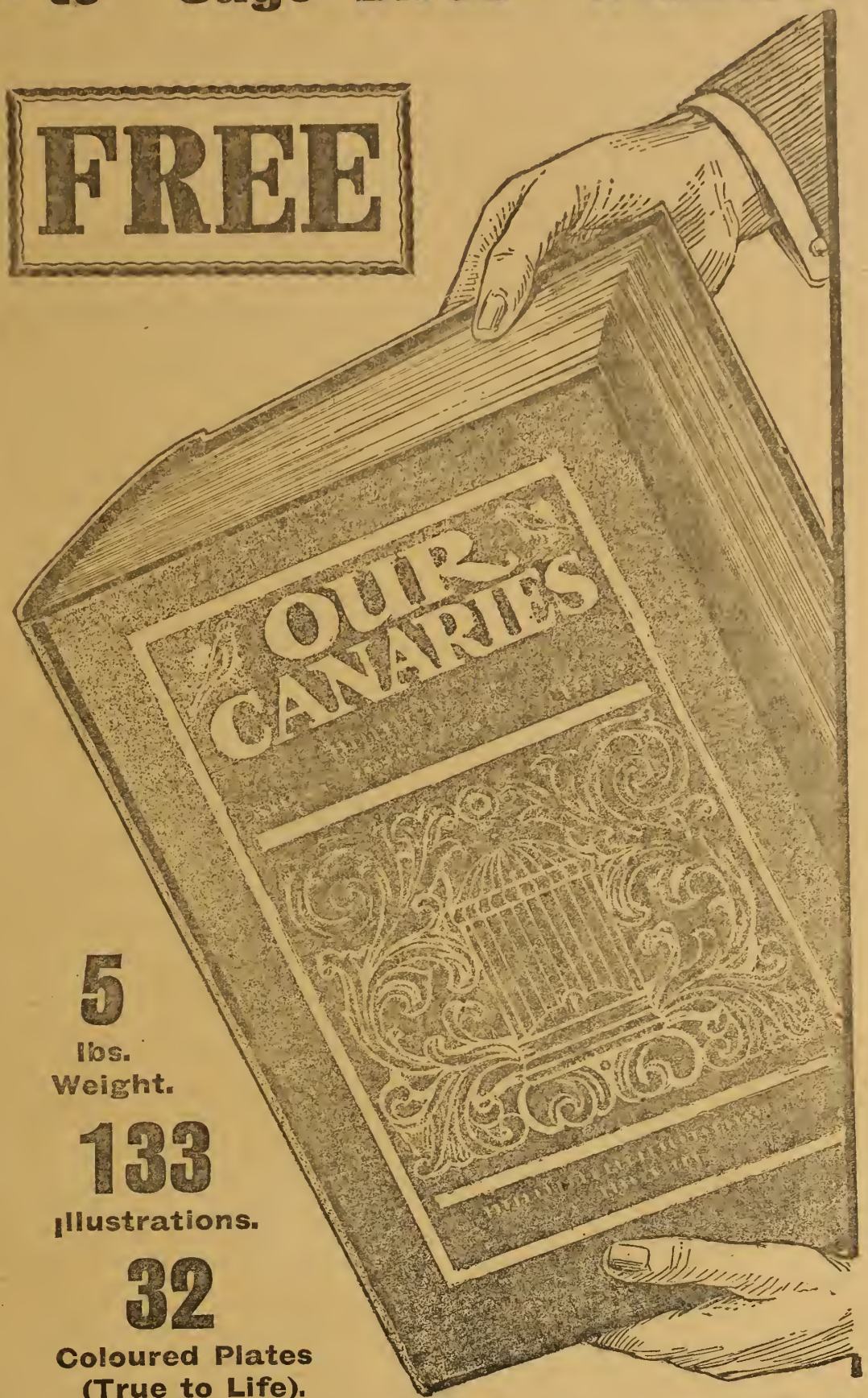
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Norwich.

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Judge: Mr. R. Handford, Derby. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Cage Bird Classes: 38 Norwich Plainhead Yellows; 39 ditto Buff; 40 ditto Yellow 1913; 41 ditto Buff 1913; 42 ditto Natural Colour; 43 Cinnamon; 44 Yorkshire; 45 Canary A.O.V.; 46 Mule or Hybrid; 47 British, Goldfinch, or Bullfinch; 48 Finch A.O.V. bar Hawfinch; 49 British A.O.V. smaller than Lark; 50 British A.O.V. larger and including Lark; 51 Foreign A.V. No schedules. Entries to E. W. Easton, 26, Dale Street.

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Open to the United Kingdom. 17 classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee, 1/6. Judge, Mr. Ben Davies, Aberconaid. Schedules from J. Thomas, Hon. Sec., 30, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr.

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22nd Annual Open Show, Oct. 15th and 16th. Good classification; 41 classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. For schedules, A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.

OCTOBER 18th.

OXFORD

C.B.S. GREAT OPEN SHOW.

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24th Annual Open Show, Canaries and British, Oct. 17th and 18th, Friendly and Trades Hall, Halifax (under Y.U. rules). 46 classes. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, also good specials. 1/6 entry, which closes Oct. 14th. Judges, C. A. House, J. Trengove. Schedules from H. Clegg, 15, Melrose-st., Lee Mount, Halifax; J. Burdekin, 20, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

WINDSOR

and Dist. Cage Bird Show will be held at the Guildhall, Windsor, Wednesday,

October 29th, 1913.

Schedules from E. A. Stickland, Windsor.

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Great Annual Open Show on Wednesday, OCTOBER 29. Judge, J. R. Houghton, Esq., Gloucester. 26 Classes. Valuable Specials. Schedules.—C. E. Gregson, Hon. Sec., Llandrindod Wells. (933)

OXFORD F. SOCIETY

Oct. 30th. 50 miles' radius.—Secretary, A. H. Calcutt, Kidlington.

We have received from Mr. W. Dean, financial sec., Matlock F.S., the balance sheet and report of the society for 1912. Membership has increased from 42 to 61, an extremely satisfactory advance, while the balance sheet, upon a total handling of £106 odd, shows that the 1911 balance of £1 12s 7d. has been increased to £5 3s. 3d. The 1912 show, the eleventh of the society, was eminently successful, the entries totalling 1,046, of which 108 were cage birds. The 1913 show is fixed for Oct. 30 at the Victoria Hall; Mr. J. C. Barnes will judge cage birds.

A book that should be bought, if for its illustrations alone, is Vol. 1 of "The Bodley Head Natural History," (John Lane), 2s. net. The letterpress is by Mr. E. D. Cumming, and, while sketchy, is interesting and helpful, giving in well-chosen words much information as to the song, nesting habits, food, etc., of the birds treated upon. In this volume are included the true Thrushes and the others of the Turdinæ sub-family, together with the Tits, Starling, Wren, etc., and Vol. 2 which is to follow will treat of the Warblers, Nuthatch, Tree-Creeper, etc. The artistic illustrations by Mr. J. A. Shepherd are charming in their unique humour, and express to the life the characteristics of the birds depicted, although employing the absolute minimum of lines. The book is compact enough for the pocket, and will be found useful in many a country ramble. Those who get this work will await with pleasurable anticipation the appearance of the second volume.

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Twitterings.

Mr. Lomax, St. Helens, will judge our annual show, Nov. 29, writes Mr. G. Lord, sec. Radcliffe and Dis. C.B.S.

We hear that Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, will judge the following shows:—Belfast, Oct. 31; Oldham, Nov. 8; Preston, Nov. 21; Leigh, Nov. 22; Liverpool, Nov. 29.

Will show secretaries and others, writes Mr. P. McQuiston, kindly note that I have removed to 44, Content Street, Ayr, which will henceforth be my permanent address.

Will exhibitors please note, writes Mr. P. E. Barker, hon. sec. Longton C.B.A., that we have changed the A.V. British into two classes, viz., British Hardbill and British Softbill.

We hear from Mr. Jonkinson, assist. sec. of the City of Bradford O.S. that the date of his society's show has been changed from Dec. 6 to Nov. 15, as the original date clashed with that of Bradford National.

We hear that two of the members of the Llanelly C.B.S. are engaged to judge at the Dafen Society show on Sept. 13. Mr. Sam Jones, cage-birds; Mr. Daniel John, sec., the Game and Game Bantam section.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Wm. Shaw, Oldham.

It is with great regret, writes Mr. J. Cope, sec., Oldham C.B.A., that I have to announce the death of one of our members, Mr. William Shaw, of the Church Inn, who passed away Aug. 29 in his 44th year. He was interred at Greenacres on Sept. 2, and I can assure Mrs. Shaw and family that the sympathies of each and every one of our members are with them in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Mallatratt, senr., Mansfield.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. B. Gabbitass, sec., Mansfield C.B.S., that I notify you of the death of Mr. Mallatratt, father of Jack Mallatratt of Hybrid fame. He had almost reached the allotted span of life, being only a few months short of 70. Our sympathy goes out to friend Jack in this his sad hour of trial.

Mr. Stewart Grahame.

It is with very much regret, writes Mr. W. Hudson, Hon. Sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., that I have to acquaint you of the death of Mr. Stewart Grahame, a well-known fancier of British birds, and a respected member of our society. For some years Mr. Grahame had been suffering from bad health, and some eighteen months or two years back had to give up all his birds on that account. He went to South Africa, as advised by his doctors, and was just settling down when his sad death occurred. He leaves a widow and two children out in South Africa.

I shall feel greatly obliged if you will kindly state, writes Mr. T. Arnot, Hawick, that the Buff Uneven hen, 1st Scottish National, portrayed in your issue of Aug. 16, belonged to Mr. Thos. Arnott, Kirkcaldy, not to me.

The following are the judges appointed for the show of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S., Oct. 17-18: Messrs. W. Vardy, T. C. Crawhall, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Duncan, and J. Maddison. There will be 121 classes provided.

Our young stock show, writes Mr. Rowland Bamber, sec. and treas., Ealing and Hanwell F.S., takes place on Sept. 13 at Drill Hall, Churchfield Road, West Ealing; open at 2 o'clock; all cups in competition. Cage bird judge, Mr. P. Rorke.

Exhibitors looking out for a drying cage should not overlook the claims of that designed by Mr. A. Wilson (naturalist, Argyle St., Glasgow) and named "The Perfect." It is moderate in price, and has received very high commendation from users.

We hear from Mr. T. J. Hose, hon. sec. Clapham C.B.A., that the managerial duties for the forthcoming show of the society, Oct. 8 and 9, will be in the capable hands of Messrs. Askew and Silverthorne, 24, Chelsham Road, Clapham, S.W. All correspondence respecting entries and other show business should be addressed accordingly.

Messrs. Deer and Cundy, hon. secs., write that at the annual show of the Southend and Southern Counties O.S., Nov. 4-5, the following specials will be open to all comers: Challenge Cup for most points in champion Yorks, Gold Medal most points novice Yorks, silver butter dish most points champion Norwich, jam dish most points novice Norwich, jam dish for Mules and British. Over £50 will be given in open specials, and for members' prizes.

Hard Times at Swindon.

We hear that the Swindon F. and F.A., owing to great loss on the last two open shows, are this year only running a fixture confined to a 12-mile radius (including Cirencester). The date selected is Oct. 25.

Hanley's New Headquarters.

We have changed our headquarters to the Temperance Hall, writes Mr. C. J. Robinson, hon. sec. Hanley and Dis. C.B.S., and we hope and think we shall benefit by the change, as there are many exhibitors and visitors to shows that object to hotels.

Putting their Heads Together.

I saw in "confab" at Huthwaite, Judges Vardy, Marshall, Fox (of Long Eaton), and Battye, of Yorkshire fame, writes a local correspondent, and I thought what a store of information could have been gleaned by the novice fortunate enough to over-hear!

A Good Move at Uddingston.

It is the intention of the Uddingston and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Corgrove, hon. sec., to have a course of lectures, and the first of these will be given on Sept. 17, in the Reading Rooms, Uddingston, at 7.45. The lecture will be "The Study of Nature, and its relation to men and birds," by that well-known fancier, Mr. R. Davidson, of Mossend.

The L. and P.O.S. Autumn Show.

Will anyone wishing to join the society, so as to compete, writes Mr. C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Road, N. Finchley, at our autumn members' show, Oct. 22-23, kindly let me know by the 15th inst., as I have several members for election on the 18th. Six £5 5s. cups, £6 in money specials, besides numerous other specials will be given.

Of Course!

I should be glad if you would kindly thank the numerous applicants for the Budgerigars advertised in last week's Cage Birds. I had many more replies than I could answer. By the way, "——" sent me a copy pointing out a certain letter and their criticism with regard to fanciers patronising *one* paper. But what can they expect? It's only natural fanciers will support the best, also advertise where they are likely to get replies.—F. J. Whibley (Maidstone).

New Society for Penicuik.

A meeting of Penicuik Cage-bird fanciers was held in the Cowan Institute on Saturday, 6th inst., when it was decided to form a local society, and Mr. Weir was elected sec. and treas.; Provost Chisholm was elected hon. President, Mr. Cowan hon. vice-president; Mr. Jas. Thompson, chairman; and Mr. Geo. Greig, vice-chairman. It was decided to limit the membership to a five-miles radius with a half-crown annual subscription.

Burnley O.S. Members Will Take a Ramble.

At a well attended meeting, writes Mr. G. Whittaker, hon. sec., 18, Sandhurst Road, it was decided to have a ramble around Hebden Bridge and Hardcastle Crags on Sunday, Sept. 21; all fanciers are cordially invited. We intend to have a jolly day together. The society is open to receive members who preside within a radius of 11 miles. Fanciers wishing to join can do so by applying as above. Sub. 1s. per quarter.

September Cuckoos.

A young Cuckoo is still haunting the gardens in the writer's district. The old birds have departed long since, but the young remain with us until the summer is almost past. The Cuckoos constitute a large family. They all have a rather long, slender and somewhat curved beak, which in some species takes a curve so decided that it gives quite a predacious air to its owners. Examples of the Cuckoo tribe are to be found in almost every portion of the Globe, and are most plentiful about the tropics. Two American examples build nests for themselves.

Mavis Killed by Golf Ball.

Playing on the Dollar Links, Clackmannan, the other day, a lady, the wife of an Indian railway official, hit and killed a bird with an iron shot. The bird, which on examination proved to be a Song Thrush, was on the ground some 50yds. away. This is not the only incident of the kind that has occurred on this Scottish links. Some years ago a player brought down a Snipe on the wing, a feat which, though, of course, unpremeditated, will be appreciated by those who know that the Snipe is a veritable will-o'-the-wisp among birds.

British Wagtails and How to Keep Them

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(Concluded from page 125).

An Entertaining and Instructive Article on the Greyhound of the British Bird Fancy.

I firmly believe that many Wagtails die from sheer grief, as such a period is much too short to attribute the fatality to a lack of nourishment. Therefore, I never take a Wagtail unless I can spare time to ascertain whether its actions during the first four hours after capture justify further efforts.

This shows the danger of getting specimens from those catchers with whom getting order, a bird, and dispatching it, only total the period between the first and second process. The chances of such a bird surviving a long railway journey are remote indeed. Yet when settled down and put through a process of hardening, which I may state consists of feeding for a time, so that it ultimately gets used to a ten or twelve hours interval the Wagtail is a good traveller. It is simply applying a system to birds which has for long been applied with success to a much less intelligent subject the Whitstable oyster.

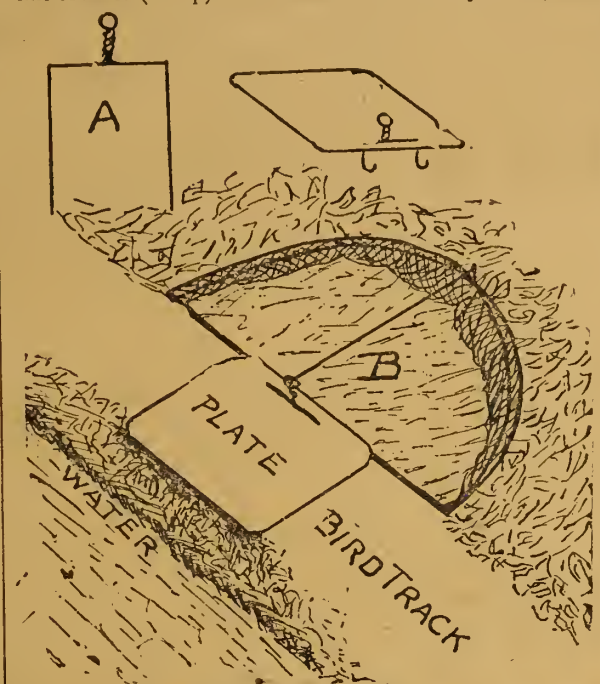
Are Wagtails a Back Number?

The Yellow Wagtail, strangely enough, despite the plenitude of the preceding species, I have only recorded one instance here of the Yellow Wagtail, though I have had quite a few futile pergrinations, owing to my informants being unable to distinguish between Grey and Yellow. This latter is the smallest of the species, and is strictly a summer visitor to our shores. That Yellow Wagtails are quite plentiful in the south may be inferred by the fact that I have known them to be hawked through the streets at sixpence, and the purchaser assured that, given plenty of seed (!) it "'ud sing it' bally yed off."

I remember when a good Yellow used to top the class at most of the Scotch shows, friend Strachan, of Bathgate, making quite a name with them, but few could beat Jim at selecting or putting down a good Waggy. I fear the advent of the Bearded Reedling, Wryneck and Dartford Warbler, has been too much for both him and the Wagtail. As with the Grey, the judicious application of a colouring agent has a beneficial effect on this species. I have the opinion that this and the White Wagtail are more delicate than the species I have already dealt with, and I therefore advise a more generous share of live food for these, care being taken to ensure a sufficient space for exercise, as they are very liable to acquire fat, more so during the moulting period when the lassitude incidental to that process becomes evident. An occasional aperient in the form of Glauber's salts has a beneficial effect in preventing this. Any extreme cold should also be guarded against, as though I have kept them in an unheated room in company with resident species, any severe spells of frost seemed to have an enervating effect, and the bath soon became an infliction, as these species like to dry quickly, and in a state of nature invariably choose sunny spells for their ablutions.

How the White Differs from the Pied.

I have recorded the White Wagtail here on one occasion, but his resemblance to the Pied may easily cause his presence to be overlooked, and it was only the purity of his whites in what appeared to be an immature Pied that led to his identificaton. Briefly, Motacilla, differs from M. lugubrious, inasmuch as the lavender-grey of the back is a permanent colour, and though, as I have stated, the latter in first winter plumage bears a very close resemblance to the white, an examination shows that the grey is not extended to the tail. The upper tail coverts (rump) of a Pied are invariably black, while in the white, these are grey. The latter is also a smaller species, and I used to smile when I read in show reports, "Nice Pied, rather small, fails in back." Such a description would indicate a White not a Pied.



MR. STEEL'S WAGTAIL TRAP.

My experiences with the White Wagtail incline me to think that he is the most intractable of the species, and subject to those stampedes which are the bane of the British bird-keeper, more especially during certain periods when a mysterious instinct calls firstly for a departure, and latterly for a mate.

How to Take Wagtails.

The method I adopt is simply to take advantage of a habit of the birds. I have noticed that Wagtails have an aversion to walking over long grass or dead leaves, and by laying small squares of sand-paper on the edges of ponds and brooks in a manner which entailed either passing over these or flying, I found they readily used them as a sort of stepping stone.

I therefore took a few of the ordinary oval Nightingale traps and substituted a tin plate about 5 inches in diameter for the usual trigger. To this plate I gave a coat of green paint, and while wet sprinkled same with fine sand, so that when dry it bore a passing resemblance to stone.

The manner of completing and using the trap is as follows: A length of wire is twisted and bent as shown in sketch A. Two holes are punched in the piece of tin plate, and the ends of the wire passed through. These ends are then bent into hooks, and the wire thus manipulated is soldered to the plate so that the loop stands upright. The hooks underneath go round the cross bar of the net trap, and the fly wire, when engaged into the loop, keeps the plate just free from the ground. The trap when set for action appears as at B. The slightest pressure on the plate releases the fly wire and the net is sprung.

They Come to the Rescue.

It is a good plan to set a few traps about two feet apart, as Wagtails have a habit of coming to the rescue of a caught companion, and more than the one may be taken. The trap should be set by the water's edge so that the plate is close to the margin, and some loose leaves or grass should be arranged around the trap itself; the birds in avoiding these walk over the tin plate. If the water is sufficiently shallow at the edge some leaves and grass can be arranged close up to the track covered by the plate and will make it the more certain that the birds will walk over it.

THE FASCINATION OF AN AVIARY

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(Continued from page 121).

With a Mixed Collection of Birds.

A Word About Britishers.

Among British species, many are none too safe for the emixed series, and though some include Chaffinches, Bullfinches, Bramblefinches, Yellow Buntings and Greenfinches in a mixed aviary, their deportment is very variable ,and they are often guilty of bird-slaughter. The popular and beautiful Goldfinch is by no means ideal in his behaviour; he is very fond of going to the seed dish, and, having satisfied his own appetite, to remain there and scare off "all and sundry." The Siskin is not much better, but is more tolerant; and if there are several feeding places not too close together, this may be included, as also may the Redpoll, Linnet, Twite, and if Softbills are required, then choose from Stonechat, Lark, Nightingale, Blackcap, and other Warblers, but most of the latter will need to be carefully wintered indoors.

In the past, when British species were almost the only birds I kept, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, and Greenfinches were successfully bred on many occasions in my aviaries.

Canaries have frequently occupied a place in small numbers in my aviary, but of late years, owing to their doing such damage to growing trees and bushes by their disbudding propensities, they have been banished. Norwich, Hartz, London Fancy, Yorkshire and Border Canaries have been wintered out of doors with me, and have successfully bred and reared their young; moreover, under these conditions all the young hatched out were successfully reared, and, with very few exceptions, all the young birds were successfully moulted. No special diet was supplied. There was simply the all round menu for all groups; egg has had no place in my aviary dietary for many years.

A Delightful Picture.

I think I can best pursue my subject by giving as graphic a description as I can of the "Fascinations" of a mixed series of birds as they disport themselves before one, even in a comparatively short period of time. That my sketch might be true to life, I settled myself in front of my aviary on a recent Sunday morning in a lounge chair, with sundry creature comforts, to take a few notes, and I now seek to figure the panorama of avian life which passed before me.

It is perhaps necessary for me first to say that my aviary is 26ft. by 30ft., and 14ft. high, and contains a large amount of natural cover. There are two masses of dense foliage at least six feet through, by fourteen feet high; from these masses the birds pass to and fro in the open parts and to the thinner hedge-row and isolated bushes. Near the front of the aviary is a concrete bath four feet by three.

Up in the Morning Early.

The time was early morning, and the food vessels which had just been replenished were mostly placed in open spots visible from my chair. The first birds to come into the picture were a group of Waxbills (Orange-cheeked, Grey and Gold-breasted) on the way to their matutinal ablutions, and soon they were merrily splashing away, the Gold-breast a little later on the top of a twig looking like some brilliant orange-coloured flower. Then away they flew to some seeding docks and flower-heads of grass, to which they clung, as they fed, in quite Tit-like manner, and very entrancing they were, as they swayed to and fro on some grass stem almost too fragile even for their lilliputian size. Next to arrive were the Indian White-eyes (Zosterops) with their two babies, only two days out of the nest. Thus early the young were being taught how to forage for "grub," amid the foliage of a rambler rose ("Hiawatha") in full bloom. I fear some other arrivals got overlooked as I watched the old birds taking blight and flies, and feeding their babies; very soon they were joined by the Yellow-winged Sugarbirds, and after a short "spar" all settled down to satisfy their hunger amicably, evidently being agreed that there was enough for all. Then right into the centre of the picture came my pair of Gold-fronted Fruitsuckers (we are chums and they are finger tame), and they came to the wire netting to interview me, snapping up a fly which unwisely ventured within their reach.

Still They Come.

Now events happened in quick succession, for fresh from the seed pans came Grey, Olive, and Ribbon Finches, the latter with two young ones, to slake their thirst and take a tub; soon they were joined by a hen Blue Robin, followed by some Bengalese, Bronze, and Magpie Mannikins, and Napoleon Weavers. These spread round the bath quite amicably, and drank and splashed with much gusto, but, now from the dense foliage come the Grey-winged Ouzels, accompanied by two youngsters, and, as their shadow falls upon the water, with a sudden noisy whirr of wings the small birds take to the surrounding bushes, not really alarmed, and from twigs almost over the water preen their plumage and watch the noisy, vigorous tubbing of the newcomers. Very soon the latter are joined by the Malabar Mynahs and Silky Cowbirds, and a fine picture these larger birds make. While they indulge, a pair of Argoondah Quail come from the undergrowth and take their morning drink.

As these disperse their place is taken by another troup of small birds: Gouldian, Yellowish, and Guttural Finches, and Java Sparrow, come to satisfy the cravings of nature, and to enjoy a tub. With a sudden rush these disperse, giving place to a fine Virginian Cardinal which has seen many years of cage and aviary life. He is soon joined by a pair of Pied Wagtails (handreared birds), which had been in the picture previously as they hawked flies overhead or searched for them amid the grass and herbage. Now they have come to drink and bathe with all that display of grace and elegance for which the *Motacillidæ* are famous and in which they are not surpassed by any other group of birds.

The Rarest Among the Rare.

Now another bird comes into view, a skulking bird, appearing and disappearing, and giving one but momentary glimpses of his elegance and agility. It is the Yellow-naped Ixulus, a largish White-eye, clad in browns, ochre, and white, with a Cardinal-like crest and a very Tit-like demeanour. Only one other aviculturist possesses this species at the present time, I think. For a short time nothing is seen of the birds save an odd one here and there as it changes its position amid the dense foliage; then arrive, shall I say, the gems of my collection, viz., a pair of Plumbeous Redstarts, charmingly graceful birds, with "perpetual motion" tails. They daintily alight from the twigs and pick their way through the grass and herbage, snapping up every now and again some unfortunate fly or other insect as they too come "to water." Their thirst satisfied, and ablutions completed, they sun themselves and flick their tails with true Redstart movement, up and down, and cris-cross, with unwearying grace and elegance that defies description.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CAUSE OF ENTERITIS—CORRECTION.—In this reply to "C.B.H." in last issue the words "one drop of Tysol" should read one drop of Lysol. Will querist please note?

SORE FEET (A. Thompson).—You ought to have said how and where the birds are kept, as there must be some common cause of the feet going as you describe and the toes dropping off, and this cause must be removed before treatment will do any permanent good. But your letter gives no clue whatever as to the probable cause. Try the following treatment for two or three weeks, and if no improvement takes place in that time, write again and give full particulars about how and where the birds are kept, and whether in separate cages or together in a flight. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible. It would be an advantage to keep floor well strewn with clean fine sawdust for the present, and supply gritty sand in a small shallow tin in one corner of cage floor. Bathe the feet daily in a lukewarm concentrated solution of boracic acid—that is, dissolve as much of the acid in warm water as it will take up. After bathing a few minutes, dry carefully, and anoint feet all over with Lanocyllin. Feed on the ordinary diet frequently given in this column, and add a small pinch of Epsom salts to the water for three days.

ROLLER PLUCKING FEATHERS (Associate).—First of all examine the bird well for the presence of grey lice, and the cage for indications of red mites. If either are discovered, take the necessary steps to exterminate them. Whether grey lice are present or not it would be very useful, if you are expert at hand-washing, to wash the bird and add a teaspoonful of ercolin to each pint of the first two waters used. See that it is kept in a cosy and fairly equable place, well ventilated, but not exposed to direct draughts. Give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every third day give in addition a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw. On the intervening days give one day a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, linseed, teazle, and broken groats and a spray of watercress, and next day a morsel of banana. If any mealworms are available give one each day, killed, and fastened on end of perch for it to peck at; if none are handy, stick a morsel of the rind of boiled pork or bacon in the wires for it to peck at instead. In the water add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every third day; continue the treatment for two or three weeks as may appear necessary.

NOT RESUMED SINGING (Jake).—It is rather early yet for birds to resume singing after moulting, especially if they are not quite young. I think also you may be mistaken in thinking they have been quite through the moult some time—that would mean that all must have begun uncommonly early. Perhaps you mean they have ceased dropping feathers for some time, but the moult is not quite complete for a month or so after feathers cease dropping. Treat your birds a little generously for a few weeks, cage the cocks you wish to bring in song separately, and have just a little patience, and I fancy things will come right before long. In addition to the staple of canary seed, give a pinch of summer rape every second day, on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, or a little egg-food, and twice a week a little seed mixture. In the water add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

LOSS OF SIGHT (Mrs. Stanley).—Sorry, but the prospects of curing the bird are by no means rosy. Try what the following treatment for a time will do. Make a lotion by dissolving 10 grains of sulphate of zinc and 30 grains of boric acid in an ounce of rose water, and add three ounces of distilled, or well-boiled water. also get a chemist to mix you two grains of red oxide of mercury in a quarter-ounce of spermaceti. Each morning take a little of the lotion separately and a small wad of cotton wool, and carefully bathe the eyes for a minute or two. Then absorb surplus moisture and put in each eye a tiny scrap of the mercurial ointment—about the size of a pin's head. Repeat the ointment at night, but not the bathing. Keep a close watch over the bird to see that it does not become pestered with grey lice, as is often the case with birds recently become blind. If this occurs hand-washing is the best remedy. To combat the wasting condition stick a morsel of crusty bread scalded with milk and sprinkled with soft sugar in the wires daily, in such a position that the bird will find it easily.

ABSENCE OF TAIL (H.T., Dublin).—If this bird has been hatched this year the tail feathers must have been plucked out, or lost forcibly by some accident, as birds of the year do not moult the tail feathers. As regards the possibility of the feathers being reproduced this will certainly happen in a short time irrespective of whether the loss arose from plucking or being knocked out by accident. You should see the new feathers showing well through in three weeks from the time the original feathers were lost. If they do not appear in, say, a month, catch the bird and examine it to see if the feathers have merely broken off and left the stumps of quills in the skin. If this is so, carefully extract the stumps, three or four at each operation, and allow four or five days to intervene between each operation. Do not mistake newly sprouting quills for old stumps, as if you plucked a new quill just growing you would do much mischief. You should not keep the bird in an open wire cage in front of a window if you value its health or comfort. Keep it in a bright, well-ventilated position which is free from direct draughts by all means, but let it be further in the room where the temperature is more equable than it is in front of a window.

BIRDS DYING (A. Snow).—I am strongly inclined to think you have an infectious disease among your birds, and would advise you to send the body of the next that dies to Mr. Yates for post mortem, and thus make yourself certain on this point. Meantime get the Nutshell booklet, No. 9, on "Disinfection," and thoroughly disinfect all cages wherein deaths have occurred, and all food and water vessels. Also isolate all apparently healthy birds (assuming they are flying together in aviaries or flights) from ailing or suspected specimens, and if either of these show signs of illness after isolation at once place it back, cage and all, with the affected birds to take its chance. Keep cages and all appliances as scrupulously clean as possible, and see that all foods employed are sound and sweet. Keep in a comfortable temperature. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this give a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana and pinch of maw seed. Twice a week give a small quantity of a mixture of equal parts niger, millet, linseed, teazle, and broken groats, twice each week. Limit the diet to this for a time and withhold egg-food. In the drinking water dissolve as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence for one day, and after this in each tablespoonful of water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this in place of the usual drinking water every second day for a fortnight.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Canary," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GREYPATES FOR MULING (J. S. Gibbs).—Your Greypates may turn out to be cocks, but I do not think you are wise in relying upon what you are told as to their sex. If you have bought a certain number for Hybrid purposes, anticipating that they will all be of the stronger sex, I would advise you to make sure by adding to your number if you have the opportunity to do so, for out of half a dozen selected birds one or two are almost certain to deceive you. They should be now breaking into moult, but it will not be until the head is finished that you will be able to sex them with any certainty, although an expert could probably give a shrewd guess by their size, carriage, wings, etc., before they arrive at the finished stage. You must feed them well just now, and give them plenty of opportunities for bathing if you want them to go through quickly and well. Our Nutshell Booklet on "How to Moult British Birds," or the one on the "Goldfinch" would give you a lot of useful information. (2) You would be able to breed from them next season. Let them fly with the hen Canaries all the winter, or run them in with their partners occasionally.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manuel" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

BLACKCAPS WHEEZY (Anxious).—Your letter raises the suspicion that you are not feeding your Blackcaps as they should be fed, but as you say nothing as to this detail I am doubtful as to what advice I can give you. Will you please write again with full particulars, or, better still, get Nutshell No. 25, the smaller Insectivorous Birds, 2½d. post free, from our office, or twopence from your local newsagent or bird-dealer. This will give you much valuable information as to the proper keeping of a Blackcap, and many other Insectivorous Birds.

NAME OF BIRD (W. W. Duncan).—The body sent was that of a Chiff-Chaff, one of the very earliest of our migratory birds, and one of the last to leave us in the autumn; in fact, some stay with us throughout the winter. The bird is strictly insectivorous in its feeding, and only those with considerable experience in the proper treatment of insectivorous birds should attempt its keeping.

GREENFINCH AND SHOW CONDITION (Scestu).—Being myself responsible for the Nutshell on the Greenfinch, I can only express my regret at hearing that you are unable to grasp the plain directions therein given. Briefly, proper feeding, free access to a daily bath of clean soft water, perfect cleanliness in its cage, and, finally, a skilful hand-washing, all go to the getting of a Greenfinch, or any other bird for that matter, into the height of show condition. All these items, except the details of the hand-washing, are very fully set forth in the Nutshell, and the hand-washing is best learnt by attending such exhibitions of the process as are given from time to time at meetings of bird societies, and afterwards practising for oneself. As you say your bird has not long been caught it would be unlikely to hold its own this coming season with birds that have been skilfully kept for two or more seasons.

GOLDFINCH WILD (Clinging, W. L.).—Your bird is probably a freshly-caught one, and will settle down in due course. The moult, which should now be in course of progress, will help to steady it, and you should get it used to your coming and going. Make a point of offering it some dainty every time you approach the cage. Find out something which it especially likes—a thistle head, a spray of shepherd's purse, a grain or two of hemp, or any of the many things to which Goldfinches are partial—and never go near it without one of these tit-bits. You must not expect it to take things from your hand; just leave in its cage whatever you take to it, and it will soon learn to associate your coming with something nice to eat. If, which is unlikely, it is an old bird which has contracted the habit of clinging to the wires, you will find it very difficult to eradicate the fault.

GOLDFINCH WITH ASTHMA (Miss Haines).—Asthma of any considerable duration is one of the most troublesome of diseases to eradicate. Your treatment, having been so far successful in ameliorating the symptoms, should be persevered with. Or you might get made up at the chemist's a mixture as follows: Oxymel of Squills and glycerine, two drachms each; ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, one drachm each; potassium iodide, eight grs. Give 10 to 15 drops in the water occasionally, leaving off for a few days if bird appears over drowsy under the treatment. Keep the bowels moving by giving a gentle aperient once or twice a week—either half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's fluid magnesia in the drinking water, or as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence. Keep the bird in an equable temperature, free from all draughts, and give freshly gathered wild seeds if these are obtainable. It is only to be expected that the moult should be a slow process in the circumstances, but if you keep the bird comfortably warm and treat as above it should get through all right.

BIRDS IN A LARGE CAGE (C. E. A. Andrews).—The "easiest small birds to keep" would be a collection of small foreigners—Waxbills of sorts, small Finches of various kinds, Mannikins, etc. The food for these need only be white and spray millet and canary seed, with flowering grass from the lawn or meadow. Prices are quite reasonable; from 2/6 a pair upwards, and the choice is considerable, as you will see upon reference to our advt. columns. You might keep about a dozen of these small birds in such a cage as yours. You should get Mr. Page's "Foreign birds for beginners," 1/1½ post free from our office; this will give you much useful information. If expense is so much of a consideration that the cost of a collection of small foreigners would be too much, then you could make up a nice little lot of British Finches for quite a nominal sum, say a Siskin, Redpoll, Linnet, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, and Chaffinch. These seven would be about enough for your cage, and you would need for their keeping, canary seed, rape, cracked sunflower, teazle, and charlock, with a little hemp, maw, and niger, and also a separate tin of a good Finch mixture, containing wild seeds. The birds would require also such freshly gathered wild seeds as you could obtain—dandelion, plantain, shepherd's purse, flowering grass, thistle, etc. Insectivorous birds, whether British or Foreign, would be out of the question upon three grounds, expense of buying, expense of food, and want of experience in their proper keeping.

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylork," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BIRDS FOR CAGES (C. B. H.).—You cannot do better than give one cage up to Waxbills, and these are better kept in pairs, say Grey, Gold-breasted, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills and Avadavats (2/6 to 5/6 pair). Put in some small twiggy branches as perches, and hang four small rush nests round the cage, near the top. Canary, white millet, spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing will about meet their need. A pinch of maw seed is beneficial occasionally, as is also a little slightly damped and crumbled sponge cake. Our Nutshells Nos. 16 and 20, 2½d. post free from our Manager, would tell you all about above species. In the other cage you could keep cocks only—Grey Singing Finch (5/-), Alario Finch (7/6), Green Singing Finch (6/-), Spice Finch (2/-), Napoleon Weaver (5/- to 6/-, in colour), and Tri-coloured Mannikin (2/6). The same dietary would suffice with a little British Finch mixture in a separate tin, and for such as cared for them, a mealworm each morning and evening regularly would be beneficial. I should furnish this cage also with twiggy branches for perching accommodation. Keep the cages where the occupants will get plenty of light and air, with immunity from draught.

RING-NECKED PARRAKEET (R. Foster).—A seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet, one pint each hemp and oats, and half-a-pint of small maize; well mix and keep a supply in cage continually. Also give some kind of ripe fruit daily (you must be guided by birds' taste in this). Sweet apple is very wholesome. Shelled nuts (various) should be given to vary the diet at odd intervals, also pieces of plain sweet biscuit, plain cake, or stale crust of household bread; greenfood, such as lettuce, grass flowers, groundsel, chickweed, etc. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must be regularly supplied.

BUDGERIGARS (Puzzled).—I should get another pair of Budgies and a hen Madagascar (Grey-headed) Lovebird, and hang up half-a-dozen husks in various positions about the cage. In due course, when in breeding condition, the birds will go to nest. Diet: Canary and white millet seed in equal parts, and a few oats twice weekly. A millet spray occasionally is also appreciated. Green food, such as lettuce, flowering grass, groundsel, chickweed, to be liberally supplied when available. Grit, cuttlebone, and water to be regularly supplied. There is considerable variation in the time individual pairs take to settle down, but once this occurs then they will continue to bring up several broods annually. If you do not desire to get a mate for the Lovebird of its own species, then you must put in an extra female Budgie and leave matters to take their course, but in so limited a space there must be no odd birds; sexes must be equal. I had a Madagascar Lovebird-Budgerigar Hybrid hatched out in my aviary, but, unfortunately, it got drowned the day after it left the nest.

RED-BILLED AND OTHER WEAVERS (Weaver).—The female Redbill is brown above with dark centres to the feathers; cheeks, and under-parts buff, whitish in centre of abdomen; beak deep reddish-ochre. The male closely resembles the female when out of colour. The beaks of Madagascar and Grenadier Weavers are black, therefore cannot be confused with the Redhill. The plumage of most of the female Weavers is very similar and may be said to range from tawny or buffish-brown to Linnet brown. The plumage of the hen Madagascar is dull brown, with dark brown centres to the feathers of the upper parts, and well defined eye-marks; below, yellowish, paler at base of the abdomen, and with indistinct streaks on the flanks; male similar, but colour brighter and markings bolder; beak black. The female Grenadier is tawny-brown with black shaft streaks and a well defined yellowish eyebrow streak; below, pale tawny-brown with darker streaks, except on throat and abdomen, middle of abdomen yellowish.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (W. H.).—You are diluting the glyco-thymoline about right, and what reaches other parts of the body will do no harm. Providing it is a cold the bird is suffering from the squills mixture is quite in order, but the heavy breathing may very probably be digestive troubles, which I assumed when I gave reply in last issue, and I note you are carrying it out. Keep the bowels moving quite freely, but not watery-loose. Keep it warm, yet where it will get light and air without draught. If it is tame enough an hour or two of liberty outside its cage will be of benefit. If the door is fastened up it will come out of its own accord and then return later for food, when the door can be easily closed. Report progress two or three weeks hence.

ARRANGING CAGES (Poor Paddy.)—(1) I am of the opinion that you will get more out of your cages by keeping them separate and making the large cage one compartment by taking out the partitions. It would be a good plan to screen one division of the large cage with thin wood or cardboard panels, to be held in place by small buttons on cage framing, and a glass panel for the other side fixed in the same way. A piece of flat board could lie over top. If a round hole were bored in the centre, large enough to go over the apex of dome, this would keep it in place and it would give the birds sheltered retiring quarters when they required them. (2) If you adopt this arrangement you should give the small cage up to the Java Sparrows (these birds are sometimes vicious towards smaller species in a confined space) and give the large cage to the smaller birds. Do not include Cockatiels. A nice assortment would be pairs each of Avadavats, Bib Finches, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Zebra Finches, and Silverbills. All are cheap and pretty or beautiful birds. I should advise fixing up about eight rush nests about the cage (3 small and 5 medium) as nest receptacles, and supply hay, grass, and a little moss as building material. Use only twiggy branches for perching accommodation.

BUDGERIGARS, HOW MANY? (E. Burns).—(1) You could put in three pairs, but only two would be better, as you have to consider the encroachments on your space while young are being reared. There never ought to be more than 15 (young and adults) in your cage at once. (2) Get husks, ready wired, for Budgerigars (these are regularly advertised in our columns). You must put up half-a-dozen. There should then be no quarrelling over a favoured husk. No nesting material is required, as after removing the inside fibre according to their fancy, they deposit their eggs on the bottom of the unlined husk. (3) Canary seed and white millet in equal parts; a few oats several times weekly, and green food ad lib., lettuce, flowering (seeding) grass, chickweed, etc. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must be regularly in the cage. So narrow

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (6d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

an aviary would be the better for a wood and glass shutter to be put before it during the night time, or the birds may be badly scared by cats. The shutter should also be used to keep out driving rain and snow; also during day and night of very cold weather, though the shutter must be so arranged that ample ventilation without draught is provided.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination need be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. M. Covan.—Enteritis causes death, with extensive congestion of both lungs. The latter no doubt hastened the course of the disease, but had nothing to do with its causation. The bowel condition had arisen from the intaking of impurities in the food.

S. McDonald.—Impaction of the bowels, the organs were heavily packed with undigested food; your reference to German table seed is in a measure correct, being indigestible if given too liberally; it does not, however, necessarily eat away the liver. This is impossible, only indirectly being rich in oil. It would set up fatty degenerative changes in this organ if fed too freely and for any length of time. Treatment is preventive by lessening its quantity, and giving glauber salts in the drinking water.

E. Wilson.—Congestion of lungs following on a chill.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. H. Marhoff.—Many thanks; shall be pleased to utilise in the near future.

Name of Bird (R. Davison).—Your bird is a Rosecate Cockatoo, quite a different bird from a Rosella and not nearly so valuable. It is very rare that Roseate Cockatoos make good talkers.

Benevolent Birds.

Interesting Anecdotes of Curious Happenings in Bird-land.

In last week's "Referee," the entertaining writer of the "Sporting Notions" therein says:—I know that many Refereaders are enthusiastic about Natural History, and if they have not read Mr. W. H. Hudson's "Adventures Among Birds," I cordially recommend them to obtain that fascinating volume, which I have been studying with delight. There are all sorts of quaint stories in it about the author's feathered friends and acquaintances, and other fowl of various descriptions whose proceedings have been related to him by credible witnesses.

Jack and His Master.

One of Mr. Hudson's anecdotes is of a young Jackdaw who was picked up by a little boy and carefully tended; but the bird, for some reason or other best known to himself and not revealed to the author, did not care much for his rescuer, while conceiving a violent affection for another little boy who lived in the next cottage. The bird would not leave this chosen companion, regularly followed him to school, and by his attentions made himself a nuisance to those who did not sympathise with him.

Near Penzance there lived a Thrush, the victim of an accident which had destroyed his beak so that he could not feed himself, and the kindly office of feeding him was undertaken by a friendly Thrush, who gave him his meals with pleasing regularity. Yet another benevolent bird was a certain Magpie, who formed the acquaintance of a Robin, like the Thrush, a sufferer from a mishap. The Magpie not only provided food for the Redbreast, but broke it up into little pieces so that the tiny bird had no difficulty in dealing with it.

Strange Story of Affectionate Swan.

Even stranger than these stories is that of a certain Swan of a curiously affectionate disposition. In the first place he attached himself to a girl who lived in the house on the estate which contained his aquatic residence. Whenever she went near the lake he at once made for her, remaining until she left. She often used to sit on the bank and sketch, to the great delight of the bird. No doubt, if she had cared about it, he would joyfully have been as serviceable to her as Lohengrin's Swan was to him; but apparently there was no little gilded boat in which she wanted to be pulled about among her possessions. When she left, the Swan, searching about for another friend, selected a gardener, and constituted himself this man's associate. He, too, went away, and—this is strangest of all—the bird then fell in love with a trout! The fish could be seen beneath the surface of the water with the Swan gently swimming round about him or peaceably resting in his vicinity. One day a man caught the fish, and the Swan attacked him furiously These are only some of Mr. Hudson's anecdotes.

Sealing Up His Wife.

I am told that many of the Indian birds have extraordinary habits and customs, and I should imagine none more so than the Hornbill. The description of his matrimonial proceedings was related to me by a fellow-guest in the house where I lately stayed for the York Meeting—certainly a credible witness. There is no reason why I should not give my authority.—Sir John Hewett, who until last year was Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oude. He assures me that when Mrs. Hornbill has laid her eggs her husband shuts her up—not as human husbands do by making rude remarks, but literally.

Presumably in years gone by it must have come to be recognised that Mrs. Hornbill—speaking generally—was invcterately given to gadding about instead of attending to her domestic duties. The husband therefore obtains the requisite materials and encloses her in an establishment—it is something much more than a nest—from which she cannot escape. There is just room for her head to come out of a little hole which, in constructing the place, he thoughtfully leaves for her in front; and there she has to remain until the family emerge from their shells. Of course he feeds her punctually and sufficiently.

How she is released when the proper time comes I forgot to inquire, and one would much like to know, for this outside shell, one would think, must have been hard and difficult to break. I give my authority. If anyone knows anything quainter than this about birds it would be interesting to hear it.

[The mother bird leaves her nest when the young are about three weeks old, breaking down with her beak the substance which is partially blocking the entrance hole. The latter is then again sealed up, and remains so until the young Hornbills are ready to face the dangers and difficulties of the outer world. This "glueing up" (a gastric secretion resembling vegetable resin, which is combined with woody fragments of fruit, is said by Mr. Hose to be used by the Rhinoceros Hornbill, of Borneo; but Mr. Frank Finn, in one of his works, speaks of the female using her own dung) is adopted as a safeguard against predaceous carnivora, etc. —Editor, CAGE BIRDS.]

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Abertillery C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Bevin's Rooms, Commercial Street, 7.30. Open show business. Something important to come forward.—G. Brown.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Sept. 16, St. Thomas', Ardwick, 8. Paper by Mr. A. E. Long on "Seeds, foods and plants." Classification for annual show.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Sept. 16, Abbott's Cafe, 8. Question night. Election of Delegates for Amalgamated show.—G. Mottram.

Birtley C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Station Hotel, 7. Appointment of stewards, etc., for forthcoming show, Oct. 4. Subs. due.—S. Lindsay.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. General business.—H. Bryant.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 13, Shoulder of Mutton, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Thomas (Otley), "The Bills of Birds."—A. Cooper.

Bradford City O.S.—Sept. 13, Flying Dutchman, 8. Important business.—W. Hollwell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Stafford Hire Knot, 8. To allot special prizes for open show.—A. Wood.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Raith Arms, 7. Schedule business; members' fees due.—J. W. Hope.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Mackell's Hotel, 8. To complete all arrangements, also decide how cups shall be given at open show; cup fund to be paid at meeting.—E. Thomas.

Carlisle Border City O.S.—Sept. 17, King's Head, 8.15. Members who have collected specials kindly attend.—J. C. Bell.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Lamb Hotel, 8. Lantern lecture by Mr. Edmunds (Swindon). Ladies and visitors specially invited.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. Members' classes for annual show and other important business. CAGE BIRDS Championship Coupons on sale at meeting.—R. Wood.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Sept. 13, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. General business.—W. Kane.

Charlotteville F. & U.S.K.S.—Sept. 18, St. Luke's Institute. Monthly table show. Entries close 6.30 p.m.—C. H. Pope.

Darlington C.B.S.—Sept. 17, George Hotel, 7.30. Classification for members' show and election of judges.—Todd and Walker.

Darwen F.A.—Sept. 20, 2.30. Meeting and show. Members' open classes; also sale of surplus stock; cordial invitation to all.—J. C. Riley.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Report of F.F. show and other important business; classification for Oct. table show (confined to novices). Lecture on "Wild Seeds," by Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith).—J. C. Charlton.

Garston B.B.A.—Sept. 18, Club Room, 8.—A. T. Mullock.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Sept. 16, J. H. Senior's, 8. Special meeting; business important.—A. Berry.

Great Horton O.S.—Sept. 13, Butchers Arms, Gt. Horton, 8. Special business re annual open show.—J. Holroyd.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Important business.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Temperance Hall, Hanley, 8. Arrangements for show to receive all promises of specials, etc.; also subs.—C. J. Robinson.

Heywood C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Rechabites' Hall, 8. Balance sheet Y.B. show. Judge back-end show.—J. Greenhalgh.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Sept. 13, White Lion, 7.30. Business important.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Sept. 15, White Hart Hotel, 8. Very important business.—A. Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—Sept. 15, St. George's School, 8. Annual and amalgamation show business.—T. Allsop.

Idle C.B.S.—Sept. 17, White Bear Inn, 8. Urgent business.—C. E. Hylton.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 20, Y.M. Halls, 7. Very urgent show business.—A. Thomson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 16, White Swan, 8.30. Open show business.—A. Freestone.

Leicester C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Business important. Winter programmes ready.—J. Cook.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Sept. 20, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8. Lecture on Canaries by Mr. H. Bell.—G. G. Stubbs.

London and Provincial O.S.—Sept. 18, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8. Lecture on Foreign Birds by Mr. Wesley T. Page.—C. W. Law.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important show matters.—D. John.

Leigh C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Table show of N.F. birds; Mr. W. Ordish, judge; 3d. entry.—R. Charleson.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Sept. 18, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8. Payment of prize money and arrange schedule for annual show; visitors welcome.—F. Moore.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Sept. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October show and other important business, etc.—W. H. Tansey.

Midland Counties Y.C.C.—Sept. 11, Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, 8. Most important.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Sept. 18, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Special meeting to receive specials, advertisements, etc.—J. W. Reed.

North London C.B.A.—Sept. 17, headquarters, 8. General debate.—P. W. Jeffries.

Northern Norwich P.C.—Sept. 17, 65, Grainger Street, Lockhart's, 7.30. Lecture on the Norwich by Mr. A. Holden. Handbooks ready.—F. W. Laidlow.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Sept. 18, Trinity School, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. General meeting. Election of sec. and question evening. Fanciers and friends invited.—E. Meades.

Stanley Vic. F. and F. and C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Victoria Club, 6.30. Proposed trip and specials.—R. Peart.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Sept. 13, National School, 8. Paper on Norwich Canary, by Mr. W. A. Waters, Wombwell.—G. S. Sampson.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Sept. 16, Mr. Hollow's, 4, Shaw Street, 7.30. Committee meeting. Show business, etc.—J. T. Cheetham.

Walkden Roller Society.—Sept. 16, Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Arranging rules, etc.—Hy. Howard.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Sept. 15, 6, The Broadway, 8. Annual show arrangements, questions and answers.—H. Smith.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Sept. 15, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business. Subs. due.—H. Roebuck.

Wakefield O.S.—Sept. 13, Crown and Anchor, 8. Novice classes, members' shows and other important business.—J. Isherwood.

Correspondence.

The Patronage of the Midland Counties Yorks. C.C.

Sir,—I would be greatly obliged if Midland societies requiring patronage would please let me know before our meeting on 18th inst. Our patronage means certain success in Yorkshire sections.

J. SHEPPARD.
129, Floyer Rd., Small Heath, B'ham.

Rare-feathered Birds in Hampshire.

Victims of the Man with the Gun.

Sir,—It might be interesting to some of your readers to know that many cases of rare-feathered birds have occurred this season in Hampshire. In the establishment of Mr. Yeoman, taxidermist, Southampton, can be seen a splendid pure white hen Woodpigeon, shot in the neighbourhood of Romsey; the most particular thing about this specimen is that it had blue, and not the usual pink eyes. He also has a cinnamon and white Plover, also a hen, which was seen in the neighbourhood of Eastleigh for some time before it fell to the gunner. Then there is a cinnamon Willow Wren, captured in the neighbourhood of Lymington, and various other pied birds have found their way into Mr. Yeoman's shop during the past few weeks.

G. T. W.

A Red-Letter Day at Llanelly.

Two Nearly Clear Goldfinch Mules.

Sir,—I would like to thank, through the medium of your valuable paper, the members and friends of the Llanelly and District C.B.S. for the kind and welcome reception they gave me and my son on my visit on Saturday last. On our arrival we were met and escorted around several of the bird-rooms, and I was quite pleased to see the way in which they were kept, cleanliness and neatness being the order of the day. I noticed several promising youngsters among the stocks, and it looks as if the Westerners are going to be a bit "warm" this coming show season. There have been also two practically clear Finch Mules bred there. Stick to them, boys. At 6.30 we wended our way to the society's headquarters, where a grand meat tea was laid, and everyone did justice to it. No wonder they look so jolly! After tea a presentation was made on behalf of the members to their old colleague, Mr. Thomas Gregory, of a beautiful smoking cabinet, as a token of appreciation of his past services. Then came songs and speeches galore. It was a red-letter-day for the Llanelly Society. I wish the members (and CAGE BIRDS too) the success they deserve.

D. JENKINS.

Swansea.

Have Birds a Sense of Smell?

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's query of Sept. 6, I think I am right in saying that Wild Ducks and Geese have proved, beyond doubt, to possess the power of smell, but that Finches, and indeed the majority of birds, are wholly without it. I notice in another part of your paper that the Hermit Thrush is stated to possess no song. Surely this is a mistake, for the bird to which the name is commonly applied is one of the most beautiful of American songsters, though not, in my opinion, superior to our Blackbird.

E. T. (Carlisle).

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, "W. M.," I would say that I have tried quite a few experiments in order to ascertain whether this sense is highly developed in birds, and am of the opinion that if it exists it must surely be in a very minor degree. Some of the experiments which force me to that conclusion were as follows: After withholding food from Gulls till they were really hungry, I found they entirely failed to locate the presence of rancid fish, though the same was simply concealed by a piece of perforated newspaper. Secondly, enlisting the services of a friend, whose experiments in chemistry have earned him a name for raising stinks, I challenged him to do his worst. Whew! That vile smell haunts me still! Sulphuretted hydrogen, he named it. Suffice to say, it nearly stopped the village clock, and might have caused a shipwreck by affecting the compass of a passing steamer. Inhabitants fled to the hills, yet Sparrows placidly partook of food which was only separated from the source of that aroma by a piece of perforated zinc. Another, which I can recommend as a valuable means of dispersing any gathering of shricking sisterhood and blithering brothers, is asafœtida; this hums to heaven, yet Starlings dined contentedly of food which was saturated with it. These were smells which might have been sketched, and compared with which gentles, dried flies, and silkworm pupæ are as attar of roses. No, friend "W. M.," it takes something stronger in smell than colour feed to cause food to be rejected by birds, at least that is my opinion.

J. STEEL.

Dalkeith.

Do Mules Make Good Call Birds?

Sir,—As an amateur catcher would you allow me to inquire through CAGE BIRDS if anyone could tell me whether a hen Goldfinch Mule will be any good for catching Goldfinches? I have tried mine by putting it in the nets, but the Finches don't take any notice of its call. Would it be more profitable to use a hen Goldfinch?

A. P. SWINDON.

The First Open Show of the Abertillery C.B.S.

Sir,—Our society is looking forward to a good show on Oct. 22. We have a good number of specials, and the members are working hard to make the affair a success. We have 34 classes, six being for novices in Yorkshires and Norwich. Mr. R. Cleaves has guaranteed a Bullfinch class, so I hope that all British bird fanciers will make a note of this. Mr. J. H. Roo is judge. I may say that the schedules will be ready shortly. Will members desiring coupons of the CAGE BIRDS Championship Scheme acquaint me at their earliest (expect I shall want to repeat my order, Mr. Editor, in a week or so's time). I hope the fanciers around Monmouthshire, Glamorganshire, etc., will give us a good entry, as it is our first show. The members are old fanciers, so all fanciers can depend upon the exhibits being taken good care of and packed safely for the return journey.

GEO. BROOME, Hon. Sec.

Can Show Schedules be Dispensed with?

Sir,—The show season is again upon us, and before show secretaries place their orders for schedules, I am once again going to ask them to consider the advisability of advertising their schedule of classes in CAGE BIRDS. If it was advertised for a couple of weeks prior to the show, I am sure that it would be cheaper, because, in addition to the printer's bill, there are the stamps for sending the schedules out to exhibitors, not to mention the time expended in addressing them. Then, again, the classification reaches a greater public than it does by the sending of schedules to a few exhibitors. Another point: Many a time a fancier sees a show advertised, and he thinks he would like to exhibit, yet it is perhaps too late to send for a schedule, or he will not take the trouble. Many fanciers will not trouble to send for a schedule, but if the classification be advertised, all they need to do is to open their CAGE BIRDS and see if the classes suit them. The entry form question could be got over; the exhibitor could, for that matter, enter on a blank sheet of paper. Now societies, wake up, and don't let the printer's bill prejudice your chances of making your show pay.

SUB ROSA.

The Song of the Roller Canary.

Are there Gramophone Records?

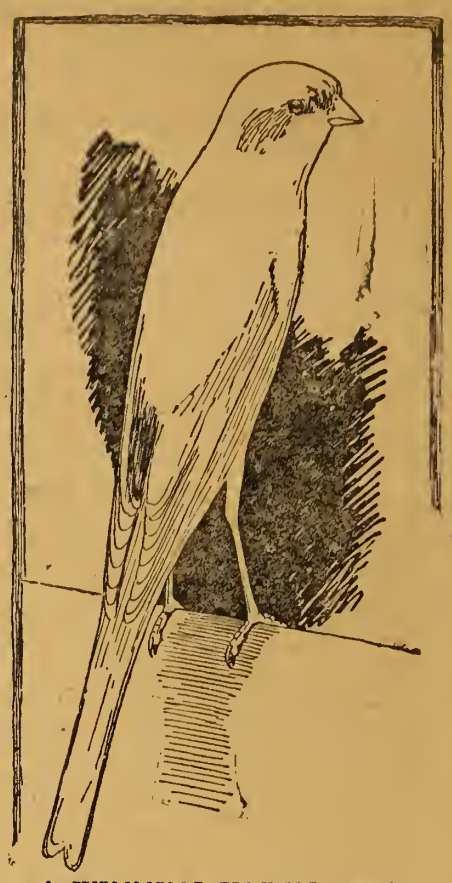
Sir,—Through your valuable paper, I would very much like to glean a little information. Last season I imported several pairs of Rollers, and have bred with them; the offspring I have endeavoured to train. I imported for this purpose two bird-organs, but I find they get out of order very frequently, and become useless. I have had one away for repairs, but no one out here seems to understand the instrument, and it has struck me very forcibly that an idea for training the Roller would be the gramophone. What I wish to know is, can any one inform me if there are any records for sale with the Roller song; and, if so, where can they be obtained? I certainly see no difficulty in obtaining the song of the bird on a record, when any of the singing contests are being held, and I feel certain it would prove a far more reliable instrument than the bird organ I have had to deal with. I have had four now, and each has proved a failure. I shall esteem it a great favour if this information can be furnished. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

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Bristol F.A. Still to the Front.

Sir,—It appeared at one time that last year's loss, following on so many earlier ones, had about finished us. However, all were paid in full (except an amount still due to myself), and I have obtained a substantial guarantee fund to enable us to run a show again on Nov. 26 and 27. I hope, however, that it may not be necessary to call upon that fund. Exhibitors surely ought to remember that, while some shows have saved themselves by deducting a portion of prize-money, we have done nothing of the kind. We have paid up in full, as the result of personal sacrifice.

G. T. H. MAGGS.

A Twenty-years Old Linnet.

Sir,—I have just heard of a common Brown Linnet which died here, Stafford, last week, aged twenty years. The owner is Mr. A. Cooper, of Foregate Square, Stafford. He bought the bird as a fresh-caught youngster. The bird was kept in a small open cage (known as a singing-cage) and was fed on ordinary packet-seeds. It was a good singer, and never had any illness up to about 18 months ago, when it began to have fits, but would be all right again next day. He had not bred with it; in fact, he is not what we call a "fancier," only keeping a bird because it was a bird. Anyhow, I am convinced the bird was well attended to, and rewarded its owner in song. How he knows its age is this way. One of his neighbours was presented with his first child, a son, and that son has turned 19 years of age now, and he bought the bird the same day; so you see the bird must have been twenty years of age when it died. The Linnet always had a quick moult, and at ordinary times never seemed short of a feather.

GEORGE GIBBONS.

What is the Matter with Members' Shows?

Sir,—The other week in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, there appeared a very interesting letter under the above heading, by "Looker On." This letter, to my mind, provides serious thought for bird fanciers, and it is on a subject I should like to see taken up. I noticed the following week a reply by "Forward," but I cannot see him even "Marking Time"; he meant "Standing Still." It will be seen that "Looker On" is a fancier, and a local one at that. Now, can we not ask him to meet, say, the committees of the various local bird societies (or delegates from each society) and explain his views more fully? At the same time, perhaps some of the others, including "Forward" and high officials will come and give their views. I think there wants something doing to our clubs, and "Looker On" is quite right in most of his views. What is more disheartening to a fancier than having the class to himself at these members' shows? Of course, a lot of the fault lies with the members; they will not show and make the thing a success. I, for one, made up my mind long ago to give over showing at members' shows until they were run differently. However, if Manchester could run shows as "Looker On" suggests, I should soon alter my resolution. I might say that I usually sent a good entry. I do not want anyone to run away with the idea that I want the small societies to join in with one big society. I contend we have some small societies as good as, if not better, than the larger ones. What I should like to see is one good large sound club of fanciers helping one another instead of the present-day small cliques. I was at a club meeting the other night, and the chairman made a very good speech on this subject, but I am sorry to say he was not appreciated (by one or two) as he deserved to be. The reason may have been that there were some "Forwards," etc., there, who were tired, anxious to be going home. However, this subject, I think, will be on the agenda for next meeting, so perhaps we shall hear more of it. I will sign my name, in case a lot of "bullets" hit the wrong mark, and cause ill-feeling.

R. J. METCALFE.

A Hoopoe Caught in the North of Scotland.

Sir,—I was considerably surprised to read in a local paper that a Hoopoe had been captured at Wick, right at the far North of Scotland. The account says: A specimen of this rare visitant was recently captured off Wick under somewhat peculiar conditions. The crew of the boat Loch Loy, of Embo, while engaged in fishing operations about 25 miles east of the port, noticed an unusual commotion amongst the Gulls. As the skipper graphically put it, "All the 'maws' in the sea were there." The cause of the disturbance proved to be a strange bird, which they were all engaged in pursuing. Ultimately the stranger alighted on the rudder head of the boat, and his assailants dispersed. The fisherman, now taking a hand in the game, tried to capture the bird, which, however, evaded them. Immediately it had left the boat the Gulls returned reinforced by a Skua, and resumed their persecutions. There was no other course left but to return to the boat, and by this time, thoroughly exhausted, the feathered stranger was easily captured by the crew. Although every effort was made to keep it alive, it succumbed after a few hours, apparently from exhaustion. Some half a dozen specimens of the Hoopoe are recorded from the northern counties; but there is no knowledge of any having been got at sea. Morris in his book mentions one as having been secured on board of a boat at Bridlington Bay. The bird captured off Wick was in splendid plumage and quite uninjured. It has been acquired for the local museum, and is now in the hands of the taxidermist.

DONALD MCTAVISH.

In the Courts.

TWELVE DAYS TOO EARLY.

Extension of the Close Season in Herefordshire.

At Watford Petty Sessions W. Kirton and H. Ward were summoned for having wild birds in their possession, contrary to the Wild Birds' Protection Act, 1880. Defendants pleaded guilty.

William Gristwood, a keeper in the employ of Lord Ebury, said that on Aug. 4 he was in Moor Park about 1.45 in the afternoon, when he saw the two men on the railway bank and in the wood. Witness kept a certain place under observation, but defendants did not cross the spot. Defendants were in a spinney nearly all the afternoon. Witness waited for them till about 5.30. When defendants came out witness stopped them with fifteen birds in their possession.

The magistrates' clerk said that in Hertfordshire the close season for birds extended to Aug. 6.

Defendants said that they did not know of the extension of the close season under the Act. They had been accustomed to coming to Rickmansworth bird catching for some years.

The Chairman said that they did not want to see the defendants again. They would have to pay the costs.

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WE have again the pleasure of publishing a goodly list of "new arrivals" desirous of participating in the benefits attaching to our Championship Scheme. The names received during the past week include:

Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.
Birmingham (City of) C.B.S.
Bristol F.A.
Frome F.A.
Hanley C.B.S.
Newcastle C.B.S.
Pontypridd F. and F.S.
Walsall C.B.S.

Some Views and Some Orders.

My society is taking up your Championship Scheme. Please send me, as a first instalment, sixty coupons. We wish you success.—J. H. Jones, hon. sec., City of Birmingham C.B.S.

Kindly send me 60 coupons, for which I enclose cash.—H. Clegg, sec., Halifax O.S.

Please send me 14 more coupons.—T. E. Pyman, joint sec., Hartlepool C.B.S.

Your Championship Scheme was brought up at our last meeting and all present expressed their intention of supporting it.—W. Connelly, sec., Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.

Our members unanimously decided to go in for Cage Birds Championship Scheme at our show.—E. Cowling, sec., Morpeth C.B.S.

I have not written before re Championship Scheme, owing to not having had a good meeting for months, but members rallied round at the last meeting and were greatly in favour of your scheme. Please send me 50 coupons.—C. J. Robinson, sec., Hanley C.B.S.

Your Coupon Scheme ought to prove a big success for exhibitors in all sections.—E. Barker (Long Eaton).

In addition we have had a large number of orders from fanciers buying direct, and quite a considerable number of repeat orders from secretaries whose members have already appropriated all their stocks. The success of the scheme is thoroughly assured, and we are delighted to think that our efforts to increase the interest attaching to the coming season's shows have been so splendidly appreciated and bid fair to succeed beyond our most sanguine expectations.

One or two points are raised this week by correspondents. Mr Clegg, the sec. of Halifax O.S., writes: "I have been asked how a competitor will stand if he sends more than one team out on the same day to more than one coupon show and is lucky enough to win at both?" If he wins with two different varieties (i.e., a Yorkshire and a Norwich, or a Yorkshire and a British bird, etc.) he will, of course, take the cash special at each show and a diploma for each variety. If, however, he is lucky enough to win at the two shows with the same variety (i.e., two Yorkshires, or two Norwich, etc.) he can take the two cash specials but only one diploma; note rule 7. If the latter rather unlikely event comes to pass, then the remaining diploma in the section in question will go to the runner-up nominated by the judge.

Mr. Steel (Queen's Park) asks whether he can enter two Scot's Fancies and two Borders at the final show (the Palace) only. My birds, he explains, are late, and are never fit much before February. This would be contrary to the rules, which make it clear that the splendid special prizes to be offered at the Crystal Palace are confined to the birds of exhibitors who have won a diploma at one or other of the coupon shows held prior to the Palace. We venture to think, however, that Mr. Steel will find more than one coupon show at which to secure the necessary diploma even at the late date which he tells us best suits his birds.

Pamphlets giving particulars of the scheme will be forwarded to any secretary of a society good enough to notify us of his desire to have one. We have also ready our pamphlets explaining the scheme from the exhibitor's point of view, and shall be glad to post a copy to any interested fancier who sends a postcard applying for one. We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of Cage Birds Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in Cage Birds List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 20th next.

Two Prizes of 10s. each, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

Twelve Diplomas of Honour will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the following sections:—

(1) YORKSHIRE CANARIES.
(2) NORWICH.
(3) CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.
(4) BORDER FANCIES.
(5) SCOTCH FANCIES AND BELGIANS.
(6) GREENS.
(7) LANCASHIRES AND LIZARDS.
(8) ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY.
(9) MULES AND HYBRIDS.
(10) BRITISH, HARD-BILLED.
(11) BRITISH, SOFT BILLED.
(12) FOREIGN.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., Cage Birds offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A Ten Guinea Challenge Shield, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of September, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of October.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.



How a London Garden Has been Beautified.

Our photograph shows the charming aviary in which Mr. T. J. James, of Stockwell, London, keeps a delightful collection of foreign birds.

A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLE-HILL.

Notes by the Secretary of "Cage Birds" League.

Caged Pets and Water.

Several members of Cage Birds League have sent me a copy of a letter written to the "Daily Mail," and which appears below:

Sir,—A fortnight ago a dealer in animals was fined for keeping fowls, pigeons, etc., without water and food. The publicity given to the case has called forth a protest from workers in the East End as to the enormous amount of cruelty practised daily upon defenceless creatures in many "animal shops." Rabbits, guinea pigs, squirrels, birds, etc., are the principal sufferers, water too often being withheld from sheer ignorance as to their requirements. Deprived of their natural means of assuaging their thirst these creatures suffer intensely and in silence. It is to be hoped that the increase of humanity and the dislike which is gradually springing up among us as to the caging of wild creatures amid unnatural surroundings will in time cause the demand for these creature as "pets" to cease. In the meantime the public can do much by observation and by reporting such places where animals are not kept under human conditions.

Arthur J. Coke, Secretary.
Our Dumb Friends' League.

When such a case as this occurs, it is always seized upon as a basis for a denunciation of the keeping of pets of all descriptions. Cases of the kind are very rare indeed, and when they do occur no one deplores them more than those who know that cruelty is not necessarily a concomitant of bird-dealing. With dealers in live stock who are properly punished for neglect, we have no sympathy, neither have we with those who exaggerate everything upon which they can lay hands as tending to support their continually expressed doctrine that pet keeping of any kind, and cage-bird keeping in particular, are hobbies which deserve improving off the face of the earth.

We know that birds properly kept in captivity will live happily to a much greater age than is ever reached by their congeners in a state of nature, and the opponents of cage-bird keeping must also be aware of the fact, for instances are continually being publicly recorded. An authentic case of a Linnet which has recently died after nineteen years of cage life is reported in our columns this week.

In all the untold millions of Linnets which have never been caged, was there ever one who lived for anything like twenty years? The answer is obvious. If wild Linnets lived to reach a quarter of this age Linnets would be as thickly spread over our countryside as leaves in autumn, and their extermination would become a national necessity.

The professional humanitarians who make capital out of solitary cases of misconduct ignore the real facts in connection with bird-keeping, and they do so because it is their business and their livelihood so to do.

To Interest the Children.

Our friend Mr. Peck, of Bexley, asks me to thank through this column our member Mr. Jas. Henderson, of Westminster Bridge Road, London, for his kind donation of six shillings towards the prize fund of the Children's Decorated Cage Competition at Dartford which Mr. Peck is organising. It is a great pleasure to find the members of Cage Birds League helping one another in any good cause which is instituted by any one of their body. One of our aims is the establishment of goodwill and fellowship among bird-lovers, and the response to Mr. Peck's appeal on behalf of the children goes to show that a good fellowship does indeed exist among members of our League.

Mr. Peck wishes me to correct a slight error in the announcement last week that the committee of the Dartford Working Men's Club had contributed £1 towards the Children's Prize Fund. It was the Dartford F. and F. Society ("a side club of the mother club," says Mr. Peck) which is subscribing so liberally towards the good object.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.—Members under the age of fourteen years at the date of joining shall pay an annual subscription of One Shilling.

VICE PRESIDENTS.—An annual subscription of not less than Half-a-Guinea shall constitute the subscriber a Vice President.

LIFE MEMBERS.—A donation of not less than Five Guineas in one amount shall constitute the donor a Life Member.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.—The payment to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE of a legacy of £20 and upwards shall constitute the administrator or executor making the payment an Honorary Life Member. A form of bequest will be sent, post free, on application.

PATRONS.—A donation of not less than Ten Guineas in one amount, or an annual subscription of not less than Two Guineas, shall constitute the donor or subscriber a Patron.

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Certificates printed in seven colours, and suitable for framing, are supplied at One Shilling each. Each certificate bears an enlarged facsimile of Cage Birds League badge and Motto, and is signed by the Secretary.

Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold in two forms, one as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps or coat lapel, and the other as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

SEALS AND HEADED NOTEPAPER.

GUMMED SEALS printed in gold and colours in facsimile of the LEAGUE BADGE are supplied for affixing to note paper, postcards, or envelopes. Price eightpence per hundred, fivepence for fifty, post free.

Notepaper with the badge and motto of the League in the top left-hand corner and the address of any member at the top right-hand, may be had at the following prices:—

100 Sheets, Two Shillings and sixpence.
250 Sheets, Four Shillings.
500 Sheets, Five Shillings and sixpence.
1,000 sheets, Eight Shillings and sixpence.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of Cage Birds League, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the League. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

date..... 1913 .....

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON SHOWS

At these fixtures "Cage Birds" Championship competition will be in progress during the 1913-14 season. Particulars will be found on another page. Coupons may be purchased by exhibitors from any secretary whose address appears in this list.

t. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.**—P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.
t. 9 & 10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.
t. 10 & 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Road.
t. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.
t. 14-15.—**Plymouth (W.C.O.S.).**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.)
t. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer-st., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.
t. 16 & 17.—**Norwich Alliance C.B.A.**—E. C. St. Quintin, 35, Calvert Street.
t. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mount Florida, Glasgow.
t. 17 & 18.—**Halifax O.S.**—H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Le Mount, Halifax.
t. 17-18.—**Newcastle C.B.S.**—J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell Grove, Newcastle.
t. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.**—J. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.
t. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street.
t. 18.—**Harrogate.**—G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.
t. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.
t. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.
t. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Av.
t. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—J. Gibbous, 64, Napier Road.
t. 24 and 25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme.)
t. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.** T. Smith, 5, King St.
t. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
t. 25.—**Perth O.A.** J. L. Smith, 120, High Street.
t. 25.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street.
t. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries Street, Treherbert.
t. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.
t. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—J. W. Buxton, Kelvin Side, The Dimple, Matlock.
t. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
t. 31, Nov. 1.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.
ov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.
ov. 1 & 3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.
ov. 4 & 5.—**Southend and Southern Counties O.S.**—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.
ov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.
ov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—E. C. Job, 10, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.
ov. 7 & 8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.
ov. 7 & 8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.
ov. 8.—**Hartlepool C.B.S.**—Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.
ov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
ov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
ov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.
ov. 12-13.—**Sittingbourne C.B.S.**—W. Broadbridge, 31, George Street.
ov. 12-13.—**Swansea C.B.S.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
ov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.
ov. 13 & 14.—**Leyton C.B.A.**—Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Road.
ov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson St.
ov. 15.—**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—J. W. Holms, South Hill St.
ov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland C.B.S.**—R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, Co. Durham.
ov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.
ov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—F. Thomas 29, Chatham St.
ov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—W. Tallantyre, South View.
ov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.
ov. 22.—**Arbroath C.B.S.**—J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.
ov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—R. M. Ward, 16, Wark Street.
ov. 25.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—W. F. Swarbrick, High Street.
ov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. & F.S.**—A. A. Gordon McLucas, 44, Rosser-st., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.
ov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.**—E. Smyth, 14, Rivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown.
ov. 26-27.—**Bristol F.A.**—C. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.
ov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—J. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.
ov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.
ec. 3.—**Forres.**—W. Cumming, 28, North Road.
ec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—J. H. Jones, 109, Church Lane, Aston.
ec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford National.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
ec. 6.—**Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.**—R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
ec. 6.—**Thrums C.B.A.**—J. Stevenson, 6, Muir St., Kirriemuir.
ec. 11.—**Frome F.A.**—C. I. Young, 8, Palmer-st.
ec. 12-13.—**Gateshead C.B.S.**—W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.
ec. 12-13.—**Walsall C.B.S.**—F. Price, 18, Milton-st.
ec. 20.—**Newtongrange C.B.S.** (Scotland).—Wm. Bryson, 42, Fifth Street.
ec. 31, Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.
n. 8-9.—**Bangor (Co. Down).**—W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey-st.
n. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.
n. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—D. John, 9, Pottery Place.
n. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Road, Bournemouth, W.
b. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

THE PROBLEM OF MIGRATION

How Do Birds Know Where to Fly?

"The Observer," settles it in once.

Mr. E. Kay Robinson, in "The Observer," dated Aug. 31, solves a riddle which has engaged the minds of ornithologists for centuries. He says:—"There is probably no subject on which naturalists have written more egregious nonsense than this. In defiance of facts and common sense they have invented invisible "fly-lines" along which the birds are supposed to travel by some unerring inherited instinct. Yet the facts are plain: that, when summer is departing, all the summer birds begin to be restless and sensitive to the chills which the north wind brings. According to their habits, some are able to linger longer than others, but they all follow the inherited instinct of their kind to fly when the cheerless winds threaten them with complete deprivation of their accustomed food.

Not so Marvellous as it seems.

But how do they know where to fly? That is just the simple point of it all. They do not know where to fly. They simply fly with the cold wind; and as the cold wind of autumn comes from the north this means that they fly to the south. And, if you will look at the map of the northern hemisphere you will see that a bird which flies to the south from any place in Britain reaches Africa, if it only goes on flying long enough. Another factor, the desire to return home, enters into the spring migration with the warm south wind; but this has only the result of making the termination of many birds' flight more precise as to locality in spring than in autumn; otherwise it is as simple as the single impulse which at the present time is carrying many millions of birds—from ample-winged Swans to wee Golden-Crested Wrens—southwards over land and sea."

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Club Reports.

WINCHBURGH C.B.C.

Meeting held Sept. 5, Mr. John Bobb chair. Classification for annual show, Nov. 22, was drawn up, giving 36 classes, also a few new members were enrolled.—A. Bishop, Sec.

BIRTLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Station Hotel, Sept. 6, Mr. W. Davison chair. Decided to add more classes to our schedule, viz., Goldfinch or Bullfinch; Greenfinch; A.O.V. British Finch. Also another foreign class. There are also 11 classes for members; and we have a good few specials promised. I already have several applications for schedules, and I hope to forward them in a few days, probably this week-end.—S. Lindsay, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting held at Grange Park Hall, Sept. 1, Mr. J. A. Bartlett chair. Secs. reported that the annual show, November 13 and 14, would be held under the patronage of the Southern Yorks. C.C., champion and novice, and cup competition, Southern Norwich P.C., champion and novice, Southern Border F.C., champion and novice, and National B.B. and M.C. CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition will also be held at this show. It was considered very gratifying to find our efforts at the last open show so fully appreciated. Mr. A. J. Watcham has very kindly given a special for Crest and C.B. for competition in open and members' classes. We have also a valuable solid silver cup for members' competition, so this variety should begin to buck up. A guarantee fund for the annual show was started, and produced very good results. A very interesting discussion was opened on the question and answer principle, a great variety of subjects being dealt with. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very pleasant evening.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

STANLEY (Empire Workmen's Club).

Meeting held Sept. 7, Mr. J. Emmerson chair; a good turn-up of members came to arrange schedule for 5th annual show, which we expect to beat all records. Decided to put up for competition the five cups which our club committee are going to give us. In the cage bird section a cup will be given for 3 best nominated Canaries, and one for best two nominated British birds. We also got a few specials offered. Mr. Stephenson gives medal best foreign bird; sec. gives medal best Mule; Mr. Boyle, special best small Softbill; Mr. Hopper, special best Norwich; Mr. Peart, special second best Canary, also second best British. We are also thankful to our club committee for taking a few more fanciers as members of our club, which will make our show second to none in the county. We have got Wm. Elliott (sec., West Stanley C.B.S.), B. Peart (sec., Victoria Club C.B.S.), Geo. Lane, J. Calvert, T. Taylor, T. Metcalfe, J. Teasdale, and several other fanciers as members. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who have given specials, and we expect members to try and get as many specials as possible.—Wm. Robinson, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting, there was a fair turn out of members, who reported that there was a good prospect of specials for annual show. Sec. read a letter from R. Hyde and Co., Ltd., that they had again pleasure in giving a teapot for competition, also from secretary of the N.B. and S.F. Club, announcing that we had again secured their patronage, so I think we will have a record show.—G. Hawver, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting held Sept. 1, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, Mr. W. P. Snaith chair. Letter was read from Chopwell committee saying that they had been too late in being informed that they had received our patronage, so they had cut the classes down. Mr. T. Pender, Baker, was elected a member. Questions were then put forward, and these proved very interesting, some of them causing a fair amount of discussion.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held September 1; not such a good attendance as usual. Schedule for open show came up for consideration, and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to adopt the same classification as last year. CAGE BIRDS Championship coupons were on view, and several members made purchases. Next meeting, September 22, to proceed with show arrangements. Members who require CAGE BIRDS coupons should make an effort to be present, or let me know how many they require at the earliest possible moment.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held September 6, at Lockhart's Cafe, Briggate, Mr. H. J. Mennard chair. Classification for open show, October 10 and 11, was formed, viz., 7 Yorks., 7 Nor., 7 Brit, 7 For., 5 Nov. Yorks., 5 Nov. Nor., 1 A.O.V. Can., and 4 selling; fee 1s. 6d.; prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Messrs. E. Norton and W Waind kindly presented 2s. 6d. each towards special fund. A good number of birds and cages have been promised to be given to purchasers of lucky tickets to show. Mr. J. R. Beckwith has generously promised 2s. 6d. to member who disposes of highest number of tickets. Sergeant Parker was unanimously elected a member. I especially beg of all members to interest themselves in our 23rd annual open show, and try to make it a record in every respect.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, September 4, Mr. Hill chair, and a fair number present. The question of selecting the points cup was gone into, and samples submitted were examined. Decided to leave the final selection until next meeting. Schedule for annual show, as drawn up by committee was submitted, and confirmed. A "special" list was opened, and was nobly supported. We shall be glad to hear from members wishing to give a special, and hope that every member will give a trifle so as to make our list of specials a record one. Fanciers who intend becoming members should note that next meeting night, October 2, is the last night for election of new members before the annual show, Nov. 6. Business being concluded, we settled down to hear Mr. Hill's lecture on "Colour Feeding." The subject was dealt with in a very expert manner, and was much appreciated by all. The lecturer was afterwards bombarded with questions, all of which he ably answered, and at the end Mr. Hill was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Members, please don't forget the washing competition next meeting. Bring some birds, and also some new members.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

READING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Sept. 5, before a good attendance. Four new members were elected: Messrs. Dr. Clarke and J. White (Reading), A. F. Fifield (Oxford), and E. Chance (Twickenham). This makes 20 new members this year, so we are evidently making good progress. Hon. sec. brought forward a home bakery competition for members' wives on show day. This seemed to be popular, judging by the way members put their hands up as being willing to judge the cakes. Finally, to save all jealousy and owing to want of room, it was decided to decline it. The big business of the evening was the preparation of show schedule for November 26. Open classes were re-arranged on more up-to-date lines, several being added, and money specials instead of goods. This ought to be popular. Members' classes were then gone through, and new ones added in all sections. Owing to the great number of amateurs and novices we have now, it was felt that they both ought to have better classification, so now they will have the same as the champions, 5 Norwich and 5 Yorks., in each section. In a discussion on the limit it was decided to reduce it £1 all round, making it now: champion £3, amateur £2, novice £1. Several good special prizes have been offered, and sec. would be very glad to get names of fanciers wishing to do likewise, also any fancier wishing to join us now. A splendid silver medal has been presented for best foreign bird and similar one for best novice Yorks. Judging from the enthusiasm displayed by members, we are right for a record show.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec., 102, Radstock Road, Reading.

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MIDDLESEX O.S.

Monthly meeting held Sept. 4. One new member elected and one nominated. Decided to hold annual members' show at Watson's auction rooms, Station Approach, Southall, Nov. 6. Judge, Mr. F. Easterling. Entry fee, 6d. first cage, 4d. per cage after.—Jeffery Jefferis, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Seven Stars, Riddings, September 6. One of the best meetings of late, when a good number turned up, and a large amount of business was transacted. Mr. L. Parsons in the chair. Mr. G. Lees was proposed and elected assistant sec. Decided to hold our open show, November 29, and a good number of specials are already promised. Will all members please renew their subscription, as soon as convenient, to enable them to compete for specials at open show, and oblige.—Smith and Lees, Secs.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) F. & F.S.

Meeting held September 7, Mr. T. H. Curry, chair. Schedule for annual show, Dec. 6, 7, was adopted. Thirty cage bird classes, and 22 poultry, pigeons, and rabbits. Mr. J. Elliott has given a special for best Modern Game Bantams, which brings our list of specials up very well. The committee has done a lot to encourage the Fancy amongst members, both financially and in other ways, and I hope the members will show their appreciation of their kind efforts by making a bumping entry, and making this show a success. We got some names of fanciers wishing to go with us on our trip to Scottish National, and we are still open for more.—R. Peart, Sec.

BARGOED C.B.S.

Meeting held at Parker's Temperance Hotel, Aug. 26, Mr. H. Bye presiding over a moderate attendance. We had a friendly discussion on breeding and feeding for colour, which proved very interesting. The arguments very much favoured breeding as being more wholesome and healthy for the birds generally, and more creditable to the owners of them. Decided to hold a members' show about the middle of October, and an open show towards the end of the year. I hope to be able to give full details and dates of both events after next meeting, Sept. 16, which I hope each member will make an effort to attend at 7.30. We have the promise of over half a dozen new members for that night. We also started a members' fund for the Palace show which caught on a treat.—E. J. Chisholm, Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Meeting held Sept. 6, Mr. T. Wildridge (president) in the chair; patronage was allotted as follows: Lochgelly, Oct. 11; Kelty, Nov. 8; Cowdenbeath, Nov. 15; Bowhill, Dec. 13. Our specials list this year is the largest we have ever had, there being about 30 specials in all. Mr. P. McLuc gave two C.C. medals for best unlighted at Lochgelly; D. Firk 2s. 6d. for best young bird at Kelty; J. W. Holms 2s. 6d. best young bird at Cowdenbeath, spl. for best young bird at Bowhill; also 2s. 6d. for most points at each show with 3 nominated birds (in all cases previous winners debarred). The following were appointed as a Vigilance Committee: Messrs. W. Spence, T. Wildridge, J. W. Holms, and Sec. Agreed to hold table show on second Saturday in 1914, 6d. per entry, and 6 classes (2 for novices). W. Grewar gave a medal for best team of 4 young birds bred by a member (donor not to compete). W. Grewar and W. Duff were accepted as members. Next meeting, October 4.—A. Dickson, Sec.

SCOTTISH B.B AND M.C.

Meeting held 142, High Street, Edinburgh, Sept. 6, Mr. Sykes in the chair, before a good turn-out of members. The granting of patronage was then gone into, and the following clubs receive the full patronage of trophy, cups and medals: City of Perth, Boness, Glasgow and District, and Scottish National; cups and medals only, Lochgelly, Cowdenbeath, Musselburgh, and Newtongrange, the latter conditionally that the judge appointed be satisfactory to the Pres. and Sec. of this club; medals only, East Lothian C.B.S.; novice medals for club shows, Leith and Edinburgh Norwich and Mule Club. The following new members were admitted: Messrs. T. Russell, Edinburgh; J. G. Adams, Glasgow; P. McQuiston, Ayr; David Roy, Auchterarder; Alex. Forrest, Perth; Andrew Livingstone, Paisley; Messrs. Forsyth, Jamieson, J. McArdle, and A. Muir, Arbroath; Joseph Milne, Leith; W. Dunn, Portobello. Mr. Sykes presented a gold medal for most points at Scottish National for four nominated birds by members of the S.B.B. and M.C., who have not already won a gold or six silver medals at the beginning of the season, the secretary presenting a silver medal to the runner-up. A lively meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—John Allan, Secretary.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

There was a large attendance of members at the monthly meeting, held at Crown Hotel, Hill Street, September 3, Mr. Broadhurst, chair. Unanimously decided to hold a members' show of old and young birds, on October 22, instead of the young stock show originally arranged for, and Mr. J. H. Roe to judge if available. Forty-five classes were allotted, of which 38 classes are for Canaries, 19 each for champions and novices. At this stage the chairman, owing to indisposition, called upon Mr. de Maillet to take his place. Final arrangements were then proceeded with, and the question of entry fees and prize-moneys caused a rather heated discussion, the majority of the members present being against the continuance of the practice, started a couple of seasons ago when the club's funds were very low, of deducting a portion of the entry fees for expenses. Many of the members felt that they were being penalised for making entries, whilst those members not exhibiting, escaped scot free. The Assistant Secretary pleaded strongly against any revision, and resigned his office upon the vote going against him, but the members hope he will reconsider the matter, as the society is now in a strong financial position. Birds must be staged by 9 a.m. on day of show, open to public at 1, admission 3d., closing at 9. Mr. Crowther again volunteered to act as steward, and Mr. Clay will also give his services if possible. CAGE BIRDS Championship Scheme was brought forward, and the members unanimously decided to take it up, the secretary booking orders for nearly 60 coupons. A committee meeting will be arranged some time this month, to draw up proposed classification and other business in connection with the open show for approval of the members at next monthly meeting. Fanciers wishing to join the society should give in their names for nomination next meeting night, October 1, and their election could then take place at the November meeting, in time to receive the membership benefits of reduced entry fees, etc., for the open show, December 3rd and 4th.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 109, Church Lane, Aston, Birmingham.

DARVEL C.B.C.

The first of a series of winter meetings was held on Friday, 29th Aug. Mr. N. Hopkins presided over a good turnout of members. A list of rules for the government of the club was read and passed. A discussion took place on the advisability of holding a club show, and it was ultimately agreed that if we could find a suitable date about November we give it a trial. A list of classes was drawn up, which, with other business connected therewith, will be fully discussed at our next meeting in September. Members are requested to bring as many specials as possible, and we hope to see a full turnout at this meeting.—J. Robertson, Jun., Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel, August 20, only a moderate number being present. Mr. Geo. Hunter, chairman, opening. The principal item of the evening's business was the discussion of our members' show, which had been fixed to take place on December 6, this date being that of the Bradford National show. The greater part of our members being desirous of attending the Bradford National, were anxious that the date should be changed to Nov. 15, and this, being put to the vote, was carried by all present. Members please make a special note of the alteration.—F. N. Jenkinson (Asst. Sec.).

GLASGOW & W COUNTIES C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, Mr. J. M. Edwards presiding before a moderate attendance. Sec. read correspondence re the Plumage Bill, and, after a little discussion, petition was signed by all members present, and will be duly forwarded to the right quarter. Schedule for annual show was considered and agreed to be the same as last year, 56 classes. Replies from judges were read, and will be more fully discussed at next meeting. Owing to the poor attendance, several important items were left over till next meeting, Nov. 4, and it is to be hoped members will turn out better.—W. Connelly, hon. sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Members had their first cycle outing on August 31st, when only six members turned up. We waited until after 2.30, but as no one else came along we sallied forth through Cheadle and reached Alderley at 4 o'clock. Choosing the way over the Edge, we had to dismount and push the bikes up the steep incline. About half-way up the hill we met the members of the Denton C.B.S. on their ramble, and after a chat on birdy matters, they left us to go on to tea, we having to cover a distance of six miles before reaching our own destination. We came back through Bollington and Poynton, arriving home by 9.30 p.m., having had a very pleasant time. Those that have cycles missed a treat of a ride. I never enjoyed myself better. It is getting late in the season now, but next year I should like to see several runs fixed on the programme.—J. Spencer.

[We have had no option but to very considerably condense this report, as the items it dealt with, though entertaining enough, had no reference to birds and bird-life, with which our journal is chiefly concerned.—ED.]

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Quarterly general meeting held at the King's Head, Sept. 3, Mr. G. Higgins chair. Correspondence read and discussed. Schedule for open show passed as follows:—Border Fancy 15, Norwich 12, Yorks. 11, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mules or Hybrids 5, British 14, Foreign 6. The patronage of the following specialist clubs has been granted: Border Fancy C.C.; Yorkshire C.C.; Open Norwich P.C.; Foreign Bird Club; National. B.B. and M.C.; Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, H. W. Battye and James Maddison. With this classification and patronage the show ought to be a great success, as we are fortunate in having the finest railway centre in the Kingdom. Eight railway companies have their termini here, and fast mail trains run to all important centres. London can be reached in 7 hours, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Sheffield, Bradford, Liverpool in 3 hours, Newcastle in 2 hours, so exhibitors need not be afraid of sending on birds. A goodly number of specials were handed in, but not being all received the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight.—J. C. Bell, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held September 8, at Church Institute, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd chair. Various correspondence was read. Messrs. Ellis and Wallington were elected members. The feature of the eveuing was a wild seed competition, and it was very disappointing that there were only two competitors, Messrs. C. H. Withers, and W. Clark, who exhibited some very fair specimens. Mr. A. Silver kindly attended to judge, and it was unfortunate that owing to so many members being away on holidays, the attendance was small. After examining the exhibits, Mr. Silver made some very interesting remarks, and explained very fully the good and bad effects that the various seeds would have on British birds in their wild state, and also in confinement. A very instructive hour was spent, and the members present were unanimous in giving Mr. Silver a very hearty vote of thanks for his kind services. Members are specially asked to note that on the next meeting night, September 22, there will be a judging competition in Norwich Plainheads. Final judge, Mr. F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec. S.N.P.C.C. Do not fail to attend, and please bring some birds.—F. Thynne,, Assist. Hon. Sec.

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CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting, Aug. 26, Boot Inn, Eastgate Street. Mr. F. C. Parker presided over a fair attendance. Schedule of annual members' show, Nov. 22, was reviewed, and it was decided to add a gift class. Other general business was also transacted. Any one wishing to become members will be kindly welcomed, and can have full particulars from hon. sec. There will be four handsome cups for competition to be won outright again this year.—R. L. G. Simpson, 35, Clare Avenue, Hoole, Chester.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, Old Cocoa Rooms, Mr. Sutton chair, before large attendance. Proposed to alter the show date from 15th to 22nd of November, if the sec. could make arrangements with the judge, and for the room. Everything has now been settled accordingly. 37 classes are arranged, and about 16 specials were promised at the meeting. Members who did not attend, please attend next meeting, October 3, and have a hand in making the show a record for specials.—E. Rone, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting held Sept. 6, at Headquarters, "Globe," Maple-st., Tottenham Court Road, a fairly good muster of members and visitors attended the table show, and some good specimens were staged. Mr. H. Bell judged to everybody's satisfaction. NOR.: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Cullers. ROLLER: 1, Emery. REDPOLL: 2, Stubbs. CHAFFINCH: 3, Stubbs. The Chaffinch was claimed. Will members and friends do their utmost to attend our next meeting as Mr. Bell will no doubt have something very interesting to tell us, and the question of a cup for Crests will be brought forward.—G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Monthly meeting held. Wilson's Temperance Hotel, Sept. 6. Mr. W. Wood, vice-president, in chair. Secretary reported on the serious illness of Mr. C. Hunter, who had been out of work for the past three months. It was unanimously decided to minute an expression of sympathy towards Mr. Hunter and family. Sec. reported that Mr. Hunter was disposing of all his stock of Plainheads, etc., and asked the members to give him a visit. Messrs. Gunion, Smart, and sec. were appointed sub-committee to purchase trophies for Mule and British Sections. It was also deemed advisable to get trophy for Yorks. Section, which promises well, and this year Mr. Davidson has kindly consented to give gold medal for best British at annual show. Decided to have washing exhibition at Oct. meeting. Messrs. E. Barron and J. M. Knight were nominated and accepted to membership. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

General meeting held Sept. 4, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. Decided to accept CAGE BIRDS Cannon Scheme for open show, Oct. 17 and 18. Mr. Studholm, Wallsend, was elected a member. Will members and fanciers note that we have the following judges at our open show: Messrs. W. Vardy, T. C. Crawhall, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Duncan and J. Maddison, and 121 classes. Entries close Oct. 11. I hope to have schedules out shortly. Will members do their best to get specials (a special general meeting will be held Sept. 8 to receive same), also do their utmost to keep Newcastle show what it has been—the largest in the Provinces. Hope to have tickets for admission to show ready at next meeting; everyone must try and dispose of some; put your shoulders to the wheel and make this show better than last year. Remember, we require a large number of specials. Mrs. Irwin, of Ponteland, has kindly consented to open the show at 3 p.m. on Oct. 17.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

DENTON C.B.S.

Members had a ramble on August 31; a fair muster turned up. Under the leadership of Mr. Frank Blease we left Crown Point at 10.15 a.m. by car to Reddish. From Stockport we caught the 11.30 train to Prestbury, and in our reserved compartment we held a meeting to discuss a few show items. Arriving in Prestbury at 12.30, and having refreshed the inner man, we set out for a walk to Alderley Edge, being entertained all the while by our leading raconteur, known best of the "Silent Boy," who fairly kept the ball rolling with his quips and jokes. The old man who listened to some of his yarns near Wimslow scemed lost in admiration at his prowess. During the afternoon we encamped in the woods to discuss birdy matters again, and when we were in the middle of an interesting debate, it was noticed that one of our Borders had tucked his head under his wing and was gently sleeping. Roars of laughter greeted his ultimate attempt to take part in a debate which had been ended for a quarter of an hour. Not many birds were to be seen in the woods. Resuming our ramble and heading towards the Wizard we fully enjoyed the scene which greeted us from the Edge. Having seen most of the lovely scenery for which Alderley and district is noted, we made our way towards our tea. Just at the bottom of the brow we saw some of the Ardwick C.B.S., who were out for a cycle spin. On arrival at the Royal Oak for tea we did full justice to the good things provided. How our Yorkshires enjoyed their greenfood! Having rested a little, during which our entertainer once more took up his duties and kept the company alive with his yarns, we left Alderley at 6.30 and went a roundabout way to Wimslow, where our members were busy gathering wild seeds, including plantain, hardheads, thistle, tormental root, shepherd's purse, and persicaria. As darkness was now approaching we wended our way back to Alderley, where we caught the 8.35 back to Denton, bringing to a close a most delightful ramble and one which will live for many a long year in the minds of those who took part in it.—W. Hopwood, Sec.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Sept. 4. The evening was fully occupied with business in connection with the open show, Oct. 16. In the matter of specials the secty has been exceedingly fortunate this year, and every class in the show, except singing, has a cash special of 2s. 6d. allotted to it for open competition, in addition to various other specials. Anyone within 3-mile radius wishing to become a member, should do so at once, so as to be in time to compete for the members specials.—A. F. Field, Press Correspondent.

SWINDON A. AND DIST. F. AND F.A.

Monthly meeting at the Baths, August 27., Mr. A. Ireland in the chair. Decided, owing to the great loss on our two last open shows, only to hold a radius show this year, open to members of the society, and anyone living within 12 miles of Swindon (including Cirencester). Date of show, October 25. The classification and rules were arranged to be printed and issued by end of September. After business concluded, a young stock show of poultry was held.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality Linnet singing held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Sept. 7th; 20 picked Leeds birds sang for four good prizes: 1, 2, 3, A. Butler; 4, Lacy. Judges, W. Sissons, F. Stead, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Singing contest held at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Sept. 7. 14 birds sang for 3 prizes given by Mr. Fishwick: 1, Ward; 2, Kelly; 3, Hullen. Judges, J. Grainger, J. Sellers.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing held Sept. 6. 10 birds entered. J. Wainwright won all three prizes. Annual general meeting Saturday next, Sept. 12.—J. Brindley, Hon. Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

General meeting held Sept. 1. Balance in hand from last season's club was 6s. 11d. We also started to pay our contributions on Sept. 5. I was glad to see six new members pay their contributions along with the old members. I hope Mr. Howcroft will see this.—J. Harrison, 3, Lune Street.

The Shows.

MILNATHORT O.S.

Annual show, held September 6, in a spacious marquee. The cage bird section would prove a big attraction if the management would only increase the classification a little. Mr. James Garrow, Edinburgh, judged.

CANARY (11): 1, sp., 3, vhc, McGregor, good trio of Scots Fancies, first, good big buff pied, grand rib, and good drive away, 3rd, neat headed yell. pied, very nice action and neck; 2, 4, McCall, second, good massive skulled buff varieg. C.B., good entrance, and lashing, 4, big bodied young green Crest, wants grooming; hc, c, Watson. MULE (8): 1, 2, 3, c, McCall, 1st and 2nd, very nice varieg. Mules, winner almost Eglit, and full of quality, 3rd, ripe faced dark Goldfinch, but deep in moult; vhc, hc, McGregor. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, McCall, good team, leader rich coloured Yellowhammer, great size and condition, second pretty Redstart hen, in good feather, good head, 3rd, neat house-moulted Lesser Redpoll, good bib, breast and flanks.

BLENNERHASSET.

A capital little show was that of the Blennerhasset Poultry and Horticultural Society, which was held on September 6th. The day was glorious, and a big crowd of fanciers and others visited the village, which was quite en fete. For the time of year the entry was good and the quality splendid. Mr. T. B. Charters, the general secretary, and Mr. William Jackson, the live stock secretary, proved themselves to be most energetic and courteous officials, and everything in their departments was in grand order. They were assisted by very strong committees for each section of the show, and thus everything went as merrily as a marriage bell. During the day we had the pleasure of meeting that good fancier, Mr. J. Nicholson, formerly of Flimby, but now of Canada. Mr. Nicholson, who will be remembered as one of our most successful breeders and exhibitors of Mules, Hybrids and Scotch Fancies, was for a long time associated with our good friend, Bob Colton, of Sheffield. What victories these two were associated with! Mr. Nicholson expects to return to Canada shortly. Mr. J. Ellwood judged.

BORD. YELL. (6): 1, Pennington, very neatly feathered, well proportioned cl., very smart; 2, Coulthard, eye and wing mkl., nice feather and style, not so even in col.; 3, Harrison, stylish and slim, beaten in head; 4, Elliott, charming and promising young cl., had all the worst of the luck, but youngsters do not always show alike; vhc, hc, Wilson Bros. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Elliott, nice trio of cls., winner won here last year, but we preferred 2nd to-day, he being tighter and finer in feather; 4th, good in body, but not fined down yet; 3, Coulthard, nice feather and style, hardly so level in body; vhc, Dixon, hc, Lennox; c, Taylor. A.O.C. (9): 1, 3, Elliott, nice pair of Crests, buff beauties, good col. and feather, very superior; 2, Pennington, variegs., 1st, very stylish and showy, tight and level; 4, Dixon, second consistently good pair, nice shape and feather, slight fault in head; vhc, Dixon. H.W. Cup: 1, 4, vars, Elliott, grand pair, best pair shown and styl., nice qual., level col., 4th, great improvement in head, last summer; 2, Coulthard, level and good col., but, I only little tips, would prefer to see more white but for best shade of a Crest, c, Dixon, better head, but not level body, good col. and qual.; hc, Pennington, c, Lennox. A.O.C. CAN. (9): 1, 3, Dixon, fine, even coloured clear Jonq. Crests, good coal, Yorks type, 3rd, good cock, good head, good body, but not level Scots, nice level col., 3, Harrison, good cock, Golden Crest, heavy tail, c, Coulthard, rare big compact bird, Norv, nice head, but a bit No. 1, Anderson, large, pencilled tail, but level young fancier, hc, Coates, and 1 any other good bird. Pair (2): 1, Lennox, very fine blue cap, grand col. and feather, good cap; 2, Nicholson, Lacy, heavy marked, good coloured Pennant Pair (3): 1, 2, Coulthard on magnificent Blue Mountain Lacy, type, deep col., greatly alike, splendidly shown; 3rd, Dixon, good col. and feather, very neat and smart; 4, Anderson, nice level Welsh; 5, Carr, heavy Pennant, lovely col. and feather, very neat and smart; 4, Anderson, nice marked, good col., some tattered Budgerigars.

COLWYN BAY.

Annual show held Sept. 3, a most inconvenient date for the exhibitors. Some rattling good specimens were spoilt by being only half-way through the moult. Many of the winners got their wins on condition alone. Two handsome cups are provided for members' best bird and best unlimited. The H.W. Shorten cup was won outright by W. H. Williams with a very smart yellow Norwich. Messrs. Hartle and Berry took the "Gaffe Roberts" cup with their noted Waxwing. Mr. Roberts, Denbigh, staged a very fine Yorks, which was brought out for best in show, also best unflighted; unfortunately, the owner was not a member. The subscription to the association is only 2s. 6d. per annum, which gives exhibitors a chance to win some valuable specials, besides helping the Fancy along in North Wales. Our section was in the hands of Messrs. Hinton and Nolan, who catered for every want of the exhibitors. Everything was carried out in a businesslike manner by the hon. sec., Mr. G. E. Cragg, who is an ardent fancier. He informed us the association has gone up by leaps and bounds, and for our section next year he is putting forward a scheme that will make the show, he says, the Palace of North Wales. There was a very good attendance. Sir Fredk. Smith, Bart, presented the cups. On handing the cup to Mr. W. H. Williams for best unflighted Canary, he said he was more than pleased with the cage birds, and that he would have to consider taking them up himself. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, judged, and gave universal satisfaction.

NOR., YELL.: 1, Hughes Bros., smart, nice qual., not a big one, in best condition; 2, 3, W. H. Williams, rare head, good body and shape, short wings, half through moult, or would win, 3rd won sp. best unflighted, rattling shape, cobby, good carr., very young; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Schield. BUFF: 1, Aitken, rare size and qual., well braced wings and tail, good frontage, in condition; 2, r, c, W. H. Williams, capital stamp, lovely qual., four-pointed, noted winner, not finished moult; 3, hc, Nolan, heavily varieg., lovely shape, looks like a hen, bold head and neck; vhc, Sheldon. YORKS. YELL.: 1, T. G. Roberts, straight as a rush, well drawn, even wing carr., nicely filled in neck for a yellow; 2, c, Wilson, all there for shape, charming feather, not length of winner; 3, hc, H. Jones, heavily varieg., rare length and style, not the best of wing carr.; vhc, J. Jones. BUFF: 1, 3, H. Jones, noted winner, variegs., capital style, lovely feather, round as a pencil, easy win, 3rd quite a baby, lovely shape and feather; 2nd not awarded; res, vhc, Serjeant Evans, will make up later. BORD.: 1, res, H. Jones, wing mkd. buff, exquisite feather, marble head, really sweet; 2, 3, M. Jones, yell., hardly through yet, very neat, jaunty carr., moves well, 3rd a buff, bit strong, otherwise very smart, warm col.; hc, Green; c, Nolan. GOLDF.: 1, Mrs. Hughes, topper, wonderful blaze, grand top, well shaped collar, rich in tan, wins; 2, vhc, E. Jones, good one, splendid blaze and bars, well mooned, good buttons, beaten in taming; 3, Jackson, well tanned, smart face, not quite size of others; hc, Wilson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, sp. best in show, Hartle and Berry, charming Waxwing, in faultless form, fair size, showing col. well.; 2, Aitken, Yellow Bunting, steady and fair size, should moult out well; 3, not awarded; vhc, Green; hc, W. Williams; c, T. Roberts. SELF.: 2, W. A. Williams, fair Norwich, cheap; 3, Serjeant Evans, Yorks., nice shape and qual.; vhc, Hughes Bros.; hc, H. Jones; c, Green; 1st not awarded.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Bromley and W. Kent. F.A.—Oct. 15-16; judge, Mr. J. Robson, 34 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 8, Crests 1, C.B. 1, Bord. 2, Liz. 1, Brit. 5, Mules 4, For. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 7, to A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.

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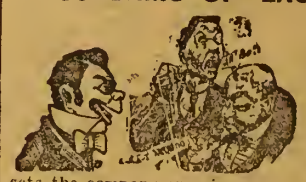
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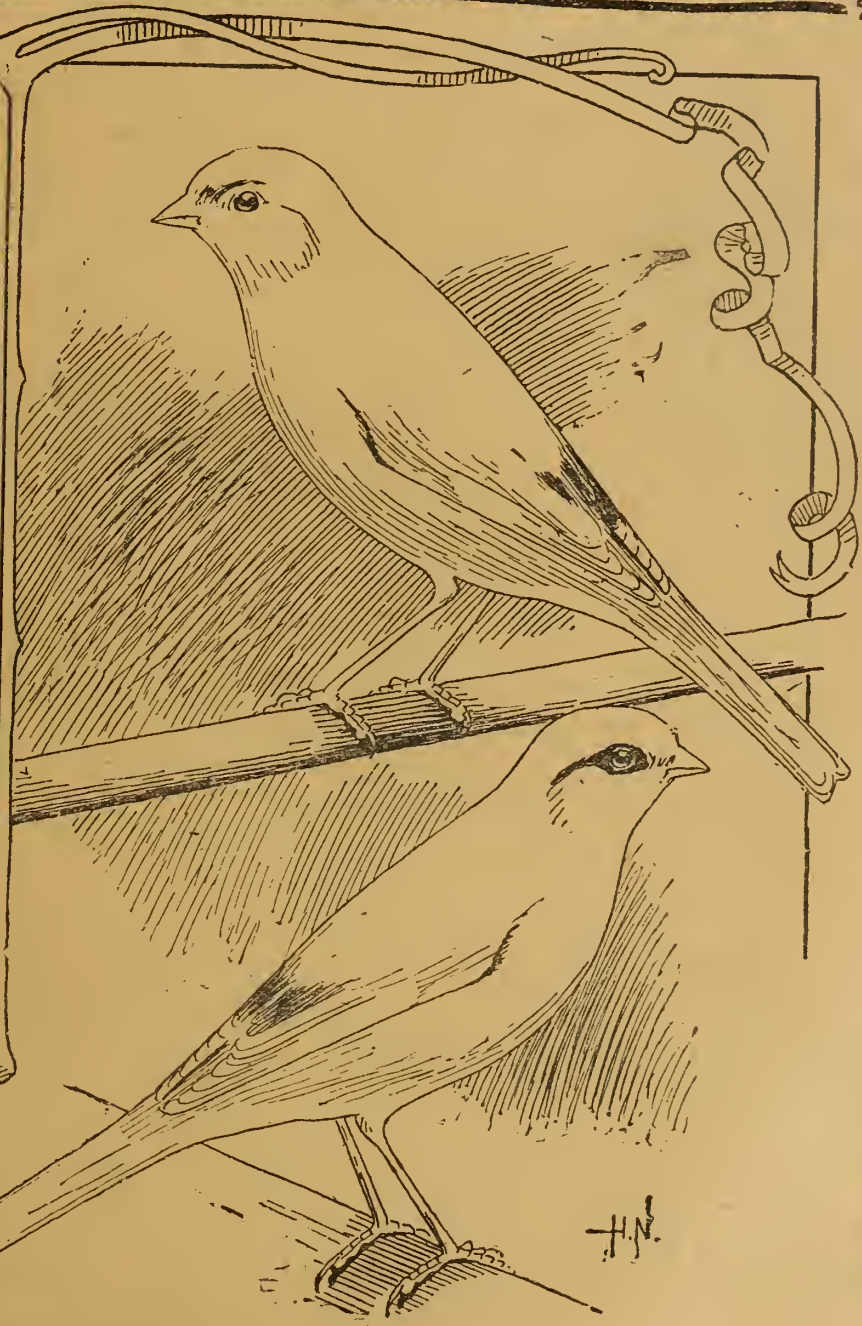
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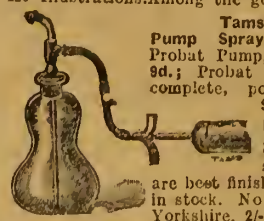
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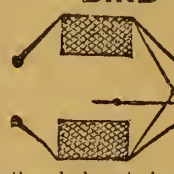
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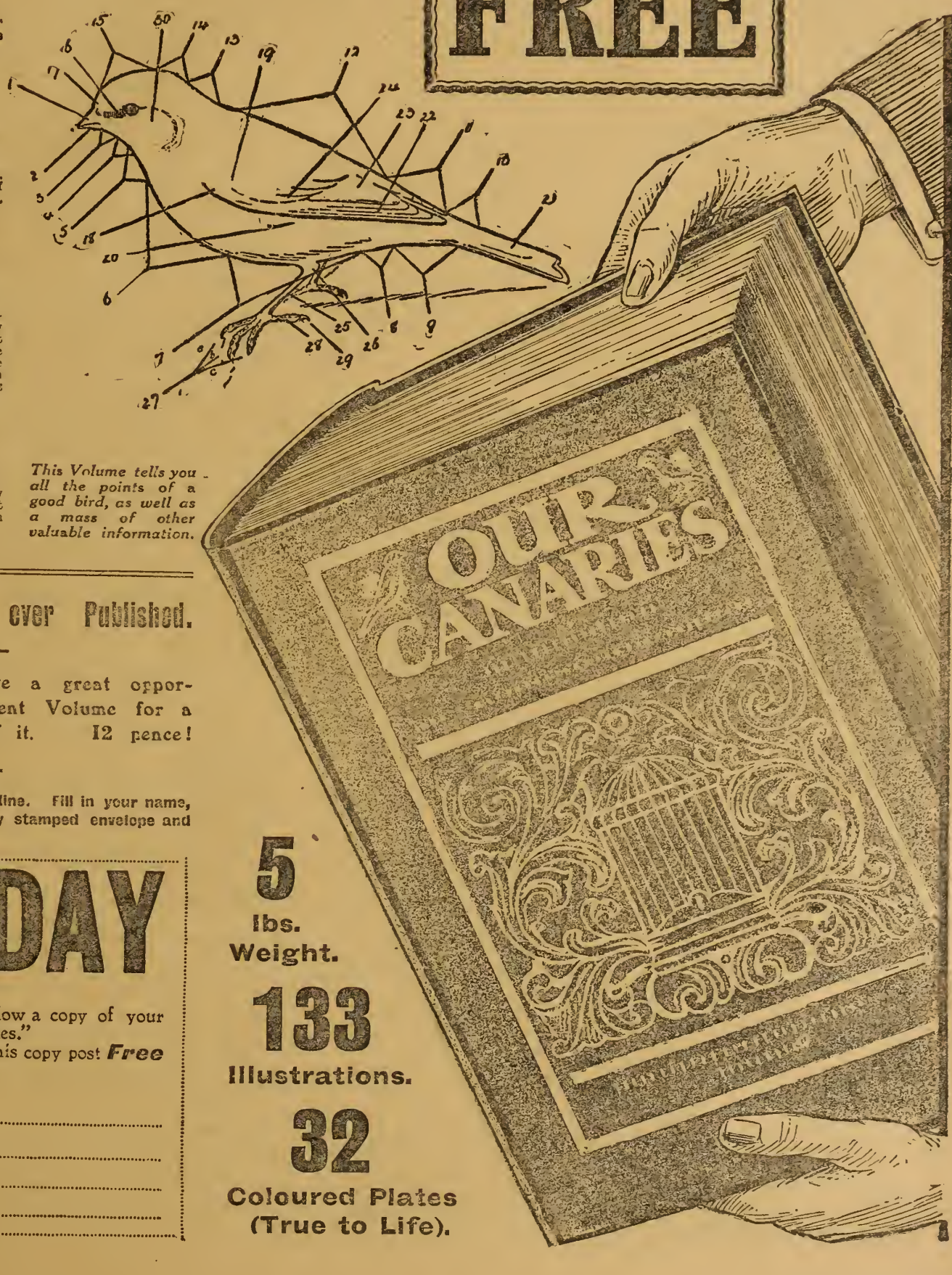
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Judge: Mr. R. Handford, Derby. **Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee, 1/6. Cage Bird Classes: 38 Norwich Plainhead Yellows; 39 ditto Buff; 40 ditto Yellow 1913; 41 ditto Buff 1913; 42 ditto Natural Colour; 43 Cinnamon; 44 Yorkshire; 45 Canary A.O.V.; 46 Mule or Hybrid; 47 British, Goldfinch, or Bullfinch; 48 Finch A.O.V. bar Hawfinch; 49 British A.O.V. smaller than Lark; 50 British A.O.V. larger and including Lark; 51, Foreign A.V. No schedules. **Entries to E. W. Easton, 26, Dale Street.**

MERTHYR. Oct. 2nd,

open to the United Kingdom. **Entries close next Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.** Judge, Ben Davies, Esq., Abercanaid. Prize-money paid prompt.—**J. Thomas, Sec., 30, Gilfach, Cynon.**

HELLO!

Great Horton

O.S. Grand Exhibition of Canaries (open to the United Kingdom), held in **Congregational Schools, High Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford** (nearest station, Great Horton G.N.R., one minute's walk; tram pass the door of exhibition penny stage from Bradford), on **Saturday, October 4th, 1913. Judge, J. Greaves, Esq.,** Bradford. **29 Classes. Entries positively close Tuesday, September 30th** (see Union Rules). Exhibition opened directly after judging, and remain open until 6.30 p.m. **Admission 3d. each.** Schedule of Prizes: 1st 10s., 2nd 6/-, 3rd 4/-, 4th 2/-, vhc 1/-. Points to count: 1st 7, 2nd 6, 3rd 5, 4th 4, vhc 3, hc 2, c 1. All prize-money guaranteed. Specimens must be in the place of exhibition not later than 9 o'clock on Saturday morning. **Entrance fee, 1/6 each cage.—Secretary, J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.**

ALL RECORDS BROKEN.

WCOS

PLYMOUTH SHOW

October 14th & 15th. Entries Close October 4th.

Seven prizes per class (no codding cards). **Entry fee, 1/0 per cage. 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 3/-, 4th 2/6, 5th 2/-, 6th 1/6, 7th 1/-.** Prize-money guaranteed paid first day of show. **Judges: H. W. Battye, Esq., and J. Robson, Esq. Schedules from Thos. Popo, 98, Embankment Road., Plymouth.**

BURNLEY Oct. 17 & 18

Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Judges: J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye. Prize-money, 22/- per class, and good specials. Club Show of the N.P.C. **Closing date October 14th;** Wednesday morning's post in time.—**Geo. Wharton, Sec., 84, Oxford Road, Burnley.**

Chopwell C.B.S.

Open Show of Cage Birds, in the **Workmen's Club Hall, on October 3rd and 4th. Entries close Sept. 27th.** Monday's post in time. **25 Open Classes, with specials on. Prize-money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/-. Judges: A. Brown, Gateshead; J. W. Bruce,** Coldstream. Intending exhibitors who have not already received a **schedule** please **apply to W. Tomlinson, 2, South View, Chopwell, Co. Durham.**

HELLO!

LONGTON

and District Cage Bird Society's 6th Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

October 4th.

Judge J. H. Roe. 29 open classes and 19 novice classes. Specials galore, and all exhibited at the show. Schedules now ready.

Entries Close Finally Sept. 30th

Philip Ed. Barker, 6, Prospect Place, Hon.Sec.

BIRTLEY

and District Cage Bird Societey, Station Hotel, Birtley, **October 4, 1913. Judge** (all varieties), **J. Stanger, Esq.** No cancellation or amalgamation of classes. Classes: **Norwich 4, Yorkshires 4, Borders** 2, Crest or Crestbred 1, Any other variety Canary 1, Mule or Hybrid, Any Variety, 1, Linnet, House or Feld-moulted, 1, Finch Any Variety 1, Redpoll, Twite, or Siskin, 1, Any Variety British Softbill 1, Foreign Aany Variety 1. **Entries close** (Saturday's postmark), **September 27th, 1913.—S. Lindsay, Hon. Sec., Avon Rath, Birtley.** (835)

CLAPHAM

6th Great Open Show, **October 8th and 9th.** Classification and specials larger than ever before. Schedules will be sent out 19th or 20th September.—**Askew and Silverthorn, 24, Chelsham Road, Clapham, S.W.**

DEVON and EXETER

Open Cage Bird Show, **October 10th. Entries close October 6th.**—Schedules of **W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street, Exeter.**

LEEDS C.B.S.

23rd Annual Open Show, **October 10th and 11th.** Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and good money specials, for 1/6 entry.

Ten Classes for Novices.

Judges, J. H. Roe, Esq., H. W. Battye, Esq. All particulars from **W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley-rd., Leeds.**

HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

MORPETH

OCTOBER 11th, 1913.

Acknowledged to be the finest one-day fixture in the North. Good classification, 4 Money Prizes, numerous Specials. Entry Fee, 1/-. Judges, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Mr. J. W. Bruce. **Entries close Oct. 4th.** Schedules from—**E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.**

SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A

25th Annual Show of Canaries and Pigeons on Saturday, 11th October. Judges: **Canaries, A. Hay, Esq.,** Tweedmouth; Working Homers, T. Kerr, Esq., Uphall; Varieties, W. Litster, Esq., Galashiels. Uphall; Var., W. Lister, Esq., Galashiels. **Schedules from J. Robinson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.**

Lochgelly

and District Cage Bird Society's Fourth Great Annual Show in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, on Saturday, October 11th. 88 Classes, including Scotch Fancies 10, Borders 13, Yorkshires 8, C. and C.-brede 11, Norwich 16, Mules and British 23, Foreign, etc. 7. First prize 10/6, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6. Entries close on Monday, 6th October. Judges: Messrs. G. Fulton, Hy. Besset, R. B. Gibb, A. G. Cameron, Wm. Paul, R. Bald. Specials to every class, also section specials unlimited. Cups and Trophies for open competition. Schedules now ready. Apply at once, if not already supplied, to **R. Muir, Secretary, Station Road, Lochgelly.** (854)

OXFORD C.B.S. Open Show

October 16th. 31 Classes. Judge, J. H. Roe. 2s. 6d. Special for every class. Schedules from—**C. F. Holliday, George Street, Oxford.**

HANLEY

and District C.B.S. will hold their 8th Annual Open Show in the Temperance Hall on **October 16th.** 35 Open Classes. All Yorkshires will be under the patronage of the Midland Counties Yorks. C.C.; also CAGE BIRDS' great championship scheme. Schedules not quite ready.—**Hon. Sec., C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer Street, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.**

HALIFAX O.S.

24th Annual Open Show, Canaries and British, **Oct. 17th and 18th, Friendly and Tradce Hall, Halifax** (under Y.U. rules). 46 classes. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, also good specials. **1/6 entry, which closes Oct. 14th.** Judges, C. A. House, J. Trengove. Schedules from **H. Clegg ,15, Melroee-et., Lee Mount, Halifax; J. Burdekin, 20, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.**

NEWCASTLE

October 17th and 18th.

The largest show in the provinces. 80 Open Classes, 41 Members' Classes. Judges: W. Vardy, T. C. Crawhall, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Durian, and J. Maddison.—**J. W. Reed, Sec. and Treas., 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.**

DYSART

Cage Birds Society 9th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in **Masonic Hall, October 18th, 1913. Four Specialist** Judges: **A. Kerr,** Dysart; **A. Walker,** Icemahagow; **J. Holmes,** Edinburgh; and **J. H. Adams,** Glasgow. **65 Classes. Numerous Specials, Harris Cup and Medal. Schedules** from **J. Logan, 23, High Street, Dysart.**

It will pay you to reserve your exhibits for

SHEFFIELD

(and District) 34th Open Show,

October 18th.

Judges: J. C. Barnes, Esq., and H. W. Batty, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; Foreign only, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in each section. Scedules of **A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.**

DON'T FORGET **HARROGATE**

C.B.S. Annual Show, **Saturday, October 18th, 1913.**

ABERTILLERY

C.B.S. (Mon.) Great Open Show on **Wednesday, October 22nd.** "C.B." Coupon Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Birmingham. Classes: Canaries 21, British and Foreign 13. Numerous specials. Schedules from **George Broome, 30, Powell Street, Abertillery.**

NORTHAMPTON

Great All-England Open Show, October 22nd. One day only. Judge, Mr. T. Gilbert, Coventry. **Entries close October 15th. Full classification in this paper October 10th.** Also **schedules when ready from Cox and Barrett, Hunter Street, Northampton.**

PORTSMOUTH

and Southern Counties C.B.S., **October 22nd and 23rd.**

MUMBLES

(South Wales)

Open Show at Pier Pavilion, **October 23rd, 1913.** Judge, D. A. S. Longden, Esq. 22 Classes. Liberal Specials. Schedules, **W. D. Eley, Hon. Sec., Mumbles.**

AULD AYR

C.B.C. Sixth Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in the Masonic Hall, Nile Court, on **Saturday, 25th October.** Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/6 entry, including open specials. 54 Classes, 4 Novice. Judges: Norwich, A. Cant; Yorkshires, A. Girvan; Scotch and Border Fancies, D. Hamilton; Mules, British and Foreign, J. Mason. **Entries close Monday, 20th October.** Schedules from **R. Aitken, 30, Allison Street.**

MIDDLESBRO'

and Tecside C.B.S. Open Show

October 25th, 1913.

40 Classes. 4 money prizes and specials. Entry fee 1/-. Schedules, apply Arthur Wake, 128 Princese Road, Middlesbrough.

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Twitterings.

Kindly note change of address, writes Mr. F. M. Littledale, 16, Alhambra Road, Southsea.

Mr. G. Greenwell, 17, George Road, Wallsend, writes that he has been elected sec. of Wallsend Mid Tyne C.B.A.

We have fixed our show, writes Mr. J. Simpson, sec. Inverurie C.B.S., for Nov. 22. Mr. W. D. Milne, Montrose, will judge.

Mr. A. Hirons, Sec., Bolton Colliery F.F.S., writes that the Annual Show will be held Nov. 22. Mr. T. Robson will judge cage birds.

Mr. G. Broome, Sec. of Abertillery C.B.S., asks us to notify those who have applied for same, that schedules will be ready by end of next week.

We hear that Mr. H. B. Young, Sec. of the Irvine and Dis. C.B.S., has resigned his position. The new sec. is Mr. Hugh M. Ferguson, "Golffields," Irvine.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) has, we hear, been engaged to judge at the Sheffield O.S. open show on November 7th, also Tideswell, Nov. 25th, Matlock, Oct. 30th, Lincoln, Dec. 6th, and Stocksbridge, Dec. 27th.

We have added four more classes to our schedule, viz., Norwich, Any Variety, Novice, Yorkshire, do., and Border, do., also Selling class 10s., writes Mr. S. Lindsay, Hon. Sec., Birtley Society. Schedules are now ready.

Owing to business reasons, writes Mr. Geo. Mitchell, sec. Brechin C.B.S., Mr. J. Logan Dysart, is unable to act as judge at our forthcoming show on Nov. 1, and we have engaged Mr. A. Thomson, Aberdeen, in his place.

Secretary Wiggins writes that the Bedford C.B.S. has secured Mr. J. Robson to judge the Eleventh Annual Show on Oct. 16th. Look out for the advertisement in next week's CAGE BIRDS, when our schedule and grand special prizes will appear.

We have been lucky enough, write Messrs. Hill and Dascombe, hon. secs. Wiveliscombe F.A., to obtain the services of Mr. J. H. Payne as judge for our cage bird section on Nov. 20, and we hope exhibitors will give him a good morning's work. We have 16 classes, and a good committee to work same, so all fanciers can depend upon their exhibits being taken good care of and packed safely for the return journey.

"Twitterings" continued on next page.

BRAINTREE

£5 Limit Open Show, **October 25th.** Splendid classification for Cage Birds. Numerous Specials and Challenge Cups. Popular judges. **Entries to close October 14th.** Schedules (when ready) will be posted to all applying to **F. A. Hunnable, "Selbannah," Braintree.**

KIDWELLY

South Wales

Great Show of Poultry, Pigeon, and **Cage Birds, October 29th.** Judge, Tom E. Furness, Esq. Schedules from J. Morgan, Sec., 3, Priory Street, Kidwelly. Liberal prize-money guaranteed.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS

Great Annual Open Show on **Wednesday, OCTOBER 29. Judge, J. R. Houghton, Esq.,** Gloucester. **26 Classes. Valuable Specials. Schedules.—C. E. Gregson, Hon. Sec., Llandrindod Wells.** (933)

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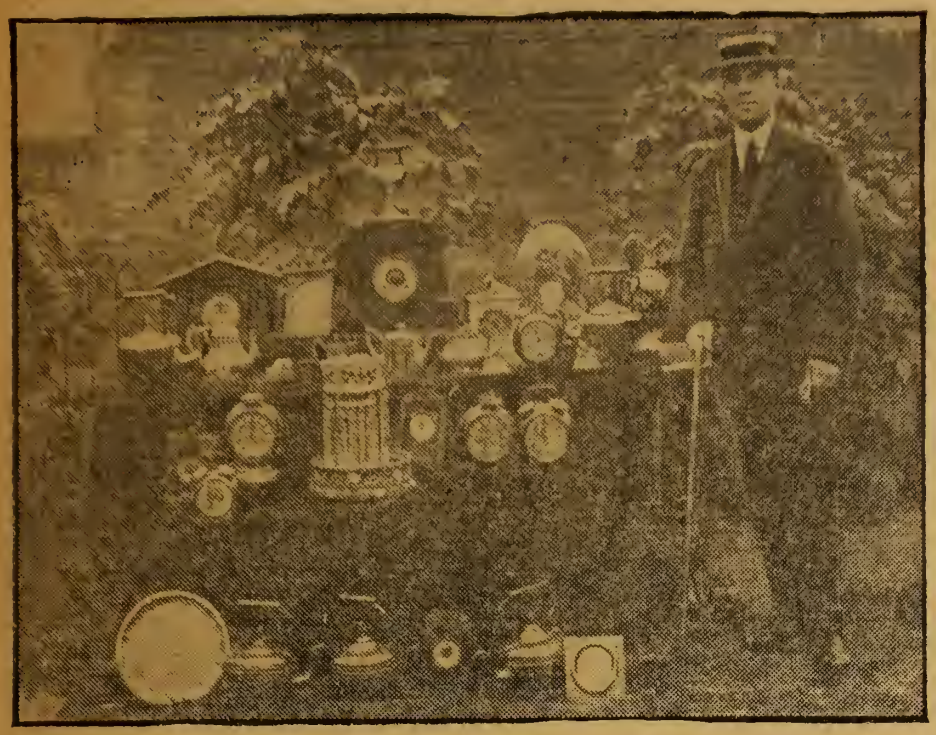
F.A. Tenth Annual Show of Cage Birds, etc. **Oct. 30.** Judge, G. Lawrance, Esq., Coventry. Schedules, apply **G. A. Moss, Croxton House.**

SOUTHEND S.C.O.S.

hold their 7th Annual Open Show on **Nov. 4th and 5th,** in the **Large Hall** adjoining **The Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell. £50 in special prizes for open classes and members' classes. Judges: Mr. Norman,** Canaries, and **Mr. Dewhurst,** Hybrids, British, Foreign. Under the patronages N.P.C.C. and N.B.B.M.C.; the CAGE BIRDS' Championship Scheme. Entrance fee, 1/6; members' 1/- per cage. **Entries close Monday, October 28th.** Schedules from **Messrs. Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and District

10th Annual Show of Canarice, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the new **Parish Hall, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th, 1913, under the patronage of the N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B. and S.O.C. Sixty Open Classes. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Mundell. Entries close November 8th, 1913.** As soon as ready schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. **—G. Havver, Hon. Sec., 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**



Mr. Harry Allen of Leeds, and the remarkable collection of prizes secured by his noted singing Linnet. This bird has won altogether 114 firsts under 27 different judges, many of them in contests open to all England, and is known as the "Patti" of the Linnet-singing Fancy.

TWITTERINGS.—Continued.

A full classification of Gillingham and Dis. F.A. (Kent) will appear in the next issue of CAGE BIRDS. Fanciers are requested to enter from this, writes Mr. J. Hyde, sec.

I have received an entry form for the Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby from an Edinburgh fancier without a name or address, writes Mr. R. Lile, sec., 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh. The entries on it are, two piebald or green cocks, 1 buff or buff foul cock. Will the sender please forward name and address?

The Burnley O.S. members journey to Todmorden on Sunday next, Sept. 21st, by the 8.30 train, from Manchester Road Station, writes Secretary Whittaker, where some Hebden Bridge Fanciers will join in a ramble around the Hardcastle Crags district. All fanciers desiring to join please meet at Manchester Road Station at 8.15.

OBITUARY.

MR. F. Grey.

It is with great regret, writes Mr. Horace Whitney, Assist. Sec., Sale and Dis. C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of Fred, the eldest son of Mr. Joe. Gray, a well known exhibitor of British birds, and member of Sale and Dis. C.B.S. Poor Fred was only 32 years of age, and had only been ill two weeks. He passed away on Saturday, Sept. 13, leaving a wife and seven little children to mourn his loss. The deepest sympathy of every member of the society goes to his sorrowing father and mother, and wife and family.

The judges at Avonbridge O.S. show, Nov. 15, writes Mr. P. Gentleman, sec., Cowan's Buildings, Avonbridge, are Nor. and Bord. Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskbank), Mules and Brit.; Mr. J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh). We have secured the Avonbridge Hall, which is larger and better lighted than the school, and only two minutes' walk from the station; so we hope fanciers will help us by sending as many entries as possible.

We have received from the hon. sec. and treas., Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds, the year book of the National Green-Marked Yorkshire C.C. The book, which is well got up, contains the Rules and Regulations of the Club, the Standard and Scale of Points, club shows for the season, list of specials for competition, names of officers and district representatives, and members' names and addresses. The balance sheet shows that the cash in hand amounts to £4 1s. 7d., an increase of £2 12s. 8d. over the amount brought forward from 1911.

The September number of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is illustrated mainly by beautiful reproductions of photographs by Mr. H. Willford, of the Common Tern, to accompany the article, "Some Interesting Birds," by Mr. Wesley T. Page. Lieut. F. M. Littledale tells of his "Bird Keeping under Difficulties." Mr. O. Millsum gives an account of the breeding of a Hybrid Lorikeet. The Hon. Mary Hawke writes an entertaining description of her "Trip in Argentina." Mr. F. Dawson Smith, under the heading "Three Uncommon Pets," chats of the Gyr Falcon, the Urubu, and the Caracara and Mr. W. A. Bainbridge contributes an article on the Breeding of the Grey Waxbill.

The Avicultural Magazine for Sept., the organ of the Avicultural Society, opens with an article by Mr. H. D. Astley on the Seed Snipe. Mr. W. E. Teschemaker tells of the successful breeding of White Wagtails in captivity, and Mr. E. J. Brook recounts similar success with Purple Sunbirds; Mr. F. E. Blaauw contributes notes on the Black-shouldered Peafowl; Mr. Graham Renshaw writes of the keeping of Glossy Starlings, and Mr. A. Ezra about Sunbirds. Mrs. Currey tells of "Bird Friendship"; Miss A. Hutchinson gives "A Bird Yarn from the Sea," and one of the most delightful bird stories it has ever been our pleasure to read is from the pen of Mrs. Horsbrugh—a tale about "Willie Winkie," a tame Java Sparrow, and his likes and dislikes. Letters and notes as usual complete an issue which is well illustrated with drawings and reproductions of photographs.

A Disclaimer.

Mr. D. Coombes, of 13, Burn Valley Rd., West Hartlepool, wishes to state that he has no connection with any advertiser of the same or similar name at any other address.

Hint to Great Horton O.S. Members.

I want all members of the Great Horton O.S., writes Secretary Holroyd, to order at once the coupons they require for CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition.

An Old Fancier's Return.

After being for four years out of the Fancy, writes Mr. M. Doolan, Monkton, Ayrshire, I have started again, and I should like secretaries of this season's shows to send me schedules.

Forty Young Rollers Outdoors.

In my outdoor aviary (my first outdoor season) I have this year been successful in rearing about 40 young Rollers. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, writes Mr. H. W. Allmand, of Boston.

Plumage Prohibition in the U.S.A.

The plumage prohibition clause drafted by the New York Zoological Society has been restored unchanged to the Tariff Bill by the Senate. The Bill will now prohibit all importation into the United States of the plumage of wild birds, either raw or manufactured, for any other than scientific or educational purposes.

Encouraging Novice Yorkshire Fanciers.

Dr. Craig, the well known and highly esteemed local enthusiast, has kindly offered for competition at Sheffield O.S. show, for novice Yorkshire fanciers, a valuable silver tea service. Now, ye novices, buck up and respond nobly on Nov. 7th. It will be worth winning, writes "One Who Knows." A unique show schedule will be out shortly.

Wolverhampton Means Business.

Wolverhampton C.B.S. have elected the following fanciers to look after the exhibits at their show, Oct. 24 and 25: Messrs. F. J. Weaver, F. Garfield and J. Hampton (Norwich section); J. Gibbons, E. Hall, R. K. Hyde (Yorks.); J. A. Tonks, H. E. Rowley, and Robinson (Brit. and For.). The fanciers' most valuable specimens will be as safe with them as in their own rooms, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, the hon. sec., and birds shall be returned by any train so as to reach home Saturday night if this is requested on entry form.

"CAGE BIRDS" £200 PRIZE SCHEME

Order Your Coupons NOW and Share in the Pleasure and Profit.

The Opening Coupon Shows are Close at Hand.

THE period for the receiving of applications from societies desiring their annual exhibition to be enrolled as one of CAGE BIRDS Coupon Shows expires to-day (Sept. 20th). We have had applications from Llandrindod Wells and Cockermouth, however, for a few days grace, and to meet this wish we are agreeable to extend the period for seven days, i.e., until Saturday next, Sept. 27th.

CAGE BIRDS great scheme, it will be remembered, can only be participated in by guaranteed societies, i.e., those whose fixtures figure in our "Show Dates Fixed" list (see page 175 this week). Already 75 societies have notified their acceptance, and these include practically all the leading shows in, and cover practically every quarter of, the United Kingdom. Competitors joining in our splendid scheme will, therefore, have plenty of opportunities of entering their birds to compete for the cash specials, and for the diplomas which carry the right of competing for the huge cash specials to be offered in the "final round" of the season at the Crystal Palace Show.

Additional Coupon Shows are:—

GREAT HORTON O.S.
TREDEGAR C.B.S.
BARNSTAPLE & NORTH DEVON C.B.S.

The Opening Coupon Fixtures.

We would direct the special attention of exhibitors to the fact that the opening Coupon Shows of the season are:—

Oct. 4.—Longton (Staffs); secretary, Mr. Barker, 6, Prospect Place, Longton.

Oct. 4.—Great Horton (Bradford); Secretary, Mr. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood St., Great Horton,

The entries for both close on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

At the Great Horton fixture (one of the leading shows of the Yorkshire Union) only Yorkshire Canaries are catered for in the 17 champion classes, and Yorkshires (eight classes) and Norwich (two) in the Novice section. With this extended classification champion Yorkshire exhibitors have a splendid opportunity with Coupon birds, while the novice Yorks. and Norwich fanciers have an equally good one in their own particular section. The prize money is 23s. per class; entry fee 1s. 6d.

At Longton Show both champions and novices have excellent chances in a number of sections. The open classes are 7 Norwich, 7 Yorks, 1 Border, 1 A.O.V. Canary, 4 Hybrid and Mule, 6 British, and 1 Foreign. The novice classes (£3 3s. limit) are 7 Nor., 7 Yorks., 1 Mule, and 4 Brit. The prize-money is 17s. 6d.; entry fee 1s. 6d.

How Exhibitors may Enter.

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these two shows must do so under these conditions:—CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.
Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests and Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancashires and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules and Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

COUPONS, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired; so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

The above, we may say, are the conditions which will appear in the schedules of all shows at which our Championship Scheme is in operation, and under which entries will be accepted by the various secretaries.

The Definition of a Novice.

It may be well to repeat that we have adopted the following standard definition of a novice:—

"A novice is a person who has never won a first prize for Canaries, or Mules and Hybrids, or British, or Foreign birds, in a class at any show other than one confined to club members, or residents in the town or county where the show is held, or limited as to the price at which the exhibit is to be sold (price not to exceed £5), or three first prizes in open novice classes. All members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them may have to compete."

We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in CAGE BIRDS List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 27th next.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWELVE DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of October, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of December.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age, and either rung or not rung.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

For Full Rules see last Week's Issue.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) an one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

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(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the* Editor, "Cage Birds," 151, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE followlng gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS sta of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in n case be addressed to any of them individually, bu to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S..** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper matiug, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A LILY PAINTER (J. W. D.).—To add the desired gloss and "finish" to the plumage, give a pinch of linseed every second or third day during the last few weeks of moulting. Begin giving every third day as soon as you see new plumage beginning to show in streaks on the breast, and increase to every second day when the head is moulting. Continue until plumage is fully grown. If birds do not care for linseed, substitute sunflower seed chopped into small pieces, which birds can manage. To fix the colour dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed in the water three times a week for two or three weeks at the end of the moult.

HARTZ OR ROLLERS (F. S., Hampshire).—(1) Your question seems almost like an enigma. Strictly speaking, I should say that all Hartz Mountain Canaries are not Rollers, though, in a sense, all Rollers may be truly termed German or Hartz Canaries. The term Hartz Rollers, or Hartz Mountain Rollers, is often used, though less common now than in past years. As a matter of fact, the Roller of to-day is merely a highly developed type of the German or Hartz Canary. It matters nothing which of the latter terms are employed. To-day the Hartz Rollers of the trade are simply inferior types of Roller songsters. (2) In this question you say you want a good singing Canary, but not a Roller. Possibly you are not aware that the pure trained Roller is far ahead of anything else you could get in the singing line among Canaries. If you want a bird with plenty of variety in the song, try a St. Andreasberg Roller. But do not buy before the end of October, when there will be plenty of birds on the market which are through the moult and in song. If you have any particular objection to a Roller, write again and say what it is, and also if you have any special object in wanting some other variety as a singer, and I will advise you further.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each! No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border ancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

SHEATHED FEATHER (A.B.C.).—It is interesting to learn the recent history of the bird that has lost part of its lower mandible. As it is unable to preen its plumage, it is only to be expected that it will have a little difficulty in freeing its new feathers of the quill sheaths. Seeing the bird is quite healthy and active, and bathes freely, I think this difficulty will be quite overcome if you place the cage with the bird on the hearth in front of a nice warm fire for an hour or so daily during the rest of the moult. This will dry the portion of the sheath that is ready for dropping off, and render it brittle and powdery, so that when the bird shakes its plumage, even without attempting to preen it, it will break up the dry ends of the sheaths and disperse them. This will probably be all that is necessary, but if you find after a few days that the sheaths do not come away satisfactorily, gently catch the bird after it has been before the fire for an hour or so, and carefully stroke it in the way the plumage lies with a handkerchief or a camel-hair brush to remove the dry ends of sheaths. Any perfectly dry sheaths on the tail or flights may be gently rubbed between the thumb and forefinger, but do not attempt too much. Exercise patience. Pray do not hesitate to write us at any time.

ROLLER SNEEZES (W. D.).—The bird has doubtless got a slight cold, which may be due to a temporary cold draught affecting it, or perhaps it is in a position which is fairly warm during the day, and correspondingly cold at night. Keep it in a fairly equable and comfortable temperature, until it has quite finished its moult, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of cod liver old emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a week or so. On the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Continue this for a week, by which time, if the exciting causes have been properly removed, the bird should bo quite well.

RED MITE PLAGUE (Novice).—It is nothing uncommon for red mites to show a great increase, and become particularly annoying to the bird during the moulting season. This is generally the result of putting up the birds for moulting in cages which may have been used for breeding during the summer, or for casual purposes, and failing to overhaul and clean them properly before again bringing them into use for moulting birds. It is not wise to disturb the birds in the middle of the moult, but you may do much to keep the plague in check until you can deal with it more drastically. Give a bath twice a week, and add to it a little essence of quassia or sulphuretted potash, in the proportion of a teaspoonful of either to a pint of the water used in bath. Also paint over the ends of perches, joints of doors, small holes, cracks, and any likely harbouring place for mites, with the strong quassia essence twice a week. If the cages are not varnished, or if you do not mind the job of re-staining and varnishing after the moult, when you should give them a thorough overhaul, you could not do better than dissolve an ounce of camphor in half-pint of methylated spirit, and use this freely with a small brush, about the harbouring places just indicated.

NEARING THE END (Beginner).—There is no difficulty in judging when any given bird is near the close of its moult, assuming, of course, that the bird is in normal health. The head is the last part to be moulted, and it is quite easy to see when the plumage of the upper part of nape and crown or head is undergoing change. The quills of the new feathers are very easily seen on the crown, round about eyes and ear coverts almost as soon as they begin to appear. This is significant of the near approach of the end of the moult, and shows when you should reduce the strength of your colour-feed in order to avoid the head coming out too "hot" in colour, as it is apt to do if birds are kept on colour of full strength right up to the end of the moult. First reduce the proportion of colour one-third, a week or so later reduce it another third, and finish off with one-third the full strength. All the birds will not finish the moult at the same time, so for convenience sake you should make the usual supply of full strength colour food—or a rather less quantity would suffice, according to the number of birds that are on weak food—feed all the birds still in full moult, then add to the food that is left a third part of its bulk of fresh uncoloured crushed biscuit, mix well, and give the usual quantity of this weakened colour food to those birds that are finishing the moult.

GREEN FOOD WHILST MOULTING (Jack).—The question of giving green food whilst birds are moulting calls for the exercise of discretion in each particular case. Many birds are troubled with looseness of bowels when moulting, and in some others, when colour-food is being used, the food seems to have a relaxing effect. In all such cases the use of succulent green-food should be avoided excepted in very limited quantities, though such things as half ripe plantain stalks and seeds stalks of shepherd's-purse may still be given in limited quantity to all save quite abnormal cases of looseness, with beneficial results. Where there is no tendency to looseness, green-food may be used during the moult just the same as at any other time. For birds that are not colour-fed a variety of green-food, fruits, and wild seedy things of many kinds are most beneficil.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

COLOUR FOR SHOW CAGE (T. G.).—The question of the colour of a show cage to exhibit your bird in to the best advantage, is a very important one, and you would do well to consider it in good time. You say your bird is a light buff Goldfinch-Canary, therefore the background for him must be fairly dark, because it is by contrasts more than harmony of tone that we show our birds to the best advantage. There are really two colours that may he used—either blue or green—and these must be fairly dark. The blue must not be a pure blue, but must be toned down by a slight addition of red. Procure a tin of paint, of what I may describe as "Hedge Sparrow egg-shell blue," and add to this just sufficient light red to take off the vividness of the blue, and form a nice blue-grey. Do not add the red to the whole tin of blue, but mix a little first on a piece of glass until you get the correct shade. If you add the red straight away to the tin of colour, you may add too much, and thus make a dirty tone. When mixed, the red should not be perceptible; its addition is only to tone down the blue. The green I would advise is one as near to the colour of a laurel leaf as you can get it. Paint out a couple of cages of these colours, and run the bird in them, and use your own judgment as to which colour suits him best. I presume he has been colour fed, and it depends a good deal upon how he has taken the feed, whether his general tone is of a yellow or red hue. Paint or enamel the cage bars the same colour as the interior; they do not cut so sharply against the bird as black ones.

LINNET MULES (Beginner).—One white feather in an otherwise dark bird is sufficient to disqualify it in a dark class, but many hybrids have light under tail feathers, and yours may not be sufficiently light to disqualify the bird, but the shoulder feather is another matter, and I must leave you to deal with that or not, as you think fit. If it is very small and only shows occasionally it may not throw him out. Why not give him a run as he is? (2) In birds of equal merit a yellow will always beat a buff, but as some judges like large birds, and go for size in preference to colour, buffs with them stand the better chance. As regards your birds, by your description I should think the buff the better one of the two. Respecting colour, he would naturally not be so rich as his brother. (3) Your feeding appears to be satisfactory, but I would advise you to give them a little cracked sunflower seed two or three times each week. It is a grand conditioner, and puts a bit of gloss on an otherwise dull plumaged specimen. They should take the full quantity of colour food, and a good plan is to give it to them in the morning, when they will, as you say, eat about half of it, then take it away and give it again in the evening, removing the seed, if necessary, until they clear it up. (4): Paint will lie better than enamel on distemper, but is is much better to scrub it all off with soda-water. If you decide to paint on it, you would require at least two coats of the paint, as the first one on distemper looks dull, the distemper absorbs the oil. Wait until the first coat is thoroughly dry, and then paint again, or enamel if you prefer it. (5) You can distemper on paint if you scrub it well to get all the grease off, but it does not look so well as when done on an unpainted surface. If the paint is old, rub it down with a piece of pumice stone dipped in water. You can remove nearly all of it that way.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

IDENTITY OF BIRD (F. J. W. S.).—The body sent is that of the Chiff Chaff, see answer to W. W. Duncan, last week.

A BLACKBIRD AND A THRUSH (Cock Thrush).—It is quite natural at this season of the year for your Blackbird to moult its tail, although it is somewhat late. Most birds by now will have grown a new one; yours will doubtless do the same in due course. As to the assuming the yellow of the beak, birds are like most things—no two alike. The best Blackbird I ever possessed did not have a yellow beak until his third year, and his wing feathers showed a brownish tinge until he was fully three years old. He was afterwards conspicuous for several years as a prize winner. As your bird is already showing yellow on his beak, it may probably be quite clear next year. The fact that the bird throws out more of its food than it eats shows that the food you are offering is, like the curate's egg, only good in parts. You should get some good "ants' eggs," and some dried flies, and add a liberal proportion of these to the stock food, also some hard-boiled egg, white and yolk together, passed through a sieve and well mixed with the stock food. Or get Nutshell No. 4, "The Song Thrush and Blackbird," 2½d., post free, from our office, or twopence from your local newsagent or bird-dealer; this will give you much valuable information as to the proper feeding and keeping of both of your birds. (2) If your Thrush is a cock, it should sing in the early spring. Feed it in the same way as the Blackbird. Please do not hesitate in asking questions at any time; we are always pleased to help you; that is what we are here for. Only, in future enquiries, kindly send your address, which you omitted to do this time.

GOLDFINCH BALD (G. Holding).—Your case is rather a peculiar one, as you say you are certain that there are no red mite in the cage nor grey lice on the bird. If this is absolutely certain, the baldness must be due to some skin disease, and this may be of either of many kinds. As a trial, get some sulphur ointment from the chemist and carefully rub this into the bald parts. Persevere with this for at least a month, and then report progress. In the meantime see that the bird's bowels are working properly. Give once or twice a week, so long as these are not unduly loose, as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence, dissolved in the drinking water. I hope to hear in a week or two that improvement is apparent. If otherwise, I shall be pleased to advise you further.

BULLFINCH STUCK IN MOULT (F. G.).—It is the keeping of your bird out of doors day and night in a cage which is causing the trouble. At this season there is a very wide difference between the day and the night temperature, and such variations are very harmful to birds especially when their vitality is lowered by the moulting process. You should keep the bird as recommended to "Anxious" this week. Your feeding seems to be quite satisfactory.

YOUNG BLACKCAPS (Anxious).—Your feeding seems to be quite all right, and there is no need to do anything to help them through the moult except to keep them in a place that is free from draughts, and from changes of temperature between night and day. Impure or dusty atmosphere, or frequent changes of temperature are very likely to set up the breathing trouble you seem to have noticed, and if you take care that such causes do not exist your birds should be all right. A mild aperient may be helpful, and for this dissolve twice a week in the drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence. If the breathing trouble should continue, get a chemist to make up a mixture of equal parts of paregoric, syrup of Squills, glycerine, and tincture of lobelia, æther, and use twenty drops of this twice a week in the drinking water.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

MOUSTACHE PARRAKEET (Moustache).—The head of the male is green; the forehead and sides of face of the female are suffused with yellow.

WHAT BIRD? (E. W.).—I think your bird must be the Red-headed Weaver (Quelea erythrocephala); if it goes out of colour during the autumn or early winter it is this bird, but your description also partially fits the Mexican Rosefinch (Cardopacus mexicana), and it is this bird if it permanently retains its present colouring; I think it is the former and will go out of colour at no distant date. If the former, its value is about 15s. as it is; if the latter, then about 20s. If it is still in your possession, you might repeat query about two months hence, as by that time, if a Weaver, it should give some indication of donning winter plumage.

A BEGINNER (A. C., Shropshire).—The birds which you say were sold you as Silverbills are two cock Cutthroats. The hen has no crimson band across the throat. You will have to exchange one of them for a hen, as two pairs will not agree in so small a space. You might get a pair of Zebra Finches as opportunity offers, which would suit your cage well. You must put up two or three rush nets and give them a little hay (or Canary nest bag) for the Waxbills to sleep in. I am inclined to doubt the Waxbills breeding in your cage, but such as Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Bengalese, Cutthroats, and Bib Finches should do so. Our Nutshell, "Waxbills," will give you full details as to treatment, etc.; it is 2½d., post free, from our manager.

WHAT PARRAKEET? (H. W. Adams).—(1) It is a hen Madagascar Lovebird, I think, and should winter safely in your aviary; the male of this species has a grey head. They are kept now in many aviaries out of doors all the year, and breed fairly freely. (2) From your letter I take it that the only light the shelter gets is from the open doorway. This will not do, for if this is the case the birds will scarcely use it. You must put in a window large enough to well light the whole. I should say the best way would be to decide what size window is necessary, and buy one ready glazed at some building material yard, cut out a hole of suitable size, screw it in position, and then, after painting, cover with wire netting on the inside. I should also hinge a half-door (3ft. high) across the open space of partition, leaving only the upper 2½ft. exposed. A seed tray should hang inside the shelter opposite this opening, where it can be seen from the outside and thus induce the birds to feed in the shelter, at any rate during the winter months; they then naturally retire to it during inclement weather day and night. (3) There is only one way, viz., to nail sheet zinc 2ft. deep round the base of your walls, and see that the ends of your faggots are not below this zinc covering, and then, unless the mice have some means of access from above, they cannot interfere with the roosting birds.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

BUDGERIGARS (D. B.).—(1) All you have to do is to get another cock, and put the birds into the aviary and leave them to pair up as they choose, but I rather doubt their breeding this year; it will certainly be better if they do not. If they have been kept at all warm, there is a risk in turning out even such hardy birds as Budgerigars at this time of year. (2) For such a number you must have a flight, with a floor area of not less than 200 square feet, and attached to it a shed at least 12ft. by 8ft., and of suitable height. One-third of the roof of flight should be roofed in, and your shelter shed must be well lighted to induce the birds to occupy it. You have not only to provide accommodation for the adults, but also their progeny, till they are able to fend for themselves, and you get opportunity of disposing of them. (3) You ought not to put in more than three pairs, or four at the outside, as though a lofty aviary gives flight exercise and tends to healthy stock, it is principally the floor area that must regulate the number of stock. P.S.—If you only permit healthy pairs to go to nest and provide shelter from damp and draught (this applies to the aviary generally), together with sweet wholesome food and cuttlebone and mortar rubbish, egg-binding should trouble you but little, but with our English weather you can never entirely eliminate this risk. It was impossible for us to give you a reply in our issue of 13th inst., as your query did not reach our office till the 11th.

WINTERING BIRDS (F. B. M.).—Other aviarists in Yorkshire winter their birds out of doors, and yours should certainly come though all right. There are, however, three kinds which I think you would be wiser to bring indoors and keep in roomy cages for the winter, viz., Black-faced Waxbills, Lavender Finches, and Cordon Bleus. The others should do well enough left outside. It would perhaps be as well to drive them into the shelter at dark from November onwards, and shut them up for the night; there must, of course, be food in the shelter. Put a rush nest up for each pair of birds, and provide a space of dry sand in one corner, with a sloping board over it, say 12 inches above ground, for the Quail. You could also put in each corner of the shelter a sheaf of straw, which must be fastened well together in two places, and the straw pulled out loose, between and above the fastenings, so that birds can get in among the straw for warmth. Your shelter should be well lighted, or the birds will use it but little, and if it is not, I should advise you at once to put in another window, sufficiently large to well light the whole shed.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Aviary, Bulwell). You would do well to cover in 3ft. of the roof of flight with wood and felt; the 8ft. adjoining glass would be best, and you must arrange your opening so that they can have free ingress and egress to the shelter (roost). It would be well to shut the birds

up in the shelter for a couple of days when first stocking aviary, so as to get them accustomed to it; always turn newcomers into the shelter, and leave them to find their own way out. You must not put Foreign species out of doors at this time of year, unless you purchase them from some aviary where they have been out all the summer. English: Siskin, Redpoll, Twite, Linnet, and Goldfinch. Foreign: Zebra Finch, Silverbills, Long tail Grassfinch, Java Sparrows (these latter are often of a bullying nature), Avadavats, Golden breasted Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Cutthroats, and Olive Finches are all nice birds, and can be kept out all the year round, if put out in the spring, as also can the Pekin Robin, though the latter is rather apt to make a meal of any eggs he can get access to.

INDIAN PARRAKEET (Mrs. Goodman). It is not only a moult, but the bird is pulling its plumage. You must keep it out of all draught, yet not away from light and air. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dunneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and every other day half a teaspoonful of byno phosphates, also in the drinking water. I should spray it twice a week with a weak tepid quassia solution, and give it the following seed mixture in preference to what you are using; one quart each canary and white millet seeds, one pint each oats and hemp, half a pint each sunflower, dari and wheat; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. You can give all the other items as hitherto, and also a few nuts—shelled Barcelona, walnut, or pea nuts—grit, and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. Slightly moisten a crust of stale bread or piece of biscuit, and then dust it with flowers of sulphur, and give this to the bird daily so long as the plumage remains bad. It is not easy to check feather pulling, and you will have to persevere with the treatment for some time, but it should gradually improve. Report progress with full details a month hence.

AVIARY QUERIES (Rob. Wood).—If you can make the flight of aviary 7½ to 8ft. high, it will be very much better, as then the birds have space to fly over your head, and are not so scared when you are inside attending to them. The shelter is of all importance; it must be draught and weather-proof generally, and it must be roomy, but it ought to be in your instance 10ft. by 9ft., and it must have sufficient window space to well light the whole. The aspect should be south, or as near that as possible. A trench should be dug all round the ground area of aviary 2ft. deep and 12in. wide; in this you must stretch wire-netting to wood posts, the top edge of the netting being just above ground level to enable it to be securely fastened to the upper structure; this is necessary to make the aviary secure against rats. The framing or flight should be quite light, 2in. square quartering being ample, and only sufficient standards put in to keep the crosspieces from sagging. The wood walls of shelter must be made so that there will be no cracks for wind to blow through; the better plan is to nail on to the skeleton framing a thickness of ½-in. matching, then tack over this a course of felt, and then put on another thickness of matching, and you will have a wall that is warm and weather-proof. The roofing should be similarly constructed, only the outer course of board should be weather-boards. All wood-work of shelter and flight should receive two coats of Solignum (pale brown) before any netting is stretched. You had better send me a rough ground plan of your back premises, giving dimensions and aspect, and if you send a stamped addressed envelope per Editor, I will send you a rough sketch with pleasure. Repeat query as to plants and birds when aviary is nearly finished.

WILL IT TALK? (A. D., Kent).—Your bird is a Rose-breasted, or Roseate Cockatoo, and though some make quite talented talkers, there are many others that scarcely utter a word, and in any case they take a lot more teaching than Greys. If your bird is still nervous, it certainly has not had a fair chance of showing whether it is going to turn out a talker or not. You have got to win its confidence by kindness and attention, while it will be better to keep it in your midst; care should be taken that sudden, rushy movements do not take place near it. When it is quite tame it will take an interest in what is going on; you can then train it by talking to it, repeating some word or short sentence over and over again. Choose periods when it is quiet and restful for this purpose. It should also when tame begin to imitate sounds and calls which it hears, and ultimately pick up words also which it hears frequently repeated in conversation. Once tame they become very charming, and become quite tricky and accomplished acrobats.

MUST I CONTINUE? (F. J. Parr).—Yes, I think it would be better to continue the treatment for another month; then, if all goes well, as it should do, you can gradually leave off the various drugs and not return to them again unless there should be some relapse, which I certainly do not anticipate. I should not trouble about the tongue; this is somewhat variable (it will get darker), so long as it is not furred or ulcerated; that is all that matters, but continue the honey and borax for awhile longer—it can do no harm, and will at least ensure the bird a clean mouth. I am pleased to note so happy a result, as I feared you had applied for assistance at too late a stage. Keep the bird in a light and airy but not draughty position; the temperature of any ordinary sitting-room should be ample, however—sudden ups and downs of temperature are not good for any bird.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

L. C. O.—Thanks for your interesting letter. You will see that we publish a communication dealing with the same matter. Should you care to write up your own ideas on the subject we shall be pleased to publish them.

H. W. Allmand.—The photograph is not a particularly good one, and we are dubious as to whether it can be reproduced successfully, but will use it if at all possible. Can't you manage a better print?

Foreigner.—Bird Notes is published by Mr. J. W. Henstock, Avian Press, Ashborne; the price is 1 6 per month, or 15/- annually.

J. M. Whitehead. We thank you for the cutting sent, but CAGE BIRDS really dare not publish anything which speaks of "titled and swell butchers . . . whose god is their belly. . . . murdering under the name of 'sport' the innocent dwellers of the muirland." We should be accused of meddling in politics, setting class against class, and all sorts of similar horrors.

SOME WAGTAIL FALLACIES.

The "Yorkshire Post," in its "Natural History Notes" in the issue of Aug. 23, publishes the following, which will be especially interesting to our readers in view of Mr. Steel's excellent article on Wagtails, the first portion of which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of Aug. 30:—

Mr. G. A. B. Dewar, writing recently in the "Standard," remarks:—

"The Pied Wagtail and the Grey Wagtail are probably nearer relatives than the Pied and the Yellow or than the Yellow and the Grey; though at first glance it is the Grey and the Yellow Wagtails that look so, both being dressed largely in gold, whereas the Pied Wagtail is just black or grey and white. Again the Grey and Yellow are absolute water fairies, whereas the Pied can live apart from water, still or running."

It is difficult to see how an observer of Mr. Dewar's eminence reaches the conclusion that the Yellow Wagtail is attracted by water to a greater extent than the Pied. The Grey Wagtail is probably the truest water lover of the race, for it is, indeed, rarely found apart from the running stream, but the Pied Wagtail, as its familiar name, Water Wagtail, implies, is also identified with river, rill, or lake to an almost equal degree. The White Wagtail, again, by many regarded as little more than a local variety of the Pied, rarely nests out of sight of water, and more frequently upon its very edge. The Yellow Wagtail, on the other hand, appears, in the matter of habit, to have more in common with the Pipits than with members of its own race. It is constantly found nesting in the open fields, far from any water, and its way of alighting on bush or hedge, piping softly, when the young are awaiting food, often reminds one of the Meadow-Pipit.

A Matter of Style.

Again, Mr. Dewar states that "the Grey and Yellow Wagtails (the Yellow, certainly) cut a more stylish figure on the wing than the Pied."

To this we must again demur. To our mind the spring of the Wagtail—the start from arc to arc through the air, as Mr. Dewar describes it—is distinctly bolder and more marked in the case of the Pied than in the Yellow.

It is somewhat curious that Professor Newton, in his edition of Yarrell, should make the statement that the Pied Wagtail but seldom perches on a tree or bush. It will surely be within the knowledge of many of our readers that Pied Wagtails, especially in autumn, often form roosting colonies, and betake themselves night after night to a given group of trees in order to sleep. The Pied Wagtail, again, may be often seen perching—after the manner of the Swallows on dead and leafless boughs when these appear on a tree, otherwise in thick foliage. In this Perthshire valley where we write, three Pied Wagtails may be seen from the window, perched on the boughs of a large ash tree.

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RESULT OF OUR "HIDDEN BIRDS" PUZZLE.

OUR Hidden Birds Puzzle, published in our issue of August 30 has proved quite as popular as any that have gone before it. A large number of attempts at solution were sent in, and among these no fewer than 143 had correct names to all the pictures. The birds depicted were (1) Starling, (2) Sunbird, (3) Wheatear, and (4) Puffin. In accordance with Rule 5, the correct solutions were well mixed up together, and one of them was drawn from the heap.

The solution to be thus selected was the one sent by

Mrs. J. Ward,
Timble Great,
near Otley, Yorks.

and the prize of 10s. 6d. therefore goes to this lady.

Picture No. 1 seemed to present little difficulty, and the very large majority of readers solved it correctly. Among the favourites of the incorrect solutions was Kingfisher, quite a number of solvers giving this. Other attempts were Gull "Congour," Nightingale, Wagtail, "Ship Starling," "Fishhawk," and Redstart.

Picture 2 would appear to have given more scope to the imagination, for among the incorrect solutions were Flycatcher, Skylark, Stonechat, Rook, Blackbird, Garden Warbler, Dhyal Bird, Wall Creeper, Bramblefinch, Nightingale, Swallow, Redstart, Fire Finch, Flame-breasted Flower Pecker, Amethyst-rumped Sun-bird, Bee-eater, Pekin Nightingale, Amazon Parrot, Ring Ousel, Jackdaw, Goldfinch, Crimson-crowned Weaver, Ray's Wagtail, Humming Bird, Twite, Parrakeet, Flamingo, Diamond Sparrow, Raven, Thrush, Oriole, Starling, Sedge Warbler, Hedge Sparrow, and Black-headed Mannikin.

No. 3 (Wheatear) proved almost as easy as No. 1, very few attempts being incorrect, but some readers thought the picture to represent such widely different birds as House Sparrow, Wood Pigeon, Meadow Pipit, Corncrake, Twite, Swallow, Lapwing, Corn Bunting, Thrush, Seagull, Goldfinch, Nightingale, Parrakeet, and others.

No. 4 (Puffin) must have given much thought, for quite a large number of solvers had incorrect answers. Among the "chance shots" were Roller Canary, Mannikin, Snow Bunting, Bullfinch, Talking Parrot, Grey Singing Finch, Wild Goose, Budgerigar, German Songster, Mountain Linnet, Skylark, Fieldfare, Grey Parrot, Greater Hill Mynah, Alpine Accentor, Macaw, Cockatoo, Chough, Swift, Partridge, Snipe, Woodpecker, Toucan, Flycatcher, Redcrested Cardinal, Grouse, Hoopoe, Cordon Bleu, Cock of the Rock, Sandpiper, Lark, and Creeper. Of this little bunch, "Grouse" strikes us as a distinctly good attempt at the solution.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet sing held at George and Dragon, Bridge Street; 14 birds entered for three prizes. 1, W. Nelson; 2, Wainwright; 3, B. Nelson.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEIGH.

Meeting held Globe Inn, Leigh. Decided to remove to headquarters, Market Hotel, Leigh, opposite Leigh Parish Church. Members please note, we are having a general meeting Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. All members are requested to attend, as business is important. I saw Mr. Harrison's report last week, and I would be very pleased to see him at the meeting, as I want to have a chat about the contests of the season.—R. Disley.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality singing held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Sept. 13; 16 sang for three prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Bray; 2, T. Chadwick; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, Clegg, Naylor. Also Sept. 14; 28 sang for four prizes: 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Butler; 4, J. Chadwick. Judges, W. Sissons, V. Madden, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing held Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe, 1, 2, shared by Ward and Tomlinson; 3, Hutton. Judges, Messrs. Sellars and Granger.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality singing at Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Sept. 14; 12 birds sang for three prizes, given by Mrs. A. Saynor. A. Binns and J. Chippendale shared 1 and 2: 3, T. Howarth. Judges, C. Lorrimer, J. Clark.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

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Ashton, Denton and Hyde Amalgamated Show.—Sept. 23, Denton's Rooms, 8. General show business.—W. Hopwood.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Temperance Hotel, 8.15. Open show business; members please bring in their lists of specials.—R. Forster.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Social Club, 7. Subs., and general business.—D. Reavley.

Beamish C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Schedule for annual show, and other business.—W. Knowles.

Bethnal Green St. James-the Less F.A.—Sept. 22, Men's Club, Ridley House, St. James Road, 8.30. Distribution of prizes won at Y.B. show. Business of annual show.—T. G. Bransford.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. To complete schedule for annual show, and other important business.—R. Elliott.

Birtley C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Station Hotel, 7. Important business in connection with open show to be held October 4, 1913. Subs. now due.—S. Lindsay.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—Sept. 20, W.M. Institute, 7. Classification for annual show, other important business.—A. Hirons.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. Selection of medals and other show business.—J. Stirling.

Brighton and Rove C.B.A.—Sept. 24, Head quarters, 8. Annual show business, etc.—Will. H. Gibb.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Business most important.—Smith and Lees.

Consett, Blackhill P., etc., S.—Sept. 20, Co-operative Buildings, Consett, 7.30. Preparation of schedule.—J. H. Coupland.

Craghead and Holmside Workmen's Social Club (F., F., & C.B.S.).—Sept. 21, Club Room, 6.30. To select a chairman and fix a date, and select judges for show.—A. Dawson.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 25, Earl of Wakefield, 8. Final arrangements for young stock show.—W. Kite.

Felling F. and F.S.—Sept. 20, Blue Bell Hotel 7. To take entries for table show for the benefit of Mr. J. Spencer. Members are asked to give a good entry.—G. Garbutt.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshills, 8. General business.—R. Heggie.

Glasgow North West C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Blythswood Halls, 8. Annual show business; important.—Wm. Loan.

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 20, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Allotting specials for annual show.—H. Clegg.

High Wycombe F.S.—Sept. 24, Oxford Hall, 7.30. Annual meeting.—S. C. Pearce.

Hirst Universal Club C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Club, 7.30. Extempore night; fanciers cordially invited. — J. Smith.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Sept. 20, No. 2 Gothenburg, 6. Washing exhibition and open show business.—A. Dickson.

Lancs. and Lizard F.A.—Sept. 21, Old Mosley Arms, Shudehill, Manchester, 6. Patronage, important business.—A. Martin.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Note change of date; important news for members.—J. Rhodes.

Musselburgh O.S.—Sept. 27, Cossar's Tea Rooms 7.30.—A. Hoyle.

National British Bird and M.C.—Sept. 25, Gt Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—J. P. Carr.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Sept. 23, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Special general meeting to allot specials.—J. W. Reed.

Northern British Mule and F.B.C.—Sept. 24, 8.—W. Curry.—(No place stated.—Ed.).

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Annual show business, also amalgamated show delegates' report; very important.—J. Dakey.

Oldham C.B.A.—Sept. 23, Textile Dining Rooms 8. Lecture on Yorkshires by Mr. John Schofield. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—J. Cope.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Show business.—F. Washbourne.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 22, Crumpsall Hotel, Cheetham Hill, 8. Annual show business Delegates' report, subs. due.—R. Chaloner.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Temperance Club, 8. Show business, whist drive, etc.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Sept. 20, College Inn, 8 Special show business. Members, please bring in Ramsden's coupons.—B. Bailey.

Southern Border F.C.—Sept. 25, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8. General business; selection of club spoons; election of new members; visited invited.—F. Moore.

S. Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Cyprus, 7.30. Schedule for show.—W. L. Smith.

Stanley Empire Workmen's Club F. and F.C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Club Room, 7. Confirming of schedule and other show business.—W. Robinson.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Sept. 21, Red Lion Hotel. 8. Important show business. CAGE BIRDS' Coupons on sale.—J. Pitchford.

Swansea C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important special meeting re show business.—S. H. George.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 23, Headquarters, 8.30. Final arrangements re open show; subs. due.—W. G. Andrews.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Duke of York, 8. Members' specials and final settlement of schedule and show business.—J. Gibbons.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Sept. 24, Station Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting. Important show business. Drawing up schedule for show. Subs. now due.—G. Greenwell.

Warrington C.B.S.—Sept. 25, Blue Bell Saleroom, 8. Arranging schedule for open show.—G. M. Nelson.

Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Schedule for old show.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show. Judge, W. Mundell, Manningham. Entries Friday night, 8 to 11.—Taylor and Ellis.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Sept. 23, Village School, Alexandria, 8. Washing competition.—A. H. McLean.

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Correspondence.

Death of a Noted Crest-bred Canary.

SIR,—I regret to say that my old yellow Crestbred ("Model") died a week ago. He has had a grand career, being in his 9th year. He won at the Palace show last February, and has won about 40 first prizes, including the Crested Canary Club show four times, at Cheltenham 4 years in succession, at Rochdale five, at Manchester three, at Nottingham two or three times, and at the L.C.B.A. and most of the other leading shows too many to mention.

Bolton. J. BROTHERTON.

A Lady's First Year Success with Crests.

Sir,—I was very surprised and pleased to see my Crest cock depicted on the cover of CAGE BIRDS last Friday. I only started in the Faney last year, and was lucky enough to rear him and one or two others equally as good. Not bad for a beginning, and this should encourage other novices to start with Crests. I don't think any other variety is half so fascinating. I intend having a good stud one day, but am afraid it will take some years to build up a strain to produce birds which will win in champion classes! However, that is the interest of it. I again thank you, and wish your paper and the grand prize scheme you have on hand this year every success. (Miss) V. ONSLOW.

The Moulting of Wild Birds.

Sir,—The wild birds look terribly ragged just now, while they are casting their old plumage, and growing a new suit. The Sparrows in particular seem disreputable objects, and hardly fit to be round respectable houses, and they are almost as quarrelsome as in the spring—whole bunches of feathers are scattered after every little "spar." Although birds look so badly, it is wonderfully interesting to watch the growth of the new feathers, especially in those species that acquire an entirely new colour with the change; for instance, note our common Robin Redbreast, and the Starling. One of the latter, on the grass within a few feet of the writer's window, has finished the moult, all but the head and neck; his body and wings are beautifully spangled and ticked in an astonishingly regular manner, and as he is a young bird of the year, his head and neck are both of a dirty grey colour, the head looking much too small, and snaky for the body. The Robin's look terribly ragged, and the new breast feathers are not nearly so rich in colour as the old ones, but they deepen as the moult comes to a finish. A few weeks make a lot of difference in the colour of plumage in wild birds, especially in those species that sing in the autumn. Nature appears to be kind to them; they cast their feathers easily, and are soon happy and in good condition once more. H. N.

The Problem of Migration.

Sir,—For long years we fanciers and naturalists, and our forefathers, have been trying to solve the problem of migration, and we have to take off our hats to Mr. E. Kay Robinson, for having solved it at one fell swoop. We have also to thank him for telling us that what we have written on the subject, both ourselves and our forefathers, is nothing but absolute egregious nonsense. The subject is settled now once and for all. I am sure it never struck us that the poor birds didn't know where to fly to, or in what direction. When you come to think of it, it is very simple (what asses we all have been, to be sure). All that the poor little things have to do is to wait for the cold North wind, spread out their wings, and open out their tail, then away on the wings of the wind to Africa. Mind you, according to Mr. E. Kay Robinson it must be a due North wind, because Africa lies due South from Britain, and as they don't know where to go to—ease of shut your eyes and open your wings—a North by East or a North by West wind would probably land them in Southern Asia, or in the Atlantic. (I'm not great on geography). Africa is their home, and no wind will suit them, but a due North. I happen to be connected with one of the leading observatories in the country, and in the autumn I have often wondered at the large flocks of migratory birds perched on the observatory, and in the immediate vicinity. Thanks to Mr. E. Kay Robinson, I now know why they are perching there. They are waiting anxiously scanning the wind indicator in case they miss the due North breeze; and I think I can almost see tears in their eyes as they mournfully watch the indicator, which at this period of the year will persist in pointing to West South-West. SUB ROSA.

A Hard Worker in the Cause.

Sir,—I went over to Dartford, Kent, to see some friends and visited the band competition on Aug. 30. I was introduced to a Mr. Peck. He was taking two little children round in faney costumes—a girl about four years and boy six years. They were collecting for the band. I afterwards learnt that the girl took first prize for most collected, and the boy second. We finished up at a cottage gardeners' show, and there found Mr. Peek again—he was showing about thirty Canaries. I heard then it was the Mr. Peek I had read about in CAGE BIRDS. It appears to me that he is always trying to do the hobby good, as I was told he is getting a decorated bird-cage competition up for the little children, and a ladies' paper-hat competition for the mothers. I am sure I wish Mr. Peek every success in his undertaking, especially the one for the children, as it will make them fond of birds.

E. S. A. (Windsor).



THE "ILLINGWORTH" SILVER CUP.

Recently presented to the Idle C.B.S. (note report of the proceedings on page 175).

The Range of the Dipper in Ireland.

Sir,—As I have myself seen the Dipper in County Longford, I should like you to publish the following concerning the matter, sent by Mr. G. R. Fetherston, recently to the "Morning Post":—

For some years I have been constantly on the watch in suitable localities for this somewhat rare and interesting bird, the Dipper—*Cinclus aquaticus*. I have explored carefully both the upper and lower lakes at Killarney, and many mountainous streams and rivers of Kerry, where there are suitable ravinos, but without success. Yesterday, when fishing at a pretty, wild place about five miles from Ardagh, I saw the bird for the first time, and great was my delight. It was perched upon a stone in mid-stream, and now and again it would dive and swim, returning to the same stone. In "The Birds of Ireland," by Mr. Usher, he says very emphatically that it is found in every county in Ireland and breeds there, except in Longford; and in Westmeath, which is low-lying, it is scarce. My experience is now quite the reverse. I have never seen it in any other county but in Longford. It is a beautiful little bird, and I am glad we have it with us. The plumage is dark brown; chin, throat, and breast, on the upper part, pure white; on its lower part chestnut, blending towards the tail into deep grey; back, very dark grey, almost black; flight rather rapid. It has, I believe, a sweet song, but I was not fortunate to hear it. Can any County Longford people tell me if they have seen the Dipper, and if any nests have ever been found? T. J. MALONEY.

The Best Way to Catch Redpolls.

SIR,—I wonder if Mr. Frank Abbott (who wrote in your issue of Aug. 30) would kindly inform me of the best way to catch Redpolls, as there are any number around here, and I should like to catch a few just for my private use, for breeding, etc.

E. COCKRAM.

New Society for Brandon Colliery and Dis. (Co. Durham).

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Miners' Institute on Sept. 9th to form a cage bird society, when 14 members were enrolled. It was carried that we leave it open to all fanciers within a radius of six miles from Brandon Colliery. Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. Wm. Basey; treasurer, Mr. A. Robson; Sec., Mr. Geo. Reed, 35, Newcastle Street, Brandon Colliery, who will be pleased to send full particulars to fanciers wishing to join. All are welcome.

GEO. REED, Sec.

Late Nesting of a Yellowhammer

A Considerate Gardener.

Sir,—Last Friday, September 12th, while walking with a friend through his garden, I noticed a piece of a drill of potatoes, all that was left of a large plot. I asked if these few had been left for seed, but my friend, knowing I was interested in cage-birds, said "No, look at the shaws and you will see why it is left." There in the end shaw, which was well withered, was a hen Yellowhammer, sitting on a neat nest. I asked if she had young and he said he had not looked for a few days, when she then had four eggs. I then went up and found her sitting very close, but on setting her off I saw she had four nice healthy young ones about three days old. The nest was only two yards from the footpath, where dozens of people were passing every day. A. HAY.

What is the Matter with Members' Shows?

Sir,—I was rather amused when I read Mr. Metealfe's reply to my last letter. He seems to be greatly struck with "Looker On's" letter, yet he cannot advance one single item in its favour. Surely he must be able to give us some idea as to how his proposals are going to benefit, and better the conditions under which the present societies and shows are run. To my own thinking, Mr. Metealfe is one of those who are to blame for the non-success of our members' shows, as he openly declares he refuses to show until the present conditions are bettered. This is not the way to success; and especially if we all took it into our heads to do the same thing, which would mean the absolute ruin of the present societies. He says he does not want us to run away with the idea that he wants all the small societies to join in one big society. Let me here ask him to look up his dictionary and find the meaning of the word "Amalgamation." I take it to mean "all join together." Probably he is able to put some other interpretation on it. Anyway; let me ask him whether he thinks the amalgamated shows we have had in the Manchester districts this last two years have been the success he anticipates. They started, if my memory serves me right, with six societies, and have dropped at present to three societies; the entries, too, for the above were hardly better than at some of the members' shows, and I have not as yet heard of any society, or even members, making a fortune out of them. Again, he accuses me of standing still; well, I can only draw his attention to the fact that his society was the last to come into line with the above, yet the one I represent was one of the first, which only tends to show where the "standing still" comes in. Anyway, I am only too pleased to read his ideas, and also those of others on this question of amalgamation, and until convinced shall be content to fight and try to show that it would mean almost ruin to most of the existing societies. FORWARD.

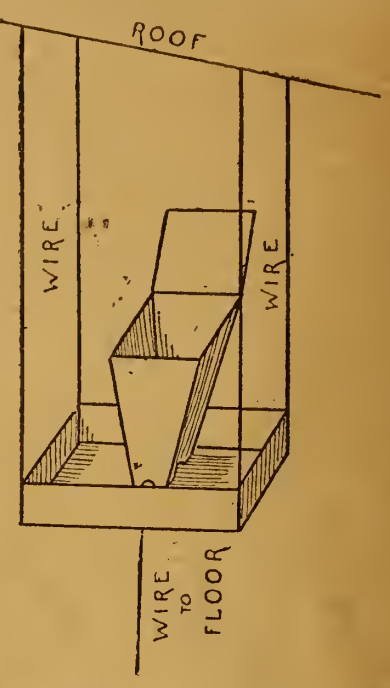
Wanted, a Gramophone Record of the Roller's Song.

SIR,—I also would like to know where I could get a gramophone record of the Roller Canary's song. I see a reader of CAGE BIRDS asking for the same last week. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

W. VOWLES.

To Keep Mice from the Aviary Seed Hopper.

Sir,—I am sending you an idea of mine for a seed hopper for an aviary, so that the mice cannot get at the seed. I have an aviary outside, and I am troubled with mice, so I hit upon this idea, and it has proved a success, and I thought I would send it to you, in



the hope that it may be of use to other readers of CAGE BIRDS. It is quite simple to make, as will be seen by the sketch; I made my own. It is simply a self filler, screwed to the seed box from underneath, and wired to the roof, and to the floor in the middle of the aviary. D. HILL.

A Nestling's Narrow Escape from Hanging.

Fed by parent, though upside-down!

Sir,—I think this incident, the account of which is sent by "H.F." to the "Scotsman" is unusual enough to interest my fellow fanciers. "H.F." writes: While walking along a lane in Kent the other day, our attention was attracted by a low, plaintive note from the tall straggling hedge that bordered the wayside, which seemed to us to indicate some creature in pain or danger. Foreing our way with considerable difficulty through the thick undergrowth, we saw a young bird hanging head downward from a nest on the top of the hedge. That the poor creature was captive in some way or other was very evident; so, trying to forget all I knew about thorns, I managed to make my way aloft, and found the victim firmly wedged by the foot between the nest and the branch on which it was set. I forthwith delivered the prisoner by demolishing the nest, much to the satisfaction of my waiting friends, but rather to the consternation of the mother bird, a Hedge Sparrow, who kept hovering near, uttering cries of distress. We found the foot atrophied and useless, ready to drop off, though otherwise the fledgling was quite plump and well. No doubt the mother had remained at hand to feed her unfortunate child after the other members of the family had flown; but what would have happened had we not by a lucky chance heard the pitiful appeal, and been able to respond to it?

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The Cultivation of Wild Plants for Cage Birds

By R. MORSE (Hitchin)

SECTION 2: PERENNIAL AND BIENNIAL PLANTS.

(Concluded from page 137).

NOTE. For full description of the plants dealt with in these articles, reference should be made to "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds" (1s. 2d., post free, from our office), which contains, in addition, much useful information regarding the medicinal and other properties of the various plants and seeds commonly used in the bird room and aviary.

BLACK KNAPWEED (*Centaurea nigra*) or "Hardheads" closely resembles the Great Knapweed already dealt with in these notes, but can scarcely be classed as an ornamental plant, as its flowers are quite small compared with its larger relative, and have small claim to beauty. Its usual height is from eighteen inches to two feet, and it may be cultivated in precisely the same way as the other species referred to. (See issue of CAGE BIRDS, dated August 9). It grows abundantly in meadows and by waysides, where its flowers may be found from July to September.

Bad for Its Neighbours:

THE CORN SOWTHISTLE (*Sonchus arvensis*) occurs abundantly in cultivated fields. It is a stout plant, about three feet or more in height, and produces during August and September large yellow flowers, often measuring two inches in diameter, which are followed by seed heads very similar to the well known ones of the dandelion. Roots taken up in September and removed to the garden will produce a mass of blossoms and seeds the following year, but care is required lest the plants overrun their neighbours, for, like the Nettle, this Thistle produces a large number of creeping root-stocks, and hence rapidly covers a large plot of ground. The seeds of this species may be sown from March to July, the seedlings being thinned out so as not to become overcrowded. The drills should be about half an inch deep, and the seeds covered with fine soil. The Corn Sowthistle will not generally flourish in shaded situations.



The Spear Plume Thistle and Winter Cress.

A somewhat similar plant known as the Common Sow-thistle, or Milk Thistle (*Sonchus oleraceus*) is an annual species, and hence requires sowing each year in March or April, as the plants, of course, die completely away after producing seed. The flowers are considerably smaller than those of the Corn Sowthistle.

A Few Biennials.

The following plants differ from all those previously dealt with in these articles, for although they live for two seasons, they produce only one crop of seed, after which the plants die.

THE SCOTTISH THISTLE (*Onoporpium Acanthium*) is a stout, hoary plant with large, pale purple flowers, and is well worthy of cultivation for its beauty alone. It is indeed grown as the national emblem in many parts of Scotland. The seeds of this plant should preferably be sown in May or June, in drills about half an inch deep, the young seedlings being transplanted at an early age, and removed again in September to their permanent situations. When performing this operation, the size attained by mature specimens should be borne in mind, for the plants will not flourish if allowed to become overcrowded. The Scottish Thistle occurs wild in many parts of England, particularly in the southern counties, where young plants which have not flowered can often be found during September. If these are carefuly removed to the garden, and well watered after planting, they will all flower the following year.

THE SPEAR PLUME-THISTLE (*Cnicus lanceolatus*) may be cultivated in the same way as the Scottish Thistle, as it is also a biennial plant of similar habit.

THE WILD TEAZLE (*Dipsacus sylvestris*) often reaches a height of five or six feet, and a group of fine specimens is distinctly ornamental. Indeed, country folk often gather Teazles to decorate their rooms, as the plants retain their beauty for many months. They are of fairly common occurrence in waste places and hedgerows, where they produce their purplish flowers from July to September. When sowing the seed, the drills should be about half an inch deep, and the young plants treated as recommended for Scottish Thistle above.



Black Knapweed (or Hardheads) and Sow (or Milk) Thistle

COMMON WINTER CRESS (*Barbarea vulgaris*) is a common plant in moist waste places, and on hedgebanks, where its yellow flowers may be found from May until July, these being followed by seed-pods about one inch in length. The plants are about eighteen inches high when mature, and may be cultivated in the same way as the Scottish Thistle, except that the drills should be some bit shallower, and the seeds lightly covered with fine soil. When placed in their permanent positions the plants should stand about six inches apart.

The Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Bill.

A PETITION TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

WE, the undersigned members of your constituency, desire respectfully to call your attention to "The Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Bill," presented by Mr. Hobhouse and supported by Mr. S. Buxton and Mr. Montagu, read a first time on Aug. 4th last.

With the Bill, so far as it relates to the matter indicated in its title, we have, as bird-keepers, little or no concern, but the measure goes very far beyond its title, and contains matter which is of vital importance to us.

Clause 4 of the Bill reads as follows:—"An order may be made by the Secretary of State, the Secretary for Scotland, or the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland under sections eight and nine of the Wild Bird Protection Act, 1880, and sections two and three of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, and section one of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1896, which give powers with reference to the protection of wild birds and their eggs, without any application or representation from the council of any county or borough."

If the Bill is passed as printed the result will be that after the tenth day of January next it will be in the power of the ministers named to prohibit the taking of any wild bird throughout England, Scotland, or Ireland, respectively, and that without even being asked to do so.

It is open already for any local authority to get upon application an extension of the Acts named in Clause 4, and the bird-laws vary locally throughout practically every county in Great Britain and Ireland, in accordance with requests made to the Secretary of State by local authorities.

We contend that the powers already vested in local authorities to alter the existing Acts of Parliament in any way that may seem advisable as applying to their own particular district are fully ample, and that there is neither need nor advisability to transfer these powers to an individual statesman who may act upon his own initiative without application or representation from local councils.

We contend, further, that Clause 4 has no reference to the importation of plumage, and should not be included in any Bill having such a title as that of the one which is now before the House of Commons.

And we, the undersigned, being among the many thousands of British subjects who take an abiding interest in the instructive hobby of pet-bird keeping, respectfully beg that upon the second reading of the Importation of Plumage Bill you will, as member for this constituency in which we reside, use your influence in obtaining the deletion of the said Clause 4 as being entirely foreign to the expressed purport and meaning of the Bill.

Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

I am pleased to be able to say that the correspondence which I have received as a result of my having once more called attention to the Plumage Bill shows conclusively that bird-keepers are awakened to the danger in which their hobby will be placed if this measure is passed into law.

Many of the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and other readers of our paper, have already written to their local Parliamentary representatives, and several have suggested that I should myself draft a letter, which they could cut out of CAGE BIRDS and send to Members of Parliament.

Above will be found, therefore, a petition conveying our views upon this very important subject, and it now only remains for cage-bird keepers themselves to see that the matter is brougbt to the attention of every Member of Parliament. The petition, with its heading, should be cut out, pasted upon a sheet of foolscap, signed by the reader, and by as many of his friends as possible, and addressed to the Member of Parliament for the town or district at the House of Commons, Westminster, London, S.W.

Let each Member of Parliament fully understand that among his constituents are numbered many who protest against the Bill being carried in its present form, and it is only reasonable to think that the wishes of the many thousands of bird-keepers who have Parliamentary votes will not be ignored.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

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THE MUSIC OF THE GENTLER SEX.

Some Hen Birds that Sing.

The power possessed by birds of producing connected musical notes seems, as a general rule, to be the prerogative of the male. Female birds rarely sing, writes "A.T.B." in the "Scotsman," because in them the larynx—the upper part of the windpipe—is much less fully developed than in the males.

The singing of certain female birds—the Redstart, Blackbird, and Willow Warbler—resembles the recording of the males. By recording is meant that practising of the voice which most male birds find necessary in spring in order that they may recover their full powers of song. Recording consists usually of a twittering or chirping, in which the bird's favourite phrases occasionally emerge, these being given, in process of time, with increasing facility and a nearer approach to their former excellence.

Yarrell observes that during the period of producing the eggs the female Skylark has occasionally been heard to sing with a power and variety of tone not excelled in the song of the male. The female Woodlark also sings, but the strain is broken and interrupted. In the pairing season the female Canary, excited by the lively singing of the male, may sometimes utter a few notes, but they have no musical quality. In the case of one that is too old to breed, these notes are sometimes heard throughout the year.

According to some authorities who were the contemporaries of Sweet, the female Nightingale sings. This was not Sweet's own experience. The female Blackcap sings in confinement, but its note is quite different from, and is not so agreeable as, that of her mate. Sweet had one in his possession for six years. During the first three, it did not sing, but, after that, its voice was frequently heard. The female Reed Bunting possesses a singing voice, but her notes have not the power of her mate's. The male Starling learns to repeat words and to whistle airs, a power which is also possessed by the female.

Both the male and female Bullfinch sing; and, though their natural note is harsh and disagreeable, resembling the creaking of a door or of a wheel-barrow, the power of receiving instruction possessed by both sexes is so great that they may be trained, as is the case in England, Holland, and Germany, to whistle airs and songs in a soft, pure, flute-like tone which is highly prized by bird-lovers.

The female Robin and the female Great Grey Shrike also sing.

The Shows.

WOLSINGHAM & WEAR VALLEY.

Annual show held Sept. 10. Judge, John Dobinson (Wolsingham). NOR. (8): 1, 3, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Rutherford. YORKS (6): 1, 3, Elliott; 2, Wearmouth. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Stephenson. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Forster; 3, Stephenson. SELL.: 1, Rutherford; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Wearmouth.

DROGHEDA.

Eleventh annual show of the Drogheda and Dist. Show Association held Sept. 10. Mr. C. Walton (Silsden) judged the cage birds, and the wnuts of the birds were well attended to by stewards J. Finnegan, T. Hughes, and W. Hughes. YORKS Cl. YELL. CK: 1, Duff; 2, he, Meehan; vhc, Miss Porter; c, Connolly. HEN: 1, Miss N. McEvoy; 2, Meehan; he, Connolly. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Mrs. Meehan; vhc, Connolly. A.O.V.: 1, Meehan; 2, Miss S. McEvoy. MULES: 1, Mrs. Mathews; 2, Gibney; 3, McLoughlin. WORKMEN'S CLASS: 1, 2, McEvoy.

ST. JAMES-THE-LESS (Bethnal Green).

Young stock show held at Sidney Hall, Sidney Street, a splendid collection of birds being shown. Mr. Markoff won soc.'s silver medal with a tip top evenly marked Yorkshire. Mr. H. Jones (Walthamstow) judged. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, vhc, Ellett; 3 Markoff. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Ellett; 2, Markoff. YORKS and MULES: Awards, Markoff. A silver cup value three guineas has been allocated to the cage bird section for competition amongst the young birds at annual show, Nov. 29.—T. G. Bransford.

TONBRIDGE F.A.

Members' young stock show, held Sept. 10. The cage bird section was not up to the mark in entries, but quality was good. No doubt the moult and a bad breeding season made a difference. The members ought to rally round a bit more to make members' shows a success and to help their hard-working secretary, Mr. P. Stonestreet. Messrs. Cross, Greenaway, and Smithers (committee), and their able treasurer, Mr. Mockford, who did the lion's share of the staging, etc., which reflects great credit on them. The outstanding bird was a Buff Yorkie, which won special best in show. He was run very close by a Buff Norwich of Mr. Smithers'. Mr. C. R. Bullen (Bromley, Kent) judged and gave satisfaction.

YORKS FED: 1, sp, 3, C. Cross, fine upstanding Buff, good qual., will be heard of later; 2, 4, Ford, leader a bit open in front; res, vhc, hc, c, Bellchamber. NON-FED: 1, res, Cross, grand upstanding Cinn. mkd. Buff, ought to make a good one when moulted; 2, 4, W. Creed; 2nd close up, very nice bird; 3, Ford, Buff fails in head to others. NOR. FED.: 1, Smithers, grand Buff, will make a good bird when finished moult. NON-FED: 1, 3, W. Creed, nice birds; 2, 4, F. Creed; res, Smithers. BRIT.: 1, 2, Cross, Linnet and Chaffinch.

BALA.

Forty-sixth annual show of Merionethshire Agricultural Society, held Sept. 12. Cage birds were rather disappointing in numbers, owing to the moulting season, as old birds have dropped into the moult by now, and very few youngsters are ready in the circuit. Some good birds were shown, especially the Mules by Messrs. Hughes Brothers, both well-known; the local class for unflighted was well filled. Mr. Roberts carried out the secretarial duties once more in a masterly way, assisted by experienced stewards in Messrs. R. H. Morris, J. E. Jones, and J. E. Hughes, and the show, as usual, was well patronised. Open classes for unflighted birds would no doubt improve entries in the future. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and gave full satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Roberts, good cl., immense size, good type, head and neck, looks like the Llanrwst winner moulting; 2, Edwards, hot fed cl., Festiniog winner, nice type and condition, not the size of winner; 3, Miss Lee, nice type and wings, out of condition. BUFF cancelled. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Miss Williams, fine cl., good length and position, leggy, neat wings and tail, rich col.; 2nd, nat. col. cl., leggy and stylish, good feather; 3, Edwards, typical stylish cl., heavy in moult; res, Richards. BUFF cancelled. COLEF.: 1, Hughes Bros., rich deep blaze, very expansive, good width of head, nice tans and markings, well known; 2, Roberts, grand type and col., rich blaze, close up, will make a good one with more training, unsteady to-day; 3, Evans, very nice one, dropping into moult, Festiniog winner. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Roberts, capital Greenie, good size and shape, rich col., in best of form. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hughes Bros., good size-pointed Goldie-Can., full of qual., nice size, capital feather and col.; 2nd, Linnet Can., big winner, rich col., not in form. LOCAL, 1913 (9): 1, Evans, cl. buff Yorks., good length and leg, nice wing carr., tight feather, neat youngster; 2, 3, Jones, promising unflighted cl. buff Yorkie, unsteady; 3rd, Green Nor., plenty of size and subs., steady; vhc, c, Richards.

Club Reports.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, August 30, Mr. J. Muir presiding. Decided to keep books open till November meeting for old members. Also settled to have a bird on the front of the medals for the show. Next meeting, Sept. 27. Intending members please come forward.—W. Clarkson, Sec.

NORTH STAFFS. ROLLER C.C.

It is regretted that in consequence of unforeseen circumstances our September meeting was abandoned. A good attendance is requested at the October meeting, to fix date, and make final arrangements for the members' show. As the writer is to judge this show will some member kindly volunteer to officiate as show secretary? J. Tomlinson, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 16, Mr. T. Wierside presiding. Sec. displayed schedule for members' approval. Stewards elected for open show being prominent fanciers, intending exhibitors may be assured of their birds having expert attention. B.B. and M.C. patronage has again been secured, also Scottish P.C. This season's schedule is in advance of all others.—R. Muir, Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 1, Brewer's Arms, Mr. Twilley presiding over a very good attendance. After the usual business it was proposed by Mr. E. Bond, seconded by Mr. W. Garton, that we hold a table show on next club night, Oct. 6; birds to be staged by 7.30. Classes: Nor. Yell., ditto Buff, Yorks. Yell., ditto Buff, Goldf. and Bullf.; A.O.V. Brit. Hardbill; Mules, Greypates. A special prize of ½-stone of seed is to be awarded to the best bird in show, and it is hoped that each member will do his best to make the show a success.—H. Lowther, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Sept. 10, before a moderate gathering, Mr. Willmott chair. Rules and judge for young stock show duly dealt with, and the meeting was unanimous that the whole of the entrance money be paid out for prize money, with no deductions for expenses. The judge engaged is new to the district and should attract good entrances. The birds will be entered at time of show, so that members will be able to leave their selection of the birds until the last, and will have a better chance to pick out their best stock.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 11 at the Barnfields Inn, Pleasant Street, Mr. H. Hassal chair, to draw up schedule and elect judge for annual members' show Nov. 1. The classification was arranged something similar to last year's, with six additional classes—two Norwich unflighted, two Yorks unflighted, and two Brit. open. Mr. Brotherhood was elected judge. The Roller section have fixed the date of their young bird contest for Dec. 6. There will be one open class, for novices. Mr. Tomlinson, of Newcastle, has been appointed to judge. Anyone wishing to join us should make an early application, so that they can be proposed at next meeting, in order to make them eligible to show at either of our annual fixtures.—L. James, Sec., 48, Croft Street, Burslem.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Mason's Arms, Sept. 13, Mr. A. Gilchrist chair. Sec. said he had secured Masonic Hall for show, Oct. 11. A large selection of gold medals were on approval, and after a careful selection the sec. was instructed to get four as selected. The following members were elected to canvass the district for specials:—A. Gilchrist, Wm. H. Nelson, Geo. Yule, R. H. Douglas, D. Dalgleish, and the sec. Sec. intimated that he had got a money order through Mr. Jardine, pres., from an old friend and fancier, Mr. Thos. Briggs (Canada), as a special for Scotch Fancy section, and he was instructed to thank Mr. Briggs for his handsome special. Decided to draw specials at next meeting, first Saturday in October. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. W. B. Smart, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Sept. 4, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones (pres.) in chair, supported by treas., Mr. Oxley, and the two secs. Most of the business was in connection with open show, Oct. 18. Several things were decided, which we hope will help to make it a huge success; several committees are at work, and we hope to hear favourable reports from them at our next meeting. Mr. C. W. Hobson, assisted by Messrs. Walsh and Drabble, are doing very well on the finance committee, and have got a good few donations; we wish them further success in their efforts. Members will have got their tickets for open show by now. Will they do their best in the sale of them and so help the officials to make it a record show? All business being got through, the President called on Mr. P. Walsh to give us his talk on British. He dealt with all the species he has kept, which includes most of the British hardbills, also several softbills. He told us of the foods for each variety most suitable to keep them in health, and of all the little wrinkles he has found out he told us freely. The pleasure of hearing Mr. Walsh lies in the fact that he tells you all he knows, so that the birds may benefit as well as the owners. No one need scruple to try his mode of feeding, as the excellence of his diet is borne out by the number of years his birds live, he having a Nightingale six years old, a Blackbird fifteen years, and others that are well advanced. At the end of his talk he was freely plied with questions; these he answered in a very able manner. A vote of thanks to Mr. Walsh for his very practical and helpful remarks was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. A. Hooson, and supported by Mr. Jones. Mr. Walsh suitably replied, and invited anyone who cared to go and see his birds, when anything he could show them he would willingly do. Next meeting nomination of officers and special table show of Yorks, Norwich, Crests, and British; 12 classes; prize money 3s., 2s., 1s., in addition to Mr. Jones's challenge shield and other specials.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

Committee meeting held Sept. 9, in Nelson's Temp. Hotel, Mr. J. F. Park chair, and a full attendance of members. Sec. reported having fixed with the following as judges for annual show, viz.:—Crests, Mr. Jno. McKay; Plainheads, Mr. A. G. Cameron; Borders, Mr. T. Arnott (Hawick); Yorkshires, Mr. L. Dyke (Bradford); British and Foreign, Messrs. A. W. Watson and L. J. Arrighi. Also that association had secured the patronage of Yorkshire C.C., Border F.C.C., S.B.B. and M.B.C., also Nat. Scottish Crest Club had decided upon having young bird show in conjunction with show and that he awaited result of Plainhead meeting re their patronage. Several details in connection with show were then decided upon, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—Wm. Hutchison.

WEST STANLEY C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Sept. 6, Mr. J. Emmerson chair, with a good muster of members. Decided, after a long discussion, not to have a prize draw this year, but to have a gift class; all birds to be sold at 7 p.m. on last day of show by public auction, the reserve price on each specimen to be 5s. CAGE BIRDS Coupon competition will be held at our annual show, Nov. 7-8. I have a few coupons left, and any fancier not in possession of them can have some. Schedules are ready and will be sent to all of last year's exhibitors; or to anyone on receipt of postcard. We have given the best classification in the North, full prize money, and a big cash special for each section. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed a very busy and pleasant evening. —W. Elliott, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Lecture given at headquarters, Shoulder of Mutton, Sept. 13, by Mr. J. Thomas, Otley, on "The Bills of Birds," Mr. Crabtree in the chair. There was a good attendance, and the lecturer gave us a very interesting evening, explaining to us the bills of both British and Foreign birds, and also bringing with him various sketches of the subjects of his remarks, which made the lecture extremely clear to all. Questions were asked by various members, and replies were readily given by Mr. Thomas. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Tidswell, seconded by Mr. Greaves, was carried by applause. Mr. Thomas replied, thanking the members for their kind appreciation of his efforts, and said that when he came again he would do his very best for us by preparing something very interesting, and so closed a very successful evening in every way, each one hoping that we shall soon have Mr. Thomas with us again.—A. Cooper, Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Meeting held in Liberal Club, Hope St., Sept. 13, President, Mr. Jas. Lumsden, in chair, and a meagre attendance. The inclemency of the weather no doubt accounted for the short attendance, but we think it is hard upon the officials who have to see that the business of the Society is carried through. Several important items came up for discussion, the most important being consideration of the awards to Mr. John Munro's bird in Scotch Fancy section at last year's show, the bird having proved itself to be a cock after winning as a hen. It was decided to let the matter lie over till October meeting. Agreed to get show bills, prize cards, etc., from the same firm as last year; decided also to again have a gift class, the Society to provide cages, and members should keep this in mind when sending in their entries. Agreed to ask Sir Richard Mackie to present the prizes. A class for Green or Cinnamon hens was added to the Border Section. Next meeting Oct. 11, when we hope to see a larger turnout of members, as it is the last meeting previous to show.—G. W. Brown, Sec.

RICHMOND (Surrey) C.B.A.

Meeting held Aug. 27, at Imperial Hotel, Richmond. Mr. W. Phipps presided over a large attendance. Prize money was paid out for F.F. show, and silver medal for most points presented to Mr. Beavington. Mr. Lamb, Malden, was elected a member. Decided to hold autumn show on Oct. 25, at the St. John's Hall, Richmond, an ideal hall for the purpose. We have put on 50 classes and catered especially for the novice, and it is hoped they will appreciate it by sending in a bumping entry. Mr. J. Hodder will judge. Will every member make a special effort to attend next meeting, Sept. 24, at 8, as important business connected with the show must be settled, and it concerns everyone. We should like to see some of the starters of the society show up and help in the work. Any fancier wishing to join must send their names in by Oct. 24th if they wish to exhibit at our annual.—W. Nichols, Hon. Sec., 34, Beaconsfield Rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

LLANELLY C.B.S.

The event of the year has come and gone, with only a fortnight to propose and carry through the arrangements for a social evening. Mr. Dd. Jenkins, of Swansea, having kindly promised to assist the members at any time, the secretary (Mr. John) thought that Mr. Jenkins could not be of better service than in giving a washing exhibition, and Mr. Jenkins at once fell in with the idea. Supper was to start at 6.30, and some ten minutes later, with Councillor D. R. Jones in the chair, a start was made. While the tables were being cleared, a very pleasing affair was taking place—the presentation of a valuable smoking cabinet to our worthy member and show manager, Mr. T. J. Gregory. Councillor Jones, in making the presentation, said that it gave him great pleasure, on behalf of the members of the society, to make the presentation to one of their most worthy and hard-working members, and he hoped Mr. Gregory would not look on the value of it other than as a token of esteem and respect. He hoped that the present would in Mr. Gregory's old age bring the memory of past events. Mr. Gregory, who had been taken unawares, said he thanked them very much, but he was quite unable to make a speech. Councillor Jones then called upon the sec., who pointed out the value such a member as Mr. Gregory was to the society. He said he was proud of him as a member, and was glad of having been one of the means of getting up the presentation. After songs by Messrs. Parks, Gregory, and Evans came the time for the washing exhibition by Mr. Jenkins, who explained in detail the ways and means of handling the birds before commencing to wash, and then washed two. The chairman, having asked if any of the members would like to try their hand, Vice-chairman Mr. J. Owens, who is a novice in the Fancy, tried his hand. Then Mr. Jenkins' son took Mr. Owen's son under his guidance in washing one, which he very readily did. The chairman moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Jenkins for his kindness. Mr. Jenkins, in replying, said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst them that night, and to see the way everything had been carried out. He gave a few words of advice to the members to do their best to assist the officers, and to back up their evergreen secretary, Mr. John, who was always at it for the good of the society. Mr. H. Webster, assist. sec. spoke at some length as to the best ways and means of increasing the interest of the society, and the enrolling of new members, and the advantages of first feather shows, table shows, lectures, etc. He said that we ought to bring the membership up to 50 this year. Three new members were elected, and the meeting came to an end; one of the best held in the record of the society.—D. John, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting held "El Vino," Piccadilly Place, Sept. 9, Mr. J. Dewhurst chair. Mr. Wallington gave a report of the last Federation meeting, and the remainder of the evening was taken up in discussing matters in connection with the annual show. Schedules will be sent to all exhibitors whose names appear in the catalogues of the L.C.B.A., and Crystal Palace Shows, also to members of specialists societies, whose patronage has been obtained. Sec. will be pleased to forward schedules upon applications to intending exhibitors, whose names do not appear in any of the above.—Jas. Bray, jun., Hon. Sec., 68, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 11 at headquarters, Mr. F. J. Weaver presiding over a good attendance—an attendance which makes one think the annual show is coming on. Schedule was well thrashed out with many heated arguments, and after a thorough discussion came out in flying colours. When the schedule is presented, exhibitors will find we are the people who are catering for them, and I hope they will give us a bumping entry in return. Classes provided are 8 Champ. Nor., 4 Nov., 2 Crest, 6 Champ. Yorks, 4 Nov., and we are favoured again with the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C.; 1 A.O.V., 2 Mule, 6 Brit., 2 Foreign. We have again been successful in getting the Co-operative Hall, an ideal room for a show, well lighted and free from draughts, and at night it is lighted by electricity. It is only one minute's walk from station and tram. CAGE BIRDS coupons were on view and selling. Members who were not present kindly let me know how many they are requiring. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a real good three-hours discussion to a close.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Special meeting, presided over by Mr. W. H. Stoakley, held at 6, The Broadway, Sept. 8, to deal with the work in connection with the annual show next month at Queen's Hall. The holidays evidently affected the attendance, which was not up to the usual average. Three new members were made, and sec. Mr. H. Smith reported that the young bird show held in July had proved successful, the judge, Mr. J. Robson, pronouncing the quality of the exhibits good throughout. The show would have the patronage of the Southern Yorks. C.C. (cup and trophy, champion and novice), the Southern N.P.C. (champion and novice), the Southern Border F.C., and the National British Bird and M.C. The appointment of judges was confirmed, as were also the draft rules and classification prepared by the committee. Schedule will be put in hand as soon as the various details are completed. Several good specials were promised by members to add to the goodly list already received. The remainder of the evening was filled in with "questions and answers," which proved very interesting and entertaining. Miss Durham is to give an interesting lecture at the October meeting.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting held in Drill Hall, Juniper Green, Sept. 6, president, Mr. Begbie, chair. Secretary and President were appointed to wait on Dr. Fowler regarding prize for annual show; a number of specials were notified. President made appeal to all members to have as many specials as possible at next meeting. Decided that no birds be lifted at show before 6 p.m. Letters read from Messrs. Younger, Balerno, and Gibson (Colinton) giving subs. towards society; also from Mr. Steel (Dalkeith) offering to give a practical illustration of how to make a Border show cage. Decided to accept Mr. Steel's kind offer and to have extra meeting on Sept. 13 to suit Mr. Steel.

Extra meeting held Saturday, Sept. 13, Vice-Pres., Mr. Michie chair. Mr. Steel was present as promised, and made a good portion of a cage and explained the block he used for making them, and showed the members how easy it was to make a cage; Mr. Steel's block system is very simple. He also explained the best and cheapest way to paint the cages, and the lecture proved very instructive and interesting to all. At the close Mr. Michie, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mr. Steel for his kindness in giving us so much of his experience. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Steel.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Morda (Shropshire).—Oct. 9. Judge, Mr. J. A. Gough, Coventry. 9 classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Mules 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/3. Ent. close Oct. 4, to W. Bassett, 29, Gate St., Oswestry.

Selkirkshire O.S. (Selkirk).—Oct. 11. Judge, Mr. A. Hay, Tweedmouth. 18 classes: Bord. 10 (1 sell.), Nor. 2, Mules 1, Brit. 4, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 4, to J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.

Hamilton, Cadzow Oak O.S.—Nov. 8. Judges, Messrs. J. Smeaton, J. Hamilton, R. Bald. 51 open classes: Nor. 11, Crest 2, Bord. 11, Yorks 5, Mules 5, Brit. 15, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 4, to Geo. Martin, Hamilton.

Bedford and Beds C.B.S.—Oct. 16. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 7 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Members 1/-. Open to Bedfordshire. 13 classes: Nor. 5, Sell. 2, Crest 1, Brit. 2, A.O.V. 1, Stock 1, Nov. Can. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee 1/-. Members 6d. Ent. close Oct. 10, to E. T. F. Wiggins, 83, Stanley St., Bedford.

Llandilo C.B.S.—Oct. 9. Judge, A. D. Hughes. 10 classes: No. 2, Yorks 1, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 9 to H. S. Davies, 32, New Road.

Bromley and W. Kent F.A.—Oct. 15-16. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 34 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks 8, Crest 2, Bord. 2, Liz. 1, Brit. 5, Mules 4, For. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Members 1/3. Ent. close Oct. 7, to A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Lane, Bromley.

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The Good Fortune of the Idle C.B.S.

Presented with a Silver Cup and a Challenge Shield.

The handsome silver cup presented to the Idle and District C.B.S. by Mr. Percy Illingworth, M.P., was formally handed over to the society at a smoking concert held at their headquarters, the White Bear Inn. The cup, an excellent example of the silversmith's art, has been supplied by the well-known firm of Rhodes and Son, Ltd., Bradford. It bears the following inscription: "Idle and District Cage Bird Society. Presented by P. H. Illingworth, Esq., M.P., for perpetual competition." A Challenge Shield, the cost of which has been defrayed by subscription, was also presented to the society.

Mr. J. Chippendale, who presided over the gathering, said they were fortunate in having obtained two such trophies. The society was only in its infancy, and the gifts which they had received would encourage them to make it one of the best organisations of its kind in the Bradford district. (Applause.) The chairman complimented the secretary (Mr. C. E. Hylton) on the able manner in which he had discharged his duties.

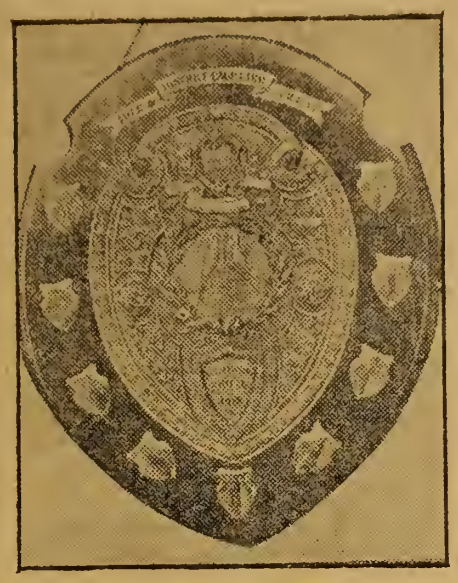
An Advantage to Every Man.

Councillor H. Thornton Pullan (of Eccleshill), who presented the cup on behalf of Mr. Illingworth, said the society had naturally hoped that the donor would be present on that occasion, but he (Mr. Pullan) was sure they would excuse his non-attendance when they knew that he was enjoying a well-earned holiday. As they all knew, Mr. Illingworth took a deep interest in all classes of sport. Although not conversant with the Canary Fancy he (Mr. Pullan) could readily imagine how a person could become deeply interested in the rearing of birds. It was to every man's advantage to have a hobby of one kind or another. He hoped the cup which Mr. Illingworth had kindly given would have a tendency to stimulate interest in the society. (Applause.)

The cup was accepted on behalf of the society by the chairman, who said they were greatly indebted to Mr. Illingworth for his generosity. (Applause.)

When Our Hobby Scores.

In presenting the shield on behalf of the subscribers, Mr. J. J. Booth remarked that there were many valuable lessons to be learnt from hobbies. A hobby which had to do with living things was, he thought, intensely interesting, because it brought them nearer to Nature than such pastimes as cricket, football, and other outdoor recreations. He had no doubt that the hobby of Canary breeding, if properly pursued, was not only interesting, but profitable. He thought that every man should participate in some pleasure in order



THE HANDSOME CHALLENGE SHIELD.
(The "Illingworth" Cup is illustrated on page 172.)

to bring about a real recreation of mind and spirit. He trusted that the members would show their appreciation of the trophies they had received by endeavouring to make the society as efficient as possible. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Pullan and Mr. Booth on the motion of Mr. T. Elsegood, seconded by Mr. F. Studd. Songs were excellently rendered at intervals by Mr. W. Shepherd, Mr. G. Cordingley, and Mr. B. Hobson. Mr. F. Whittaker was the accompanist.

WELSH C.B.A.

A general meeting will be held Sept. 22, at Ship and Bell, Merthyr, at 3. All members are requested to attend. Will the members who still hold the cups from last season please bring same to this meeting to enable them to be presented in the usual way? Some members have not yet paid their subscription. This must be paid before this meeting, otherwise they will not be allowed to vote, etc. It is impossible for me to continue the secretarial duties, and at this meeting I shall hand in all books, etc.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF FIFE C.B.L.

Meeting held September 13, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Mr. A. Dickson chair. Decided to give a special of 5s. at Lochgelly Show, for most points gained by a member of the League; 5s. at Kelty Show (Lochgelly winner debarred) and 5s. at Cowdenbeath show (Lochgelly and Kelty winners debarred), and 5s. most points over all the shows under patronage. Result of the Essay Competition of our Young Bird Show was read; the 1st prize is a singing Canary (by Mr. J. R. Reid). Messrs. Wildridge and Smith gave 2s. 6d. each, and this was left in the hands of Mr. Reid to buy three suitable books for 2, 3, and 4th prizes. Fanciers in the district will do well to get the Cowdenbeath "Mail" this week, as the winning essays will be printed in it. Decided that sec. get free admission to the shows under patronage, also free catalogue and index book of entries if required, after the local secretaries are finished with them. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a poorly attended meeting to a close. —Jas. Cordery, Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Following is a list of additional members who have been enrolled in the different societies of the Union since the handbook was printed, and whose names all secretaries of shows in the Union would do well to cut out and paste in the handbook for future reference. Included in the list are a few members who have changed their address, and these would be pleased if Union members generally would kindly make a note of them:—Bolton Woods: (N) J. Regan, 97, Beamsley St., Manningham. Bankfoot: (N) J. L. Graham, 972, Manchester Rd., Bradford; (N) J. W. Drake, 134, Horton Rd., Bradford. Dewsbury: (N) W. Hirst, Mill Rd., Batley; (N) F. Milnes, Back Brook St., Dewsbury. Gt. Horton: J. Line, 10, Burrows St., Manchester Rd., Bradford. Gt. Horton G.I.: (N) E. Leach, I, Waterhouse Pl., Church St., Windhill. Halifax: A. Pickles, Post Office, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. Huddersfield: (N) R. Charlesworth, 33a, Deighton Rd., Deighton, Huddersfield; (N) H. Scodhouse, I, Deighton Rd., Deighton, Huddersfield; (N) G. Taylor, Moorbottom Rd., Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield; (N) F. Balmforth, 47, Royd St., Slaithwaite, Huddersfield. Holmfirth: (N) C. Brown (Brown Bros.), Longley, Holmfirth, nr. Huddersfield; (N) D. Brown (Brown Bros.), Longley, Holmfirth, nr. Huddersfield. Laisterdyke: (N) E. Riley, 12, Noble Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford. Manningham: (N) F. P. Terry, painter, 180, Lumb Lane, Bradford; (N) J. H. Dickenson, 96, Hollings Rd., Bradford. Spen Valley: (N) A. Faweett. Shipley: (N) S. Excell, 14, Whitham St., Saltaire. Skelmanthorpe: (N) A. Heeley, Commercial Rd., Skelmanthorpe; H. Radley, 2, Lodge St., Skelmanthorpe. Tong: (N) J. W. Preston, 1, Hillary St., Staincliffe, Dewsbury. Windhill: (N) H. Soloman, 21, Hope View, Windhill; W. Walsh, Angel St., Baildon, nr. Shipley; F. Ellis, 16, Bank Crest, Baildon, nr. Shipley; (N) W. Booth, Fidler Green, Wrose Hill, Shipley.

Alteration of addresses:—Bradford East: E. Dinsdale, 2, Peach St., Brompton Rd., Bowling; H. S. Naylor, 22, Roxby St., Manchester Rd., Bradford; B. Cowell, 38, Rayleigh St., Bowling, Bradford; W. Turner, 29, Rossefield Rd., Heaton, Bradford. Halifax: J. Robertshaw, Mytholme Cottage, Hebden Bridge; H. W. Walsh, 10, Wallace St., Kingston, Halifax.

Mr. F. Hampshire, Sunnyside, Skelmanthorpe, has been appointed sec. to Skelmanthorpe C.B.A., vice Mr. J. Hird (resigned), and all who intend sending entries to their annual show should make a note of this.—H. Hill, Sec.

DUBLIN S. COUNTY C.B.A.

Special meeting held in Court House, Town Hall, Kingston, Aug. 28. A fairly large number attended. Mr. Sholedice chair. Unanimously agreed to hold a members' show on Oct. 11, birds to be benched by 3.30. Mr. Sholedice has kindly consented to judge. Entry 3d. per cage. Decided not to send out entry forms, but that exhibitors pay fees at door on show day. Classification:—Yorkshire cock, Yorkshire hen, A.O.V. cock, A.O.V. hen, Goldfinch, Linnet, Softbill, A.O.Brit., Mules—Goldfinch Light, Goldfinch Dark, Linnet Light, Linnet Dark; Foreign. Unanimously agreed to hold a monthly meeting night on second Monday each month at 8. Messrs. McKeon, Beegan, and Waters spoke highly of this movement, and the chairman promised to contribute a paper at the first meeting, entitled "How to prepare our birds for show." The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—D. Smyth, hon. sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Will secretaries of shows requiring the B.R.C. patronage kindly write early to avoid clashing of dates if possible? Conditions of Young Bird Point Competition:—Decided by the club that owing to enormous entries made in champion and novice young bird classes (viz., 70 and 80) and complaints having been made that some shows do not give any extra prize money, that this is not fair, and unless altered will be the means of driving exhibitors out of the Roller Fancy. The following sliding scale has been drawn up, which is fair to exhibitors and will pay societies running Roller classes:—Classes of 40 or less, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prize money; over 40, to have an extra 3rd and 4th; over 50, extra 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; over 60, extra 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and fourth. Mention has been made that this will make the giving of specials awkward. The specials should be printed in schedules and worked as follows:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th best bird. Thus, in a class of 50, the 3rd best bird would be the extra 2nd, the 4th best bird would be the 3rd, and the fifth best bird the extra 3rd, and so on. It will also be fairer to the exhibitors, as at some shows the prize money has been given 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, and the points for the Y.B. Competition worked that the 5th prize winner only scored three points, same as the vhc. Under new system, the 5th, 6th, and 7th, etc., will have extra points, according to number of entries; thus, in a class of 50, the fifth best bird would be an extra 3rd and score five points instead of three points under the old system. —J. W. Norris, Hon. Sec.

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England.

Oct. 4.—**Longton C.B.S.** (P. Barker, 6, Prospect Place.) J.H.R.

Oct. 4. **Birtley C.B.S.**—(S. Lindsay, Avon Rath, Birtley, Co. Durham.)

Oct. 4. **Great Horton O.S.** (J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood St.).

Oct. 8-9.—**Clapham C.B.A.**—(Messrs. Askew and Silverthorne, Show Managers, 24, Chelsham Rd., Clapham, S.W.). J.R., H.N., J.F., A.E.P.

Oct. 9 10.—**Gillingham F.A.**—(J. Hyde, 26, Park Place.) J.R.

Oct. 10 & 11. **Leeds C.B.S.**—(W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds. J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 11.—**Morpeth C.B.S.**—(E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.) J.W.B., W.A.C.

Oct. 14-15. **Plymouth W.C.O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.). H.W.B., J.R.

Oct. 16.—**Hanley C.B.S.**—(C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.) A. H.

Oct. 16-17. **Norwich All England Alliance C.B.A.**—(E. C. St. Quinton, 35, Calvert St., Norwich.)

Oct. 17-18.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.). W.V., T.C.C., R.T., J.W.B., W.C.D., J.M.

Oct. 17-18.—**Burnley C.B.C.**—(Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Road.) J.H.R., H.W.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Halifax O.S.**—(H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mount, Halifax.)

Oct. 18.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.

Oct. 18.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.). W.M.

Oct. 18.—**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.) J.C.B., H.W.B.

Oct. 21-22.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) J.F., W.M., J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Abertillery C.B.S.**—(Geo. Broome, 30, Powell Street.) J.H.R.

Oct. 22 & 23.—**Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.) H.N., J.R.

Oct. 22-23.—**London and P.O.S. (Members' Show).**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.) T.H., J.F.

Oct. 22-23.—**Lewes F.A.**—(J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.)

Oct. 23.—**Stamford C.B.S.**—(G. Grimes, 57, Queen's Street.) H.W.B., A.S.

Oct. 24 & 25.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.) J.R.

Oct. 24-25.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester). J.G., W.A.C., W.V., J.H.R., T.H., J.B.

Oct. 24-25.—**Ilkeston C.B.S.**—(T. Smith, 5, King St.). C.A.H., R.J.H.

Oct. 25.—**Bradford East O.S.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford). H.S., J.T.

Oct. 25.—**Middlesbrough Tees-Side C.B.S.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Road). T.B., A.B., J.Mn.

Oct. 25.—**Coventry Godiva C.B.S.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street). J.C.B.

Oct. 29.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N & J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner St., Paignton.) F.E.

Oct. 29.—**Windsor C.B.A.**—(E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Rd.). H.N.

Oct. 30.—**Abersychan C.B.S.**—(F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.) J.R.H.

Oct. 30.—**Matlock F.S.**—(J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.). J.C.B.

Oct. 30.—**Taunton O.S.** (W. G. Elsmore, 3, Billet St.)

Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.)

Nov. 1-3.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Southend and Southern Counties.**—(G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 22, Raleigh Av., Westcliff)

Nov. 4-5.—**Barnstaple and N. Devon C.B.S.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.) T.H.

Nov. 4-5.—**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—(W. Hodson, 28, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.) J.R.

Nov. 5-6.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.) H.W.B., D.L., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield). W.M., C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7-8.—**West Stanley C.B.S.**—(W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.) J.S., J.M.

Nov. 7-8.—**Warrington C.B.S.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.) H.W.B., J.D.

Nov. 8.—**Hartlepool.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.) H.W.B., W.M.

Nov. 11-12.—**Bournemouth.**—(J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.) H.N., J.H.R.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick C.B.S.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.) A.H., J.M.

Nov. 12-13.—**Portsmouth P.P.R. and C.B.S.**—(W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.)

Nov. 12-13.—**Sittingbourne C.B.S.**—(W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street.)

Nov. 12-13.—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(Mrs. B. L. Fool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.)

Nov. 13.—**Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) J.H.R.

Nov. 13.—**Selby C.B.S.**—(H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.) H.W.B.

Nov. 13-14.—**Leyton C.B.S.**—(Forse & Son, 31, Thornhill Road.) H.N., J.R.

Nov. 14-15.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.) W.A.C., W.M.

Nov. 14 and 15.—**Nottingham and Notts O.S.**—(J. G. Royce, assist. sec., 29, Tennyson Street).

Nov. 18-19.—**Hastings and St. Leonards United C.B.S.**—(Miss Irene Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings). A.W.M.

Nov. 19.—**Bishop Auckland.**—(R. Elliott, I, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, co Durham.) H.W.B.

Nov. 19-20.—**Ramsgate C.B.S.**—(F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.). G.G.

Nov. 21-22.—**Preston O.S.**—(Thos. Barton, 103, Church St.) J. T., A.W.

Nov. 21-22.—**Haltwhistle C.B.S.**—(W. Tallantyre, South View.) J.P., T.D.

Nov. 22.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.) A.H., A.Hn., R.T.

Nov. 22.—**Chester-le-Street C.B.S.**—(R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.). T.D., J.H.

Nov. 25.—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(W. F. Swarbrick, High Street.) J.C.B.

Nov. 26.—**Sevenoaks F.A.**—(A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage.)

Nov. 26-27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity st., Newtown, Bristol.). H.W.B., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 27, 28, 29.—**London C.B.A.**—(Jas. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.)

Nov. 28-29.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.). J.W.M.

Nov. 29.—**Bradford West C.B.A.**—(A. Cooper, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford.)

Dec. 3-4.—**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—(J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston), J.R.

Dec. 5-6-8.—**Bradford Nat.** (H. Hall, 15 Little Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.) J.C.B., W.A.C., F.F., C.A.H., A.H., T.H., R.H., W.M., J.M., W.M., J.R.

Dec. 6. **Consett, Blackhill C.B.S.** (J. H. Copeland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.) T.D.

Dec. 9-10.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.** (Will H. Webb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton.). H.N., J.R.

Dec. 10. **Luton C.B.S.** (E. Beresford, 22, Hewlett Rd.) J.F., J.R.

Dec. 11.—**Frome F.A.** (C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.)

Dec. 12-13.—**Gateshead.** (W. Cory, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.) A.H., J.B., J.P., J.M., J.R.

Dec. 12-13.—**Walsall C.B.S.** (F. Price, 18, Milton St.). J.H.R.

Jan. 3.—**Huddersfield O.S.** (A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.)

Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.** (G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 13-14.—**Boscombe C.B.A.** (M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Pinbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.). J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).** (J. W. Rameden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 11.—**Lochgelly** (R. Muir, Andersons Cottages, Station Rd.) G.F., H.B., W.P., A.G.C., R.B.

Oct. 17-18.—**Glasgow (City of) O.A.**—(J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen, and R. Heggie, Mount Florida, Glasgow.) A.C.K., J.W., J.C., A.W., G.D., Dr. S., P.McQ., R.V.R., W.T., A.M.B., A.A., T.T., D.C., A.Co.

Oct. 18.—**Broughty Ferry.** (Jas. Langlands, Victoria Cott.) J.F.D., W.H., D.H., J.McG., T.M. J.T.

Oct. 18.—**Dysart C.B.S.**—(J. Logan, 23 High St.), J.H.A., J.H., A.K., A.W.

Oct. 25.—**Perth O.A.**—(J. L. Smith, 120, High St.) J.S., J.C., A.W.W.

Oct. 25.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—(R. Aitken, 30, Allison-st.) A.C., D.H., A.G., J.M.

Oct. 25.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). J.W.B., A.C., R.H., J.S.

Nov. 1.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 1.—**Brechin C.B.S.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). G.F., G.H., A.T.

Nov. 8.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty) A.C., W.McA., J. McL., F.R., W.R., C.S.

Nov. 8.—**Forfar C.B.S.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green Street). J.H., T.M., R.W.

Nov. 8.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe-st., Hamilton).

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Nov. 22.—**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.) J.McL., C.M., W.S., G.B.

Nov. 22.—**Uddingston C.B.S.**—(J. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank, Bothwell). W.G.M., J.W.B., R.V.R., A. McG.

Nov. 22.—**Blairgowrie (E. Perthshire O.A.).**—M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

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Dec. 6.—**Musselburgh.**—(A. Hoyle, Parsonage Cottages.) J.W., G.H., L.J.A.

Dec. 6.—**Kirriemuir (Thrums C. and C.B.A.).**—J. Stevenson, 6, Muir Street.)

Dec. 6.—**Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.** (R. Heggie, 27, McLennan St., Mt. Florida, Glasgow.) R.M., J.W.B.

Dec. 20.—**Newtongrange C.B.S.**—(Wm. Bryson, 42, Fifth Street.)

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Wales.

Sept. 3.—**Colwyn Bay.**—(Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A.). (G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos., Colwyn Bay.) J.W.M.

Sept. 12.—**Bala, Merioneth.**—(Robt. Roberts, Rhydygarnedd, Towyn.)

Oct. 23.—**Mumbles F.S.**—(W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Rd.).

Oct. 29.—**Llandrindod Wells F.A.**—(C. E. Gregson, Hill Cottages.)

Oct. 29.—**Kidwelly C.B., etc., S.**—(J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.)

Oct. 29.—**Upper Rhondda C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries-st., Treherbert). W.M.

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Nov. 19.—**Kenfig Hill F.P. and C.B.S.**—(W. Price, Talgarth Ho., Kenfig Hill, Bridgend). W.H.S., W.H.L.

Nov. 19-20.—**Cardiff C.B.S.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.) J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 26.—**Pontypridd F. and F.S.**—(A. A. G. McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed.)

Dec. 11.—**Tredegar C.B.S.**—(W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.)

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

Ireland.

Oct. 22-23.—**Dublin Yorks. C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.) J.B., G.W.

Oct. 28-29.—**Dublin, Leinster O.S.**—(C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.) H.W.B.

Oct. 31 ,Nov. 1.—**Belfast (Ulster O.A.).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.) R.W., A.W., J.C.

Nov. 6-7.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace.) J.K., J.T.

Nov. 21 & 22.—**Lurgan.**—(S. M'Collum, Drumgor, Lurgan).

Nov. 26-27.—**Dublin, South Co.** (D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N., Kingstown). H.N.

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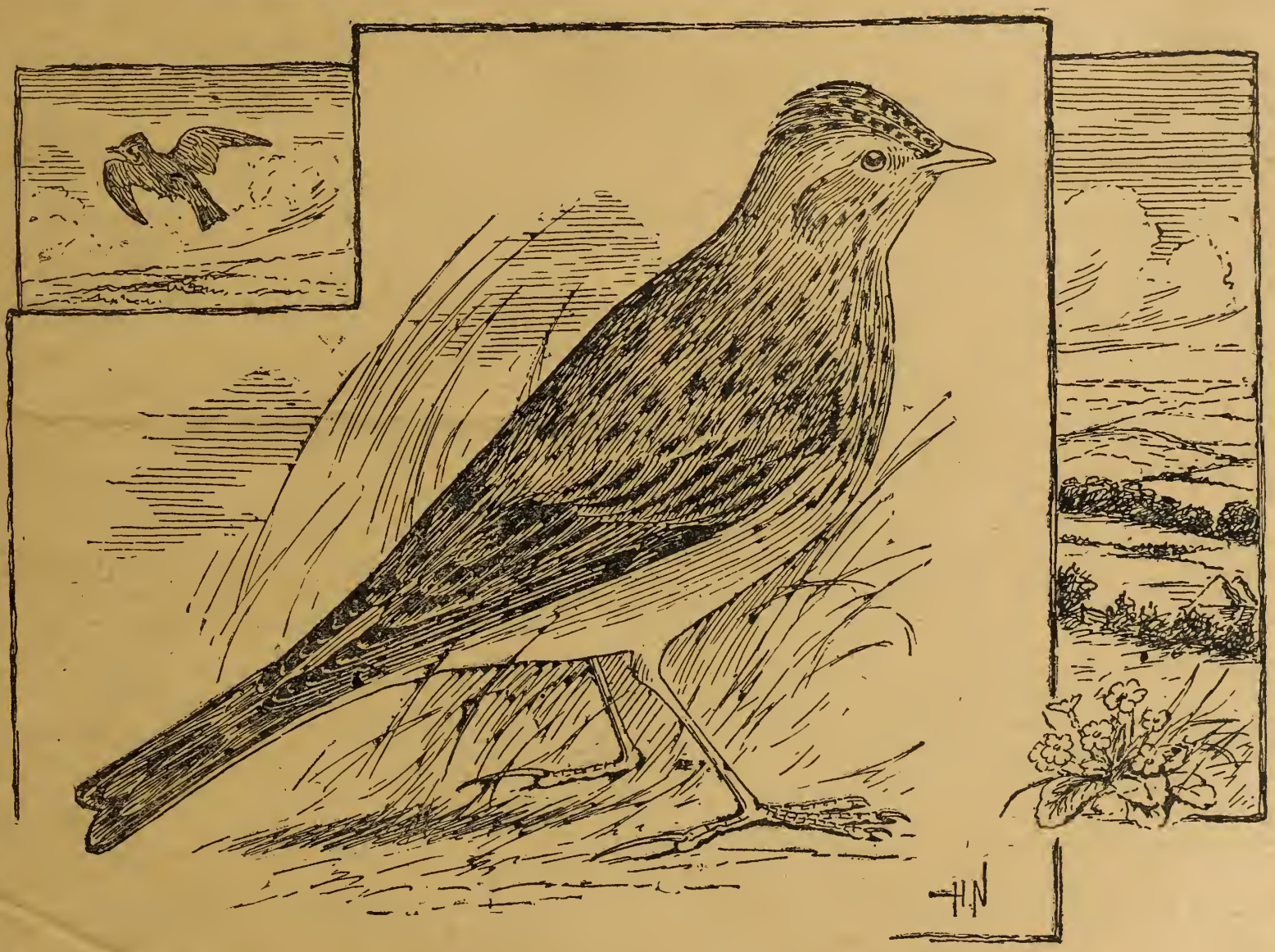
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Is it not far better for you to buy birds that are guaranteed to be exactly as represented and sent on approval on the distinct understanding that every penny of your money is refunded if birds fail to give entire satisfaction? These are my terms of sale, so if you deal on any other terms you only have yourself to blame. I have a splendid lot of genuine Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, all in pink of health and condition, and guaranteed well on hard seed at 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 7/-, twelve 12/-; specially selected large cocks for moulting for show, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6, twelve 16/-; hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, three 2/-; grand lot of cock Brown Linnets, in perfect health and condition, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; few selected cocks for show, muling, or contest singing, 1/- each, three 2-, six 3/6, twelve 6/-; two-year-old cock Brown Linnet, call bird, 1/6. Handsome lot cock Chaffinches 8d. each, three 1/6; hen Chaffinches, 6d. each, three 1/-; cock Greenfinches 6d. each, three 1/-; grand lot cock Larks, adult birds, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; few extra special young Brancher cock Larks, in free song, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; young German Canaries, sent out just as imported, no cocks kept back, 2/- each, two 3/-, six 8/-, twelve 15/-; fresh arrivals weekly. Linnet, Goldfinch, and Bullfinch cages 6d. each, 5/- dozen; Lark cages, 6d. and 8d. each, 4/6 and 6/- dozen; call cages, 4d. each, 3/- dozen; 1d. tin drinkers, 6d. dozen, 4/6 gross; zinc ditto, 9d. dozen, 3 dozen 2/-, 6/6 gross. 1d. tins birdlime, attractively packed, 9d. dozen, 3 dozen 2/-, gross 7/-. For nets and other appliances see my advert. in Appliance column. Please note—All birds are warranted properly netted by expert catchers employed solely by myself, and none are sent out until thoroughly on hard seed. Special travelling cages for birds, 3d. per 3 birds extra. If you want downright good value and upright honest dealings, send to the man who has been a continuous advertiser for past 22 years, and has a reputation to uphold.

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BURNLEY O.S.

There was a very fair turn up of members at Manchester Road Station for our ramble, the weather did not look very promising when we started our journey through Todmorden. Arriving at Wadworth about 11, we were invited by Mr. J. Ingham to stay to dinner, an invitation which was gladly accepted, and after dinner we adjourned to his bird-room, where he has some very nice Norwich. Leaving there we were accompanied by our host and Mr. A. Pickles down to the Crags, where we spent a delightful afternoon, and then on to Hebden Bridge and home. All thoroughly satisfied with our day's outing.—J. Whittaker.

HINTS ON CANARY KEEPING.

A Lecture by Mr. H. Bell before the London and Counties A.C.B.

Lecture on Canaries was given by Mr. H. Bell, at headquarters, Globe, Maple-st., Tottenham Court-rd., when a good muster of members and friends attended. Mr. Cullers presided, and the usual business of the meeting gone through. Mr. Bell was called upon for his lecture. He spoke as follows: I will try and add a few more words to what I have already said in previous lectures for the help of the novice or one just starting in the Fancy. There are many people who contend they haven't room to keep birds. I have always been short of space. I have kept them in the bedroom, front-room and wash-house, and now they are in the backyard, where they have been these last 16 or 18 years, and I should not care to bring them in, unless I had a good sized room entirely for their use. The only drawback outside is sudden change of weather; a bird can stand dry cold, but the most trying weather for them is the wet cold or fog. I have tried a lamp and found it warmed the place too much and sent my birds in the moult about Christmas-time, which spoiled them for the next breeding season; so in the winter, when I have to feed the birds in the dark I use a few candles. Anyone thinking of starting an outdoor aviary should try first to see another fancier's place before deciding themselves. You must be sure and pick the best corner of your yard, where you can get plenty of sun, your window should be facing the sun, if there is too much you can soon fix a blind to keep it off the birds (when moulting they must not have too much sun). The place must be well ventilated so that you can regulate the ventilation according to the weather. Now a little about cages; make them convenient for the place you are going to keep them in, the simpler the better. If there is a good wall to fix them to I prefer no hacks to them at all, in fact you should use as little wood as you can comfortably manage with. Of course a single cage can be taken out and washed easily, but a working man with, say, 40 or 50 birds to look after hasn't much time to be always washing out cages. My idea of working is to set aside one certain time to clean my cages out once every week and give fresh sand. If you can spare the time twice a week all the better. My only time is between breakfast and dinner on Sunday, and I have about 80 cages to see to. Now about variety; think well over the breed you are going in for. If you choose Crests by all means have them, but as things are now with Crests I should advise a working man to start with Norwich Plainheads or Yorkshires or British. Where there is one workingman keeping Crests now there used to be a dozen a few years ago. The Norwich Plainhead has always been my fancy, and will be for some time to come yet. No one man has all the best birds; if you get a few good specimens they will not last for ever, so you must keep trying to get something better than you have, that is my idea. Sometimes a man will have a good year or two with very little trouble, and then be unable to do any good for some time, let him try as he may. If you don't have very good luck the first season you must not give way, but keep on trying. As regards feeding, some people will always feed their birds outside the cages. I put mine inside. I think you get the birds more used to you by putting your hand inside each time to feed them, it makes them more steady. I have noticed when I have a few fresh birds in my place they dash about as if they were wild for a little time. I think the more time you can spend with your birds the better. At breeding time I don't like too many strangers in my place, as it seems to upset the hens, but all hens are not the same, some you can do anything with, and others nothing. One thing I should like to impress, never sell your young until after the moult if you are not able to keep them, as you may have a bird in its first feather not worth looking at and when it has moulted you may be surprised to see how well it has turned out. When you have made a start and want a fresh bird or two you must be very careful in getting to know all about them. Don't have them unless you are quite satisfied they will improve your stock, for if you are not careful you will go backward instead of improving. If a new beginner in the Fancy and you can get an older breeder with the same kind of birds as yours, and who is doing all right, to give you an invitation to see his birds, go by all means, as that is where you get to know something. Do not let the man think you know more than he himself does, if you do you will learn nothing; be ready to grasp anything that will improve your own methods. Another item that needs careful attention is the water pots. In summer time they are apt to smell bad if not properly cleansed every day. I always put mine in a pail and wash them with a flannel under the tap. A word or two on buying birds: If a man is able to pay £4 or £5 for a pair to start with, he expects to get something good, and if he has good luck with them he may do some winning at the first and then get a knock back the next two or three seasons and may be soon finished with bird breeding; but those who go on from year to year trying to get something better than they have are really fanciers. I cannot see how a fancier (young or old) can be successful without CAGE BIRDS, it tells you how things are going on in the Fancy. I am always anxious to get mine each week, and what we read in it from time to time is simply one fancier helping another. I hope these few remarks will be enlightening to the novice or one about to start in the Fancy." A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bell for his most instructive discourse was unanimously carried and brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

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BIRTLEY

and District Cage Bird Societey, Station Hotel, Birtley, October 4, 1913. Judge (all varieties), J. Stanger, Esq. No cancellation or amalgamation of classes. Classes: Norwich 4, Yorkshires 4, Borders 2, Crest or Crestbred 1, Any other variety Canary 1, Mule or Hybrid, Any Variety, 1, Linnet, House or Feld-moulted, 1, Finch Any Variety 1, Redpoll, Twite, or Siskin, 1, Any Variety British Softbill 1, Foreign Aany Variety 1. Entries close (Saturday's postmark), September 27th, 1913.—S. Lindsay, Hon. Sec., Avon Rath, Birtley. (835)

MERTHYR OCTOBER 2nd.

17 Classes for Cage Birds. Only two entries received. Genuine appeal. Judge, Ben Davies, Esq. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entrance fee, 1/6. Compelled to extend entries first post, Monday, Sept. 29th.—J. Thomas, Hon. Sec., 30, Giltach Cynon, Merthyr.

GREAT HORTON

Ornithological Society. Grand Annual Exhibition of Canaries (open to the United Kingdom), will be held in the Congregational Schools, High Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford (nearest Station Great Horton G.N.R., one minute's walk, trams pass the door of Exhibition, penny stage from Bradford), on Saturday, October 4th, 1913. Judge, J. Greavee, Esq. (Bradford). Entries positively close on Tuesday, September 30th (see Union Rules). The Exhibition will be opened directly after judging and remain open until 6.30 p.m. Admission 3d. each. Schedule of Prizes: Prize Money, 1st 10/-, 2nd 6/-, 3rd 4/-, 4th 2/-, vhc 1/- Points to count, 1st 7, 2nd 6, 3rd 5, 4th 4, vhc 3, hc 2, c 1. All Prize Money guaranteed, and all specimens must be in the place of Exhibition not later than 9 o'clock on Saturday morning. Entrance fee 1/6 each cage.—Sec., J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood Street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

LEEDS

PRIZE MONEY PAID WITHIN 24 HOURS. GUARANTEED.

C.B.S. 23rd Annual Open Show, October 10th and 11th, in the Salem Lecture Hall, Hunslet Lane, under patronage of O.N.P.C., Y. and L., B.B. and M.C., and "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition. 40 Open Classes, viz.: 7 Yorks., 7. Nor., 5 British, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 4 Foreign, 1 A.O.V. Canary, 4 Selling Classes, and

10 CLASSES FOR NOVICES—5 YORKS. and 5 NORWICH.

Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2. Money Specials in every Section. Entry fee 1/6. Entries close Monday, Oct. 6th. Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye. Send for Schedule to: W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds.

PLYMOUTH

Cage Bird Show,

Oct. 14 & 15, 1913.

Seven Prizes in each class. No codding cards. First prize 10/-, second prize 5/-, third prize 3/-, fourth prize 2/6, fifth prize 2/-, sixth prize 1/6, seventh prize . Entrance fee, 1/6. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and H. W. Battye, Esq. Good train service. Birds can leave Newcastle 10.28 a.m., Bradford 1.35 p.m., Leicester 4.14 p.m., Birmingham 5.40 p.m., Newport 7.31 p.m., and London 6.40 p.m., and be staged same night. Schedules now ready.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec., 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.

BURNLEY Oct. 17 & 18

Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Judges: J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye. Prize-money, 22/- per class, and good specials. Club Show of the N.P.C. Closing date October 14th; Wednesday morning's post in time.—Geo. Wharton, Sec., 84, Oxford Road, Burnley.

THE LARGEST SHOW IN THE PROVINCES.

NEWCASTLE Oct. 17 & 18.

Eighth Annual Show, Cambridge Hall, Northumberland Road. 30 Open Classes. 9 for Novices. 41 Members' Classes. No cancelling. No amalgamating. Prize Money guaranteed. 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Valuable Cups and Specials. Patronage, G.C.A., B.F.C.C., N.L.C., N.B. and S.F.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.N. and S.P.C., N.B.B. and F.B.C. Judges, Vardy, Crawhall, Tindale, Bruce, Duncan, and Maddison. Entrance fee, 1/6. Close Friday, Oct. 10th (Saturday's post in time). Schedules: J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Road, Benwell, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

DEVON and EXETER

Open Cage Bird Show, October 10th. Entries close October 6th.—Schedules of W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street, Exeter.

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and Dis. C.B.S. Show? Because you receive the best attention, and earn money, at the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, on Saturday, October 11, 1913. Entry money, 1/6 per pen, entitles you to compete for value and cash specials, hitherto unequalled. Every class receives its share of these. Values from 2/6 to 15/-. Cash, 2/6 to 5/-. Also Cups and Trophies unlimited. Prize Money, 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6. 1,500 schedules to go out this year. If not supplied by this date, please apply to: R. Muir, Sec., Station Road, Lochgelly. (854)

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OCTOBER 11th, 1913.

Acknowledged to be the finest one-day fixture in the North. Good classification, 4 Money Prizes, numerous Specials. Entry Fee, 1/-. Judges, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Mr. J. W. Bruce. Entries close Oct. 4th. Schedulee from—E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.

TORQUAY, Oct. 16th

13 Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/0. Cash Specials. Judge, C. A. House, Esq.—Hon. Sec., A. Walker, Crendon, Torquay.

BROUGHTY FERRY

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and For. Birds, will be held in the Good Templar Hall, on Saturday, October 18th, under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. and F.C.B.U. Two Challenge Cups. 49 Classes. All Specials open. Equal Prize Money. Judges: Scotch Fancy, T. Merrillees, Broughty Ferry, and J. Thomson, Kirkcaldy; Crests and Norwich, J. McGregor, Lochgelly; Border Fancy, D. Henderson, Buckhaven; Plainheads, W. Hampton, Brechin; Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Entries close October 13th. Schedules from: Jas. F. Langlands, Sec., Victoria Cottage, Broughty Ferry.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Open Show, October 11th. Judge, J. Robson, Esq., London. 17 open Yorkshire classes. Entries close Oct. 7th. Schedules from: J. Taylor, 36, Airevills Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.

25th Annual Show of Canaries and Pigeons on Saturday, 11th October. Judges: Canaries, A. Hay, Esq., Tweedmouth; Working Homers, T. Kerr, Esq., Uphall; Varieties, W. Litster, Esq., Galashiels. Uphall; Var., W. Lister, Esq., Galashiels. Schedules from J. Robinson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.

NORWICH

Alliance All-England Cage Bird Association Great Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds,

October 16th & 17th,

Corn Hall, Norwich.

Entries close October 11th. Schedules now ready.—Secretary, E. C. St. Quintin, 35, Calvert St., Norwich.

2/6 Cash Special for Every Class.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Open Show, October 16th. Judge, J. H. Roe. Schedules from: C. H. Holliday, George Street, Oxford.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S. (Mon.) Great Open Show on Wednesday, October 22nd. "C.B." Coupon Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Birmingham. Classes: Canaries 21, British and Foreign 13. Numerous specials. Schedules from George Broome, 30, Powell Street, Abertillery.

BEDFORD and Bedfordshire Cage Bird Society. Schedule of the Eleventh Annual Show, Thursday, October 16th, 1913, Town Hall, Bedford. Judge, J. Robson, Esq., of London. Classes open to the United Kingdom. Prizes: 1st, 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6, 4th a card. All prize money guaranteed to be paid within a week. Entrance fees 1/6, members 1/- Class 1.—Yell. Cl. or Mkd. Nor. Class 2.—Buff Cl. or Mkd. Nor. Class 3.—Hen, Yell. or Buff Nor. Class 4.—Unflighted Buff Cl. or Mkd. Nor. Class 5.—Unflighted Buff Cl. or Mkd. Nor. Class 6.—Yorks., Cl. or Mkd. (Yell. or Buff). Class 7.—For., any var. The following four Special Prizes will be given for the most points won in the first six classes:—First prize 10/-, second 5/-, third 4/-, fourth 2/6. Miss E. C. Bamford, The Leys, Bedford, will give 5/- for the most points in Class 7. Entries close October 10, and can be made from above.—E. T. F. Wiggins, Sec., 83, Stanley Street, Bedford.

OXFORD F. SOCIETY

Oct. 30th. 50 miles' radius.—Secretary, A. H. Calcutt, Kidlington.

Fanciers Please Note.

Grand Open Show of Cage Birds held at

GILLINGHAM

(Kent), in the Skating Rink, one of the finest Halls in the South. Under patronage and support of the K.C.C.B.A. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9 and 10. Prize Money, 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6 per pen. All Prize Money guaranteed in six days. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

Kent County C.B.A. Specials. All birds competing for Cups or Bowls must be bred by Exhibitor, and must be entered in young classes provided for them, or points will not count; British Hybrids and Mules excepted. No. 1.—Solid Silver Challenge Cup for most points Norwich P.H. Holder, Mr. Wickham. No. 2.—Solid Silver Challenge Cup, most points Yorks. Holder, Mr. Lockett. No. 3.—Solid Silver Challenge Cup, most points British. Holder, Mr. Wickham. No. 4.—Challenge Cup, most points Lizards. Holder, Mr. H. Wood. No. 5. Solid Silver Challenge Cup, most points Borders. Holders, Messrs. Burton Bros. No. 6.—Silver Challenge Cup, Mules or Hybrids, any age. Holder, Mrs. Soames. the current year. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 to be won three times before becoming the property of exhibitor. Competitors to nominate not more than two birds in each section for cups and bowls, the exhibitor making the highest number of points throughout the year at shows patronised by the K.C.C.B.A. to be adjudged the winner. The number on labels of cages containing competing birds to be copied and posted to the Hon. Sec. of the K.C.C.B.A., H. Wood, 36, Snargate Street, Dover, not later than the night before the show. Competitors are requested to add "K.C.C.B.A. Bowl competition" opposite nominated birds on entry form, which will also appear in catalogue, and affix a gummed label on the left side of the drinker. Labels on application from the Hon. Sec. K.C.C.B.A. Points will not be awarded where there is no competition, and will not count in Selling Classes.

Classification.—Class 91, Nor. Cl. Yell., Ck. or Hen; Class 92, Nor. Buff ditto; Class 93, Nor. Ticked Mkd., or Varieg.; Class 94, Nor., any colour, Hen; Class 95, Nor., Unlighted (guaranteed); Class 96, Nor., Non-colour-fed; Class 97, Yorkshire Clear Yell., Ck. or Hen; Class 98, Yorkshire Buffff do.; Class 99, Yorkshire Ticked, Mkd., or Varieg.; Class 100, Yorkshire, Any Colour, Hen; Class 101, Workshire, Unflighted (guaranteed); Class 102, Crest or Crestbred; Class 103, Border Fancy; Class 104, Border Fancy, bred 1913; Class 105, Lizard; Class 106, Lizard, bred 1913; Class 107, Canary Mule, Dark, Cock or Hen; Class 108, Canary Mule, Light, do.; Class 109, Hybrid, including Canary-Bullfinch, Cock or Hen; Class 110, Linnet; Class 111, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; Class 112, Goldfinch; Class 113, Bullfinch or Greenfinch; Class 114, A.O.S., Seed-eating British; Class 115, Softbill, not larger, and including Skylark; Class 116, Softbill, larger than Skylark; Class 117, Foreign, Single or Pairs, not larger and including Budgerigars; Class 118, A.O.S. Foreign; Class 119, Any Variety, for members who have not won a first in open competition; Class 120, Any Variety; Class 121, Selling, A.V., pairs not to exceed 25s.; Class 22, ditto, single, not to exceed 15s. No schedule; enter from above to: J. Hyde, 26, Park Road, Gillingham, Kent. ENTRIES CLOSE THURS., OCT. 2nd. Now, fanciers, support a 1/6 entry fee, and help to support a Southern forward movement. Mr. F. Wickham will be in charge of cage bird section. Catalogues posted first day of show with all awards, 7d.

"Cage Birds" Coupon Competition.—Prizes given at this show:—10/- cash for best champion coupon bird; 10/- cash for best novice coupon bird. Diplomas of Honour (up to 24 in number) for champion coupon birds and for novice coupon birds. For full particulars how you may enter, see CAGE BIRDS (page 187), this week.

KILBARCHAN will hold their Annual Show of Cage Birds on Oct. 11th. Judge, William Ettles. Schedules from: Wm. M. Finnie, New Street, Kilbarchan.

CITY OF

GLASGOW

Scotland's Pioneer Great Open Show.

The 60th Annual Exhibition and Competition of Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow, on Friday and Saturday, October 17th and 18th. Entries close October 11th. Over 90 Classes. Specialist Judges in each section. Prize Money, 35/- per Class, full guaranteed. Cups, Medals, and a host of valuable Special Prizes. Schedules, Scotch Fancy and Belgian, John Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglan; Norwich, etc., Robert Heggin, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

NORTHAMPTON

Great All-England Open Show, October 22nd. One day only. Judge, Mr. T. Gilbert, Coventry. Entries close October 15th. Full classification in this paper October 10th. Also schedules when ready from Cox and Barrett, Hunter Street, Northampton.

BURTON-ON-TRENT

October 18th.

7th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Albinos, British and Foreign Birds. Patronage of Cinnamon Canary Club. No cancelling or amalgamation. 41 Open Classes. Splendid list of Specials. Judge: J. Robson, Esq. Schedules from: A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent.

HANLEY

and District C.B.S. The 8th Annual Open Show in the Temperance Hall, Oct. 16th. 35 open classes. All Yorkshires will be held under the patronage of the Midland Counties Yorks. C.C., also CAGE BIRDS Great Coupon Scheme. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst.—Hon. Sec., C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer Street, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

HALIFAX O.S.

24th Annual Open Show, Canaries and British, Oct. 17th and 18th, Friendly and Trades Hall, Halifax (under Y.U. rules). 46 classes. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, also good specials. 1/6 entry, which closes Oct. 14th. Judges, C. A. House, J. Trengove. Schedules from H. Clegg, 15, Melrose-st., Lee Mount, Halifax; J. Burdekin, 23, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

TAUNTON

S.Y.C.C. Champion and Novice Competition, **Oct. 30th, 1913. One-day Show. Cage Birds only. 42 Classes.** 168 Cash Prizes. Special every class. Specialist judges. NO amalgamation. **Entries close Octo. 23rd, 1913.—Hon. Sec., W. G. Elsmore, Billet Street, Taunton.**

DYSART

Cage Birds Society 9th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in Masonic Hall, **October 18th, 1913. Four Specialist** Judges: **A. Kerr,** Dysart; **A. Walker,** Ecclesmahagow; **J. Holmes,** Edinburgh; and **J. H. Adams,** Glasgow. **65 Classes. Numerous Specials, Harris Cup and Medal. Schedules** from **J. Logan, 23, High Street, Dysart.**

HARROGATE

C.B.S.

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Small Foreign Birds, **Saturday, Oct. 18th, 1913.** Good Prize Money. Good specials. Schedules ready shortly. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. **Sec., G. H. Barnwell, 29, College Road.**

It will pay you to reserve your exhibits for

SHEFFIELD

(and District) 34th Open Show,

October 18th.

Judges: J. C. Barnes, Esq., and H. W. Batty, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; Foreign only, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in each section. Scedules of **A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.**

WIMBLEDON

9th OPEN SHOW.

OCTOBER 21st & 22nd.

Schedules ready shortly.—H. Smith, Sec., 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

PORTSMOUTH

and Southern Counties C.B.S.,

October 22 and 23.

43 Open Class. 8 Novice Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and Specials. Entry 1/6. **Judges: J. Robson,** Esq., and **H. Norman,** Esq. **Schedules: Hall and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth.**

MUMBLES

(SOUTH WALES)

Oct. 23, 1913

South Wales Fed. points count at this show. 22 Classes. Many Specials. Judge, D. A. S. Longden, Esq. Schedules.—**W. D. Eley, Hon. Sec., Mumbles.**

MANCHESTER

October 24th & 25th.

at Belle Vue. Grand Classification and Specials. Schedules ready about Oct. 6th, from: **H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.**

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show, Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th, 1913. Splendid Classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of specials and prompt payment. Judges, C. A. House and R. J. Howe. **Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 21st.** Send for **Schedules to: T. Smith, 5, King St., Ilkeston.**

AULD AYR

C.B.C. Sixth Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in the Masonic Hall, Nile Court, on **Saturday, 25th October.** Prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** for 1/6 entry, including open specials. 54 Classes, 4 Novice. Judges: Norwich, A. Cant; Yorkshires, A. Girvan; Scotch and Border Fancies, D. Hamilton; Mules, British and Foreign, J. Mason. **Entries close Monday, 20th October.** Schedules from **R. Aitken, 30, Allison Street.**

MIDDLESBRO'

and Teeside C.B.S. Open Show

October 25th, 1913.

40 Classes. 4 money prizes and specials. Entry fee 1/-. Schedules, apply Arthur Wake, 128, Princess Road, Middlesbrough.

COVENTRY

Godiva C.B.S. 7th Annual One-day Open Show will be held in our new Headquarters, **Plough Hotel, Queen Victoria Road,** on **Saturday, October 25th.** Judge, J. C. Barnes, Sheffield. 43 Open Classes, and 4 Open Novice Classes. No cancelling. No amalgamation. All Prize Money guaranteed. **C.B. Coupon Show. Schedules** from: **H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street, Coventry.**

BRAINTREE £5 Limit Open Show, **October 25th.** Splendid classification for Cage Birds. Numerous Specials and Challenge Cups. Popular judges. **Entries to close October 14th.** Schedules (when ready) will be posted to all applying to **F. A. Hunnable "Selbannah," Braintree.**

BO'NESS

and Dist. Ninth Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, under the patronage of The British Bird and Mule Club and Border Fancy Canary Club will be held in the **Masonic Hall, Bo'ness, on Saturday, Nov. 1. Entries close on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Chambers,** Kirkintilloch; **Border Fancy, Mr. Hamilton,** Esk Bank; **British and Mules and For., Messrs. Mackie** (Fife) **and Steel** (Dalkeith).

KIRKCALDY October 25th, 1913. Cage Bird Society **7th Annual Show,** will be held in **Pioneer Hall, Carlyle Road,** Kirkcaldy, on **October 25th, 1913.** Excellent classification and judges. Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Stenhouse, Kelty; Border Fancy, British and Foreign, Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream; Yorkshire Section, Mr. Robert Heggie, Glasgow; Norwich and Crests, Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. **Under the patronage of three Specialist Clubs, B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., and N.P.C.** Shield, Cup, Medals, and many Specials. **Entries close on October 20th, 1913. Schedules** in due course, from: **T. Arnott, Sec., 14, St. Clair St., Kirkcaldy.**

UPPER RHONDDA

C.B.S. First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Cage Birds. 40 Classes.

OCT. 29TH, 1913.

Judge, W. Mundell. Schedules from: **E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries St., Treherbert.**

LLANDRINDOD WELLS

Great Annual Open Show on **Wednesday, OCTOBER 29. Judge, J. R. Houghton, Esq.,** Gloucester. **26 Classes. Valuable Specials. Schedules.—C. E. Gregson, Hon. Sec., Llandrindod Wells.** (933)

ABERSYCHAN

and Dis. C.B.S. **Second Annual Show, OCT. 30th.** Judge: Mr. J. R. Houghton, Gloucester. **Schedules** from: **F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc Street, Pentwyn, Abersychan, nr. Pontypool.**

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA

F.A. Tentb Annual Show of Cage Birds, etc. **Oct. 30.** Judge, G. Lawrance, Esq., Coventry. Schedules, apply **G. A. Moss, Croxton House.**

PORTSMOUTH

Fanciers' Society 27th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds, in the Kingsley Hall, Fawcett Road, Southsea, Nov. 12 and 14. Entries close Nov. 4th.** Cage Bird judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. **Schedules: W. E. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec., 85, Victoria Road, South Portsmouth.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and District

10th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the new **Parish Hall, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th, 1913, under the patronage of the N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B. and S.O.C. Sixty Open Classes. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Mundell. Entries close November 8th, 1913.** As soon as ready schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. **—G. Havver, Hon. Sec., 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

SIDMOUTH

Fanciers' Society Grand Open Show of Cage Birds, Nov. 13th. Entries close Nov 1st. Judge. J. H. Payne. Schedules from: **James Lashbrook, Hon. Sec., Arcot Road, Sidmouth.**

RAMSGATE

Nov. 19 & 20.

54 Open Classes. C.B. Coupon Show. Particulars later.—F. Thomas, 29, Chatham Street.

ARBROATH

Cage Bird Annual Show to be held **White Hart Hall,** Arbroath, **Saturday, Nov. 22. Judges, J. F. Dewars,** Norwich, British, and Foreign; **W. Mossie,** Borders. **14 Classes for Norwich, 10 for Borders, 13 for British, 6 for Foreign. Entries close Nov. 17. Schedules from: J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.**

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging Londonderry show, Jan. 15.

We hear that Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, will judge Anfield and Everton show, Oct. 18.

Schedules for Halifax O.S. show will be posted on or about Oct. 1st, writes Mr. H. Clegg, sec.

A slight error appears in our schedule, writes Mr. T. J. Hose, hon. sec. Clapham C.B.A. Class 29 should read: "Any variety clear or ticked hen."

Clapham Society schedules are now ready. Anyone who has not received a schedule please writo Askew and Silverthorn, 24, Chelsham Road, Clapham, S.W.

We hear that the secretaries of the Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. are now Messrs. Hall and Joiner, as Mr. King has been obliged to resign on account of pressure of business.

At the show of the Kirkburton F.S. held at the Liberal Club, Oct. 4, there will be two classes for Canaries, 1 Yorks., 1 A.O.V., with a cup for best in the two classes. The judge is Mr. C. R. Hampshire, Holmfirth.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Driver (S. Normanton).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. A. Smith, sec., Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of a member, Mr. John Driver, aged 46, Gladstone Street, South Normanton, who was fatally injured at the Blackwell Collieries on Sept. 18. He was a well-known Canary fancier, and has shown jointly with Mr. J. Adnitt at most of the leading shows throughout England as Adnitt and Driver. He was, up to the time of his death, holder of our challenge cup. The deepest sympathy of every member goes to his sorrowing wife and family.

Mr. Adnitt also conveys the sad news, with the information that Mr. Driver has left a widow and four children to mourn his loss. "He was interred at South Normanton," says Mr. Adnitt, "on Sept. 21, when over a hundred fanciers and friends paid a last tribute of respect by attending the funeral. I am sure that all fanciers will join with me in extending sympathy and condolence to the widow, children, and relatives of our deceased friend."

Mr. W. Vardy, Huthwaite, also sends a sympathetic reference to the loss local fanciers have sustained by the sad death of Mr. Driver.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. R. Charlesson, sec. Leigh C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of the wife of Mr. J. Lomas, one of our oldest members, who passed away on Friday. She was always as much interested in the birds as Mr. Lomas himself, ever ready to nurse a sick bird, and had always a pleasant word for everybody. The sympathy of each and every member of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S. goes to Mr. Lomas in this his hour of trouble.

North Shields C.B.C. resumes its monthly meetings on Oct. 1, writes Mr. R. P. Fox, hon. sec. Members please turn up in good numbers, as business is important (re annual show). Meet Co-operative Hall, Howdon Rd., at 7.30.

Will members please note that all subscriptions must be paid either at the next meeting, Oct. 2, or before, writes Mr. Barker, hon. sec. Longton C.B.S., as one of our special rules is that unless this is done they cannot exhibit at the open show.

We have engaged Mr. Geo. Large, Barrow-in-Furness, to judge Borders at our open show, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon, secs. Liverpool O.S. We trust Border men will give him a hard day's work. The other judges are Messrs. Battye, Trengove, and Houlton.

It was a pleasant surprise to me to see my yellow variegated hen helping to adorn the front page of Cage Birds, writes Mr. Robert Aitchison, of Biggar. I both thank and congratulate Mr. Norman on the splendid sketch he has made of my bird; it is her very image.

I was surprised to find my C.B. cock on front page of Cage Birds, Sept. 13, and thank you for same. I had five letters wishing to take him at catalogue price, but he was claimed at show.—Harry Coath.

Ramsden's Specials: — Show secretaries should apply early, enclosing coupons with their applications. The special prizes will be allotted to the open shows of the fifty societies sending in the largest number of coupons. Twenty-five silver medals for members' shows; same conditions.—(Advt.)

Mr. J. C. Barnes is kindly giving at our open show on Oct. 18, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec., Sheffield C.B.S., 5s. specials for most points novice Yorkshires, and novice Norwich, respectively. Applications for schedules are already coming in; these will be forwarded in due course.

The time is getting near for the open show of Abersychan C.B.S., writes Mr. W. T. Couch, chairman. We have 32 classes, and Mr. J. R. Houghton will judge. We paid out all prize-money in full last show, and I hope we shall get a good entry for this, as we have the finest hall for miles around. Schedules ready in a week or two. Look out for Abersychan in Cage Birds.

Partick and District C.B.C. has secured the following gentlemen as judges at the annual show, Nov. 1, writes Mr. Wm. Priest, sec.; Yorkshire section (open), Mr. T. Penman; confined classes, Norwich and Crests, Mr. A. Sloan; Borders, Mr. R. Thomson; Yorks., Dr. J. C. Syson; British, Mr. J. H. Adam. The open Yorkshire classes are under the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Scotland, and every class is guaranteed.

I have to thank you, writes Mr. H. C. Mather, for the kind and detailed advice you gave me concerning the Jay in your issue of Aug. 30. I am pleased to be able to say that the treatment has transformed him from a wreck to a show specimen. He is now a thing of beauty, and is much admired by all who see him, whereas a fortnight or three weeks ago he was not fit to be seen. He is now on the go all day long with crest erected at intervals, and he is beginning to talk again now. I am now convinced that the Jay must run very close for first place as the prettiest British bird.

All Right at Reading.

Am glad to report that we are doing very well with specials for our next show, writes Secretary Pyke, of the Reading C.B.S.

An Alnmouth White Blackbird.

Mr. Cooks, of Ryton, tells of a curious Blackbird he saw during a sojourn at Alnmouth—a Blackbird all white, except the tail feathers.

Some Wagtail Fallacies.

We should like to make it clear that the paragraphs published last week under the above heading were taken in their entirety from the natural history column of the "Yorkshire Post"; no statement contained therein is our own.

Polly at the Seaside.

The London papers last week had a photograph of a lady visitor to Eastbourne taking her Grey Parrot for a walk along the promenade. Polly was enjoying the sea-breezes perched on the handle of her mistress's sunshade.

Harrogate Adopts Price Limit.

We hope to have a record show this time, writes Secretary Barnwell, Harrogate C.B.S., as we are limiting the exhibits in the open classes to £5 5s., and in the novice classes to £3 3s.; the prize-money and the specials will both be good.

Filleted Sole for Kingfishers.

Dr. Francis Ward says that if young Kingfishers are subjected to a certain amount of restraint, their natural diet of sticklebacks and minnows no longer suits them, as they become incapable of throwing up the bones Therefore he had followed the plan of feeding the Kingfishers with filleted sole, on which they thrived wonderfully.

Magpie Answers Dog's Bark.

It is reported that a remarkable instance of a bird's intelligence may be seen daily in Kensington Gardens, London, where a lady resident of the district has made friends with a Magpie. She visits the gardens daily about 11 o'clock with her collie. The latter is told to bark for Joey. The Magpie then duly appears to be fed with choice morsels of boiled egg and meat.

Birmingham Bird-lovers in Luck.

The special loan collection of British birds in the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, illustrating colour variation and albinism, young birds in down, and birds' eggs (also showing variation in colour and markings) which has been arranged for the British Association meeting, has been thrown open to the public, and will remain open except on Sundays—for one or two weeks. It is arranged in the "Beale" Room in the Natural History Department, and is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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(Signed) W. CRESSWELL.

70a, Eastgate, Inverness, N.B.
August 11th, 1913.

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Dear Sir,—I received your letter on Friday last, and I received the book "Our Canaries" all safe to-day. I am very pleased with the book. It is beautiful; the art plates are just lovely; it is a wonderful work for the money. I shall be pleased to send on the payments as they fall due, with the card. It is very kind and good of you to send the book; such a good book. Thank you and yours very much. I wish CAGE BIRDS and your good book every good luck.

B. SUTHERLAND.

7, Ivy Street, Birkenhead,
August 16th, 1913.

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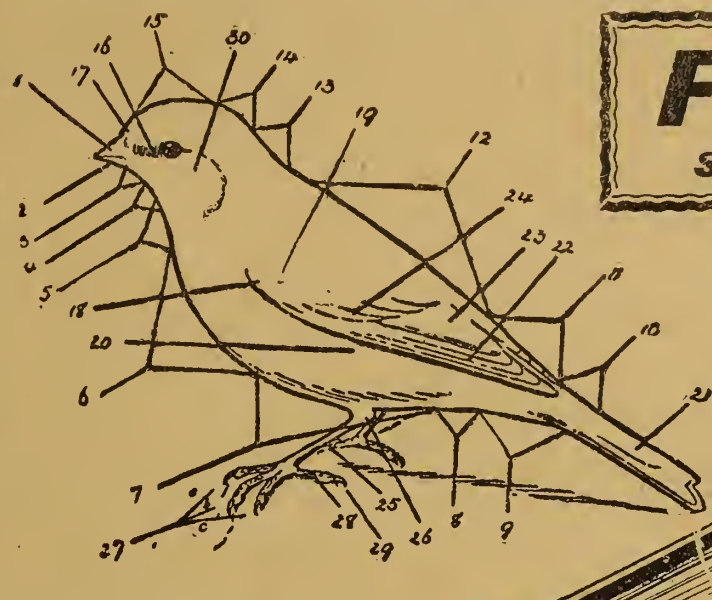
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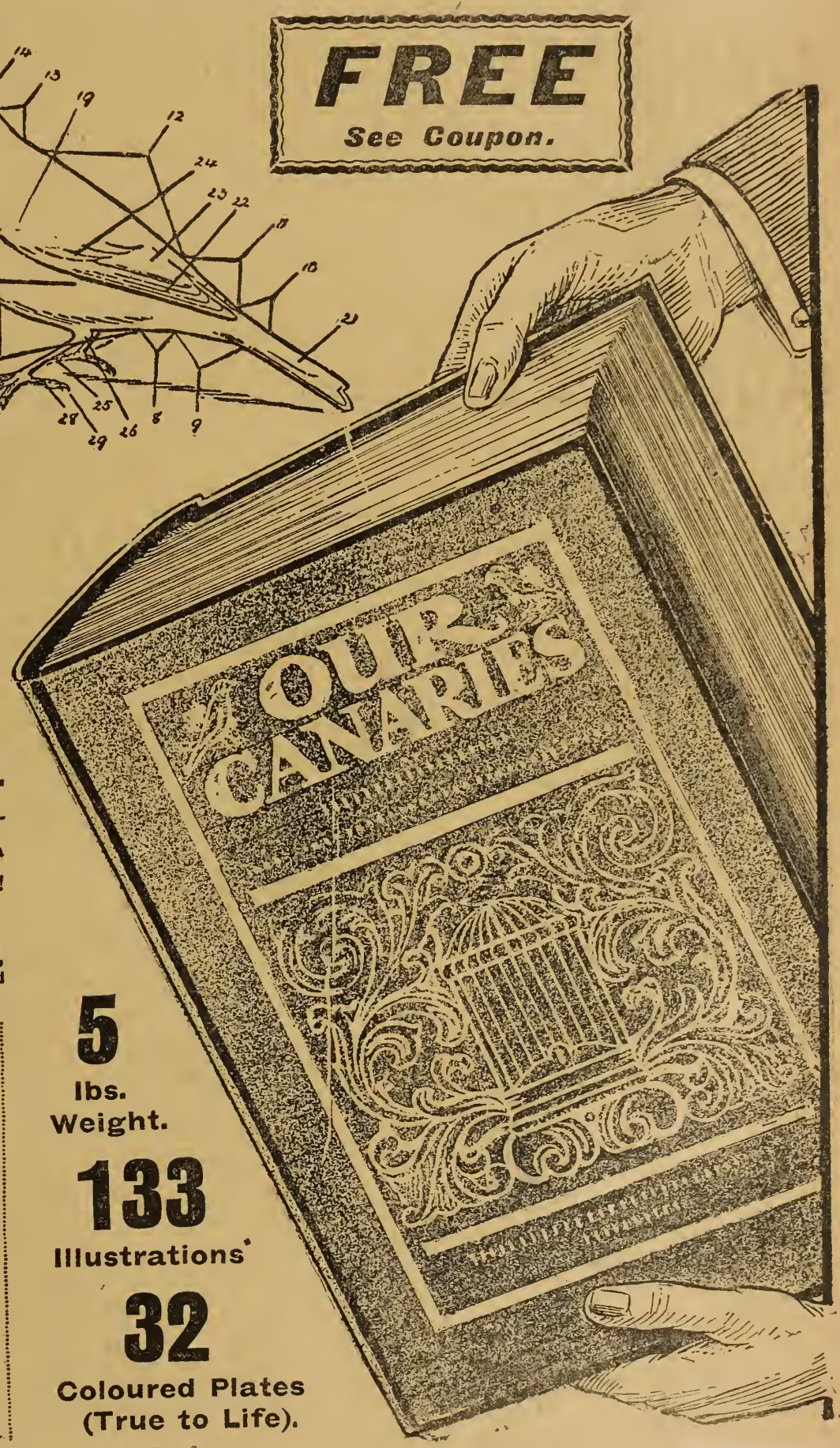
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THE FASCINATION OF AN AVIARY

With a Mixed Collection of Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(Concluded from page 153).

OTHER birds have been in the picture, the Jamaica Pea Doves cropping the grass, picking up grit, seed, and insects under the bushes; also running about amid the shorter grass a pair of Quail Finches, looking almost like mice, until upon a patch of short grass all their quaint beauty is revealed. The Ouzels, after their bath, have been wandering to and fro, energetically digging for worms. The Tanagers, of which there are three species in the aviary—Black, Maroon, and Archbishop—have been in evidence as they scooped out mouthfuls of banana and apple, or visited the syrup and soft food dishes.

Happy Birds and a Happy Owner.

But I must pause, it is little use my rambling on merely for the Editor's inexorable blue pencil to delete, so I lay aside my pen and go inside the aviary with the live-bait tin. Soon the birds are all around me, taking mealworms from hand or close to my feet. I ring down the curtain with the scattering of a handful of mealworms amid the herbage, and leave the birds in the same happy frame of mind as their owner, fully convinced that with all its limitations, joys, disappointments, cares, and worries, life is well worth the living.

After the above description and the paragraphs on respective groups, it should be quite clear what birds may be kept together with reasonable safety, but it must be distinctly borne in mind that the smaller the aviary the greater the risk from the inclusion of the larger species. However, here are two lists of birds which are being kept in a couple of aviaries, each with a good shelter attached, the ground area of the flights being 28ft. by 16ft.

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Three Charming Groups of Seedeaters.

The following are being kept in an aviary with a shelter shed 8ft. by 6ft., and a flight 12ft. by 8ft. Pairs each of Ribbon, Zebra, Red-headed, Cuba, and Ruficauda Finches; Gouldian and Long-tailed Grassfinches; Grey, and Green Singing Finches, Silverbills, and Bengalese; Bronze, Magpie, Tricolour, and Black-headed Mannikins; Green and Yellow Budgerigars; Cockatiels, Canaries, Linnets, Red-billed, and Napoleon Weavers.

In an aviary 12ft. by 8ft., lean-to, 5ft. high at eaves and 7½ft. at back, wire netting only at front, with glazed shutters for cold nights and winter use, the following twenty pairs are kept: Chinese Red-headed Buntings; Zebra, Ribbon, Ruficauda, and Bib Finches; Gouldian and Long-tailed Grassfinches; Grey and Green Singing Finches; Silverbills, Bengalese, Green Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Green Cardinals, Canaries, Linnets, Avadavats, Gold-crested Waxbills, and Bronze Mannikins.

In another aviary with a shelter 6ft. by 4ft., with a flight 15ft. by 4ft., half of which is roofed in, the following are successfully kept: Pairs of Red-billed and Napoleon Weavers, White Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Bronze, Magpie, and White-headed Mannikins; Bib, Zebra, and Ribbon Finches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Green Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Diamond Doves, Canaries, Twites, Siskins, and Avadavats; Grey, Orange-cheeked and Gold-breasted Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, and Bengalese.

Be on the Safe Side.

Personally, I should not put in so many as are mentioned in these instances, but instead of generalising in an article like this, I have given lists of birds actually kept in aviaries widely separated by distance. In each instance there have been some breeding successes. In each instance, also, the aviarists are enthusiasts, and the general management good; the birds being intelligently observed and looked after. The theme given me was, "the utmost in a given space." I have endeavoured to cover it by quoting what has been and is being done, and I trust my readers will be able to adapt same to their individual need.

How to Supply Every Need.

Now, just a final word as to foods: For such general mixed series I always advise a supply of soft food (insectile mixture), milk sop, seeds, fruit, greenfood, and a certain amount of live food. This may sound formidable, but it is not so in actual practice, and the quantity of each to be supplied will soon be learned by experience.

Seeds: Canary, white and Indian millet, millet sprays, also some good wild seed mixture. Paddy rice and crushed oats are also liked by many species.

Soft-food: I only quote one mixture which is easily made and from ingredients readily procurable. One part each crumbled sponge cake, sweet biscuit, dried flies, and ants' eggs. For use, take the required portion and make crumbly moist with boiling water. Two or three times per week. Grated carrot or finely minced greenfood should be stirred into the mixture after it has been damped.

Milk-sop: Sponge cake, Horlick's malted milk or condensed milk and boiling water, the consistency required by the respective series will be best learned experimentally. When birds appear a little out of tone or during the moult, a little Mellin's Food or Scott's Emulsion added to the sop will be beneficial.

Greenfood and fruit call for but little comment, but should be varied—of the fromer, grass in flower, lettuce, and garden and hedgrow weeds may be given generally; while as regards the latter, banana, orange, grapes, etc., will be the mainstay, but all English fruits may be offered as in season.

The above range of diet will suffice for all species of birds from the domestic Canary to the soft-bills and fruit-eaters. The supply of live food must be very liberal for soft-bills when feeding young. Mealworms, of course, are the stand by, but these must be supplemented with wasps' grub, ants' eggs, gentles, and all garden pests according to season.

I scarcely need add that rock salt, cuttlebone, grit and regular supplies of fresh water for bathing and drinking must be considered a necessary essential.

In conclusion, I can only hope that my readers will secure as much interest and pleasure from their hobby as the writer has experienced through a long course of years, and which is as sustained now as in the enthusiasm of the early days; he too, has known the limitations of space entailed by the conditions of town and city life.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 121)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

The shape of the room should be square, rather than long and narrow, as this would allow of cages being placed on each side, as well as along the back.

The outside and the floor would consist of strong, well seasoned tongued and grooved boards, with a tongued and grooved matchboard lining, the space between to be filled with sawdust, hay or straw. Hay is much warmer than straw, and I know from my own experience with horses that the adage, "Where there is hay there are fleas," is not always correct.

The door to be in the centre at the front, with a window on each side, all to open inwards; a framework of wire netting, fixed with screws, on the outside of each window—this is to prevent any birds that might have got out of the cages from escaping when the windows are open during the hot weather. The wire will also prevent the window panes from getting broken. The door opening inwards serves a double purpose, for should a bird have got out of its cage the door acts as a shield when the room is entered, and prevents it from flying past you and escaping, which would be likely if the door opened outwards. This door can also be made practically draught-proof by fixing round the crevices the rubber piping sold for the purpose. A weather-board should be fixed along the bottom of the door to carry off the rain, which would otherwise run down and find its way underneath the door into the room.

Have Ventilation without Draughts.

Good ventilation without draughts is necessary, so one ventilator should be placed low down towards the bottom of the room, and another high up towards the top as an exit for the foul air. A wooden shield should be placed on the outside of the room, over the ventilators, to prevent the rain from beating through. On the inside a slide should be arranged to close, or partly close, the ventilators if it is necessary at any time. The room to stand six inches, at the least, clear off the ground to prevent it from getting damp. In all outdoor Roller Canary birdrooms it is advisable to have some kind of a heating apparatus, for although the Roller is quite capable of withstanding the cold to the extent of having the drinking water frozen, there are very few of us who care to be snug beside our firesides and think that our pets are likely to be suffering from the cold.

The Use of Artificial Heat.

Undoubtedly the safest heating method is by hot water pipes, with a boiler and fire-place outside the room, although for several seasons I used very succesfully an oil stove, claimed by the makers to be smokeless and odourless. I found a little smell did arise for a few minutes on it being relighted after it had been cleaned and refilled. When an oil stove is used, if it is necessary to study economy in the use of oil, a couple of hot bricks can be placed on the top of the stove, and just sufficient heat turned on to prevent the temperature from falling below 45 to 40 degrees. As a precaution against any fumes or smoke that may arise, a tin funnel can be placed over the stove. The funnel will require a tin pipe fitting to it, to run upwards and be turned outside the room towards the top, or through the roof, if the roof can be afterwards made waterproof.

A couple of blinds should be provided to the windows, and a table at one window, underneath which can be placed either a nest of drawers or shelves to accommodate the seeds and various spare utensils.

On the top of the table would be a convenient place to fasten the egg-mill and the seed-mill; the former is a machine made and worked similarly to the household mincing machine. The advantage the mill has over the old fashioned way of blending the hard boiled eggs with a fork, or pressing them through a piece of perforated zinc, is that the egg and the biscuits can be placed into the mill together and are quickly ground up and mixed finely; this prevents the birds from picking out the egg and leaving the biscuit.

The Egg-Sieve and the Egg-Food.

If you would prefer to make a zinc sieve of your own, first make a wooden frame six or eight inches square and two or three inches deep; on the top of this nail just sufficient fine gauge perforated zinc to cover the wooden frame. The egg is then placed on top of the zinc and pressed through with a knife. If biscuits are used the usual quantity is four to one hard boiled egg. (The usual length of time to boil an egg is from ten to fifteen minutes. Allow it to cool before using.) The biscuits can be powdered on a paste board with a rolling pin. After the egg has been pressed through the sieve place it and the powdered biscuits into a clean glass or an earthenware vessel, and blend them both together with a fork.

The seed mill is used for cracking hemp seed, etc., for it is customary to give this to the hen when she is feeding youngsters, and also to the young just as they are taken from the parents, but I will describe this fully later. The seed can be crushed on the paste board with the rolling pin or a bottle instead of using a seed mill. An old fashioned method was to crush it in a mortar, but these mortars and pestles are not very often used now. Both of these mills will be found advertised in Cage Birds.

Before I leave the subject of cages I would recommend that the cages be placed on shelves, or in a rack, rather than hung on nails, because it is advisable that a clear space should be left behind the cage and the wall. They should also be raised about half an inch above the shelves. Earthenware knobs can be purchased for this purpose, or a small piece of wood could be placed underneath each corner of the cage to minimise the harbouring places of those nocturnal marauders, the red mite.

Trimming up the Claws.

It has been intimated previously that where the birds are wintered in artificially heated rooms the heat will be conducive to bringing them into breeding condition early in the season. Some hens will come forward sooner than others, and will persist in trying to build nests about the flights; these birds should be put up for breeding, i.e., placed into the breeding cages, and given a lined nest pan, and a little nesting material; charpie for preference. The claws of old birds, or those that have been accustomed to having thin perches, will probably require cutting, as a preventive against the sharp pointed nails puncturing the eggs.

To do this, hold the bird on its back in the left hand, with head pointing towards the wrist, turn the second, third, and fourth fingers over its body, holding it firmly yet gently. Take each toe in turn between the thumb and first finger, and hold it up to a strong light. It will then be noticed that a blood vein extends from the toe into each nail. With a sharp pair of scissors clip off the nail beyond the vein. Care must be taken not to approach too near to the vein, or it will bleed, besides causing the bird pain; otherwise, the proceeding will quite painless, and will not inconvenience the bird in the least.

(To be continued.)



An Aviary and Bird House Built in Spare Time.

Sir,—We send you herewith a photo of our aviary, which we thought you would like to publish in Cage Birds. The size of the aviary is three yards long and one yard wide. The size of our bird house is six feet high and seven feet long, and it adjoins the aviary, but the photographer could not get this bird house into the photograph. The bird house is divided by means of a staging, in the top portion of which we keep Canaries. In the bottom portion we keep the British birds, which we can let out into the aviary by means of a slide. We have built the above during our leisure time, in a back yard, and, in order to plant the trees, we have had to pull up the flags with which the yard was paved, but our efforts have proved well worth the trouble, as we spend some pleasant week ends talking over birdy matters and reading your interesting paper.

A. Hopkinson and J. Starkey.
Manningham.

"Cage Birds" Guide to the 1913-14 Show Season.

We Appeal to Secretaries and Officials for Assistance.

Cage Birds "Guide to the Shows" is now in course of preparation. This feature has been much appreciated in past years, forming as it does a calendar for the ready reference of exhibitors, and in order to make it as complete as in previous seasons, we invite the assistance of secretaries of societies holding open shows. We shall be obliged if they will kindly send on a postcard: Name of society; date of show; number of classes; names of judges; and their own name and address. In order to be included in the Guide, the information must reach us not later than first post on Tuesday next, Sep. 30.

In our show advert. of last week, writes Mr. R. Muir (sec. Lochgelly C.B.S.), the judge's name should have been Henry Bennet (not Besset) and the 1st prize-money 10s., (not 10s. 6d.).

A 33-year-old Dove.

A cock Ringdove, which has lived in the same cage for 33 years, is in the possession of a Metropolitan Police pensioner, of Holwell, Hertfordshire, named David Moore.

Don't Forget Gillingham.

Fanciers should make a point of looking over the schedule of Gillingham (Kent) show, which appears in full in our advertisement columns this week. All sections are nicely catered for, the prize-money is good, and the management can be relied upon to be excellent. It is a convenient fixture held Thursday and Friday (Oct. 9 and 10). Our coupon competition will be in progress thereat.

Rugby Needs Help.

Will Cage Birds readers please help us? writes Mr. E. W. Easton, sec. Rugby Fanciers' Society (26, Dale Street). Entries for our show on Oct. 1st do not average one per class, and good old fanciers are running this very old fixture, with a liberal classification, and prize-money guaranteed, with no amalgamation of classes (see full classification in last week's issue). If entries are sent on at once, we will classify.

Jackdaw's Motor Car Ride.

A rather remarkable story of a Jackdaw's ride on a motor-car is being told. A motor-car left a garage in Brierley Hill, Staffs., and upon arriving at Kinver the occupant thought he heard a noise proceeding from underneath the car. Upon looking, he found a Jackdaw perched comfortably on the rear axle. The bird, which belonged to the garage proprietor, must have located himself there before the car left the premises, and travelled to Kinver, a distance of six and a half miles.

The Rush with the Food.

Mr. W. Farren says that as the result of keeping watch he has found that the visits of different species of birds to their young in the nest vary considerably. The total number of visits paid by both parents to the nest in the case of the Song Thrush was 15 to 20 per hour, by the Spotted Flycatchers from 40 to 50 per hour, by the Stonechats from 50 to 60 per hour, and by the Grasshopper Warbler about 30 an hour. He found a pair of Wagtails which specialised in the food they brought their young. During the whole of the extended period of observation the female brought only spiders or small moths, and the male only green caterpillars.

Changes of Address.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address:—R. B. Cairns, to 460, Dumbarton Rd., Partick, Glasgow; W. Wilson, from Waverley Road to 19s, Shernhall Street, Whipps Cross, Walthamstow; Mr. H. Coath, to 103, Tavistock Place, Plymouth; Mr. W. J. Chedgey, from Cyfarthfa Street to 2, Daviot Street, Roath Park, Cardiff.

Lost During Migration.

Life is plentiful in every branch of wild Nature, and wild birds are no exception. The supply always seems equal to the demand. Death takes a big toll of our little friends while crossing the sea. Seamen tell us that in the autumn particularly wild birds frequently alight on their ships exhausted, and die. Occasionally these ocean tragedies are recorded. Here is one: A Norwegian brig put into Penzance a few days since, and among other incidents of the voyage between Norway and England the captain mentioned that midway between the two countries thousands of small Sparrows alighted on the ship, covering the deck and rigging. The birds were exhausted to the point of death, but some half-dozen were captured and kept alive. They proved to be Tree Sparrows.

Good Old Plymouth!

The Plymouth (Western Counties) Society is one of the oldest in the Kingdom, and in the excellence with which it manages its annual show, none can surpass it. Further, it is always seeking new means, and putting new ideas into practice, to assist exhibitors. At the next show, Tues. and Wed., Oct. 14 and 15, the entry should be a record one, for every bird that secures a card will receive a money prize! No less than 25s. prize-money in each class, but the entry fee still only 1s. 6d.! And all prizes guaranteed paid first day of show! This is liberality indeed, and exhibitors should show their appreciation. The classification is splendid, and novices are well catered for. Entries close this week-end, so schedules should be obtained at once from Mr. T. Pope, sec., 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.

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THE FIRST SHOWS NEXT WEEK.

Remember that the "Early Bird Catches the Worm" so get your Coupons and hop into the fray right now.

EXHIBITORS all over the country are entering into our Coupon Scheme with great zest. The flow of orders for coupons during the past week has been simply splendid, and it is evident that many mean to be among the "early birds" and secure at one or other of the opening coupon shows the coveted diplomas which will ensure them a "finger in the pie" of valuable cash specials which will be waiting at the Crystal Palace Show solely for competitors in our Championship Competition.

The early shows afford exceptionally good opportunities, too. The opening Coupon Shows of the season are due next Saturday, Oct. 4, viz., at Longton (Staffs), and Great Horton (Bradford), and with the classification, etc., at these fixtures we dealt in this column last week. The entries close next Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Of the next Coupon Shows to arrive, Clapham, held Oct. 8 and 9, is the first of the great fixtures in the metropolis, and one with a splendid reputation. The classification here is very liberal in the Canary section, and novices are specially catered for, while the Hybrid (6 classes), British (15), and Foreign (6), sections are splendid. Competitors should not miss this chance. Entries close Oct. 1. to Messrs. Askew and Silverthorne, 24, Chelsham Road, Clapham, S.W.

Another excellent south country mid-week Coupon fixture is Gillingham (Kent), held Oct. 9 and 10. The full classification, which is nicely representative, is given in the "Show Advertisements" of this issue, and fanciers should enter from this, observing the conditions, so far as our own scheme is concerned, given below. The secretary is Mr. J. Hyde, 26, Park Place, Gillingham, Kent.

On Oct. 10 and 11, there is the always well-managed Leeds Show, entries for which close on Oct. 6. The classification is good and well-balanced, and the prize-money liberal; novice Norwich and Yorks. Exhibitors have special classes provided. The secretary, Mr. W. A. Wilson (39, Burley Road, Leeds), deserves to be well supported.

Morpeth, Oct. 11.—The first Coupon fixture in the far North, and here the entry fee is only 1s. for 15s. prize-money per class. The classes total 24 and afford good chances for competitors in our competition. Entries close Oct. 4, to Mr. E. Cowling, Market Place, Morpeth.

In the South, on Oct. 14 and 15 is the very fine show at Plymouth, which richly merits support. Note the show advt. this week, also the paragraph under "Twitterings."

The following is a complete list of Coupon Shows to date:—

Oct. 4, Longton C.B.S.; Oct. 4, Great Horton O.S.; Oct. 8 and 9, Clapham C.B.A.; Oct. 8 and 10, Gillingham F.A.; Oct. 10 and 11, Leeds C.B.S.; Oct. 11, Morpeth C.B.S.; Oct. 14-15, Plymouth (W.C.O.S.); Oct. 16, Hanley C.B.S.; Oct. 16 & 17, Norwich Alliance C.B.A.; Oct. 17-18, Glasgow (City of) O.A.; Oct. 17 & 18, Halifax O.S.; Oct. 17-18, Newcastle C.B.S.; Oct. 18, Broughty Ferry; Oct. 18, Burton-on-Trent; Oct. 18, Harrogate; Oct. 18, Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.; Oct. 22, Abertillery C.B.S.; Oct. 22 & 23, Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S.; Oct. 24 & 25, Wolverhampton C.B.S.; Oct. 24 & 25, Manchester and N.C.O.S.; Oct. 24-25, Ilkeston C.B.S.; Oct. 25, Bradford East O.S.; Oct. 25, Perth O.A.; Oct. 25, Coventry Godiva C.B.S.; Oct. 29, Upper Rhoudda C.B.S.; Oct. 29, Llandrindod Wells F.A.; Oct. 29, Torbay O.S. (Paignton); Oct. 30, Matlock F.S.; Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Liverpool O.S.; Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Ulster O.A. (Belfast); Nov. 1, Brechin C.B.S.; Nov. 1 & 3, Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.; Nov. 4 & 5, Southend and Southern Coenties O.S.; Nov. 4 & 5, Barnstaple C.B.S.; Nov. 5-6, Cheltenham; Nov. 7 & 8, Sheffield O.S.; Nov. 7 & 8, Warrington C.B.S.; Nov. 7 & 8, West Stanley C.B.S.; Nov. 8, Hartlepool C.B.S.; Nov. 8, Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.; Nov. 11-12, Bournemouth C.B.A.; Nov. 12, Alnwick C.B.S.; Nov. 12-13, Sittingbourne C.B.S.; Nov. 12-13, Swansea C.B.S.; Nov. 13, Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.; Nov. 13 & 14, Leyton C.B.A.; Nov. 14 & 15, Nottingham and Notts. O.S.; Nov. 15, Cowdenbeath C.B.S.; Nov. 19, Bishop Auckland C.B.S.; Nov. 19-20, Cardiff C.B.S.; Nov. 19-20, Ramsgate C.B.S.; Nov. 21-22, Haltwhistle C.B.S.; Nov. 22, Cramlington C.B.S.; Nov. 22, Arbroath C.B.S.; Nov. 22, Chester-le-Street C.B.S.; Nov. 25, Tideswell C.B.I.S.; Nov. 26, Pontypridd F. & F.S.; Nov. 26-27, Dublin, South Co.; Nov. 26-27, Bristol F.A.; Nov. 27, 28, 29, London C.B.A.; Nov. 29, Bradford West C.B.A.; Dec. 3, Forres; Dec. 3-4, City of Birmingham C.B.S.; Dec. 5-6-8, Bradford National; Dec. 6, Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.; Dec. 6, Thrums C.B.A.; Dec. 11, Tredegar C.B.S.; Dec. 11, Frome F.A.; Dec. 12-13, Gateshead C.B.S.; Dec. 12-13, Walsall C.B.S.; Dec. 20, Newtongrange C.B.S.: Dec. 31, Jan. 1, Scottish National; Jan. 8-9, Bangor (Co. Down); Jan. 10, Doncaster C.B.S.; Jan. 13, Llanelly C.B.S.; Jan. 13-14, Boscombe C.B.A.; Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10, Great National (Crystal Palace).

How Exhibitors May Enter,

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions:—Cage Birds offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of Cage Birds Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite which ever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at Cage Birds offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in Cage Birds Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in Cage Birds are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

The above, we may say, are the conditions which will appear in the schedules of all shows at which our Championship Scheme is in operation, and under which entries will be accepted by the various secretaries.

A Few from the Postbag.

Send me four dozen coupons.—J. W. Metcalfe, joint hon. sec. Liverpool O.S.

Send me a further supply of coupons.—F. G. Joiner, joint sec. Portsmouth C.B.S.

I want another two dozen coupons.—W. B. Watkins, hon. sec. Tredegar C.B.S.

Please forward me 24 more coupons.—W. Bryson (Sec., Newtongrange C.B.S.).

Please forward me on another two dozen coupons. I have sold all I had.—G. Broome (hon. sec., Abertillery C.B.S.).

Kindly forward me 60 more coupons for your Championship Competition.—R. Heggie (City of Glasgow O.A.).

I think your scheme will be a boon to the Fancy.—W. Crawshaw (Accrington).

Your championship scheme is sure to be a great success.—A. Martin (Kettering).

I consider your scheme is excellent, as the poorest fancier has a good chance, for the fanciers with long pockets can only win their one diploma and two specials, which gives others a chance.—H. W. Walsh (Accrington).

This is a good forward movement on your part, good for breeders and exhibitors alike, and quite possibly in a few years time the £200 will be doubled. I wish the scheme the success it deserves.—T. Fisher (Lancaster).

We invite anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme to write us at once. All letters should be addressed to The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of Cage Birds Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is open to every Show appearing in Cage Birds List of Guaranteed Fixtures (this covers every quarter of the United Kingdom) provided application is made to us by the management of that Show before Saturday, Sept. 27th next.

Two Prizes of 10s. Each, one for novices and one for champions, will be offered (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

Twelve Diplomas of Honour will be offered, in addition, at each Coupon Show, for Champion exhibitors, and for Novice exhibitors, such diplomas to be given for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., Cage Birds offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A Ten Guinea Challenge Shield, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For Full Rules see previous issues.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department in which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the* Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS as **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S..** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Bordera, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SAMPLE OF CANARY (C.W.L.).—The seed is of just moderate size, but is of first-rate quality, and, provided it is not contaminated by mice, is suitable for any class of stock. I mention the latter because the sample contained a number of husks and hulled kernels, which are often significant of visits by mice.

A PROLIFIC HEN (Wallitone).—It is not uncommon for some hens to lay a few eggs at intervals after the close of the proper breeding season, and with some abnormally productive hens nothing will prevent it. As a rule it causes no harm at all. The best means of checking it is to put them on a diet of plain canary seed, supplemented only with a little green food daily for a week or two, and add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water every second day for a week. Keep them in a roomy flight, and if possible out of sight and ear-shot of the cocks.

BATHING AND CAGE (Pedre).—(1) If you have other birds that bathe, place this one in such a position that she can see them revelling in their ablutions. The force of their example may be all that is required. Offer the bath daily for an hour or so, and place in centre of it a choice morsel of green food to tempt her to investigate it, and any time you notice her trying to bath in the drinking vessel remove it, and hang on the bath for an hour. Perseverance in these tactics will succeed sooner or later, unless the bird is quite incorrigible, in which

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

case you can only let her go her own dirty way until soiled badly enough to make hand-washing worth while. Slightly bedew the plumage with a sprayer when putting on the bath two or three times each week. This will help to create a desire for a "good tub." (2) A cage 12 x 14 x 10ins. is none too large for a single bird, but you might keep two in it temporarily with strict attention to cleanliness. As far as age is concerned, a hen a year old will agree quite well with a much younger hen, but it is really a question of individual temperament, which can only be proven by actual test.

MATE FOR CRESTED COCK (E. C. Wood).—Unless you have some special object in view it is not advisable to mate the Crested cock with a Crested hen. This is what is known as "double-cresting," and should only be resorted to by breeders with some experience, and when there is some particular object in view, such as increasing the proportion of crested young in the progeny when it has dwindled to a lower average than is desirable. For full details about the practice and objects of double-cresting, you should get Parts XII. and XIII. of "Our Canaries," as it is impossible to go into details here. The orthodox mate for the cock would be a Crest bred hen, which, of course, should match him well in size and general type, and have as dense a covering of broad long feather on the head as possible, a short stout beak, and broad massive skull, with a nice wide entrance at base of beak.

SCALES ON LEGS (J.P.).—A bird only two years old should not have very scaly legs, as, although some birds develop large scales much earlier than others, they should not in any case be coarse enough to require removal at such an early age. If you are quite certain about age of bird, I do not advise you to attempt removal. Soak the feet and legs well for a few minutes twice a week in a quite warm solution of boric acid. Dry them, and anoint freely with sulphur ointment, finally wiping off all surplus ointment before returning bird to cage. If the scales appear quite loose at the second or subsequent bathing, you may gently press them off with the end of thumb nail, but use no force, and be very careful to avoid making them bleed. They may be coaxed off by sufficient bathing, but must not be pulled or forced off upon any account whatever.

WATERY BLEB (F.B.M.).—Touch just the swelling with a small camel-hair pencil, or a clean wing or tail feather of Canary, dipped in tincture of iodine once a week for a month. Avoid going close to eye, and hold bird until the tincture has dried on before releasing it. If this does not bring about natural absorption of the swelling I'm afraid you can do no more except continue to prick it and cleanse it when "ripe," unless it is worth while getting a vet. to make a little operation and eradicate the cause of the trouble. If you prick it again yourself, cleanse it with a solution of wych hazel, and paint the spot for a few days with the strong extract.

CAGE ACCOMMODATION (Crest).—You only mention the length and height of your cage—30in. by 30in. If it is only the usual cage width, say, 10 to 12in., it is certainly exceedingly overcrowded by having 15 birds in it. On strictly hygienic conditions, five birds would be ample to keep in it, though seven or eight may be kept in temporarily, with strict attention to cleanliness. Therefore, even though it entails a little extra work, I advise you to divide this group of birds into two, at least, and keep each group in a cage not smaller than the one they now occupy. As regards your anxiety about your birds getting consumption, you may set your mind at rest. There is not the very slightest probability of it. The theory about consumptive birds, as far as Canaries and similar birds are concerned, is, to use a vulgar phrase, the merest "tommy rot."

EYE TROUBLE (Old Reader A.).—Your remarks about the "soft moult," and suggestion that this was due to using heat in your birdroom, leads me to think the birds have not been managed so well as they might have been, and consequently all have doubtless been subject to more or less unhealthy conditions. If artificial heat is properly used there is not the slightest risk of it causing soft moult. It is not unlikely you have been using heat in a haphazard way, without discretion or regularity, and in that case your stock would have been infinitely better with no heat at all. To combat this eye trouble, you must keep the cages and perches all round as scrupulously clean as possible; isolate the affected birds, and do not mix up the appliances of these cages with those of the cages containing healthy birds. Get a few camomile flowers from a chemist, place half a dozen in a teacup, fill with boiling water, stir well, cover, and allow to stand till cold. Then strain off the clear liquid, and add 10 drops of laudanum. Bathe the affected eyes with this decoction once daily until better, and use a drop of fresh liquid, and new wool for each bird. After bathing, dry gently, and use the lotion you mention, as advised in this column last week. You do not need to use the ointment. Please see rule as to forwarding name and address with queries.

GROWTH OF FEATHERS (A.K.).—From two to three weeks is a fair average time for new feathers to show through the skin, reckoning from the time the old feathers were lost, or, as in your case, from the commencement of treatment. To give the treatment the best chance to succeed, keep the bird in a comfortable and fairly equable place, and feed and treat for a month as advised to "Llanhillethite" in this issue. Moisten the skin twice a week with sulphur ointment, and if no new quills are showing in three weeks' time, write again, and I will advise you further.

LOSING AND CHEWING FEATHERS (Llanhillethite).—I suspect this bird has been kept in a window or some similarly unsuitable place, with extremes of temperature. Examine the cage well in all joints, cracks, and ends of perches, and if you find any red mite take steps to eradicate them. Keep bird in a comfortable and fairly equable temperature. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately every second day for a month half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, and, if you have any available, mix in it each time two or three fat mealworms, and sprinkle well with maw seed. During the first fortnight also dust it slightly with flowers of sulphur each time. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana or a spray of green food. In the drinking water add five drops of syrup of saffron and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a fortnight, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another fortnight. The bird will not sing until it is quite over the moult.

NOT YET MOULTING (J.E.L.).—Yes, it is certainly on record of a bird—rather, there are a number of such records—missing a moult entirely and yet remaining in apparently perfect health. Such a bird, however, is always apt to drop into moult quite suddenly at any marked change of temperature, either natural or artificial, and is therefore not very reliable as a show bird. Moreover, it seems to be taking big risks to compete at good shows with such a bird against properly moulted birds. I would certainly advise you to make an effort to start her moulting; you may thus, with moderate luck, get her ready for the later shows when her newly moulted condition will be all in her favour. Either wash her, using the water a little warmer than usual, or give her a vapour bath, as described in Part V. of "Our Canaries." The day after she has well preened herself after this remove her to a room with a distinctly colder temperature than the one she usually occupies. Begin at once to add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece two days in every three, for two or three weeks if necessary. She may start moulting in a week or so after being placed in cold room, then, when she has made a good start, cover over the cage, and move to a cosy, but equable, and not overheated, temperature, and give a little soft food slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur every second day for a week. Stop all drugs when the moult is in full swing, and trust to the warmer temperature to complete it quickly; the bird should be quite through by the end of November.

A NASTY COLD (B. T.).—First of all see that the bird is not exposed to cold draughts or extremes of temperature—above all, do not allow it to hang in a window. Keep in a comfortable and fairly equable temperature, though you need not overheat it. In addition to the seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight. Give a morsel of green food or banana twice a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, daily for three days. After this give 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken in the water two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

CREST BREEDING (L. Cape).—Sorry the Nos. of "Our Canaries" your require are out of print. The only alternative I can suggest for getting the information you need is to treat yourself to the complete work before that, too, is unavailable (this can still be obtained, as you will see by our advertisement columns), unless you can meet with these particular numbers second hand. If you watch our advertisements during the next few months you will also find plenty of Crest breeders in and around London, and possibly may find one near you; failing that, there are plenty of reliable breeders in other centres who could send you birds by rail quite safely. Whether Crests are more difficult to breed than other varieties is, to a certain extent, a question of strain—some are exceptionally good breeders and perents, others the reverse. But as good Crests are very valuable, it is quite the rule to run a stock of feeders to assist in rearing the young. Altogether, if you have no experience, the best advice I can give you is to breed with Plainhead Norwich, or a similar common breed, for a season or two, and meantime digest all the Crest information you will find from time to time in our columns.

SWELLING ON BREAST (W. H. C.).—You ought to have described the swelling and its precise position, and said whether it appears to contain air or fluid. A small sketch, no matter how rough, would have helped to show the real position. Judging from the movement, however, I have little doubt it is a collection of air due to a slight rupture in the air passages. If this surmise is correct, the best treatment is to pierce the swelling with a clean needle to allow the accumulated air to escape, and give the bird a simple tonic for a few days to tone up the system. Four drops each of tincture of steel and dilute sulphuric acid in the water will form a suitable tonic. Also make the following corrections in your dietary. For staple give three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, millet, teazle and broken groats; three times a week a morsel of green food or ripe fruit; and once or twice a week a teaspoonful of egg-food, or some other soft food. For the next fortnight, instead of the last-named, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw.

ALL IN A LUMP (M.W.H.).—Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily very warm, but still quite away from the chilly side, and see that it is free from cold draughts. Throw a light cover over the cage until the bird has ceased dropping feathers, and for three or four days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky and five drops of syrup of saffron. In addition to the staple seed give a half-ripe plantain stalk or a morsel of banana three times a week, and a few grains of linseed on three other days. Your colour feed, consisting as it does of nearly 50 per cent. of colour, is unnecessarily strong, and now the moult has progressed so far you should reduce the strength. Begin by using two teaspoonfuls of colour instead of 2½, to three of the biscuit food. Use this strength for a week, then reduce the proportion of colour to 1½ teaspoonfuls. After a week again reduce to one teaspoonful in three, and when the head is moulting reduce again to 1 in 5 or 6.

ROLLERS FAILING (F.S., Hampshire).—From your remark about the "train-like whistle," I imagine you have not got hold of an ideal Roller songster. Try to hear a trained St. Andreasberg Roller, costing, say, 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d., when they come on the market from October onwards, and I fancy you will find it much more to your taste. If this does not please you, a Border Fancy, Yorkshire, or Norwich, in the order named, will be most likely to suit your purpose. There is much of a sameness in the song of all untrained varieties of Canaries which are not bred specially for song, the chief difference being in the pitch and compass. The tone of the larger breeds is more soft and mellow. Personally, apart from the trained Roller, I award the palm for song to a free singing Crest or Crest-bred. Compared with the untrained Roller, the song of this variety is as that of a Thrush compared with a Starling. This, however, is a matter of taste, and you would do well to try to hear the song of a Crest or C.B. before purchasing one. A wastrel from an exhibition point of view would be as good as the most ideal for singing.

NOT STARTED MOULTING (W.C.).—It is just possible the looseness of plumage may indicate the close approach of moult. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days and if the bird has not started to cast feathers by this time move its cage to a cold room where no fire is kept, but see that it is equable and free from cold draughts or damp. From this point treat the bird the same as advised to J.E.L. this week.

CANARY WITH COLD (R.C.C.).—You should have said what the remedies are which have failed. Anyway, as the bird is in an outdoor aviary it is quite likely it is not physically adapted for this kind of life, or it may be in the habit of roosting in a draughty place. Take it indoors, and keep it in a good sized cage in a room where no fire is kept for a time until quite well. In addition to the usual seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days during same time add to the drinking water 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, and Ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. This, with the removal indoors, should be all that is necessary to put matters right.

TROUBLE WITH MOULT (Sandringham).—The bird's age is much against him, and it frequently happens that these old birds defer moulting until the weather begins to get mild in spring. If it moulted last autumn (not spring) you should try to start the moult now by giving it a vapour bath daily for three days. This you may do by placing it in an open-wire cage on a table, with a mug of nearly boiling water beside it, and cover all over with a shawl or wrap, to keep vapour in cage. Remove mug in 15 or 20 minutes, but leave cover over cage for an hour, and do not expose bird to a chill afterwards. Every second day for a week or 10 days give a little egg food dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternating days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whiskey, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece. Keep a light cover over cage whilst bird is moulting. See that its claws are not considerably overgrown to prevent it perching comfortably.

YOUNG BIRDS DYING (J. Hughes).—It would have been helpful had you given details of your method of feeding, and also said whether the birds have moulted, or are in moult when they die. If you have a large stock of birds you would certainly be well advised to send the body of the next that dies to Mr. Yates for post-mortem to ascertain whether it is a case of contagious disease, as there is some suspicion of it. Meantime keep cages, perches, and all appliances as clean as possible; see that all your foods, seeds, and water are pure and sweet, and treat as follows, and if an improvement is not noticeable in a fortnight or so write again and give full particulars as indicated above. Give a staple of plain canary seed, every second day give a piece of bread the size of a small walnut scalded with milk and sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of maw, and on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of scalded rape. Twice a week give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. On each of the remaining days give either a morsel of banana or a half ripe plantain stalk. All quantities named are per bird. In the drinking water add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards five drops of syrup of saffron and 20 of whiskey, two days in every three for a week.

IS IT THE SEED? (J.H.P., Cardiff).—It would be impossible to say whether the seed was the actual cause of the bird's death without an analysis. In the sample sent the grains appear to be of fine quality, being of good size, well ripened and quite sweet. There is, however, a good deal of extraneous matter and dirt mixed with the seed, and also an unduly large amount of minute portions of the ends of kernels. The latter might indicate infestation by mice, which, of course, supposing the seed to be soiled by them, makes it quite possible for it to be the cause of the trouble. You did quite right to send a body for post-mortem, as this will doubtless elucidate the matter. Meantime, give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey and six of tincture of gentian for a few days. Keep cages clean as possible and continue giving a bread and milk diet to all ailing birds. If the trouble does not cease in a few days now you have discarded the suspected seed write again and enclose copy of p.m. report.

YOUNG YORKSHIRES (X.Y.Z.).—(1) I cannot tell from your description whether the bird has asthma. It may be merely a querulous cry. If it appears to breathe with difficulty or the squeakiness continues at night remove the bird to a cage by itself, keep it in a comfortable temperature, free from cold draughts, and treat it the same as advised to "R.C.C." in this issue for two or three weeks. There is no risk of contagion, and the bird may certainly recover. But if it really suffers from any serious bronchial trouble at such a tender age recovery is nothing to greatly desire. (2) The browuish marked young birds you describe are cinnamon variegated, and they show that one or both—certainly the green cock—of the parents have Cinnamon marked blood in their veins. Cinnamon markings and variegation are quite common in Yorkshires.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

TITS IN A CAGE (Plato).—You cage only affords two and a half feet of ground space; and Tits are not likely to do well in such a limited area. These tiny birds require plenty of space to exercise their naturally incessant activity, and you could scarcely keep more than three or four in such a cage. They would need plenty of twiggy branches, and some small nesting boxes into which they could take shelter when they wish. The Blue, Marsh, Coal, and Great Tits are the easiest to keep, and the Crested and Long-tailed the most difficult. The four former will live upon a good insectile mixture, together with a separate supply of hemp, sunflower seed, and nut kernels, and, of course, a few mealworms and such live insects and grubs as you can find for them. If you keep a Great Tit, he will require watching, for some of these are very murderous, while others are harmless to other birds.

BRITISH FINCHES OUTSIDE (G. Lange).—Your birds, having been outside all the summer, should do quite well during the winter, as your shelter seems ample. The main thing is to keep them from cutting winds and rain and to provide a roosting place as cosy as possible. If you could contrive to enclose about two feet of the seven-feet run as a roosting place, they should be quite all right; but if you do so you must be careful to arrange that the space so enclosed is well lighted, or the birds will not use it. Besides the mixed seed and sunflower, you should provide in separate hoppers such seeds as canary, rape, teasel, and thistle, and any wild seeds you may be able to gather. If you cannot get fresh wild seeds, then give a good Finch mixture containing these.

WILL A LINNET BREED? (J. I. H.).—Your bird would doubtless breed in the cage mentioned, but any hints as to the correct treatment before and after hatching would be useless at this season. Kindly repeat your question next spring.

ON FEEDING SOFTBILLS (Softbill).—The reason for your losing your Wheatear and Wagtail is, I am afraid, not far to seek. The food you were giving them was not good enough. A Wagtail in nature lives entirely upon insects, and its food in captivity should be generous in insectile ingredients, such as "ants' eggs," dried flies, and silkworm pupæ, with a liberal supply of live insects and grubs—house flies, spiders, small caterpillars, gentles, mealworms, etc. Almost the same applies to the Wheatear, but its food need not be quite so rich in substitutes for live insects. One part each of "ants' eggs," dried flies, preserved yolk of egg, and meat powder, with about four parts of powdered biscuit make a good stock food, and a portion of this should be moistened fresh daily by the addition of boiled potato, grated carrot, or chopped greenstuff. As you have not been successful with these two birds, I should certainly not advise you to try keeping such a bird as a Marsh Tit until you have had some experience with the more easily kept birds. Above all, do not endeavour to keep a Hoopoe. This is about the most difficult of all British birds to keep in health in captivity, and the task should only be attempted by those who fully understand the keeping of insectivorous birds. I have kept several and can only say that I have no desire to keep another.

GOLDFINCH WHEEZY (Bird Lover). For three days only add each day to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. Afterwards put in the drinking water for two days 20 drops of whisky, five drops each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine and two of eucalyptus oil (it will require to be well shaken up in a small bottle to mix it thoroughly). Miss one day, then repeat for two days, and continue for a week or longer as may be necessary, giving the medicated water on alternate days, with plain water in between. Be careful to use a glass or porcelain drinker, not metal. Keep the bird in a comfortably warm place, not too hot, and free from draughts or changes of temperature. Besides the stock food you are using, supply dandelion and thistle seed heads, and such other wild seed as you may be able to gather, or, failing these, a good Finch mixture containing wild seeds.

BIRDS FOR OUTDOOR CAGE (E.B.).—Your "aviary" is little more than a large cage, and you would have little chance of breeding from more than one pair of birds therein. More would interfere with each other in such a limited area. You might

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual (2/3); or *Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" Booklets* (2½d. *each*); No. 1 *"Goldfinch,"* No. 2 *"Linnet,"* No. 3 *"Skylark,"* No. 4 *"Song Thrush and Blackbird,"* No. 11 *"Bullfinch,"* No. 13 *"Chaffinch,"* No. 15 *"Greenfinch,"* No. 22 *"Siskin, Redpoll and Twite,"* No. 25 *"Small Insectivorous Birds,"* No. 26 *"Large Insectivorous Birds,"* No. 6 *"Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them,"* No. 9 *"Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.,"* No. 12 *"How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London*, E.C.

breed from a pair of Linnets or Bullfinches, or you might try hybrids, either between British Finches or a Canary and a Finch. Proper nesting accommodation would have to be provided, but there is, of course, no need, to trouble about this till next spring. If the birds are to be kept outdoors all the winter, the cage would require to be placed in a spot where the birds would be sheltered from cold winds and rain, and where they would get all the sun they are likely to get in an English winter. Further, one-half at least of the front should be covered. It would be hopeless to think of keeping migratory insectivorous birds outdoors in such a cage. It would be much better to confine your ambitions to the keeping of single cock British birds, and in such case you might have one each of, say, Chaffinch, Linnet, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Twite, and Siskin. For the proper feeding of these you should consult our Nutshells (see inset advt. in these columns).

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

PEKIN ROBIN (Softbill).—(1) Providing the outside aviary has a weatherproof shelter, or snug corners, to which the bird can retire at will, it should be better out of doors. I should, however, catch it up and give it three drops of castor oil, and, if you have it by you, give it three drops of "Tonic drops" (see advert. columns) the following day; if bowels are not moving freely, repeat the oil every other day till full relief has been given. It is quite possible the bird at this juncture is taking too much seed. You should cage it up for a week if you have a roomy cage, and only give it soft food, fruit and insects (three or four mealworms twice a day and any spiders and caterpillars you can come across). A few drops of cod-liver oil in its soft food should tone it up after the bowels have become easier. (2) In a roomy aviary Budgerigars and Pekins should be safe together.

BUDGERIGARS AND CARDINALS (Lovebirds).—In the first place, I do not consider your cage any too large for a couple of Cardinals. Budgerigars and Cardinals agree well enough when they have room to keep out of each other's way, but though the latter are generally well able to look after themselves in almost any company, there certainly is a risk in such a cage as yours of them getting a mischievous nip from a Budgerigar's beak, and such a nip usually means a fractured leg or wing. At the same time, while warning you of possibilities, I think they would be all right together, but you must supply perching accommodation at each end of the cage, and a husk for the Budgerigars at one end. In such a case as this you must not put in two husks, as such would cause the Budgies to occupy, on and off, both ends of the cage. There should be two seed hoppers, so that they can feed separately.

AMAZON PARROT (F. U.).—You make no mention of food and other treatment. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, making the water just saline with Epsom salts will do, if you have not the magnesia by you. Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax and put a little in its mouth daily; if you put a little of this mixture on the end of a stick and push it against the bird's beak, it will bite at the stick, and in so doing take at any rate the bulk of the mixture. You can continue the cold mixture for a time. The diet of the bird should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, or stale crusts of household bread, and green food (lettuce, etc.) Daily or every other day give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day); boil till soft, pour off all water, soak into it half a teaspoonful of cod-liver oil, and when cool supply to the bird. If there should be any running at the nostrils, spray or bathe same with dilute glycothymoline, or your chemist will give you a cheaper equivalent.

CAGE BIRDS, WAXBILLS, &c. (C. E. Andrews).—Use a crock or china drinker and make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, repeating this whenever the voidings are at all hard; the bowels should move freely without being really loose. On the days you are not giving the salts, put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water, and continue above treatment till all the birds appear quite fit. As regards diet, give canary and white millet seed, and also keep a millet spray in the cage, renewing it when picked clean; also green food, lettuce and flowering grass. Yes, the birds should have cuttlebone and grit, but till they get used to the latter again, only give a pinch daily, or, having been deprived of it for a time, they may take too much. A few dried ants' eggs are appreciated by most Waxbills, and are certainly good for those which will take them. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1s. 1½d.), also the Nutshell "Waxbills" (2½d.) would help you, both post free from our manager. Unless the cage is very large, you had better not include British species; it would be better to put in a few more Waxbills (Gold-breasts and Avadavats), also Silverbills.

BUDGERIGARS (D. R.).—All birds need a rest after a busy season to recoup, for if left to breed on almost without pause they soon run themselves out; hence I said in my reply it would be better if they did not breed this year. But I note yours have not yet bred this year, and as you have a warm inside aviary it should be quite safe to put in the husks and leave them to do as they please. Keep a continuous supply of grit, cuttlebone, and crushed mortar rubbish in the aviary. A glass-house has a very fluctuating temperature, and if unheated is very cold indeed in winter till the sun gets upon it, and I should certainly advise you to tack roofing felt over the top outside the glass, and also similarly cover up the north or east side; you will still have ample light left.

WHAT LOVEBIRD? (J.E.H.).—(1) It is a Budgerigar; when in breeding condition the cere surrounding the nostrils is bright blue in the male and ruddy brown in the female. (2) No, but unless it has a roomy cage and you fuss about with it a good bit, it will be lonely and mope, and ennui usually ends in ill-health. (3) They are hardy, and live out of doors all the year round in aviaries. Keep it out of draught, but where it can get light and air, the temperature of any ordinary living room will suffice for it. (4) Yes, and if it becomes attached to you, and allows you to play about with it, it will be better with you, and there will be no need to procure a mate for it.

WHAT PARRAKEET? (Sandringham).—Queries are not crowded out; all that reach us get the best answer we are able to give on data supplied. Your description rather points to the All Green Parrakeet (Hrotogerys tirica), and I think it must be that bird, as it is all green, lighter below, with blue in wings and tail, and a reddish, flesh-coloured beak. If it is this bird, it comes from Brazil. If not this, it must be a female Ringneck, an Indian species, but I think it is the former from what you say about its diet. Give it the following seed mixture:—One quart canary seed, one pint each hemp and white millet, and half a pint of oats—well mix together. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, shelled nuts, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water regularly. Do not offer it bread and milk; the above will form an amply varied dietary.

BIRDS FOR CAGE (Jerry).—You are altogether over-estimating the accommodation of your cages. I consider the one will be fully occupied when you mate up the two cocks you now have in it, as you must put in four husks to prevent them quarrelling over nesting sites. I think, however, you might put in with them one pair of Grey Java Sparrows, but that is the utmost. The White Javas, Yellow Budgerigars, and Cockateels will need a cage at least 5ft. long, 2ft. deep, and 2ft. high; they will then agree together and should do well. It must be furnished with perches, a large husk or nest box with concave bottom, and two or three ordinary Budgerigar husks. As regards the proposed aviary, you must not put in more than three pairs at the most—there are very few Parrakeets that are really cheap at the present time. Ringnecks and Moustache Parrakeets offered at low rates are usually quite young birds, quite unable to fly at first, but pairs would look well when they got into good plumage and recovered the use of their wings. You could also put with them a pair of All Green Parrakeets as opportunity offered, and that would quite fill your accommodation. All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. Pearson.—The bird I examined died of impaction of the bowels, and at the same time was very emaciated. German rape seed given too freely will produce this condition. I should be glad of a few more particulars, also another bird should you lose one, as the emaciation is scarcely consistent with death from this cause, and I could not in this case discover any trace of a contagious element.

A. H. Roberts.—Acute pneumonia resulting from cold due to weather variations. The bird was in very good condition, and death must have occurred rapidly.

C. Latham.—Death arose from cirrhosis, or hardening of the liver, brought about by the intaking of impurities in the food. There was also bowel inflammation, as the result of functional alterations in this organ.

Green.—There can be no doubt that the seed was the cause of your trouble. Acute inflammation of the bowels as the result of its use was the cause of death. There was not the slightest indication of bird fever, as your friend suggested. On no account give any more of this seed. Your treatment was very suitable.

E.H.P. (Covent Garden).—Young Canary was a hen, death resulting from inflammation of the bowels. The liver was slightly fatty, which predisposed to its death. You may be giving your young birds a diet too liberal or too rich in fat. A dose or two of glauber salts in the drinking water may obviate further trouble.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. Griffin.—The plant sent is burdock. We have never found this much favoured by birds whenever thistles and hardheads have been available.

R. G. Smart.—Shall have to keep this photo for publication in a special number; the detail is too fine to permit of reproduction in our ordinary issues. Shall be pleased to have notes on your American birds if you can find time to pen them.

Members of "King's Head."—We never take notice of anonymous letters, so your communication has fluttered like some wounded Dove into the capacious maw of our wastepaper basket.

G. Duerden.—Thanks for the excellent photograph, which we will keep by us for use in an art supplement.

Beginner.—A paraffin oil lamp is very dangerous if it should either smoke or give off bad fumes. The burning of the oil is not harmful providing you can safeguard the above two points.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Queen's Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for open show.—M. Archer.

Ayr C.B.C. Sept. 30, Wallace Tower Hall, 7.30. Arrangements for open show. Subs. due.—R. Aitken.

Barnet F. and F.S.—Oct. 1, 35, Wood St., Barnet, 8.30. Table show for rabbits and schedule for annual show.—W. J. Curtwright.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30.—F. C. Sims.

Birmingham City of C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. Important show business.—J. H. Jones.

Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Oct. 4, also special meeting Sept. 27, business of the greatest importance.—G. Havver, Sec.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Oct. 1, Market Tavern, 8. Very important show business.—H. Hill.

Bradford City O.S.—Sept. 27, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Members' show for Oct. 4, and other business.—W. Hellwell.

Bramley and Dis. O.S.—Sept. 27, Carnival Committee Rooms, 8. Monthly meeting.—W. H. Steel.

Bristol C.B.S.—Oct. 1, City Hotel, 8.—B. L. Pool.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Markell's Hotel, 8. Important business re cup and other show matter, which must be finished.—E. Thomas.

Carlisle Border City O.S.—Oct. 1, King's Head, 8.15.—Final arrangements for show, Oct. 29 and 30.—J. C. Bell.

Chester C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Boot Inn, Eastgate St., 8.30. Show business, etc.—R. L. G. Simpson.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. Special meeting, chairman's report re printing, settling of annual show business. Members requiring coupons for Championship scheme must let me know at meeting.—R. Ward.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Club Hall, 6.30. Members' entries, open specials, stewards for show, etc.—W. Tomlinson.

Chorley C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Show business; very important.—A. Gregg.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Oct. 4, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. Show business, selection of medals, allocation of cups, and other business; last meeting before the show.—J. Napier.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 1, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. General business of open show.—A. J. Barratt.

Craghead C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Punch Bowl Inn, 7.30. Special meeting, important show business, drawing up schedule for show, subs. due.—A. Dawson.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Auchinleck Town Hall, 7. A full attendance of members is requested, as this will be the last before the show.—A. Wyper.

Derby C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Paying up for young birds and subs., etc. Kindly note change of clubhouse.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Headquarters, 7.—E. Jameson.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sept. 27, at Club, 7.30.—Business important.—Geo. T. Lynn.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Sept. 27, Fountain Inn, 7. Members please attend supper. Some very good news; change show dates.—S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Oct. 2, Riego St. Hall, 8. Show business; schedules and tickets.—C. Grant.

Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.—Oct. 2, 142, High Street, 8. Arrangements for annual show.—J. Stormont.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Oct. 4, Headquarters, 7. Club show and selecting of medals.—A. Dickson.

Glasgow West of Scotland O.S.—Oct. 4, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition; annual subs. now due.—W. Hutchison.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Sept. 27, Wesley Place School, 8. Members' show. Birds staged at 8 prompt. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden.—W. A. Brown.

Great Horton O.S.—Sept. 27, the Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Weir's Rooms, 7.30. Business important.—W. Waraker.

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 27, Plummet Line Hotel, 7. Members' show. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday, Shipley. Entries taken before show birds staged 7.—H. Clegg.

Hanley C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Temperance Hall, 8. To complete schedule and receive adverts. and specials.—C. J. Robinson.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Sept. 30, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Business very important.—A. Roberts.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Shakespeare. Members who have not paid subs. and ticket moneys kindly do so at earliest convenience.—J. Hyde.

Hornsey Wood Green C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Johnson's, 353, High Road, Wood Green, 8.30. Table show and lecture by Mr. Geo. Gardner.—P. Brooks.

Idle C.B.S.—White Bear Inn, Idle, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Howfield, Bradford.—C. E. Hylton.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Headquarters, 8. Members' show. 4 classes. Special for best unflighted bird. Judge, Mr. C. R. Hampshire. T. Smith.

Islington F.A. Sept. 29, headquarters, 8.30. Very important business to arrange about young stock show, etc. H. A. Brown. [Kindly note that notices must be sent in duplicate if they are to appear both in CAGE BIRDS and the "Poultry World."—Ed.]

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 4, Y.M. Halls, 7. Show business, report regarding new rooms.—A. Thomson.

Leigh C.B.S. Oct. 1, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Special business.—R. Charleson.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table show Nor., buff unflig., open and novice. Judging competition; fanciers invited.—J. Cook.

Longton C.B.S. Oct. 2, Roebuck Hotel, 8. Pick stewards for open show and other very special items.—P. E. Barker.

London and Counties A.C.B. Oct. 4, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8.—G. G. Stubbs.

Loohgelly C.B.S.—Sept. 27, "Victoria Bar," 7.30. Show business.—R. Muir.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important re pigeon classes for next show.—D. John.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 1, Railway Hotel, 8. First old feather show, and other important business.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Middlesex O.S.—Oct. 2, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Final arrangements for show.—J. Jefferis.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Oct. 2, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Final arrangements for open show.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—Oct. 2, The People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford, 7.45. Bird-washing demonstration and competition. Members please bring some birds. Visitors invited.—Burton Bros.

Oxford C.B.S.—Oct. 2, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. Final arrangements for open show on Oct. 16.—A. F. Fifield.

Partick C.B.C.—Oct. 3, Foresters' Hall, 8. Final arrangements for annual show, etc.—W. Priest.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 29, Crumpsall Hotel, 8. Amalgamated show and important business. Old and prospective members heartily invited.—H. Clayton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Sept. 27, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Ordinary and show business. Friends please attend.—A. Percival.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Granby Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. A. M. Craven, Shipley.—H. Myers.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Show business.—W. H. Pyke.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Sept. 27, College Inn, 8. Monthly meeting; all members must be clear on books to show at the annual show.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Temperance Club, 8. Monthly meeting, show, whist drive.—W. Adams.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Oct. 3, headquarters, Cocoa Rooms, 7.30. Show business.—E. Rone.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Open show business. Nomination of officers for 1914. Table show; prize-money, 3s., 2s., 1s.—A. Hobson.

Sheffield O.S.—Sept. 30, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Very important business.—E. C. Job.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 1, Victoria Hotel, 8. Open show.—E. Grange.

Stirling C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Temperance Hotel, Arcade, 8. Arranging committee for working show, Nov. 15.—W. Clubb.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Oct. 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.

South Shields C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Cyprus, 7.30. Schedule.—W. L. Smith.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 27, Central Cafe, Sunderland, 7.30. (1) CAGE BIRDS competition; (2) confirmation of classification for open show.—J. Peacock.

Tong C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Hand and Shuttle Inn. Members' show; birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. F. Self, Clayton, Bradford.—W. Walker.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Cardiff Arms, 7. Important business.—E. Thomas.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Sept. 29, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Walsall C.B.S.—Oct. 1, White Harte, 8.30. Arranging schedule for open show. Important.—F. Price.

Watford C.B.S.—Oct. 1, headquarters, Essex Arms Hotel, 8.15. Schedule of annual show.—W. Rackley.

West London F.A.—Oct. 2, headquarters, 8. Lecture and general show business.—J. Dewhurst.

Windhill C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. Mundell. Entries Sept. 26, from 8 to 11 p.m.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wombwell B.F.S.—Oct. 4, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. Washing lecture by Mr. Hinchliffe. Friends invited.—J. W. Dean.

In the Courts.

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO A DECOY BIRD

A Very Lenient Sentence.

A case of grievous cruelty to a decoy bird was detailed to the Eastbourne Bench of Magistrates on Sept. 8, when G. Bradford, of Beach Road, and C. Sherwood, of Sidley Mews were prosecuted at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A. Both defendants pleaded guilty.

Inspector Bennett, of the R.S.P.C.A., stated that at 7 a.m. on the 22nd August he was on the Crumbles in company with P.C. Hastings, when he saw the defendants lying on the ground about 400 yards from him. He looked through his field glasses and saw a bird net properly set, to which was fastened a stick. Sherwood was working the stick, and witness saw a decoy bird at the end of it. When the defendants saw witness and the constable they ran away, Sherwood making a fruitless attempt to snatch up the nets, while Bradford grabbed at the bird. Witness discovered the bird's leg on the end of the stick, it having evidently been torn from its body. It was quite warm and wet with blood. Witness did not find the bird at all. The bird's leg was that of a Wheatear. Sherwood said it was a Starling. Sherwood told him that he tied the bird with thin twine, and that it must have slipped down and got on its leg. Witness said it was absolutely impossible for the bird to have pulled its leg out by merely fluttering about.

Sherwood said he did not think there was any harm in bracing the bird as they did. He did not tie the string tightly. It must have worked tight itself.—Inspector Bennett (interposing) mentioned that kind of brace had been used five or six times on the bird, because its leg was chafed all over, and in places the bone was showing.

Replying to the Chairman, Bradford said he was 19 years of age and was out of work. Sherwood said he was 18, and did "all sorts of work." The Chairman said that what the prisoners had done was looked upon as a very serious matter by the law. They could be sent to prison for three months, or were liable to a fine of £25. They would each be fined 10s., or, in default, seven days. Until Saturday was allowed for payment.

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CAREFULLY READ PAGE 185 THIS WEEK.

The Shows.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Annual show held on Sept. 20th in Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals. Hon. Pres., Wm. Hart, Esq., Paisley; Pres., County Councillor James Hogg, Esq., Oakley; Vice-Pres., County Councillor James D Brown, Esq., East Kilbride; Sec. and Treas., Arthur M. Baird, 23, Neilston Road, Paisley; judges, Messrs. A. Paterson, Edinboro; J. Carlow, Falkirk; J. Watson, Glasgow; J. Muirhead, Perrybridge. The nine classes embracing nearly 200 entries, the judges had a difficult task in making their awards, especially as so many good birds were among them; nevertheless the awards seemed to please, there being no grumbling heard. The show ranks, if not the best certainly one of the best held for years, both in point of number and quality. Many good birds that were not in the first four were winners at the confined Derby show held the previous Saturday. The winner of the blue ribbon and Derby bird was the buff pied hen belonging to Vice-Pres. James D. Brown, Esq., a bird of great merit, the runner-up being Wm. McClure, buff pied cock, a perfect gem and certainly the best buff cock seen for some years, a close runner-up for the ribbon. We were very glad to find a large gathering of birdie men, among whom we noticed Messrs. Brown, Lees, Thorburn, Dalgleish, Fulton, Renwick, Jardine, Stewart and McClure. We were also pleased to see our old friend, Thomas Thomson, looking fairly well at his old game, looking for specials for his old love, the forthcoming City of Glasgow show, which has had for so many years a staunch supporter in our old friend "Tom." Much of the success of the show lies at the door of the splendid Sec. and Treas., Mr. Arthur M. Baird, who spared no effort to make the show the success it turned out to be.

YELL. CK. (CL. OR FOUL) (24): 1, 2, McClure, grand size and top end, fine length of side, 2nd another nice bird, shade bare at neck; 3, 4, J. D. Brown, 3rd shade thin to those in front, 4th foul ck., flossy in front feather, a nice bird; 5, Gray; 6, 7, Morrison. PIE or GREEN (17): 1, McClure, green, not finished on head, flossy front, nice bird; 2, J. D. Brown, pied ck., shade thin to first, nice top end and pose, good bird; 3, Maxwell, grand head and top end, good reach, head well down, nicely set up; 4, Strathearn, piebald, better size than third, drawn well, good 4th; 5, Miller; 6, Fulton; 7, Robertson. BUFF CK. (CL. or FOUL) (22): 1, 5, J. T. Miller, 1st grand size, barely finished; 2, McClure, Confined Derby winner, in rare order; 3, 4, Gray, grand size, flossy front, shade short in reach, 4th fine size does not draw so well as those in front; 6, Menzies; 7, Thornton. PIE or GREEN (22): 1, 2, McClure, first runner-up for Cup, quite a gem for size, grand droop and top end, fine length of side, will take a lot of beating, 2nd another pie, a beauty for size and style; 3, J. D. Brown, not finished on head; 4, Muir, falls a bit on top end; 5, Higgins; 6, Maxwell; 7, Fulton. YELL. HEN, CL. OR FOUL (24): 1, 6, Morrison, good head, draws well, good style; 2, McClure, better for size, fails in style to first; 3, J. D. Brown, fails in droop, shade plainer than those in front; 4, Higgins, nice style, fair size, faulty in left wing; 5, Renwick, 2nd in Confined Derby, might have done better; 7, Fulton. PIE or GREEN (24): 1, J. D. Brown, pie hen, a grand one, lovely head, draws well, wins; 2, McClure, first Confined Derby bird, beaten to-day; 3, Menzies, fails in top end to those in front, but a good one; 4, Higgins, shade thin on neck; 5, Campbell; 6, Maxwell; 7, Robertson. BUFF HEN, CL. OR FOUL (23): 1, J. D. Brown, foul, very flossy feather in front, grand style and size, nice reach and droop; 2, Menzies, a wee bit over the spar, fine bodied bird, good droop; 3, 4, Morrison, fails in style, better body than second, 4th good size, a shade short in reach, but a good one; 5, Jordan; 6, Campbell; 7, Burnside. PIED or GREEN (35): 1, and cup winner, J. D. Brown, fair size, grand drive, lovely droop, very loose feather in front, nice top end, good bird; 2, Strathearn, fine size and top end, good droop, crosses wing a bit, but a good one; 3, A. M. Baird, buff green, fine bodied bird, nice movement and droop; 4, Campbell, nice all round type, shade thin.

EALING AND HANWELL F.S.

Young stock show held at Drill Hall, West Ealing, Sept. 13. The three classes for cage birds were somewhat disappointing, owing probably to the moulting season. Mr. Bayliss judged. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Crockett; 2, 3, hc, c, Taylor and Wright; res, Miss Burton. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Thursby. BRIT.: 1, Cane.—R. Bamber, Hon. Sec.

MARKET DRAYTON.

Show held in connection with the Agricultural Show, Sept. 18. Our section was nicely staged in the cheese tent, and made a very pleasing display, being much admired by the numerous visitors who thronged the tent the whole time. Mr. Victor Williams staged a grand team, which accounted for most of the sport in the open classes. The classification is rather small and might be extended with advantage. Mr. H. Tams judged.

OPEN, NOR.: (9): 1, hc, c, Williams, splendid cl. yell., grand size and shape, rare head and body, fine col. and feather, hardly fit yet; 2, 3, Brotherhood, leader cl. yell., medium size, fine type and quality, best of carriage, more forward than winner, beaten head and size, 3rd cl. buff, very fine type and feather, rare full head, gets well across perch, in nice order; vhc, Groom. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, Williams, fine trio, leader cl. buff, medium length, very nice shape and position, good round head, lovely qual., not yet fit, followed by head mkd. buff of ratting length and style, not so good in head, good feather and carr., more forward, 3rd uneven buff, well drawn, nice back and waist, rare boxy feather, hardly so stylish; vhc, Windsor. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (2): 1, Sutton, nice buff Gold.-Can., mkd wings, medium size, in nice feather; 2nd, Windsor, cinn., nice qual., rather small, good feather. BRIT. OR FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, Williams, leader Green-billed Toucan, medium size, delightful colours, very tame, hardly ready yet, 2 Chough, in lovely feather, legs and bill of grand colour, carries nice bloom, getting nicely through moult, 3rd fair sized Red-headed Gouldian, tight in feather, minus a tail shaft; vhc, Groom; hc, Jones. SELL. (6): 1, Groom; 2, Sutton; 3, Brotherhood; res, Windsor. LOCAL (5): 1, 2, res, Walker, leader unfligh. cl. yell., medium size, nice type col. and qual, 2nd cl. buff unflig., fair type and feather, bit on small side; 3rd, Whittingham, wing mkd. buff of nice shape, again small; hc, Farnell. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, res, Barnett, leader stylish cl. buff, nice position and qual., followed by cl. yell., medium size, best of qual., good position, not yet ready; 3, Madeley, nat. col. cl. yell., nice length; hc, Chesters; c, Mrs. Darbyshire. A.O.V. (4): 1, Wycherley, nicely mkd. Twite, in excellent feather; 2, Barnett, var. Gold.-Can., medium size, not finished moult; 3, Madeley, Bullfinch, good size, shown in poor feather; res, Hickman.

Correspondence.

Trapping the Wily Sparrow.

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if any reader will tell me how to catch Sparrows. There are a large quantity here, including a white one. The latter is what I am trying to capture. Is a Sparrow trap obtainable for the purpose?

SPARROW.

Settling a Novice Problem.

Sir,—As a novice in doubt, will you please let me know if I win three first prizes at the first shows I enter in, will it debar me from showing at other shows as a novice this season; or if I start as a novice this season, am I a novice all through the season?

A NOVICE.

[The general rule at open shows is that as soon as a fancier wins three first prizes in novice classes, he then becomes a champion, and is no longer eligible to enter birds in novice classes.—Editor.]

Something Like a Beak!

A House Sparrow's Unusual Adornment.

Sir,—We have an extraordinary House Sparrow here in Blackburn, with a beak which would not disgrace a Toucan. I enclose you a rough sketch, which has been taken from a photograph, and which no doubt your artist will be able to use. Our local paper, speaking of this bird, says: "It is just an ordinary English Sparrow, with a more generous allowance of beak than Nature in her calmer moods apportions to members of the tribe. Nature has, indeed, been in a highly jocular humour, and has produced a creature which may be most conveniently



HOUSE SPARROW'S ABNORMAL BEAK.
The dotted lines show the beak as it usually appears.

classed with the freaks. In everything, except its beak, the bird is unmistakably a Sparrow, and it is at present one of the habitues of the Brantfell Road district of Blackburn, where it consorts amicably with the other birds, and in company with them ranges the gardens in search of food. The beak is just an elongation of the ordinary organ, and is fully two inches long, with a slight curve and a thickening in the growth at the end. In no sense does it appear to distress or hamper the bird; indeed, those who have seen Master Long Beak are inclined to accuse him of a little more "swank" than the rest of his Sparrow friends."

A BLACKBURN ROVER.

The Catching of Redpolls.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. E. Cockram, in reference to catching Redpolls, I catch most of mine with a clap-net. It is one of the easiest of all birds to catch. No brace bird is necessary. A small open top cage with a Redpoll in must be stood under one wing of the net; they will readily flock down to it if he calls well. If Mr. Cockram only requires a few for himself, a trap-cage should supply all he requires. Get a single trap, usually sold at eightpence. Gather a good handful of the heads of milk thistle (we call it sow thistle here), put this in bottom of cage and a little hemp seed, if you like. Hang or stand the trap-cage on a rail with the small open cage, containing the call bird, close beside it, and if your bird calls and there are any Redpolls about you won't have long to wait for a catch. Don't stand trap on the ground (a big mistake most novices make), as if you do the birds will simply walk round. Any further information I shall be pleased to give in reference to catching any kind of birds.

F. ABBOTT.

GLASGOW S.F. CONFINED DERBY.

Show held Sept. 13. Numbers showed a falling off, but quality was good. Mr. McClure won the Derby with a grand big clear yell. hen, splendid bird, also ran up with a buff pied cock, could do with more size.

YELL. CK.: 1, McClure; 2, Gray; 3, McIlwain; 4, Millar; 5, Muir; 6, Craig; 7, McMichael. BUFF: 1, McClure; 2, Gray; 3, Millar; 4, Muir; 5 Millar; 6, Scott; 7, Summers. YELL. HEN: 1, cup, McClure; 2, Renwick; 3, 6, Muir; 4, sp. McIlwain; 5, Summers; 7, Stewart. BUFF: 1, McLachlan; 2, Millar; 3, Gray; 4, Fulton; 5, Wilson; 6, Philips; 7, Stewart.—J. J. McIlwain, Sec.

Prize Money that Pleases the Members and Assists the Societies.

A Cornish Secretary Outlines His Scheme.

Sir,—We read and hear a lot nowadays about the failure of members' shows, poor prize-money, etc. It has often occurred to me that some system of awarding prize-money could be adopted, and the entry fees made to meet the expenses of the prizes, yield a small percentage to the funds of the society, and give satisfaction all round.—That is, give satisfaction to those out for true sport, and the welfare of their society.

The man is not yet born who can work out a scale which will give satisfaction to the class of people who are all self. As the secretary of a society who is endeavouring to make things "go," I have worked out the scale of prizes attached hereto, and should be glad to know what some of your readers think of it. It will be noticed that in no case does the prize-money exceed the entry fees, and yet the value of the prizes is (to my way of thinking) reasonable compared with the entry fee. My suggestion is that the society's funds would benefit by the entry fees over ten and under 15, over 15 and under 20, and so on. For instance, if the entry fee is 1s., and you have 12 entries, your prize-money would be 5s., 3s., 2s.; this allows 2s. to the society's funds, and still gives what I think will strike all fair-minded fanciers as being fair prize-money. It must be remembered that it is the question of members' shows in particular, I have in mind, although I see no reason why some such scale could not be adopted by open shows, because the larger the entry fee, and the larger the entry, the larger would be the prizes. After all is said and done, if you don't get the entries where can you get your prize-money? Even secretaries can't find money in the gutters. I fancy I can hear some reader saying: Well! what about the annual subscriptions? The best answer I can give to that is, get appointed assistant secretary, or otherwise make yourself acquainted with the work, and you'll find there are a thousand and one ways to expend the annual subscriptions.

The first objection I expect to hear is: that with such a system as this you can't fix the amount of prize-money to print in your schedules, which would have the effect of keeping back entries. No! not among "sports." Even with fixed prize-money, you can't tell till after the judging, whether you have got 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., or nothing. Your catalogue would show the number of entries in each class, and a glance at the scale, which could be printed inside the schedule (and catalogue if thought advisable) would show instantly what prize-money one was entitled to. I don't send this out thinking it is perfect (I've no doubt there are some points I have omitted to consider), but to give readers an opportunity of expressing their views. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success and acknowledge having received much valuable information and instruction from its pages.

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Pendleton and Salford O.S. Takes on a New Lease of Life.

Sir,—The above society has now established its headquarters at Cheetham Hill, the "Crumpsall Hotel." I have taken over the Sec.'s duties, and it is the desire of myself and many of the old members that Pendleton should again be to the front. We shall be pleased to see all old faces and new ones, and we offer them a special inducement to join us.

H. CLAYTON.

42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton.

The Southern Norwich P.C. and Clapham Show.

Sir,—You might kindly call the attention of our members to the schedule for Clapham show in champion section, which I expect is an oversight of the instructions given by the Committee, and rules of the S.N.P.C., to Mr. Hose. Unless the Clapham Show Committee alter the error at once by press notice, our members need not enter, as we cannot count any points in either champion or novice section unless we have class 5 (yellow hen), class 6 (buff hen) for champions. I have written Mr. Hose on the subject, and trust he will be able to put this matter in order so as to stop any cancelling at Clapham.

F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec. S.N.P.C.

The 1913 Nesting Season in a Devon Aviary.

Interesting Results, but Many Disappointments.

Sir,—Perhaps it may be of interest to briefly record some of the results obtained in my aviary this season, because they relate to species or to climatic conditions which have been mentioned from time to time in your columns. Taking it all round the season has been a most disappointing one, and the results meagre in the extreme. The two most interesting nests—those of the long-tailed Tit and the Bearded Tit—both came to grief; in the first case from the egg-binding of the hen, and in the second from the cock being killed during the period of incubation by a Yellow Wagtail. The best things always seem to escape one. The Long-tailed Tits built in a nest-box, the only instance known to the Selborne Society, to whom I have by request given a photo; it is also interesting to note that the nest was not domed, as is the invariable habit of the species, its architects evidently having decided that the top of the box was sufficient protection. Citril Finches reared two young, but the latter escaped through the netting, and I am not absolutely certain that they were fully independent. That very rare little species, the Scaly-fronted Finch, has reared several broods, and seems to be thoroughly hardy and as prolific as the Zebra Finch, and, taking into consideration its market value, it can be recommended to the not inconsiderable section of aviculturists who like to choose a hobby that pays. Bramble Finches reared five young from five eggs, and it has been very interesting to watch the young playing on the wing, and the sequences of plumage. Yellow Wagtails also reared five young from five eggs in a very neat little nest snugly sheltered by a tuft of grass. Himalayan Linnets failed to rear, though the young grew well at first. Indian Purple-browed Rosefinches built in a hole in some rockwork, such as a Wheatear might select (probably an abnormal situation, because last year another pair built an ordinary open nest in a bush) and hatched, but failed to rear. It is interesting to note that this year's nest was built by birds in immature plumage. White Wagtails reared four young. As I have before mentioned in your columns, my own view is that a very dry summer is unfavourable for nesting, and I have recently seen similar views expressed by various writers. A "Field" expert states that the unfertility of Pheasants' eggs this season has been phenomenal. Partridges have been a poor crop, and broods of insectivorous birds scanty.

W. H. TESCHEMAKER.

A Story of a Tame Homing Starling.

Sir,—I was cycling with a friend between Dublin and Balhiggan on Sept. 15, and when passing through Curduff I noticed in front of a roadside cottage a girl engaged in milking a goat. On the goat's back was seated a beautifully plumaged Starling; it would fly round in a circle, perch on the vessel into which the milk was directed, take a sip of the milk, then perch on the girl's shoulder. This continued until he had enough of the milk. Being a lover of birds, naturally I was struck with the performance and made some inquiries about the bird, whose name turned out to be "Jake." It was his custom to wander through the neighbouring fields with other wild birds during the day, but if the girl called to him he would fly to her and perch on her head or shoulder. He always came back in the evening and took up his accustomed perch among the dishes upon a shelf in the cottage.

P. ORME DAWSON.

Several letters on "What is Wrong with Members Shows" are unavoidably held over.—Editor.

The Silver Tea-service at Sheffield O.S. Show.

Is it Open to All Novice Fanciers?

Sir,—I see by "Twitterings" that a gentleman is giving a silver tea-service to novice Yorkshire fanciers at Sheffield O.S. show. I should like to know whether it is open to all Yorkshire fanciers (novices), or restricted to the county of Yorkshire, or open only to members of the society holding the show? I will look for an answer in CAGE BIRDS.

G. BOUCHER.

The Testimonial to Mr. W. B. Cobb of Leeds.

Sir,—Subscriptions have amounted to £10 4s., which sum I have sent to Mr. Cobb, and have received from him a letter expressing his sincere thanks for same. Mr. Cobb's many friends will be pleased to hear that he is a little better, and has been able to get away for a change, which it is hoped will help to put him on his legs again. As many subscribers have asked that their names should not be published, I do not append a list for publication, but any subscriber can see the list at my address, or at the L. and P.O.S. autumn or Palace shows. I thank those who have been kind enough to respond to my appeal.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

Can Bird Shows be Made More Attractive?

An Appeal for Ideas.

Sir,—Many of your correspondents have remarked on the poor gate-money taken at the average show, and the necessity of making the latter more attractive. Amongst the many fanciers reading this journal there surely must be some with good original ideas of how to carry this out. Now that the show time is so near, perhaps those fanciers will kindly give us their ideas. Conditions differ at every show, so that a good draw in one place may not be a success at another. Prize draws are very risky things to touch in the present state of the law, and what with picture palaces and other attractions, it is very hard nowadays to get a good "gate." My object in writing is to get, if possible, some good ideas, so that committees and secretaries can make a selection to suit them, and I am sure we shall all be grateful to the senders. Speaking for ourselves, I am sure the Committee of the Reading C.B.S. would be delighted to consider a suitable suggestion at our next meeting, if any fancier could kindly oblige.

W. H. PYKE.

What is a Ticked Bird?

Standards that Differ Create Differing Fanciers.

Sir,—Would you or any reader be kind enough to answer through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, what is a "ticked" Canary? I was at a meeting last Thursday night of a club, of which I am a member, and this point was raised. I said myself that a ticked bird was a bird with a mark not larger than a sixpence, or one dark wing or tail feather, and dark underflue allowed. Well, sir, several of the members wanted to make me believe that if a bird had two or three small marks about the size of a pea, that would still be a ticked bird; but I failed to see it. I maintain that if a bird has more than one mark it cannot be a ticked, but must be a marked bird, and therefore it would not be right for it to compete in a class for ticked birds. So, Sir, if you will give these few lines your kind attention, it will enlighten me, and also other fanciers.

B. THROWER.

[The definition given by Mr. Thrower is one widely used by societies, especially with regard to Norwich Plainheads, but the standard of the Yorkshire Canary differs, saying that: "A ticked bird is one with dark feather on thighs, rump, or any part of an otherwise clear body; it may also have a mark on one eye, wing or tail, but not more than one such *technical* mark separately or in addition to any other variegation on its body." This difference often gives rise to argument as to what constitutes a "ticked" bird.—Editor.]

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Wake Up, Stockport!

A Real Live Society Wanted.

Sir,—I should like to know the views of my fellow fanciers in Stockport and District with regard to forming a Cage Bird Society. I think a town like Stockport ought to be able to run a society equal to any in the country, as there are plenty of fanciers and plenty of good birds, especially the Norwich and Yorkshire varieties. I should like fanciers to think this over. Let us all try to make our hobby more interesting. Perhaps we can arrange a meeting to discuss the matter. Now fanciers wake up and let's have a real good society in Stockport.

J. H. GARBUTT.

8, Countess Street, Heaviley, Stockport.



A Noted Scotch Fancy Canary.

This buff cock won 1st prize at the Edinburgh O.S. New Year Show, for Mr. W. Thornton, of Blackhall.

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"RECORD."

New Society for Brandon Colliery and Dist., Co. Durham.

Sir,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS of 20th inst., a letter saying that a new society has been formed for Brandon, with Mr. Geo. Reed as sec. Does this mean that there is now no society with the name of the Brandon Colliery Cage Bird Fanciers' Society, of which Mr. T. E. Jones is, or was, sec. Or are there now two societies for Brandon? Perhaps Mr. Reed will be kind enough to give the information for the benefit of others, as well as

MINER.

Some Albino and Other Bird Freaks.

Sir,—I have seen many interesting notes about Albino and freak birds in your paper, so send you the following, which I have just read in the "Scotsman." The writer says: "Pied Blackbirds are not uncommon, but instances where the ordinary plumage is otherwise varied are rare. Within the policies of an estate on Teviot side there is at present a male Blackbird whose head, breast, and neck are a bright buff, with the rest of the body of normal colour. The contrasting colours are very effective, and the bird, with its yellow bill, makes a pretty picture when feeding beside its more sombre-clad companions. In the same locality, but on the opposite side of the river, a pure white House Sparrow has emerged from one of this season's nests; and in a garden not far distant some workmen recently flushed a brood of Wrens. All were able to fly, save one, which sought safety among some bushes. When caught it was discovered that its inability to fly was due to the fact that both of its wings were on the same side of its body, the one above the other.

DONALD MCTAVISH.

A Northerner's Views on the Norwich Plainhead.

HE CONSIDERS COLOUR BEFORE TYPE.

Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead) lectures, on Sept. 17, before the members of the Northern Norwich P.C.

Mr. Chairman and Brother Fanciers: It gives me very great pleasure to come here to-night and give you a few hints on the Norwich Canary. I do not consider myself an authority on the Norwich; still I may be a little in advance of what you might term a "green" novice. In the first place the Norwich is a bird of colour. Now various fanciers have different methods of breeding to get colour. I myself choose the Cinnamon to start with, having had good results from same. I have bred with a yellow-green and a yellow-varieg. cock, produced from a buff cinnamon cock and a clear yellow hen. I prefer for stock the cocks out of the youngsters bred from them; by sticking more to the cock side you do not lose size, and you also have a better chance of keeping the colour in them, which is what you are trying for.

One thing I have proved to produce a fair percentage of yellows is to breed from a direct line of yellows as much as you can, and the cocks especially. For instance, a yellow cock bred from a yellow cock, paired to a buff hen, bred from a yellow hen and a yellow cock. Having got a good colour, what we want next is type.

The Good Points and the Failings.

A Norwich Plainhead should be short, the beak short, the head nice and round, with a wide, clean skull (no trace of lashing, which gives some fanciers the idea that you have been introducing the Crestbred) and a nice large eye, set in the centre of the head, as nothing looks worse than to see the eye too near the top of the head or close against the beak. To me it spoils the whole look of the bird. The neck should be short and full, and well set into wide and well-filled in shoulders; the back broad and neatly-rounded; chest deep, full, and well-rounded, gradually tapering to a small and clean waist, free from long, drooping feathers, which we too often see; tail short and neat; wings short and meeting nicely at the tips, not crossing over; legs short. The bird should stand well across the perch in a bold and defiant attitude. The feathers should be soft and silky in texture and nicely laid all over the body—nice and close in what I term the web of the feather. This, gentlemen, is my idea of what a Norwich should be.

As to pairing, I am most particular about my hens. I try and have them as near to type as I can get. I spend hours looking at my hens which I intend to pair up, and I may here state that if you, as fanciers, intend to breed winners, you will have to make them your study also. Choose only the best of your stock. The more time you spend in studying your stock birds, the sooner you will be able to produce the ideal Norwich. I prefer a medium-sized hen, not too small, and one that has been bred from a hen of good size in the first place. So you will see that it really takes two lots of stock hens, as you cannot expect to get size by breeding year after year from small hens. I myself have heard lecturers tell us that they like the small hens and large cock birds; but they forget to tell you what the small hens are bred from. It is, I think, a generally admitted fact that from the female shape and symmetry spring, and, as I made mention before, colour from the male. I take a hen and put her in a show cage. Then I take a cock bird which I think will suit (that is, knowing how he is bred), compare the two and get the good points and also the bad ones. I try and balance the one with the other. If I find I have a very weak point in both birds, then I try another cock bird; and so on until I get them paired up.

The Secret Lies in the Pedigree.

Always remember what they are bred from; this, to me, is where the secret lies. There may have been faults in your stock birds a year or two before, of which you took particular notice at the time, and you may simply fall into what you have been trying to avoid for a season or two by pairing back a bird with the one fault. This has been my experience. One thing I am most particular about is to have good heads and necks on both birds. I will forego a bit of length in the cock bird, but the hen must be as short as possible. Discard hens with long tails. I do not mind about the cock being long in tail, providing the hen has not the same fault. What looks worse than to see a Norwich with a long tail? And I find a bird with a long tail has a nasty habit of spreading it. What we want is to try and get as much in front of the perch, and as little behind as possible, and then we will be on the right track.

Another very important matter is, when you think that you must introduce a bird or two in your stock for some particular purpose, see to it that you get all you want in them. Do not go on chopping and changing. Don't be persuaded that it can be done by introducing several birds, each carrying one of the particular qualities you require, or the chances are you will meet with disappointment.

Several questions were asked the lecturer, and were answered in good style, this bringing the best meeting ever held by the Northern Norwich Plainhead Club to a close, all feeling sorry to have to end the discussion.

F. W. LAIDLOW (Hon. Sec.).

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Notes by the Secretary, Mr. Fulljames, are unavoidably held over this week.

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Club Reports.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 20, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (President) in the chair. Schedule as drawn up by the committee was passed. Yorkshire classes were altered to cl. or tkd. yellow, ditto buff, variegated yellow, ditto buff, unlighted yellow, ditto buff. Agreed to get 50 copies of rules printed. Anyone wanting CAGE BIRDS coupons apply at once to the secretary, A. Dickson, 37, Admn's-terr., Kelty.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Well attended meeting held at Hurtley Avenue Schools, Sept. 17. Mr. T. Walker, chair. Prizes of the young stock show distributed. A lecture followed by Mr. F. Easterling on "Hints on Exhibiting," which was much appreciated. Mr. Easterling's lecture was quite out of the ordinary, as he dealt with diseases, and showed illustrations of the parasites which he said were the root of all the evil in the complaints of birds. He pointed out that birds must be staged as perfectly as possible as regards cleanliness, etc. The hints he gave ought to be of some service to the members, and the lecture was thoroughly enjoyed. Various questions were asked and answered. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Easterling, and thus terminated a very pleasant evening. Members kindly send all money due on tickets, etc., to sec. before next meeting, Oct. 8. F. Onslow, Hon. Assist. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 13, Mr. Farrer presiding. Mr. P. Hunter, who is an honorary member, was elected vice-pres., in slight acknowledgment of his favours to the club. Open classes for show were discussed, and following agreed to:—8 Nor. (under N.C.N. and C.C.C. patronage); 4 Crests; 8 Yorks (N.Y.C.C. patronage); 9 Borders (N.B. and S.F.C. patronage); 2 Lizards (N.L.C. patronage); 3 scll.; 2 Mules, etc.; 3 Brit.; and 3 For. (N.B.M. and F.B.C. patronage). Members—5 Nor., 4 Crests and C.B., 3 Cinns., 5 Bords., 5 Yorks, 4 Lizards, 3 Brit., 2 Mule, etc., 1 pair class (extra), and 2 For.—in all 81 classes (19 novice), as against 68 last year. As Sept. 27 is the last day for applying under CAGE BIRDS Competition scheme, would members think it over, for decision at next meeting, at which all are requested to make an effort to be present.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Hannighan's, Sept. 13; Mr. W. Cresswell chair, with a good turn-out of members. Decided to adopt last year's schedule with the addition of two classes for Borders, one Green or Cinn., and one Variog. Borders, for annual show on Dec. 20. Decided to have open Linnet class on the same as last year. As we are barred from having prize draws, it was decided to sell the gift class birds by auction, reserve price to be 5s. We are holding a table show next meeting, October 11, with the following classes: Nor. yell. ck., Yorks. yell. ck., Border yell. ck., A.O.V. Can., Linnet, Redpoll, and A.O.V. British. Mr. J. Emmerson, Stanley, judge. Birds staged 7 p.m. As we have some specials to compete for at these table shows, I expect our members will make as good entries as they did last year, R. Peart, Sec.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Very successful table show of 1013 birds held at headquarters, Railway Hotel, Sept. 17, when some very good youngsters were put down to be judged by Mr. W. Ordish, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Members turned up in grand style, and a very enjoyable evening was spent; two new members joined. Mr. Keeley (a friend) promised a special for best bird in old show. Mr. Taylor (vice-pres.) promised half a dozen knives and forks for second best, and a copper kettle for the member gaining most points throughout, all of which were readily accepted. Before the judge handed his awards in we had a judging competition, eight of the members taking part in it. This was won by R. Charleson with 18 points, closely followed by W. Wylie, a novice, with 17 points. The awards were:—NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Dawson; 3, c, Collier. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Hamer; hc, Wylie. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor.—R. Charleson, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 11, Westmorland Street Mission Room, Mr. T. Ridal presiding, supported by the vice-chair. Considerable business was got through. The principal being arrangements for annual show, Nov. 15. The classification was voted by all to be ample—six classes members' Yorks, six members' Nor., six novice Yorks, six novice Nor. Old birds have 12 classes, foreign 2, British 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, sell. 1; prizes, 4s., 2s., 1s. The society has four cups for competition. This, with special promised, should draw a record entry. The birds can be staged Friday night or Saturday morning before nine o'clock. The business of table shows came in for considerable discussion. The October table show was thought to have a deleterious effect on entries at annual show; it was eventually decided to let same stand for this year. The novice cup for table shows is causing some excitement, several being well in the running. Let us have a record at the Oct. show, novices. Judges and stewards were arranged. The rest of the evening was taken up by Mr. G. Fletcher in an interesting lecture on foreign birds. Next meeting, Oct. 9, table show, young birds.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

General meeting, Ship and Bell, Sept. 22, Mr. G. T. Jones presiding. Mr. S. H. George (Swansea) wrote saying impossible to attend. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. P. Muscott, D. Jenkins, Swansea; T. J. Williams, Merthyr and Landore. Captain Collier offers two 10s. 6d. cash specials at club show for unflighted Norwich and unflighted A.O.V. Can. bred and exhibited by a member. Decided not to send out cups and cup winners' medals until the winners attend a meeting to sign agreements as per rules, and also pay subs. Auditors' report accepted. Patronage—Oct. 29, Llandrindod (granted), Upper Rhondda, same date, lost by one vote; Nov. 13, Swansea; Nov. 20, Cardiff; Dec. 11, Tredegar; points for cups count at these shows, medals as per rules awarded club show. Suggested alterations to rules handed in at annual general meeting postponed until next meeting. Members, please note suggested alterations by Mr. E. Powell, "appoint two trustees at next meeting and insert new rule authorising such permanent appointments." By Mr. Tedstone, rule two, all after the word books he struck out and add "and forfeit all claims against the club." Also Rule 6, after the word meeting, add "In the event of their only being the necessary number nominated for the various offices or officers, it shall not be necessary to take a ballot." By A. E. Brown, "Rule 7 be struck out altogether." Club show to be held at Brecon. Arrangements left to Messrs. Tedstone and Jones. Secretary's resignation again refused. All members who have not yet paid subs. must be proposed as new members.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

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SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Sept. 16, with a full attendance. The chief business was the allotting of special prizes for the all-England show, Nov. 7 and 8. This of itself was a very tall order, there being 130 specials to allot amongst 90 classes. Exhibitors should make a note of this; they have something to come to Sheffield for. In addition to the splendid amount of specials we are paying 22s. per class, and giving full prize money if only one entry. This means £150 in prize money and specials, so the Sheffield O.S. well deserves the heartiest support.—J. A. T. Woodall.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held Sept. 22, Church Institute, Paddington Street, Mr. Shepherd chair, and 36 members present. The "special" for the evening was a judging competition in Norwich Plainheads, and members staged some very nice birds. Two classes were formed—yellows (8), and buffs (11). In the absence of Mr. Matthes, Mr. W. Knight, one of our most expert judging members, kindly volunteered his services, and performed the duties very satisfactorily, receiving a unanimous vote of thanks for undertaking the duties at such short notice. After Mr. Knight had explained his reasons for placing the birds, and answered various questions, a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—Fred Thynne, Assist. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 22, Mr. Alcock presiding, further arrangements were made for annual open show, on the proposition of Mr. Ratcliffe, seconded by Mr. Roberts, it was decided to add unflighted hen classes for Norwich and Yorks in each section, so that we have now eight Norwich and eight Yorks classes in open and seven each in novice section. Members were somewhat surprised to hear that the M.C.Y.C.C. had only allotted us patronage in novice section, which caused much comment; however, it was decided to accept this, as we have members competing in the novice competition. CAGE BIRDS Championship Coupons were then distributed to the number of about forty. Will other members who require some kindly let me know? Mr. G. Lockett, sen. (Longton), was elected a member. I was pleased to hear from a former Potteries fancier, Mr. J. McDonald, this week; this gentleman was much esteemed amongst local fanciers, and at one time had a nice stock of Yorkshires, but circumstances compelled him to give up the Fancy, and he afterwards left the district. Those who knew him will be pleased to hear that he is now settled at Flint, and is taking an active part in the formation of a cage bird society in that locality.—J. Pitchford.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

General meeting held headquarters, Silver Grill, Sept. 18; E. Powell, chair. Present: E. Powell, J. Griffiths, W. Thomas, W. H. Lewis, D. Davies, G. Thomas, G. Bennett, R. F. Griffiths, J. Harding, E. J. Bevan, and W. B. Watkins.. Sec. was instructed to obtain another two dozen CAGE BIRDS championship coupons. Open show classification was discussed, and the following adopted, viz., Nor. 8 (novice 2), Yorks. 10 (novice 4), A.O.V. 1, pairs 1, Borders 1, British 7, Mules 1, Foreign 2, local 1, selling 2, members 4. Novices please note we are giving them 6 classes. I trust they will appreciate same by giving us a bumping entry. Mr. R. Halliday (Yorkshire) was appointed judge.—W. B. Watkins, Sec.

IDLE C.B.S.

Meeting held at White Bear Inn, Sept. 17, to decide what steps should be taken in regard to the allotment of the Illingworth cup and the subscription shield. A good muster of members was present; Mr. J. Chippendale, chair. Decided that the terms of competition for the above trophies be as follows: For 1913 season, commencing with the members' show, Oct. 18, and the two remaining shows, all members to be allowed to enter three birds, any class or classes except selling classes, the same to be starred on entry form. The winner of highest number of points obtained in his section as declared by him to have his choice of the two trophies, the runner-up to win the remaining trophy; the said winners to hold their respective trophies till the first Saturday in January following, when on return each shall receive a medal. All intending new members should notify sec. as soon as possible, who will be glad to supply full information as to the grand list of prizes other than those mentioned. See club notice in this issue as to time and place of meetings.—C. E. Hylton.

DERBY C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 6, Normanton Hotel. Owing to not being able to have a room in future at the Derwent Hotel we have been compelled to find a fresh clubhouse. The Normanton Hotel was unanimously selected. Members please note the alteration. The hotel proprietor, Mr. Graham, a birdy man himself, extended to us a generous invitation to use his premises, and we are assured of more advantageous privileges than at our last clubhouse. Annual members' show will be held here, Nov. 29. Mr. W. H. Eley was elected judge. At this period of the year, when birds are passing through the trying stage of moulting, and exhibitors are preparing for the fascinating season of prize hunting, a few statistics of the breeding season in this district will perhaps interest readers locally. Crests and Crest-breds: G. Colledge 50, G. H. Wharam 30, J. Foley 18, J. Thomas 10, W. Stevens 8, R. Barber 14. Norwich: J. Baker 25, J. Watts 23, J. H. Drakeley 21, H. G. Bamsey 18, J. Pegg 14, T. Thompson 12, J. Sharman 17, T. Tongue 10, A. J. Smith 14, J. Morrell 11, W. Swells 19, W. Wood 15, R. Hodgkinson 12 Yorkshire: F. Cockeram 18, J. Pass 25, G. Yorke 25, W. Barton 20, G. Elkins 20, J. Whiceldon 18. Several Mules and Hybrids have also been bred by various members, and there are evidently some young birds of outstanding merit in Derby this year, and more will be heard of them later. Taking the season through, it has been quite up to the average. Members please note Sept. 27; summoned meeting for paying up of young birds, subs., etc., Normanton Hotel, 7.30.—Wharam and Bamsey.

WALKDEN ROLLER SOCIETY.

A new society has been formed as above, and we have had three meetings, the last being Sept. 17, when a good muster turned up. We are proud to say we are on the road to success so far. At last meeting a good amount of business was gone through in arranging rules and election of officers. We are all doing our best to give this coming variety all that is due to it, and all its fanciers will do well to join us in furthering the advancement of the Roller Canary. We shall arrange for lectures during the winter months, and we have a very commodious and well lighted room. Next meeting, Oct. 7, at Stocks Hotel, at 7.30, when all intending members will be welcome, so rally up, and we can have a good meeting.—Hy. Howard, Hon. Sec., 50, New Earth Road.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held in Raith Arms, Mr. J. C. Murray presiding. Sec. reported that Mr. Ping, from Auchtertool, would like us to fix a date in October for his lecture on his experience in bird keeping, and date was fixed for Oct. 8. We are having our first table show same night, for Border Fancy cock, and a medal will be given for best bird. Entry fee 3d. Agreed that all collecting books be in by Oct. 1, as a special committee has been appointed to meet on that date for the purpose of placing specials before members. The committee will be J. Paterson, J. C. Murray, J. Sneddon, William Stewart, J. Reid, Alex. Robertson, and Sec. Besides our new Yorkshire Canary challenge cups we have been able to secure a £1 1s. gold medal for the winner.—John W. Holm, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Special general meeting, held Sept. 18, Mr. R. Tindale, chair. Letters read from Messrs. A. J. and J. Cochrane and J. Ford Maling. It was arranged that there be some better method adopted at our open show on October 17 and 18, to enable visitors to ascertain the names of the different birds in the Foreign section. Stewards were appointed. Specials were handed in. Members must not forget that we require a large number, and if each member was to obtain one instead of leaving the collections to a few individuals, it would be better, if they are too late for schedule I will put them in catalogue. Keep Newcastle in the foreground and make this year's show the best on record. Don't forget next meeting Oct. 2nd. (Final arrangements for show), at which a large attendance is requested.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Meeting held 142, High Street, Edinburgh, Sept. 13, Mr. W. Aitchison, chair; others present being T. Adamson, E. Barron, W. Grewar, A. Harris, A. Sloan, J. Smeaton, and J. Winter. Allocation of the club patronage was proceeded with. There were 19 applications forward, and after careful consideration the cup, bowl, and novice prize competition, and two silver medals were granted each of the following shows:—Lochgelly, City of Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, Brechin, Cowdenbeath, Glasgow and District, Musselburgh, Scottish National, the Club Show to be held in conjunction with Glasgow and District on 21 and 22 November. Patronage was also granted to Glasgow and West of Scotland, Edinburgh and District, and Edinburgh, N. and M. Breeders' Society Shows. The following were admitted to membership:—E. Rosmond, W. Wood, and J. Fuiton, Glasgow; A. Strachan, Lochgelly; J. W. Nicholson, Carlisle; R. Colly, Corkerhill; A. Watt, Dunfermline; D. F. Webster, and R. B. Cairns, Partick; M. Craig, Tollcross; C. Cumming, Kirkcaldy, and W. Spence, Cardenden. A very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman terminated a very pleasant meeting. Prospective members are invited to write for particulars concerning cup, bowl, and novice prize competitions.—J. Brown, Sec., c/o Mr. J. Oswald, 147, Edgefauld Road, Springboro', Glasgow.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held Sept. 17, Mr. R. Topping chair, before a record attendance. Mr. Pettinson and Mr. Evans, Birtley, attended as visitors. Mr. S. Lindsay, Avon Rath (Sec. of Birtley C.B.S.) and Mr J. G. Hodson, (Birtley) were elected members. A lecture on the Norwich Canary was given by the well-known exhibitor, Mr. A. Holden, Gateshead. He dealt fully on the breeding for colour; to get the colour he preferred the cinnamon yellow cock. A long discussion was raised on the question of in-breeding, but the majority thought that they would have to be careful not to get too far and to do it properly. A record of the birds used would have to be kept. A few hints from Mr. Holden were given on the exhibition and washing of birds, and altogether he gave us one of the best lectures we have heard for some time on the Norwich. He was listened to very attentively and all declared they had enjoyed the lecture immensely. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Holden, and in reply he said he felt bound to do anything he could to further the interests of the club of which he was a member. Next meeting Oct. 29. Judging competition, two classes (yellow and buff). Mr. T. C. Crawhall has kindly consented to come as master judge, so fanciers bear this in mind and let us have another grand meeting; all invited, there is still time for anyone wishing to join us before Morpeth, our first show, on payment of 2/0, so send along to me at 55, Colston-st., Benwell, Newcastle, so as to be able to compete for specials open to Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland and Westmorland.—F. W. Laidlaw, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, Sept. 18, Mr. Geo. Harrison presided over a good attendance. Prize money from young bird show was paid out, and schedule for annual show was arranged, several classes being added. A lengthy debate took place as to the definition of a ticked bird, and it was decided that a bird with two marks on head or body not larger than a sixpence be classed as a ticked bird. The secretary, in his report, stated that although the N.F. show was a record for the number of entries there was a loss owing to the heavy expenses. The young bird show was a success in every way, and there was a small profit of six shillings and twopence. Since the society moved to Walham Green in May last, twenty-five new members had joined, and the progress and affairs of the club were quite satisfactory; the club promised to become one of the strongest societies in London. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the secretary for the work he had done for the club. Decided to have handbills distributed to advertise the annual show. Sec. put forward a system for a cottage class for residents in the neighbourhood, and same was accepted, and three prizes offered. Decided to have a concert and dance at end of the year, when cups and medals will be presented. Decided to have washing exhibition at next meeting. Mr. Withers (Ealing) was elected a member. Fanciers joining at next meeting will be eligible to exhibit at annual show, Nov. 8; there has been a grand response to the secretary's request for specials, and as most of the members have had a good breeding season it is expected there will be a big entry and keen competition.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held at Markell's Hotel, Sept. 18, with good attendance. Cups for open show were selected. Resolved that all money towards cup fund be paid in by next meeting as we have ordered cups for Norwich, Yorks., and British sections. The Rev. C. B. Jolliffe and Mr. Clissold were enrolled members. Will members let me know by next meeting if they can give a bird for drawing in connection with open show. Members must pay subs. to be eligible to compete for members' specials. Members wanting CAGE BIRDS coupons please let me know by next meeting, which will be a special one, Oct. 2; important business, which must be dealt with.—E. Thomas, Sec.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality, held at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Sept. 20. 19 birds sang for three prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Thistotson. 1, 2, shared by Hardcastle and Wigfield; 3, Butler. Judges, Clegg, Naylor. Also September 21; 26 sang for four prizes. 1, Hodgson; 2, Butler; 3, 4, shared by Hardcastle and Chadwick. Judges, J. Thompson, F. Stead, W. Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Leamington Spa.—Oct. 30. Winter Hall, Leamington; judge, Mr. T. Lawrance. 11 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, Scll. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-. 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 23, to G. A. Moss, 27, Clarendon-st., Leamington.

Llandrindod Wells.—Oct. 29. Albert Hall; judge, Mr. J. K. Houghton. 26 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 3, Sell. 2, Nov. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 23, to C. E. Gregson, Hill Cottage.

Chatham (Open to Kent).—Oct. 23, 24. Queen's Hall, Military Road; judge, Mr. J. Robson. 21 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/0 (less than eight entries sliding scale). Fee, 1/9. Ent. close Oct. 18, to H. Wray, 22, Glencoe Road.

Gloucester.—Oct. 29, 30. Corn Exchange; judge, Mr. T. King. 24 classes: Nor. 5, Crest. 4, Bord. 3, Yorks. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 5, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 15, to J. Cooper, Awefield House, Upton St. Leonards, Gloucester.

Windhill.—Oct. 11. Carnegie Library; judge, Mr. J. Robson. 31 classes: Champion Yorks 17, Nov. Yorks. 10, Nov. Nor. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 7, to J. A. Taylor, 36, Aireville-road, Frizinghall, Bradford

Gt. Horton.—Oct. 4. Congregational Schools; judge, Mr. J. Greaves. 29 classes: Champion Yorks 17, Sell. 2, Nov. Yorks. 8, Nov. Nor. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Sept. 30, to J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood-st.

Clapham.—Oct. 8, 9. St. Anne's Hall, Venn-st.; judges, Messrs. A. E. Pattrick, J. Robson, H. Norman, J. Frostick. 68 open classes: Nor. 13, Yorks., Champs. 7, Nov. 6, Bord. 6, Crest. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 6, Brit 19, For. 6, Sell. 2. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 1, to Askew and Silverthorne, 24, Chelsham-rd., Clapham, S.W.

Morpeth.—Oct. 11. Town Hall; judges, W. A. Cowgill, J. W. Bruce. 24 open classes: Nor. 9 (2 Nov.), Cinn. 2, Bord. 4, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 4, to E. Cowling, Market-place.

Exeter and Devon.—Oct. 10. Lower Market; judge, Mr. T. Heath. 36 classes: Nor. 11, Yorks 7, Mules 4, A.O.V. 1, Nov. 1, Lady's 1, Pairs 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 6, to W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent-st., St. Thomas, Exeter.

Crowborough.—Oddfellows Hall, Nov. 12. Three classes: Can. 1, Brit. 1, Hyb. 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 28, to G. H. Paynter, Crowborough House.

Longton.—Oct. 4. Town Hall; judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 48 classes; Champ. Nor. 7, Yorks 7, Bord. 1, Sell. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 6, For. 1, Novice (limit £3 3s.), Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Brit. 4, Mules 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, if more than eight entries. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Sept. 30, to P. E. Barker, 6, Prospect-place.

Leeds.—Oct. 10 and 11., Salem Lecture Hall, Hunslet Lane. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye. 40 open classes: 7 Yorks., 7 Nor., 5 Brit., 2, Mules, 4 For., 1 A.O.V. Can., 4 Sell., 5 Nov. Yorks., 5 Nov. Nor. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry 1/6. Entries close Oct. 6, to W. A. Wilson, 30, Burley Road, Leeds.

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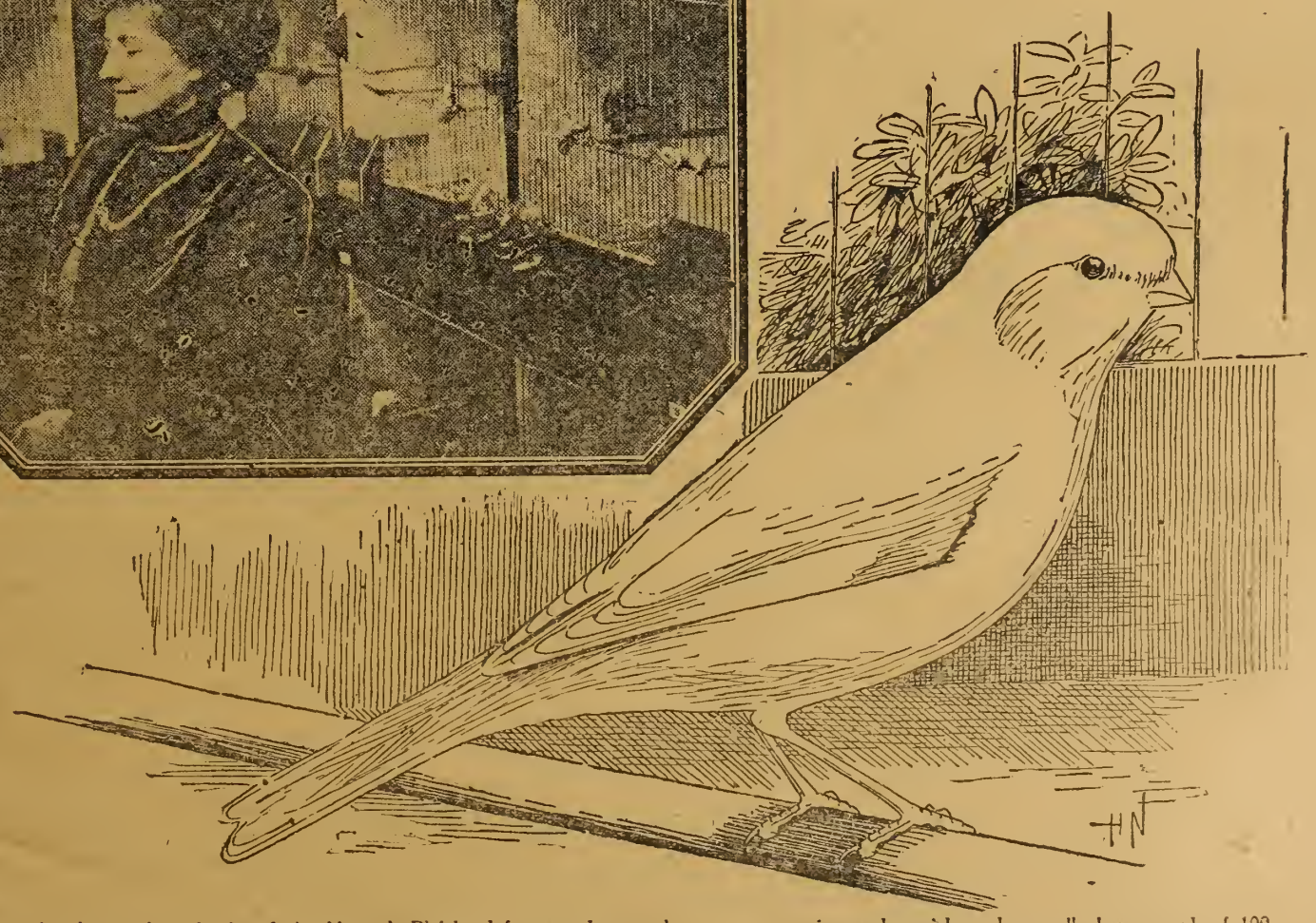
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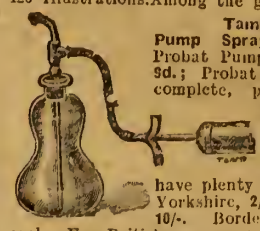
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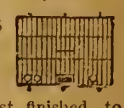
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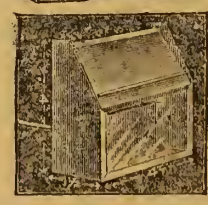
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Norwich.

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ACCLIMATISED pairs: Orange-headed Ground Thrushes, £6; Tickells Ouzels, £3; Virginian Cardinals, £3; Long-tailed Glossy Starlings, £3; Black-eared Waxbills, £3; Blue-crowned Hanging Parrots, £3; Scarlet Tanagers, £2; resplendent Whydahs, £2; Dominican Pintail Whydahs, 20/-; Indian Grey Mynahs, 35/-; Pagoda Mynahs, 25/-; Indian Bronze-winged Doves, 30/-; W. African Quail Finches, 35/-; Scaly-crowned Finches, 35/-; Diamond Sparrows, 40/-; Masked Grass Finches, 20/-; Green Avadavats, 10/-; Cordon Bleus, 7/6; Firefinches, 7/2; odd cocks: Abyssinian Bronze Weaver (new), 35/-; resplendent Whydah, 30/-; Red-shouldered Whydah, 25/-; Gold-collared Paradise Whydah, 20/-; Dominican Whydah, 15/-; Lined Finch, 15/-; Rock Bunting, 15/-; Hair-crested Black Bunting, 20/-; Hybrid Alario-Canary cock, 10/-; Pileated Finch, 7/6: Frost, 13, Fairlawn-avenue, Chiswick, London. (909)

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

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J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 11, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Idget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Kopje, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bedmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinnamon. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

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Oct. 9th.

Judge, C. A. House, Esq., Bradford. 18 Classes Cage Birds. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee, 1/6. Please send on and I will classify. Entries very short, will accept first post Monday.—William Jenkins, Sec., 5, Dyffryn Road

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Open Cage Bird Show, October 19th. Entries close October 6th.—Schedules of W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street, Exeter.

Here we are again!

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Oct. 11, 1913.

Acknowledged to be the finest one-day fixture in the North. Good classification, 4 Money Prizes, numerous Specials. Entry Fee, 1/-. Judges, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Mr. J. W. Bruce. Entries close Oct. 4th. Schedules from—E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth.

OXFORD

Great Open Show **OCT. 16th.** 31 Classes.

Judge, J. H. Roe. Schedules from—C. F. Holliday, George St., Oxford.

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October 14th & 15th. Entries Close October 4th.

Seven prizes per class (no cadging cards). Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 3/-, 4th 2/6, 5th 2/-, 6th 1/6, 7th 1/-. Prize money guaranteed paid first day of show. Judges: H. W. Battye, Esq., and J. Robson, Esq. Schedules from Thos. Pope, 93, Embankment Road, Plymouth.

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Great Open Show at St. Ann's Hall, Venn Street,

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Prizes given at this show equalled by none. Classification larger than any previous show or shows held in the suburbs of London. We give in our schedule over 90 classes, and our specials compare favourably with any show held in England. The judges we venture to say hold a very high reputation in the Fancy, and we feel sure that they will be honoured with a good entry in each class. For Norwich, J. Robson, Esq.; Yorkshires, A. E. Pattrick, Esq.; British, H. Norman, Esq.; Foreign and Softbills, J. Frostick, Esq. Our hall is an ideal one for any kind of bird, as it can be kept at any temperature required, thus ensuring safety of any valuable specimens entrusted to our care. The show will be opened by the Mayoress, accompanied by the Mayor of Wandsworth, A. D. Dawnay, Esq., J.P.

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LEEDS

PRIZE MONEY PAID WITHIN 24 HOURS. GUARANTEED.

C.B.S. 23rd Annual Open Show, October 10th and 11th, in the Salem Lecture Hall, Hunslet Lane, under patronage of O.N.P.C., Y. and L., B.B. and M.C., and "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition. 40 Open Classes, viz.: 7 Yorks., 7. Nor., 5 British, 2Mule or Hybrid, 4 Foreign, 1 A.O.V. Canary, 4 Selling Classes, and

10 CLASSES FOR NOVICES—5 YORKS. and 5 NORWICH.

Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2. Money Specials in every Section. Entry fee 1/6. Entries close Monday, Oct. 6th. Judges: Messrs. J. R. Roe and H. W. Battye. Send entries on, I will classify.—W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds.

BURNLEY Oct. 17 & 18.

Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Judges: J. H. Roe and H. W. Battye. Prize-money, 22/- per class, and good specials. Club Show of the N.P.C. Closing date October 14th; Wednesday morning's post in time.—Geo. Wharton, Sec., 84, Oxford Road, Burnley.

THE LARGEST SHOW IN THE PROVINCES.

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Premier Show of the North, Cambridge Hall, Northumberland Road, October 17th and 18th. 80 Open Classes, 9 for Novices: 41 Members' Classes. Patronage: G.C.A., B.F.C.C., N.L.C., N.B. and S.F.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.N. and C.P.C., N.B.B. and F.B.C., F.W. and B.F.C.C. Judges: Messrs. Vardy, Crawhall, Tindall, Bruce, Duncan, and Maddison. Prize money guaranteed, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Valuable Cups and Specials. No Cancelling. No Amalgamation. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Entries close Friday, Oct. 10th (Saturday's post in time). Schedules ready—J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

THE GREAT ONE DAY SHOW.

Oct. 18 SHEFFIELD Oct. 18

Judges: J. C. Barnes, Esq. and H. W. Battye, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Foreign only, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Splendid Specials in every section. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. Cage Birds Coupon Show. Champion Classes: 6 Yorkshire, 6 Norwich, 4 Crest, 2 Mules, 8 British, 4 Foreign, 2 Selling. Novice Classes: 4 Yorkshire, 4 Norwich, 1 British. Entries close October 13th. Schedules of—H. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.

WIMBLEDON OPEN SHOW, Oct. 21st & 22nd.

Schedules Now Ready. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

WOLVERHAMPTON Oct. 24 & 25, 1913.

Do not miss next week's advert. Startling announcement. Schedules, apply—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.

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(BELLE VUE)

OCTOBER 24th & 25th, 1913.

Grand Classification and Specials. "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition. No Amalgamating or Cancelling of Classes.

SCHEDULES READY ABOUT OCTOBER 8th,

From—H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.

WINDSOR Cage Bird Show

Windsor Guildhall,

Oct. 29th, 1913.

39 Open Classes: 6 Yorks., 5 Novice Yorks, 6 Norwich, 3 Novice Norwich, 4 Border, 1 Mule, 1 Hybrid, 8 British Birds, 3 Foreign Birds, 1 Selling, and 1 Extra Stock. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge for Foreigners, Wesley T. Page, Esq.; all other birds, H. Norman, Esq. Schedules now ready—E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Road, Windsor.

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See the great schedule, to be had on application to the Secretary, Lochgelly and Dist. C.B.S., Station Road, Lochgelly.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON OCTOBER 6th.

Please Enter Early.

BROMLEY AND WEST KENT

22nd Annual Open Show, Oct. 15th and 16th. Good classification. 41 Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 7th.

For schedules—A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.

TORQUAY

Oct. 16th. Judge, C. A. House. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Classes: 175, Norwich Plainhead Yell.; 176, ditto Buff; 177, Yell. or Buff Hen; 178, Yell. or Buff, bred 1913; 179, Crest; 180, Crest-bred; 181, Yorks. Yell.; 182, Yorks. Buff; 183, Yorks. Yell. or Buff, 1913; 184, Yorks. Hen; 185, Mule or Hyb.; 186, British; 187, Sell., 15/-. Entries close Oct. 8th, to—A. Walker, Crendon, Torquay.

HANLEY

OCT. 16.

The 8th Annual Open Show in the Temperance Hall. 35 Open Classes, comprised of 7 Norwich, 8 Yorkshires, 4 Novice Norwich, 4 Yorkshire Novice, 8 Mules and British. Patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C., both open and novice; also "Cage Birds" Coupon Scheme, and numerous Specials. Schedules now ready, from—. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer Street, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

LLANDILO

Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Show, Oct. 16th, 1913, in The Drill Hall.—H. S. Davies, Sec., Llandilo.

SWANSEA

Open Show, Thursday, October 16th, 1913.

Full Prize Money Guaranteed.

Schedules from—Hon. Sec., E. Dandle, 1, Argyle Street, Swansea.

NORWICH

Alliance All-England Cage Bird Association Great Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds,

October 16th & 17th,

Corn Hall, Norwich.

Entries close October 11th. Schedules now ready.—Secretary, E. C. St. Quintin, 35, Calvert St., Norwich.

HALIFAX O.S.

24th Annual Open Show, Canaries and British. Oct. 17th and 18th, Friendly and Trades Hall, Halifax (under Y.U. rules). 46 classes. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, also good specials. 1/6 entry, which closes Oct. 14th. Judges, C. A. House, J. Trengove. Schedules from H. Clegg, 15, Melrose-st., Lee Mount, Halifax; J. Burdekin, 20, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

BROUGHTY FERRY

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and For. Birds, will be held in the Good Templar Hall, on Saturday, October 18th, under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. and F.C.B.U. Two Challenge Cups. 40 Classes. All Specials open. Equal Prize Money. Judges: Scotch Fancy, T. Merrillees, Broughty Ferry, and J. Thomson, Kirkcaldy; Crests and Norwich, J. McGregor, Lochgelly; Border Fancy, D. Henderson, Buckhaven; Plainheads, W. Hampton, Brechin; Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Entries close October 13th. Schedules from: Jas. F. Langlands, Sec., Victoria Cottage, Broughty Ferry.

CITY OF
GLASGOW
Scotland's Pioneer Great Open Show.

The 60th Annual Exhibition and Competition of Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow, on Friday and Saturday, October 17th and 18th. Entries close October 11th. Over 90 Classes. Specialist Judges in each section. Prize Money, 36/- per Class, full guaranteed. Cups, Medals, and a host of valuable Special Prizes. Schedules, Scotch Fancy and Belgian, John Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglan; Norwich, etc., Robert Heggin, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

Burton-on-Trent
October 18th.
"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON AND DIPLOMA SHOW. 7th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Albinos, British and Foreign Birds. Patronage of Cinnamon Canary Club. No cancelling or amalgamation. 41 Open Classes. Splendid list of Specials. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

Entries Close
OCTOBER 14th.
Schedules from A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent.

DYSART
Cage Birds Society 9th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in Masonic Hall, October 18th, 1913. Four Specialist Judges: A. Kerr, Dysart; A. Walker, Lossmahagow; J. Holmes, Edinburgh; and J. H. Adams, Glasgow. 65 Classes. Numerous Specials, Harris Cup and Medal. Schedules from J. Logan, 23, High Street, Dysart.

HARROGATE C.B.S.
("Cage Birds" Coupon Competition) Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Small Foreign Birds, Saturday, Oct. 18th, 1913. 6 Yorkshire Classes, limit £5 5s.; 6 Novice Classes, limit £3 3s. Good Specials; good Prize Money. Schedules ready (see Review of Schedules).—Apply at once, G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec., 20, College Road, Harrogate.

EAST LOTHIAN C.B.S.
3rd Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, held in Corn Exchange, Haddington, on 18th Oct. Judges: Scotch Fcy., Brit., A. Livingston, Paisley; Borders and Norwich, G. Hislop, Stirling. Schedules from—J. Fairgrieve, Sec., 10, Hope Park, Haddington.

NORTHAMPTON
Great All-England Open Show, October 22nd. One day only. Judge, Mr. T. Gilbert, Coventry. Entries close October 15th. Full classification in this paper October 10th. Also schedules when ready from Cox and Barrett, Hunter Street, Northampton.

ABERTILLERY C.B.S. (Mon.) Great Open Show on Wednesday, October 22nd. "C.B." Coupon Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Birmingham. Classes: Canaries 21, British and Foreign 13. Numerous specials. Schedules from George Broome, 30, Powell Street, Abertillery.

PORTSMOUTH
and Southern Counties C.B.S., October 22nd and 23rd. 43 Open Classes; 8 Novice Classes. E. and W.B.F.C., S.B.F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and F.B.C. patronage. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and H. Norman, Esq. Schedules now ready.—Hall and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth.

MUMBLES
(SOUTH WALES)
OCT. 23, 1913.
22 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, D. A. S. Longden, Esq. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/6 entry. Schedules, W. D. Eley, Hon. Sec, Mumbles.

STAMFORD
October 23, 1913.
Splendid Classification. 2 Solid Silver Cups to be won outright. Judges, H. Battye and Allen Silver. Schedules ready.—G. W. Grimes, 57, Queen Street, Stamford.

CHATHAM SHOW
(Open to Kent) Oct. 23rd and 24th. Cage Birds, etc. Judge, J. Robson. Entries close Oct. 28th. Write for schedule—Hy. Wray, 22, Glencoe Road.

ILKESTON
Open Cage Bird Show, Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th, 1913. Splendid Classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of specials and prompt payment. Judges, C. A. House and R. J. Howe. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 21st. Send for Schedules to: T. Smith, 5, King St., Ilkeston.

BRAINTREE £5 Limit Open Show, October 25th. Splendid classification for Cage Birds. Numerous Specials and Challenge Cups. Popular judges. Entries to close October 14th. Schedules (when ready) will be posted to all applying to F. A. Hunnable, "Selbannah," Braintree.

MIDDLESBRO'
and Teeside C.B.S. Open Show
October 25th, 1913.
40 Classes. 4 money prizes and specials. Entry fee 1/-. Schedules, apply Arthur Wake, 128, Princess Road, Middlesbrough.

COVENTRY
Godiva C.B.S. 7th Annual One-day Open Show will be held in our new Headquarters, Plough Hotel, Queen Victoria Road, on Saturday, October 25th. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Sheffield. 43 Open Classes, and 4 Open Novice Classes. No cancelling. No amalgamation. All Prize Money guaranteed. C.B. Coupon Show. Schedules from: H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street, Coventry.

KIRKCALDY October 25th, 1913. Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Show, will be held in Pioneer Hall, Carlyle Road, Kirkcaldy, on October 25th, 1913. Excellent classificaticon and judges. Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Stenhouse, Kelty; Border Fancy, British and Foreign, Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream; Yorkshire Section, Mr. Robert Heggie, Glasgow; Norwich and Crests, Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Under the patronage of three Specialist Clubs, B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., and N.P.C. Shield, Cup, Medals, and many Specials. Entries close on October 20th, 1913. Schedules in due course, from: T. Arnott, Sec., 14, St. Clair St., Kirkcaldy.

PERTH
SHOW.
Under New Management. To be held 25th October, 1913. 51 Classes; numerous Specials. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, and 3/-. Entry money, 1/6. Judges for Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen; Borders, Mr. J. Craig, Brechin; British Birds, Mules, and Foreign, Mr. A. W. Watson, Edinburgh. Full patronage British Bird and Mule Club.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th.
Schedules from—J. L. Smith, Sec., 120, High Street, Perth.

BRADFORD EAST
("Cage Birds" Coupon Show) Fifth Grand Annual Exhibition of Canaries, under Yorkshire Union rules and the Y.C.C. and Open Norwich P.C. patronage (Open to the United Kingdom), will be held in Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford, on Saturday, October 25th. Judges: H. Sutcliffe, Esq., Yorks.; and J. Trengrove, Norwich. Splendid classification. 13 open Yorks. and 9 Novice Yorks. classes, 3 Selling classes, 6 open Norwich and 2 Novice Norwich classes. Prize money, 23/- per classes. Entrance fee, 1/6 each. Bradford East Rose Bowl for best unflighted Yorkshire. Valuable Specials in addition. Entries positively close on Tuesday, October 21st. Schedules from—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

AULD AYR
Whare ne'er a toon surpasses for handsome specials and well-filled classes. C.B.C. Sixth Open Show, Masonic Hall, Saturday, October 25th. 54 classes; 4 Noviee. Judges: A. Cant, A. Girvan, D. Hamilton, and J. Mason. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/6 entry. Specials galore. Entries close 20th October. Schedules now ready, from—R. Aitken, Secretary, 30, Allison Street, Ayr.

KIDWELLY
South Wales,
Great Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, at Town Hall, Kidwelly, October 29th, 1913. Cage Bird Classes include: Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, Unflighted Yorkshires, 2 classes each, cock and hen; Border Fancy, cock or hen; Mule or Hybrid, ditto; Goldfineh; Bullfinch or Greenfinch; Linnet; Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; A.O.V. Hardbill; A.V. Hen (British); Blaekbird, Thrush, or Starling; Any Foreign Bird or Pair; also Selling Class, 10/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, all guaranteed. Entrance fee, 1/6. Send your entries at once to Sec., J. Morgan, Priory Street, Kidwelly.

UPPER RHONDDA
C.B.S. First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Cage Birds. 40 Classes.
OCT. 29TH, 1913.
Judge, W. Mundell. Schedules from: E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries St., Treherbert.

MAIDENHEAD
Show, Oct. 29th. Cage Birds. Good Classification. G. Billett, Esq., judge. Schedules—E. A. Bristow, Hon. Sec.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS
Great Annual Open Show on Wednesday, OCTOBER 29. Judge, J. R. Houghton, Esq., Gloucester. 26 Classes. Valuable Specials. Schedules.—C. E. Gregson, Hon. Sec., Llandrindod Wells. (933)

DEAL
Open to Kent; patronage of K.C.C.B.A.; Oct. 29th and 30th. Entries close Oct. 23rd. Judge, Geo. Gardner. Schedules, apply—159, Beach Street.

MATLOCK
(Coupon Show) 12th Annual Exhibition of Cage Birds will be held in the Victoria Hall, on Thursday, Oct. 30th, 1913. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield. No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed. See last year's prize notices. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 1913. Schedules ready, from—J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA
F.A. Tenth Annual Show of Cage Birds, etc. Oct. 30. Judge, G. Lawrance, Esq., Coventry. Schedules, apply G. A. Moss, Croxton House.

ABERSYCHAN
and Dis. C.B.S. Second Annual Show, held at Corporation Hall, OCT. 30th. Judge: Mr. J. R. Houghton, Gloucester. Entries close Oct. 25th. Schedules from: F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc Street, Pentwyn, Abersychan, nr. Pontypool.

BO'NESS
and Dist. Ninth Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, under the patronage of The British Bird and Mule Club and Border Fancy Canary Club will be held in the Masonic Hall, Bo'ness, on Saturday, Nov. 1. Entries close on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Chambers, Kirkintillock; Border Fancy, Mr. Hamilton, Esk Bank; British and Mules and For., Messrs. Mackie (Fife) and Steel (Dalkeith).

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH.
BRECHIN
Grand Jubilee Show, to be held on Saturday, 1st November. "C.B." Coupon Show.... Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C.C., and F.C.B.U. Grand classification. 21/- for 1/6. 60 Speciale, Cups, and Medals. Specialist judges, trusting fanciers will support us in this great effort we have made.—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 18, Montrose Street, Brechin.

SOUTHEND S.C.O.S. hold their 7th Annual Open Show on Nov. 4th and 5th, in the Large Hall adjoining The Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell. £50 in special prizes for open classes and members' classes. Judges: Mr. Norman, Canaries; and Mr. Dewhurst, Hybrids, British, Foreign. Under the patronages N.P.C.C. and N.B.B.M.C.; the CAGE BIRDS' Championship Scheme. Entrance fee, 1/6; members' 1/- per cage. Entries close Monday, October 28th. Schedules from Messrs. Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.

BARNSTAPLE
and North Devon Cage Bird Society's Show, November 4th and 5th, 1913. Good classification. Judge, T. Heath, Esq., London. Schedules from—John D. Horrill, Hon. Sec., Exhibition Offices, High Street, Barnstaple.

SOUTHAMPTON
Great Quarter-Century Show (Open), 5th and 6th November. Good prize money. 17 Cups, 130 Spls. Popular judges. Entries close Oct. 28th. Schedules—A. L. Kiddle, Homelands, Bitterne, Southampton.

HARTLEPOOLS'
NOVEMBER 8th, 1913.
Up-to-date Classification; Magnificent Specials. Judges: Messrs. Battye and Mundell. Schedules from—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs., West House, Victoria Road, West Hartlepool.

PORTSMOUTH
Fanciers' Society 27th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds, in the Kingsley Hall, Fawcett Road, Southsea, Nov. 12 and 13. Entries close Nov. 4th. Cage Bird judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. Schedules: W. E. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec., 85, Victoria Road South, Portsmouth.

SIDMOUTH
Fanciers' Society Grand Open Show of Cage Birds, Nov. 13th. Entries close Nov 1st. Judge, J. H. Payne. Schedules from: James Lashbrook, Hon. Sec., Arcot Road, Sidmouth.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and Distric
10th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the new Parish Hall, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th, 1913, under the patronage of the N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B., N.C.C., and S.O.C. Sixty Open Classes. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Mundell. Entries close November 8th, 1913. As soon as ready, schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. — G. Havver, Hon. Sec., 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

RAMSGATE
Nov. 19 & 20.
54 Open Classes. C.B. Coupon Show. Particulars later.—F. Thomas, 29, Chatham Street.

ARBROATH
Cage Bird Annual Show to be held White Hart Hall, Arbroath, Saturday, Nov. 22. Judges, J. F. Dewars, Norwich, British, and Foreign: W. Mossie, Borders. 14 Classes for Norwich, 10 for Bordere, 13 for British, 6 for Foreign. Entries close Nov. 17. Schedules from: J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.

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Twitterings.

Mr. W. Brotherton, Rotherham, has been engaged to judge at Newark and Dis. annual show, November 22.

Schedules for Ilkeston Show have been sent out. Any exhibitor overlooked kindly send postcard; there is a grand classificatiou, writes Mr. T. Smith, Hon. Sec., 5, King St.

We have collected about 60 specials for 44 classes, writes Mr. A. Wake, hon. sec., Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S., and the schedules will be ready next week.

Schedules of Portsmouth and Southern Counties C.B.S. are in printer's hands, and we hope to post them Friday, if possible, write Messrs. Hall and Joiner, secs.

A slight mistake appears in our schedule as advertised last week, writes Mr. E. T. F. Wiggins, Sec. Bedford C.B.S. Class 4 should read: Unflighted yellow clear or marked Norwich.

We are pleased to state we have received patronage of the K.C.C.B.A. for annual show on Oct. 29-30, write Messrs. W. H. Thompson and W. H. Lacey, Hon. Secs., Deal and Walmer F.A.

OBITUARY.

Mr. A. Flook, Hove.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec. Brighton and Hove C.B.A., that I have to announce the death of one of our members, Mr. A. Flook, of Hove. One of the first fanciers to join our association, he was elected on the committee, and put in good spade work for the upholding of the club and Fancy in this district, being ever ready to assist in all ways. Our sincere sympathy is with his widow and little daughter in their bereavement.

Mr. G. F. Males, Deptford.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. F. Crawford, hon. sec. South London C. and F.A., that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. G. F. Males, of Deptford Broadway, on Sept. 22nd. One of the old school of fanciers, with always a smile, he was president of the South London Col. and F.A., auditor to the S.Y.C.C., member of the L.P.O.S., and S.N.P.C., also a prominent Freemason, and for many years represented his ward on the old vestries and borough councils. I am sure the whole of the Fancy will join in tendering their sympathy to Mrs. Males and family.

Schedules for Abersychan (Mon.) show, Oct. 30, writes Mr. F. Sweeting, hon. sec., will be ready in about a week, when they will be sent on.

Old Shildon Workmen's C.B.S. intends holding its annual open show on Nov. 14 and 15, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, Sec., with a good schedule and a good judge.

Islington F.A. will hold their 23rd young stock show on Oct. 4, at Warlters Road, Holloway, N., writes Mr. H. A. Brown, Hon. Asst. Sec. Doors open 3. Fanciers, come along and help by giving us a good gate.

Members of the Stratford and East London F.S. are reminded that entries must be in on or before Monday, October 6th for young stock show, October 9th. All exhibits must be in Workmen's Hall by 6 o'clock for judging.

Mr. P. Jenkinson, assist. sec., writes that the first old bird show of the City of Bradford O.S. will be held at Flying Dutchman's Hotel, Leeds Road, Bradford, to-day, Oct. 4, at 2.30. Judges, Mr. W. Mundell, Yorkshires, and Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Norwich.

The table show of the Coaltown of Wemyss C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Weir, Sec., was a great success, and we shall be glad if you will allow us to thank all the exhibitors for their patronage, also Mr. David Henderson, Buckhaven, for the beautiful team of Borders he presented us with.

We hear from Mr. W. Bryson, sec., that the following judges have been appointed to judge Newtongrange show December 20: Norwich and A.O.V., Mr. Alex. Fleming, Musselburgh; Border Fancy, Scotch Fancy, and Yorks., Mr. James Smillie, Kilmarnock; British and Foreign, Mr. John Allan, Leith.

TWITTERINGS—Continued on Page 265.

"Willie Winkie," the Jovial Java.

A Story of the Fascinating Personality of a Perky Java Sparrow; Related by Mrs. Horsbrugh.

The following delightful story of a tame Java Sparrow, related in "The Aviculturnl Magazine" for September is reproduced by special permission of the Honorary Editor, Mr. Hubert D. Astley. In kindly conveying the permission to republish, Mr. Astley writes, "I have the bird here now, in Mrs. Horsbrugh's absence abroad, and it is all that she describes it. When out of its cage, however large the room, it will settle nowhere except on people's shoulders, heads, and hands. One day a footman had to walk round the luncheon table with the bird on his head, and, when dislodged, it immediately took up the same position on the butler!"

"WILLIE WINKIE" is a Java Sparrow, and therefore worth eightpence, wholesale market price. His price to us is not to be counted, either in pence, shillings, or pounds sterling. His history is lost in the tides of Calcutta Harbour. When my husband's collection of Indian birds started on its homeward voyage from Calcutta to Southampton, there was seen in the rigging of the "Königin der Nederlanden," a little grey-coated bird with a black head and tail, white ear patches, red beak, and pink legs, his breast a soft dove colour. Only a Java Sparrow!

Snared by a Lady Fair.

The collection was safely on board. Cage upon cage of costly Sunbirds, Shamas, Minivets, Woodpeckers, Orioles, Flower-peckers, etc.; many of them new to English aviculture, and any one of them worth the weight in gold of the little grey man hopping gaily on the rigging. A passenger looked up and saw him, and turned to the collector, who had worked tirelessly for months to gather this collection, and who was taking a moment's breathing space. His valuable birds were housed safely on board, and the labour of months close to his hand, with only the journey home before him—difficult enough, and implying much work it is true—but the birds *were there*, and granted the care and attention, the rest was on the knees of the gods. "One of your birds is loose!" the passenger called to him. Not for nothing has he collected birds all over India, in Aru—New Guinea, in British Guiana, in Trinidad. Where the Sparrow came from he did not know, but he guessed him to be tame, and he had a spare cage. "Hold out your finger and call him down" he said to a lady standing by. The finger was held out and down came our "Winkie," and before he knew what had happened, he was inside a little wooden cage, and his liberty was gone. What went on inside his little black and white head during the long journey home we cannot tell.

At Genoa, Mr. Astley and my husband met the ship, and some of the rarer and the more delicate birds were removed, either to be brought to England overland, or to find a resting place at Mr. Astley's villa on the Lake of Como. The ship was late in arriving at Genoa, and it was already dusk. The interest lay in the Sunbirds, and the rare Woodpeckers and Flycatchers. Time was short, for the ship was to sail again at nine o'clock that night. "Why in the world did you bring this rubbish home?" asked my husband, standing beside the cage where "Winkie" hopped and chippered on his perch, the walls of his prison close on every side, the roof above him close down to the little black head. The struck match had wakened him from a forlorn sleep, and he jumped up and down, up and down, in his narrow cell, for pure good fellowship. His story, such as it is, was told, passed over, and forgotten in the greater interest of rare and precious birds that were examined and appraised in the dim light.

When "Willie" Reached Home.

Ten days later, my husband met the ship at Southampton. There was a good deal to see to. The few deaths to record and regret, the Customs House officials to placate, the specially engaged guard's van to load up, and all the way to town the birds to feed and water, and experiences to relate and to hear. Small wonder that a worthless little Java Sparrow, who fed on seed, and needed no patent foods, and no milk and honey to revive him, was as one who had never existed.

Two or three days later, I came into the sitting room in our hotel in London, just at the psychological moment when my husband stood over the small wooden cage and lifted the sliding door that let the grey man free, and on that morning early in May, when I came into the sitting room just as the little grey man poked his head out of his prison cage and gave one mighty dash for freedom, and flew circling and chirping above our heads—I confess that my heart was in my mouth, and I felt sure that whoever the stranger might be, we should never catch him again. And the next minute he was on my shoulder, dancing his little one step to his own particular "Robert E. Lee!" From that moment "Winkie" became a personage.

I have seen tame birds, and very tame birds, and "absurdly" tame birds, but never, never have I met with the equivalent *kind* of tameness which is "Winkie's." It is not that he *will* come to you. It is that he will *not* stay away from you. He is obsessed with a love of human beings, and of them he has no fear whatsoever. He is afraid of dogs, but man is his brother and his friend, and without him life would be a wilderness. I do not know how he would behave if he had a wife; his own image in the looking glass sets him wild with rage, and he wastes a great deal of time and bad language pecking at his own likeness.

He has intense likes and dislikes, and very ill-founded they are! My maid gives him food and water, and tidies his cage daily. She takes him into her room when we go out, that he may not be lonely, and she is more than kind to him. He hates her! If he is flying loose, he goes for her like a vicious dog, and with a very angry



IN JOLLY GOOD COMPANY!

Master Clayton Lynn, of Bank Head, is very fond of Canaries, and our photograph shows him at work, with a few of his pets, keeping him cheery company.

note he bits her hands. Dance for her? Not he! Answer her when she talks to him? Certainly not! Nibble gently at a finger placed between the bars of his cage? Not at all! bite it and swear horribly instead!

My husband offended him deeply a few days after his arrival. For some reason of his own he did not wish to come out of his cage at the exact moment that the door was opened. The liberty was taken of removing him,—more or less head foremost. Again, for reasons of his own—not carried to any logical conclusion, as I can do anything with him—this wounded him in his inmost feelings. Perhaps he thought the acquaintance not far enough advanced to warrant such familiarity.

Father Placed Outside the Pale.

Be it as it may,—the result remains in a relentlessly vindictive attitude on his part. He has been treated with respect and with the courtesy due from man to man ever since. He has been courted; he has been cajoled. The result is nil! He will not make it up. He will not be friendly, and he *will* bite and worry the outstretched hand of friendship until, perforce, it is withdrawn.

We went off to Devonshire for a ten days motor trip, but on our return, we found him just the same pugnacious little fury to one of us, and the same gentle little friend to the other. I have done nothing to make him like me, and it is always my task to put his gently protesting little body back into its cage when we feel we really must have the windows open again! Frankly, I am flattered at the attentions of this feathered scrap of creation; but a nice sense of the proportion of things is borne in upon me when I realize that I share his affections with the hotel waiters. Hotel waiters are his dearest friends, although he has also a weakness for early morning housemaids. For these he dances unbidden his very best steps, and sings his cheeriest song.

But the *waiters*! Let the door open and a heavily laden tea tray appear, followed by the bearer thereof—and at the instant "Winkie" has flown from my shoulder, straight as a die, to the well oiled locks so tempting to his funny little soul, and is dancing, dancing, dancing and singing his heart out in greeting. Carry a slippery tea tray, overbalanced by a tall hot-water jug, and try to duck the onslaught of a little grey arrow shot upon you like a bolt from the blue! The effect is disastrous; and despite my now instinctive dive across the room with outstretched finger, calamities too agitating to relate have occurred more than once.

A Well-Developed Bump of Curiosity.

"Winkie" is curiosity personified. Everything in the room must be investigated, and the heavy curtains at the windows falling in fat folds to the floors, provide interesting nooks for a Sparrow far from home. A newspaper thrown on the table and forming a tunnel is a thing to be looked into very carefully, and native caution causes much time to be wasted before the exploration is complete. Not that he is afraid!—but it is all part of the game, and part too of the morning curriculum, which includes surreptitious dashes at the fiend in the looking glass, hasty return trips to my shoulder, and the invariable unprovoked attacks upon his master.

In the evenings, if we are playing piquet, he sits on my wrist and scrambles up and down it to keep his balance, with occasional excursions on to the table, and possibly a sudden dive at his enemy's fingers. Sometimes an annoying interest in the cards themselves is displayed. Shuffling always makes him swear. If there is one thing "Winkie" hates above all others, it is to be left alone. He is discourteous enough to consider his master's presence as 'non est,' and if I can get to the door unnoticed (which rarely happens), he beats up and down it with much flapping of wings until I return.

But "Winkie" at his very nicest is "Winkie" asleep, his cage turned to the wall; and in answer to my voice, and no other, there comes the faintest far off little whimper of content, like a dog whining under his breath.

The Master Singer of the Canary Tribe.

By J. TOMLINSON. **(continued from page 186).**

The cock, or cocks, according to the method of breeding it is desired to adopt, may be put up with these forward hens. Should an instance occur where a cock is not in breeding condition, and a clutch of unfertile eggs is the result, it will be better for the hens' future welfare than to have let them remain in the flights.

A peculiarity with the majority of hens that come into breeding condition early in the season, and are not removed from the flights, is that instead of laying a full clutch of eggs, they will lay an odd egg or have a broken eggery, i.e., instead of laying an egg each day in the usual way until the whole clutch is laid, they will lay at intervals, extending the time over one or two weeks.

This may be also met with occasionally at the close of the breeding season, when they are returned again to the flights, but it will not leave any harmful effect, for if the laying is persisted in, they may receive a dieting treatment, which if adopted at the beginning of the season, would in all probability render them useless for several months.

I might mention here that a hen will build her nest, lay, and sit on her eggs without having been mated to a cock. This is an exceptionally valuable trait, and where the beginner is commencing with, say two hens, I would strongly advise him to procure two extra common bred hens that are known to be good feeders, and use them as fostermothers for the young of the better class hens. (Of course this precaution will not be necessary if the start is made with two-year-old hens, that are known to be good feeders.) These common bred feeding hens can often be purchased at the close of a breeding season, for many owners of such will sell them cheaply rather than keep them through the winter.

While advising the use of common feeding hens, I am not losing sight of the fact that it will necessitate extra outlay in the beginning, but many of the little disappointments connected with young hens will be avoided. Besides, the satisfaction of having a nice collection of well reared youngsters at the close of the season quite repays for the extra outlay and labour.

The value of a good feeding hen can scarcely be over-estimated, yet many of our old fanciers will not use them. To such a one what we call a bad breeding season, that is, a year when very few young birds are reared in his room, is often a disappointment, but it does not cause him to give up his pets in disgust, for he comes up smiling again the following year, hoping for a better season. It is this disappointment, however, that is so likely to occur with young untried hens, that I wish to guard the beginner against. Frequently, fanciers have said to me: "Oh, I'm going to chuck it, I can't breed Canaries." Yet what a pleasing contrast, if at a first trial they experience a good season!

These hens will require exactly the same food, etc., to prepare them for the breeding cage that is given to those hens that are to be mated with a cock, and when the mated birds are transferred to the breeding cages the foster mother is placed in one compartment of the breeding cage by herself. A nest pan and nesting material should be given to her, and it is then very probable that she will begin to lay about the same time as the mated hen; a few days either before or after will not make any difference. If the mated hen lays first, and the feeding hen is showing signs of going to nest, take the eggs from the former, and let her sit on dummy eggs for a week; then remove them and let her go to nest again. The eggs that the feeding hen lays can be allowed to remain in the nest until she has laid her full clutch, they can then be destroyed, and the good ones from the mated hen substituted.

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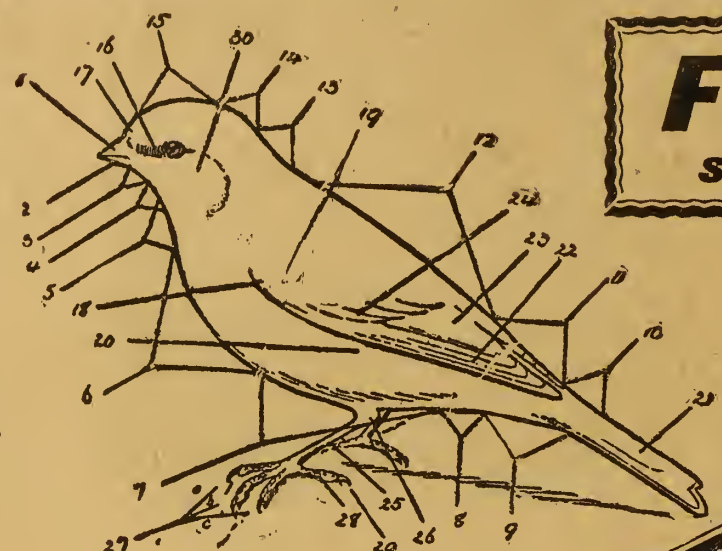
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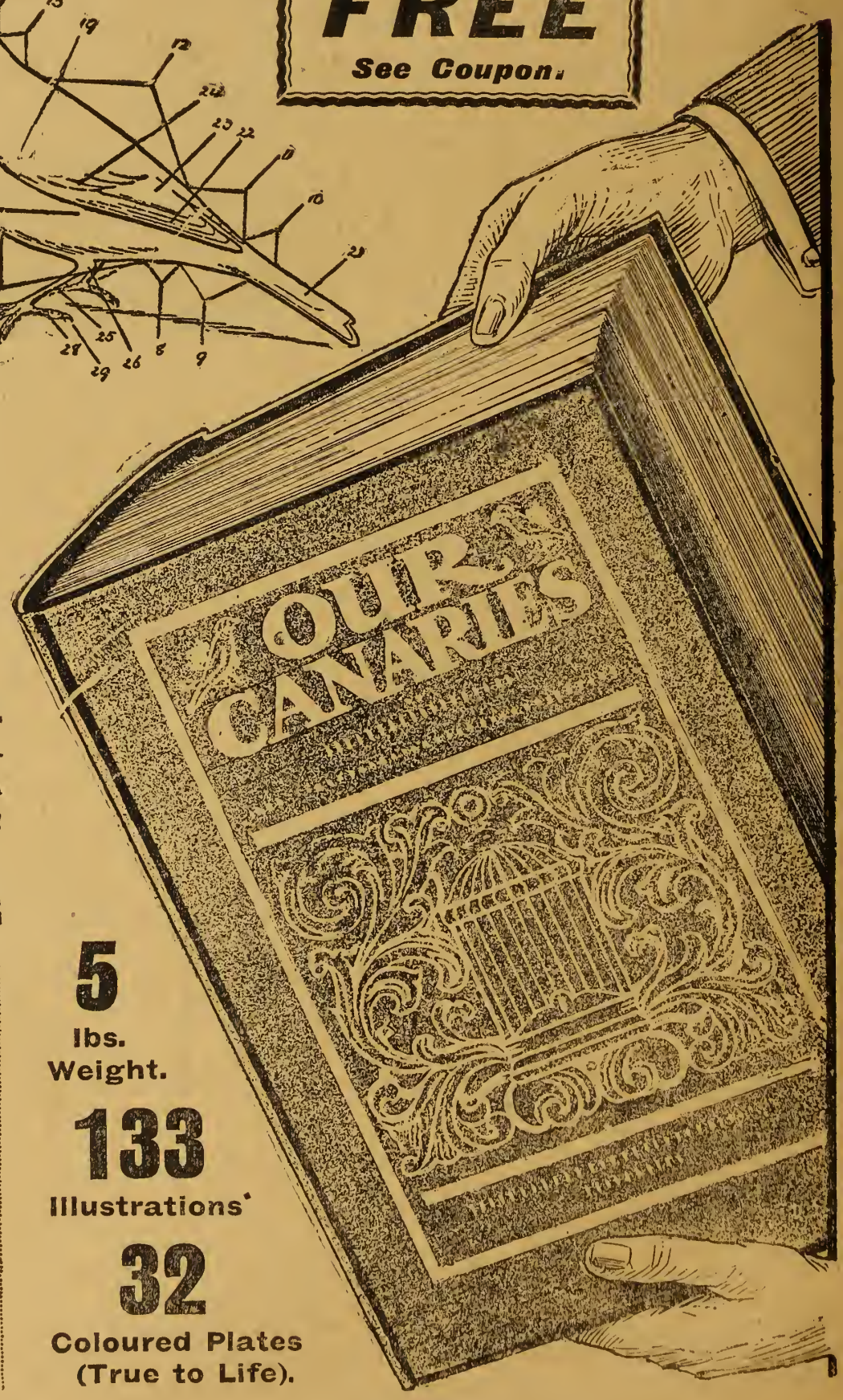
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Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, has been engaged to judge Cork C.B.S. show, Nov. 26.

Entries for Gillingham show are very short, writes Mr. J. Hyde, the sec. (26, Park Place); will accept up to Sunday's post. Full classification appeared in our show advertisements last week; will fanciers kindly enter from this?

Mr. M. Nuttrass has been elected joint sec. of Bishop Auckland C.B.S., along with me, writes Mr. P. Elliott, and all communications in future to be addressed to Nuttrass and Elliott, Raby Avenue, Bishop Auckland.

There promises to be an interesting event at the next meeting of the Wimbledon C.B.S., held Oct. 6th, 8 p.m., at 6, The Broadway, when Miss Durham (a well-known scientist, associated with Prof. Bateson) is to lecture on the effects of age on the sex of young birds. All fanciers are invited.

Ramsden's Specials: — Show secretaries should apply early, enclosing coupons with their applications. The special prizes will be allotted to the open shows of the fifty societies sending in the largest number of coupons. Twenty-five silver medals for members' shows; same conditions.—(Advt.)

That popular Scottish fancier, Mr. J. W. Bruce, of Coldstream, is engaged to judge the following shows:— Oct. 3, Chopwell (Co. Durham); Oct. 11, Morpeth; Oct. 17, Newcastle; Oct. 25, Kirkcaldy; Nov. 15, Edinburgh (Nor. and Mule Club); Nov. 22, Uddingston; Dec. 6, Glasgow (Queen's Park); Jan. 1, Paisley. We hear that he has had a record breeding season, with a few "gems" amongst the young birds.

Brilliance at Blaydon.

The new hall we have secured for our annual show, writes sec. G. Havver, Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., is illuminated at night by electricity.

S.N.P.C. Patronage at Plymouth.

Plymouth show has been given the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club's patronage in the champion section, writes Mr. T. Pope, the hon. sec., as less classes than the Club requires are offered at Clapham show. The eight patronage classes are 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, and 22. Entries close Oct. 8.

Do Wasps Kill Blackbirds?

A perfectly healthy Blackbird, with a white feather or two in his plumage, lived all the summer, day and night, in a cage hung on the south-west front of the house, writes "J.D." in "Country Life." On the morning of Friday, September 19, in his usual health and spirits, he was seen swallowing a wasp. In the evening he was dead.

Ringing the Wild Birds.

Surprising exertions are being made by enthusiastic ornithologists in ringing the wild birds. Last year Mr. H. W. Robinson ringed no fewer than 2,175 birds, and this year he has done even better. Mr. N. H. Joy has succeeded in ringing 1,119 in one year, and several others have ringed over 500. These figures are all the more remarkable when it is remembered that most of the ringing has to be done in the few weeks when the young are in the nests, or have only just left.

SHE WANTED A HUSBAND!

Extraordinary Excuse for Pulling out Macaw's Feathers.

An amusing incident occurred in the Central Park, part of which is divided off and forms the New York Zoological Gardens, a few days ago. The principal keeper of the bird-house noticed that day after day a well-dressed woman seemed to be greatly attracted by the South American Macaws, of which birds the gardens have a large number and variety. Every afternoon, says "The Evening Standard," she put in an appearance, and stood for at least an hour in front of the cage watching the birds. The keeper determined to keep an eye on her, and on the day in question he saw her suddenly reach out a gloved hand and pull at the feathers of a Macaw which protruded between the bars.

"Here you can't do that!" he shouted. "Do you want our birds to look like plucked chickens?"

After she had got over her surprise, the woman exclaimed, in confusion: "The fortune-teller told me to do it."

"Told you to pull out our birds' feathers?"

"No, but he said that if I got a red tail feather from a live Macaw and wore it in my hat for two months I should find a husband."

Then she burst into tears, and explained that she had visited the gardens every day in the hope of getting a Macaw's feather, but that until then the birds had kept beyond her reach.

The keeper sympathised with her, and recommended her to a naturalist in the city who kept a stock of live Macaws, and who would gladly sell her one, whose feathers she could pluck as she wished.

The lady brightened up and hurried away.

Addresses Wanted.

Will Mr. J. Mercer, late of Southsea, and Mr. H. W. Ford, late of Perth, kindly forward their present addresses? In case this request does not meet the eye of the gentlemen named, we shall be obliged if any reader who may known their present addresses will communicate the same to us.

A Show Lark Turns Foster-parent.

It was an agreeable surprise to find the sketch of my old Skylark on the front page of your excellent journal. Many thanks to Mr. Norman for the able manner in which he has sketched him. The old bird has fed and reared this season a young Lark which bids fair to become a good show specimen.—Wm. K. Baseley.

Soup from Birds' Nests.

Edible birds' nests, the great delicacy from the Far East, are now being sold in London. I saw a basketful in the window of a Piccadilly shop recently, priced at ten shillings per ounce, says a writer in the "Daily Sketch." They look like hemispheres of glue, and are each about the size of half a grape fruit hollowed out. There is a steady demand for them; otherwise, as the man who keeps the shop himself said, they would not be stocked.

The Favourite Birds of Cork.

The wild birds on the lovely artificial lake at the Fitzgerald Park, Cork, have now become quite tame, we hear. They have learned to know those who frequent the Park and treat them with kindness. The feeding of the water birds gives great pleasure to children. The public are asked to co-operate with the employes of the Park in the protection of that beautiful place, and to assist in repressing any acts of cruelty to the birds or animals, for there have been instances of thoughtless persons having some "fun" with the animals.

For the Information of Secretaries and Others.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address:—Messrs. Martin and Archer, to 92, Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield; Mr. T. H. V. Hayter to 21, Queen's Road, Beeston, Notts; Mr. J. Smedley, to 9, Highfield Road, Askern Spa, near Doncaster; Mr. T. Groves, from Brierley Hill to 142, Stourbridge Road, Holly Hall, near Dudley; Mr. F. Moore, from Kelmscott Road to 58, Montholme Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W. The new address of Mr. Wilson was wrongly printed in our Note of last week. It should be 195, Shernhall Street, not 198.

Show Secretaries, Please Note!

We have to thank the numerous secretaries who have kindly sent us for inclusion in CAGE BIRDS Guide to the Shows the particulars asked for last week in this column. We are, however, still without particulars in respect of many of the open shows to be held. Our guide will be published next week, and secretaries who do not furnish us with these particulars will have only themselves to blame if their fixture is omitted from the list. Will secretaries who have not written kindly send on a postcard before Monday next, Oct. 6, the date of their show, number of classes, and names of judges?

Foreign Birds Booming.

The splendid progress being made by the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League is plainly evidenced by the report from the secretary, published in this issue, and the prospect of the League being able in the near future to worthily fulfil its main object, to popularise the proper exhibiting of foreign birds, and especially the commoner kinds, is very bright indeed. Thirty foreign bird classes are being guaranteed by the League at the forthcoming Horticultural Hall Show, with a minimum of 30s. per class prize money. The hon. secretary appeals for more members, and we hope the response from our readers interested in foreign birds will be a good one.

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BY the time this issue is in the hands of our readers, the "struggle" for the first diplomas and cash specials of the season will be in progress.

There is still time to enter at the three coupon fixtures due next week, all of which offer liberal classification and prize-money. Entries for Clapham show (Oct. 8 and 9) have been extended until first post Oct. 6 (Monday); show managers, Messrs. Askew and Silverthorne, 24, Chelsham Rd., Clapham, S.W. Leeds show entries close Oct. 6 to Mr. W. A. Wilson, 39, Burley Rd., Leeds, and those for Morpeth show on the same day to Mr. E. Cowling, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth. These secretaries will be glad to affix the necessary coupons to the entry forms of exhibitors if the conditions of entry (as printed below) are duly observed.

Entries for the fine exhibition at Plymouth close first post next Wednesday, Oct. 8. Here 25s. per class prize-money (a prize for every bird in the cards) is given for an entry fee of only 1s. 6d. Exhibitors who appreciate this liberality should enter early to Mr. T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.

Hanley show, Oct. 16 (sec. Mr. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent) has 35 open classes, which, we have no doubt (a schedule has not reached us), afford chances in a good number of sections. Entries close Oct. 11.

Norwich show, Oct. 16 and 17 (sec. Mr. St. Quintin, 35, Calvert St., Norwich) has an exceptionally good classification for Norwich Plainheads (including an amateur section) and Crests, and also includes Cinnamons, Mules, British and Foreign. The prize-money is very liberal, 22s. per class for an entry fee of 1s. 6d., and there is a good list of specials. The management is always all that can be desired, and a generous entry should reward the society.

With the coupon shows for Oct. 18 we shall be able to deal in our next issue. They are: Oct. 17 and 18, Glasgow (City of); do. Halifax; do. Newcastle; Oct. 18, Broughty Ferry; do. Burton-on-Trent; do. Harrogate; do. Sheffield. Exhibitors in our Coupon Competition should remember these shows and make a point of seeing their schedules.

We should like to make it clear that particulars of the coupon scheme must be printed in the schedules of all coupon shows. We do not supply leaflets for insertion therein. At Morpeth and Llandrindod Wells leaflets were inserted by the officials in their schedules, as the latter had already been printed.

Since our last list was published the following societies have joined our list of coupon shows:

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.S.
COCKERMOUTH F.S.
INVERNESS O.A.
LLANDRINDOD WELLS F.A.

A full list of the Coupon Shows appeared in our issue of last week, on page 187.

Your Championship scheme is deserving of success and worthy of the wholehearted support of all fanciers.—R. W. Smith (Gateshead).

I have never shown birds before, but I mean to have a try in your championship competition.—J. Weir (Penicuick).

Your coupon scheme is a good idea, and I trust will be a huge success. A. March (Evesham).

I think your championship competition a very good scheme to help the Fancy.—G. Gregory (Mountain Ash).

We are sure your coupon scheme will be the means of "waking up" the cage bird Fancy.—Evins Bros. (Exeter).

I sincerely hope your spirited venture will meet with the success it deserves.—A. J. Smith (Erdington).

I hope your coupon scheme is a great success, for it is got up for the benefit of all, and not for one. I hope to have birds out at every convenient show.—E. Richards (Chester).

Please send me a further supply of coupons.—T. Smith, hon. sec. Ilkeston C.B.S.

I consider your scheme an excellent one from an exhibitor's standpoint, as I think it will make them more keen, and will gain entries for any society that takes up the scheme.—H. F. Marsh (Ashton-on-Ribble).

Your coupon scheme will put fresh courage into the Fancy, by benefiting exhibitors and shows. It has been long needed, and will get a man credit for what he has bred. I intend taking full advantage of the scheme and increasing my present order.—D. McFarlane (Barrow-in-Furness).

How Exhibitors May Enter.

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions. CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification.—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

The above, we may say, are the conditions which will appear in the schedules of all shows at which our Championship Scheme is in operation, and under which entries will be accepted by the various secretaries.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is in progress at over 80 shows (see list last week), which cover every quarter of the United Kingdom.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champion (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWENTY-FOUR DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR, in addition, at each Coupon Show, 12 for Champion exhibitors, and 12 for Novice exhibitors, for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of October, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of December.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonâfide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age, and either rung or not rung.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For rules see last week's "Cage Birds.")

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S..** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TO EXTERMINATE GREY LICE (Norwich).—If you are expert at handwashing a bird, the quickest and a quite effective way is to handwash the infested birds, and add a little creolin in the proportion of a teaspoonful to a pint of water to each pint of the first two waters used. Then, whilst the birds are drying, thoroughly clean and wash out the cages with a solution of creolin, the same strength as above. You can get the creolin from any good chemist. Hand-washing, however, is not to be commended whilst birds are in moult. For the next week or two, either with or without the initial washing, add a teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash to a pint of water and give this in the baths for all your birds twice or three times a week. This will be far better than any spraying. Powder is also quite effective. Proceed as follows:—Get a quantity of freshly ground pyrethrum powder. Catch each infested bird and dust liberally all over with the powder, working it well in among the feathers with a small puff or wad of cotton wool, particularly under the wings and around base of neck and tail; then wrap the bird in a small handkerchief, leaving only the beak free for easy respiration, and lay it aside in a temporary cage for fifteen minutes or so. During this time wash out the cages as above. Then release bird and allow it to shake and preen itself before returning to its usual cage. Repeat this process twice afterwards at intervals of a week, and also use potash baths as above. Please note Rule 2 for querists.

HANDREARING LATE YOUNGSTERS (J. S. C.).—It is not really difficult to rear young Canaries by hand if they are a reasonable age—a week or so—when deserted, provided one has a tolerably large stock of patience and perseverance. Keep them in the original nest, in a comfortably warm place, and cover over with a light fold of woollen or flannel until they are getting nicely fledged. For food, make

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Canary," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

the usual egg and biscuit food into a moderately moist soft paste, with about a fourth part of finely chopped green food added. Avoid making it too sloppy, but just firm enough to hold together to convey in morsels on the point of a tiny spatula-shaped stick into the gaping beaks. Pop each morsel well into the back of the beak, and give each bird as much as it will gape for eagerly at each feed. Feed as long as daylight lasts, and offer food every hour in the early morning and towards evening; at other times about every two hours. The birds' desire to feed is a safe guide as a rule. Keep the nest quite clean.

HARD SCAB ON TOE (C. S. S.).—I think you will find upon close examination that what you think is a growing scale is in reality a small accumulation of fine sand bound together by excretory matter from the cage floor. Catch the bird and soak its feet well in quite warm water in which you have dissolved a little soda. After soaking for a minute or two, carefully wash off all loose dirt with the thumb and forefinger, and you will then be able to tell definitely whether the substance is dirt or an abnormal growth of tissue. If the former, continue the soaking until you can remove it easily, bit by bit, without using undue force. Then wash clean, dry, and anoint feet with vaseline, and all will be right again. If, however, the substance proved really to be a growth of tissue, touch it twice or thrice a week for a period with tincture of iodine. If this does not remove it, write again and refer to this reply.

A QUARTETTE (Enquirer).—(1) The Canaries flying loose in the aviary are not likely to take any serious harm from eating berries and wild seeds provided for Britishers. If there should seem any undue looseness, add a little hemp or crushed dry arrowroot biscuit to correct it. A little looseness is not really serious in such cases. Add five drops of syrup of buckthorn to each tablespoonful of drinking water for two days, and afterwards ten drops of chemical food in like manner daily for a week. (2) If you wrote to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS saying when you will be in London, he may perhaps be able to arrange to examine this bird for you. Or you might consult CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL directory of breeders, and see if there is anyone in London or near you, whom you know, that you could ask to examine the bird. (3) Treat this bird the same as advised to "Early Bird" in this issue, and cover cage over at night until she is through the moult. (4) You should have said whether this bird is plump or emaciated. Keep in a fairly warm place for a week or two. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and three times a week a spray of green food. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food daily for a fortnight. For the wheezing, should it not soon disappear under above treatment, give a few doses of the mixture advised for No. 3.

PANTS PAINFULLY (Early Bird).—Honestly, I do not think this bird will ever be of any use for breeding. Your chief object at present should be to get her to break freely into moult. To this end keep her in a fairly warm place, and add to the drinking water for the first day six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After this substitute 20 drops of whiskey, five of syrup of saffron, and three of spirits of sweet nitre every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. If the panting is not better at the end of a fortnight give 20 drops of the following mixture in the water every second day for 2 or 3 weeks. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, twice a week. On two other days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, linseed and broken groats. Give a spray of watercress four times a week. Limit the diet to this, and report result in a month.

COUGHING AND SNEEZING (T. L. R.).—It is doubtless only a slight catarrhal cold. Many birds are apt to be affected in this way when deep in moult, and, in consequence, more than usually susceptible to fluctuations in the weather. See that the bird is not exposed to direct cold draughts and throw a light cover over its cage at night until the moult is quite finished. In addition to its usual diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw daily for a week, and add to the drinking water twenty drops of whisky, five each of ipecac. wine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, and shake well together daily during the same time.

OUGHT THEY TO SING? (S.X.).—It is rather too early to expect young (1913) Roller cocks to be in good song yet. The moult in many cases is not yet complete, and this, of course, will keep them rather silent. Some individuals will make very fair efforts at singing before the moult commences; others make very little headway until after the moult is quite finished As your birds evidently "churl" or warble over their song, I hardly think you will be disappointed if you expect them to be cocks, though you may not find the song developed to any great extent by the end of October. To make really good singers they certainly should have been under the tuition of a good singing cock for some time. The sooner they are placed under a tutor the better.

IMPERFECT FEATHERS (Norwich).—The flight and tail feathers showing dark narrow vertical streaks across the web are by no means uncommon, and are due to some abnormal conditions of growth or injury to the quills in the initial stages of growth, though just what happens has yet to be found out. The theory that they are wholly due to interrupted growth on account of fluctuations of temperature will not bear investigation. My opinion is that red mites are very frequently, if not invariably the cause, but the difficulties of proving this by demonstration are well-nigh insuperable. If you hold up these feathers to the light or examine them with a lens you will find that the structure of the web is very imperfect, and deficient in substance. In a very bad case such feathers would doubtless somewhat reduce a bird's chance of winning on the show bench, and the only way to deal with them is to wait until the moult is quite over and the quills have become dry, and then carefully extract them one or two at a time and allow new feathers to take their places. If the bird is colour-fed, a little colour must, of course, be given whilst the new feathers are being grown. In a mild case you need only wash the bird before its first show, when the dark colour of marks will disappear, and the marks themselves will not be very noticeable.

PLANTS AND BIRDS (A Fellow-Fancier).—I cannot decipher name of plants you say you keep besides geraniums, and you do not say whether the aviary is an indoor cage-aviary or an outdoor space. But unless the plants were inimical to animal life when consumed, and the birds devoured the foliage to an appreciable extent, I have no hesitation in saying the deaths are in no way due to the presence of the plants. I have many times watched Canaries of my own, temporarily escaped from cage, regaling themselves with gusto upon the foliage of some kinds of pot plants, such as fuchsias, though they quite rejected other kinds, such as geraniums, etc., after a sample nibble. I never saw any ill-effects from these unusual feastings, save only to the plants, so I conclude there is still a glimmering of instinct alive in the birds which guides them somewhat in their debaucheries. There must be some other reason for the birds dying. Better write again, and say how you feed and treat them, and how they are affected, when, possibly, I may be able to help you.

PERSISTENT RED MITES (E. A. B. N.).—The failure of your long perseverance with mite destroyers to get rid of the pest shows that they have some secure harbour which you overlook. It may not, perhaps, be in the cage itself, but may be in its near vicinity. The cord, nail, or hook, as the case may be, by which cage is hung, or any crevice in the plaster or paper on the wall is often the breeding ground for re-infesting a cage. In such a case as yours, nothing but the most scrupulously thorough overhaul of the cage and its surroundings is likely to avail. To use the potash, dissolve a drachm of the substance in a pint of water. Hot water is not essential, but will expedite solution. This is all you require to do, and the solution thus obtained may be given in the baths or used with a spray, as you may prefer. It is not harmful to the birds. Are you sure you are dealing with red mite? You write as though the insects lived upon the birds, which is not characteristic of red mites.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WINTERING GOLDFINCH AND HEN CANARY (Winox).—You cannot do better than let the Goldfinch and hen Canary fly together during the winter months, but as you will have to feed the Goldfinch well to keep him in health, and the Canary will consequently partake of the same food, you must watch her to see that she does not put on too much flesh or get too forward in condition. If you see signs of this, part them and let her have a fly in a good long flight or aviary for a few days, or as long as necessary. Part them early in March, and hang them in cages so that they are able to see each other. Keep the hen back in condition, but feed the Goldfinch well, but not to unduly force him. When he is in breeding condition he will be in full song, with a clear beak; he will strut and show himself off to the hen, dropping his wings and spreading his tail. Some Goldies are ready as soon as the hens, but it is the exception rather than the rule. If he is at all backward you had better take a

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

nest of Canarics from the hen first, and introduce the Goldie for the second nest. If you have another spare Canary hen, you could let him fly with both of them. It is just as easy to work a Goldie with two hens as one, for as a rule, when he is in breeding condition he will mate freely with a new partner.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES

ABOUT A CORN BUNTING (Laurence).—The Corn Bunting is a robust looking bird, some seven and a half inches long and marked singularly like a Skylark. It cannot be mistaken for a Skylark, however, because of its superior size, not to mention the other differences, and there is no other British bird with which it could be confused. "Like a Lark, but larger," would be sufficient description, therefore, to identify it. As a song bird it has nothing whatever to recommend it; what "song" it has sounds as much like the breaking of glass as anything I can think of, but a good bird of the species has quite a good chance upon the show-bench. The difficulty is to get them steady; many Corn Buntings fail as exhibition birds from their extreme restlessness.

BREEDING IN SMALL AVIARY (Beginner).—Your aviary is too small for the breeding of more kinds of birds than one. The pair of Goldfinches and the pair of Canaries (that is, if they are truly pairs) would probably not interfere with each other, excepting that Master Goldie might possibly regale himself on the Canary hen's eggs, but these four

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1);"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch." No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

birds would be the limit of numbers to have any chance of breeding. If you would give up the idea of breeding you could keep in such an aviary any number up to a dozen of mixed British Finches, or hardy Foreigners, but you must not, of course, turn out of doors at this period of the year birds which have not been hardened by having been kept outside throughout the spring and summer. It would be better to roof over a portion, say about half, of the uncovered portion, and close up the front of that part which is already covered, providing, of course, a window in this part to light up the interior, or the birds will not use it. Nothing is better than ordinary garden soil for the "floor" of an open aviary, and if there are not too many birds in it, some of the waste seed will grow and provide the birds with natural green food. The soil can be renewed from time to time, and everything made fresh.

LINNET OUT OF SORTS (A Nuisance).—You make no mention of canary seed, but I presume the omission is accidental, for you would scarcely be keeping a bird without a proportion of this seed being added to its food. The hemp and niger might be reduced in quantity, or the latter may be omitted altogether, and some linseed added. Linseed is a very useful factor in putting a final gloss on the plumage. Every third day for a fortnight add to the drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence. After the first two doses begin by adding to the water on one of the days on which you are not giving the sulphate, half a teaspoonful of bynophospbates. On the other days give plain water only. Be careful to use a glass or china drinker when you are giving drugs of any kind. You should not sign yourself "A Nuisance." It is no nuisance to help readers whenever possible.

THRUSH NOT SINGING (Winox).—The fact that your young Thrush is "recording" is a hopeful sign that it is a cock. It will come into its proper song in due course. You should add to the stock food you are giving a liberal proportion of good "ants' eggs" or dried flies, a little preserved meat ("crissel"), and some hard-boiled egg (yolk and white together), mashed up with a fork or pressed through a sieve. Also supply mealworms, small garden worms, smooth caterpillars, spiders, and any other live things you may be able to capture. Nothing is better than a snail or two a day if you can possibly get them. The feathers are certain to become brittle and broken if you do not feed properly. Please see Mr. Norman's column for answer to your moulting query.

ANOTHER THRUSH, AND A MISSEL (A. Ward).—For an answer to your Thrush query, please see answer to "Winox," which exactly meets your case. (2) Only patience will induce your Missel Thrush to bathe. If you cannot buy or improvise a sprayer of some kind, try witholding the ordinary drinker, and supplying water only in the bath. A flower pot saucer would make a much better bath for the cage bottom than a "toffee tin," which you say you are using. Probably the bird does not like the sharp edges of the tin. (3) It is, of course, purely a matter of chance whether the finders of any of the birds you have rung will send a record to us. We get records from time to time, and always publish them when received. If you apply to Messrs. Witherby's, High Holborn, London, W.C. they will send you a supply of rings properly marked and numbered.

EXHIBITING LINNETS (Bobby).—Tut-tut! Mr. Bobby. You must really excuse my telling you if I know of "something to spray on Linnets to make them a better colour for show." Can it be that you do not know that if a Linnet or any other bird of yours were found to be artificially coloured it would be disqualified, and you would lose any prizes won by either the stained bird or any others belonging to you? There is quite a legitimate method of deepening the colour of a Linnet by judicious colour-feeding, but as the moult is now over, it is too late for this year. Outside application of colour is not only dishonest, but it is risky.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT BIRD? (P. Crompton).—I will give you a definite answer next week, and should be glad if you would send me a little more information. Is the tail as well as the size of the bird similar to that of an Amazon? Is it a young bird, and from what source did you get it? I am of the opinion it is an Amazon of sorts, very probably a somewhat uncommon species. All Amazons have the power of speech, but some of them do not use it much. As you are able to handle the bird it should speak and prove responsive to teaching. When writing also give me the length of the bird in inches from tip of beak to tip of tail, and I will then try and name it for you.

AMAZON PARROT (Mrs. M. Deale).—So far as I can gather from the feathers sent, the bird is in a normal moult, and save that the moult is always more or less of a strain on a bird's strength, there would appear to be no cause of anxiety. Keep it out of draught, yet where it will get plenty of air, also where it will have plenty of company. While the moult lasts it would be the better for a little boiled maize daily, boil till soft, drain off all water, and then well dust with flowers of sulphur and supply to the bird when cool. It would be well to give a laxative once a week (one teaspoonful of Binneford's magnesia in the drinking water), and on other days put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Supply, in addition, the usual seeds, fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, grit, and cuttlebone. If there should be any adverse developments write again at once. If there is nothing wrong the feathers will soon be renewed, providing the bird is not pulling them out.

PAINTING WIRE NETTING (C. C. Brown).—There is no better preparation than ordinary Brunswick Black for this purpose: it dries quickly (24 hours or less), and is quite innocuous to the birds, besides giving a neat appearance and finish to the wires. It is always best when an aviary is freshly put up to give the netting a coat of Brunswick black (it enables the birds to be better seen through the netting), and then other coats as required to keep off rust. It is a little trouble to put on, as the brush must not be heavily charged with the liquid, or ugly beads of the preparation will be left in the corners of the mesh of the netting.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Aradavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

AVIARY QUERIES (C.B.).—You give C.D.E.F. as 6 x 4 x 6 ft. high, and I take it that the portion on left of sketch outside these letters, marked glass, forms a retiring place or shelter, and is extra to the above measurements. In place of the shallow pots put in some rush nests. It would be well to fasten a piece of roofing felt over the top glass of aviary during the cold months of the year. The list of birds you name should winter successfully there, as they should get some warmth from the room. You do not mention the aspect, if it is either full north or east then it would be better to cage up the Cordon Bleus for the winter, and keep them in your living room. The provision of the rush nests, with a little hay pushed into them, will give the Waxbills, and others which choose to use them, warm sleeping quarters. It is important with such queries to give your county and to state to what extent the aviary gets the sun during the day.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (W.H.).—The sample of grit will fully meet the requirements of the bird. The bird ought to do well with so much liberty, but it certainly appears to have caught a chill. You must guard against draught, especially while the plumage is damp from spraying. Is the temperature of your room very variable? If so, it would be well for you to do what you can, both for your own and the bird's welfare, to keep it as even a temperature as circumstance permits. If the bird is tame enough for you to handle, then cleanse the nostrils with a sponge, using a tepid glyco-thymoline solution. I should put it on the ipecacuanha and squills mixture for another week or ten days, and the cold should soon cease. Unless it is continuous, you need not take any notice of the shivering of the feathers. If the bird takes sufficient seed it does not really need all the others, though it would be better for a little fruit. I should continue to offer it a small piece of sweet apple at intervals, also a grape, slice of raw carrot, etc., also a small piece of lettuce leaf when you have such; picking them up and throwing them down will ultimately end in it taking some. The walnuts are wholesome, and it can have a fairly liberal supply. Under the condition you are keeping it, the present slight indisposition ought to soon pass, and the bird become an interesting pet and good mimic. While you must not get into the habit of giving it table scraps or slops, it can have at mealtimes such as a crust of dry toast, piece of plain cake, or piece of dry boiled potato, any of these it may take will help to keep the diet varied, and the bird contented. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses. The laxative must be continued as required, but not used to excess.

WEAVERS (Perplexed).—Napoleon: This may be described as clad in rich chrome-yellow, but the chin, throat, and cheeks, nape, and middle of abdomen are velvety black, with the wings and tail brown. Grenadier: The colour of this bird varies according to age from fiery orange to scarlet;

mantle and upper wing coverts red with dark streaks; crown, sides of head, chin, chest, and abdomen black; flight and tail feathers brown; beak black. Madagascar: This bird is more or less scarlet, below it is entirely so from chin to undertail coverts; above it is dark brown, with dark shaft streaks, strongly suffused with scarlet, beak black. Orange Bishop or Weaver: Smaller than the Grenadier, but similarly coloured the colours of these two species are very similar, though the hue of the orange seldom reaches scarlet, it is mostly various degrees of fiery orange; while the chin and throat of the Grenadier are black, these parts in the Orange Bishop are fiery orange. Young birds, locality, weather, etc., would all affect the period of coming into colour, and importation undoubtedly checks the process in such specimens as were not in colour at time of exportation. Undoubtedly the birds you refer to are all hens. During the period when the males wear the nuptial plumage excitement runs high, and they puff out their feathers generally, forming a ruff round the neck, and making the bird look much stouter than it generally is, this is common to many species, but is very apparent with the Napoleon, Grenadier, and Orange Weavers.

IS IT LARGE ENOUGH? (E. R. South).—No, it is not large enough, as will be apparent to you, when I remark that four pairs of birds need six to eight husks, and in the space at their command, or there is sure to be fighting for favourite sites. It is breeding accommodation I am referring to, as the cage, merely as a cage, would accommodate double the number you have. However as you have already got them, see how they go on during the winter and early spring, but you ought to contrive to fix up two husks for each pair of birds, each with its opening towards the light, and as far apart as circumstance will permit. So long as they are not subjected to draught they are very hardy. Some will take fruit, others will not touch it. Fresh lettuce is good, also Canary seed sown in a small pot and grown in a window. Supply to the birds by placing the pot in the cage when the seedlings are two to three inches high. Usually from March to October, but some pairs go on all through the year, only pausing for the moult. Our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our manager, would help you greatly.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

"Ignorant."—Canary died of pulmouary apoplexy, following congestion of the lungs

A. Trevallion.—Acute broncho-pulmonia, affecting both lungs. The symptoms you describe occur in the course of this death, owing to the extent of lung tissue affected.

Matthew Coulson.—Linnet ruptured an important blood vessel, due to high tension in the blood vessels, possibly induced by fright. I could discover no external injuries, but the plumage had gone in places. Possibly you are troubled with mice.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. F. Charlton.—It has been settled beyond reasonable doubt that Mules have bred. It is a very rare occurrence, as is only to be expected.

J. Bulson.—We have no knowledge of the existence of such a gramophone record.

HAVE YOU SIGNED THE PETITION?

Members Invited to Dartford.

Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Mr. Peck, of Bexley Heath, the enthusiastic organiser of the children's show which is to be held at Dartford on Oct. 8, writes wishing me to thank a fellow CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE member, Mr. G. Coakham, of Newport, Mon., for his generous gift of 10s. and a dozen Redpolls as prizes. Besides the money prizes and the Redpolls, there will be new dresses for the girls, suits of clothes for the boys, and other useful articles, boots, etc., including a watch and chain for a boy. The ladies' paper hat competition is going strong, says Mr. Peck, and six extra prizes have had to be added. Free refreshments will be provided for the children, and altogether the occasion promises to be a red-letter day for Dartford. The exhibition will open at 7.30, and admission will be by programme, price twopence, but one penny only will be charged to members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, upon production of their badges, and Mr. Peck hopes to see a great number of his fellow members present. The exhibition will be held in the Club and Institute, Dartford, Kent.

The Petition Against the Plumage Bill.

I am very glad to be able to gather from correspondence received that many members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and other readers of CAGE BIRDS have cut out the petition to members of Parliament which was published in our issue of Sept. 20, and are getting this signed by as many people as possible before sending it to their local representatives. *Every* reader should do this, and the result would be that the clause to which we take special objection would most probably be taken out of the Bill. In any case, it is certain that if we do not take such a step it will *not* be taken out.

The possible, and probable, remedy is in our hands, and if we do not use it it will be our own fault. Remember, this is not a question of politics, for although the Bill is a Government measure, the next or some succeeding Secretary of State, Secretary of Scotland, and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland may be of a different complexion of politics. They would still have power under the Act, if Clause 4 remains, of altering our bird laws just as they personally desire, and with or without request from anybody.

"Bird Notes and News," the organ of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, reprints the Bill in its latest issue, but omits the clause to which we take exception, and takes no notice of it whatever. All it does is to say that "an immense majority of members of both Houses are known to be in favour of the Bill," and that "Bird protectors should beg their representatives in Parliament to support the Bill." We, as bird keepers and bird lovers, have no objection to the Bill so far as it relates to the "Importation of Plumage." All that we object to is the inclusion of matter which is foreign to the title of the Bill, and this is made quite plain in the petition to which I am now drawing the attention of LEAGUE members and other readers.

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ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Arbroath C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, 8. Final arrangements for show, schedules, etc.—J. Gray.

Arlington and Hirst C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Final arrangements of annual show.—W. Hall.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Final table and annual show business.—J. Whitehead.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. 1st table show of Canaries and British birds.—W. Hallstone.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Oct. 7, St. Thomas, Ardwick, 8. Anuual show, specials, etc., cage-making demonstratiou.—J. Spencer.

Bolton C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Headquarters, 8.30.—J. Gerrard.

Bootle C.B.S.—Oct. 7, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, L. Lands, 8. Schedules for annual show, dates for night shows, and other important business.—L. S. Hamilton.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for members' show and dance, members' specials.—F. Gelder.

Birmingham South O.S.—Oct. 8, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements, young stock show.—J. Sheppard.

Blackpool Roller Society.—Oct. 7, 150, Whitegate Drive, 8. Show business.—S. Morrison.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 7, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Members' show. Judges, Messrs. J. Bailey, Allerton, and W. A. Cowgill, Girlington. Birds staged 7.15. Entries Monday evening and Tuesday at the schools.—H. Hill.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Oct. 8, at Headquarters, 7.30. Committee meeting, 8.30. Table show; judge, M. C. Pearson. Classes: Yorks. Non-fed, Colour-fed, Novice, Nor. Non-fed, Colour-fed, Novice, A.O.V. Can., Gold. or Bullf., Greenf. or Chaff., Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, A.O.V. Brit., Mule or Hyb. Judging competition. All members invited.—Will H. Gibb.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Staffordshire, Knot, 8. Open show business.—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent.

Consett, Blackhill P., etc., S.—Oct. 4, Co-operative Buildings, Consett, 7.30. Preparation of schedule.—J. H. Coupland.

Crewe O.S.—Sept. 7, Brotherhood, Institute, 8. Show business.—E. Jaycott.

Camborne F. and H.S.—Oct. 7, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Urgent and important business connected with president's cup.—A. Scoble.

Choppington C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—G. H. Seely.

City of Perth O.A.—Oct. 6, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Open show business.—J. L. Smith.

Clackmannan C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Townhead Tea Rooms, Alloa, 8. Arrangements for coming show, Dec. 6; any other competent.—W. W. Duncan.

Clay Cross C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Angel Hotel, 7. Items concerning show, Oct. 11.—J. Griffiths.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 7.30. Mr. J. Barnes will give a washing exhibition.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Seven Stars, Riddings, 7. Open show business.—Smith and Lees.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Plough Hotel, Queen Victoria Road, 8.30. Tickets ready for open show, also schedules. Subs. now due.—W. Saunders.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Town Hall, Auchinleck, 7. As this will probably be last meeting before show; all members are requested to attend. Subs. due.—A. Wyper.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Black Bull, 7.30. Members' classes for annual show, and other very important business.—G. Hunt.

East Ham F.S.—Oct. 9, Harmonic Hall, Plashet Grove, E. Ham, 2 till 10. Young Stock show.—W. Kite.—(Please note that notices must be sent in duplicate if they are to appear both in CAGE BIRDS and the "Poultry World."—Ed.)

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Oct. 6, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Arrangements for show.—R. S. Spence.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Farnworth Church House, Church Road, 7.30. Show business.—W. Dawson.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—Oct. 4, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Annual show business; Important.—W. Connelly.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Oct. 7, J. H. Senior's, 8. Show business.—A. Berry.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, 8. Allotting classes for open show; judges.—W. Curry.

Grangemouth and Dis. O.S.—Oct. 8, Rechabite Hall, 8. Election of stewards, etc.; subs. due; last meeting for members' joining.—J. Woodhouse.

Grantham C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Brewers' Arms, 8. Business important, and members' table show. Judges, E. Bond and W. E. Allen.—H. Lowther.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 4, Plummit Line Hotel, 7.30. Old show business.—Harry Clegg.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Important business.—W. Tallantyre.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Crown Inn, 7. Postponed from 4th.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Entry night.—Wm. Cottingham.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Prince of Wales, Bath Street, 7. Important business.—T. Smith.

Kent County C.B.A.—Oct. 8, 36, Snargate Street, Dover, 8. General.—H. Wood.

Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Lawley Road Council Schools, 7 and 7.30 p.m. Classification and other show business. Members please make special effort to be present, and help to conduct business satisfactorily.—G. T. Wall.

Leyton C.B.A.—Oct. 6, Grange Park Hall, 8. Washing competition. Judge, J. T. Clarke, Esq.—Forse and Son.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Oct. 7, White Swan, 8.30. Clearance night and special show business.—A. Freestone.

Leeds C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on preparing for exhibition, and other important business.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Oct. 4, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Important show business.—H. L. Davis.

Leith O.S.—Oct. 11, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Final arrangements for show, and other important business.—G. W. Brown.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Coffee House, 7.30. Classes back-end show, supper, etc.—H. Woodhead.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Masons' Arms, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, draw specials, entries, and cup returned.—W. B. Smart.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Mr. Lowe's Room, Jonning Street, 8.30. Arrange for forthcoming show, also decide about the cups for competition.—L. Lowe.

Manchester and Dis. Amalgamated Show.—Oct. 9, Mr. Robinson's, Carruthers Street, 9.—H. Clayton.

Manningham C.B.A.—Oct. 4, Headquarters, 8.—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for next show.—J. Rhodes.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Oct. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October show and other important business.—W. H. Tansey.

Nelson, Colne C. and C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Mr. Fulton's Shop, 7.30. Show business.—J. Speak.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—Oct. 9, "Pied Bull" Hotel, 8. Table show of cage birds.—H. A. Waddington.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Oct. 6, Pillar's Cafe.—M. C. Potts.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Important business.—F. Washbourne.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Church House, 8.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Fleece Hotel, 8. Members' show business.—H. Raistrick.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 6, Club Rooms, 8.30. Quarterly meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Completing of schedule.—H. Wantling.

Sheffield O.S.—Oct. 7, Rose and Crown, 8. Members' show business, also All-England show, novel suggestions from the treasurer; washing exhibition.—E. C. Job.

South London C. and F.A.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, 8. General meeting; show of young poultry. Judge, F. Allen.—G. F. Crawford.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Wharfe Hotel, 8. General meeting. Show, unflighted birds, Oct. 11, at Wharfe Hotel, birds staged 7 p.m. Judge, Mr. A. Barnes.—A. Sutcliffe.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—Oct. 8, Reid Hall, 8.—J. Waugh.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Headquarters, 7.30. Washing competition, arrangements for Nov. show, etc.—G. S. Sampson.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Oct. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Open show business.—J. Pitchford.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 9, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Important business.—J. R. Meikle.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Headquarters, 8.15. Monthly table show. Schedule for annual show, Allot specials, and other annual show business.—W. Broadbridge.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Barber's Shop, 8. Arranging for open show, Nov. 8.—F. Hampshire.

Skipton C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Friendly Society's Hall, 7. Arrangements for the season's show, and consideration of novices' cup.—E. Gill.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Headquarters, 7.30. Show business, bring your "Ramsden's Coupons"; important.—J. T. Cheetham.

South-West London C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Headquarters, 8.30. To prepare schedule for annual show, Dec. 6.—H. A. Freeman.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Headquarters, 8. Members' show, Oct. 4; entries close Friday night at 10.—J. Bamford.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Oct. 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Important business. Balance sheet.—H. Cuttler.

Wakefield O.S.—Oct. 4, Crown and Anchor, 8. Special business, and proposed alteration of classes for members' shows.—J. Isherwood.

Walkden Roller Society.—Oct. 7, Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—Hy. Howard.

Walkley C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Table show, young birds. 10 classes, and nomination of officers.—A. Lawton.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Oct. 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Specials for show and other important business.—G. Greenwell.

Wandsworth F.S.—Oct. 9, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle, Wandsworth, 8. Business of open show, Dec. 10 and 11.—W. Lightfoot.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Headquarters, 8.30. Important, must have attendance; last meeting adjourned owing to non-attendance.—W. G. Andrews.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Schedules for show. Subs. due.—W. Elliott.

Wigan C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Final arrangement for schedule for old show.—E. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Open show business, etc. Entries Tuesday 8 to 11 p.m., for open show at Headquarters.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Oct. 6, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture by Miss F. M. Durham, entitled "The Effects of Age on the Sex of Young Birds."—H. Smith.

Wingate F.S.—Oct. 4, Literary Institute, 7. Fanciers invited. Members' subscriptions due.—J. Burdett.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Duke of York, 8.15. Show business; members please bring along your specials.—J. Gibbons.

York C.B.S.—Oct. 8, All Saint's Room. Members' show; birds staged 6.30. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Entries close Oct. 6.—H. Sayles.

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In the Courts.

Canaries Sent on Approval.

At the bi monthly County Court for the Halstead district, held Sept. 22, before His Honour Judge Tindal Atkinson, Arthur E. Barcham, of Sible Hedingham, brought an action against Albert E. Silk, bird specialist, of Whitstable, Kent, to recover £1 7s. 6d., the price of two Canaries, which he had had on approval from the defendant, but which were returned.

Mr. W. A. Smith, solicitor, who appeared for the plaintiff, explained that the £1 7s. 6d. was the price of two Canaries which he had received on approval, and which were subsequently returned. He received them on June 13, and as he did not approve of them they were returned on June 16. They were received by the defendant, who wrote saying he would not keep them, and that he proposed to send them on again. Nothing further was heard until his client issued the summons. Plaintiff had received no communication from the railway company whatever in regard to the birds, and therefore it might be fairly well presumed that the defendant received the birds from the plaintiff and never returned them. In regard to the question of approval, added Mr. Smith, the usual terms were that the prospective buyer should keep them for three days. In this case the birds were received on the Friday by the plaintiff, and he returned them on the Monday, because if he had sent them off on the Saturday they would in all probability have been on the rail all day Sunday.

A. E. Barcham, of Sible Hedingham, bore out his solicitor's opening statement. He said that in June last he wrote to the defendant for a pair of Canaries on approval. The defendant declined to send the birds unless the money was forwarded.

Mr. Smith: And on what terms were they sent then?—Plaintiff: The terms were that if they did not suit me I was to return the birds, and he would return the cash. Plaintiff added that he paid the carriage both ways.

Mr. Smith: Did he write you saying he had received the birds?—Yes.—His Honour: Have you got that letter?—A portion of the letter was read, which stated that the birds had been received, but were in a shocking state. The writer added that he was returning the Canaries.

His Honour (to plaintiff): And did he return them to you?—No, sir.—His Honour: Nor the money? How much?—Plaintiff: £1 7s. 6d., your Honour.

His Honour: Very well; judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Burton-on-Trent (Staffs).—Market Hall, Oct. 18. Judge, J. Robson. 41 open classes: Nor. 15 (3 Nov.), Yorks. 3, Cinn. 5, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Mules 3, Albino 1, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 14, to A. Wood, 10, S. Oak Street.

Ilkeston (Derbys).—Victoria Hall, Oct. 24-25. Judges, C. A. House, R. J. Howe. 38 open classes: Nor. 11 (2 Sell., 2 Nov.), Crests 3, Yorks. 7 (1 Sell., 2 Nov.), Bord. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 10 (1 Nov.), For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 21, to T. Smith, 5, King Street.

Matlock (Derbys).—Victoria Hall, Oct. 30. Judge, J. C. Barnes. 17 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 Nov.), Yorks. 5 (1 Nov.), Mules 1, Brit. 2, A.O.V. Can. 1, Sell. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 21, to J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue.

Kidwelly (Carm).—Town Hall, Oct. 29. Judge, T. H. Furness. 17 classes: Nor 2, Yorks. 4, Bord. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 7, Sell. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 24, to J. Morgan, 3, Priory Street.

Kilbarchan (Renfrew).—Public School, Oct. 11. Judge, W. Ettles. 12 classes: Nor. 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mules 1, For. 1. Prizes, 9s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 6, to W. Finnie, New Street.

New Swindon (Berks).—Workmen's Club, Oct. 18. Judge, Rev. T. W. Sturges. 7 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Fee 1s. Ent. close Oct. 11, to G. Swonnikoff, 9, Bristol Street.

Braintree (Essex).—Corn Exchange, Oct. 25. Judge, T. S. Ward. 16 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, 1913 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 2, Nov. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 2s. Ent. close Oct. 14, to F. A. Hunnable, Selbannuh, London Road.

Torquay (Devon).—Bath Saloons, Oct. 16. Judge, O. A. House. 13 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 4, Mule 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 8, to A. Walker, Crendon, Innerbrook Road.

Oxford F.S.—Corn Exchange, Oct. 30. Judge, G. H. Billett. 19 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 8, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 25, to A. H. Calcutt, Kidlington, Oxon

Oxford C.B.S.—Old Masonic Hall, Oct. 16. Judge, J. H. Roe. 31 classes: Nor. 9, Yorks. 5, Crests 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 13, to C. F. Holliday, 58, George Street.

Windsor (Berks).—Guildhall, Oct. 29. Judges, H. Norman, W. T. Page. 30 open classes: Yorks. 11 (5 Nov.), Nor. 9 (3 Nov.), Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 8, For. 3, Sell. 1, Stock 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 25, to E. A. Stickland, 39, Alma Road.

Maidenhead (Berks).—Skating Rink, Oct. 29. Judge, G. H. Billett. 10 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s.; fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 20, to E. A. Bristow, 36, King Street.

Harrogate (Yorks).—Oct. 18. Judge, W. Mundell. 20 classes: Yorks. 12 (6 Nov.), Nor. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Brit. 2, Mules 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s.; fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 14, to G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.

Norwich Alliance.—Corn Hall, Oct. 16-17. Judges, W. E. Greeves, W. H. Howe, J. Stark. 59 classes: Nor. Champ. 6, Amat. 6, Open 7, Sell. 8, Cinn. 2, Crests Champ. 3, Amat. 4, Open 4, Sell. 3, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 8, For. 4. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s.; fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 11, to E. C. St. Quinton, 35, Calvert Street.

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Two Rare-feathered Birds at Burnley.

Sir,—There is to be seen flying with the Starlings around Whittlefield Recreation Ground, Burnley, a pure cinnamon bird; also a black and white Blackbird in the gardens in Ightenhill Park Lane.

J. Broxup.

Gramophone Records of the Songs of Birds.

Sir,—I think it would be a good thing for record makers not only to have the Roller's song, but the song of the Linnet and Goldfinch. I have been speaking to other bird-keepers, and they would also like to get one of each. I wish Cage Birds every success.

W. Vowles.

A Bullfinch which Preferred Captivity.

Sir,—It may be of interest to your readers to know that last Sunday morning, while feeding my birds, a Bullfinch flew out of the aviary, and in the afternoon I found him trying his hardest to get in again! I caught him and put him back with his "pals." He evidently preferred being in captivity to being at large.

P. Smith.

Swindon.

An Appeal to Fanciers in Erith and District.

Sir,—We have in this district a number of bird fanciers, who are absolutely unorganised, as far as the Fancy is concerned, and we, the committee, and officers of the Erith and Dist. Fanciers Society, are anxious to cater for and so unite them. I should be glad to hear from them. We have an annual show next month.

J. H. Cossey.

8, Market Buildings,
High Street, Erith.

Can Birds Cause Railway Accidents?

Sir,—A correspondent of the "Westminster Gazette" raises the above curious question. He says: "while waiting at a wayside railway station I happened to observe four pigeons sitting on a wire leading from the signal-cabin to a line of telegraph poles. The wire was rather slack, and the effort made by the birds at the commencement of their flight (they flew away together) had the effect of swinging the signal wire into contact with a telegraph line. I was curious to know what effect would be produced thereby in the signal-cabin, and on questioning the signalman he informed me that a stray current had just given him a false "Line Clear" signal, irregularly authorising him to send a train into a section which was already occupied by another train. I was astonished to learn from him that most of the signalling circuits in this country are liable to similar interference.

Dennis McCarthy.

What Constitutes a Novice?

Sir,—At the last meeting of our Society arose the question of what constituted a novice at the shows, and I was requested to ask your idea on the matter. I shall be much obliged if you can give me the required information.

J. R. Chestney.

The most general ruling at open shows is that which we have adopted for the purposes of our Coupon Scheme, viz.: "A novice is a person who has never won a first prize for Canaries, or Mules and Hybrids, or British, or Foreign birds, in a class at any show other than one confined to club members, or residents in the town or county where the show is held, or limited as to the price at which the exhibit is to be sold (price not to exceed £5), or three first prizes in open novice classes. All members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them may have to compete." The ruling at members' shows naturally varies, as many societies cater for the novice, amateur, and champion sections. It varies, too, with regard to the competitions of specialist clubs; for instance, two fanciers have written us stating that although they have won firsts at the Crystal Palace and Scottish National Shows, they are still novices under the rules of the Border Fancy C.C.—Editor.

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What is the Matter with Members' Shows?

Suggestion that there be No Prize Money.

Sir,—I wish to compliment "Looker On" on his good letter, albeit I don't see eye to eye with him in his argument. I can't see that the uniting of either shows or societies is the remedy for poor entries at members' shows. It would only mean clubbing together the present divided entries, which would not make for progress. What is the reason of the scarcity of entries? My opinion is, that with many it is a matter of £ s. d. Members who work hard for a moderate wage can't see sense in an indiscriminate spending of money in entry fees without some good prospect of getting it back again, hence they judge their own birds, and if they are not satisfied they will be sure winners they leave them at home. An official of a Manchester society said to me at one of this year's first feather shows, when I asked him why he had not sent any entries: "I've no likely winners, and I don't see the fun of paying other people's prize-money." Then there are those few members like friend Metcalfe, who cease showing because there is either nothing worthy of their steel, or not enough to "kill"; but those would soon come again with better conditions.

How can it be remedied? The remedy I suggest will perhaps not at first appeal to some, but I would have them consider it well before they condemn it. It is to alter the arrangement of entry fees and prize-money, which is really a matter of pooling the entry fees and paying out to the lucky few. Put the entry fee at, say, 2d. per cage, and pay no direct prize-money, but treat it more as an exhibition of one's hobby. This would give exhibitors a chance of showing their birds without fear of dropping a lot of money—at the same time the best birds could stand as such, for award cards would be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd best in class. If there was a balance (which I feel sure there always would be) after show expenses were paid, allot specials for best team in section—extra of course to any specials given by the society, or private individuals. If this arrangement was carried out in the right spirit, I feel sure it would advance the hobby we are interested in, both in the eyes of coming fanciers and the public in general, who are not all keen critics of every exhibit, but like to have plenty for their money, given fair quality, of course. Those members who think anything will do for a members' show would soon be shamed into bringing the right stuff, for there is no lack of stock worth looking at amongst the Manchester fanciers. Also, I think most fanciers would rather stand at the head of a class of a dozen exhibits with no prize-money behind it, than at the head of three with "your money back." My experience of fanciers in general is that they remember having stood 1st in a large class, not that they won 6s., or whatever it might be.

Manicus Minor.

Co-operative Shows as a Stimulus.

Sir,—As a result of the correspondence in your columns re the above, I believe some effort is being made in Manchester to arouse interest in the Fancy, and if possible to come to some arrangement whereby the various societies may assist each other to run their members' shows more successfully. I sincerely hope that some good will result. There is no doubt that a state of apathy prevails. Some action is necessary to raise the local Fancy from the listless position to which it has been drifting for some few years. I do not suggest that interest has departed entirely, but I do think that if the fanciers set themselves out earnestly to promulgate the hobby, that many more people would be induced to take an interest in it, and join a society in their district. We require a few earnest and broad-minded fanciers from the various societies to give a lead and put forward a policy by which, with the co-operation of the several societies concerned, interest could be aroused and maintained. There must, however, be no petty jealousies or suspicion of each other's motives, or far better that nothing should be attempted. Any success which may be attained must necessarily be shared in by the whole of the societies, and this should be our aim. Personally I do not think that amalgamation is a solution, or that it would bring about any better state of things than exists at present, and this view is shared by several who are in close touch with the district. Neither do I see hope of much improvement by the holding of one amalgamated members' show. I would, however, suggest for consideration that an arrangement might be come to in which the societies may co-operate, and each society hold a show for its own members, and its own specials, with the addition of entries from all the other co-opted societies. For instance, if there were eight societies, that would be eight shows running through the season. Section specials could be allotted on similar lines to those adopted by the specialist clubs, for, say, most aggregate points—three highest awards at each show to count. There would still remain the difficulty which has been always with us, viz., the falling away of competition as the season advances, on account of so many being hopelessly out of the running, and consequently leaving their birds at home. To mitigate this, however, I would suggest that the specials be given for most points at the four earlier shows, most points at the four later shows, and most points at the whole eight shows. Of course, valuable specials could hardly be expected under such an arrangement, but they could be worked out according to the circumstances, and I feel sure that if some such arrangement can be brought about, it will bring the whole district into closer touch and that members individually, as well as their societies and the Fancy generally, will benefit.

T. Atkinson.

An Advocate of Amalgamated Shows.

Sir,—"Forward" asks why I did not, in my last letter, advance any "items in its favour." I did not want to take up too much of our Editor's space, and, of course, have "too big a free advt." However, I will try to do so now, knowing full well "Forward" and pals will not approve ("never" they say). I am one who in the past has taken a great interest in members' shows, to the extent of sending not less than 12 and up to 22 entries. (Smoke up, Reuben.) Now we all know that all, or nearly all, members' shows do not pay. I grant there are exceptions, mainly due to the cadging of specials from tradesmen. I speak from experience, and have long since resolved never to ask any tradesman for a special again. It is not cricket, and will not make their fortunes. They give because they do not like to say no. Now "Forward" asks me if the last two amalgamated shows were as big a success as I anticipated. I say "Yes." First of all let me correct his figures. The first one was run by North Manchester in 1912 with four societies, the second by Ardwick with six societies. This year it will be run by Pendleton and Salford, with four societies. Now of the six societies in the second show, I believe one society has closed down, and another one has amalgamated with clubs nearer to it for this year. Now, "Forward," these explanations put a different light on, don't they? I reckon these amalgamated shows have given as good specials, if not better, than some members' shows, and they have not had to beg their specials; each club has given a small donation, and I know for a fact each one has had two-thirds of it back, at least, after the settling up. Again, "F" says my society (I claim none) was the last to come into line. Let me say I was a delegate for one Society, which was practically the first agitator for amalgamated shows. I say again, my idea is for each society to do away with members' shows (I guess I've stung "Forward") and to run them as amalgamated or co-operated shows; F. Feather, Nov., and Jan. Members would then show, and there ought to be plenty of competition. These shows, I feel sure, would flourish. Look at the saving in expenses, judges' fees, room-rent, stewards' luncheons, printing, etc., etc. Why, they could not help but pay their way, and, as "Looker On" said, people, not only fanciers, would come and see them, and the officials would have to make less of their lame excuses to the visitors and judge re weather, moulting, etc. I would like to say that I have a few busy weeks in front of me, but would try and answer any questions if the writers will only sign their names, but Nom-de-plumes I must absolutely ignore. I trust Cage Birds may be the means of infusing fresh life into the Fancy around here.

R. J. Metcalfe.

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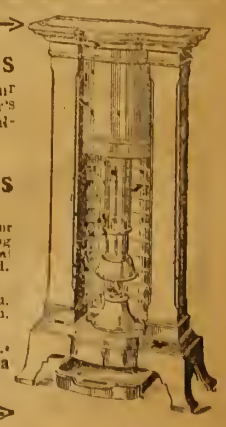
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A Fatal Fancy for Cherries.

Sir,—A Thrush with ring marked "Witherby, High Holborn, London, No. 4809," has been shot at Bewdley, Worcester. There were several other birds with rings on their legs raiding the ripe cherries.

J. Shilcock.

The Water Glass for Border Fancy C.C. Show Cages.

Sir,—As there seems to be some misunderstanding amongst members of the Border Fancy Canary Club regarding the rule passed at the last general meeting concerning the pattern of the drinking glasses for show cages, may I state that the one adopted was the same round glass with "D. and S." on bottom. I trust members will now understand what is wanted.

M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec.

The Problem of Migration.

Sir,—I have been wondering if "Sub Rosa" is pulling Mr. E. Kay Robinson's leg re the migration of our birds and the due North winds. I think our migratory birds would leave us at their usual time, let the wind be from any point. I think there is something else besides the due North winds (shall I say a little "instinct"?) as the different species don't all leave together, any more than they arrive together. Take the case of the adult Cuckoos, which always leave us when our warmest weather is upon us. As a rule we don't get our cold North winds till after the majority of our birds have gone South. I wish your splendid journal every success.

A. Bowles.

Why Are Some Welsh Shows Failures?

Are The Judges Overworked.

Sir,—Last season there was much discussion as to the reason why so many Welsh shows failed to pay their way, and many reasons were advanced. Pontardawe schedule, which has just reached me, gives, in my opinion, the principal reason why so many Welsh shows are more or less failures. This schedule contains 110 classes, and out of this number no less than 77 are allotted to Mr. C. A. House. Is this not absurd? I have no fault to find with Mr. House. He is acknowledged as one of our best all-round judges, but it is absolutely impossible for him to judge 77 classes, either with satisfaction to himself, or the exhibitors, even though we know he is no "slow-coach." Fanciers know it is impossible for one man to perform such tasks as that given to Mr. House, and as a consequence the wise ones keep their entries at home. The result will be that many classes will be cancelled or have only part of the prize money awarded, as per rule 2. Had the Pontardawe executive elected two judges to do the work they have given Mr. House I feel sure their show would have been successful. I commend this idea to our Welsh committees. They save money in judges' fees, and lose it in entries, and that is why Welsh shows do not pay.

Swansea Boy.

How a Reader Hangs His Cages.

Sir,—I send you an idea which may be useful to fanciers who have their cages hung up on walls, etc. The method generally adopted is to make a hole in the back of cage, and this with a nail sticking through it disfigures the inside of a good cage. The

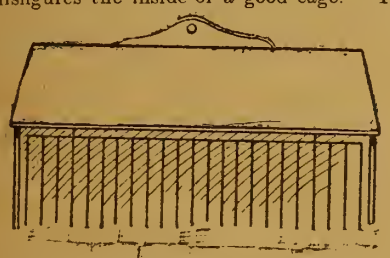


illustration shows a neater contrivance or method for hanging a cage. Simply cut a piece of wood as shown, and make a hole in the centre (to slip over nail). Then nail this on to the top of cage at back, driving the nails through the bracket into the top and back boards of cage. Cages can then be hung up without disfiguring hole in the back.

W. Williams.

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The Silver Tea Service at Sheffield O.S. Show.

Sir,—As the donor of the above special, to be competed for at the Sheffield O.S. open show, Nov. 7th and 8th, allow me to inform your correspondent (G. Boucher) and all other fanciers, that it will be awarded to the exhibitor making most points in the novice Yorkshire section. It is open to everyone who is a novice; no restrictions whatever. I may also say that the exhibitors who run 2nd and 3rd will receive valuable specials. So, novices, send us good teams along.

W. Craig.

Sir,—I notice the Novice Yorkshires are going to be specially well catered for, and in the interests of the novice fanciers of the Norwich Plainhead I should like to know if anything is being done in this variety to encourage novice exhibitors.

J. Naden.

Wake Up! Stockport.

Sir,—I am of the same opinion as Mr. J. H. Garbutt, that a real live cage-bird club ought to be in existence in a town like Stockport, with over 100,000 of a population, good railway service and good showrooms. We have had some good shows in the past (over 300 birds at members' shows) and very fine specimens, too, from such exhibitors as G. Garner, W. Lee, Massey, Cook, Shore, Beswick, Potts, Slater, Allsop-Davies, Hargreaves, Nelson, and other good fanciers. Of course, a few have either given up or left the district, but that is no reason why a club should not go again, when there are plenty who would fill their places. Rally round and put your shoulders to the wheel. The Stockport Cage Bird Society is not exactly dead, but is in a bad way. What is the cause? I do not know. Now fanciers, let us have your views. I know that I am perhaps a little to blame for not calling meetings lately, but what can fanciers expect when only about four turn up to the meetings, and consequently no business can be done.

W. Stafford, Sec.

47, Winifred Street.

The Southern Norwich P.C. and Clapham Show.

Champion Section Patronage Allotted to Plymouth.

Sir,—The Club has been compelled to withdraw from Clapham their patronage in champion section, the novice section to remain. The reason for doing so is because of classification, which will put our competition for points out of order for the entire season. They received my instructions, but unfortunately copied last year's schedule, but owing to Mr. Spillman's resolution at last annual meeting, they are out of order, and time is now too limited for correction. I have sent notices to all our members that Plymouth in champions takes the patronage, owing to the only show that does not clash with our dates, also comes tie with Swansea and Portsmouth in votes from committee for the allotting of club patronage. To be further in order, according to our minutes passed at annual meeting, we must have six shows for champion section, and I trust that other clubs taking same will be careful to see they have no errors in schedule re classification.

F. S. Matthes,
Hon. Sec. S.N.P.C.

P.S.—Will members in looking over schedule for Plymouth understand that class 20, unflighted hens, and class 23, natural colour birds, are not to compete for points, and that date of closing for own entries will be Oct. 8 instead of Oct. 4?

By the same post as Mr. Matthes' communication comes the following from the secretary of the Clapham Society, a copy of a letter he has sent to members of the S.N.P.C.:

To Members of the S.N.P.C.

Gentlemen,—By an oversight, the classification in Norwich classes in our schedule was printed the same as last year. To meet your requirements we have made Class 5, yellow hen, and have added Class 5a, buff hen; so send along your entries, and don't make the Association suffer for an error of the Secretary, who is extremely sorry that this has occurred.—T. J. Hose, Hon. Sec. Clapham C.B.A.

Sir,—What strikes me as being unfair is that while the Champion Committee of the S.N.P.C. are so mindful of their eight classes, yet they are so unmindful of the novice section as to only grant six classes for them, and these classes at the discretion of the Society obtaining their patronage!

Free Lance.

[We have received several letters from S.N.P.C. members and others concerning the above matter, but as the points they raise or discuss are dealt with above, we do not think the publication of them is necessary.—Editor.]

How to Stage Birds to Win

By H. NORMAN (Carshalton).

This popular judge provides readers with some topical tips and interesting views.

As we are now on the eve of the show season I feel tempted to pen a few lines upon the subject of staging. It is a branch of the art of exhibiting that does not, I fear, receive the attention it should in every branch of our hobby.

Generally speaking, there is not much to complain of in the staging of the British birds, because somehow the exhibitors in this section have for some time past realised the importance of placing their birds before the judges in the best possible condition, and in preparing suitable surroundings to show them off to the best advantage. It is true we occasionally see exhibits that might have been better put down. They are possibly in cumbersome, unwieldy cages, or cages with unsuitable backgrounds; but so varied are the



The ungraceful position of a Border when alighting on perches placed too far apart.

tones of colour in our wild birds that one sometimes wonders that exhibitors manage as well as they do.

Among the Canaries it is different; yellow is the predominant colour, and as a complementary we have blue and its varied shades. The specialist Norwich clubs have a standard tint for the back of the cage, but I am still of the opinion that the same tint does not quite suit both a yellow and a buff; a little greater depth of colour behind a buff is more suitable to its paler tones, particularly where the bird has not taken the colour-food over well, and is in consequence somewhat "down" in colour.

What British Bird Men Have Done.

British bird exhibitors have experimented freely as to the size, shape and colour of the cages most suitable for the species they are exhibiting. As a background green appears to show off the majority of wild birds to the best advantage, but I am inclined to think that the tone of colour generally used is a shade too dark. Exhibitors should remember that the majority of the halls are none too well lighted in the daytime; they are mostly built for evening entertainments, and daylight in some of them is almost an unknown quantity. It is difficult for a judge to weigh up a bird's merits and compare it with others when he has to peer into the cage to get a sight of the inmate. The shade of colour required for most Britishers is usually described as "holly" green, but, to my way of thinking, a fresh laurel leaf comes nearer the mark. It is a nice middle shade, bright without being glaring, and shows off most species to perfection.

There is still something to be said for the light background, particularly for birds on the small side; it has the peculiar property of affording the bird an apparent increase in size, though at the expense of a loss in depth of colour.

The Greenfinch a Difficult Problem.

The most difficult bird to deal with is undoubtedly the Greenfinch. It is impossible to fix a standard colour to show him to the best advantage, because one can seldom find any two birds in a class exactly alike in tone of colour. The tints mostly used are bright green, pale blue, pale pink, and occasionally a dark chocolate. If I were asked to select one that would be most suitable to all, I should say white, with an inclination to a tone of pink (rather than blue), but this would be providing all the birds were to be exhibited in their natural plumage.

The size of the cages is another matter that requires consideration. One naturally wants the cage to be as small as possible, to save the difficulty in carriage, but still there is a "happy medium." A bird should never look cramped for room, nor yet lost in a big cage.

All perches should be placed so that the bird takes them easily. One frequently sees a bird take a perch and then droop or bend (as a man will when he jumps from a high wall or fence). In this case the perches are too far apart and require altering. A bird should not have to "recover" after taking a perch, but move from one to the other gracefully and easily. This applies as much to Canaries as to Hybrids and British birds. Among the Canaries, the Borders are frequently shown with the perches unsuitably placed, both as regards distance from perch to perch, and from perch to feeding trough. If one watches the actions of a bird as he moves from one to the other, it is not difficult to decide if they are correctly placed.

In showing birds in open wire cages the chief contrasting colour is the black of the cages, so this should be in good condition; if not, and it has to be freshly enamelled, this should be done some time before the date of the show, to allow it to harden. I have seen some clear birds anything but "clear" after they have been in their show cages a few hours, and the judge's hands after officiating at the first show of the season are frequently in such a state that one would hardly care to shake hands with him.

Have Everything Spick and Span.

Nice white perches make a pleasing contrast with the black of the cage. These should be scrubbed in strong soda water and then dried before a brisk fire. Water-glasses, tins, and everything about a show cage should be scrupulously clean and neat. Do not put large water bottles on small cages; they look ugly and out of proportion.

Remember that the only thing you wish to force upon the attention of the judge is the bird; let everything be in harmony with a view to showing up the exhibit to the best possible advantage. The judge does not mean to let a bird's surroundings influence him, but nevertheless, perhaps unconsciously, they do; anyway, one seldom or never sees a badly-staged specimen at the head of its class. This fact should be a severe object lesson to all young exhibitors. "Staged to perfection" are the words one wants to read after a descriptive report of one's winner.

Some young fanciers run away with the idea that certain varieties of Canary require no training for exhibition, or, rather, they think it is only Yorkshires that need to be run into show cages. This is quite erroneous, for all varieties should be properly trained. Take the Norwich as an example. The first time a young bird is run into a show cage he crouches, frightened, and drops his tail, looking worth about half his real value. And if you go near him the chances are he will dash to the bars, cling there, then drop with fluttering wings, spread tail, and a gaping beak, that tell plainly the terror he is in. He settles down after a time, and you pack him off to the show.

An Excuse that is no Excuse.

What happens? He is taken out of his box by a stranger, in a strange room. His fright re-appears; possibly he damages his flights or tail; possibly he never properly settles down during the whole show. What is a judge to do with a bird like that? It may be a good one, but it has to stand down in consequence of its behaviour. The owner's excuse that it is "the first time he has been in a show cage," is an expression one should never hear at an exhibition. The bird should be trained to his cage until he is as accustomed to it and as comfortable in it as he is with his stock cage. Then he will show himself to perfection, come boldly up to the bars, and take his perches gracefully and smartly.

Another bird-room error lies in having to catch birds to transfer them from one cage to another. Yorkshires are trained to enter a show cage without difficulty, and all other Canaries, Hybrids, British birds, etc., should be trained in the same way. The method is simple. Hang a small cage on the front of the stock cage, and leave it there for a day or two, when the birds will pass in and out quite freely; then, when wanted, with a thin stick gently drive one in, unhook the cage, and transfer him to the show cage. Once birds have been trained to this procedure they are never any trouble afterwards. This passing from cage to cage is good for them, and keeps them steady and fearless. In the case of British birds, etc., caged singly in stock-cages, the latter should have a door in the left-hand end, and through this the birds can readily be accustomed to run into the show cages.

The Shows.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Members' show, held September 27, Wesley Place School. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged, and gave every satisfaction. YORKS., Cl., or TKD. YELL.: 1, Peddar; 2, Firth; 3, Brown and Ramsden; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, he, Bartle. BUFF: 1, 4, Orme; 2, Peddar; 3, Brook and Oldfield. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Orme. BUFF: 1, Holden. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Firth. BUFF: 1, he, Orme; 2, Peddar; 3, 4, Holden; vhc, Brook and Oldfield; c, Brown and Ramsden. Hen: 1, Bartle. NOR.: 1, Peddar.—W. A. Brown, Sec.

TONG C.B.S.

Members' show held Sept. 27, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill; 73, birds were staged. Mr. F. Self, Clayton, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP., YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Casey. BUFF (7): 1, Gledhill; 2, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Nichol; 4, Atkinson and Firth. MKD. CK. (8): 1, 3, Hodgson, jun.; 2, Padgett; 4, Gledhill. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Atkinson and Firth; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Hodgson, jun. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, Hodgson, sen.; 4, Casey. BUFF (6): 1, Atkinson and Firth; 2, Gledhill; 3, Casey; 4, Padgett. MKD. HEN (4): 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Hodgson, sen. NOV. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Ramsbottom; 3, 4, Hellliwell and Jackson. BUFF (6): 1, Baker; 2, Wardman; 3, Ramsbottom; 4, Casey. MKD. (4): 1, Baker; 2, Wright; 3, Preston. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Ramsbottom; 2, Casey; 3, Baker; 4, Wright. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Baker; 2, Casey; 3, Ramsbottom. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Ramsbottom; 2, Preston; 3, Wright. MKD.: 1, Preston; 2, Ramsbottom.—W. Walker, Sec.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Members third show, held Blue Bell Hotel, Sept. 27th, with a grand entry of 100 Yorks. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, judged to the satisfaction of all. Novice special prize was won by F. Studd, Idle, with a grand team of 10 Yorks. Season's points up-to-date are now as follows:—CHAMP.: Atkinson, 73; Shepherd, 69; Long, 65; Halliday, 35; Gardner, 30; Chippendale, 25. NOV.: Hall, 44; Studd, 41; Ellis, 31; Fretwell, 19; Boocock, 16; Harvey, 16.

AWARDS, CHAMP., CL. YELL.: 1, Halliday. CL. BUFF: 1, Chippendale; 2, Shepherd; 3, Drake. TKD. BUFF: 1, Halliday. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Broadley; 3, Halliday; 4, Long; vhc, c, Atkinson; he, Garnett. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, Shepherd; 3, Chippendale; 4, Mason. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Mason; 2, he, Atkinson; 3, 4, Shepherd; vhc, Long; c, Drake. BUFF: 1, c, Chippendale; 2, 3, Long; 4, vhc, Atkinson; he, Drake. GREEN MKD. COCK: 1, Mason; 2, vhc, Shepherd; 3, Chippendale; 4, he, Halliday; c, Garnett. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, 2, Garnett. GREEN MKD. HEN: 1, 2, Halliday. YELL. COCK, 12s. 6d.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Shepherd. BUFF, 12s. 6d.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Garnett; 3, Long. HEN, 10s. 6d.: 1, Shepherd; 2, Long; 3, Hall; 4, Long. NOV., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Studd; 2, Green; 3, Harvey. BUFF: 1, vhc, Studd; 2, Hall; 3, Ellis; 4, Green. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Booth; 2, Bradley; 3, Wilman; 4, Fretwell; vhc, he, Hall. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Cotterill; 3, Wilman; 4, Bradley; vhc, Studd; he, Ellis. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Fretwell; 3, Green; 4, Booth; vhc, Harvey; he, Ellis; c, Ball. BUFF.: 1, 4, vhc, Studd; 2, he, Hall; 3, Waller; c, Cotterill. GREEN MKD. COCK: 1, Green; 2, Wilman. HEN: 1, Harvey. CINN. MKD. HEN: 1, Ellis.—Taylor and Ellis, Secs.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly contest, at George and Dragon, Bridge Street, September 27, for 3 prizes. 1, Kirk; 2, Wainwright; 3, Caddy. General meeting, October 5.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality singing held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Sept. 27; 16 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. William Tillotson. 1, 3, Chadwick; 2, Hardcastle. Judges, A. Jennings, W. Naylor. Also Sept. 28; 19 sang for three prizes. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Wigfield; 3, Chadwick. Judges, T. Stead, A. Jennings, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorp, Sept. 21. 1, 3, Ward; 2, Tomlinson. Also Sept. 23, a grand contest, some very good singing was heard. 1, 2, Ward; 3, Tomlinson. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at Prince Albert, Sept. 23; 14 sang for three prizes given by Mrs. A. Saynor. 1, Scissons; 2, Chippendale; 3, Brabiner. Judges, C. Lorrimer and J. Solomon.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK. C.B.C.

Meeting held in Reid Hall, Mr. A. Sloan chair, over a good attendance. Three new members were made, and after the business was finished, Mr. A. Wilson, Glasgow, gave a lecture on How to become a successful fancier, and various other items of interest. The lecture was appreciated by all, and a hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Wilson.—J. Waugh, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, September 27, Mr. J. Rankine presiding. Previous to business, a table show of Linnets was held. Mr. D. McLaren judged. HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, Rankine; 2, Johnson; 3, Kilpatrick; 4, Campbell. F.-M.: 1, Rankine; 2, 3, Malcolm. Collectors gave in a report which showed that they had made a record in the amount of specials got, and subscriptions likewise were far ahead of anything yet attained. The business of the forthcoming annual show (1st Nov.) fully took up the time at our disposal.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

When sending birds by rail, use our **Live Bird Labels**, 24 3d., 50 6d., 100 10d, post free.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Special meeting held Sept. 27, with a large attendance. After ordinary business, the question of prize drawing came up for consideration, when it was decided to have a guessing competition for Canaries. Nine Canaries and one Linnet were promised there and then for same; the specials are coming in well.—G. Harver, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C

Our patronage for the ensuing season has been granted Hanley, October 16th, champion and novice; Wolverhampton, October 24-25, champion and novice; Stoke-on-Trent, November 13, novice; Nottingham, November 14, champion; West Bromwich, November 22nd, champion and novice; City of Birmingham, December 3-4, champion and novice; Walsall, December 12th, champion and novice. This was the best that could be arranged. We appeal to all Yorks. members of abovenamed societies to join us. Annual subscription, only 2s. 6d.—J. Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

YORKS. AND LANCS. BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Owing to secretaries not applying for patronage earlier, the books have been delayed another week. I hope members will not forget to show at Leeds (our first show), October 10-11. There is the same prize-money as last year, also in addition, a splendid silver challenge cup, given by our worthy President, Dr. M. A. Wilson, to be won three times, not necessarily in succession (for most points in Brit., Mules and Hyb.). List of shows for patronage: Leeds, October 10-11; Halifax, October 17-18; Manchester, Oct. 24-25; Sheffield, Nov. 7-8; Preston O.S., Nov. 21-22; Bradford National, December 5-6-8; Malton, December 26; Doncaster, January 10.—T. H. Inman, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Marie Stuart Halls, 24th September, Mr. Hunter in the chair. Particulars for the annual show were fully gone into, and arrangements made. Decided to have three table shows this winter, October, November, and December; October one allocated for Norwich, and Crests, Mr. E. Barron judge; November for Borders and Yorks., judge, Mr. R. Jeffrey; and the December one for Mules, British and foreign birds, judge, Mr. M. Craig. Washing exhibition at October meeting, along with the table show. It is hoped all members will do their best for these table shows. A list of classes will be duly posted to each. Three new members were admitted.—R. Heggie, Sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER FANCY CLUB.

Monthly meeting, held Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, September 25th., Mr. Norman in chair; good attendance of members. Sketch of spoon was submitted by Mr. A. J. Pratt; a very pretty design, with drawing of a Border, and name of club on the handle. It was greatly admired by those present. Decided to adopt this pattern for the club's special, subject to the price being favourable. Secretary was instructed to write secretaries of Plymouth, Cheltenham, Wimbledon, and Leyton Shows, on the subject of judges for the Border section. Messrs. Claydon, Campbell, Jones, Smith, Saunders, Wiseman, were elected members. Intending members are requested to send in their names at once to me at 58, Montholme Road, Wandsworth Common. Points will only be counted to members competing for Newley's cup, exhibiting their birds in the club pattern cage; not those of previous pattern.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting held September 18, Mr. McGown presiding. Estimates for uprights for annual show were submitted, and it was remitted to Messrs. Robb, Morton, and Chambers to settle. Mr. Tawse offered a special of 10s. for most points at annual show on the following terms: Classes of 7 or over, first bird to count seven points. Classes with less than seven, lowest bird to count one, and so on upwards. Any member filling one class, first bird only to count (7 points). Secretary was instructed to write for schedules and classification sheets to Leith Publishing Company. Chairman intimated that as one of our members was leaving for Australia, we proposed to present him with a small token of esteem, and in response, a fair sum of money was collected, which was presented to him on Monday, 22nd, for which he returned his heartiest thanks to the members. Members who have not paid annual subs. are requested to do so as soon as possible.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

DARVEL C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 23. There was a good attendance, Mr. N. Hopkins presided. Date of club show was fixed for Nov. 15, entries to close on Wed. previous. Classes arranged at last meeting, with slight alterations, were approved. Sec. instructed to write Mr. J. Johnston (Kilmarnock) enquiring if he was free to judge club show. Charges asked for Lesser Town Hall for club show were considered too heavy, and sec. was instructed to make enquiries re getting Y.M.C.A. Hall before we arrange anything definite. Sec. instructed to look after schedules and prize cards without going to much expense. Messrs. J. Taylor, Darvel, and A. Richmond (Newmilns) were elected members. Up till the present Scotch Fancy breeders have been conspicuous by their absence at our meetings, and although no classes have been provided in schedule of club show, there is still time to come forward and be represented with a class or two. Rally round, gentlemen, and let us have specimens of all the varieties kept in this district on the boards. Next meeting, Oct. 23. New members made heartily welcome.—J. Robertson, jun., Sec.

THE FOREIGN BIRD EXHIBITORS LEAGUE.

Splendid Progress Made: A Great Show to be Held this Season.

At their last meeting, this society concluded arrangements concerning classification and prize money for foreign birds at the forthcoming London C.B.A. show (at the Horticultural Hall), Nov. 27, 28, and 29. In addition to the extensive classification printed in detail earlier in the year, a class has been added for Gouldian Finches only, and that class (formerly 28) which contained both large and small birds has been divided into two, viz.:—

29.—All species Flycatchers, Minivets, Wood Swallows, Chats, Redstarts, Robins, Bush Robins, Sivas, Mesias, Tits, Nuthatches, and Warblers.

30.—All other species not previously mentioned, including Birds of Paradise, Manucodes, Toucans, Trogons, Touracos, Tyrants, True Shrikes, Woodpeckers, Kingfishers, Barbets, Pittas, Mocking Birds, and True Thrushes, etc.

The above make up a total of 30 classes and the League has guaranteed that full prize money of 20s. shall be paid in all classes, irrespective of the number of entries. There is to be no cancellation and no amalgamation, and in classes containing 12 or more entries an extra two shillings will be added to the money of each second prize winner. Prize-money (no vhc, he, or c cards given):—1st, 12s.; 2nd 6s. 6d. (where 12 and over entries, 8s. 6d.); third, 4s.; fourth, 3s.; fifth, 2s.; sixth, 1s. 6d.; seventh, 1s. The seventh winner gets half his entrance fee back, and whether an exhibitor is able to partly fill a class or show only a few birds he is less likely to fail utterly in retrieving some of his expenses than has formerly been the case.

For the League, Lord Tavistock has guaranteed seven Parrot classes; the President, C. Pelham Sutton, Esq., the class for Green Budgerigars (prize money in this case to total £2 2s.); Mr. R. J. Watts the Gouldian class; Mr. W. J. C. Frost the small insectivorous class, and the hon. sec. the large insectivorous.

The work, time, and expense involved have not been small, and it is to be hoped now an opportunity is given these foreign bird exhibitors who have previously kept birds at home owing to small classification preventing them from getting a chance to score, that they will respond in good numbers, and try and make it possible to hold at least one good show of foreign birds annually.

Should success attend this experiment, this is assured, and it will then be also possible to extend help to societies who may be entitled (according to the rules of the League) to apply for patronage. Although the membership of the League is increasing daily, considering the work it has undertaken to do it is not by any means large enough. The League has not been working in the interests of individuals or entirely in those of its own members, but on behalf of foreign bird keeping as a whole, and I therefore hope that foreign bird keepers who interest themselves in the welfare of their hobby will remember this and help to bring before the public in the future, even more than they have in the past, the subjects of their cult.

A. Silver, Hon. Sec.

383, High Rd., Streatham, S.W.

ARBROATH C.B.S.

Successful meeting held Sept. 24, Mr. W. Muir, pres., in chair, and a large attendance. Specials were allotted to the various classes. After other business, the meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to chair.—J. Gray, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN F.F. & C.B.S.

Meeting held September 27, at Queen's Hotel, Mr. Isaac Elliott chair, and a good company present. Messrs. J. Stanger, Penton Fell, Canaries, and Mr. T. Dixon, Bennington, British, were elected to judge at our open show, January 3. We got a start with schedule, but had to leave over till next meeting.—M. Archer.

WALLSEND C.B.A.

Summoned meeting held Sept. 24, Mr. J. Heslop in chair, before a record attendance. Schedule was drawn up, every member being highly satisfied. There are 55 classes, so members, rally around and make our show a success. Members must not forget that we require a large number of specials, and if each member was to obtain one instead of leaving the collection to a few it would be better. A large attendance is requested at next meeting, Oct. 8.—Geo. Greenwell, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting at Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, September 27. Mr. W. Massey, Bolton, presided over a good muster. Mr. J. Thomas, Halifax, was elected a member. A discussion took place regarding Mr. Norris's letter to the press re prize money, and his suggestion was adopted. Patronage, as before, was granted to the Bolton Roller Club. Other clubs desiring patronage, should apply at once. Preliminary arrangements for members' show, November 29th, were made.—A. Percival (Hon. Sec.), Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Sept. 27, before a moderate attendance. The Assistant Secretary acted as chairman until the arrival of Mr. T. Fortman (deputy chairman), who was then called upon. A prize was promised to the individual selling the greatest number of tickets of admission to the annual open show. So will members kindly come forward, and lend a helping hand to make our open show a bumping success? Decided to pay the two stewards at the open show.—P. R. Jenkinson (Assist. Sec.).

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Committee meeting held Wilson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Sept. 13, Mr. McLay chair. Present—Messrs. Lambie, Noble, Smart, Shillinglaw, and Young (sec.). Correspondence was read from Messrs. McNaughton and Whittan, also from Glasgow and Dist. O.A. An application from Cowdenbeath Society was forwarded, asking for patronage, and it was agreed to grant patronage and club medal. Agreed that club show be held in conjunction with Glasgow and District's fixture on Nov. 21 and 22, secretary being instructed to circularise members of same and asking for a special prize fund. Following proposed for membership:—Messrs. J. Nimmo (Wishaw) and McMillan (Glasgow). Meeting closed with vote of thanks to chair.—John Young, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

Meeting held at headquarters, Crown Hotel, Birmingham, September 18, before a moderate attendance. Mr. C. W. Wells, chair. The following clubs are granted patronage: Hanley, October 16, nov. and champ.; Wolverhampton, October 26, champ. and nov.; Stoke-on-Trent, Nov. 13, nov.; Nottingham, Nov. 14, champ.; West Bromwich, Nov. 21, champ. and nov.; City of Birmingham, Dec. 3, champ. and nov.; Walsall, December 13, champ. and nov. It is for our members to well support the societies mentioned. Mr. A. Philpott elected member. Members please note in the new rules No. 19 with reference to the novice clause after the words, "who has never won," it should read, "a first prize in open competition." Owing to fresh appointment, Sec. will, we are afraid, be unable to continue his duties, much to his regret.—Per pro. Sec., J. C.

QUEEN'S PARK (London) C.B.A.

Meeting held September 24th, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, Mr. Lawrence in the chair, before a good muster of members. In the absence of the secretary, it was decided to go on with table show as arranged, there being a good turn up of birds. Mr. F. Eaton was elected as final judge, and his awards gave all round satisfaction. He received a vote of thanks, and a vote of thanks to the chair closed the meeting.

UDDINGSTON C.B.S.

The lecture on "The Study of Nature, and its relation to Men and Birds" was a great success. Mr. Davidson dealt at great length on his personal experience of wild bird life in India, where he spent most of his young life. His denunciation of the "Indian Crow" was both humorous and interesting; all who were fortunate to be present voted the lecture one of the best of its kind, and Mr. Davidson was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Next lecture soon.—J. Cosgrove.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Fortnightly show meeting, held at headquarters, Duke of York, September 25, with a full attendance. Mr. F. J. Weaver presided. The chief business was the presenting of schedule before going to press, and the allotting of special prizes at our all England show, October 24-25. This of itself was a very full order, and I would like to hear of any member who may like to give or get a special, as every one adds grist to the mill. Intending members should notify sec. as soon as possible; will supply full particulars and rules.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec., 61, Napier Road.

NEWTONGRANGE C.B.S.

Meeting held in Dean Tavern, Sept. 22, Mr. A. M. Gardiner chair. Letters were read from various judges, and the following were appointed:—Norwich Plainhead section and A.O.V. class, Mr. A. Fleming (Musselburgh); Borders, Scotch Fancy, and Yorks, Mr. J. Sheerin (Kilmarnock); British, Mr. J. Aitken (Leith). Letter read from sec. of Scottish F.C. intimating that patronage had been withheld by a very narrow majority. The Border Fancy and the B.B. and M.C. patronage had been granted, and the Editor of CAGE BIRDS had extended the Coupon Competition to Newtongrange Show. Sec. was instructed to procure estimates for schedules and catalogues. Subscription sheets and books were again submitted to the meeting, and a hearty response has been met so far.—W. Bryson, Sec.

STANLEY (Empire Workmen's Club) F.F. AND C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 21, J. Emmerson chair; a good number turned up to adopt schedule for 6th Annual Members Show, we put on 21 classes for cage birds, and we expect to beat all records. The committee is helping us all that they possibly can to increase the fancy in our district. We got a few more specials at our meeting, and we expect all fanciers to get as many specials as they can, so that we may have one for each class, at least. Mr. Wm. Elliott gives a special for worst bird; Mr. T. Taylor best Greenfinch; Mr. J. Boyce, best Linnet; Mr. J. Atherton, special for section, and other special donors are Messrs. Dickinson, Elliott, Robson, Lamb, Heskey, Stephenson, and Minto, Mrs. Knotts, and Elliott, and Holland.—Wm. Robinson, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held Village School Room, Alexandria, September 23, President Donaldson, chair. The principal business was a visit from Mr. Wm. Hutchison, Sec. Glasgow C.B.A., who gave a demonstration on how to wash a Canary for exhibition. Starting by showing how the bird should be held, he proceeded in bringing about a transformation, giving tips here and there, his expert handling creating great interest and proving a treat to all. A club competition was afterwards held, which created much enthusiasm, as the various competitors went through their work in a businesslike manner. Mr. Hutchison judged, and his decisions—1st Mrs. McLean; 2nd, Mrs. W. B. Gillies; 3rd, Mrs. Liles, were received with applause. Mr. Hutchison, was afterwards thanked for so kindly giving the clever demonstration, which had been so greatly appreciated.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

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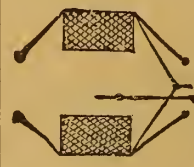
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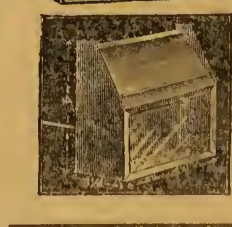
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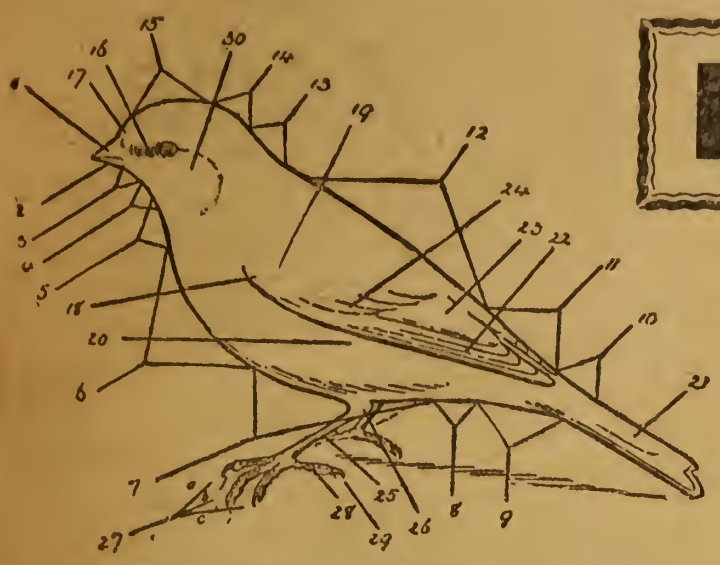
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GARDEN Warbler, Whitethroat, yellow Wagtail, cocks, 5/- each; exchange Hybrid or anything household: Gooderham, 61a, High-st., Stamford.

TO exhibitors: Light Linnet Mule, winner 2nd, 30/-: Greenfinch, winner 1st, 12/6; Reed Bunting, winner 2nd, 10/6; Goldfinch, winner 2nd, 15/-; Linnet, winner 2nd, 15/-; Twite, winner 2nd, 10/6; Goldfinch, winner 4th, 10/6; Linnet, winner 3rd, 10/6; 1912 handreared Thrush, 12/6; also a few good field-moulted Linnets at 2/6: all complete with show cages; exchange anything: G. Perrius, 26, Lennox-rd., Longton, Staffs. (921)

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries for exhibition British and foreign Hardbills or Softbills; mutual approval: Wilson, Wybrow-terr., Workington. (918)

FOUR cock Linnets, 1 cock Chaffinch, 1 cock, 2 hens, Green Canaries, cages, etc., all have been kept outside 12 months; exchange screw-cutting lathe or offer, would pay part: Lever, 410, Eccles New-rd., Salford, Manchester. (914)

EXHIBITORS: Five monster Linnets, Norwich type, good heads, well pencilled, picked from season's catching, 2/- each; exchange lot for good Goldfinch or Linnet Mule, suitable for call bird: W. West, Bird Catcher, Lamprell-st., Old Ford, Bow. (924)

Mainly Canaries.

THREE good breeding hens, var., 2/6 each, 6/- the lot: Saxton, Library, Grays, Essex. (914)

YORKSHIRES for sale or exchange; three cocks, five hens, the lot 22/-: 4, Rose-st., Halifax. (921)

FOR sale or exchange 12 Yorkshire cock Canaries; what offers; apply: E. Gulley, 81, Western-st., Swansea. (920)

WANTED, offers in Rose bushes, in exchange for pair 1912 Border Fancy: 157, Ross-st., Mill-rd., Cambridge. (924)

EXCHANGE two clear buff Yorkshire hens for big Norwich hens, or offers: Dorsey, Brook View, Earby, Yorkshire. (918)

FEW Sib.-bred hen Canaries for sale, 1/6 each, cheap, or exchange British birds: Cockram, Tatworth, Chard. (922)

EXCHANGE buff cinnamon cock for dozen common pigeons, yours first; offers: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs. (921)

WANTED, talking Parrot, must be good talker; give four pairs high-class Yorkshire Greens: Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley. (916)

EXCHANGE a graud Yorkshire cock for trained Roller, also Yorkshires for sale or exchange: 6, Tancred-rd., Wallasey. (922)

WILL exchange Pied Scotch Fancy cock for clear yellow Crested cock; yours first: Bowerman, 12, Wellington-st., Swindon. (919)

WANTED, a muling Goldfinch; exchange six Yorkshire hens; approval both ways: Couper, 14, Scotia-pl., St. Ninians, Stirling. (916)

WANTED pullets or large cockerels for Yorkshire Canaries, clears or greens, or offers: Folland, Stoneycroft, Old Swan, Liverpool. (919)

GRAND Norwich cocks, 5/- to 10/-; hens, 2/6 to 7/6; or exchange for good British hardbills: G. Swinburn, 120, Weardale-st., Spennymoor (918)

PURE Rollers, cocks 7/6, hens 2/-; Roller cages, new, 1/3; exchange clapnets, gramophone, organette: Clayton, New-lane, Drighlington. (922)

SEVERAL 1913 Yorkshires, mostly cinnamon bred, cocks and hens, sale or exchange, pullets preferred: Rostron, Pilsworth-rd., Heywood. (922)

EXCHANGE two Canary hens, one bred mules, for good Norwich cock, or sell 6/-: West, 27, New-row, Oakenshaw, Willington, Durham. (923)

EXCHANGE Norwich or Yorkshire cock for three large cock Goldfinches; Goldfinches first: Lee, 55, Waterloo-sq., Camberwell, London. (923)

YORKSHIRE cock Canaries, 6/- each, 1913 birds, or exchange for English concertina: John Bell, 224, Back-row, Tudhoe Colliery, Spennymoor. (923)

EXCHANGE six Yorkshire hens for three Yorkshire cocks, or offers; birds first; approval: Pussell, 4, Malvern Buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath. (919)

SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, 12/6; good Linnet Mule, 6/6; unflighted Yorkshire hen, 4/-; exchange; offers invited: Teat, Ancaster Heath, Grantham. (916)

THREE cocks, eight hens, Yorks, good length; offers gent.'s cycle, 22in. road racer preferred; sell £2; approval: Saul, 20, Village-grove, Liverpool. (917)

EXCHANGE pair 1913 exhibition Norwich, for pair exhibition Yorkshires or Roller schoolmaster, or sale; offers: Mr. Nield, 17, Harrington-st., Allenton, Derby. (913)

EXCHANGE six grand young Yorkshire cock Canaries, two hens, two crossbred cocks, anything useful, cash £2 15/-; approval: Crawshaw, Epworth, Doncaster. (921)

WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens, through moult, for two cock Linnet or Goldfinch Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (900)

BELGIANS; yellow cock, buff hen, moulted, £3 pair; exchange gramophone, with swan neck tone-arm preferred: Fearnley, 92, Church-st., Paddock, Huddersfield. (917)

FOUR typical Yorkshire hens, grand stock birds, 1912 bred, £1 lot; exchange cycle tyres or tubes, 28 by 1½; yours first: Waddicor, 5, Holly-st., Balderstone, Rochdale. (917)

MAIL cart, hold two children, cost 60/-, good condition, accept 30/-; approval, deposit; exchange Canaries, offers: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (925)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks and Norwich Canaries, winning strain, for scrap brass, copper, block tin; approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (927)

WANTED Yorkshire green ticked cock; exchange buff Norwich cock, sell, 15/-; exchange buff Border hen for Yorkshire hen, sell 10/-; approval: C.W.K., No. 3, Holmside-place, Blyth. (925)

EXCHANGE Borders, Crests, for Rollers, housemoulted Goldfinches, Yorkshire cock for Roller Schoolmaster: Particulars, James Sherwood, Woodfield-rd. North, Ellesmere Port. (918)

TWO Rollers and five Yorkshire Rollers, hens from same, 1/6 each; exchange cock Goldfinches, Yorkshire show cages, rabbits to value; anything useful: Gayden, 60, Park-st., Alfreton. (920)

FOR exchange, a pair of buff Yorkshire cocks, and one pair of good large Norwich, for one pair of good large yellow Yorkshires; must be good stock birds: S. Blackburn, Hollingsworth-lane, Epworth, via Doncaster. (914)

EIGHT Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; five hens, 3/- each; four crossbred cocks, 6/6 each; two cocks, one hen, Rollers, 11/6 lot; three feeding hens, 6/- lot; offers for lot, separate: exchange: Stott, 1, Exeter-rd., Egremont, Cheshire. (916)

YORKSHIRES: Selling out, yellow cock and buff hen, 30/-, winners; buff cock and yellow hen, £1; three yellow hens, 7/6 each; pairs from 7/6; dozen cages, 18 x 17 x 10, 1/9 each. £1 lot; new condition, exchange, offers: Livesey, 10, Square-rd., Walsden, Todmorden, Yorkshire. (919)

Mainly Foreign.

YELLOW Budgerigars, 6/- pair; Greens, 5/- pair; exchange Parrakeets: 7, Victoria-ter., Walsall. (921)

PAIR Golden Owls, hand-reared, also pair Green Budgerigars; best offer or exchange: R. Graham, Ballybrack, Dublin. (913)

BUDGERIGARS, aviary bred, 6/- pair; exchange Norwich Canaries or offers; approval: Scapens, 31, Drysdale-st., Hoxton-st., N. (921)

EXCHANGE Red and Grey Parrot and cage, guaranteed talker, value £2, for Budgerigar and Cockatiels: L. Tittle, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, near Northwich, Cheshire. (920)

WHAT offers for exhibition Borders, evenly mkd.; also clears, even marked breed; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, or would exchange Light Mule or Hybrid; approval: Johnson, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk. (918)

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, singing well, 5/ each, 1913 birds; two small Norwich cocks, 5/- each; one Green Crest-bred cock, 5/-: Caretaker, Working Men's Club, Marazion, Cornwall. (918)

YOUNG Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, talking, and new square cage, 50/-, cheap, Parrot cost more; exchange lady's or gent.'s bike, or sewing machine; no rubbish: Nicol, 227, Albert-rd., Jarrow. (901)

Miscellaneous.

SALE or exchange, rabbit net, pair of clapnets, four call birds, brace birds: Hatton, George-st., Brighton. (916)

WANTED, offers for Bull bitch, brindle and white, sell, 25/-: White, 20, Douglas-st., Newtown, Wigan. (919)

THREE Silkies, one cock, two hens, 7/6; or exchange British to value: Button, Hythe-st., Dartford. (923)

WHAT offers in Canaries for one dozen of Canaries cages or sell 1/6 each: J. Mulliu, 33, Smith-st., Glasgow. (920)

WHAT offers Canaries for pair real Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (890)

EXCHANGE Airedale puppy for 2 Roller cock Canaries, or sell 25/-: Everitt, Sandiway, Northwich, Cheshire. (918)

WILL exchange half-plate camera for Yorkshire Canaries, or sell for 45/-: Fred Milnes, 10, Bk.-st., Dewsbury. (916)

EXCHANGE almost new electric belt, cost £2, for two good Green Border cocks: Sneddon, 9, Kelvin-st., Coatbridge. (919)

PRIZE-BRED mice, winning Reds, does, vhc, hc, Shildon, 3/- each; pair Dutch, 1/6: Gardner, Blue-st., Boston. (922)

GRAMOPHONE records, ten for good silver watch, Yorkshires or Rollers, offers: Robinson, Aldgate, Ketton, Stamford. (921)

PAIR Golden Sebright Bantams, 15/-; exchange Goldfinches or other birds: J. Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs. (918)

BARGAIN, 4 pair coloured mice, 4-compartment cage, sell 3/6, or offers: Marviu, Photographer, Northallerton, Yorks. (916)

SALE or exchange, Airedale bitch, 4 months, 12/6, offer Canaries or Mules: Fry, Watercress Farm, Ashley Vale, Bristol. (913)

GRAND five months brindle Scotch terrier bitch, best of pedigree, 35/-; cash, exchange birds: Shearn, Glass Merchant, Hanley. (920)

PEDIGREE Yorkshire terrier dog, 5 months, 20/-; exchange Canaries or offers: Labrum, 50, St. Edmunds-st., Northampton. (916)

WILL exchange 10in. records for cock Goldfinch Mule or British birds; yours first: Dyer, 5, Crosswood-st., Treorchy, Glam. (916)

VIOLIN, high-class, bow, case, music, value £2; boy's violin, 15/-; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (921)

CAPITAL gas stove, good condition, cost 30/-, sell 10/-, or exchange: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham. (913)

NICE cock Redpoll and new metal enamelled cage, 3/-; exchange Canaries, Bantams: Podmore, 12, Werrington-rd., Bucknall, Staffs. (920)

EXCHANGE 300 hyacinths, for glasses or pots, for Canaries, or sell for cash: Wright, 11, Manneringrd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (905)

TWO pairs racing homers, cocks, flown 100 miles, 1913 birds, sell 7/-, or exchange good Roller cock: Liddle, Fell View, Cockfield. (914)

WANTED, ½-plate stand camera, good condition; exchange Canaries, British, or foreign birds: Payne, Ladbroke-rd., Horley, Surrey. (913)

EXCHANGE fishing rod, reel, line, hooks, and flies, not used, for song bird: Gunningham, Pryce-st., Mountain Ash, South Wales. (918)

FIVE moulding planes, camera, exchange show cages, case, or good British; yours first: McKigen, 57, Raehurn-place, Edinburgh. (921)

EXCHANGE Dalmation bitch, nicely marked, for gramophone, Yorkshire Canaries, sell 20/-: Ainsworth, 36, Cupid-st., Liverpool. (916)

EXCHANGE 70 assorted fretwork designs, what offers; wanted exhibition British: W. Pearce, Marhamchurch, nr. Bude, Cornwall. (916)

GENT'S leather suit case, 24 x 15 x 7, value 35/-; exchange cutlery, take reasonable offer in cash: O.H., 260, Rolls-rd., Bermondsey. (926)

SET of clapnets, 8/-; cock Mule Canary, good whistler, hen Mule Canary, both 11/6: Holland, Blackwell, Towcester, Northants. (916)

EXCHANGE, set of good quality ivorine handled carvers for cock, or three hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (924)

WINNING Dutch rabbits and exhibition boxes, cards, exchange Canaries, and cages, no rubbish: Wick, 14, Ernest-st., Middlesboro'. (917)

PAIR Bronze warrior figures, with midget clocks on top of arm, new, 10/6, for Canaries; approval: Algar, Sunderland-st., Sunderland. (927)

½-P. Thornton Pickard, triple extension, £3 15/-; Rollers or Norwich, particulars sent; yours first: R. Lawton, Fleming-st., Barnsley. (927)

EXCHANGE Bull Airedale puppy, fawn, with black face, for breeding cages or sell: Thos. Jones, 89, Stafford-st., Heath Hayes, Cannock. (922)

EXCHANGE large aviary, 4ft. square, 3 cock Bullfinches, 3 1913 Norwich cocks, 1 pair Borders, for good lady's cycle: Haslett, Takeley. (916)

WHAT offers gramophone and records, magic lantern, and slides, gent's watch and chain: Blakemoor, 10, Boss's Gardens, Brighton. (916)

EXCHANGE "Good Quality" cutlery, for all kinds of birds, poultry, pigeons: state requirements: Fletcher, 457, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield. (920)

GRAND pair opera glasses, 10/6; two paraffin bracket lamps, complete, 7/6; exchange Canaries: Royce, 173, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (918)

FULL size saddle and bridle, also stripe cover for stall, 21ft. across; exchange cage birds: Jennings, 24, Doleybellin-st., Caerphilly, Glam. (921)

GENT'S BIKE, good tyres, 30/-; 2 cock Goldfinch Mules, 15/-; exchange monkey, watch, top bitch, offers: Love, No. 2, Park-lane, Tipton. (917)

EXCHANGE Ingersoll watch in going order for good singing Linnet: Leonard, 2, Hope Cottage, Cranford Village, Cranford, Hounslow. (923)

LANCASTER ½-plate. Thornton-Pickard ½-plate, Wizard ½-plate, sell cheap, or exchange anything: Mills, 31, Victoria-st., Irthlingborough. (921)

EXCHANGE dulcimer, English make, inlaid, and stand, for violin for exhibition Hawfinch cock, (steady: Malcolm, Thistle-st., Dunfermline. (920)

½-PLATE camera, good lens, 4 double dark slides, 35/-; Roller organ, condition good, £2; offers: Jones, 23, Park-st., New Park, Harrogate. (917)

BEDLINGTON terrier bitch, liver colour, 5½ months, exchange Canaries, or offers, value 25/-; approval: Hardey, Whitfield Cotts, nr. Crook, Durham. (917)

WHAT offers in Canaries, British, or foreign, for 20 double-sided 10 in. disc records, offers, yours first: Barnes, 9, Frank-st., Lower place, Rochdale. (917)

EXCHANGE anything, pedigree Black male Pom puppy, 19 weeks old, good coat and tail carriage, sell 35/-: Bennion, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (925)

BARGAIN: Gramophone and 17 disc records, 13/6; also Lucas King of the Road acetylene lamp, 10/-; approval, exchange Cockatiels, offers: Criddeford, Honiton. (919)

YOUNG Fox terrier dog, white body, well marked head, good ratter and guard, 20/-, or exchange Canaries or Mules: Perrett, 9, Dunstable Villas, Richmond. (924)

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Club Reports.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

There is to be a pie supper at headquarters, Shoulder of Mutton, on Oct. 11. Supper to be served at 8.30. Charge, 1s. per head; it is hoped that there will be a good turn-up of members. After supper the general monthly meeting will be held. Agenda: Voting on judges for 1914-5, and other important business.—A. Cooper, Sec.

MARKINCH P.P. AND C.B.S.

Meeting held, Lister's Rooms, Mr. Thomson (chairman) presiding. Arrangements were made for forthcoming show; subs. sheets were handed in, and proved to exceed previous years. A good supply of specials were handed in. Committee are doing their utmost to make the show a great success. Meeting closed in the usual manner.—J. Lindsay, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 6, at Assembly Rooms. Present: Mr. J. Jones (chair), Mr. G. Jones (vice); Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. J. Wynne Parry, Mr. E. Jones, Mr. R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. Committee has fixed Dec. 26 for open show for cage birds only, and have sent for fees to judges. Intending members please send me P.O. for 1/-, and I will enrol them, so that they may compete for our cups, medals, and cash specials. If any member wishes to give a cash special, kindly send same on at once. Next meeting, Oct. 14, at 8. I hope to see some new faces, as we are going to draft out classes, etc.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec., 5, Balaclava Rd., Carnarvon.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Meeting held Headquarters, Oct. 2, Mr. Pope chair, and a good number present. The most important business of the evening was the selection of the poines cups, and this proved to be no easy task, owing to the good selection sent for approval. Final arrangements were made for annual shown, Thurs., Nov. 6, and stands were appointed. Our special list is creeping up, and we hope that by the show day every member will have given a trifle. Next committee meeting, Oct. 16; important business. Intending members should note that this is the last date for election of members before the show, so send in your names to—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs., 121, Lee Rd., Lee Green, S.E.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Y.M. Halls, president in chair. Forthcoming show made principal business. Schedules are now ready. 16 classes Canary, and 10 British. Entries next meeting, Oct. 18, closing date 22nd. To enable committee to allocate specials next meeting, members are requested to have subscription sheets in on that date; sheets at meeting totalled well over £10 in donations and specials, which reflects great credit on the hard working committee. Besides new cup for Borders, there are valuable specials for every class, extra specials over classes, and for most points in classes. It would be very gratifying and encouraging to the committee to see all of last year's members, who have not yet put in an appearance, turning out at next meeting with a large entry. Cups and medals are on view now, in Morley's (Hairdresser) window.—A. Thomson, Sec.

PARTICK C.B.C.

Meeting held Foresters' Hall, Oct. 3, Mr. Fraser presiding. Agreed to advertise show in Fancy papers. Decided that entries close Oct. 23, and no entries be taken after that date in confined section. An amendment that entries be taken up till Nov. 1 being defeated, agreed to get posters same as last year and distribute same. Entries will be taken in secretary's house. The following members gave notice of birds for gift class: Messrs. Park, Carne, Dow, Crummond, and Maxwell. Following specials were received: Messrs McMillan 2, Fraser, 1 confined, 1 open; Anderson, 1 confined, 2 open. Next meeting will be held in Subway Hall, Partick Cross, Oct. 31. Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to chair. The annual show will be held in Subway Halls, Nov. 1, 58 confined classes, 9 open Yorks. (under Y.C.C. of Scotland patronage). Judges, Messrs. A. Sloan, R. Thomson, Dr. Syson, T. Penman, J. H. Adams.—W. Priest, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 1st, before a real good attendance. Mr. Rydal, the Arcade, was elected a member. Correspondence was read in connection with our show. Two suggestions were received in answer to my appeal in CAGE BIRDS, which are now under consideration. Hon. Sec. brought forward a scheme of advertisements, which was agreed to. Prizes were arranged for children's pet bird class. Limit class came up again for discussion, as it was felt that £1 was not enough for a novice, considering that commission and cage were included in that amount. Mr. Munday proposed that the limit be raised 5s., to allow for this. Mr. Avis moved an ameudment that the limit for all classes be the same as last year. A splendid discussion ensued, and Mr. Munday's proposition was carried, so the limit will be champion £3, amateur £2, novice £1 5s. Several more good specials have been promised, including one which caused a smile, being a pair of rabbits for the worst bird in show. I shall be glad of a few more specials for schedule. We were delighted to welcome our old friend, Mr. Giles, from Sonning Common. He had walked 5 miles on purpose to attend, and was going to walk back after the meeting. He is over 70 years old, and as active as ever. Judging by his happy smile all the evening, he was evidently glad he had come. It is an honour to have such a member, and we are proud of him. Hurry up, new members, to be in time for show.—W. H. Pike, Hon. Sec.

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DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Sep. 27, Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkess chair. Will members try and get as many specials as possible, and let us have them at next meeting, Oct. 11, instead of 18th, to allow fanciers their liberty on Newcastle show day.—Jamieson and Johnson.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Oct. 1. Final arrangements were made for next members' show at headquarters, the Hall, Royal Street, Oct. 22. Birds staged 6.45.; fourteen very useful specials; Messrs. J. Walker and J. Lobb judges. A cordial welcome to all fanciers; admission free.—E. S. Broadbent, Hon. Sec.

CROYDON F.A.

General meeting, held Oct. 1, to approve schedule of fourth annual members' show, Nov. 5. The two public halls, George Street, have been engaged. Mr. Miles judges cage birds. For particulars as to membership please apply to F. W. Capell, 121, Brighton Road, S. Croydon.

DUBLIN (South County) C.B.A.

Members' show will be held Oct. 11, and it is expected a fairly large number of birds will be brought down. Judging at 3.30; fee 2d. per cage, payable at door. Meeting will be held Oct. 13 at Court House, when schedule for annual show will be prepared. Any fancier wishing to subscribe a special is requested to communicate before Monday with—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Tivoli Terrace.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

General monthly meeting, held Oct. 2. Final arrangements made for open show in Cambridge Hall, Northumberland Road, Oct. 17-18. Will those fanciers who have not received schedule, send at once? Will members do their best to sell the tickets; also note that we have 8 specials in gilt class? I have received another since the schedules were sent out. This class is open to anyone, so send your birds along; the birds will be sold for the benefit of the society in the show on Saturday, at 3.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 10. Mr. Holden presided over a good attendance. Rules for schedule gone into; they are same as last year, with one or two alterations, one being that all birds with more than one claimant will be put up for auction, highest bidder to get bird. Decided to add another unlighted hen class for Norwich in the open, making a yellow and buff. Three members present guaranteed these two classes. Also decided to add two Cinnamon Borders (Yellow and Buff), and a class for Brit. Hard, F.M., except Linnet, which have already a class. Decided that smoking be not allowed at annual show. Subs are now overdue.—W. Curry, Sec. (The above only came to hand in time for this issue.—Ed.)

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting in Oldham Hall, Sept. 25, Mr. G. Green in the chair. Seven new members elected and one proposed. Syllabus for 1913-14 drawn up; a number of night shows and competitions were formed for the novices and it is up to the novices to make these a success. Following specials were allotted: Champions (open competitions), 3 cups, 3 gold medals, 3 10s. specials; Novices (open competition), 1st gold medal, 2nd 10s., 3rd 6s., 4th 4s. Local Novices Competition: 1st, most points, silver cup; 2nd, gold medal; 3rd, 10/-; 4th, 5/-. We hope the list of specials provided will make it a record year, especially in the novice section. Members' subscriptions must be paid or points will not count for specials. First novice show, Everton and Anfield, Oct. 19; 6 classes; champions Newcastle Borders, Halifax, Yorkshire.—F. Handley, Sec.

YARM, EAGLESCLIFFE, C.B.S.

Meeting held Crown Hotel, September 26, 28 present. Mr. Geo. Ramsey, chair. Decided to hold annual show January 17. We have been fortunate in securing the services of two very popular judges in Messrs. C. Houlton, and W. A. Cowgill, and we sincerely hope fanciers will show their appreciation by giving us a record entry. The success of this society has been very marked. Three years ago the entries at our annual show numbered 280, next year 387, and last year they reached the respectable total of 560. We also succeeded in establishing a record by posting the prize-money within a quarter of an hour of the judges' decisions. We want the society to become the most successful in the North of England, and to that end make a further appeal to all fanciers to help us by sending as many entries as possible at our next show.—T. F. Wilson, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

The following is a list of shows held under the patronage of the club during the season 1913-1914: Clapham C.B.S., gold and silver medals, Oct. 8-9; Wimbledon C.B.S., silver, Oct. 21-22; Portsmouth C.B.S., silver, 22-23; Manchester and N.C.O.S., 2 silver, Oct. 24-25; Carlisle (Border City) O.S., silver and bronze, Oct. 29-30; Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., silver, Nov. 1-2; Southend C.B.S., silver, Nov. 4-5; Sheffield C.B.S., silver and bronze, Nov. 7-8; Swansea C.B.S., 2 silver and bronze, Nov. 12-13; Leyton C.B.S., silver, Nov. 13-14; Nottingham and Notts O.S., silver, Nov. 14-15; Cardiff C.B.S., 2 silver and bronze, Nov. 19-20; N.B.B. and M.C. (held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A.), 3 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze, Nov. 27-29; Bradford National C.B. show, 3 silver and bronze, Dec. 5-8; Luton C.B.S., silver, Dec. 10; Gateshead and District C.B.S., silver and bronze, Dec. 12-13; Scottish National, gold, silver and bronze, Dec. 31, Jan. 1; Doncaster C.B.S., silver, Jan. 10, and such shows as may be subsequently announced.

Mr. Longden presents a gold medal for most points gained in the hardbill section at Swansea, Cardiff and L.C.B.A. Shows, to a member who has not previously won a gold medal. Mr. P. Walsh, gold medal for most points at Sheffield Show. Mr. Archer, silver medal for most points gained by a member who has not previously won a medal, at Bradford show. At the Club Show, to be held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A., the £5 5s. Hybrid Cup will be offered for competition. The following additional medals have been presented for competition: Two silver, by Mr. Trower, for most points gained by a member who has not previously won a medal in the seedeaters' and insectivorous classes respectively. A silver, by Mr. Puck, for best cage mounted insectivorous smaller than a Wheatear, Dartford Warbler debarred. A silver, by Mr. Weston, for best bird in the Hybrid, seedeaters', or insectivorous classes, shown by a member who has not previously won a medal. The conditions under which medals are allotted to above shows will be found in the respective societies' schedules.—J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec., 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, W.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting there was a fair turn-out of members, who were very busy getting ready for annual show. Decided to add two more Yorkshire classes, also to hold special meeting, Oct. 18, to elect stewards, and make final arrangements for annual show.—Geo. Hayver, Sec.

GRANGEMOUTH C.B.S.

Meeting held on Sept. 10 at Rechabite Hall, Mr. Pagan chair. Sheets were handed out to collectors, Mr. J. M. Aitken was elected president in place of Mr. Smart, resigned. We have patronage of B.S.C.C. also Sandiford's medal. Members kindly send on subs.—T. Woodhouse, Sec., 83, Marshall St., Grangemouth.

EDINBURGH O.S.

Meeting held in Buchanan's Hotel, Oct. 4, Mr. W. Allan presiding. The chairman made reference to the death of one of the members, the late Mr. Tait, who was a very prominent Scotch Fancy breeder. After the general business it was agreed to have all the late member's stock at the club show, Oct. 25, to be sold for the benefit of his widow.—A. Weston, Sec.

BUGLE F.A.

Meeting held Sep. 29, at Burgh Institute, Sir William Serjeant, C.B., president, in chair. Mr. E. H. Richards (treasurer), gave the financial statement; receipts £140 8s. 6d., expenditure £122 8s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £18. All the officials were thanked for their efforts in making the first show a success. Annual general meeting for election of officers will be held in January, 1914.—A. L. Pearce and A. C. Gregor, Hon. Secs.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held Sept. 25, at Star Inn, with a good attendance; Mr. Spencer chair, in the absence of Chairman Mr. Barwise, who could not attend through illness. Decided to have a cup show Dec. 20, also that the cup goes to best bird. Mr. J. Baker, one of our oldest fanciers, has promised to give us a washing exhibition, date to be fixed. Fanciers wishing to join can do so by applying to the sec, G. Whittaker, 18, Sandhurst St., Burnley.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Special meeting held Oct. 2, to finish cup business. Resolved to have cups open to all for Nor., Yorks., Bord., and British, also a gold medal for novice section. Mr. Stockin, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Gooding each promised a bird for the drawing in connection with open show. Letter read from president, Mr. Claude Williams, enclosing a cheque for five guineas. Will members let me have specials they have collected as soon as possible. Mr. A. Deere was elected a member.—T. Thomas, Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

I omitted in last report that Mr. Sandiford again offers a case of dessert cutlery for most points gained during the season by the three highest birds fed upon his Royal Red Feed; also that Pentrebach show, Nov. 27, will be held under the patronage, with Mr. J. R. Houghton (Gloucester) as judge. Several members have not yet paid their subs. I should like to remind them that our first show is Llandrindod, but their points cannot count until their names have been brought before the committee as new members. Please pay up, and so give me plenty of time to write each of the committee. Balance sheets I hope to send out this week. Shall be glad to hear from any fancier wishing to join; sub. 3s. per annum.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Sep. 29, when there was a good muster of members and friends present to see Mr. W. Shakespeare give a grand exhibition of washing; the way he handled the birds proved that he has had a great deal of experience in washing birds, for in a few minutes they were hopping the perches again as lively as before their bath. This was very instructive, and was much appreciated by all, the novices being specially interested, no doubt having their minds fixed on winning the cup again at our annual show, Nov. 21, 22. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shakespeare, proposed by Mr. R. T. Dann (chair) seconded Mr. E. T. Bush, brought a very successful meeting to a close.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Meeting held (date and place omitted, Ed.), Mr. A. W. Watson, chair, and a fair turnout of members. Correspondence was read and secretary gave report, re F.F. Show. The total income was £1 1s. 6d.; after deducting expenses, there would be a balance of about 18s. to the funds of the society. Secretary was instructed to write Sec. of Edinburgh, Western O.S., for use of staging, etc., at annual show, also to ascertain price of hire. It was moved that we get 100 posters from Leith Printing Co., also prize cards from same firm. Admission tickets to be bought from Hydes. Quotations were asked from Leith Printing Co., also Mr. Aitken, Dalkeith, for classification sheets and catalogues. Pres. then called upon Mr. Steel, of Dalkeith, who had kindly come forward to give a lecture on "Wild Seeds," which proved a very interesting lecture indeed. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Steel brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Novice members, table show of Canaries, Mules, and Hybrids, at October meeting.—J. C. Charlton.

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R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MONDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

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J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

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TORQUAY, OCT. 16

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OXFORD GREAT OPEN SHOW, Oct. 16

31 Classes. 2/6 special for every class. Judge, J. H. Roe. See review of schedule last week. Send entries, we will classify.—Sec., C. F. Holliday, 53, George St., Oxford.

HANLEY

and District Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show,

October 16th, 1913.

Entries Close Oct. 13th.

C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent, Hon. Sec.

FALMOUTH

C.B.S. (Confined to Cornwall).

Entries Close Oct. 18th.

Schedules now ready from—

W. J. Medlin, Hon. Sec., 92, Marlborough Rd.

THE GREAT ONE DAY SHOW.

Oct. 18 SHEFFIELD Oct. 18

Judges: J. C. Barnes, Esq. and H. W. Batlye, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Foreign only, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Splendid Specials in every section. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. Cage Birds Coupon Show. Champion Classes: 6 Yorkshire, 6 Norwich, 4 Crest, 2 Mules, 8 British, 4 Foreign, 2 Selling. Novice Classes: 4 Yorkshire, 4 Norwich, 1 British. Entries close October 13th. Schedules of H. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.

NORWICH

Alliance All-England Cage Bird Association Great Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds,

October 16th & 17th,

Corn Hall, Norwich.

Entries close October 11th. Schedules now ready.—Secretary, E. C. St. Quintin, 35, Calvert St., Norwich.

Newcastle-on-Tyne

THE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

Cambridge Hall, Northumberland Road, October 17th and 18th. Entries close Oct. 11th (Monday's post in time).—J. W. Reed, Sec. and Treas., 213, Ladykirk Rd., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CITY OF GLASGOW

Scotland's Pioneer Great Open Show.

The 60th Annual Exhibition and Competition of Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow, on Friday and Saturday, October 17th and 18th. Entries close October 11th. Over 90 Classes. Specialist Judges in each section. Prize Money, 36/- per Class, full guaranteed. Cups, Medals, and a host of valuable Special Prizes. Schedules, Scotch Fancy and Belgian. John Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglan; Norwich, etc., Robert Heggin, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

DYSART

Cage Birds Society 9th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds will be held in Masonic Hall,

Oct. 18, 1913

Four Specialist Judges: A. Kerr, Dysart; A. Walker, Lesmahagow; J. Holmes, Edinburgh; and J. H. Adams, Glasgow. 65 Classes. Numerous Specials, Harris Cup and Medal. Schedules from J. Logan, 23, High Street, Dysart.

Broughty Ferry

Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and For. Birds, will be held in the Good Templar Hall, on

Sat., Oct. 18th.

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JOHNSTONE, N.B.

Cage Bird Show, to be held 18th Oct. 10 Classes. 4 Special Prizes. Specialist judge. Schedules—Taylor, Collier St., Johnstone, N.B.

Burton-on-Trent

October 18th.

"CAGE BIRDS" COUPON AND DIPLOMA SHOW. 7th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Albinos, British and Foreign Birds. Patronage of Cinnamon Canary Club. No cancelling or amalgamation. 41 Open lasses. Splendid list of Specials. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

Entries Close

OCTOBER 14th.

Schedules from—A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST LOTHIAN C.B.S.

3rd Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, held in Corn Exchange, Haddington, on 18th Oct. Judges: Scotch Fcy., Brit., A. Livingston, Paisley; Borders and Norwich, G. Hislop, Stirling. Schedules from—J. Fairgrieve, Sec., 10, Hope Park, Haddington.

HALIFAX O.S.

24th Annual Open Show, Canaries and British, Oct. 17th and 18th, Friendly and Trades Hall, Halifax (under Y.U. rules). 40 classes. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, also good specials. 1/6 entry, which closes Oct. 14th. Judges, C. A. House, J. Trengove. Schedules from H. Clegg ,15, Melrose-st., Lee Mount, Halifax; J. Burdekin, 20, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

NEW SWINDON

Working Men's Club 3rd Annual Show, Oct. 18th, in spacious Hall on the Club premises. Judge, Rev. T. W. Sturgess. 7 Open Classes for Cage Birds. Entries close for Cage Birds, Oct. 16th; Poultry, Oct. 11th. Schedules—Mr. G. Swonnikoff, 9, Bristol St., Swindon.

NORTHAMPTON

42nd Annual Show.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

One of the finest Hall in the Kingdom for a Bird show. Judge, Mr. T. Gilbert, Coventry. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. To be 8 entries in each class or only half prize money. Class 86, Norwich, clear or ticked yellow; 87, ditto buff; 88, ditto, unevenly mkd. yell. or buff; 89, ditto, hen, clear, tkd. or uneven mkd. yell. or buff; 90, ditto, unlighted yell.; 91, ditto, unlighted buff; 92, ditto, ben, yell. or buff; 93, cinnamon, yell. or buff; 94, Yorks., yell.; 95, ditto buff (2/6 cash best bird, by Mr. Dunkley); 96, A.O.V. Canary; 97, Mule or Hybrid. The following 5 classes limited to selling price of £3:—98, Norwich yell.; 99, ditto buff; 100, ditto, natural colour (Crest and Crest-bred excepted); 101, novice, A.V. yell. Canary; 102, ditto buff; 103, pairs matched for breeding, Ck. and Hen, price not to exceed £1; 104, cage bird, A.V., price not to exceed 15/-; 105, Brit. Finch, A.V. (Hawfinch excluded); 106, small British, not larger than a Lark; 107, A.O.V. British; 108, Foreign, not larger than Cardinal; 109, Foreign, A.V., larger. Entries close Wednesday, Oct. 15th. Schedules can be had on application; apply quickly.—Secretaries, Cox and Barrett, 69, Hunter Street, Northampton.

Abertillery

C.B.S. (Mon.) Great Open Show, on

WEDNESDAY. Oct. 22nd.

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Prize money guaranteed in three days. Exhibitors attending show paid same day. Look at schedules reviewed for classification. Schedules from—Geo. Broome, Hon. Sec., 30, Powell St.

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Oct. 22 and 23, 1913

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MUMBLES

(SOUTH WALES)

OCT. 23, 1913.

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AULD AYR

Whaur ne'er a toon surpasses for handsome specials and well-filled classes. C.B.C. Sixth Open Show, Masonic Hall, Saturday, October 25th. 54 classes; 4 Novice. Judges: A. Cant, A. Girvan, D. Hamilton, and J. Mason. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/6 entry. Specials galore. Entries close 20th October. Schedules now ready, from—R. Aitken, Secretary, 30, Allison Street, Ayr.

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ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 15th.
Schedules—Hall and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth.

L. & P. O. S.

Members' Show, Holborn Hall, Gray's Inn Rd., Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 22nd and 23rd. Limit Classes (open to non-members, as well as members). Entry Fee, 1/6 per cage. Judge, T. Heath, Esq., London.

Class 25.—Any Variety Canary or Mule, not exceeding 25/-.
Class 26.—Any Variety Canary or Mule, not exceeding 15/-.
Class 27.—Pairs (Cock and Hen), any variety, not exceedingly 35/-.

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TAUNTON Oct. 30, 1913

One Day Open Show. No Amalgamation. 44 Classes. 176 cash prizes; more specials than classes. Judges, J. W. Rennie, Esq., Rev. Joyce, J. Frostick, Esq. Entries close Oct. 23rd.—Hon. Sec., W. G. Elsmore, Billet St., Taunton.

Royal Leamington Spa

F.A. Tenth Annual Show of Cage Birds, etc.,

OCTOBER 30th. 14 CLASSES.

Judge, G. Lawrance, Esq., Coventry.
Class 56 read: Buff, clear, ticked, or unevenly marked.
Class 57 read: Unflighted, any colour.
Entries close 23rd. Schedules, apply—G. A. Moss, Croxton House.

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£5 Limit, Oct. 29. 80 Classes. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/6 entry. 31 Specials, 2 Silver Cups. Schedules—Ward and Coulson, "Kilmorie, Wisbech.

STAMFORD

AND DIS. OCT. 23rd, 1913.

Cage Bird Society 6th Annual Show, in Corn Exchange, Stamford. 39 Classes. 2 Solid Silver Cups (to be won outright)—1 for Canary Section, 1 for British Section; and other specials. Judges: J. W. Battye for Canaries, and Allen Silver for British and Foreign.

Entries Close Oct. 14th, 1913.

Schedules from C. Grimes, 57, Queen's St., Stamford.

CHATHAM SHOW

(Open to Kent) Oct. 23rd and 24th. Cage Birds, etc. Judge, J. Robson. Entries close Oct. 18th. Write for schedule—Hy. Wray, 22, Glencoe Road.

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show, Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th, 1913. Splendid Classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of specials and prompt payment. Judges, C. A. House and R. J. Howe. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 21st. Send for Schedules to: T. Smith, 5, King St., Ilkeston. ("Cage Birds" Coupon Show.)

BRAINTREE £5 Limit Open Show, October 25th. Splendid classification for Cage Birds. Numerous Specials and Challenge Cups. Popular judges. Entries to close October 14th. Schedules (when ready) will be posted to all applying to F. A. Hunnable, "Selbannah," Braintree.

MIDDLESBRO'

and Teeside C.B.S. Open Show

October 25th, 1913.

40 Classes. 4 money prizes and specials. Entry fee 1/-. Schedules, apply Arthur Wake, 128, Princess Road, Middlesbrough.

KIRKCALDY October 25th, 1913. Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Show, will be held in Pioneer Hall, Carlyle Road, Kirkcaldy, on October 25th, 1913. Excellent classification and judges. Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Stenhouse, Kelty; Border Fancy, British and Foreign, Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream; Yorkshire Section, Mr. Robert Heggie, Glasgow; Norwich and Crests, Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Under the patronage of three Specialist Clubs, B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., and N.P.C. Shield, Cup, Medals, and many Specials. Entries close on October 20th, 1913. Schedules in due course, from: T. Arnott, Sec., 14, St. Clair St., Kirkcaldy.

PERTH

SHOW.

Under New Management. To be held 25th October, 1913. 51 Classes; numerous Specials. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, and 3/-. Entry money, 1/6. Judges for Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen; Borders, Mr. J. Craig, Brechin; British Birds, Mules, and Foreign, Mr. A. W. Watson, Edinburgh. Full patronage British Bird and Mule Club.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th.

Schedules from—J. L. Smith, Sec., 120, High Street, Perth.

BRADFORD EAST

("Cage Birds" Coupon Show) Fifth Grand Annual Exhibition of Canaries, under Yorkshire Union rules and the Y.C.C. and Open Norwich P.C. patronage (Open to the United Kingdom), will be held in Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford, on Saturday, October 25th. Judges: H. Sutcliffe, Esq., Yorks.; and J. Trengrove, Norwich. Splendid classification. 13 open Yorks. and 9 Novice Yorks. classes, 3 Selling classes, 6 open Norwich and 2 Novice Norwich classes. Prize money, 23/- per classes. Entrance fee, 1/6 each. Bradford East Rose Bowl for best unflighted Yorkshire. Valuable Specials in addition. Entries positively close on Tuesday, October 21st. Schedules from—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

BO'NESS

and Dis. 9th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, under the patronage of The British Bird and Mule Club and Border Fancy Canary Club will be held in the Masonic Hall, Bo'ness, on Saturday, Nov. 1. Entries close on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Chambers, Kirkintillock; Border Fancy, Mr. Hamilton, Esk Bank; British and Mules and For., Messrs. Mackie (Fife) and Steel (Dalkeith).—T. Cameron, Sec., 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans.

WINDSOR, Oct. 29, 1913

Show of Canaries, British Birds, Mules, Hybrids, and Foreignere. Special opportunities for Novices. Judges: Messrs. Wesley T. Page and H. Norman. 39 Open Classes. 6 Yorks., 5 Novice Yorks., 6 Norwich, 3 Novice Norwich, 4 Border, 1 Mule, 1 Hybrid, 8 British, 3 Foreigners, etc., etc. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entries close Oct. 25, 1913. Entry Fee, 1/6. Schedules from—E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Road, Windsor.

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County Open Show, on Oct 29th. 121 classes. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, etc. 13 Classes for Cage Birds. If you require fame, you must show here. No true fancier can afford to miss this chance. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. (Cage Birds and Pigeons). Schedule—A. Mondy, Witham, Essex.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS Great Annual Open Show on **Wed., Oct. 29th.**

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Judge, J. R. Houghton, Esq., Gloucester. 20 Classes. Valuable Specials, Entries Close October 23rd. Schedules. C. E. Gregson, Hon. Sec., Llandrindod Wells.

DUBLIN

Leinster Ornithological Society Show, at Central Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 28th and 29th October. Over 50 classes. 40 Specials and Cups. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules and all particulars from—C. Holley, 60, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.

CARLISLE Oct. 29 & 30 5th Annual Show.

64 Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Judges: J. Robson, H. W. Battye, and J. Maddison. Under patronage of N.B.B. & M.C., B.F.C.C., O.N.P.C., Y.C.C., F.B.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C., C. & W.Y.C.C. Entries close Oct. 25th, to John C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

AYLESBURY

Oct. 30th, 1913. Cage Bird judge, Geo. Gardner, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 2/-. Entries close Oct. 24th. Schedules from F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham St.

MATLOCK

(Coupon Show) 12th Annual Exhibition of Cage Birds will be held in the Victoria Hall, on Thursday, Oct. 30th, 1913. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield. No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed. See last year's prize notices. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 1913. Schedules ready, from—J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.

Abersychan

and Dis. C.B.S. Second Annual Show, held at Corporation Hall, OCT. 30th. Judge: Mr. J. R. Houghton, Gloucester. Entries close Oct. 25th. Schedules from: F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc Street, Pentwyn, Abersychan, nr. Pontypool.

LIVERPOOL

The Novices' Show, Oct. 31st-Nov. 1st. Judges: Battye, Trengove, Geo. Large, C. Houlton. Schedules sent to previous exhibitors; others apply, if you don't receive one by Oct. 19th—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. 14th Annual Open Show, *NOVEMBER 1st & 3rd*

Patronage, N.B.B. & M.C. Grand Classification and heap of Cash Specials. Judges: J. Robson and R. J. Howe. Schedules—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St., Leicester.

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH.

BRECHIN

Grand Jubilee Show, to be held on Saturday, 1st November. "C.B." Coupon Show.... Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C.C., and F.C.B.U. Grand classification. 21/- for 1/6. 60 Specials, Cups, and Medals. Specialist judges, trusting fanciers will support us in this great effort we have made.—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 18, Montrose Street, Brechin.

DON'T FORGET THE

SOUTHEND

7th Annual Open Show, to be held at the Large Hall, adjoining the Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, Southend, on Nov. 4th and 5th, 1913. £50 Special Prizes. Entries close Monday, Oct. 27th. Entrance fee, 1/6; members, 1/-. Schedules are now ready, to be had of Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff. ("C.B." Coupon Show.)

BARNSTAPLE

and North Devon Cage Bird Society's Show,

November 4th & 5th, 1913

Judge, T. Heath, Esq., London. 39 Classes; 5 Cash Prizes in each class. Entries close October 28th. Schedules from—J. D. Horrill, Hon. Sec., Exhibition Offices, Barnstaple.

SOUTHAMPTON

Great Quarter-Century Show (Open), 5th and 6th November. Good prize money. 17 Cups, 130 Spls. Popular judges. Entries close Oct. 28th. Schedules—A. L. Kiddle, Homelands, Bitterne, Southampton.

BANBRIDGE

NOV. 6 & 7.

Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules, McCagherty, Belmont Terr., Banbridge, Ireland.

UPPER RHONDDA

C.B.S. First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Cage Birds. 40 Classes.

OCT. 29TH, 1913.

Judge, W. Mundell. Schedules from: E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries St., Treherbert.

West Stanley

NOVEMBER 7th and 8th.

Show keeps its own date, and it pays full prize money in all classes. Also largest cash specials for each section in Northern shows.—W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.

HARTLEPOOL'S

NOVEMBER 8th, 1913.

Up-to-date Classification; Magnificent Specials. Judges: Messrs. Battye and Mundell. Schedules from—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs., West House, Victoria Road, West Hartlepool.

KELTY & BLAIRADAM

C.B.A. 5th Annual Open Show, November 8th. "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition. Schedules from—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty, Fife.

ASHFORD (KENT)

Annual Open Show, November 11th and 12th. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry Fee, 1/6. Judge: T. Swales Ward, Esq....Schedules—S. E. Foster, Hazeldeen, Kent Avenue, Ashford, Kent.

PORTSMOUTH

Fanciers' Society 27th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds, in the Kingsley Hall, Fawcett Road, Southsea, Nov. 12 and 13. Entries close Nov. 4th. Cage Bird judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. Schedules: W. E. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec., 85, Victoria Road South, Portsmouth.

Bristol

Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Show, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 12th and 13th. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—B. Pool, 37, Manor Road, Bishopston, Bristol, Sec.

SIDMOUTH

Fanciers' Society Grand Open Show of Cage Birds, Nov. 13th. Entries close Nov 1st. Judge J. H. Payne. Schedules from: James Lashbrook, Hon. Sec., Arcot Road, Sidmouth.

SELBY, Nov. 13

Good classification, prize money and specials. Entrance fee, 1/6. Judge, H. Battye.—John Hy. Dixon, 72, Brook St., Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and District

10th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the new Parish Hall, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th, 1913, under the patronage of the N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B., N.C.C., and S.O.C. Sixty Open Classes. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Mundell. Entries close November 8th, 1913. As soon as ready, schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. — G. Havver, Hon. Sec., 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

ARBROATH

C.B.S. Annual Show, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Judges: t. F. Dewars and W. Mossie. 27 Classes for Norwich, Borders, British, and Foreign. £1 prize money. Entry fee, 1/6. Model cards only 6d. each. Numerous specials.—(Fanciers note this). Entries close Nov. 17th. Schedules from—J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.

CRAMLINGTON

Cage Bird Society 5th Annual Show, in Co-operative Hall, Cramlington, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 1913. 17 Open Classes. Prize money guaranteed, as per Rule 7 in schedule. This is now one of the established shows of the North. Exhibitors please send entries. Entries close Nov. 15th. See previous year's reports in "Cage Birds" of success of this show. Schedules to be obtained from—J. R. Chestney, Secretary.

Entries are very short at Llandilo show, writes Mr. H. S. Davies, the hon. sec.; will accept entries up to Monday.

Will those fanciers who have not received a schedule of Newcastle show, Oct. 17-18, kindly sent at once? writes Mr. J. W. Reed (213, Ladykirk Rd.). We have sent nearly 1,500 out. Entries received to Mon., Oct. 13.

At the "Raglan," Aldersgate St., E.C., on Oct. 16, the L. and P.O.S. hold a washing competition, with Mr. W. Shakespeare as judge. All friends will be welcomed. We hear that a new patent drying cage will be used for the first time.

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Twitterings.

Would fanciers please note we are only charging 6d. each for "Model Cards," writes Mr. John Gray, sec. Arbroath C.B.A. Schedules will be ready shortly.

Schedules for Manchester and N.C.O.S. show, Oct. 24 and 25 have been sent out, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. sec., 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester. A copy will be sent on application to anyone who has not received same.

The annual old show of the Anfield Everton C.B.S., write Messrs. Redpath and Walker, joint secs., will be held Oct. 18, in Temperance Hall, Hygeia St., West Derby Rd. G.C.A. novice scheme patronage. Birds to be staged by 9.30 a.m. Judges, Messrs. Wellings and Houlton.

OBITUARY.

We hear with great regret from Mr. G. Goulden, of Carlisle, of the loss of his wife, Mrs. Goulden, who died on Oct. 5, after a lingering illness. My heart is too full, writes Mr. Golden, to say much; I can hardly realise that she has gone. As I have had several letters while she was lying so ill, please ask indulgence for my not answering them, and accept this as an excuse.

Mr. R. W. Sutcliffe, Halifax.

It is with regret, writes Mr. Harry Clegg, Sec. Halifax O.S., that I have to announce the death of one of our members, Mr. R. W. Sutcliffe, of Halifax, which occurred suddenly on Sept. 27, while attending the football match at Halifax. His death came as a surprise to his fellow-fanciers, some of whom attended his funeral on Sept. 30. He was one of the oldest members of the society and was much respected. Our sincere sympathy is with his daughter in her sad bereavement.

We have added some extra classes for our show on Nov. 19, writes Mr. E. Harcombe, Inverness O.S., making 103 in all. We are offering three cups, 35 gold and silver medals, and 110 specials. Our committee are working hard to make this year's show a record one.

A bottle of Dowling's Nerve Tonic Wine is given at Halifax show for most points in British classes gained by a member of the Y. and L.B.B. and M.C. Mr. Inman only let me know about it after our schedules had been printed, writes Mr. H. Clegg, the sec. (P.S.—I think I could do with this wine).

In addition to guaranteeing the Bullfinch class at Abertillery show, Mr. R. Cleaves is giving a 5s. cash special, so the winner will receive 15s. I hope that we shall get a good class. Schedules have been sent out; will anyone who has not received one please write me.—G. Broome, hon. sec. (30, Powell Street, Abertillery).

Schedules of Stamford C.B.S. show are now ready, writes Mr. G. Grimes, hon sec. Our chairman, Mr. Ludlow, has given a cash prize of £1 for most entries, and there are two solid silver cups to be won outright, one each for Canary and British. Mr. H. W. Battye will judge Canaries, and Mr. A. Silver British and Foreign.

All entries for Edinburgh Western O.S. must be sent to me at 54, Eyre Place, on or before 18th Oct., writes Mr. C. Grant, sec.

Schedules are now ready for Great Horton Good Intent O.S. open show, Nov. 1, writes Mr. W. A. Brown (414, Harewood St., Bradford) and can be had on application.

Mr. W. D. Eley, the hon. sec. of Mumbles show, writes:—"By a mistake on the part of our printer, it reads as if Mr. Camden presented all the Federation cups, whereas it should be the £3 3s. cup.

We have sent out 1,000 schedules for Sheffield C.B.S. open show; will anyone overlooked kindly apply to Mr. A. Hobson, sec., 66, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield. Mr. J. Thorpe is giving a double stock cage to member making most entries. We are having screens put to the door to prevent any possibility of draughts reaching the birds. Messrs. Richards, C. W. and H. Hobson will see that birds for special trains are got off in time. Finally, we appeal to fanciers to give us a record entry.—J. Woolhouse, assist. sec.

In Halifax Show schedule, writes Secretary Clegg, class 35 should read "Selling A.V. Canary hen, 12s. 6d."

Class 24 in the Portsmouth and S. Counties schedule, writes Mr. F. G. Joiner, joint hon. sec., should read "or hen" instead of "and hen." This is one of the several printer's errors.

Entries for Bedford show are very short, writes Mr. Wiggins, sec. (83, Stanley St.); will accept up to Monday, Oct. 13. Schedule in Cage Birds, Sept. 27. Send on; we will classify. Grand specials.

We are looking forward to a record show, writes Mr. J. A. Crawshaw, sec. Bournemouth C.B.A. We have plenty of cash and other grand specials, good judges, and Cage Birds Coupon patronage. I trust exhibitors from far and near will send plenty of entries, as the train service is good, birds well looked after, and promptly returned. Prize-money guaranteed (see advt. in present issue).

An admirably produced new price list has just reached us from Mr. Joe Thomas, the well-known bird specialist, of Ambler Thorn, Halifax. It is finely illustrated and a feature is made of giving excellent advice to breeders on how to obtain success in the hobby, in breeding, colour-feeding, etc. Mr. Thomas supplies every kind of bird and everything the fancier can require in the way of foods, cages, and appliances; further, he has built up his big business by always offering the best possible value for money and giving fair and courteous treatment to his customers. We anticipate there will be a big demand for Mr. Thomas's new price list, a copy of which can be obtained by applying direct to him.

Quick Work at Great Horton.

Mr. J. Holroyd, hon. sec. Gt. Horton O.S., writes that all prize-money won at the show held last Saturday, Oct. 4, has been paid.

An Error in Oxford C.B.S. Entry Forms.

Will exhibitors please note, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, Press Cor., that the date of the Oxford C.B.S. show is Oct. 16, and not 13, as printed on the entry forms.

Lewes F. A. Show Date Altered.

With reference to the date of our show which is in your Show Date List, writes Mr. J. Martin, hon. sec., Lewes F.A., we have been compelled to alter the date from October 22 and 23 to December 3 and 4.

Changes of Address.

We are asked to announce the following changes of address:—Mr. Geo. Bennett, from Wenlock St. to 168, High Town Rd., Luton; Mr. W. Hopwood, sec. Denton C.B.S., to 51, Booth St., Denton.

Entries Extended.

Torquay F. and F. to first post Oct. 11, A. Walker, "Crendon," Innerbrook Rd.; Plymouth to Oct. 11, T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.; Bedford and Beds. to Oct. 13, E. T. F. Wiggins, 83, Stanley St., Bedford.

A Veteran Sets a Worthy Example.

Reading C.B.S. has the pleasure of numbering among its members at least one enthusiastic fancier. Mr. Giles, of Sonning, although seventy years of age, walked five miles each way to attend the meeting held Oct. 1. Truly an example for some younger men who find it too much trouble to get to their society meetings.

Boscombe's New Show Date.

Owing to committee being unable to get the hall for dates as advertised in Show Dates Fixed, writes Mr. M. Cook, hon. sec., Boscombe C.B.A., we have engaged St. John's Hall, Boscombe, for Jan. 20 and 21 for our show. We have two cups, one champion, one amateur; and one promised for novices. We wish your Coupon Scheme the success it richly deserves.

Two Noted Studs for Sale.

That well-known Liverpool fancier and dealer, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (68, Brunswick Rd.), has just concluded two notable purchases, viz., the celebrated stock of Green Canaries belonging to Mr. Tom Rowlands, and the Cinnamons so successfully bred and shown by Mrs. Deacon. All these birds are for sale, and can be viewed after Oct. 14th (Mr. Metcalfe will be in Bradford from Oct. 11 to 14).

Harrogate Out for a Record.

We have secured a beautiful room for Harrogate show, on October 18th, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, the sec., well lighted, warm, and comfortable (no draughts) and we hope exhibitors will give us a record entry. We have made arrangements with Leeds show sec., to have a table in their show room (October 11th) with a view of receiving entries for Harrogate show. We trust this venture will prove a success.

Have you bought your coupons for next week's shows? Read page 229, and don't miss your chance.

Redpolls: Their Management, Training, and Exhibition

A practical article by J. Steel (Dalkeith) which tells you all you can wish to know about these desirable little pets.

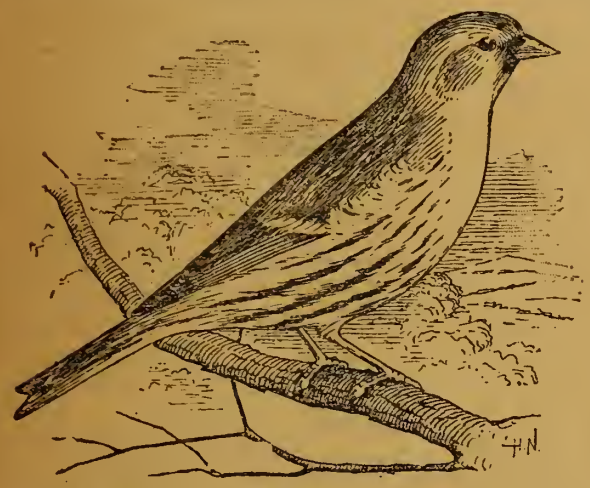
THE Redpolls form a group which has proved troublesome to ornithologists of the past, and to aviculturists of the present time. Many of the former deal with the Redpoll, or, as they mistakenly term the bird, the Lesser Linnet, in a manner which leaves us to presume that they regard all Redpolls as being of one species. And even yet, judging by the tone of some recent writers, a doubt as to this seems to exist.

That breeders are puzzled to find a reliable method of sexing the Redpoll has often been impressed on me by the many instances I have witnessed of hybrid "pairs" put up in which the Redpoll has been of the same sex as the bird with which it was intended to breed. I propose, therefore, to tell novice readers a little of what I know about Redpolls, as many will now be coming into their possession.

Relatives From Over-Seas.

The Lesser Redpoll, though a resident species, i.e., remaining with us throughout the year, has its numbers largely augmented by a winter migration from overseas. No doubt many are driven to the lower from the higher altitudes amid the fir forests of which they breed, and in which the insect pests, combined with the wild seeds common to unreclaimed land, provide them with a plenteous fare. But the early autumnal appearance—(long before weather conditions or lack of food could be assigned as a reason)—of flocks in districts where during summer even a solitary specimen would be sought for in vain, makes it tolerably certain that this species shares with the Siskin the peculiarity of being both a resident and migratory species. Further, this autumnal arrival is annually looked for by catchers.

That the Redpolls are increasing in number and extending their range is evident from the fact that they are now fairly plentiful as a breeding species in many districts in which they were till within very recently quite unknown as such.



The Mealy Redpoll is a larger bird than the Lesser, and usually not quite so chubby in build, while in colour it is very light, white to greyish-white underneath. The adult cock shows crimson on head and breast during the breeding season.

Charming, but not a Caruso.

As a songster the Redpoll has little to recommend him, at the most his song can only be described as a cheery little jingle, so we may class him among the rag-timers. For my part I think the old Scotsman whose wife had a notion that she might be interred prematurely, and who assured her he would make certain by jingling a handful of sixpences at her lug (ear), might have substituted a good going Redpoll, and have saved his saxpences (mine is "Scotch"). However, Mr. Redpoll has apparently a good conceit of his powers, and, like many humans, makes up in quantity what he lacks in quality.

As a pet he is excelled only by the Bullfinch, and he has an additional merit of being easily trained to perform certain tricks, the most common being that of pulling his food up an inclined plane by means of a light chain attached to a miniature waggon. The ability to do this is due to a habit, common to this and the Siskin, of holding in position with his foot the pliant stems of those plants whereon he feeds, and he soon learns that such action only requires repetition with each pull on the chain to bring up the waggon.

How to Make "Joey" Accomplished.

To teach him, it is only necessary to block up the waggon for a few days till he has learned that it contains either his sole, or a supply of his favourite seed, and then to let a link or two of the chain out daily. The trick of hoisting his water in a miniature bucket (thimble) from a well is taught by a similar method. To teach him to open a closed lid it is only necessary that such a lid shall slightly project in order to provide him with a leverage, and, beginning with the lid open, to lower it a little each day, until, finally, it closes the box. The graduating of such descent may be accomplished either by links of a chain or a piece of cage-wire tightly inserted in the side of lid and resting on side of seed box. Ringing bells, hoisting signals, looping the loop, etc., are other accomplishments some of which are brought about by a simple mechanism operated by the bird, the food and water signals having a check attachment which prevents their being manipulated except when the bird is drawing up his supplies.

It is now many years since I myself ceased to find pleasure in such experiments, but I have a very distinct recollection of imparting some real joy to the life of a little incurable boy by presenting him with a pet Redpoll which bravely hauled forth a fearful looking tin crocodile from his den, opened his jaws, and got some fine pickings from his innards. That there is not the slightest cruelty attached to such training I am convinced, as the birds will continue the performance when once taught, notwithstanding that such may cease to provide anything appealing to their "little marys," but I confess to an abhorrence of those revolving squirrel wheel arrangements in which the occupants have no choice but to climb an everlasting stair.

Why not Light-Redpoll Mules?

The Lesser Redpoll is not much of a success as a producer of exhibition hybrids, though he will readily pair with Canary, Siskin, or Greenfinch, and will act the part of a model husband. With the exception of that much desired (probably because difficult) cross, the Redpoll-Bully, the results remind one of the parson's pony, the capture of which was always a problematic affair, but which, when caught, was a rather tame individual, and fit only for funeral functions.

The fact that we seldom, if ever, see a light Redpoll-Canary hybrid figuring among the mules at our shows is largely due to a disinclination which exists among possessors of Canaries which have a tendency to throw



The Lesser Redpoll is a small, chubby bird, with plumage of deep brown all over; in the breeding season the adult acquires a crimson poll and breast.

light, to bother trying for such. Yet it seems passing strange that those novices who so often pair up the Redpoll with a Canary do not occasionally produce a good light specimen of this cross, as they have so often done with others.

The Points of the Exhibition Redpoll.

The Lesser Redpoll exemplifies the truth of a statement I have often made, viz., that the qualities necessary to merit the term excellent are in inverse ratio to the plentitude of a species. We have here a species which is plentiful to the degree of being considered a nuisance by many bird-catchers, yet it is extremely difficult to obtain a specimen which is outstanding in those features required in a front rank exhibition bird.

Depth of colour does not constitute the difficulty, as this can be overcome by legitimate means, but size, a broad skull on which to display an expansive cap, the distinct and plentiful lacing on flanks, the prominent wing-bars, and depth and expanse of bib, are rarely found in combination.

(To be continued.)

THE SEX OF YOUNG BIRDS

CAN IT BE INFLUENCED BY BREEDERS?

Interesting suggestions thrown out and discussed in a lecture by Miss F. M. Durham before the Wimbledon C.B.S.

THE Wimbledon C.B.S. has most excellent headquarters at 6, The Broadway, and the very cosy room there was well filled on Monday last, Oct. 6, when Miss F. M. Durham entertained the members with a lecture concerning the influence the age of the parent birds, and other matters, may have upon the sex of the young. We were pleased to note the presence of a goodly number of the fair sex, the society being particularly strong in lady members.

Not a Breeder of Show Birds.

This lecture was the "trump card" in the programme of events for the season arranged by the popular and efficient hon. secretary, Mr. H. Smith. Miss Durham is a lady who has earned considerable distinction in the scientific world, and has interested herself in the stupendous problems that surround the Beginning of Life, the mystery of sex, and the study of heredity. She is at present associated with Professor Bateson, probably our leading authority on Mendelism and plant-breeding. That this lady should have brought her trained mind to bear upon the breeding of Canaries is a matter upon which we fanciers can indulge in self-congratulation. Mr. W. H. Stoakley, the chairman of the society, presided, and in a neat little speech introduced the lecturer to her audience.

Miss Durham commenced by saying that she feared her audience would be somewhat disappointed, by reason of the fact that the conclusions she had been able to draw from her experiments had been only negative ones. They would all very much like to be able to predict the sex of the birds they were breeding, and to control the proportion of males and females, if possible. It was because she recognised the importance and interest attaching to the problem of sex that she ventured to put before them the results she had herself obtained since she took up Canary breeding, and to analyse the figures, showing the varying percentages of males and females resulting from the different matings. She was quite certain as to the ages of the birds mentioned, as she had not used bought birds, but only such as she herself bred. In all she had had 76 matings where the hen was older than the cock bird, and the result was a total of 86 cocks and 114 hens:—

Hen 2 years, cock 1 yr.	54 cks.	&	63 hens
Hen 3 years, cock 1 yr.	23 ,,		29 ,,
Hen over 3 yrs., cock 1 yr. ...	1 ,,		9 ,,
Hen 3 years, cock 3 yrs.	5 ,,		4 ,,
Hen over 3 yrs., cock 2 yrs....	3 ,,		8 ,,
Hen over 3 years, cock 3 yrs.	0 ,,		1 ,,

Miss Durham explained that the disproportionate number of young from some of the matings was due to the fact that she had very few pairs (in certain cases only one) up at certain of the ages. She also said that her method of breeding was to run one cock with 4 or 5 hens.

She had had 114 matings where the cock was older than the hen; result 141 cocks and 199 hens.

Hen 1 year, cock 2 years ...	61 cks.	&	84 hens.
Hen 1 year, cock 3 years ...	23 ,,		24 ,,
Hen 1 year, cock over 3 years	37 ,,		40 ,,
Hen 2 years, cock 3 years ...	3 ,,		13 ,,
Hen 2 years, cock over 3 years	15 ,,		34 ,,
Hen 3 years, cock over 3 years	2 ,,		4 ,,

Where the birds were of the same age the lecturer had a record of 115 matings; result 145 cocks and 181 hens.

Cock 1 year, hen 1 year	98 cks.	&	128 hens.
Cock 2 years, hen 2 years.....	41 ,,		46 ,,
Cock 3 years, hen 3 years.....	6 ,,		7 ,,

The Effect of the Parent's Age.

These figures, Miss Durham said, did not show very much; there was not enough in them to prove anything one way or the other. It was not possible to argue from them that the age of the parent had any effect on the offspring. In any theory advanced as to the inheritance of sex, one had to be very cautious in dealing with figures; there would need to to be a very large percentage on one side or the other before one could build up a theory. Then, too, they were hampered by the fact that, both in animals and plants, breeders often got "long runs," as they might be termed; thus different broods might be found to consist of all cocks or all hens (or practically so). If any lengthy series of results was secured, however, it would be seen that the proportion of the sexes approached equality. It obtained generally throughout the animal world that the sexes were practically equal; and this applied to the human race. There was a slight excess of males born over females, but the male infant (or animal) was always the more difficult to rear to maturity, and the greater mortality amongst the young males reduced the proportions to about equality, or rather in favour of the females.

Miss Durham said that she had considered her figures from another point of view, i.e., as to whether the age of the hen, irrespective of the age of the cock, had seemed to have any influence on the proportion of the sexes. The analysis was:—

Hen, 1 year old	219 cocks,	276 hens.
Hen, 2 years old	105 ,,	156 ,,
Hen, 3 years old	36 ,,	44 ,,
Hen, over 3 years old	4 ,,	18 ,,

It would be seen that the excess clearly favoured the female side. The same thing happened, too, when only the age of the cock was considered. Here the figures were:

Cock, 1 year old	176 cocks,	229 hens.
Cock, 2 years old	110 ,,	142 ,,
Cock, 3 years old	32 ,,	45 ,,
Cock, over 3 years old	54 ,,	78 ,,

These results were, of course, both negative, as in each case an excess of females was established *(To be continued.)*

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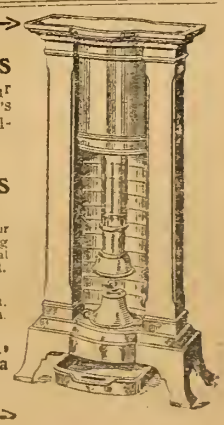
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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

WHAT BREED? (Beginner).—It is not possible to say definitely to what breed your Canary belongs from your description, but the probability is that your informant was correct, and the bird is an ordinary type of Roller, as this breed is by far the most popular and commonly kept songster. The ordinary German country Canary is more generally known nowadays by the name of Roller, with a multitude of more or less meaningless adjectives. These birds are decidedly smaller in stature, and more washy or pale in colour, than the Yorkshire.

AN ATTIC FAILURE (P. J. J.).—Extremes of heat and cold such as may occur in some attics are certainly not good for strains of birds not hitherto accustomed to normal conditions of temperature, but it is nevertheless a solid fact that hundreds of attics are regularly used as breeding rooms for high-class Canaries with the greatest success. I have no doubt whatever that your second surmise as to your change of food being the cause of the young dying is correct. Plain chopped egg, without any biscuit or other admixture, may not be "too strong" a food, as you put it, but it is certainly too fertile a breeding ground for dangerous bacteria to be safe as a sole soft food supply. It strikes me as peculiar that you should adopt this principle

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's 'Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each I No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border ancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

to save expense of biscuits, as it appears to me eggs are the really expensive item. And you might have used ordinary household bread crumbs. Well clean and disinfect cages in which birds have died, and next season go back to a rational system of feeding as given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you for 7d. post free, and you will meet with more success.

CAN'T OR WON'T (Castrian).—I should regard it as a case of will not rather than cannot when a Crestbred 13 weeks old with no apparent defect in the beak refuses to crack seed and subsists solely upon soft food. The only way in which you can deal with such a case is to gradually and judiciously withdraw the soft food. Begin by making the soft food tolerably dry, and gradually increase the proportion of crushed biscuit, until in the course of a week or so the soft food consists entirely of dry crushed biscuit. Then begin to decrease the quantity slowly until you see the bird is compelled by hunger to try, at least, to crack seed. If it tries it will certainly be quite able to do so with ease, assuming its beak is really in a normal condition. As soon as it eats a fair amount of seed, omit the biscuit altogether for a day now and again, and eventually reduce it to once or twice a week. Whilst above process is going on, keep a supply of canary seed in hopper and place a pinch of rape on top of it daily. Offer a little scalded rape in the morning, and in the afternoon a pinch of a mixture of cracked hemp, rape, niger, teazle, and broken groats in equal parts. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand.

TOO MUCH OF HER (Lancashire).—The correct treatment for a hen that is too fat is obviously to limit the quality and if necessary the quantity also of the diet, and to induce the bird to take as much exercise as possible. Place the hen in a good-sized cage, keep the floor clean and tolerably free from husk and strewn with gritty sand. Give a teaspoonful only of plain canary seed daily. Twice in each week reduce this quantity one-half, and add half a teaspoonful of summer rape to make up the bulk. Give a liberal supply of half-ripe plantain stalks, watercress, groundsel, or chickweed. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight and during the first week add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water every second day. In the next week, instead of the buckthorn, give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

CREST-BRED SHELLING SEED (Avis).—It is usually due to digestive derangement, but is apt to develop occasionally into a bad habit. If not purely a habit, the following treatment will set matters right:—Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand and stick a small cube of hard common salt in the wires for bird to peck at for a week or two. Keep a supply of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape in seed box. In addition to this, give a piece of bread the size of a large hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana and half a teaspoonful of scalded rape. Give a spray of green food three times a week. Continue this dietary for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

THE PROHIBITED DEGREE (W. T. P.).—Really, I fail to see why the arrangements you propose for mating your stock next year should be against your code of morals seeing that you have this year adopted the very acme of close inbreeding by mating brother and sister, which is much closer than anything you propose for next season. You cannot go on indefinitely with your present stock without either introducing fresh blood or having the stock deteriorate, but as the original stock in 1912 were all unrelated, you may with safety go on another season before doing so. Next season select only the most strong, healthy, and robust youngsters for breeding, and mate cocks descended from the one 1912 hen with hens from the other 1912 hen, and vice versa, of course matching them together for typical qualities to compensate each other's faults in the usual way. Then you may mate a young cock descended from the one 1912 hen with the other 1912 hen—its grandmother—and vice versa, and the old original 1912 cock may with great advantage be mated next season to a young hen descended from each of the old 1912 hens. This will help to thoroughly "set the type" of your stock and make it more dominant when you find fresh blood necessary. When fresh blood is essential, you should try to introduce it by lineal descendants of the 1912 cock or hens, whichever strain it is of these birds that shows the best type.

A SCREECHY NOISE (Roller).—As the noise occurs only among the young birds of this season and only when they are disturbed, it is not unlikely it may be due to simple nervousness. Still, you should make yourself certain the birds are not exposed to cold draughts from the window. I would advise you to cease opening the lower sash now, except on quite mild and calm days, and temporarily for airing room during favourable intervals. For ordinary ventilation it will suffice to lower the top sash a little, more or less according to prevailing weather, as the space between the sashes across the middle will form an inlet for fresh air. Give each of the birds a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, daily for a week, and in the drinking water add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to each tablespoonful for two days, and afterwards, for a week daily, ten drops of whisky, two each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and one eucalyptus oil, in same quantity of water, well shaken together. Your feeding is most unsuitable. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately a little egg food once or twice a week; a small teaspoonful of mixed seed on two other days, and a morsel of green food or fruit three times a week in winter and daily in summer.

A TRIPLET (Cunningham).—(1) It is certainly rather unusual for hen to be such accomplished singers as to lead one to suppose they are of the sterner sex for so long, but it is by no means rare. Whether such a hen would breed youngsters above the average run of songsters is very much open to doubt. I should say certainly not, unless she had an exceptionally large proportion of blood of a good strain of songsters in her veins. In that case there is a possibility of her transmitting some of her singing abilities to her progeny. It is quite possible for such a hen to breed successfully. (2) When hemp is mixed with the staple seed supply, it almost invariably causes great waste. It is neither necessary nor advisable to use it in this way. Stop doing so, and give a pinch in the egg-drawer, or on a clean part of the floor once or twice a week, as may be required, when the waste will doubtless cease. (3) From March to July is the best and proper season of the year for breeding. Your hen should be mated next March to April, with a cock bred this year.

ACCOMMODATION (Crest).—I'm afraid I cannot tell you the smallest size aviary in which you can safely keep 15 Canaries, one Cardinal, and a Budgerigar. It depends very largely upon the individual temperament of the Cardinal, and Budgie. Some of these birds can be trusted with Canaries in a moderate-sized aviary, but they are never to be relied upon as quite safe companions. I would advise you to cage these two birds separately, either singly in ordinary sized cages, or the two together in a rather larger cage. Then you could manage nicely with an aviary 5ft. long, 2ft. wide, and any height you choose for the 15 Canaries. If the floor was well sanded, it need be cleaned out only once a week, or, better still, three times a fortnight, and you would be safe enough from a hygienic standpoint. The smaller cages would do nicely cleaned out twice a week. In this way you could reduce the attention required to a minimum, and yet keep on the safe side.

SWELLING AT VENT (A. B.).—You ought to have described the size and appearance of the swelling as nearly as you could. Try the following treatment, and if bird is not well in a fortnight, write again. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible, and see that all foods and vessels used are pure and sweet. In addition to staple diet, give half-a-teaspoonful of scalded rape every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana. Give a pinch of hemp three times a week, but see that it is sound and sweet. Do not give any linseed, or crushed linseed in the soft food, nor any succulent green food for the present. As the moult is nearly over, reduce the strength of your colour food, and omit it altogether every third day. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for one day only, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. You may also place one drop of castor oil on the vent, and allow it to work in to relieve the irritation, but do not interfere further with the swelling.

INSTRUMENT FOR TRAINING ROLLERS (T. W. W.).—The best, if not the only, really practically useful instrument for this purpose on the English market is a Quereh organ. annot give addresses in this column, but if you watch our advertisement columns you will see it advertised frequently in season. Also, most large dealers either stock it, or can get it to order. But the best of all tutors is the natural kind, in the shape of one or two really good singing cocks. A bird organ should only be relied upon as an auxilliary form of tuition, not as a sole one.

SAMPLES OF RAPE SEED (Mac.).—Both samples of seeds sent are what is known in the trade as German summer rape. Both are of very good quality, and there is practically nothing to choose between them, except that No. 2 appears to be a trifle more matured than No. 1. Therefore, as both are the same price, I should advise you to use No. 2, though either is quite good enough for Rollers or any other breed of Canary, and they are cheap at the price named.

PROLONGED MOULT (E. E. E.).—Considering the age of your bird, there is really nothing to worry about, especially if it appears to be nearing the end of the moult, as its efforts to resume singing would seem to signify. All birds do not moult with equal speed, and there are many younger birds than yours which commenced to moult in July, which are not quite through with it yet. Beyond keeping it in a fairly cosy and equable temperature, well protected from direct cold draughts, you will be well advised to let things run on in their own course. In addition to the usual seed diet, you may give a morsel of bread and milk, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week for a month or so, and during the same time add 20 drops of Chemical Food to its drinking water every second day. See the No. 10 Nutshell booklet of information on the general management and care of the Roller.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WILL MULES BREED? (J. F. Charlton).—Although the cross between Finches and hen Canaries have been known to breed, they are as a rule looked upon as unfertile. The cases of fertility have occurred where the Hybrid has been paired with one of the parent stock, and even in this breeding there is no certainty; fertile eggs from such pairing would be the exception rather than the rule. I have never yet known of a properly authenticated case of Mules breeding with Mules. The process is one quite contrary to natural laws. Nature does not require new species, and if Mules would breed, new species would soon be formed. In the animal kingdom Mules will breed with the parent stock, but not among themselves. I have known hen Mules to be good mothers, and you may possibly find a use for your birds in that way.

HEN CANARY FOR HYBRID-BREEDING (J. A. F. Jones).—The chubby Norwich hen finds more favour among Hybrid breeders than any other variety. The reason is, the bird has the excellence that is required in hybrids, size, colour, and quality of feather, together with a bold yet graceful shape. I would advise you to try and breed good dark Hybrids, and for that purpose you will need to get some yellow green or heavily variegated hens, as they are more certain to breed quite dark birds of some colour than clear hens. Good dark Hybrids, either from the Linnet or Goldfinch, are valuable

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

birds, and those of less merit are always saleable as songsters. If you can manage it, put your Linnets and hen Canaries in a light or large cage by themselves, and the Goldfinches and Canaries in other cages. Feed the Linnets and their partners on two parts canary seed to one of rape, with a spoonful of mixed seeds every third day; give green food and any wild seeds you can collect, particularly plantain and shepherd's purse, both of which would be seeding now. The Goldfinches and their partners would require the same treatment, but must have an extra allowance of hemp and sunflower seed; give more of the latter than the former, as although it is somewhat fattening, it is not so stimulating as the hemp, and the hen Canaries could take it more freely. If you find your hens become too forward in condition in consequence of their taking the same kind of food as the Finches, you must part them for a time, and give them a less stimulating diet. During the next few weeks would be a good time to purchase your young hens; there is sure to be some advertised in "C.B." (2) You can use sea sand in the bottom of your cages. It is not harmful to birds, but you must watch them when they first have it, as in some cases it causes an extreme looseness of the bowels. If you collect it yourself do not get it down near the tide, but take it some distance up the shore. This will be cleaner and purer, and yet contain quite sufficient saline properties to be beneficial to the birds. If you are obliged to take it near the tide, put a quantity of it in a sieve, place it in a pail of tap water, give it a sharp twirl round, and take out to drain, dry, and it is ready for use.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

IDENTITY OF BUNTING (Laurence).—Your bird is certainly not a Corn Bunting, but I am unable to decide from the description sent whether it is a Yellowhammer in autumn plumage or a Cirl Bunting. The length rather points to it being a Cirl, for this Bunting is shorter than a Yellow Bunting. The Cirl is also darker in the browns of the plumage than the Yellow, and as you describe the bird as "rich brown and black," I am inclined to think it is a Cirl. Could you not go to a good London show during the season? If you could do this, you could decide for yourself to a certainty.

FEEDING A CUCKOO (R. Hardacre).—You have undertaken an exacting task in thinking to keep a Cuckoo. The trouble with these birds is that they scarcely ever take to feeding themselves; some would rather starve than take the trouble to pick up even live food, and it is practically a certainty that they will never take for themselves a sufficiency of food to keep themselves in proper condition. A good kind of insectile food as advertised in our columns, will suffice as stock food if you add to it an extra portion of ants' cocoons and dried flies, but, as I have hinted, you will most likely have to "hand-feed" the bird with this as long as you keep it. It will require also plenty of mealworms, smooth caterpillars, and any kind of grub or insect you may be able to capture, and you will be surprised to find what a lot of these your bird will put away—that is, so long as you are content to keep on offering them to such a lazy creature.

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

CAPE CANARY (V. A. G.).—The Cape Canary or Grey-necked Serin (Serinus canicollis) is about the size of a small Green Canary or a little larger than the Green Singing Finch, if you know the latter bird. It may be sketchily described as olive green above, with the nape and back of neck grey, the feathers of the mantle and wings are variegated with dark shaft streaks; below it is mostly yellow, and the facial markings and fore crown are yellowish. You can distinguish this bird from the Green Singing Finch by the richer green patches of the upper surface, and the distinct grey patch at the base of the crown. I have found this bird a really good songster, especially during the period of the breeding season, though he was a bachelor in my aviary, where he lived happily for several years, dying from senile decay in the end. He was an aged bird when I gave him a home, but never lost his vigour or cheeriness till the last month of his life.

MOCKING BIRD (W. Uphill).—Get some good ants' eggs (the preserved ones); you can get a good sample at 2s. per pound from our advertisers, and take one part of these to two parts of the Thrush mixture you are using, moisten and stir well together. It can have any kind of fruit it will take, and as much as it cares to eat. It should also have half a dozen mealworms per day, as well as any spiders, smooth caterpillars, beetles, etc., you can capture for it. The cage should be 2ft. long, 12 to 15 inches deep, by 15 to 18 inches high. A small twiggy branch fixed at each end of the cage, which should be of the box type, is far better than straight perches, and will go a long way towards keeping its feet clean and fit.

ABNORMAL MOULT (Frills).—This bird evidently got a bad check in the moult from some cause, and the frilled parts are not likely to become normal till another moult. Evidently he is a little bit out of order, and for a time you should try the aid of a mild laxative (Dinneford's Magnesia); keep its bowels moving quite freely, and also give it a tonic, Byno-phosphates is as good as any. A little bread and milk will do no harm if taken. Examine its legs and feet, and if these are either swollen or have sores, bathe with hot water (not hot enough for discomfort), dry and paint with whisky. I do not advise forcing another moult, as probably at this juncture the abnormality would be repeated.

BALCONY AVIARY (E. E. E.).—If there is sufficient light in the aviary when the wire netting is covered up I should tack roofing felt outside the netting, and not remove it till the warm spring days come round again. This is easily fixed; lightly tack the felt in place, then take some thin laths, place them outside the felt and screw through both to the aviary framing; by this method the felt is as easily removed as fixed. All the birds in your list should pass the winter safely in your aviary, and they certainly ought to breed next spring. Save up the shells and husks you have already provided, but put up at least half-a-dozen rush nests (vide advert. columns). The Hartz cages, after the perches and other fittings have been removed and a couple of bars cut away to allow the birds to get in and out, can be put up in the spring. Do not stand them on the shelf, they are easily hung against any flat wall by driving in two nails about two inches apart, and hanging the cage on these. Leafy branches of rose, fruit trees, privet, fir and willow can be put in the aviary. Spice Birds belong to the group called Mannikins, and unless they are in large aviaries this group is quite lethargic in demeanour.

QUAILS FOR SMALL GARDEN AVIARY (J. M. junr.).—You do not state whether your aviary contains any growing plants: if so, they would be almost sure to breed. The general treatment is given in the book, "Foreign Birds for Beginners." When they are feeding young they ought to have some live ants' eggs and maggots, and soft food; failing to get the former, supply preserved ants' eggs freely. The young run about like ordinary chickens as soon as hatched, and are brooded by their parent for a month or more. If you have no sticks, put a heap of brushwood in a dry, retired corner on a bed of sand, though they will not settle to nesting as quickly as in more natural quarters. When chicks are about, you should put in a few sods of turf, renewing them as required. For a small aviary there is nothing to beat the

Chinese Painted Quail, small and beautiful, but these have been scarce on the market for some time, and you may not be able to get them. As a start try a pair of Common Quail, these are of moderate size and cheap, but not so beautiful as the Chinese. Cut the flight feathers of one wing before you put them in the aviary; as soon as they become tame the flights can be allowed to grow full again.

BLUE TANAGERS (Tobacco).—A mixture of sponge cake, biscuit, ants' eggs and dried flies in equal parts would be better than what you are giving—it will keep dry for any length of time; it requires to be made crumbly moist with boiling water for use, also supply fruit ad lib, and several live insects per diem. The Blue Tanager has no sensonal change of plumage, the sexes are alike in plumage—but in choosing a pair pick one with a broad, flat crown, and for the other choose one having rather a snaky head and neck. Sugarbirds need rather careful nursing at first. You would do best to try the Yellow-winged species first; the diet consists of sloppy milk sop and ripe fruit. You give no size of your indoor aviary; is it an aviary, or merely a roomy cage? All the Tanagers are beautiful, most of them really gorgeous—the Superb, Tricolour, Black-breasted, Scarlet, Maroon, Necklace, All Green, etc.—any of these would meet your case.

TO KEEP OUT RATS (A. L. T.).—There is only one way to do this, and that is either to carry a concrete wall eighteen inches below ground level, or to carry wire netting down the same depth. If wire netting is used it should be of half-inch mesh and be carried 18in. below ground and then turned outwards for another 6in., say. Such an arrangement will keep them out, but it must be carried all round, and properly connected together at the corners; for wherever rats are, bird seed is like a magnet, and they are persevering. If they fail to get in in one part they burrow in another, so there is no other course but to do the thing thoroughly. Putting a little tar down their holes stops them coming that way again for some time, but this is not satisfactory, as you've got to be continually on the alert, and then come down one morning and find the rat has scored! Of course, if there are not many you can poison them off with rat virus, but others usually turn up from elsewhere a little later, and the only safe way is to make the aviary rat-proof, as above.

OUTDOOR AVIARY (Bird Lover).—In so narrow an aviary as yours I should advise two thirds of the roof and one end to be boarded in, and a portion at one end must be boarded up as a shelter shed; it must have a window (glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside) as birds will not use a dark place. You can either give the place up to three pairs of Budgerigars and one pair of Cockatiels, or put in pairs of Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Magpie Mannikins, Ribbon Finches, Cut-throats, Avadavats, Bib Finches, and White Java Sparrows. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our Manager, would tell you how to treat and keep the above. Unless you buy birds direct from some outdoor aviary you must not stock the aviary until next spring. Put the aviary up carefully, joints must be close, for cracks through which the wind can blow ever so slightly will cost you many birds. So get your aviary finished and the work done well before getting in stock. The above book has a sketch of a suitable aviary.

WILL THEY REAR? (Undulatus).—It is very probable that they will unless the weather should turn out really cold all at once; if it keeps fairly open, as at present, for another few weeks, there is a reasonable chance of success, always providing, of course, that the eggs are fertile and hatch out. In your query you name three species of Finches, and do not say which of them it is that has nested! However, the following should suit the needs of all three—the usual seeds and green food, ad lib; a saucer of soft food, any good standard make will do, or the following will meet the case—crumbled sponge cake, crushed biscuit, ants' eggs and dried flies in equal parts—make the daily portion crumbly moist with boiling water. Keep a small tin of ants' eggs in the aviary, also scatter a few on the ground, it will keep the parents active foraging for them. I have had Zebra Finches, Ribbon Finches and Java Sparrows leave the nest (out of doors) in December, and the young birds do well.

WHAT SPECIES? (W.P.C.).—If your bird is a Double-fronted, its plumage is not typical. I am of opinion that it is a Red-fronted Amazon (*Chrysotis rittata*), if so, it is quite uncommon. Before giving you definite advice about the "nibbling" of its feathers I should like to know how you are feeding and treating it. In the meantime it will do no harm to put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water twice a week, so long as the voidings are watery loose. Do not give it tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Carefully examine its plumage, and if there are any parasites (I think there may be from feather sent), rub in an insecticide or spray with quassia solution.

OUT OF SORTS (Solway Lad).—It is largely a matter of getting it on to a wholesome and varied diet. The staple dietary of a Grey Parrot should consist of seed mixture and ripe fruit, with continuous supplies of grit, cuttlebone and water. Plain biscuit, stale crusts of household bread, shelled nuts (various), also unshelled nuts, may be offered, and green food (almost any salad that is going at this season will do). You must not give tea, coffee or milk sops, nor any kind of animal food whatever. So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days just colour the water with the chemical food. If you can get the bird to take it, give it daily a piece of biscuit or stale crust that has been first lightly moistened with warm water and then dusted with flowers of sulphur. The following will be the best seed mixture for you to use at present: one quart each canary, white millet, and oats; one pint each hemp and dari; half-a-pint each sunflower seed, wheat and small maize; well mix the whole and keep a supply in the cage. Keep the bird in some light and airy position, yet not in a draught. As soon as the bird becomes thoroughly fit it should commence to talk, and then go on increasing its vocabulary. You must persevere with above treatment—do not use metal drinkers while giving drugs. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. Liddle.—Bird received was not in a very good condition for examination, but there was no evidence of septic liver. It was certainly very thin, and the bowels were in a state of inflammation. I believe your losses have occurred from some impurity or irritant partaken of with the food.

W. W. Despard.—Acute enteritis, or inflammation of the bowels, caused by powerful irritant poisons.

E. Melton.—Infectious pneumonia. This disease is characterised by high fever, with resulting wasting as in this case. Both lungs become affected, and on post mortem examination appear quite black, whilst the spleen becomes much enlarged. I should advise thorough disinfection and isolation of affected birds.

Gardiner (Dursley).—Roller Canary died as the result of impaction of the bowels, this condition predisposing to fits. It is evidently due to errors in feeding. Try a change of seed and watch results.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

R.M.A.—The show cage recommended by the N.B.B. and M.C. for the Hawfinch is 14 inches long by 12 by 9 inches, with ¾in. mesh wires. The Norwich Plainhead Club pattern show-cage is 12 inches long by 11½ by 4½. The "British Bird Manual" (post free 1s. 1d.), will tell you all about the Hawfinch.

J. W. Jacobs.—We are very much obliged to you for your letter. The information therein has been duly noted by the sec. of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Bradford East O.S. (Yorks.).—Oct. 25, Park Chapel Schools. Judges, H. Sutcliffe, J. Trengove. 33 classes: Yorks. 22 (9 nov.), Nor. 8 (2 nov.), Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close October 21, to H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Little Horton Bradford.

Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S.—Oct. 22-23, Long's Memorial Hall. Judges, H. Norman, J. Robson. 47 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 8, Crests 2, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 11, Sell. 3, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 15 to Hall and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Oct. 17-18, Cambridge Hall. Judges, W. Vardy, T. C. Crawhall, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Duncan, J. Maddison. 80 classes. Nor. 13 (2 nov.), Cinn. 1, Crest 4, Yorks. 11 (3 nov.), Scots Fancy 4, Bord. 15 (2 nov.), Liz. 2, Sell. 5, Mule 4, Brit. 13 (2 nov.), For. 6, Gift 1, Stock 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 11, to J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Road.

W. Stanley C.B.S. (Durham).—Nov. 7-8, Hibernian Hall, Station Road. Judges, J. Maddison, J. Stanger. 28 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 5, Bord. 5, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 31, to W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.

Northampton Good Intent O.S.—Oct. 22, Corn Exchange. Judge, T. Gilbert. 24 open classes: Nor. 7, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Limit £3 5 (3 Nor. 2 nov.), Sell. 2, Brit. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 15, to Cox and Barrett, 69, Hunter Street.

Abertillery (Mon.).—Oct. 22, Cwm Assembly Rooms. Judge, J. H. Roe. 34 classes: Nor. 9, Yorks. 9, Bord. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 18, to G. Broome, 30, Powell Street.

Halifax O.S. (Yorks.).—Oct. 17-18, Friendly and Trades Hall. Judges, C. A. House, J. Trengove. 46 classes: Yorks. 21, Nor. 7, Brit. 4, Mule 1, Sell. 2. Novice Members of Yorks. Union: Yorks. 8, Nor. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 14, to H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.

Hanley C.B.S. (Staffs.).—Oct. 16, Temperance Hall. Judge, A. Hirst. 35 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 5, For. 1, Nov. Nor. 4, Nov. Yorks. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 13, to C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer Street, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

Stamford C.B.S. (Lincs.).—Oct. 23, Corn Exchange. Judges, H. W. Battye, A. Silver. 39 classes: Nor. 10, Yorks. 8, Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 10, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 14, to G. W. Grimes, 57, Queen Street.

Liverpool O.S. (Lancs.).—Oct. 31-Nov. 1, St. Martin's Hall. Judges, H. W. Battye, J. Trengove, G. Large, C. Houlton. 70 classes: Greens 24 (8 Yorks., 4 Bord., 6 Nor., 2 Nov. Yorks., 2 Nov. Nor., 2 Nov. Bord.), Yorks. 10 (4 nov.), Nor. 10 (4 nov.), Cinn. 5 (1 nov.), Bord. 5, Mules 1, Brit. 8, Sell. 3, Stock 1, Gift 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 27, to Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.

Falmouth C.B.A. (Cornwall).—Oct. 22, Unionist Club. Judge, J. Davies. 15 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 18, to W. J. Medlin, 92, Marlboro' Road.

Mumbles (Glam.).—Oct. 23, Pier Pavilion. Judge, D. A. S. Longden. 20 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 18, to W. D. Eley, 28, Queen's Road.

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Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Mr. Hannigan's, 7. Table show; 7 classes. New members invited. —R. Peart.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Elect stewards, etc., and make final arrangements for annual show.—G. Hawver.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—Oct. 11, W.M. Institute, 7. Specials for show and other important business.—A. Hirons.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Oct. 13, Joiners' Arms, 8. Members and open show.—Jos. Kelshaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Victoria Hotel, 8. General business.—H. Bryant.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Calderwood Arms, 7. Final arrangements for show, drawing of specials. Entries must be at this meeting and cup returned. —J. Stirling.

Boscombe C.B.A.—Oct. 14, Railway Hotel, 8. To draw up schedule, elect new members, and general business.—M. Cook.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 14, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Special meeting, annual show business, allotting of specials for open and members' shows. Very important.—H. Hill.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Oct. 15, Market Tavern, 8. Show business, very important. All interested and desirous of lending assistance, kindly attend. Allotting of special prizes.—H. Hill.

Bradford City O.S.—Oct. 11, Flying Dutchman, 8. Open show business and selection of judges for 1914 and 1915.—W. Helliwell.

Bristol C.B.S.—Oct. 15, City Hotel, 8. General business in connection with open show.—B. L. Fool.

British Roller C.C.—Oct. 14, "Royal Mail," Noble Street St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8.—J. W. Norris.

Bury C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Textile Hall, 8. Classes for back-end show.—H. Jameson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Mackell's Hotel, 8. Finish show arrangements; all specials to be in; other important business.—E. Thomas.

Charlotteville F. and U.S.S.—Oct. 16, St. Luke's Institute. Eight classes; birds staged by 6. Entries not later than Oct. 13.—C. H. Pope.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Washing exhibition by Mr. A. W. Curtis. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Oct. 16, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.45. Final arrangements for annual show.—W. Kane.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 15, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. To allot special prizes for open show.—A. J. Barratt.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Raith Hotel, 7. Schedule business.—J. W. Holms.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. 15, George Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—T. S. Walker.

Denton C.B.S.—Oct. 13, headquarters, 8. Final show business and general show. Subs. now due. —W. Hopwood.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 11, headquarters, 7. —E. Jameson.

Falkirk C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Fixing specials for annual show.—R. Rennie.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Oct. 11, Wesley Place School, 3. Members' show, also open show business. Birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. A. W Hartley.—W. A. Brown.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Oct. 11, Butchers' Arms, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—Oct. 14, headquarters, Amethyst Club, 8. Also Y.S. Show, Bantams; judge, Mr. G. Soames.—R. W. Ford, jun.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 11, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual old show.—H. Clegg.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon. (Date not stated.—Ed.)

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 13, White Hart Hotel, 8. Selection of judges for the Yorkshire Union C.B.S. for 1914 and 1915, and monthly table show, 6 classes Yorks., 4 Nor. Messrs. W. Gledhill and F. J. Sykes judges.—A. Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—Oct. 13, St. Georges School, 8. Date of annual show.—T. Allsop.

Idle C.B.S.—Oct. 18, White Bear Inn, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. A. Shaw. Cup and shield competition; specials for two best 4th birds. Entries Friday night, 8 till 10.—C. E. Hylton.

Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Old Wine Vaults, 7. Business important. Final meeting before open show.—T. Smith.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Victoria Hotel. Lecture by W. L. Smith, South Shields. Arrangements for annual show and other important business.—Ralp Hutler. (Please send address.—Ed.)

Keighley C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Hare and Hounds Hotel, 7.30. Selecting judges for Union shows and stewards for October show.—C. W. Town.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 11, Railway Hotel, 2. First old feather members' show; Mr. F. Self (Clayton) judge.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancs. and Lizard F.A.—Oct. 12, Volunteer Inn, George Street, Oldham, 6. Members' show. New patron.—A. Martin.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. Table show. Nor. yell., unflg., open and novice. Demonstration of bird washing by Mr. Heighton. All fanciers welcome.—J. Cook.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper discussion.—R. Charleson.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Oct. 18, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8. To prepare autumn shows.—C. C. Stubbs.

London C.B.A.—Oct. 14, El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Washing competition. Those who desire to compete must bring their own birds, and any special appliances they may require.—Jas. Bray, jun.

London and P.O.S.—Oct. 16, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8. Washing competition for members. Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare. Medals given. New patent drying cage will be used for first time. All appliances and birds found. All friends welcome.—C. W. Law.

Luton C.B.S.—Oct. 14, 4, Peel Street, 8.30. Schedule for annual show.—E. Bloomfield.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Greyhound Hotel, 7. To prepare schedule of next show.—D. John.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Oct. 15, Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, 8. Final arrangements and alloting specials for annual show. Washing exhibition.—F. Moore.

Middleton C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Old Boar's Head, 8. Arranging date of back-end show and classification.—J. Oldham.

North London C.B.A.—Oct. 15, headquarters, 8. Washing exhibition.—P. W. Jeffries.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Show business and amalgamated show. Delegate's report. Very important.—J. Davey.

North Staffs. R.C.C.—Oct. 11, 7. Members' show business.—J. Tomlinson. (No place stated.—Ed.)

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 14, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Show arrangements; important.—J. G. Royce.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business.—James Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 13, Crumpsall Hotel, 8. Amalgamated show business and general society affairs.—H. Clayton.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Oct. 16, Halfway House Inn, 7.15. Members' show; judge, Mr. Foster Allen.—H. Myers.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 14, St. Chad's Fold, 7.30. Whist drive in aid of new trophy for back-end show.—W. Adams.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Oct. 11, College Inn, 8. Special meeting.—B. Bailey.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Oct. 14, headquarters, Mission Room, Hall Street, Rawtenstall, 7.30. Fanciers cordially invited.—H. Kershaw.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Oct. 14, Victoria Hotel, 8. Voting on Union judges for next year. Schedules for members' show will be ready.—P. Drake.

Skipton C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Arrangements for show.—E. Gill.

Stanley Victoria F. F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Club Room, 6.30. Trip and other important business.—R. Peart.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 11, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Usual business; markers final lists.—J. Peacock.

Swansea C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important show business; subs. must be paid at this meeting.—S. H. George

The Southend and Southern Counties O.S.—Oct. 15, Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, 8.30. Will members attend and pay subs. as soon as possible.—Deer and Cundy.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Oct. 13, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Horse and Groom, 6. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Allan.—H. C. Crossley.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Oct. 14, Assembly Rooms, High Road, 8. Table show of cage birds; judge, J. Jones. Spoon best exhibit; entries 2d.—T. Callegari, asslst.-sec.

Wimbledon (Surrey).—Queen's Hall. Judges, J. Frostick, W. Mundell, J. Robson. 59 open classes: Nor., Champs. 8, Nov. 6, Yorks. Champ. 7, Nov. 6, Crest Champ. 2, Nov. 2, Bord. Champ. 4, Nov. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 11, Mules 6, For. 2, Limit 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, Can. 12s., 6s., 3s.; fee 2s. Remainder, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 14, to H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.

City of Glasgow O.S.—Drill Hall, Stirling Road. Judges, A. Allardice, A. M. Baird, W. Thornton, D. Caldwell, A. Clark, T. Todd, A. Chalmers, J. Winter, G. Dobson, Dr. Lyson, J. Craig, A. Walker, P. McQuiston, R. V. Raine. 94 classes: Scots. Fancy 19 (2 Sell.), Belgians 2, Nor. 18 (2 Nov., 2 Sell.), Crests 5 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 9, A.O.V. 1, Bord. 13 (1 Sell.), Mules 8 (1 Sell.), Brit. 16 (1 Sell.), For. 3. Prizes, 15s., 10s., 5s., 4s., 2s.; fee 2s. Ent. close Oct. 11: Scots. and Belgians to J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen; remainder to R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street., Mt. Florida, Glasgow.

Johnstone (Renfrews).—Town Hall, Oct. 18. Judge, J. Sinclair. 10 classes: Scots. Fancy 1, Bord. 2, Nor. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 4. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s.; fee, 2s. Ent. close Oct. 11, to J. Taylor, Collier St.

Hailsham (Sussex).—Drill Hall, open to Sussex, Nov. 26-27. Judge, F. J. S. Chatterton. 7 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Nat. Col. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 2s. Ent. close Nov. 14, to G. A. Thornton, St. Wilfrid's Cottage.

Broughty Ferry (Scotland).—Good Templar Hall, Oct. 18. Judges, T. Merrilees, J. Thomson, J. McGregor, D. Henderson, W. Hampton, J. F. Dewar. 49 classes: Scots. Fancy 9, Crests 7, Nor. 12, Bord. 9, Mules 2, Brit 9, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s.; fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 13, to J. F. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.

Dysart (Scotland).—Masonic Hall, Oct. 18. Judges, A. Kerr, A. Walker, J. Holmes, J. H. Adams. 65 classes: Scots. Fancy 10, Bord. 13, A.O.V. 1, Com. Can. 1, Crest 5, Nor. 16, Mules 2, Brit. 12, For. 2, Sell. 1, Yorks. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 13, to J. Logan, 23, High Street.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. (Warw.).—Oct. 25, Plough Hotel, Queen Victoria Road. Judge, J. C. Barnes. 47 classes: Nor. 14 (2 nov.), Yorks. 10 (2 nov.), Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Pairs 1, Sell. 6, Brit. 8, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 20 to H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street.

Sheffield C.B.S. (Yorks.).—Oct. 18, Montgomery Hall. Judges, J. C. Barnes, H. W. Battye. 42 classes: Yorks. 10, Nor. 10, Crests 4, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 4, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 13, to A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held George and Dragon, Oct. 4; 15 entered for three prizes. 1, Kirk; 2, Wainwright; 3, Brindley. Oct. 5, 13 birds entered; 1, Wainwright; 2, Morley; 3, Brindley.—J. Brindley, Sec.

PENTONVILLE.

We are asked to state that Linnet singing handicaps are held at the "Robin Hood," Southampton Street, Pentonville, on Mondays, Saturdays, etc., The first handicap, held Oct. 5, was won by P. Moore; 2, Parish. Free handicaps for Chaffinches commence next week.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Oct. 5; 19 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Tillotson. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, shared by Chadwick and Wigfield. Judges, T. Stead, A. Jennings, W. Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest for quality held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Leeds, Oct. 3. 12 sang for 3 good prizes given by Mrs. Saynor. 1, Smith; 2, Binns; 3, shared by Binns and Sisson. Judges, C. Lorriman, J. Solomon.—H. Brown, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest held Skinners Arms, Bishopthorpe, Oct. 5. 19 entered, and some very good singing was heard. 1, 3, Tomlinson; 2, Ward. Judges, Sellars and A. Granger. Next contest Oct. 11.—C. Clayton. Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

Covering an Aviary Roof.

Sir,—Would any reader please tell me how to cover an aviary roof without much nailing. I read a good idea in Cage Birds about 18 months ago, I think, but I have misplaced it.

Piper.

How Fanciers are Made.

Sir,—A friend of mine who is a member of Cage Birds League seeing my two birds asked me why I did not take the hobby in hand and make better of it. I paired up my birds, and, thanks to Cage Birds for its good help, I have now nine young, five cocks and four hens, in fine trim and beauties too. I sold one to this friend of mine for 12s., so you can tell what sort they are for next season.

W. H. Robinson.

The Late Mr. J. Driver (Normanton).

Sir,—At a committee meeting of the Sheffield O.S. a vote of condolence was accorded the widow of the late Mr. Driver in the very great loss she has sustained. We trust that she will have strength given her to overcome the great trouble which has so suddenly overtaken her. It was a very great shock to our members, as Mr. Driver was always found one of the keenest of fanciers, and a hail fellow-well-met genial Englishman.

A. T. Woodall (Vice-Chair.).

A Lady's Success in the Hobby.

Sir,—I was very agreeably surprised to see the front page of Cage Birds last week. A friend took the photograph, but I had no idea that it was intended for your paper. I have only been about four years in the Fancy, and during that time I have very rarely found my birds out of the "money." I have had a very successful season this year, having reared about 70 young birds, many of which I hope will catch the judge's eye. I sold all the birds I wanted to dispose of last year, and could have sold many more, if I had had them, a fact which I must attribute to advertising in Cage Birds. I wish your paper every success.

(Miss) A. Scott.

Why Are Some Welsh Shows Failures?

Sir,—I think the following reasons may account for the failure of so many Welsh shows:—(1) General decline of the Fancy; (2) local judges with a certain following; (3) clashing of dates; (4) too high entrance fee for the possible prize-money. Around this district (Pembrokeshire) there are now very few fanciers, and shows have ceased to exist in Carmarthen, Narberth, and Haverfordwest, which, years ago, used to be veritable hotbeds. Take this month alone: In S. Wales on Oct. 16 there are two shows, and on the 29th there are three shows. Other shows, too, on the 22nd, 23rd, and the 30th. Too many by far, and too close to one another. I would like to support them all, but I cannot possibly; no more can other exhibitors. Then, again, at Llandilo, an entrance fee of 2s. is too high, and at Mumbles, Pontardawe, and Treorchy I find I pay 1s. 6d. to win, perhaps 1s. 3d. To this must be added at least 1s. 6d. railway carriage, and I actually spend 3s. to (possibly) win 1s. 3d.! A consideration to the working man, who is the chief supporter of these shows, and naturally he makes no entries. Shows in October are too early for the majority of birds—I am writing from a British bird exhibitor's view—and birds not being ready are consequently not shown. If a few Welsh shows were held later on in the year—after the Palace, for instance, in Feb. and Mar.—I am sure they would have bumping entries, and would be gladly welcomed by all.

W. F. Lloyd James.

Sir,—Having had considerable experience in the general management of and the ordinary routine at cage-bird shows, and having the interest and welfare of the Fancy at heart, I regard it practically as a duty to reply to the letter of "Swansea Boy," which appears in the current issue of Cage Birds. I must candidly admit that Welsh cage-bird shows in general are undoubtedly failures, but nevertheless "Swansea Boy" expresses but a partial truth when he attributes this to the inefficiency of judges, which may easily be authenticated by even a mere casual observance of the show dates, as advertised in our valuable Cage Birds: Llandilo, Oct. 15; Swansea, Oct. 16th; Abertillery, Oct. 22; Mumbles, Oct. 23; Kidwelly, Oct. 29; Upper Rhondda, Oct. 29; Llandrindod Wells, Oct. 29; Abersychan, Oct. 30. It bodes ill for Welsh shows if this state of affairs continues, as it is an utter impossibility for even the most optimistic to predict success if two or three shows occur simultaneously. Even if the number of judges be increased, it will avail us nothing. Let me appeal to the Welsh Cage-bird Club to apply the only effective remedy by acquainting bird fanciers of Wales of the advisability of forming a real live W.C.B.C. As the South Wales Federation comprises fur and feather, I advise, nay urge, cage-bird fanciers to give preference to the Welsh C.B.C., which specialises in cage birds only, and would thus tend to advance cage bird shows immediately, without waiting for the slower success which would accrue if benefits are divided between fur and feather.

A. H.

How to Make Bird Lime.

Sir,—I should be very glad if any reader would tell me the best way to make bird-lime. I have been a reader of your famous paper, Cage Birds, for over ten years, and I would not like to be without it.

Wm. Southern.

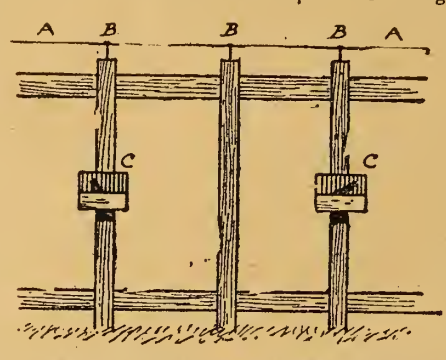
The Silver Tea Service at Sheffield O.S. Show.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. Naden, I have pleasure in informing him that the novice Norwich section will be equally well catered for at Sheffield show, Nov. 7 and 8, as follows: For most points in open novice, a handsome electro-plated teapot; 2nd, most points, and 3rd, also have good specials, in addition to 5s. for the best novice Norwich shown. We hope all novices will patronise us.

A. T. Woodall (Vice-Chairman).

The Catching of Redpolls.

Sir,—Mr. Frank Abbott asked on Sept. 20 the best way to catch Redpolls. Undoubtedly by clapnets. But we will suppose one cannot use them or does not care to go to the expense. Then this is the best way to go to work. First select your place (in Mr. Abbott's case there are plenty) which should be near a fence, as per illustration. Drive about four three inch nails in the top of the fence. Then smear a stout piece of string,



"A" is the limed string, stretched between and twisted round the nails "B." The call birds are seen at "C."

about four yards long, with bird-lime. Pass the string once round each nail, say two inches above the fence. Have two or three Redpolls as "callers." Get some distance away, and it won't be long before some Redpolls drop on the line. The sooner you get them off, the better. To clean off the bird-lime, I use either lard or paraffin oil. If one is quick, however, as one ought to be, it is surprising how little of the lime gets on the birds; further, only a small quantity is required on the string.

J. Broxup.

Can Birds Cause Railway Accidents?

Sir,—With reference to my letter published last week, another correspondent of the "Westminster Gazette," signing himself "Operator," has answered the above question by saying: "Certainly not. Any signal linesman or electrician would soon satisfy 'Traveller,' that such a contact as he describes would fail to give the required number of beats upon bells, and unless an extra bird (trained to such work) could simultaneously reverse the switch at the signalbox at the other end of the section a signalman would never be justified in observing bells only. His indicator, 'Line blocked,' cannot be reversed to Line clear' on receipt of bells, a mechanical movement on the instrument being also necessary from the opposite end of section. Bell signals in such a case simply draw a signalman's attention to his indicator. I fear the signalman referred to was simply pulling the leg of 'Traveller.'"

Dennis McCarthy.

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Destructive Birds Cause Loss Totalling Several Millions of Pounds Sterling!

A Scathing Indictment of the Folly of Over-protection.

In a September issue of the "Farmer and Stock Breeder," appears a remarkable article showing the appalling damage caused by certain birds (referred to as "our winged foes") to the farmers and fruit-growers of the United Kingdom. This very serious state of affairs has been brought about (says this authority) solely by the over-protection afforded by the Wild Bird Acts to the species complained of. We reproduce our contemporary's article herewith.

Over-Protection for Winged Foes.

A correspondent writes complaining of the enormous damage that is done to his crops by Sparrows and other birds, and asks if it would be possible by sowing an awned wheat, such as Rovitts wheat, to stop the loss that he thus sustains. His case is, I am sure, only one of thousands. The damage becomes more serious year by year, and must in the total throughout the country amount to a matter of several million pounds sterling. This increase in the amount of damage caused by birds is directly and entirely due to the various Wild Birds' Protection Acts, which by the protection afforded to birds during the breeding season have caused such an enormous increase in the numbers that their ordinary and natural food ceases to be sufficient to support them.

This is particularly true with regard to such birds as Starlings and Blackbirds. Thirty years ago, or even less, Starlings never under any circumstances took grain, but now they not only dig up the seed at sowing time, but can be seen any day in hundreds eating wheat from the shocks. The Blackbirds and Thrushes have made it almost impossible to grow fruit of any kind whatever, for they not only take every strawberry, currant, raspberry and gooseberry as soon as it begins to change colour, but they completely strip the trees of even the greenest of apples. No crop that the farmer grows is quite free from the ravages of these pests.

The Increase in Destructive Birds.

A few years ago the Rook was the only real enemy of the bird kind that the farmer had to contend with, but now the Sparrows, Linnets and Finches of various kinds bite off his young mangel plants, pull up the germinating turnips, and devour his ripening corn. It is quite possible that most of these birds, perhaps all of them, do some good for some part of the year, because nearly all wild birds, except Pigeons and Doves, feed their young upon insects, but as things are at present the damage they do more than counterbalances the good. No one would object to a reasonable number of wild birds, but the enormous increase in the number of hard-billed birds of the Finch tribe is beyond all reason. It is, as a matter of fact, crowding out the useful soft-billed birds such as the Robin, the Whitethroat, the various Warblers, and others which exist entirely upon an insectivorous diet, and are really the farmers' friends.

For the state of affairs that at present exists the farmers are themselves to a considerable extent to blame. The various Wild Birds Protection Acts, of which I believe no fewer than five have been passed between 1880 and 1904, have been allowed to become law entirely in the interests of townspeople who like to see the "pretty dears," and without any vigorous or concerted protest on the part of the farmers. It would, of course, require a fairly vigorous protest now. We should, I know, be told that the birds were doing us untold good, and that if it were not for them we should be eaten up by caterpillars like the Egyptians of old, but I for one would be prepared to risk the caterpillars if the plague of birds could be reduced.

The Farmers Blameworthy.

This question of the birds fits in fairly aptly with the interesting article on "Legislation Adverse to Good Farming," by "Leics," in "The Farmer and Stockbreeder" of the 11th August, where he points out some of the effects of over-legislation with regard to farming. It is quite true, as he says, that there should be some farmers in Parliament, and that they can only be put there by a combination on the part of the farmers themselves.

I doubt, however, if many farmers realise what it means for a farmer to get into Parliament. In the first place, it means that he must be possessed of from £1,200 to £1,500 to pay his election expenses, and he must be prepared to live in London for at least eight months in the year, during all the busiest time on the farm. Further, he will have to persuade the political organisation in some district to accept him as their candidate, and even if he should manage all this and be fortunate enough to be elected, he will stand a very poor chance in the House of Commons itself unless he allies himself to one of the recognised political parties.

However, it is time something was done, but farmers may be quite sure that they will never see a tenant farmer in Parliament until they are prepared to put their hands in their pockets to pay the expenses of suitable men.

Albino Linnet Caught in the Isle of Man.

Sir,—I have been successful in catching a good Albino Linnet, almost perfect, with the exception of a small tick about the size of a pea on top of the rump. The capture of this bird is reported to have occurred near the Wye works, Tromode, but this is not correct; it was at a different place altogether. I am very pleased to say it is doing well. It is Norwich type, good feather and very steady. I should like to know the views of my fellow-fanciers, whether these kind of freaks are any use for the bench, as a well-known bird-dealer informed me they are not.

Wm. Forster.

[Albinos can only be exhibited where a special class is provided for such freaks; they are not allowed to compete amongst normal-coloured birds. Pure white Linnets are fairly good exhibits; rarer albinos, however, invariably beat them.—Editor.]

Gramophone Records of the Song of Birds.

Sir,—Apropos the letters which have already appeared upon this subject, I venture to say, after giving the matter careful thought, that, personally I regard it as a fortunate circumstance that the public demand for such records as these is not likely to prove sufficient to tempt manufacturers to undertake to supply it. I say this because, in my opinion, the distinctly audible scrape of the needle which occurs more or less under the most favourable circumstances, would, even when reduced to the minimum, be quite sufficient to distort the song, and probably utterly ruin the most delicate passages, and thereby convey a very false impression of the real performance of the bird to the hearer. A record of the song of the Sprosser Nightingale exists, though I have not heard it. I believe this is said to have been taken from the living bird, so it would be interesting if some fancier who has heard it and is familiar with the song of the Sprosser, would compare the two, and say how the "needle-scrape" affects it. In record-making I fancy all animal sounds are merely imitations produced by mechanical means.

Claude St. John.

The Colour of Show Cages for Greenfinches.

Sir,—In his able contribution on staging, Mr. Norman mentions the Greenfinch as being a difficult subject to cater for, in the matter of getting effect from the colour of his show-cage. No doubt he is a difficult subject; but I once saw one exhibited which took my eye, and which seemed to stand out for colour, in a cage which was of a dull dead black inside, with perches white, almost as snow. I remember, though, once having a walk in the country during the late summer, when the leaves were beginning to take on that colour which reminds us of the near approach of autumn, when I noticed a Greenfinch perched on a hedge close beside a bunch of seed-heads of the wild dog-rose. As most fanciers with any knowledge of country life know, the dog-rose seed is of a bright orange scarlet, and I thought at the time that the two colours blended so well that I would on some future occasion exhibit a Greenie with a cage of that colour. However, I never had the courage to stage one; but I venture to suggest that were one exhibited in a cage of that colour, he would look well, and would no doubt cause a bit of a sensation.

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ANOTHER LURID PICTURE!

Shall Sentiment Prevail Over Common-sense?

Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

The writer of the "Out of Doors" column in the "Hampshire Chronicle" seems to have been reading some of the literature distributed by the professional humanitarians, for in a recent issue he writes :—

"The coming of the 1st of August means the letting loose of the professional bird-catcher; it means also the utter destruction of the pleasure and peace of mind of every tender-hearted, every observant and moderately sensitive, individual who is in the habit of walking on the downs and through the country fields and lanes. Limed twigs and plantain stalks are laid down all round the edges of the upland ponds where birds are forced to alight and drink if they are not to go waterless, and twigs and nets both claim their captives by the hundred. When night falls, the living palpitating bodies that in the morning were flitting over the down-flowers and breaking into happy song, are shut up in dark airless cells, sentenced to perpetual imprisonment until kind death releases them."

What a picture! But to the fancy of "Bird Notes and News," the official organ of the society for the protection of birds, it requires a finishing touch, and, in reprinting the same paragraph, that journal says :—

"It may be added that to the town-dweller this same season brings the misery of seeing the panting, terrified wild birds in their frantic misery in 5in. cages, in the close bird-shop and on the wall of the public- house and the tenement, and on the barrows of the coster's cart in Whitechapel. What is the bird-lover of town or country to do? Keep the question to the fore, push it on public opinion; destroy the limed twigs; find out from the local Protection Order what birds are protected at this season and see to it that these are not caught or found, newly-caught, in cages; worry the County Council into getting an amended Order if needed."

The point of the comment of "Bird Notes and News" lies in the last phrase "worry the County Council into getting an amended Order if needed." Of course, any particular County Council can be worried into anything, if only the heckler be a person of local importance. No matter that he is ignorant of everything relating to the economic questions arising out of the over protection of birds, and equally ignorant of the fact that birds may be kept, and are kept, in captivity in such a manner that they are infinitely better off than when they have to contend with one another for the means of existence, with their "natural" foes, and with the other horrible cruelties of Nature. He (or she) will have to deal only with those the majority of whom are equally ignorant, and with the blind leading the blind nothing is too absurd for a local extension of the existing Acts of Parliament.

But what about the "if needed"? Who needs any extension of the existing Acts of Parliament? Only one answer is possible—The professional humanitarians, and those people only. On another page there is reprinted this week an article which recently appeared in the "Farmer and Stockholder," and a perusal of this will convince any right minded person not only that no extension is needed, but that if disaster beyond calculation is not to fall upon agriculturists and fruit-growers the Acts must either be suspended or must be amended by someone who has at least an elementary knowledge as to what birds are harmful and what birds beneficial.

As things are now the one thing only which prevents the birds of our country increasing in number until they become a veritable plague is the enormous natural mortality. A bird in a cage will live to be five, ten, or twenty years old. If the average duration of the life of a bird in Nature reached even three years, and bird protection laws were in effective operation, birds would swarm like locusts.

A New Vice-President.

This week I have the pleasure of adding to our list of Vice-Presidents the name of Major Perreau, F.Z.S., of the Gurkha Rifles, Punjab, India.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, handed together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

Terms of membership and other particulars will be found in last week's issue, or will be forwarded on application.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

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Competitors are put to no extra expense; it costs them only sixpence over and above their ordinary expenses to compete for our prizes. Further, both champion and novice diplomas are allotted to every section, and no exhibitor can take more than one, which provides everybody with a fair opportunity of winning.

The Preston O.S. have added their show to our Coupon fixtures. It is due to be held on Nov. 21 and 22.

A Charming Diploma Being Prepared.

Our artists have designed for us a Diploma of Honour which we think will be universally admitted to be a charming little production, well worthy of the honour of a place on the walls of any fancier's home. The diploma is being very carefully reproduced and printed, and a copy will be despatched early next week (this week-end, if possible) to all who have been fortunate enough to win one at the opening Coupon Shows.

Diplomas Won in A.O.V. Classes.

A correspondent writes: If a bird (say a Belgian) is entered in the A.O.V. class at a show and wins a diploma, must the owner then show in the A.O.V. section at the Crystal Palace, or will he be entitled to compete in the Belgian section?—All birds at the Palace must be entered according to the classification, i.e., if a diploma is won in an A.O.V. class by a bird of a variety which has a special section at the Palace, the winner of the diploma must show in that section.

Coupons in Cancelled Classes.

Another correspondent writes: If I enter a coupon bird in a class which is afterwards cancelled by the show authorities, am I entitled to ask for my coupon back, or must I lose it?—We certainly do not wish exhibitors to suffer the loss of coupons because of cancelled classes. They must write us, and name the class and the show, when we will send them a fresh coupon (or coupons) to replace those used in the cancelled class.

A Few from Our Post Bag.

Please send me 50 coupons for use at Clapham show. There is a big demand for them. —A. C. Askew, show manager.

Send me by return another two dozen coupons for use at Morpeth show.—E. Cowling, sec.

I shall want a further supply of coupons for our show. — G. Broome, sec., Abertillery C.B.S.

Send me some more coupons for use at our show. I have already got rid of all I sent for.—H. Clegg, sec., Halifax O.S.

Please send by return three dozen coupons. I have sold all the five dozen I had. I find many people writing me for coupons when they are entering their birds at our show. I think the competition will be very popular. — T. Pope, hon. sec., Plymouth show

Enclosed please find order for more coupons.—J. D. Horrill, hon. sec., Barnstaple C.B.S.

Coupon Competitors' Next Chances.

The coupon shows due next week-end afford Scottish readers their first chances of entering our championship competition across the Border.

At the City of Glasgow show, Oct. 17 and 18, there is a truly magnificent classification, with very liberal prize money (36s. per class; entry fee 2s.), and a fine special prize-list. Scots Fancies, Belgians, Norwich (2 novice classes), Crests, Yorks., Borders, Mules, British and Foreign are liberally catered for. Entries should be sent on at once; Scots and Belgs. to Mr. J. Young, 76, Burn Road, Rutherglen; all other sections to Mr. R. Heggie, 27, McLenuan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

Broughty Ferry, Oct. 18, has also a really excellent classification, covering Scots Fcy., Crests, Nor., Bord., Mules, Brit. and For., with good prize money and specials, and we hope will be well supported. Entries close Monday next to Mr. J. F. Langlands, Victoria Cottage, Broughty Ferry.

Some splendid opportunities for competition occur at the shows in England. At Newcastle, Oct. 17 and 18, needless to say, the classification is very extensive, with special novice sections in Nor., Yorks., Bord. and Brit. The prize-money is 20s. per class; entry fee 1s. 6d., and there is a fine lot of specials. Entries should be made at once to Mr. J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

At Sheffield, Oct. 18, there are four novice classes in Nor. and Yorks., and one in Brit., while the open sections are likely catered for. Here the prize money is 22s. for a 1s. 6d. fee, and there should be a good response. Entries close on the 13th (Mon.) to Mr. A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Sheffield.

Halifax, Oct. 17 and 18, has a splendid classification for Yorks., and caters well for Nor., also Brit. and Mules. There are special novice Yorks. and Nor. classes. The prize-money is liberal here also, 22s. for a 1s. 6d. fee. Entries close Tuesday morning certain, Oct. 14, to Mr. H. Clegg 15, Melrose Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.

Harrogate Oct. 18, has 12 open Yorks. classes, price limit £5 5s., and 6 novice, limit £3 3s. Other sections are also catered for, and the prize money is 22s. for 1s. 6d. fee, while there are good specials Entries close Oct. 14 (Tues.) to Mr. G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road, Harrogate.

At Burton-on-Trent, Oct. 18, there is a good all-round classification for Nor., Yorks, Hyb., Brit. and For., with 3 novice Nor. classes, and 5 classes for Cinnamons (1 novice), with 17s. 6d. prize money and good specials for 1s. 6d. fee. Entries close Oct. 14 to Mr. A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent.

Mid-week shows which should be supported by coupon competitors are Abertillery (Oct. 22), and Portsmouth (Oct. 22 and 23).

A full list of the Coupon Shows appeared in our issue of Sept. 27, on page 187.

How Exhibitors May Enter,

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions:—CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softb.Fed.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

The above, we may say, are the conditions which will appear in the schedules of all shows at which our Championship Scheme is in operation, and under which entries will be accepted by the various secretaries.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is in progress at over 80 shows (see list of Sept. 27), which cover every quarter of the United Kingdom.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champion (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWENTY-FOUR DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR, in addition, at each Coupon Show, 12 for Champion exhibitors, and 12 for Novice exhibitors, for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon Birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For full Rules see last week's issue.

CLAPHAM AGAIN SMASHES RECORD

A Wonderful Run of Success: Great Display in all Sections: Keen Interest Taken in "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition.



Mr. A. C. Askew, one of the able managers of Clapham Show.

The first of the big London shows was held in the St. Anne's Hall, Clapham, on Oct. 8th and 9th, by the Clapham C.B.A. This Association has made extraordinary progress in the running of successful shows, and once again this year the entry was a record one. Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders, in the Canary section, were all well represented, the Borders in particular making a wonderful show, due, no doubt, to its being the opening venture of the Southern Border Fancy Club. Extra classes were provided, and these all filled well. The much coveted silver spoon for best bird in this section was won by Mr. G. H. Pratt, of Exmouth, with a lovely buff cock, very much admired. The birds were staged in a room by themselves, and made quite an imposing show. Fanciers of the "wee gems" should be well pleased with this opening venture, and support their club loyally.

A grand lot of "Straight 'Uns."

Yorkshires made a grand display, some of the classes were not only well filled, but had quality of the very highest merit. The unlighted buff cock class was a topper, twenty-one birds facing the judge. Many birds were hardly lit, and the winners may have the tables turned on them later on. Messrs. Easterling and Carson led off with a grand bird. The buff hens numbered twenty-two, and were a charming lot, a wonderfully even collection, Mr. C. Lockett staging the winner.

In the Norwich Plainhead section, there were 145 entries in 13 classes, an average of 11 per class—not at all a bad result for what is practically the initial event of the season. Many of the birds were shown in wonderfully good trim, though some beaten to-day will, when fully wound up, be points better. There was decided evidence of the predominance of type and quality. Crests and Crestbreds again were few in number, but the quality was good. The most remarkable display, however, was that of the Border Fancy section.

The Hybrids were a lovely lot. Light Hybrids were led by a nearly clear Goldie-Canary Mule. Dark Goldie or Linnet Mules made a class of 17. A lustrous jonque Goldie-Canary led. The Canary-Bullie Hybrids were grand, particularly that of Mr. Howick. As a whole, the collection was highly interesting.

Two Ssetions that Excelled.

The entries in the British section were good, considering the early date of the show; twenty Linnets, twenty Siskins, etc., and twenty-two Lesser Redpolls made grand classes. The winners in these were very fine specimens. Mr. Pitchford won with a lovely Linnet of grand quality. The Lesser Redpolls were a wonderfully even lot, very little to choose between the first half-dozen. The special for best Hardbill went to Mr. Oliver, of East Ham, with his well-known Hawfinch, staged in grand fettle.

The smaller insectivorous birds made a splendid display. The class for all species smaller than Wheatear was worth going a long journey to see, containing no less than 14 entries of eleven different kinds, all in the pink of condition, quite an education in itself, and reflecting great credit on the exhibitors who are able to turn out such delicate "wee mites" to perfection. The Dartford Warbler belonging to Mr. Evans, took special for the best in its section, while Mr. Hose's beautiful Yellow Wagtail obtained CAGE BIRDS' special for best British Softbill. The larger Softbil's were not well up in numbers, owing probably to being backward in the moult.

The Foreign a Special Attraction.

Foreign birds were a great feature of the show, and the fact that 209 African Finches and Sunbirds, etc., many new to aviculture, were to be on view, specially consigned to Clapham Show, for sale purposes, undoubtedly attracted a large and fashionable crowd of sight-seers and buyers. Very many of the birds quickly found purchasers. Parrots were rather disappointing in numbers, as was also the special class for Green Budgerigars, but the Finches and Waxbills turned up strong, the class for the common species with 20 entries wanting a lot of sorting, and the wonderful performance of Mr. R. J. Watts, in securing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and, vhc, with his noted team, was a feat to be proud of. Mr. C. T. Maxwell and Mr. Ezra accounted for the greater part of the other prizes, with their magnificent and unique specimens, many being seen for the first time on the show bench.

There were many entries in CAGE BIRDS coupon competition. The diplomas for best Softbill went to Mr. Hose, with a grand Yellow Wagtail, and the Hardbill to Mr. Francis with his Hawfinch. The remainder of the diploma winners are not to hand as we went to press.

The show management was in the very capable hands of Messrs. A. C. Askew and W. J. Silverthorne, who worked hard and effectively, as did Mr. T. J. Hose in the secretarial department. Mr. W. H. Vale, the popular chairman, also lent great assistance. These gentlemen were ably assisted by Messrs. Brighty, F. Clark, C. Cooper, A. Emms, C. T. Maxwell, H. Yeoman A. G. Snook, G. J. Warley, W. Francis, and others. The show was opened by the Mayoress of Wandsworth, accompanied by the Mayor, who made a few pithy remarks regarding the keeping of cage birds.

The judges were Messrs. Robson, Norman, Pattrick and Frostick, who got through a still day's work in good time for the openlug.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Taylor, very full chest, rather wide and flat skull, grand wing carr., level back, good col. and feather; 2, Collicott, stylish, very nice quality, little too much behind the leg, not so compact as winner; 3, Baker, not yet quite wound up in cond.; vhc, Rippon; hc, Silk; c, Ella. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Rippon, both bonny bulls, former perhaps the stoutest and most fiery in undercol.; 2nd lovely feather, head and finish, two good birds, and will be better yet; 3, Hodder, not quite so large, well moulded, but has a habit of lifting Yorkie fashion, grand feather, nice head; vhc, Ellis; hc, Withers; c, Taylor. TKD. ETC. YELL. (8): 1, Rippon, grizzled head and wing, bonny yell. of lovely feather, stands well across the perch, and is not overloaded with tail, just a wee bit slacked rump; 2, Saunders, rich col., tkd. wing, even better quality than winner, trifle heavier in skull and little more rudder; 3, Bell, grand feather and col., not quite subs. of leaders; vhc, Baker; he, Withers; c, Richardson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Baker, two bonny birds, the leader richer in undercolour and grand body, bouncing body and fine head; 3, Richardson, sweet bird, scarcely so dense under, good type, rare head, might have a little more bloom; vhc, Johnson; hc, Rippon; c, Bell. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Rippon, clears, 2nd perhaps softer in feather and best qual., grand type and col., we liked much; 3, Silk, grand body, hardly the qual. of first two, neat head and typical; vhc, Baker; hc, Gunnell. BUFF (11): 1, Ellis, cl., very typical, grand rump, level back, but for drooping tail a bit a sweet bird, will be better yet; 2, Rippon, not quite so stout, lovely qual., hardly so full of undercolour, fine and bloomy feather, mealing showing thus early; 3, Baker, var., rare body, short and compact, good front, a nice one; vhc, Rippon; hc, c, Hodder. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Richardson, good shape, rare head, lovely silvery feather, level col., grand head; 2, 3, Rippon, 2nd heavier in col., tkd. eye, crosses wings a trifle at tips; 3rd trifle smaller, beautiful balance, charming feather; vhc, Collicott; hc, Taylor; c, Allsopp. BUFF (18): 1, Richardson, var., full of col., feathery at thighs, good size and type, nice tone of feather; 2, Allsopp, hardly body enough for a buff, but very full of col. and rare qual.: 3, Saunders, tkd. wing, grand body, short flights and tail, bold chest, grand meal and undercol., fine head, topping bird; vhc, Saunders; hc, Rippon; c, Ellis. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Fox, rich col. and qual., nicely modelled, might be a trifle stouter; 2, Mrs. Williams, shorter in body, trifle slack yet, when wound up, should be a nice one; 3, Fleet, shapely, bit open at chest, else nice col. and qual.; vhc, Hoperaft; hc, Simmonds; c, Teasdale. BUFF (10): 1, Teasdale, very nice bird, well shown, might have a wee bit less rudder; 2, 3, Fleet, leader best col. and shape, rare qual.; vhc, Walmsley, Woodcock; c, Tomsett. TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Evans, var., deep col., rather spare, but grand qual.; 2, Cole, capped and wing mkd., full of qual., and nice in col., nice body; 3, Selby, var., hardly the depth of col. of the other two, but very soft rich bloom, feather of the right texture, just a trifle thin in body; vhc, Coombs. BUFF (6): 1, Cole, heavily var., trifle loose at thighs and open in flights, deep undercolour, fine shapely bird; 2, Tomsett, not so heavily mkd., but closer in feather and neater head, good type; 3, Silom, full body, fails a trifle rump and drops tail; vhc, Teasdale; hc, Woodcock; c, Beavington. HENS (14): 1, Fox, buff, sweet little lady, short and compact, dainty carr., good one; 2, Leech, tkd. buff, not quite so level in model, silky in feather and the right stamp; 3, Silom, cl. buff, larger, full of meal over rich undereol.; vhc, Teasdale, yell., we liked much; hc, Tomsett; c, Evans. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Fox, buff, stout body, good chest, neat head, promising; 2, Leech, buff, smaller, good type, grand feather; 3, Williams, tkd. buff, hardly so stout as leader, but beautiful feather, grand head, rich and lustrous undercolour, a bird we liked much; vhc, Miss Edward; hc, Walmsley; c, Weeks.

CRESTS (8): 1, 3, vhc, Slade, the winner a good green, nice round drooping crest, good length of frontal; 3, var., not quite so good in crest; 2, Day, grizzle, great deal of crest feather in pen; vhc, Lilley; c, Nichols. C.B. (12): 1, Gilbert, var., rare back skull, nice dome and entrance, good length of turn back; 2, Day, nicely cushioned, not quite the quantity of leader; 3, Lilley, green, loses to others in length and density of skull feather; vhc, hc, c, Slade.

A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Andrews Bros., buff and yellow Cinns., the latter rare body, richly burnished; 2, Cooper, very typical green Yorks, just a trifle weak in neck, else full of "go"; vhc, hc, Mrs. Ballard. LOCAL: 1, Beal; 2, vhc, Mrs. Booth; 3, Miss Brown; hc, Miss Booth; c, Walters Bros.

BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (19): 1, 2, Pratt, two lovely clears, hardly a hair's-breadth between them, lovely finish, delightful feather, as dainty and sleek as Borders should be; 3, Jenkins, almost equal, except perhaps in head, but sweet stamp, perhaps a shade richer in col.; vhc, c, Burton Bros.; hc, Roberts. BUFF (23): 1, 2, Pratt, again two gems, about on a par with the yellows from the same stable, lovely carr., full of qual., daintiest of the dainty; 3, Madagan, very sweet, quite as good in carr., hardly so compact and well folded; ex 3, Jenkins, real Border, bit closer in feather than 3rd, grand carr. and sweet head; vhc, Pratt; hc, Mrs. Salter; c, Bennet. HENS (17): 1, Jenkins, a real Swansea buff, delightfully elegant in deportment, and with dress of the softest silk; 2, 3, Pratt, former a lady in golden dress, sweet in the extreme; vhc, Allen; hc, Madagan; c, Pratt. A.O.V. (13): 1, Jenkins, Cinn., tkd. yell., grand feather, jaunty carr., very clean cut, nice head, a gem; 2, Pratt, four-pointed buff scarcely the outline of the winner, yet lovely feather and nice carr.; 3, Bacon, yell. gr., a gem, feather like glass, rich in col., jaunty in carr., and good outline; vhc, Middleton; hc, Burton Bros.; c, Mrs. Salter. NOV. BUFF (28): 1, Kybert, clear, in point of merit well on the track of the champions, full of Border properties; 2, Jones, var., very rich qual. of feather, not quite so finished in outline; 3, Hobden, cl., lovely feather, grand carr., neat head, well cleaned off, just a trifle weak on head; ex 3, Martin, not quite so clean cut, but a sweet Border; vhc, Harrison; hc, Martin; c, Onslow. YELL. (23): 1, Claydon, rich col., nice carr., not so full of qual. as some; 2, Jones, rather on the stout side, not quite the outline; 3, Snook, very neat one; ex 3, Pegg, very jaunty and quite the equal of some above it; vhc, Green; hc, Marriott; c, Hewett.

LIGHT CAN. HYB. (8): 1, Lawrence, Goldie-Can., as tight as a Java, cl. buff except a wee tk. on centre of head, grand specimen; 2, Lamb, Goldie-Can., mkd. eyes and both sides of tail, stouter in body than winner, rich flush and very compact in feather; 3, Archer, Greenie-Can., grizzled on neck and wings, large, good shape, and very close in feather, good one—hot lot these three; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Gunnell; c, Tams and Son. DK. GOLDF. OR LINNET-CAN. (17): 1, Parlett, romping yell. Goldie-Can., rich flush face, well burnished, a gem; 2, Lawrence, Cinn. Linnet-Can., a gem of the cross, grand feather and well shown; 3, Fairhurst, another lovely coloured Jonque Goldie-Can.; vhc, Juby; hc, James; c, Lamb. BULLF. HYB. (10): 1, Homer, grand Canary, in the pink of feather, grand shape and size; 2, Lamb, Linnet, blaze of colour, just a bit slack in feather to-day; 3, Hayter, Canary, not quite so rich in col, but grand body, little short of finish; 4, Lamb, Goldie, rich col., but pales in size to leaders; vhc, Baseley; c, Hart. BRIT. HYB. EXCEPT BULLF. (9): 1, Lamb, said to be of the Greenie-Challinch cross, very large, and certainly showing Greenie tracings, of the rest some present seemed not to be sure; 2, Mascall, Bramble-Chaffinch, well shown; 3, Ford, Linnet-Goldf.; 4, Barnett; vhc, Lamb; hc, Mascall; c, Askew. HEN (8): 1, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie; 2, Ford; 3, he, Nichols; 4, Vale; vhc, Askew; c, Wade. DK. CAN. HYB. EXCEPT BULLF. (13): 1, Parlett, Greenie-Can., truly grand in col.; 2, Miss Bousfield, a topping Linnet-Can.; 3, Goodall, grand coloured Redpoll-Can., in flue form; vhc, Smith; c, Edwards.

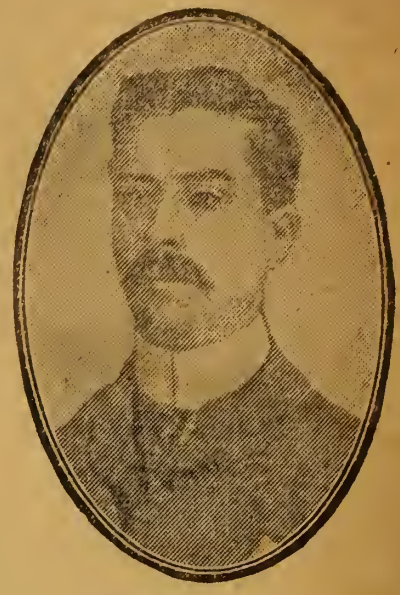
Mr. A. E. Pattrick's Classes.

YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Fulford, not over hot in col., but rare length and style, neat head, good shoulders and back, grand wings, neat tail; 2, Owen and Sons, shade hotter in col., lovely style and position, well up on legs, good back and wings, sound condition; 3, Auton Bros., smart stylish bird, rare length, good shoulders and back, grand wings; vhc, Jones; hc, Silverthorne; c, Easterling and Carson. BUFF (16): 1, Rorke, beautifully rounded grand head, neck and shoulders, A1 wings, neat tail, lovely boxy feather; 2, Easterling and Carson, another beauty, rare length, hardly so slim, grand head, back and wings, A1 qual., in fine fettle; 3, Green, rare length, grand position, on good legs, perfect head, capital back, sound rich col., lovely cond.; vhc, Salter; hc, Smith; c, Silverthorne. MKD. OR VAR. (9): 1, Green, tkd. bird of fine length and type, beautifully rounded, rare length of



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wings, neat tail, nice clean cut up; 2, Auton Bros.; wing and eye mkd., hot col., in beautiful fettle, grand head and shoulder, very fine, well filled back, A1 wings; 3, Yates, big bold var., wonderful length, good shoulder, tightly fitting wings, sound col. and qual.; vhc, Rorke; hc, Dugmore; c, Easterling and Carson. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Fulford, cl., fine type and style, well up on legs, neat head, nicely braced wings, sound in col., put down in tip-top cond.; 2, Bousfield, another beauty, grand length and type, clean cut, good wings, lovely qual.; 3, Mrs. Gill, very hot col., grand size, well up on legs, full of mettle; vhc, Auton Bros.; hc, King; c, Owen and Sons. BUFF (21): 1, Easterling and Carson, grand upstanding cl., nice length and type, well up on legs, tightly braced wings, sound qual.; 2, Green, another cl., grand length, good neat head, well up on shoulder, A1 qual.; 3, vhc, Penton, wing mkd., excellent type, stands well, nice long tightly braced wings, neat tail, well shown; ex 3, Foxen, close up, quite as good in type, hardly so nicely rounded; hc, Mabey; c, Dugmore. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Jones, rare position, magnificent shoulders, grand wings and tail, A1 col. and qual., good front; 2, Dugmore, smart and stylish, hardly so smooth in front, neat head, nice bit of shoulders, grand qual.; 3, Foxen, head and neck mkd., nice head and shoulders, grand wings, A1 qual., rare stock bird; vhc, Fulford; hc, Webster; c, Owen and Son. BUFF (22): 1, Lockett, not the largest, but grand type and style, clean cut to a good tail, capital wings, beautiful feather; 2, Dandridge, wonderfully smooth and tight, grand shoulders and back, A1 wings, meeting well; 3, Jones, long and rakish, wonderfully straight, beautifully rounded and finished, on good legs, close up; 3, hc, Johnson, rich col., smart and stylish, good back and wings, lovely qual.; vhc, Rorke; c, Holliday. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Plumb, rare length and style, grand position, on clever legs, A1 shoulders, capital wings and tail, smooth all round; 2, Clarke, hardly so long, but beautifully proportioned, grand head and wings, extra qual., hardly the col.; 3, Withers, another grand stylish bird, rare shoulders and wings, not quite so smooth in front, rare fettle; vhc, Egerton; hc, Orange; c, Neighbour. BUFF (25): 1, Hume, grand length and type, neat head and neck, good shoulders, well filled back, perfect wings, a nice one; 2, Fairman, lovely bird, stands well, grand length, very fine wings, A1 cond., sound col.;



Mr. W. J. Silverthorne, who shared the honours of management.

3, Johnston, another good one, rare length and style, very racy and free, close up, fine condition; 3, Poingdestre, lovely type and length, good shoulders and back, sound qual.; vhc, Cooper; hc, Hawkins; c, Harris. MKD. OR VAR. (8): 1, Clarke, good buff, wonderful length, nicely balanced, neat head, good free neck, sound back, good wings, well put down; 2, King, head and wing mkd., fine length, grand type and style, tightly braced wings, good cond.; 3, Hume, eye mkd., grand length, nicely rounded front, good back and wings; vhc, Johnston; hc, Cundy; c, Walker. UNFLIGHTED: 1, Hawkins, cl. buff, grand size and type, well up on legs, neat head, good shoulders and back, in fine fettle; 2, Johnson, yell., shade small, but lovely qual., smart, neat type, good length of wing, neat tail, a real nice one; 3, Fairman, hot col. yell., good size and type, good head, nice free neck, grand back and wings, A1 qual.; ex. 3, Huggins, cl. buff, fine type, nice length of wing, clean cut, neat, well fitting wings, full of qual.; vhc, Hall; hc, Clarke; c, Crockett. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Crockett, smart upstanding bird, fine length, neat head, beautifully rounded body, grandly braced wings, extra qual. and condition; 2, King, another typical one, grand length, stands well, neat head, perfect wing carr., close up; 3, Hall, good shouldered, fine length, and style, very racy, grand, tightly braced wings, put down in fine fettle; vhc, Deer; hc, Poingdestre; c, Fairman. BUFF (15): 1, Hume, grand clear; wonderful length for a lady, stands well, grand shoulders and wings, very fine qual.; 2, Fairman, var., grand type, well up on legs, neat head and neck, tightly braced wings, A1 cond.; 3, Walker, another cl. of grand length, beautifully rounded, good wings and tail, sound cond.; vhc, Plumb; hc, Hall; c, Cooper.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

GOLDF. (16): 1, Maxwell, nicely proportioned bird, lovely face, grand under blaze, good top, beautifully tanned, capital wings, well up in col., and nicely put down; 2, Cooper, shade larger, and, if anything, a wee bit better condition, but not so good in face, lovely tanning, good wings, grand depth of col. all through; 3, c, James, beauty, very shapely, capital face of good rich col., very smart, taking bird; vhc, Arnold; hc, Smith. BULLF. (6): 1, Prior, nice type and size, lovely cap, well polished, not over rich in col. yet, but very nice and will improve; 2, Francis, another good bird, hardly so nicely polished as winner, sound col. and qual.; 3, Bignall, shapely, fine size, good cap, nice full neck and body, hardly fit yet; vhc, Maxwell; hc, c, Gregory. LINNET (20): 1, Pitchford, bonny bird, perfect condition, very shapely, good full head, capital wings, not very heavily mkd., but wins on condition; 2, Jeffreys, another beauty, full of work throughout, grand size and style, well rounded, nicely laced flanks, beaten col.; 3, Offord, similar bird, well laced, shapely, good bold front, very fine fettle; ex. 3, Francis, heavily laced, very shapely, grand size; vhc, Nichols; hc, James; c, Swift. SISKIN, ETC. (20): 1, Sexton, lovely non-fed Siskin, clean as a smelt, beautifully laced, sound in col., tight as wax, good win; 2, Stephens, grand Mealy Redpoll, wonderful size and capital shape, well laced throughout, shown well; 3, James, col. fed. Siskin, hardly so nicely laced as winner, still a real good one; ex. 3, Francis, another Mealy, hardly so big as 2nd, but very tight in feather and nicely mkd.; vhc, Francis; hc, c, Fairhurst. LESSER REDPOLL (22): 1, 2, Ford, real beauty, grand size and type, nice full fronted bird, grand depth of col., well laced throughout; 2nd, similar bird, quite as good on points, but hardly so tight, will improve; 3, Martin, another good one, sound col., grand size and beautifully laced, A1 wings, well shown in fine condition; ex. 3, Offord, close up, hardly the size of winners, but grandly laced and tight as wax; vhc, Nichols; hc, Pope; c, Bousfield. CHAFF. (13): 1, vhc, Francis, fine bold fronted bird, good size, A1 shape, well proportioned very tight in feather, and good col. for this season; 2, Marley, shade darker in col., hardly so sound in condition, but still a bonny Chaffinch; 3, Stephens, fine bold bird, grand size and shape, good cap, nice level col., well shown; hc, Askew; c, Vale. BRAMBLE (16): 1, Brotherhood, grand, bold, upstanding bird, A1 col., beautifully spangled throughout, grand wings, in the pink of condition; 2, Lawrence, big bird, hardly so bright as winner, still very sound, well spangled, and in good fettle; 3, Pitchford, best of col. and qual., hardly so richly mkd. as winner, but capital size and shape; vhc, Francis; hc, Gilbert; c, Marley. GREENF. (11): 1, Marley, bonny bird, beautifully proportioned, neat yet bold head, well filled neck, good front, shown in A1 condition; 2, hc, James, hard to beat for qual. and cond., not quite so bold as winner, nor so good in head, but a lovely exhibit; 3, vhc, c, Francis, big bold bird, very shapely, grandly proportioned, will do better later. HAWFINCH (9): 1, Oliver, very fine bold bird, grand size and shape, good bib, sound col. throughout, a good win; 2, Marley, capital, good size and shape, hardly so sound in col., but A1 quality, grand wings; 3, Francis, big, thick-set bird, nicely proportioned, bit light in front, but will make a good one, hardly fit yet; vhc, Botting; hc, Gunnell; c, Silk. YELLOWHAMMER (8): 1, Askew, bonny bird, quickly claimed, well proportioned, beautifully mkd., sound

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rich col., well laced, a good one; 2, Hayter, lovely col. and qual., hardly so stumpy as winner, but very fine cond., and well put down; 3, Botting, another good one, well mkd. throughout, sound col., A1 qual., will improve; vhc, Beard; hc, Jones; c, Francis. A.O.S. BUNTINGS (7): 1, Marley, Lapland Bunting, in the pink of condition, grand size, sound col. and well mkd.; 2, Clark, Corn Bunting of good size, nicely laced, good sound rich col., fine size, and very steady; 3, c, Francis, another Corn, hardly the qual. of 2nd, but well mkd. and equally steady; vhc, Marley; hc, Offord. HEN (14): 1, 2, Francis, grand Corn Bunting leading, wonderful size and shape, grandly mkd., sound col., in A1 condition; 2nd, very fine Bramble, lovely bird, in perfect condition, A1 col., nicely laced; 3, Bacon, big bold Hawfinch, well cut bird, capital shape, hardly up in col. yet; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Ford; c, Bignall.

Mr. John Frostick's Classes.

SONG THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, Lomer, Thrush, an old stager, beautifully shown, large dense markings, grand col., steady as a rock; 2, 3, Lott, lustrous Starling, well spangled, and a bonny Thrush, steady, well marked, but not the colour of leader; vhc, hc, Askew, Thrush and Blackie, both good birds, hardly ready, will improve. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP (11): Really good class, containing many grand 'Gales, that just spoiled their chances for want of training to show cage, no doubt pets at home, but not yet used to the bustle of the show room. 1, sp., Lomer, lovely 'Gale, steady, very rich col., nicely shown; 2, Vale, gem of a Blackcap, in full song, shade on the small side, but lovely cap, and well put down; 3, Lean and Son, very fine 'Gale, good col., not quite so rich as leader; vhc, Mortlock, Blackcap, larger than 2nd, but hardly the "finish," a close thing; hc, Swain; c, Martin, charming hen Blackcap. LARK OR PIPIT (6): 1, 2, 3, Lott, a grand trio to be proud of, topping Shorelark, Tree Pipit and Skylark, all put down in this exhibitor's well-known style; vhc, Basely, bonny Skylark, not quite the size and style of leader; hc, Askew; c, Maxwell. MAGPIE, ETC.: 1, Martin, very excellent Magpie, could hold its own in any company. A.S., SMALL (14): 1, 2, vhc, Evans, delightful little Dartford Warbler, in adult col., well shown, charming Grasshopper Warbler, in most perfect condition, and an exquisite Wood Wren, all a decided credit to their owner; 3, Tout, excelleut Gold Crest, beautifully shown; vhc, Maxwell, Grey Wagtail, one of the best cage-moulted birds ever shown; hc, Lean and Son, the tamest, finest coloured Lesser Whitethroat we've seen; hc, Jeffrey, nice Wryneck, claimed at £2 2s., unfortunately slightly damaged tail; c, Andrews Bros., good pair Bearded Tits, well shown; c, Hose, rich coloured Stonechat. LARGE: 1, James, most perfect Missel Thrush. PIED ALBINO, ETC.: 1, Wade, White Linnet, slightly marked on tail and wings; 2, Lamb, Cinnamon Redpoll, not the old winner, but a worthy successor.

PARROTS (5): 1, 2, vhc, Maxwell, Blue-rump, Red-collared Lorikeets, and Brown's Parrakeets, all beautifully shown in this gentleman's well-known style; 3, Wade, grand Crimson-winged Parrakeet, now unfortunately very scarce; hc, Casling, nice Redrump. GREEN BUDGERIGARS (6): 1, vhc, Cooper, wonderful markings, nice colour and grand condition; 2, Silver, well selected, larger than first, but not the density of marking, hardly so steady, will improve with keeping; 3, hc, Steer, very beautiful cock; c, Winter. COMMON AVADAVATS, ETC. (20): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Watts, Green Avadavats, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, and Fire Finches, all in the most exquisite condition, absolutely perfection, a really grand team; vhc, Mrs. Thynne, very pretty Pink-cheeks; hc, Wade, Napoleon Weaver; hc, Bambridge, Grey Waxbills; c, Ellis, White Javas; c, Cooper, White-throated Finches. WAXBILLS, ETC. (12): 1, 2, vhc, Maxwell, a beautiful team, consisting of Violet-ear Waxbills, Melbae Finches, pairs, and a rich coloured Crimson Finch; 3, c, Watts, lovely pair Black-cheeked Waxbills, and a splendid cock Melba; vhc, Buckingham, fine pair of Rufous-tailed Grassfinches; hc, (2) Miss Bousfield, nice pair of Masked Grassfinches, and a good black-headed Gouldian; c, Mrs. Thynne, Diamond Sparrow. BUNTINGS, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, Watts, the well-known Queen Whydah, looking better than ever, and a pair of Quail Finches, West African variety, not so pretty as the commoner form; 2, c, Williams, very fine Yellow-backed Whydah, and a good Weaver; 3, hc, Maxwell, rare Bunting, and a nice Pectoralis. INSECTIVOROUS, ETC. (9): An exquisite class, containing many gems of the first water. 1, and CAGE BIRDS spl., Ezra, Red Sunbird, the first ever exhibited at any show, a delightful specimen, shown to perfection; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Maxwell, a glorious team, all fit to win, 1st at any show, 2nd, Pink-crested Touraco, the first appearance for about 15 years, when Mr. Fulljames exhibited the first of its kind, Black-necked Tanager, unique and beautiful; vhc, Purple Sugar-bird, a most perfect pair; hc, Alpine Wall Creeper, in a most suitable cage; c, spl., Mrs. Thynne, well-known Maroon Tanager.

HOLMFIRTH C.B.S.

Members' show held Oct. 3. Judge, Mr. C. R. Hampshire. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, vhc, Brown Bros.; 2, Sandford; 3, 4, Beaumont. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Beaumont; 3, Sandford. HENS: 1, Smith; 2, Beaumont; 3, 4, Brown Bros.—T. Smith, Sec.

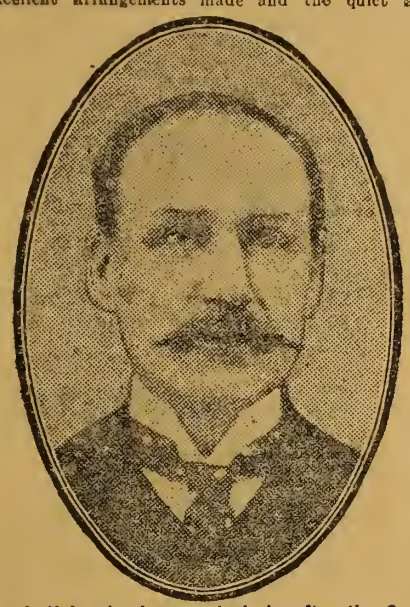
FELLING F. AND F.S.

Table show held Sep. 27, Blue Bell Hotel, in aid of Mr. J. Spencer. Cage birds made quite a show by themselves. Mr. T. Smith, Sheriff Hill, judged, and his awards gave complete satisfaction. NOR: 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, hc, Bainbridge; 4, James. YORKS.: 1, 2, 4, Witherley; 3, res, vhc, hc, Burrell. BRIT.: 1, James; 2, 3, 4, Clark and Peters.—G. Garbutt, Sec.

Successful start of The Yorkshire Union Season.

Good and Splendidly Managed Show at Great Horton.

The Great Horton O.S. on Oct. 4 held their annual open exhibition of Canaries in the Congregational School, High Street, Great Horton. The entries totalled 365 in 26 classes—a good entry for the opening show of the season. The majority of the show birds are not quite through the moult, therefore we think this was a good start. Mr. John Greaves awarded the prizes and gave general satisfaction. Officials: President, Mr. Fred Self; secretary, Mr. J. Holroyd; treasurers, Messrs. A. Morley and F. Crabtree; assistant secretary, Mr. B. Hainsworth; stewards, Messrs. H. Jennings, W. Ormonroyd, A. Sykes, and A. Jowett. Mr. Fred Self, the president, took charge of all the claims. Other officials were Messrs. A. Hunter, Ellis Self, J. W. Hainsworth, Joe Hainsworth, F. Peace, W. Firth, A. Lister, F. Hodgson, and J. Fieldhouse. Through the good work of these gentlemen the show work was got through in a manner satisfactory to everyone. All the birds were sent away in good time on Saturday, so as to get home the same night. There was great interest taken amongst the fanciers in the winners of the specials and diplomas in CAGE BIRDS Coupon scheme. The winner of the Diploma in the Champion classes, a grand even-mark shown by Mr. A. Lister, changed hands after the show for a large price. The novice diploma went to a fine clear yellow hen exhibited by Mr. W. H. Haulyn. Several other birds were claimed at the show, which evidences how keen are fanciers to own the birds which get the coveted prize tickets. The officials deserve every credit for the excellent arrangements made and the quiet and



Mr. J. Holroyd, who so ably looks after the Great Horton O.S. and its shows.

thorough way in which everything was done that could help forward the success of the fixture or tend to the comfort of the birds.

The Critique.

YORKS CL. OR INVISIBLE TKD. YELL (15): 1, Bailey, grand bird, good colour, splendid feather and position, well benched; 2, Naylor, big, nice type, not so good in colour, but has time to improve; 3, Lister, excellent type, but rather inclined to cross wings, not too steady, in fact; 4, Ogden Bros., good qual. and position, not quite so long as others, but close up; vhc, Pickup and Son, will improve; hc, L. Dykes, good, but not quite ready; c, Towers. BUFF (16): 1, c, Hodgson, winner real nice bird, good col., qual. and position, well moulted; c, good bird, but not quite ready. BUFF (16): 1, c, Hodgson, winner real nice bird, good col., qual., position, well moulted: c, good bird but not quite ready; 2, Mason, big one, rather paler than first, and shade stronger, lovely qual. and style; 3, Jebson, on strong side, grand qual. and position; 4, Ogden Bros., real good bird, but rather less and not quite good in col.; vhc, Binns, big one, fails col., will improve; hc, Dyson. TKD. YELL. cancelled. TKD. BUFF (7): 1, Ogden Bros., grand bird, wing tkd., lovely feather and position; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cheek tkd., rather slimmer, beautiful qual., good one, close up; 3, Lister, wing tkd., excels in qual. and col., rather stout; 4, Lunn, tkd. neck, grand position, on stiff side; vhc, Thomas, good qual., seemed "down" a little; hc, Dykes; c, Mann. YELL. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Casey, cl., grand bird, lovely col., rare qual. and position; 2, Hall, cl., big, good type, not quite dry in feather, good position; 3, J. Bailey, very nice cl., but not quite steady, will improve; 4, Wilkinson Bros., cl., nice qual., good pos., rather less; vhc, Easterling and Carson, uneven mkd., nice big bird, very unsteady, will improve; hc, Helliwell, good, wants training; c, Dykes. BUFF (19): 1, Long, cl., extra rich col., good qual. and pos., very fine bird; 2, Shackleton, cl., grand one for type and style, not so good in col.; 3, 4, Self, 3rd cl., nice one, not quite ready will improve; 4th good big bird, unsteady; vhc, Moss, good uneven mkd.; hc, Wright, rather stiff, will improve; c, Beaumont, big, but not ready. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Casey, cl. yell., lovely hen, extra col., grand qual. and position; 2, Mason, another fine hen, paler, splendid type and style; 3, Briggs, also very good, but unsteady, will improve; 4, Bailey, really nice, steady, good qual. and col., close up; vhc, Moss, thigh tic, big slashing hen; hc, Bennett, cl., nice, good qual., excels in pos.; c, Jebson. BUFF HEN (13): 1, Ogden Bros., grand hen, tkd. neck, extra qual., splendid type and style, easy winner; 2, Clegg, cl., very nice hen, good qual., shade less than winner; 3, Beaumont, excellent all round, close up; 4, Hall, big and stylish, not as good in qual., will improve; vhc, Whitley, nice, on stiff side, extra qual.; hc, Lister; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. HEN (17): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, cl. yell., grand bird, full of col., nice size, good qual. and position; 2, Bailey, also a real beauty, shade less in size, A1 col. and qual.; 3, vhc, Dykes, 3rd tkd. neck, good hen for col. and qual., well drawn; 4, Helliwell, cl. buff, long slim hen, rare good qual., rather pale in co.; hc, Ogden Bros., cl. yell., good, but very unsteady; c, Radley. EVEN, UNEVEN, YELL., ETC. (14): 1, Lister, even mkd., grand bird, good col., feather perfect, long and stylish, winner of C.B. diploma; 2, Townsend, uneven mkd., another good bird, grand quality and position; 3, hc, Chittenden, 3rd even mkd., good, but not quite ready; 4, Ogden Bros., uneven mkd., very nice length, good qual. and pos.; vhc, Casey; c, Dykes; good class. BUFF (10): 1, Binns, uneven mkd., long slim bird, good qual. and position, very neat; 2, Dykes, ditto, stylish, good qual., and col., shade thicker; 3, Clegg, long and well drawn, nice bird; 4, Hall, variegated., good one, extra qual. and position; vhc, Towers, nice even mk.; hc, Dyson; c, Thomas. EVEN, UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN (4): 1, Thomas, uneven mkd., grand hen, good qual., rich col., long and slim; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, also very nice shape and style, rather less; 3, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, Dykes, both taking hens for style and qual. BUFF (10): 1, Dykes, uneven mkd., lovely hen, extra qual., just right size, grand style; 2, Morrison, nice variegated., good qual. and pos., not ready; 3, Ogden Bros., variegated.; 4, Hall, uneven mkd., nicely drawn; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Lister; c, Snead. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL. cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, Chittenden, nearly even mkd., long and stylish, lovely qual. and col., good winner; 2, Bennett, also splendid qual. and pos., rather stouter; 3, Hudwin, beavily mkd., grand bird, extra qual. and style, close up; 4, Ogden Bros., nice one, good qual. and pos., on stout side; vhc, Towers, big and nicely mkd., good stock bird; hc, Morrison; c, Atkinson and Firth. CINN. TKD. ETC. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Bennett, nicely mkd., good qual. and position, fine stylish hen; 2, Dykes, good all round, but unsteady, will improve; 3, Towers, nicely mkd., good qual. and pos., well built; 4, Clegg, good big hen, but not quite ready; vhc, Ogden Bros., real nice hen, rather slack, will improve; hc, Lister; c, Snead. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Towers, grand at all points, nicely mkd., extra qual. and pos.; 2, Whitwam, fine style and shape, good qual., unsteady; 3, c, Casey, full of qual., should make up a good one, not ready yet; 4, Ogden Bros., we liked, lovely type, extra qual., deserved better place; vhc, Pickup and Son, good hen, unsteady; hc, Mann. SELLING, 15s. (16): 1, Marsh, good winner; 2, Beaumont; 3, Shackleton; 4, Raistrick; vhc, Robson; hc, Hudson; c, Self. SELL., 12s. 6d. (10): 1, Butterworth and Hardy; 2, Bower; 3, Greensmith; 4, Radley; vhc, Chapman; hc, Noble and Son; c, Jebson.

The Novice Classes (Limit £5 5s.).

CL OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (17): 1, Pedder, cl., grand bird, good in qual. and col., will win again; 2, Powell, very nice, too, rare qual. and pos., rather stronger; 3, Symes, good all-round bird, wins its place though not quite ready; 4, Noble and Son, nice one, good qual., rather slim; vhc, Bindley Quarmby; hc, Firth; c, Baily. BUFF (24): 1, Taylor, wing tk., extra qual. and pos., clean cut and stylish, easy winner; 2, Smith, cl., real good bird but wants steadying; 3, Seager, also a nice one at all points; 4, Holgate and Aldridge, good length and pos., very good qual.; vhc, Gregson; hc, Smith; c, Firth, good, will improve. EVEN, UNEVEN, ETC. (9): 1, Green, uneven buff, grand bird, good in qual. and position, fine type; 2, Bushby, heavily mkd. yell., good bird but not quite ready; 3, Ellis, buff; 4, Marshall Bros., uneven mkd. yell., nice, good qual.; vhc, Hanson, buff, shade less; hc, Hamlyn, big, strong bird, good stock bird; c, Nichols, uneven mkd., nice bird but unsteady. UNFLIG. (31): 1, Myers, cl. yell., real good bird, claimed at catalogue price, grand length and type; 2, Smith, tic., very nice one, good qual. and position, lengthy, well drawn; 3, Fretwell, cl., rather paler in col., typical and neat; 4, Long, nice length, good feather and col.; vhc, Hutchinson, buff, good qual. and pos.; hc, Mountain; c, Morley. CINN., TICK. OR VAR. (7): 1, Hudson, grand even mkd., excels qual. and pos., fine length; 2, Mitchell, long and slim, rather unsteady, but real good Yorkie; 3, Shackleton, rare qual., very stylish and neat; 4, Hodgson, jun., nicely mkd. buff, good qual., not ready yet; vhc, Grange; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Woad. D. HEN (9): 1, Woad, grand hen, unevenly mkd. buff, good pos. and qual., splendid type; 2, McLoughlin, even mkd. buff, rare good qual., stands nicely; 3, Leather, heavily mkd. yell., nice hen, too, very neat and typical; 4, Chapman, uneven yell., shows well, good qual.; vhc, Grange; hc, Holgate and Aldridge; c, Smith. CL., TKD., OR MKD. YELL. HEN (31): 1, Hamlyn, grand cl., lovely qual. and pos., winner of CAGE BIRDS Coupon prize in novice section; 2, Hutchinson, cl., very nice style, good qual. and col., rather stronger than 1st; 3, hc, Kirkbright, pair of good hens, shade smaller; 4, Bower, mkd. neck and wing, nice style, good qual.; vhc, Fretwell; c, Collins Bros. BUFF (27): 1, Kirkbright, cl., real gem, splendid type, lovely qual., will win again; 2, McLoughlin, mkd. head and cheek, nice one, good qual., stands finely; 3, Sutcliffe, cl., extra good in pos., fine qual., neat; 4, Collins Bros., cl., rather strong, but good at other points; vhc, Taylor; hc, Morley; c, Bower. NORWICH CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, Binns, Airton, grand team, thick-set and typical, hot col. and good qual.; 4, Pedder, nice stamp of bird, good col., will improve; vhc, Cautheray and Son, not quite ready; hc, c, Kaberry, promising pair. Hen: Cancelled.

CRAMLINGTON C.B.S.

Table show held Oct. 1; 18 exhibits were tabled. Messrs. Thurston and Ellison judged. Members gaining most points were S. Wilson, W. Moore, W. Archbold. Another table show next meeting, Nov. 5 We cordially invite new members.—J. R. Chesney Sec., Quarry Lodge.



This grand specimen of the rare even-marked Yorkshire Canary won "Cage Birds" 10/- special for best champion coupon bird at Great Horton Show, also the Diploma of Honour. It was exhibited by Mr. A. Lister, and we understand that after the show it changed hands at a large price.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Successful table show held Oct. 1. Mr. E. Noakes judged and gave full satisfaction. NOR. BUFF UNFLIG. OPEN: 1, vhc, c, Davis; 2, Wortley; 3, hc, Gamble. DITTO NOV.: 1, vhc, Crane; 2, c, Suffolk; 3, hc, Brooks. A judging competition was held, Mr. Davis proving the winner. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Noakes.—J. Cook, Sec.

BARGOED C.B.S.

Meeting held at Parker's Temperance Hotel, Sept 30. Mr. H. Bye chair. Decided to get an able man to give us a lesson on washing and staging as soon as possible, also to make application to join the Welsh C.B.C. Show business held over until next meeting, to give all members a chance to express their opinion. I hope they will all make an effort to attend and bring other fanciers with them, as it is important, and must not be further delayed. Next meeting Oct. 14, 7.30. We shall be pleased to meet all the fanciers in the Rhymney Valley.—E. J. Chisholm.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN, C.B.S.

Table show held at headquarters Oct. 1. The Yorks class numbered 24 entries, and there was a grand display of Norwich, Crests, and Borders. The society is forging ahead, both in regard to membership and in quality of stock, and there is prospect of a bumper entry at the annual autumn show. Mr. P. Brooks, the hon. sec., makes a splendid organiser, and he is heartily supported in his efforts by a thoroughly practical committee, the chairman being as enthusiastic as ever. There was a large attendance. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged and made a few congratulatory observations on the show afterwards. Special best in show was won by Mr. Huggins with a topping Yorkshire; and 2nd best by Mr. Griffin with a rare yell. Nor.

YORKS (24): 1, sp, Huggins; 2, hc, Tolfree; 3, c, Jones; vhc, Day. NOR. (8): 1, sp, 3, Griffin; 2, bc, Titchner; vhc, c, Pettitt. CREST AND C.-B.: 1, 2, Jones. BORD. (7): 1, 3, Jones; 2, vhc, hc, c, Warner. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Parrish. MULES: 1, Griffin; 2, Titchner.

ISLINGTON F.A.

The 23rd young stock show, held Oct. 4, was a very pleasing success, the excellent room at headquarters being well filled with good-class exhibits. We were glad to hear that the society is going ahead in fine style, with an ever-increasing membership. The cage bird section is a new one, and was, under the circumstances, well supported. The society is anxious to attract cage bird men into the fold and cater well for them. Either the popular sec., Mr. G. Wainwright, or the able assist. sec., Mr. H. A. Brown (74, Effingham Road, Harringay, N.), will be pleased to hear from anyone desirous of joining. Mr. Laceobee won spl for best Canary with a fine Nor.; Mr. Payne spl best Crest; Mr. Bibb spl best Brit. The judge was Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton, and no fault could be found with his awards.

YORKS CL.: 1, 3, Young, very nice buff; 2, res, Dillingham. VAR., ETC.: 1, Young; 2, Dillingham. NOR. CL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Laceobee. VAR., ETC.: 1, 2, Laceobee; 3, res, vhc, hc, Baker. CREST, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3 res, Payne. ROLLER: 1, 2, Baker. GOLDF.: 1, Bibb; 2, Richards. LINNET: 1, spl, 2, Bibb.

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We hope to publish a further list early in November.

Date.	Show.	Approx. No. of Classes.	Judges.	Secretary.
Oct. 14-15	§PLYMOUTH (Devon)	92	H. W. Battye, J. Robson	T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.
„ 15-16	Bromley (Kent)	41	J. Robson	A. T. Bellinger, 26, Nightingale Rd.
„ 16	§HANLEY (Staffs.)	35	A. Hirst	C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.
„ 16	Oxford	31	J. H. Roe	C. F. Holliday, George St.
„ 16	Bedford	7	J. Robson	E. T. F. Wiggins, 83, Stanley St.
„ 16	Torquay (Devon)	13	C. A. House	A. Walker, Innerbrook Rd., Chelston, Torquay.
„ 16	Swansea F.A. (Glam.)	60	S. J. Nicholas	E. Dendle, 1, Argyle St.
„ 16	Llandilo (Carm.)	10	A. D. Hughes	H. S. Davies, 32, New Rd.
„ 16-17	§NORWICH (Norfolk)	59	W. E. Greeves, W. H. Howe, J. Stark	E. C. St. Quinton, 55, Calvert St.
„ 17-18	§NEWCASTLE (Northumberland)	80	W. Vardy, T. C. Crawhall, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Duncan, J. Maddison	J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd.
„ 17-18	BURNLEY (Lancs.)	33	J. H. Roe, H. W. Battye	Geo. Wharton, 84, Oxford Rd.
„ 17-18	§GLASGOW (City O.A.)	94	A. Chalmers, J. Winter, J. Craig, A. Walker, G. Dobson, Dr. Syson, P. McQuiston, R. V. Raine, W. Thornton, A. M. Baird, A. Allarnice, T. Todd, D. Caldwell	J. Young, 76, Burn Rd., Rutherglen, and R. Heggie Mt. Florida, Glasgow.
„ 17-18	§HALIFAX (Yorks.)	46	C. A. House, J. Trengove	H. Clegg, 15, Melrose St., Lee Mt., Halifax.
„ 18	§BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffs.)	41	J. Robson	A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.
„ 18	§HARROGATE (Yorks.)	20	W. Mundell	G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Rd.
„ 18	§SHEFFIELD C.B.S. (Yorks.)	42	J. C. Barnes, H. W. Battye	A. Hobson, 76, Langsett Avenue.
„ 18	§GROUGHTY FERRY (Forfar)	49	J. F. Dewar, W. Hampton, D. Henderson, J. McGregor, T. Merrillees, J. Thomson	J. Langlands, Victoria Cottage.
„ 18	DYSART (Fife)	65	J. H. Adams, J. Holmes, A. Kerr, A. Walker	J. Logan, 22, High St.
„ 18	Haddington (E. Lothian C.B.A.)	39	A. Livingston, G. Hislop	J. Fairgrieve, 10, Hope Park, Haddington, Scotland.
„ 18	Swindon	7	Rev. T. W. Sturgess	G. Swonnikoff, 9, Bristol St.
„ 18	Johnstone (Renfrewsh.)	10	J. Sinclair	J. Taylor, Collier St.
„ 21-22	WIMBLEDON	59	J. Frostick, W. Mundell, J. Robson	H. Smith 115, Merton Rd.
„ 22	§ABERTILLERY (Mon.)	34	J. H. Roe	Geo. Broome, 30, Powell St.
„ 22	Northampton	24	T. Gilbert	Cox and Barrett, Hunter St.
„ 22	Falmouth (Devon)	15	J. Davies	W. J. Medlin, 92, Marlboro' Rd.
„ 22-23	§PORTSMOUTH & S. COUNTIES' C.B.S.	47	H. Norman, J. Robson	Hall and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue.
„ 22-23	L. & P.O.S. (Members')	58	T. Heath, J. Frostick	C. W. Law, Brimley Ho., Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley.
„ 22-23	DUBLIN	—	J. Bailey, G. Wilson	C. Lattimore, 3, Little Fitzwilliam Pl., Lower Fitzwilliam St.
„ 23	STAMFORD (Lincs.)	39	H. W. Battye, A. Silver	G. Grimes, 57, Queen's St.
„ 23	MUMBLES (Glam.)	22	D. A. S. Longden	W. D. Elcy, 28, Queen's Rd.
„ 23-24	Chatham (Open to K't)	21	J. Robson	H. Wray, 22, Glencoe Rd.
„ 24-25	§ILKESTON (Derbys.)	38	C. A. House R J. Howe	T. Smith, 5, King St.
„ 24-25	§WOLVERHAMPTON (Staffs.)	46	J. Robson	J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.
„ 24-25	§MANCHESTER N.C.O.S.	165	J. Garner, W. A. Cowgill, W. Vardy, J. H. Roe, J. Harrison, J. Beswick	H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester.
„ 25*	§BRADFORD EAST O.S.	33	H. Sutcliffe, J. Trengove	H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.
„ 25	MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks.)	40	T. Bennett, A. Brown, J. Maddison	A. Wake, 128, Princes Rd.
„ 25	§PERTH (Scotland)	51	J. Sandison, J. Craig, A. W. Watson	J. L. Smith, 120, High St.
„ 25	AYR (Scotland)	54	A. Cant, D. Hamilton, A. Girvan, J. Mason	R. Aitken, 30, Allison St.
„ 25	KIRKCALDY (Sc'tl'nd)	73	J. W. Bruce, A. Chalmers, R. Heggie, J. Stenhouse	T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.
„ 25	§COVENTRY GODIVA (Warw.)	47	J. C. Barnes	H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.
„ 25	Derwent Valley (Durham)	—	W. Reid	E. Jameson, 59, High Westwood, Hamsterley Colliery.
„ 25	So. Shields (Durham)	72		W. L. Smith, 3, Queen St.
„ 25	Falkirk (Scotland)	47	J. Holmes, R. Lambie, J. Steel	R. Rennie, 13, Pleasance Sq.
„ 25	Braintree (Essex)	16	T. S. Ward	F. A. Hunnable, "Selbannah," Braintree.
„ 25-27	Rotherham (Yorks.)	27	H. W. Battye	Bailey and Turner, 47, Craven St., Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.
„ 28-29	DUBLIN (Leinster O.S.)	—	H. W. Battye	C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue.
„ 29	Maidenhead	10	G. H. Billett	E. A. Bristow, 36, King St.
„ 29	§PAIGNTON (Torbay O.S.) (Devon)	—	F. Ellwood	J. N. and J. Jeffrey, Sartor Ho., Winner St.
„ 29	WINDSOR (Berks.)	39	H. Norman, W. T. Page	E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.
„ 29	§LLANDRINDOD WELLS (Radnorsh.)	26	J. R. Houghton	C. E. Gregson, Hill Cottage.
„ 29	KIDWELLY (Carm.)	17	T. E. Furness	J. Morgan, 3, Priory St.
„ 29	§UPPER RHONDDA (Glam.)	40	W. Mundell	E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries St., Trehierbert.
„ 29-30	Gloucester	24	T. King	J. Cooper, Awefield Ho., Upton, St. Leonards.
„ 29-30	CARLISLE BORDER CITY O.S.	64	J. Robson, H. W. Battye, J. Maddison	J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate.
„ 29-30	Deal Walmer F.A. (Open to Kent)	40	G. Gardner	Thompson and Lacy, 159, Beach St., Deal.
„ 30	ABERSYCHAN (Mon.)	32	J. R. Houghton	F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoe St., Pentwyn, Abersychan.
„ 30	TAUNTON (Som.)	42	J. Frostick	W. G. Elsmore, 3, Billet St.
„ 30	§MATLOCK (Derbys.)	17	J. C. Barnes	J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue.
„ 30	Oxford F.S. (50 miles' radius)	19	G. H. Billett	A. H. Calcutt, Kidlington.
„ 30	Leamington Spa (Warwickshire)	11	G. Lawrance	G. A. Moss, Croxton House.
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1	§LIVERPOOL O.S.	70	H. W. Battye, J. Trengove, C. Houlton, G. Large	Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.
Oct. 31 & Nov 1	BELFAST (Ulster O.A.)	55	R. Wright, A. Wellings, J. Carson	R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.
„ 1	Dunfermline C.B.S. (10 miles' radius)	44	M McAdam, P. Pettigrew	R. T. Campbell, 19, Rolland St.
„ 1	BONESS (Linlithgow)	62	—. Mackie, J. Steel, A. Chalmers, —. Hamilton	T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans.
„ 1	§BRECHIN (Forfarsh.)	35	G. Finnie, G. Hislop, A. Thomson	G. Mitchell 118, Montrose St.
„ 1	Colinton and Currie Parishes (Edinburgh)	19	G. C. Hope, W. Lambie, J. F. Dewar	J. Napier, Lanark Rd., Juniper Green, Midlothian.
„ 1	Markinch (Fife)	55	J. Cook, C. Campbell, A. W. Thomson, W. Sharp	J. Lindsay, 45, School St.
„ 1	Partick	—	T. Penman, A. Sloan, Dr. Syson, T. H. Adam	W. Priest, 6, Orchard St.
„ 1-3	§LEICESTER HAND IN-HAND	40	J. Robson, R. J. Howe	A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.
„ 1	*Gt. Horton Good Intent (Yorks.)	22	F. Allen	W. A. Brown, 414, Harewood St. Bradford Moor, Bradford.
„ 4-5	§SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES' (Essex)	—	H. Norman, J. Dewhurst	G. W. Deer and F. Cundy, 23, Raleigh Av., Westcliff.
„ 4-5	§BARNSTAPLE & N. DEVON (Devon)	41	T. Heath	J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward St.
„ 4-5	DULWICH & PECKHAM (London)	45	J. Robson	W. Hodson, 23, Barry Rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.
Nov. 5	Dover (Kent)	36	H. Norman	Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric Rd.
„ 5	St. Colomb			
„ 5-6	§CHELTENHAM (Glos.)	76	H. W. Battye, D. Longden, J. Robson	A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.
„ 5-6	Southampton (Hants.)	—		A. L. Kiddle, Homelands, Bitterns, Southampton.
„ 6	Baslow (Derbys.)	—		
„ 6-7	BANBRIDGE (Co. Down)	46	J. Kerr, J. Trengove	A. McCagherty, Belmont Terr.
„ 7	Maidstone (Kent)	16	C. A. House	Day and Hayman.
„ 7	Watford (Essex)	—	H. Norman	W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Rd.
„ 7-8	§SHEFFIELD O.S. (Yorks.)	72	W. Mundell, C. Houlton, J. Robson, J. C. Barnes	E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Rd., Wincobank, Sheffield.
„ 7-8	§WEST STANLEY (Durham)	28	J. Stanger, J. Maddison	W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.
„ 7-8	§WARRINGTON (Lancs.)	39	H. W. Battye, J. Dixon	G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.
„ 8	§HARTLEPOOL (D'ham)	51	H. W. Battye, W. Mundell	Woodhead and Pyman, West Ho., W. Hartlepool.
„ 8	§KELTY & BLAIRADAM (Fife)	76	A. Chalmers, W. McAdam, J. McLennan, F. Ramsay, W. Reid, C. Sykes	A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terr., Kelty.
„ 8	FORFAR	32	J. Hamilton, T. Watson, R. Morrison	D. Kerr, 15, Green St.
„ 8	HAMILTON CADZOW OAK (Lanarks.)	53	J. Smeaton, J. Hamilton, R. Bald	G. Marlin, 21, Glebe St., Hamilton.
„ 8	Wallsend & Mid Tyne (Northumb.)	52	W. P. Barnes	M. Wiggleworth, 9, 4th Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
„ 8	*Skelmanthorpe	22	A. Hirst	J. Hird, Sunnyside Cottages.
„ 11-12	§BOURNEMOUTH (Hants.)	53	H. Norman, J. H. Roe	J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Rd.
„ 11-12	Ashford (Kent)			S. E. Foster, Hazeldene, Kent Av.
„ 12	§ALNWICK (North'mb.)	—	A. Hay, J. Maddison	R. Foster, 42, Bondgate Without.
„ 12	Pembroke Dock (Glam.)	8	C. A. House	W. H. Bowling, 44, Dimond St.
„ 12	Crowborough (Sussex)			G. E. Paynter, Crowborough House.
„ 12-13	PORTSMOUTH P.P.R. & C.B.S. (Hants.)	—	Rev. J. W. Joyce	W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Rd.
„ 12-13	§SWANSEA (Glam.)	66	J. Robson, C. Houlton	S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.
„ 12-13	BRISTOL C.B.S. (Glos.)	—		Mrs. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.
„ 12-13	§SITTINGBOURNE (Kent)	33		W. Broadbridge, 34, George St.
„ 13	§STOKE-ON-TRENT (Staffs.)	38	J. H. Roe	J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.
„ 13	SELBY (Yorks.)	—	H. W. Battye	H. Mathers, Mt. Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby.
„ 13	Sidmouth	—	J. H. Payne	J. Lashbrook, Penhawger, Sidmouth.
„ 13-14	§LEYTON (Essex)	116	H. Norman, J. Robson	Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.
„ 14-15	BLAYDON-ON-TYNE (Durham)	60	W. A. Cowgill, W. Mundell	G. Havver, 1, Theresa St.
„ 14-15	§NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS. C.B.S.	73		J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.
„ 14-15	Old Shildon Workmen's Club (Durham)	—		J. H. Elwell, 10, Church St.
„ 15	Coventry O.S.	37	J. Robson	A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven St.
„ 15	Vale of Leven (Dumbarton	—	A. McFarlane, H. Bennet, R. B. Gibb, M. Craig	A. H. McLean, Ladyton Cottage, Bonhill.
„ 15	§COWDENBEATH (Fife)	81	J. Stenhouse, W. Mossie, J. Baillie, A. Sloan, W. Paul, R. Bald	J. W. Holmes, S. Hill St.
„ 15	GALASHIELS (Selkirk)	38	A. Paterson, J. Carson, J. Tait, J. Alexander, R. G. Cameron, J. Mason	J. Brown, 156, Croft St.
„ 15	Exeter (Devon)	38	F. Collins	R. H. Folley, 28, Rosebery Rd.
„ 15	Avonbridge O.S. (Stirling)	83	J. Hamilton, J. Goodfellow	P. Gentleman, Cowan's Buildings.
„ 15	*Shipley (Yorks.)	26	W. A. Cowgill	E. Grange, 31, George St.
„ 18-19	HASTINGS (Sussex)	72	A. W. Miles	Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens.
„ 19	KENFIG HILL (Glam.)	—	W. H. Silvester, W. H. Lewis	W. Price, Talgarth Ho., Kenfig Hill, Bridgend.
„ 19	§BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham)	—	H. W. Battye	R. Elliott, 10, Percy St.
„ 19	§INVERNESS	103	J. McLean, —. Ross, —. Anderson	J. Connachie, Craigilea, Percival Rd.
„ 19-20	§RAMSGATE (Kent)	54	G. Gardner	F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.
„ 19-20	§CARDIFF (Glam.)	65	J. H. Payne, J. Robson	E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.
„ 20	Wiveliscombe (Som.)	16	J. H. Payne	C. H. Hill and E. W. Dascombe, Wiveliscombe.
„ 21-22	§PRESTON (Lancs.)	43	A. Wellings, J. Trengove	Thos. Barton, 103, Church St.
„ 21-22	§HALTWHISTLE (Northumb.)	39	J. Paterson, T. Dixon	W. Tallantyre, South View.
„ 21-22	GLASGOW C.B.A.	65	J. McLay, A. G. Cameron, T. Arnott, L. Dykes, A. Watson, L. J. Arrighi	W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.
„ 21-22	LURGAN (Armagh)	46	P. Mason, J. A. Stewart	S. McCollum, Drumgor, Lurgan.
„ 22	§CRAMLINGTON	—	A. Hay, A. Holden, R. Tindale	J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.
„ 22	§CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham)	—	T. Dixon, J. Holden	R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.
„ 22	§ARBROATH (Forfars.)	43	W. Mossie, J. F. Dewar	J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.
„ 22	UDDINGSTON (Lanarks.)	60	W. G. Muir, J. W. Bruce, R. V. Raine, A. McGillivray	J. Cosgrove, 2, Croft Bank, Bothwell
„ 22	BLAIRGOWIE (E. Perth O.A.)	29		M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.
„ 22	§COCKERMOUTH (Cumb.)	37	H. Bennet	J. Jackson, 14, Crown St.
„ 22	BUCKHAVEN (Fife)	56	J. McLay, G. Brown, C. Martin, W. Sharp	W. Foster, 105, Randolph St.
„ 22	Hetton-le-Hole (D'ham)	—		A. J. Notley, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, co. Durham.
„ 22	Inveruric (Aberdeen)	—	W. D. Milne	J. Simpson, 27, High St.
„ 22	Boldon Coll'y (D'rham)	—	T. Robson	A. Hirons, 119, Charles St.
„ 22	*Bradford City O.A. (Yorks.)	30	H. W. Walsh, H. J. Chittenden	W. Helliwell, 116, Mill Lane, Manchester Rd.
„ 25	§TIDESWELL (Derbys.)	—	J. C. Barnes	W. F. Swarbrick, High St.
„ 26	SEVENOAKS (Kent)	—		A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage.
„ 25	§PONTYPRIDD (Glam.)	19	C. A. House	A. A. G. McLucas, 48 Rosser St., Maesycoed.
„ 26	Reading (Berks.)	22	J. Robson	W. H. Pyke, 102, Radstock Rd.
„ 26	Cork (Ireland)	—	J. W. Metcalfe	J. Cottrell, "Carrigen," Magazine Rd.
„ 26-27	§DUBLIN (S. County)	—	H. Norman	D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terr., N. Kingstown.
„ 26-27	§BRISTOL F.A.	—	H. W. Battye, D. A. S. Longden	G. H. T. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.
„ 27-28-29	§LONDON C.B.A.	193	H. Camps, J. Easterling, D. Longden, W. Mason, J. Tyson, A. Marley, C. Prior, W. Vardy, J. Robson, S. Smith	J. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith.
„ 28-29	SALE (Cheshire)	50	J. W. Metcalfe, T. Harrison	G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross St.
„ 29	Holywood (Co. Down)	54	H. W. Battye	F. T. Cole, Priory Park, Holywood.
„ 29*	§BRADFORD WEST (Yorks.)	25		A. Cooper, 69, West Park Rd., Girlington, Bradford.
„ 29	Edinburgh C.B.S.	55	J. Winter, W. McAdam, J. Sykes.	J. C. Charlton, 33, Watson, Crescent.
„ 29	Aberdeen (Woodside O.S.)	—	W. Hampton, A. Steele	J. G. Milne, 27, Sunnybank Place.
„ 29	Radcliffe (Lancs.)	—	H. Lomax	G. Lord, 16, Grosvenor St.
„ 29	Codnor Park & Eastwood	—		A. Smith, Lynn Croft, Eastwood.

GREAT ENTRY OF COUPON BIRDS AT LONGTON.

Keen struggle for the Cash Specials and Diplomas: How a Novice Unluckily Lost: Our Representative has nothing but the highest praise for the Officials and Management.

Sixth annual show held in Town Hall, Oct. 4. The auteroom was originally engaged, but the entry being large, the committee very wisely secured the large room, a course which was very much appreciated by the exhibitors. It is unquestionably a very fine room, large enough to hold a show of treble the size, about the finest we have seen, well lighted in the daytime, while at night it is profusely illuminated with electric light. With so much space at their disposal, the officials were able to stage every bird in a good light, and leave yards of space between the aisles.

The entry was a capital one, nearly reaching 500, which must have been very gratifying to the executive. Of the 48 classes provided, five were cancelled, viz., Yorks. tkd. Bull, A.O.V. Mule, Greenfinch, British Sottbill, and tkd. Yell. Norwich in the Novice Section. Champion Norwich turned up in strong force, 111 in the seven classes, a splendid entry for the first important show of the season, and a grand lot they were. A well-known judge who was present expressed himself to our representative: "They get bigger every year," but while size was so pronounced, quality was well maintained. The outstanding bird in this section was Mr. Victor Williams' clear yell, a bird that did so well as an nullichted last year, he has moulted out a stormer and was awarded spl for best yell. Nor., also CAGE BIRDS Diploma, and was the runner-up for the 10s. cash special for the best Champion Coupon bird. Spl for best Buff went to Mr. Beswick's clear, a very fine specimen indeed.

A Disastrous Change of Mind.

The Yorks Section, for some reason or other, was very badly supported, only totalling 41, an average of less than seven per class, one class being cancelled. This seemed quite unaccountable, as the "straight ups" have always been well represented in past years; maybe they are not so well through the moult as the Norwich. Many of those staged showed signs of wanting a little more time. Spl for best Yell. went to the clear of Mr. McDade, a bird of fine length and shape, while spl for best Buff fell to Mr. Ratcliffe's hen in the novice class, a very creditable performance, especially as the exhibitor is a first-year novice, every credit is due to him in beating the old hands. An unfortunate incident happened to this exhibit; it was the owner's original intention to nominate her for the Coupon Competition, but he changed his mind and turned his affection to his other exhibit in the same class (which was cardless), a mistake which probably lost him the Yorks Diploma. Better luck next time, Mr. R.!

Mules, although not very numerous, were certainly a very choice lot, four classes being provided—one being cancelled—the three classes standing averaging eight per class. Several well-known champions toed the mark, and notched another first to their already long list of wins. It was in this section that the winner of the 10s. cash special for the champion bird in connection with CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme was found, Messrs. Tams and Son's well-known lightly marked Greenie-Canary doing the needful.

British were a very fine collection both in number and quality, producing an average of thirteen per class. Goldies were hardly up to high water mark, it being a little too early for them to assume their holiday garb. Linnets made a fine class of 22, the majority being well through the moult. Spl for best British in show went to Mr. Brotherhood's well-known Bramble, which also secured CAGE BIRDS Hard-billed Diploma in the Champion Section.

A Good Response from the Novices.

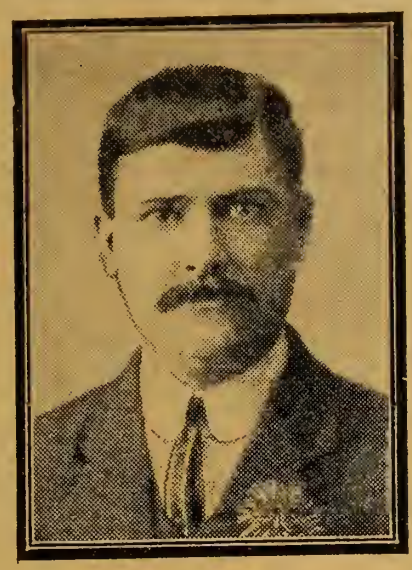
The open novice section was a fine one; as usual, the novices responded right well to the liberal classification provided for them annually at this fixture, having the same number of classes as the Champion Section. Of the seven Norwich classes scheduled, the ticked yell. was cancelled; the six standing classes produced an average entry of 14, and a splendid collection they were, many being quite capable of holding their own among the "upper ten," although being restricted to a £3 3s Yorks, were better in point of numbers than in the Champion Section, yet did not quite come up to the Norwich, averaging nearly ten per class, while the quality was well maintained.

CAGE BIRDS great Coupon Scheme was in evidence at this fixture, and judging from the way exhibitors have taken it up, there can be no room for doubt as to the immense popularity of this innovation; indeed, no further proof is needed of the manner in which it has "taken on" than the fact that nearly 100 birds were nominated. We had many opportunities for discussing the matter with exhibitors during our stay at the show, and all seemed very eager to pick up one of the cash specials or to win their "heat"—as we heard one competitor express himself—by gaining a diploma to enable them to compete in the grand final at the Palace. The following were the winners of specials and diplomas:—Champion—10s. cash spl. and Mule Diploma, Tams and Son; Green Yorks, G. Elkins; Nor. Victor Williams; Yorks, L. Dykes; Lizard, W. P. Barnes; Brit. Hardbill, A. C. Brotherhood; For., Miss J. W. Blagg. Nov.—Nor., W. Mollard; Yorks. and 10s. spl., F.W. Alcock; Brit. Hardbill, J. Lockett.

Of the management we have nothing but the highest praise, a hard-working committee—which consisted of the following: Messrs. E. Tams, Lovatt, Davies, Barker, Leese, Filkin, Perrins, George, Bagshaw, McMurtrie, Clay, Ratcliffe, Hickman, Peake, Forrest, Roberts, Salt, Dale, Cooper, Wild, Lockett, Walker, James, Degg, Smith and Royles—each doing his best in attending to the comfort of the exhibits, and making things go with the swing which helps very materially in bringing shows to a successful issue. Mr. P. E. Barker had charge of the reins, and although new to such an important post, did very well. Catalogues with awards printed were on sale quite early in the afternoon. Owing to the large entry and to get judging over in good time, Mr. H. Tams was called in to assist Mr. J. H. Roe, the former taking some of the novice classes.

The Critique.

OPEN NOR. CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, C.B. Diploma, V. Williams, grand size, lovely type, rare full chest, well cut away, fine head, nice carr. and qual., in good feather; 2, Turner, rattling size and col., hardly the type of winner, fine head, lovely qual.; 3, Lees, very fine size and type, good front, hardly so good in head, nicely cleaned out; 4, Parlett, good size and shaue, not so forward; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Crowshaw; c, Marlow Bros. BUFF (19): 1, Beswick, lovely size and shape, fine head and col., well cut away, wet at time of taking notes; 2, Whetstone, big one, delightful col. and moaling, rare qual., fine head, back and wing carr., in full bloom; 3, 4, V. Williams, good clubby bird, rare size and shape, short wings and tail, good carr.; 4th very fine size and type, loose at waist; vhc, Cundiff; hc, Marlow Bros.; c, Parlett. VELL. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, McCinughey, uneven mkd., medium size, best of shape, col., and qual., nice round head, well cleaned out, fine carr. and cond.; 2, Hathaway, shade larger, very good body, bit weak in head and neck, mkd. head and wings, fine qual.; 3, Beswick, tkd. head, shade smaller, fine qual., not so much substance, might be bit fuller in head; 4, Elliott, uneven mkd., good size and shape; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Goosey; c, James. BUFF (12): 1, Yates, mkd. eyes, wings and rump, good size, delightful shape, splendid head and neck, good chest, nice substance and cond., wins; 2, Dipple, mkd. head, good size, not so shapely as winner, nice carr., bit longer in comparison; 3,



Mr. P. E. Barker, the hard-working secretary of Longton show.

Mason, uneven mkd., shade smaller, very neat in build, fine qual. and bloom, short and compact; 4, Hathaway, bouncer for size and shape, not so well packed up; vhc, McCinughey; hc, Rathbone; c, Elliott. Hen (27): 1, Leese, yell. tkd. neck, bouncer for size, grand shape, short wings and tail, nicely cleaned cut, neat head, shown little too fat; 2, Elliott, very nice size and shape, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, lovely carr., grand head, in good feather; 3, Moon, eye and rump tkd. yell., good size, rare shape and qual., well cut away, shade weaker in head; 4, Crawshaw, uneven buff, loose in feather; vhc, Roberts; hc, Cook; c, Beswick. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Marlow Bros., cl., medium size, lovely type, rare good head, short and compact, nicely cut away, good qual.; 2, Pepper, cl., nice quality, but exceedingly small, we thought a decided mistake, a much criticised award; 3, Cook, cl., much larger than 2nd, nice shape, well cut away, good col. and qual.; 4, McCinughey, good size, nice full head, bit flat in col.; vhc, Marlow Bros.; hc, Hathaway; c, Hulse. BUFF (17): 1, Yates, uneven mkd., very fine shape, good size, short wings and tail, well carried, well cleaned out, grand col. and frosting; 2, Halse, cl., well up in size, good type, shade weaker in head, hardly so well finished as winner; 3, Heaton, eye and wing mkd., very good in size and shape, nice head, full and rounded chest, well cut away, bit paler in col., we liked for 2nd; 4, Mason, tick head, loses in back and shape; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Parlett; c, Cundiff. YORKS CL. YELL. (6): 1, McDade, splendid length, cl., neat head, beautifully cut away, well filled back, wings and tail well packed well up on good legs, good col. and feather; 2, Dykes, lovely length and style, nice head and neck, good back and waist, bit penny on cheeks, dark right thigh, which should have made it wrong class; 3, Bennett, rattling length, well up on leg, back well filled, rather open on front; 4, Potts, big cl., rare col., bit strong; vhc, Schofield. BUFF (5): 1, Hawley, splendid length, very nice head, good length of side, open on front, and crosses wings; 2, Schofield, hardly the length, fine shape, rare position and carr., good qual., must have pressed hard; 3, Dykes, excellent qual., very neat in head and build, gets well up, neat waist, rare qual., wants bit more length; 4, Potts, nice length and shape; vhc, Pygott. TKD. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Dykes, cap mkd., fine length, grand shape and style, neat head, well up on leg, will improve; 2, Bennett, uneven mkd, not so big as winner, but exceedingly stylish, nice head, grand carriage, wings and tail well packed, not so warm in colour; 3, Weedall, head mkd., fine length and shape, lovely col. and qual., nice style, not finished on cheeks; 4, Casey, eye tick, of fine length, wants bit more time; vhc, Hawley. BUFF cancelled. HEN (12): 1, Casey, cl. yell., very nice length and shape, full of style, neat round head, well cut away, lovely qual., gets well up, nice one; 2, Truman, Cinn. mkd. Buff, splendid length and qual., neat in head, bit flat on back, good pose and finish; 3, Potts, head tick yell., beautiful length, col. and shape, rare carriage and style, hardly fit yet; 4, Pygott, good qual. buff, bit smaller; vhc, Bennett, hc, Schofield; c, Johnson UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, C.B. Diploma, Dykes, cl., nice length, very neat head, good back, gets well up, excellent carr. and qual.; 2, Elkins, Green, beautiful length, nice and shapely, rather unsteady and loose at waist when we saw it; 3, Potts, red hot cl., well drawn, nice head and qual., well cleaned out, hardly finished on cheeks; 4, Pass, very neat, uneven mkd.; vhc, Robinson. BUFF (8): 1, Bennett, cl., nice length, neat head and neck, splendid shape and style, good carr., best of qual.; 2, Dykes, neck tkd., equal length and shape, very stylish, well packed wings and tail, loses to winner in neck; 3, Casey, very fine length and qual., bit stronger in build, rare length of side, bit open in feather; 4, Hawley, cl., well drawn, fine shape, we liked for 3rd; vhc, Robinson; hc, Weedall; c, Elkins. BORD. (7): 1, Heaton, very shapely cl. yell., good col. and qual., neat head, nice jaunty style; 2, Green, uneven yell., good feather and style, not so neat at waist; 3, Parlett, rather moderate, uneven yell. SELF. 20s. (15): 1, Yates; 2, Mason; 3, Reid Bros.; 4, Rathbone; vhc, Sutton; hc, James; c, Leese. 12s. 6d. (12): 1, Marlow Bros.; 2, Windsor; 3, Rhodes; 4, Bagshaw; vhc, Reid Bros.; hc, Weedall; c, Hassall. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Stevens, Buff Dk. Crest, splendid length and radiation, nice velvy feather and good width, grand frontal, good one; 2, Stevens, Uneven Buff C.B., good sized body, fair skull and lash, grand feather; 3, Barnes, cl. cap Silver Lizard, nice size and shape, well spangled, in good feather; 4, C.B. Diploma, Barnes, broken cap Gold Lizard, bit smaller, very neat, well spangled, lovely condition; vhc, hc, March; c, Procter. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, C.B. spl and Diploma, 2, Tams and Son, well-known, cheeks and head mkd. Buff Green-Can., looking in fine trim, has come out of moult a grand col., wins, 2nd Buff Linnet-Can., mkd. wings and tail, grand size, shows parentage well, good feather; 3, Jeffreys, head and wing mkd. Buff Gold-Can., not one of the largest, but in lovely bloom; 4, Sutton, nice wing mkd. Buff Gold-Can. DARK (Except Can.-Bull.) (14): 1, 2, c, Parlett, the old champion Greenie-Can, coming through grand, walks in to-day, 2nd very fine Yell Gold-Can., grand size, coming well up in flush, in fine order; 3, 4, hc, Tams and Son, Linnet-Can., grand size, shows cross well, in very nice bloom, 4th Yell. Siskin-Can., good size and col.; vhc, Draper. HYB. (5): 1, Walsh, Redpoll-Bullie, very good size and shape, blaze of col. on breast, minus toe nail on left foot, in fine trim; 2, Wood, Redpoll-Goldie, showing cross well, finely marked, in good bloom; 3, Davies, Goldf.-Bullf., on small side, nice flush and bars, in excellent trim. A.O.V. Mule: Cancelled. GOLDF. (12): 1, Roberts, nice size and shape, most excellent body col., good bars, well buttoned, nice width of face, not up in blaze yet, in good order; 2, 3, Davies, 2nd trifle larger, not so rich in tanning, well buttoned, crosses wings a little, good square blaze, wants time, 3rd bonny Finch, splendid width and depth of blaze, squarely cut, nice body col., unfortunately lost part of left wing; 4, Barker, good one; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Gibbons. LINNET (22): 1, Pitchford, very fine size and shape, delightfully pencilled, sound nutty col., very steady, in fine bloom; 2, Jeffreys, again grand size and shape, grandly pencilled, full of bloom, loses to winner in body col.; 3, vhc, Davies, well up in size, grand shape, lovely body col., hardly so distinct in pencilling, in fine order; 4, hc, Tams and Son, rare size and shape, pencilling rather indistinct; c, Barker. GREENFINCH: Cancelled. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 2, Davies, bonny Siskin, lovely col., nicely broken cap, grand bars and thigh lacing, shows slight bib, in excellent condition, and a splendid Lesser Redpoll, in field plumage, rare size and shape and body col., beautifully laced, in excellent bloom; 3, Jeffreys, Twite, good size, very nice col., fine lacing, in nice order; 4, Dean, Siskiu, buff, grand size and lacing; vhc, Wood; hc, Pitchford; c, Barker. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, Brotherhood, well-known Bramble, in splendid fettle, a picture, takes spl for best British in show, also C.B. Diploma for best Hardbill; 2, Barker, Bullie, nice size and shape, clean well cut cap, grand depth of breast col., nice back and bars, in nice trim; 3, Pitchford, Bramble, nice size and shape, well spangled, hardly the depth of col. of winner, in good bloom; 4, Blincoe, nice Hawfinch, hardly ready; vhc, Jeffries. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. FOREIGN (6): 1, C.B. Diploma, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Miss Blagg, Waxbills, fine pair, in superb plumage, 2nd very fine pair of Zebra Finches, 3rd Red Avadavat, in excellent feather and condition; 4th fine Saffron Finch, in lovely col. OPEN NOVICE (£3 3s. Limit) NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Bennett, good size and shape, nice sub., well cut away, nice head and col., 3rd good size and type, rare col. and quality, bit loose in feathers; 2, Ford, good shape, hardly the size of winner, unflighted, nice col.; 4, Robinson, nice size; vhc, Forrest; hc, Miller. BUFF (13): 1, Colclough, bonny type, rare width and depth, well cleaned out, good head and bloom; 2, Colclough, quite equal in size and shape, very good quality, loses wing car.; 3, Fitchett, bit longer in build, rare col. and quality, bit unsteady; 4, hc, Parker, fine size and shape, we liked, will do better; vhc, Rhodes; c, Davies. TKD. ETC., YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (12): 1, Fitchett, unevenly mkd., rare type, well up in size, good head, well cut away, red hot col., nice one; 2, C.B. Diploma, Mollard, head mkd., good size and shape, rare car., loses little in head; 3, Siddall, ticked head and breast, nice col., hardly the shape; 4, Martin, uneven mkd., nice one, hardly so tight; vhc, Robinson; hc, Rhodes; c, Bennett. HEN (19): 1, vhc, Robinson, yell., dark feather in tail, very nice type and quality; 2, Dunn, uneven mkd. buff, rattling head and neck, neat car., in nice bloom; 3, Loach, uneven yell., very good shaped body, bit small in head, fine col. and quality; 4, Bennett, shapely tick buff; hc, Cundiff; c, Filkin. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Bennett, cl., fine size and shape, nice full head, good col., gets well across perch; 2, Filkin, cl., grand col. and quality, well up in size, loses in head to winner; 3, Ford, another good cl., fine shape, hardly so forward; 4, Harrison, uneven mkd., bit smaller; vhc, Ousman; hc, Barratt; c, Siddall. BUFF (28): 1, Dean, head and wing mkd., lovely type, neat car., short wings and tail, nice qual.; 2, Wilkinson, nice cheek tick, good type, loses in head; 3, Marsland, neck and eye tick, good thick set bird, well filled neck; 4, Rhodes, shade smaller, lovely col.; vhc, Harrison; hc, Leese; c, Phillips. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Clay, grand length, neat head, well filled back, good col. and style; 2, Lockett, equal in length, well on leg, bit paler in col.; 3, Walker, good length, col., and quality, very open in front; 4, Austin, well drawn, hardly ready yet. BUFF (7): 1, Beckett, splendid length and style, good back and waist, rare qual. and pose; 2, Cratchley, nice long sided, grandly tapered, neat head, stylish; 3, Clay, delightful length, shape, and qual., loses little in back, stylish; 4, Spibey, bit stronger in build, not so tight; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Lockett; c, Austin. TKD. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, Creasey, saddle mark, splendid length, good head, nicely tapered, gets well up; 2, Austin, uneven mkd., shade shorter, sweet shape and style, tight as a drum; 3, Ratcliffe, cheek mkd., nice length and shape, not the qual.; 4, Walker, very nice uneven, close up; vhc, Lockett. BUFF (6): 1, Walker, thigh tick, fine length and shape, good head and back, very smart; 2, Gilbert, head tick, grand length and qual., in fine bloom; 3, McDade, head and wing mkd., neat waist, loses bit in back; 4, Lockett, wing tick, good qual., smaller. HEN (7): 1, Ratcliffe, Buff, tkd. both eyes, bonny length and shape, neat head, good back, fine qual., takes spl best Buff Yorks in show; 2, Spibey, Cinn. wing mkd. buff, nice length and style, not so good in head; 3, Clay, cl. yell., fine length, bit open in feather; 4, Baldwinson, Buff of nice length and qual., vhc, Elkins; hc, Robinson, c, Salt. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Swindon, cl. of fine length, grandly tapered, neat head, fine style and qual.; 2, Farmith, cl., grand col and qual., very neat and stylish, bit smaller; 3, Spibey, good cl., nice length and shape, not so forward; 4, Walker, nice shapely cheek mkd., vhc, Robinson, hc, Spibey; c, Pence. BUFF (12): 1, Gilbert, cl., nice length and shape, neat head, lovely feather and cap; 2, C.B. Diploma, Alcock, tick head, very nice length, nicely cut away, bit loose at waist; 3, Walker, lengthy cl., nicely drawn, bit hollow on back; 4, Ratcliffe, eye tick good length, shape and feather, we liked; vhc, Farmith; hc, Turnock; c, Ratcliffe. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, 3, Lockett, Bullie, good size and shape, rare back and breast col., neat cap, 3rd Goldie, of very nice size and shape, nice tan, but narrower in face; 2, 4, Perrins, Goldies, 2nd good size and shape, nice width of face, hardly up in blaze yet, nice bars and buttons; 4, nice body col., wants bit more time. LINNET (7): 1, C.B. Diploma, Lockett, splendid size and shape, nice body col., bold in pencilling, in good trim; 2, Perrins, well up in size, rare shape, sound in col., rather open at throat, 3, Bale, very good size, heaps of pencilling, rather darker in col.; 4, Child, good in shape, close up; vhc, Hartley; hc, Hickmon; c, Bate. SISKIN, ETC. (7). 1, Child, very nice Twite, good size, well up in col. and pencilling, 2, Dean, Siskin, good size and shape, nicely laced; 3, Hickman, Siskin, not so big, paler in col.; 4, Bate, nice Redpoll; vhc, Perrins. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, Perrins, Greenfinch, fair size and shape, good wings, in nice trim; very fair Bunting in good feather; and nice Linnet. MULE (7): 1, Davies, Bull, head and wing mkd. Twite-Can., in grand feather; 2, Davies, dark Buff Greenie-Can., in rare feather; 3, Martin, uneven mkd. Buff Gold.-Can., in fine trim; 4, Perrins, var. Linnet-Can., good size; vhc, Dean; hc, Lockett; c, Wade.

SANDY.

Capital little show held Oct. 2, in connection with the F. and F.S., quality in the two Norwich classes being of high order. Mr. J. Milliner makes an ideal sec., and is assisted by a strong committee. Mr. W. Palmer (Gamlingay) judged, and gave general satisfaction. The silver cups and medals were presented by Mrs. Graves (Sandy Park). Mr. J. C. Wilmot (Bedford) won cup and medal for most points.

NOR. COCK: 1, Curling, very fine tkd. bull in prime condition; 2, Notley, lovely cl. yell., a bird of excellent qual.; 3, Hunter, well made bull, just a bit heavy in brow, otherwise good; res, hc, Wilmot, good cl. yell., just beaten in size; vhc, c, Curling. HEN: 1, reserve, Wilmot, good clear, full of bloom; 2, Notley, fine big yell., bit loose in feather; 3, Godman, nice yell. green, excellent cond.; vhc, Spriggs; hc, c, Thurley. SELL., 10s.: 1, Hunter, smart and cheap bull; 2, res, Thurley, yell. mkd., good stock bird; 3, Godman, nice green; vhc, Spriggs. Goldfinch (1): Godman, smart Finch, hardly ready. BULLF.: 1, Banes, well made bird, but too pale in col.; 2, Croot, smaller bird, bit better col. MULES, a strong class: 1, Godman, smart light buff Goldfinch Mule in rare condition; nearly evenly marked; 2, 3, Wilmot, light ditto in good trim, and a very fine dark Linnet Mule, rare size and condition; res, c, Croot, smart dark Goldfinch Mule, good col.; vhc, Notley, large Greenfinch Mule; hc, Thurley. LINNET (1): 1, Croot. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Godman, Snow Bunting, fine large bird, wants steadying. FOR.: 1, Wilmot, lovely pair of Yellow Budgerigars.

RUGBY.

Annual open show, held October 1, in the Town Hall Buildings. We were sorry to see so many classes cancelled, but the show is early, and many birds not yet fit. The birds were well looked after by the stewards appointed, and Mr. E. W. Easton made a very obliging sec. Mr. Hanford (Derby) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, hc, Clarke, large cl., good col. and qual., nice type, hardly ready; 2, Rippon, another large bird, good type and col.; 3, Vardy, tkd. eye and wings, red hot, grand even col., compact wings, on the small side; res, Tees, grand col. and qual., nice even wings, level col. throughout, some thought should have won; vhc, Veasey, another that might have been higher. NOR. BUFF (11)—1, Vardy, nice large bird, good type, head and neck, rich level col., wins; 2, Rippon, good size, even col., good qual., neat wings; 3, Leng, large cl., good wings, fails col. to winner; res, vhc, Veasey, rather rough; hc, Diokie; c, Hall. UNFLIG. YELL., 1913 (11): 1, sp, Vardy, tkd. eye, grand type and qual., good head and neck, neat wings, level rich col.; 2, Rippon, tkd. back of head, good type, nice col., fails qual. to winner; 3, sp, vhc, Veasey, red-hot col., nice head and neck, trifle thin; res, Lewin; hc, Ellis. BUFF (15): 1, Vardy, good type, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail, slightly tkd. on wings, wins; 2, Hall, good type and qual., neat wings and tail, fails col.; 3, res, Veasey, nice type and qual., good head and neck, neat wings and tail. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, Wren, Goldfinch, fair size, nicely mkd., not best of col., will improve; 2, Belcher, good Bullfinch, nice size, very rich col., good cap, steady might have won; 3, res, Roberts, Goldfinch, good blaze, nice and steady. A.O. FINCH (7): 1, Burrows, lovely Redstart, splendid condition, well shown, wins easy; 2, 3, Bull, nice Nightingale, fine condition, very steady, and Redstart; res, Belcher, nice coloured and well marked Siskin, some liked for 3rd; vhc, hc, Ager; c, Roberts. Seven classes cancelled.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Table show held Good Templar's Hall, Sept. 27, a splendid collection of birds being shown. Mr. Taylor won special for the best bird with his Redstart, a well-known winner, looking better than ever. Mr. Bird was the runner-up with a wee gem of a Border. Mr. Davidson judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hood. NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, Divens; 2, Davidson; 3, 4, Carrick; 5, Kean; 6, Thomson. VAR.: 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Kean; 4, Thomson; 5, Galloway. BORD. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, Baird; 3, 4, 5, 6, Lunn. VAR.: 1, 2, Kean; 3, 4, Yule. YORKS. CL.: 1, Baird. VAR.: 1, 3, Baird; 2, 4, Jarvies. MULE: 1, Bury. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 2, 3, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 5, Taylor; 2, Divens; 4, Carrick.—A. Berry, Sec.

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The northern show season was inaugurated Oct 4, one of the opening shows being held at Birtley. The progress of this newly formed society has been very rapid, and the committee showed much courage and enthusiasm in determining to launch out by making their first show an open one. However, the event justified their action, for the show was a complete success right through. Much of the society's progress is doubtless due to the hard work of the energetic sec., Mr. S. Lindsay, who appears to be thoroughly determined to bring the society right to the top. He evidently understands the work right through, getting through his duties with regularity and accuracy, and leaving nothing to chance. This, together with his courteous and obliging manner, marks him to be the right man to control the affairs of the society, and we have no doubt that under his skillful guidance the society will progress by leaps and bounds. The other officials of the society are all thorough workers, too, and render Mr Lindsay all possible help. President, Mr. Lance Morris; chairman, Mr. W. Davidson; vice-chair, Mr. J. J. Hodson, committee, Messrs. E. B. Hooper, W. Evans, A. Macdonald, W. MacNay, J. Redpath, J. Davison, and R. W. Boyd, all keen fanciers and doing their best for the good of the show. A word of praise must be given to Mr. W. McNay, who undertook the duties of show manager, and carried out his work to the satisfaction of everybody. The show was held in the large room above the Station Hotel, an ideal place for size, freedom from draught, etc. The entry was no doubt affected to some extent by the show at Chopwell on the same date, yet the birds came up splendidly, totalling about 200, and for a first venture were very satisfactory indeed. Norwich topped the bill with 65 in five classes. Yorkshire totalled 39 in five classes, while Borders brought out 24 in three classes. Each section contained some grand specimens, the Norwich especially being a very nice lot, although owing to the season being yet early there were some birds in each section that were hardly ready. British made a fine display, both in quality and numbers, and several well-known winners were staged, while foreign birds, though not so numerous, attracted a great deal of attention from visitors. The show was well patronised, Tyneside fanciers being strongly in evidence, while the Stanley district also sent a large contingent. Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CK. (12): 1, Briggs, var. buff, grand subs., stout and thick-set, grand chest, nice head and back, lovely col. and qual., grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Wilson, cl. yell., lovely col., red-hot good head, fine size and subs., grand qual., nice chest and back, well cleaned under, not so good as the old yell. cock, Harry, but yet a good one; 3, Burdett, buff, marked over beak, scarcely the subs. of leaders, yet a nice one for type, neat head and neck, good col. and qual., nice carr.; res, Thompson; vhc, T. Foster; hc, W. Forster; c, Smith. HEN (10): 1, 2, Wilson, two good ones, leader cl. yell., good size, grand shape, nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, nice wing and tail carr., hardly ready; 2nd, not quite the subs. of leader, or so good in col., nice shape, neat head, good back and wings; 3, Burdett, lightly var. buff, nice size, grand chest and back, good col. and qual.; res, Butler, medium size, lovely type, short and cobby, grand col. and qual., beautiful wings and tail, perhaps a trifle weak in head and neck, yet might have gone higher up; vhc, W. Forster; hc, Holden; c, Peirson. YELL., 1913 (7): 1, Butler, cl., medium size, topper for shape, grand chest and back, neat head, red-hot col., lovely qual., beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, Lindsay, unfortunately missing from bench when taking notes; 3, Laidlaw, var., good shape, hardly so short and cobby as leader, nice col., good qual., neat head and neck, nice wing carr.; res, Curry, shapely, but not quite so deep in chest as leaders, nice size and col.; vhc, Gowland. BUFF (17): 1, Briggs, fine size and shape, lovely red-hot col., neat head and neck, nice qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Thompson, var., not so stoutly built as leader, medium size, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 3, Gowland, cl., trifle longer in barrel, good size, nice col., neat head and neck, might be a bit tighter behind; res, Wilson; vhc, Smailes; hc, Smailes; c, Holden. NOR. NOV. (18): 1, 3, Stephenson, cl., good one all over, lovely shape, grand head and neck, medium size, lovely col. and qual., grand wings and tail; 3rd, good one for shape, nice head and neck, nice size, grand col., neat wings and tail, looked a bit soft when we were taking notes; 2, Topping, head tkd., not quite size of leader, but beauty for shape, short and cobby, nice head and neck, good col., lovely feather, nice carr.; res, Redpath; vhc, Topping; hc, Gill; c, Lindsay. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Dykes, grizzled coot of tail, nice length, straight up, good shoulders and waist, slim and finely drawn, lovely col., neat head, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Pyman, grand one, but not quite ready yet, fine length, well up ou good legs, nice col. and qual., neat, well rounded shoulders, nice head, lovely wings and tail; 3, Barker, red-hot, nice length, slim and well drawn, good qual., fine position, neat head, a trifle open in breast feather; vhc, Barker; hc, c, Chesworth and Mason. BUFF (9): 1, spl. best Yorks., Dykes, wing mkd., grand length, lovely col. and qual., neat narrow shoulders, well rounded, straight as a gun barrel, neat head and neck, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Halliday, cl., nice length, good position, nice legs, neat head and neck, slim and well drawn, not quite so well filled in on back as leader, or so rich in col.; 3, Barker, cl., nice length, good position, neat narrow shoulders, well rounded, not so rich in col. as leaders, lovely wings and tail; res, Wearmouth, neck tkd., nice length, well up, good qual., not so neat at waist; vhc, Hutler; hc, Chesworth and Mason; c, Pyman. YELL., 1913 (5): 1, Halliday, wing mkd., nice col., lovely length, stands straight up on good legs, neat shoulders and waist, nice head, lovely wings and tail; 2, Dykes, cl., grand length, lovely col., slim and finely drawn, nice shoulders and waist, neat head; 3, Reed, wing mkd., bit smaller build, and runs a trifle thin in neck, medium length, lovely position, nice col., grand wings and tail; res, Pyman, cl., nice one for length and position, good col. and qual. BUFF, 1913 (5): 1, Barker, var., good length, straight as a rush, slim and finely drawn, neat shoulders and waist, nicely rounded, nice head, good col., well braced wings and tail; 2, Dykes, cl., scarcely so finely drawn as leader, nice length, good position, neat head and neck, nice col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 3, Wearmouth, cl., not so hot in col. as leaders, nice length, but scarcely so well drawn, good position, neat bend, wants tightening up a bit; res, Reed, medium length, lovely position, nice col. and qual., not quite tightened up yet; hc, Pyman. NOV. (11): 1, 2, Saylor, cl. yell. leading, grand length, red-hot col., grand position, nice head and neck, finely drawn at waist, well braced wings and tail; 2nd, cl. buff, a topper, medium length, straight as a rush, lovely feather and finish, neat narrow shoulders, well rounded, beautifully braced wings and tail, had it changed places with 1st none could have grumbled; 3, Murray, yell., medium length, good position, neat head, nice qual., neat shoulders and waist, loses to leaders in col.; res, Murray, nice length and position, lovely quality, nice col.; vhc, Burrell; hc, Willis; c, Ward. BORD., YELL. (5): 1, Pyman, cl., grand one all over, lovely shape, sweet head, grand col. and qual., tight feather, beautifully finished; 2, Elliott, better col. even than leader, but scarcely so model like in shape, yet a good one, sweet head and neck, well cleaned under, grandly carried wings and tail; 3, Henderson, as good as any in class, but not quite ready yet, model for shape, sweet head and neck, lovely col. and quality, beautifully braced wings and tail; res, Moat, good shape, nice col. and qual., good wing and tail carr.; vhc, Bigg. BUFF (8): 1, Watson, gem all over, model for shape, beautifully rounded, lovely col. and feather, sweet head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, c, Embleton, cl., equal shape to leader, but loses a bit in qual. and finish, nice head and neck, well rounded body, well braced wings and tail; 3, hc, Dickinson Bros., foul mkd., though not quite even, nice shape, good col., neat head, wants tightening up; res, Moat, fine shape, nice qual., scarcely so neat in tail, or so good in wing carr.; vhc, Henderson. NOV. (11): 1, Davison, yell, green, good one all over, fine shape, lovely col., level all through, neat head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail, well done. Tommy; 2, Dunn, cl. yell., grand one for shape, beautifully finished, grandly rounded, sweet head and neck, lovely wing and tail carr.; 3, vhc, Archer, buff, fine shape, neat head and neck, jaunty carr., nice col., scarcely so well cleaned under as leaders; res, Biggs, yell., grand one for col., nice shape, sweet head and neck, nice qual., not so neat in wing carr.; hc, Dawson; c, York. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, Richardson, wing mkd. D.C., lovely dense feathered crest of good qual., although not quite round, very neat and beautifully finished, a good one; 2, 3, Bewick, leader var. C.B., grand size, good head, nice rise and entrance, well lashed, any amount of head feather of the finest qual.; 3rd, wing mkd. D.C., monster crest, very dense, lovely shape, grand radiation and droop, not ready yet, and beaten in finish by leader, will probably turn the tables on him later on; res, Dickenson Bros., very neat wing mkd. D.C., nice shape and droop, neat centre, loses in size to leaders; vhc, Briggs. A.O.V. (4): 1, Calvert and Robinson, buff cinn., good col., level all through, nice qual., good size and shape, nice full head and neck, good carr.; 2, 3, Thompson, leader yell green, col.-fed, grand shape, fine col., would probably have looked better had he not been fed; 3rd, buff cinn., beaten for col. and subs., neat head and neck, nice carr.; res, Lindsay, Lanes. P.H., small, but neat. MULE, ETC. (10): 1, 3, c, Butler, nice team, leader Linnet Mule, practically clear, fine size and shape, grand col. and qual., lovely condition; 3rd, Linnet-Bullfie, fine size, good shape, lovely col., shows cross beautifully, in the pink of condition; 2, McGuire, dark yell. Greenie, medium size, good shape, nice head and neck, grand col. and polish; res, Maddison, lightly var. Goldie Mule, nearly white, fine size, lovely feather and condition; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Richardson, a grand class. LINNET (21): 1, Meadley, grand size and shape, beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct all over, a shade dark in col. perhaps, yet a grand one; 2, Bertram, nice size and shape, rich nut-brown col., grandly pencilled, very profuse, quite equal to leader except in polish; 3, Boyd, good size, grand shape, nice col. and feather, not so profusely pencilled as leaders, yet not far behind; res, Maddison, good one, but not so distinct in pencilling, nice size and shape, good col. and condition; vhc, Davidson; hc, Bentinck; c, MacDonald. GOLDIF, ETC. (4): 1, Bertram fine size and shape, lovely square cut blaze, broad and expansive, not so pure in col. as we like to see, yet a nice one, grand tans, lovely body col., grand condition; 2, 3, Almond, leader another grand one, not so large in blaze, but purer in col., and more free from black, nice tannings, medium size, fine col. and condition; 3rd, smaller, nice blaze, good body col., nice wings and buttons, good condition; res, Forster, nice Goldie, lacks finish as yet. GREENF. (5): 1, Petterson, lovely shape, grand size, good head, neck and chest, rich col., lovely feather and condition; 2, Fletcher, fine size, grand shape, good back and chest, scarcely the rich col. of leader, put down in grand condition; 3, vhc, Davidson, bigger than leaders, grand shape, short and cobby, good head, beaten only in col., grand feather and condition; res, Boyd, good size and shape, nice col., got so tight in feather as those above it. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (5): 1, Forster, Bramble, topper for size, grand shape, lovely body col., well spangled and laced, lovely hood, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Bentinck, Yellowhammer, good size and shape, nice body col., good head markings, grand feather and condition, might be a bit steadier; 3, vhc, Davidson, Bramble, grand size, good shape, rich col. and polish, nice hood, loses a trifle in spangling to leader, extra condition; res, Boyd. REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, Petterson, Siskin, good one, lovely size, fine shape, grand body col., deep dense col. cap, well laced, beautiful feather and condition; 2, Boyd, unfortunately absent from bench at the time we took our notes, and was overlooked afterwards; 3, Forster, Siskin, col.-fed, larger than leader, but not so dense in col. of cap or so well laced as leader, nice col. and condition; res, Davison; vhc, McGuire; hc, Elliott; c, Wilde. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, Davidson, Waxwing leading, good size, lovely col., not a feather out of place, good waxes, staged in faultless condition; 3rd, Song Thrush, fine size, stoutly built, well spotted, lovely col. and condition; 2, Boyd, Missel Thrush, a grand one, fine size, grand col., beautifully mkd., in perfect feather and condition; res, Hirons, Skylark, not a big one, but all there for col., well mkd. and steady; vhc, Brayson; hc, Walker. FOR., LARGE (1): 1, Butler, well known Ceram Lory, in grand fettle, fine col. and condition. SMALL (13): 1, Petterson, St. Helena Waxbills, grand col., beautiful feather and condition; 2, res, vhc, Almond, grand team, leaders pair Ruficaudae, grand condition, lovely feather; 3, Davison, pair Black-faced Lovebirds, nice feather and condition; hc, Morrow; c, Lindsay. SELL., 10s. (10): 1, Hodson; 2, Redpath; 3, res, Hume and Cresekett; vhc, Forster; hc, Gill; c, Richardson. MEMBERS—NOR. CK. (7): 1, res, Hodson; 2, vhc, Lindsay; 3, Redpath; hc, Evans. HEN (8): 1, vhc, hc, Lindsay; 2, c, Hodson; 3, Redpath; res, Bell. YORKS. CK. (2): 1, 2, Boggan. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, Bewick; 3, res, Redpath. GREENF. (4): 1, Fletcher; 2, Hodson; 3, Lindsay; res, Boyd. LINNET (11): 1, 3, Boyd; 2, vhc, Davidson; res, MacDonald; hc, Hooper; c Lindsay. A.O. FINCH (5): 1, vhc, Davidson; 2, 3, Boyd; res, Lindsay. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Lindsay; res, Davidson; vhc, Boggan; hc, Redpath; c, McNay. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 3, Davidson; 2, Boyd. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Lindsay; 3, Davidson; res, vhc, Hooper. FOR. (3): 1, Lindsay; 2, 3, MacDonald.

MERTHYR TYDVIL.

Open show held Oct. 2. Our section, considering that the fixture was so early, came up remarkably well both in numbers and quality, some really good exhibits being staged. The show was an unqualified success, due largely to the efforts of a hardworking committee, who left no stone unturned to bring about the desired result. Our section was capably attended to by Messrs. W. Evans, W. Davies, B. Lewis and J. Jones. The show manager, Mr. Dan Jones, carried out his duties in a very able manner. Mr. J. Thomas, the Secretary, was also a very obliging official. Special for the best cage bird in show was won by Mr. E. Price with a cl. buff Nor. of beautiful type and qual., a bird that was hard to find fault with. Mr. W. J. Harvey took spl. for best Yorks., and the same owner's Clough spl. best Brit. Mr. Ben Davies judged. The show was opened by J. M. Berry, Esq., J.P., who made an admirable speech in performing the function.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Pope, var. yell., nice type and qual., good head and neck, grand col.; 2, 4, Morris, cl. and var., very neat exhibits, hardly as rich in col. as leader; 3, Hill, good type and qual., loses size and col.; vhc, Jupe, very neat, hardly ready yet. BUFF CK. (10): 1, spl. best in show, Price, real topper, lovely shape, nice compact wings and tail, feather like boxwood, wins; 2, Morris, grizzle, marked head, good size and shape, nice qual.; 3, Muscott, lovely qual., loses wing carr.; 4, Hill, good size, nice col., not quite ready; res., Pope, probably the largest bird in class, good shape and qual., inclined to hug perches, train him, Mr. P.; vhc, Lewis; hc, Morris; c, Betty. HEN (2): 1, Hill, good cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., very neat; 2, Watkins, cl., loses col. and qual. to leader. YORKS., YELL., CK. (7): 1, Russell, wing tkd., well up on legs, nicely filled back, neat wings and tail; 2, Owens, grizzle, mkd., nice position, good straight back, good col. and qual.; 3, Bevan, cl., nice length, loses head points to leaders; 4, Webster, nice col. and qual., hardly so full in neck as leaders; vhc, Watkins; hc, Gregory; c, Harvey. BUFF (9): 1, spl. best Yorks., Harvey, very neat exhibit, well up on legs, nicely rounded head, good wings and tail; 2, Gregory, cl., good size, col. and qual., seemed inclined to be rather wild when we saw him; 3, Wilkins, cl., good head and neck, nice col. and qual., hardly as good wing carr. as leaders; 4, vhc, Russell, cl., nice size and shape, good wings and tail, loses trifle head points; hc, Webster; c, Richards. HEN (8): 1, Gregory, thigh tkd. yell., good col. and qual., nicely rounded head, stands well; 2, Griffiths, non-fed buff, nice qual., showing stockings, and might have given way to 3, Webster, cl. yell., lovely qual. and position, showing slight frill; 4, Watkins, non-fed buff, good length, nice qual., tail not quite finished; res., Wilkins, grand size buff, wants training, will not get up at present; vhc, Webster; hc, Russell; c, Bevan. UNFLIGH. (9): 1, Lewis, cl. yell. Nor., a ball of col., good size, nice short wings and tail, rather too fat; 2, 4, c, Watkins, mkd. yell. and buff Yorks., neat exhibits, nice length and position; 3, Hill, buff Nor., good qual. and col. hardly as large as leader; res, Greaves and Richard; vhc, Owen; hc, Wilkins. NOV. (9): 1, Jones, var, Nor., good col. and qual., well staged; 2, Lewis, very neat Scots Fancy; 3, Davies, dk. Crest good size and qual.; 4, Watkins, cl. buff Yorks., very nervy, nice size; vhc, Davies; hc Griffiths; c, Mann. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Pope, yell. cinn., good col. and qual., grand size and shape; 2, Lewis, buff Scots Fancy, gets into position quickly; 3, Muscott, foul green Crest, good size and shape. HYB. (4): 1, James, two-pointed Goldie, lovely qual., very much on the small side, rather lucky to beat 2, Jones, Goldie-Bullie, grand col., in fine order; 3, Edwards, another Goldie-Bullie, hardly the col. or size of leader; 4, Williams, non-fed dk. Goldie, nice size and shape. GOLDF. (4): 1, Edwards, good blaze, tans and buttons, hardly ready; 2, Davies, nice tans and bar, loses blaze; 3, Richards, good size and shape, not so forward as leaders; 4, Jarvis. LINNET (4): 1, Davies, good size and shape, wealth of lacing nice col. and qual.; 3, Castree, F.M., good size, col., qual. and markings, rather unsteady; 4, J. Davies, lovely shape and qual., loses in lacing; vhc, T. D. Davies. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Harvey, Cornish Chough, lovely qual. and col., rather on the small side; 3, Castree, good size Missel Thrush. FOR. (3): 1, Muscott, Eclectus Parrot, lovely exhibit, tip top order; 3, Hughes, pr. Orange-cheeked Waxbills, shown to perfection. SELL. (5): 1, Webster; 3, Price; vhc, Watkins; hc, Gregory.

A GOOD DISPLAY AT CHOPWELL.

Second annual show held Oct. 3 and 4. Canary classes were well filled, especially the Borders, which had some real good ones among them, the team shown by Mr. Nicholson coming in for special comment. Yorks and Nor. were fair classes, good all-round specimens, but some were scarcely ready yet, and may alter the positions later on. British and Mules, although a choice selection, were rather few in numbers, many of the birds requiring another fortnight or so to finish. The winning Siskin and Linnet were two good ones, and the Bramblefinch shown by Mr. Tomlinson, the worthy sec., was a hot one, staged in tip-top order, exceptionally well forward in condition. Foreigners were a grand lot, the winner being a choice specimen, especially well put down. The arrangements were A1, the hall being very suitable for a cage bird show—plenty of room and light, and staging well fitted up. Mr. Tomlinson, the sec., had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by a band of willing helpers. Mr. A. Brown judged Canaries, and Mr. J. W. Bruce the remainder, and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS YELL. OR YELL. MARK: 1, Ramsden, very lengthy, well up on leg and fine position and qual. of feather; 2, Pyman, grand shape, lovely front, well rounded and sweet pose, hard up; 3, Johnston, good qual. of feather, beaten in length; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Stewart. BUFF OR BUFF MKD. (8): 1, Ramsden, wins, grand length and rare qual. throughout, sweet head and front, well put down; 2, Marshall, fails a little in front, but nne length, good position; 3, c, Johnston, stronger build, lovely wing carr. and lengthy, paler in colour; vhc, no name; hc, Pyman. 1913 (8): 1, hc, Stewart, sweet Buff, grand shape and qual., looked a shade soft when taking notes; 2, Pyman, nice var. yell., sweet shape and rare qual., grand length and pose; 3, Ramsden, Buff, more strongly built, but all there for finish, a good class throughout; vhc, Watson; c, Beck. HEN (8): 1, 2, Pyman, sweet make yell., grand finish and nice length, stylish; 2nd a grand feathered buff, a shade thin in front, good position, in lovely bloom; 3, Stewart, very nice yell., close up, grand head and front, fails a little in length of side to winner; vhc, Leck; hc, Graham; c, Ramsden. NOV. (3): 1, Long and Gibb, nice buff, good qual., lengthy, well drawn; 2, Graham, buff, not so well rounded, but good qual. of feather; 3, Oxley, nice yell. Cinn. tick, grand feather, fails in length. BORD. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (13): 1, 2, Nicholson leader a good one, correct height, rare head and front, tip-top wing carr., sweetly rounded, in grand trim; 2nd foul, lovely feather, shade thin in neck, good front and well drawn; 3, Purvis, grand bloom, shade stronger in front, but A1 style, well staged; vhc, Watson; hc, Peel; c, Betton. BUFF OR BUFF MKD. (22): 1, 3, Nicholson, leader shade strong in build, but grand qual. of feather; 3rd sweet one, our choice, lovely weight and as round as a bottle, grand head and wing carr., sweet position, in fine trim; 2, Peel, good qual. of feather and rare style, shade plain, and inclined to be flat on back, good head and front, well placed; vhc, Bates; hc, Watson; c, Henderson. HEN (29): 1, Watson, box feathered buff, shade short and stout across, but lovely head and tail, and shown to perfection, sweet all round; 2, Nicholson, topping yell., grand shape, sweet style, inclined to be a shade nervous, lovely order; 3, Hawkins, sweet feathered buff, shade strong across, but well balanced, extra good order, well placed; vhc, Bates; hc, Peel; c, Browell. NOV. (16): 1, Howe, sweet made buff, grand size, lovely head and front, tip-top wing carr., well drawn, in full bloom; 2, 3, Tallantyre, nice feathered yell., shade plain in front, but fine head and neck; 3rd grand feathered buff inclined to be flat on head, well rounded and sweetly drawn, good finish; vhc, Nixon; hc, Appleby; c, Bates. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, Taylor, both Crests, leader best in head properties, fine top piece, well centred and rare length, all round; 2nd beaten in frontal, good qual. feather; 3, Marshall, good length on front, shade thin on side, nice centre, good qual. of feather; vhc, hc, c, Jeffries. NOR. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (5): 1, 2, Smailes, leader a good one, grand size, rare quality of feather, good head, bold front, lovely finish; 2nd well up in size and col., bit thin in front, good head and wing carr.; 3, Fletcher, sweet feather and good bold front, fails in head to winners; vhc, Inglis; hc, Jeffries. BUFF OR BUFF MKD. (9): 1, Archibald and Lascelles, hot one, grand shape, fine bold head, extra good in feather, gem for style, wins; 2, Jeffries, longer in side, but plenty weight, good head and fine wing carr., good qual. and finish; 3, Moore, not so large, but grand type, sweet head and front, rare feather; vhc, no name; hc, Smailes; c, Penrose. 1913 (16): 1, Jetts, sweet buff, short and chubby, grand head, well fitted on neck, nicely cut and good balanced wings, in fine trim; 2, Moore, var. yell., well up in size, good col., sweet stamp, bold front and head, lovely order; 3, Peirson, var. buff, rare qual., not so bold in front as winner, but grand head and wing carr.; vhc, Leightley; hc, Fletcher; c, Jeffries. HEN (11): 1, Appleby, extra good yell., grand size and sweet head, well rounded, neatly drawn, in rare trim, fine col. and size for a lady, wins; 2, Archibald and Lascelles, nice buff, short and chubby, good in head properties, good qual. of feather; 3, Jeffries, neat Buff var., good head, well balanced, shade thinner in front and not the best of wing carr., fine order; vhc, Hope; hc, Robson and March; c, Fletcher. NOV. (10): 1, Appleby, good yell., rare size and subs., grand bold head and front, good qual. of feather, sweet all round exhibit; 2, Long and Gibb, nice buff, very stylish, good head and neck, not so full in front, equal finish; 3, Flick, nice yell. nat. col., good size, lovely front and head, inclined to cross wings at times, in sweet trim; vhc, Page; hc, Jetts; c, Cresswell. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, 2, Barkess, two good Bullies, leader best in col. and finish, grand cap and bib and body col., well carried down, sweet size, in full bloom; 2nd larger, but not up in col. yet, good cap; 3, Nixon, good all round Bullie, fine stamp, grand feather, beaten in col.; vhc, Carr, good Goldie, shade thin in body and scarcely ready in face yet. GREENF., ETC. (6): 1, Tomlinson, sweet Bramble, extra good bloom, well up in col., nicely spangled, grand shape, well staged; 2, vhc, Jameson and Johnston, nice Chaffie, plenty size and good order, scarcely ready in neck, otherwise in fine bloom; 3, Carr, neat shaped Greenie, good col., shade weak in head, on the small side, good qual. of feather; hc, Charlton; c, Dixon. LINNET (6): 1, McVay, good one, lovely order, sweet size and A1 spangle, grand breast work and nice wing flights, well staged; 2, Jameson and Johnston, shade larger, not so good in pencilling, grand flights and fine shade of colour; 3, Simpson, sweet colour and shape, fine spangle, fails in size and finish, good class; vhc, Oxley; hc, Heslop; c, Marshall. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, McQuillan and Matfin, good large Siskin, nicely fed, grand cap and small bib, finely laced, lovely order, good one all round; 2, Jameson and Johnston, Lesser Redpoll, good cap and bib and nicely laced, shade thin in body, good ground colour and pencilling, steady; 3, Carr, sweet Siskin, good cap and bib, fails in flank lacing and not so large as winner, still a good one; vhc, hc, no name; c, Jameson and Johnston. HEN FINCH (5): 1, Dixon, good hen Chaffie, grand size and A1 markings, sweet colour throughout, very steady, a good one; 2, Jameson and Johnston, good hen Bullie, grand shape, fine cap and bib, and good col., in fine order; 3, Marshall, sweet Bramble, well up in size and spangle, neat shape and steady, well placed; vhc, hc Barkess. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Roper, good Song Thrush, grand size and A1 spangling, extra good one, well staged; 2, McVay, tip-top Skylark, well staged, in fine order. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Robson and Marsh, good Jonque Linnet, rare size and shape, good col., could be improved in staging; 2, 3, Bowerbank Bros., nice var. Goldie, well up in size and colour and a good dark buff Goldie, plenty size and good face, had lost some flight feathers; vhc, Barkess; hc, Tomlinson; c, Oxley. FOR. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Christer and Son, Swainson's Lorikeet in grand trim, lovely feather, beautifully staged; 2, good Paradise Whydah in full feather, well staged; 3, Carr, nice Australian Grass Finch in tip-top order; hc, Cairns.

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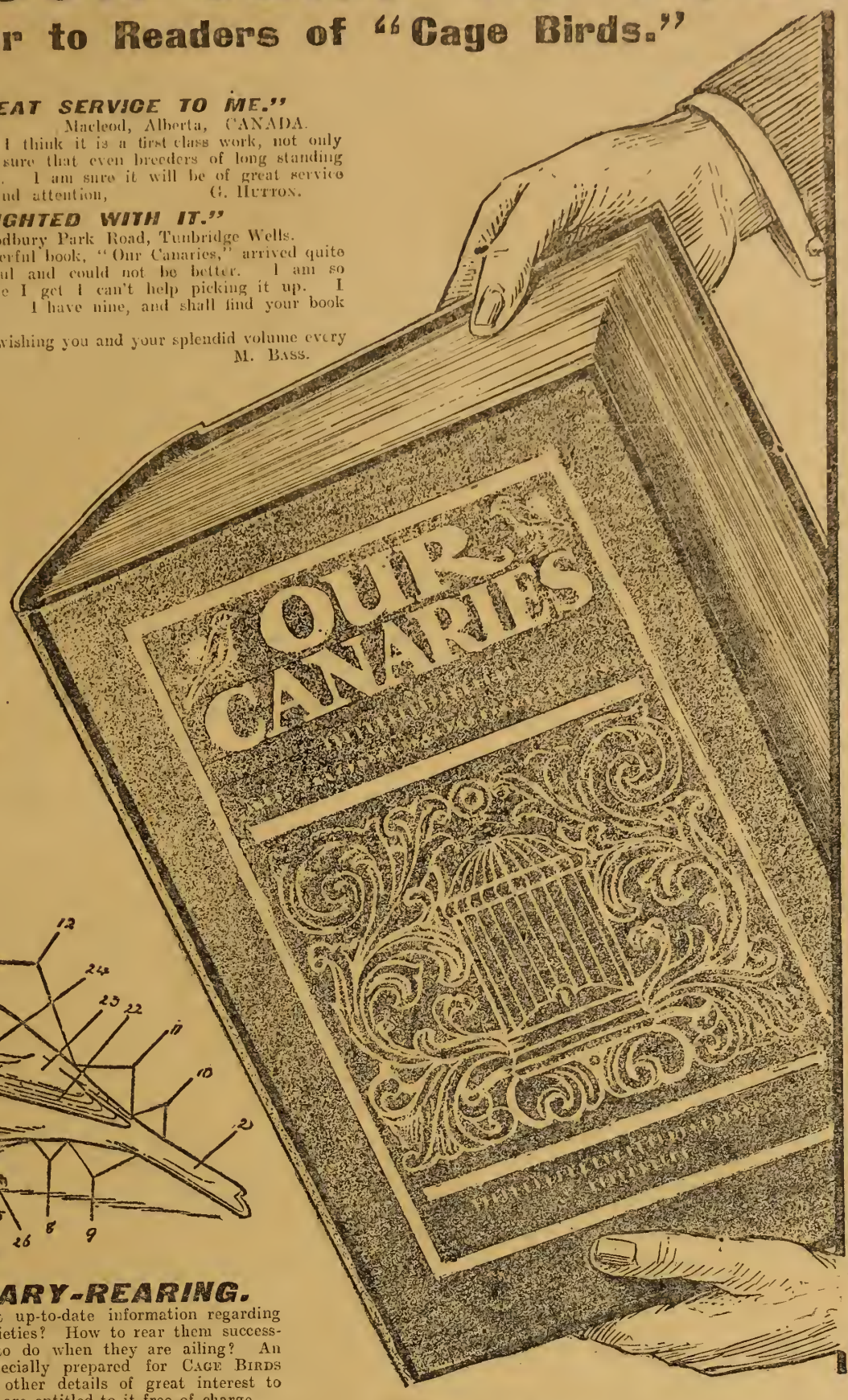
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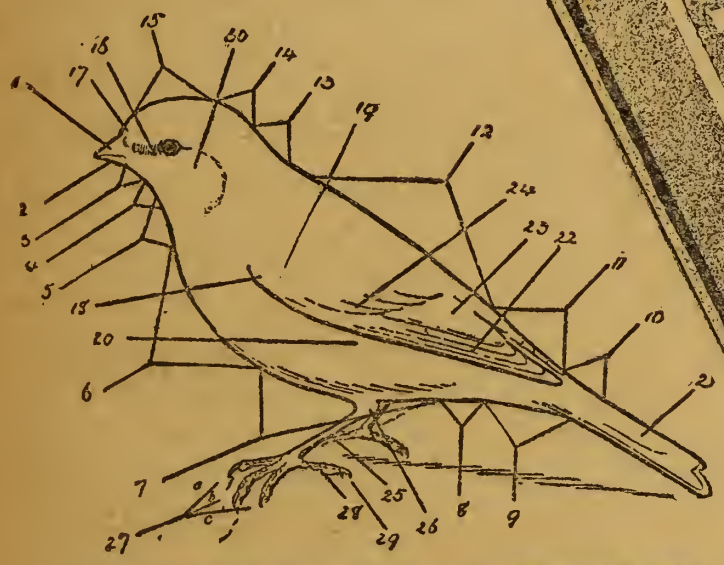
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Norwich.

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WANTED at once, all classes of Canaries for export; state price: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Mill-rd., Dewsbury. (937)

WANTED, weekly supply of Goldfinches and Bullfinches; state price, etc., to: J. Lloyd, 48, Wellington-rd., Wavertree. (936)

WANTED, offers Goldfinch or Siskin cocks, exchange 1lb. fresh Dandelion seed, or sell: Caldwell, Wellington-st., Maybole. (938)

WANTED, Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, 1912 bird, approval, deposit, state price: A. Brandon, 54, Hartley-rd. Luton, Beds. (937)

WANTED colour-fed Norwich, Crest, Goldfinch, Mules; cash by return; state lowest price: Roberts, 89, Gloucester-st., Norwich. (931)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (717)

WANTED Canaries, British and Foreign birds, cash or exchange, cages any description: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas. (862)

WANTED, good single breeders in exchange for Cinnamon marked and Green Yorkshires: Childers, 44, Clifton-eresecnt, Peckham, London. (932)

OFFERS, birds, songsters preferred; exchange child carrier for bicycle; equal new; approval; birds first, 65, Manuel-St., Goole. (931)

WILL buy for cash, any quantity of Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, hens 1/-; hen Canaries, 1/-: Helxar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (941)

WANTED, all kinds of healthy Canaries for spot cash; send lowest prices to A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow. (876)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Mules, Canaries, or Goldfinches, either sex: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E. (941)

WANTED for catching, 1912 Mule, purest Goldfinch notes, otherwise useless; approval, deposit, reasonable: Occupier, 23, Alfred-st., Shrewsbury. (934)

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., from catchers, tip top price given: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (943)

WANTED, Canaries, or offer; exchange new tables in Louis, Queen Anne and quaint styles; offers, all letters answered: Williams, 13, Garner-st., Hackney, London. (942)

WANTED, yellow or yellow-green unflighted Norwich cock, must be extra large good bird; exchange medium-sized Norwich: Harris, 50, Undine-st., Tooting. (938)

WANTED, British cock Goldfinch or Yellow Siskin, keenest exhibition specimens; give part exchange large cock Goldfinch Mules: Potter, Bicton-st., Exmouth. (935)

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., state price for prompt cash: C. Palmer and Sons, Bird Dept., 68, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

WANTED, regular supplies of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Linnets, etc., from genuine catchers; highest prices paid and prompt cash: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (977)

WANTED, good Nightingale, exchange green Canaries and common green hens, exhibition Chaffinch, Goldfinch; particulars: Williamson, Devonshire Arms, Fairfield, Buxton. (937)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich wanted, colour fed, give 5/6 to 7/- pair; good price, cocks singing, no crossed cheques sent; cash deposited; send particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (890)

WANTED for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, either sex; state lowest price, if colour fed; straightforward business only; Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Deptford Broadway, London. (941)

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for good Norwich or Yorkshires, colour fed preferred; also wanted, Crests, Scotch Fancies and Borders, any numbers, cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (905)

WANTED moleskins, cats, foxes, otters, horsehair, pheasant tails, marabout and egret feathers, white geese and duck feathers: Steels, Taxidermist and Furrier, Manchester-st., Liverpool. Bankers: London City and Midland. (859)

WANTED, for shipment, 1,000 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinches, Siskins, Chaffinches, Bullfinches, either sex; state lowest price; stamped envelope for reply: Enock Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London. (927)

WANTED, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, catching, the best price paid to anyone for good birds; I will pay the highest price to any catcher who will send me the best birds he can get: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (943)

WANTED

Cock Canaries, any variety; also cock Mules: G. Chapman, High-st., Birminghani. (926)

Wanted for Export.

Large, healthy Norwich. **Will give 7/- per pair for large colour-fed birds, 6/-** per pair for large natural colour birds. **Will give 10/- per pair for good Crests and Crestbreds. I also require Greens, Cinnamons, Lancashire, Lizards.** Also any quantity Goldfinch or Linnet Mule cocks. **Will deposit cash with Editor. Send full particulars and stamp for reply.—**

H. GLEDHILL,

Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

FRED ALLEN will exchange winning British for Canaries: Porter-st. Aviaries, Hull (943)

EXCHANGE Bramblefinch cock, Chaffinch hen, house-moulted, for long typical clear yellow Yorkshire cock: Sharp, 8, Upper Sturges-st., Bradford. (936)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinches for left off clothing or Canaries; stamp, reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st. Nottingham. (923)

SALE or exchange, gent's waterproof coat, dark, cost 42/- for good Crested cock, or 20/: 4, Black wall-lane, London, S.E.. (935)

WILL exchange four cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries: Helyer, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (941)

EXCHANGE Linnet Mule, 1912, box moulted pure Goldfinch, song for pullets or hen Canaries; sell 10/-: Seal, Hedley-rd., St. Albans. (927)

EXCHANGE, 2 grand twice aviary moulted Chaffinches, for adult yellow hen Budgerigars, hen first: T. Lister, Station-rd., Leven, Fife. (941)

WHAT offers for 6 warranted cock Goldfinches, well on seed, sale or exchange cock Linnet Mules: Hatton, 31, Richmond-st., Brighton. (937)

LARGE pair Linnet nets, nearly new, exchange Linnet Mules, Linnet song, or gent's bike: Shaw, Wagstaff Yard, Pierepont-st., Nottingham. (924)

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Club Reports.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Boot Inn, Eastgate Street, Mr. F. C. Parker presided over a good attendance. Decided to purchase four cups of patterns on view, to be won outright at annual members' show, Nov. 22nd, for most points, with four nominated birds. Cups to be awarded to Yorks., Norwich, Brit. and novice classes. There is still time for fanciers to join and compete, and entry fee 8d. per cage.—R. L. G. Simpson, 35, Clare Avenue, Hoole, Chester.

WINSFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Committee, October 10th. Met to discuss second annual open show. Decided to hold it Wed. 26th Nov. It was also carried that membership radius be thrown open. Members accepted on payment of 2s. 6d. to the sec.; intending members should send on fee as early as possible. It was also moved that we advertise show in CAGE BIRDS the last two weeks. Next meeting Friday, Oct. 18th. We are now in the happy position of having a small balance in band.— S. S. Brooks, Sec.

REDCAR C.B.S.

Meeting held Crown and Anchor, Sept. 27. Mr. Bray presided over a capital attendance. Proposition that we should hold a young stock show was negatived. Annual members' show fixed for New Year's Day in Cleveland Hall, if at liberty. Classes —Yorks Unflig., ditto hen, ditto rung, Nor. Unflig., ditto hen, ditto rung, A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb., Linnet, A.V. Brit., Novice Yorks Unflig., ditto hen, Nor. Unflig., ditto hen. Sixpence per cage, prize money on sliding scale. The names of several judges were suggested, and the Sec. was requested to write same.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 13, at Mr. Hanninghan's, Mr. S. Foster chair, with a good turn out of members. Messrs. Boyle and Robinson, British bird enthusiasts, were elected members. As next monthly meeting date falls on Stanley open show day, it was decided to meet the Thursday night following. Table show, same night, with good entry, and some good exhibits. Mr. J. Emmerson, Stanley, judged, and gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Foster; 3, Williams. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Bentick; 2, 3, Foster. BORDER YELL.: 1, Peart. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Knowles. LINNET: 1, Bentick. REDPOLL: 1, Elliot; 2, 3, Foster. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Bentick; 2, Elliott; 3, Humphrey.—R. Peart, Sec.

TREDEGAR C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 9, Silver Grill, The Circle, Tredegar. Mr. E. Powell, chair. Present, Messrs. J. Griffiths, D. Davies, R. F. Griffiths, W. Woodall, G. Thomas, J. Harding, W. R. Lewis, W. Thomas, G. Bennett, E. J. Bevan, T. Harris, W. B. Watkins. Four new members were elected. Schedule was presented before going to press, and special prizes alloted. Sec. reported that members had collected 26 specials in addition to CAGE BIRDS coupon specials. Schedules will be ready in about a fortnight. Admission tickets have been sent to members. Any member overlooked, kindly notify sec. Members who have not paid annual subs. are requested to do so as early as possible.—W. B. Watkins, Sec.

STANLEY VICTORIA CLUB

Meeting held Oct. 13, Mr. G. Lane chair. Schedule for annual show was confirmed. Specials were promised by Messrs. Herron, Davison, and Hall, which brings total up well, and we hope to get more. We were very pleased to have one of our late members, Mr. E. Forsdick, now of Nottingham, amongst us for the week-end, and he is looking as if his change of abode is agreeing very well with him. The East Stanley Workmen's Club have built a grand hall on their club premises, and they are intending holding a show in January. They will invite members of clubs in Stanley to show, to try and make the first show a huge success. It is hoped that the fanciers of Stanley will make a bumping entry to show their appreciation of the kindness extended to them by the club committee.—R. Peart, Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting held in Drill Hall, Juniper Green, Oct. 4, President, Mr. Begbie, chair. Secretary gave a financial report of the year's working so far, showing a balance in favour of the Society of £19. The report was enthusiastically received. Pres. gave a report of an interview he and Sec. had with Dr. Fowler. Dr. Fowler had consented to give a cup for best Norwich in show. A vote of thanks given to Dr. Fowler. Sec. intimated that he had been successful in securing yet another cup, the donor being Mr. J. J. Yellowlees, Colinton, to go to the best British or Mule, and he also received a very hearty vote of thanks. This now makes 4 cups, and only the 2nd year of the Society. Hope Cup for best Scotch Fancy, Mitchell Cup for best Border, and the two as above. Sec. intimated that Mr. Mitchell had granted a gold badge to go with his cup, and it was decided that Mr. Bruce's prize should consist of two other gold badges, and the Society provide the fourth. Sec. had a good selection of medals for the members to choose from. A goodly number of specials were notified, and with those already intimated we have over 60 specials. After a short discussion regarding the show, an enthusiastic meeting closed with everyone determined to do their best to make the show a great success. At the close entry forms were handed out.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

CLUB REPORTS (Continued from overleaf).

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held October 11, at Flying Dutchman Hotel, before a moderate attendance; 20 judges were selected for the Yorkshire Union shows for 1914-15, after all those nominated had received due consideration.—W. Hellwell, Sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting held at headquarters, Coron Room, Mr. Guy in the chair; a good number present. Two new members made, Messrs. Ratcliffe and Tomlinson. Decided that entries close on Monday night, and please will ticket sellers kindly let me know at next meeting, November 7th, how they are going on.—E. Rone, Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Decided that our patronage be given to Manchester (Belle Vue), and Nottingham. Still open to grant patronage to more shows. The subscription is 2s. 6d., so all intending members must send in their names to me at once. Last season's members may nominate their birds for Manchester, then forward subs. Please see schedule.—J. Hampshire, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting, Oct. 6, Mr. W. Smith in the chair. Mr. G. Chambers, Wallsend, was elected a member. Proposed, that table show be held next meeting, four classes each section. Champion and novice, class 1; cl. or mkd. yell., 2; ditto buff, 3; Green or Cinn., 4, hen. Judges, Messrs. W. Affleck and Potts. A subscription list was opened to buy special for the novice gaining most points over the next three table shows. Seven and six was contributed at meeting; any member wishing to send contribution can do so.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. W. Wood, Vice-president, chair, and a large attendance. Chairman called upon Mr. Roberts, Rutherglen, to give his washing exhibition. Mr. Roberts thereupon showed to the members his method of handling the birds when washing, and after answering various questions, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The new cups on view for British, Mules, and Yorkshires were greatly admired, and should give a fillip to next show. Vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at Grange Park Hall, Oct. 8, Mr. Bartlett chair, and a good muster of members and friends to see the washing competition. Business prevented Mr. J. S. Clarke from being present, so Mr. C. H. Bennett was elected to judge in his place. There were three competitors, Mr. Evans being the winner. Afterwards a very interesting discussion on the various methods of washing and drying the birds filled up the rest of the evening, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Bennett brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.—A. W. Farmer, Hon. Assist. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at Crown Hotel, Hill Street, October 1, Mr. de Maillet chair. The members' show on Oct. 22 claimed first attention, and Mr. Bastock was elected judge, owing to Mr. Roe being otherwise engaged. A foreign class was added and a collection for specials met with a good response. Entries must be in secretary's hands by 20 inst. Classification for open show, drawn up by the committee, was discussed, and several classes added. Mr. Max Jacquemin was appointed judge for Roller section, and the services of Mr. W. C. Wells retained to assist Mr. Robson in other classes if necessary. Entry fees and prize-moneys had to be left until next meeting, and members are requested to attend.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting, held Rose and Crown Hotel, Oct. 7th. In connection with the great all England show, Nov. 7th and 8th, everything is working towards this being the greatest ever held in Sheffield, or possibly the North. The full prize-money in every class, if only one entry, is going to prove a very great draw. Our treasurer, Dr. Craig, made a splendid offer respecting the members' entries, which should cause them to make a record. Providing the members' entries (outside the committee) average 4 per member, be will make them a very handsome reward. What the doctor says, he means, and I trust members will make a bumping entry, and show their appreciation of his magnificent offer. Decided that all members post their entries in the usual way to the secretary. Any member wishing to have show posters, can do so by applying to Mr. J. Mace, Exchange Street, Sheffield.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Corres.

NORTHERN BRIT. MULE & F.B.C.

Monthly meeting, September 24th. Chairman, Mr. Pettersson, presided over a good attendance. A letter was read from Mr. Hutchinson, enclosing 4s., our share of balance from annual presentation of prizes in connection with the Northern Specialist Clubs. Decided to have table show at our next meeting. Classes: 1, Linnet; 2, A.O.V. Hardbill, all birds to be field-moulted in these classes; 3, A.O.V. foreign. Decided that all exhibitors judge same, but no member be allowed to judge his own birds. Birds receiving highest number of votes to be declared the winner; the rest in rotation. Prize-money to be paid, three entries or less, 1 prize; under 7, 2 prizes; 7 or more, 3 prizes, at the rate of 3, 2, 1; and that we have six monthly table shows. Specials for same to be left over until next meeting. Messrs. J. Davidson and E. Hooper were elected members.—W. Curry, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

The chief feature of the monthly meeting, held Oct. 6, at Mr. John ton's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, and presided over by Mr. W. H. Stoakley, was a most interesting and carefully prepared lecture on "The effect of age and other conditions on the sex of young birds," by Miss F. M. Durham. There was one nomination for membership; and the sec., Mr. H. Smith, reported on the progress of the arrangements for the annual show to be held at the end of the month, and announced that the Mayor had written to say it would afford him and the Mayoress much pleasure to open the show, and enclosing £1 1s. towards the expenses. Miss Clare, of Hill Road, kindly offered to display the special prizes, and this offer was gratefully accepted. It was decided there should be a judging competition for Yorkshires at the Nov. meeting. Miss Durham then gave her lecture, a report of which appears elsewhere. A very interesting discussion followed, in which many of those present took part, and a very enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded Miss Durham for the trouble she had taken.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 11, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 11, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

C. EDWARDS, 15, West-st., Leominster. Judge of Cage Birds, specialist Crests, Mules, Norwich. Terms moderate. 30 years' experience.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VAREY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

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GREAT OPEN SHOW at CENTRAL HALL, DUBLIN.

Oct. 22 and 23, 1913

Classification larger than any previous show. We give in our schedule over 50 classes. The judges we venture to say hold a very high reputation in the Fancy, and we feel sure that they will be honoured with a good entry in each class. For Yorkshires, J. Bailey, Esq.; British and Foreign, G. Wilson, Esq. Our hall is an ideal one for any kind of bird. Valuable cups and specials. No cancelling. Entrance fee 1/6. Entries close Friday, October 17th (Saturday's first post in time). Schedules ready.—C. Latimore, 5, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lr. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin.

MUMBLES

(South Wales), Oct. 23, 1913. Hurry up with entries, as we close on the 18th. 22 Classes for Cage Birds, in charge of expert stewards. Judge, D. A. S. Longden, Esq. Send on; I will classify.—W. D. Eley, Hon. Sec., Mumbles.

SWINDON

Fur and Feather Society's Show; 12 mile radius, including Cirencester. Entries close October 19th, to—W. J. Moran, 2, Brunswick Street, Swindon.

LARKHALL C.B.A. Members' Show in Y.M.C.A. Halls, on October 25th. Classes: 16 Can., 14 Brit. Judges, Messrs. Wm. Maddow and R. V. Raine. A. Thomson, Sec., 1, Croft Pl.

WIMBLEDON

Tues. & Wed. Next.

ENTRIES EXTENDED till October 18th.

H. SMITH, Hon Sec 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

FANCIERS, PLEASE HELP.

COVENTRY GODIVA

C.B.S. **Oct. 25.**

Judge, J. C. Barnes. 47 Open Classes. "C.B." Coupon Show. Owing to short entries up to date we will accept last post Monday, Oct. 25th. Schedules from H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street, Coventry.

Don't Forget to Send Your Entries to

STAMFORD

Thurs., Oct. 23rd, in Corn Exchange. Owing to very small entries we are extending our closing date to Monday, the 20th, last post. Don't forget the two solid silver cups to be won outright for most points in Canary section and British section, also £1 cash prize for most entries; also other Specials. Send your entries along. See last week's CAGE BIRDS for Review of Schedule.—G. Crimes, Hon. Sec., 57, Queen's Street, Stamford.

L. & P. O. S.

27th Annual Autumn Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, will be

Held in the Holborn Hall, Gray's Inn Rd. on Wed. & Thurs., OCT. 22 & 23.

Show will be open from 3 till 10 on Wednesday, and from 10 till 9 on Thursday. Admission 6d.

ABERTILLERY

C.B.S. (Mon.) Great Open Show on Wed., Oct. 22nd. "Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Prize-money guaranteed in three days. Open classes: Norwich 6, Yorks. 6, Borders 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules and Hybrids 3, Brit. 7, For. 1, Selling 2. Novice Classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3. Entries very short. Extended till Sunday or first post Monday. Enter from this and I will classify.—George Broome, Hon. Sec., 30, Powell Street.

PRIZE MONEY GUARANTEED.

BOURNEMOUTH

Nov. 11th and 12th. Entries close Nov. 1st. Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. Norman. Over 40 valuable Cash Specials and Diplomas, open competition; 4th prizes all classes 15 entries. Full prize-money guaranteed. Schedules—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road, Bournemouth. ("C.B." Coupon Show.)

EDINBURGH

and Edinburgh Western O.S. Joint Show. Scotland's largest show of young birds, in Grindlay Street Hall, on Sat., Oct. 25th. Doors open at 1 p.m. Admission 6d.—A. Weston and C. Grant, Joint Secs.

Manchester

(Belle Vue), Oct. 24th and 25th. Class 57, Amateur Norwich Yellow Hen; 57a, Amat. Nor. Buff Hen (see Twitterings). No amalgamating or cancelling of classes. Under patronage of most specialists clubs. "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition. Grand classification and Specials. Specialist Judges for all sections. Novice Classes for Yorks., Norwich, and Cinnamons. Cheap excursions from everywhere. Admission to Belle Vue, 6d. each; after 4 p.m. on Saturday, 1/-. To the show 6d. extra. Tickets, 6d. each if purchased beforehand, admit to both show and Belle Vue. Send your entries to-day. Closing date, Oct. 18th.—H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.

ROTHERHAM

C.B.S. 13th Annual Show, October 24th and 25th, in the Central Hall, Coronation Bridge, Rotherham. Judge, H. W. Battye. Enter from this:—Open Section: Class 1, Cl., Tkd. or Uneven Mkd. Yell. Yorks.; 2, ditto Buff Yorks.; 3, A.V. Yorks. Hen; 4, A.V. Yell. Yorks., Unflight; 5, A.V. Buff ditto; 6, A.V. Yorks. Hen Unflighted; 7, Self or Fol, Yell. or Buff Green Yorks.; 8, A.V. Yell. Yorks., Novice; 9, ditto Buff, Novice; 10, A.V. Unflight Yorks., Novice; 11, Cl., Tkd. or Uneven Mkd. Yell., Nor.; 12, ditto Buff, Nor.; 13, A.V. Nor. Hen; 14, A.V. Yell. Nor., Unflighted; 15, A.V. Buff Nor., Unflighted; 16, A.V. Nor. Hen, Unflighted; 17, Self or Foul, Yell. or Buff Green Nor.; 18, A.V. Yell. Nor., Novice; 19, ditto Buff Nor., Novice; 20, A.V. Unflighted Nor., Novice; 21, Goldfinch or Bullfinch (British); 22, Linnet Siskin, Redpoll or Twite (British); 23, A.O. Brit. Hard; 24, A.V. Brit. Soft; 25, A.V. Mule or Hybrids; 26, Sell., 15/-, bird and cage; 27, Sell., 12/6, bird and cage. Prizes, 1st 8/-, 2nd 4/-, 3rd 2/-. Entrance fee, 1/-. Entries close finally First Post, Tuesday, October 21st.—Baily and Turner, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.

PERTH SHOW.

Under New Management. To be held 25th October, 1913. 51 Classes; numerous Specials. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, and 3/-. Entry money, 1/6. Judges for Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen; Borders, Mr. J. Craig, Brechin; British Birds, Mules, and Foreign, Mr. A. W. Watson, Edinburgh. Full patronage British Bird and Mule Club.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th.

Schedules from—J. L. Smith, Sec., 120, High Street, Perth.

MIDDLESBRO'

and Teeside C.B.S. Open Show

October 25th, 1913.

40 Classes. 4 money prizes and specials. Entry fee 1/-. Schedules, apply Arthur Wake, 128, Princess Road, Middlesbrough.

UPPER RHONDDA

C.B.S. First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Cage Birds. 40 Classes.

OCT. 29TH, 1913.

Judge, W. Mundell. Schedules from: E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries St., Treherbert.

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Sixth Open Show, in the Masonic Hall, Nile Court, on Saturday, October 25th. Judges: Yorkshires, A. Girvan; Scotch and Border Fancies, D. Hamilton; Norwich, A. Cant; British and Foreign, J. Mason. 54 Classes; 4 Novice. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, for 1/6 entry, including Open Specials. Entries close October 20th. Please send for schedule from C. Aitken, 30, Allison Street, Ayr.

Optimism!

is the right view of the true fancier. Back it up by entering at the Torbay Ornithological Society's 7th Open Show to be held Wednesday, October 29th in the Badminton Hall.

PAIGNTON

Splendid prize-money list. More than 1 special per class, as well as "Cage Birds" Championship Competition. Judge, F. Easterling, Esq. Norwich 6 classes, Yorks. 6, Borders 2, Goldfinch 1, Bullfinch 1, Hybrid 1, Light Mule 1, Crest 1, Crest-bred 1, and 10 other classes for British, Foreign, and Canaries. Entries close Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. If overlooked, drop postcard for schedule to—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Secretaries, Sartor House, Paignton, Devon.

Leinster Ornithological Soc.

DUBLIN

Tues. and Wed., Oct. 28th and 29th.

Splendid Classification!

CUPS for Scotch Fancy and Norwich exhibitors, also Yorkshire Open 3, and Novices 1 cup. FOUR MONEY PRIZES PER FULL CLASS, and only 1/6 per cage. Exhibitors may compete for all cups and a list of money specials on payment of 2/6. Schedules from Hon. Sec., C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS

Great Annual Open Show on

Wed., Oct. 29th.

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Judge, J. R. Houghton, Esq., Gloucester. 26 Classes. Valuable Specials,

Entries Close October 23rd.

Schedules.—C. E. Gregson, Hon. Sec., Llandrindod Wells.

MAIDENHEAD

Show, Oct. 29th. Cage Birds. Good classification. G. Billett, Esq., judge. Schedules—E. A. Bristow, Hon. Sec.

EVESHAM CHRYS.

SOCIETY.

October 29th.

Six Classes for Cage Birds (C.B.U.). Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Last day of entry, October 21st. Entry fee, 1/-.—Sec., Mr. Geo. Witts, Evesham.

WINDSOR, Oct. 29, 1913

Show of Canaries, British Birds, Mules, Hybrids, and Foreigners. Special opportunities for Novices. Judges: Messrs. Wesley T. Page and H. Norman. 39 Open Classes. 6 Yorks., 5 Novice Yorks., 6 Norwich, 3 Novice Norwich, 4 Border, 1 Mule, 1 Hybrid, 8 British, 3 Foreigners, etc., etc. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entries close Oct. 25, 1913. Entry Fee, 1/6. Schedules from—E. A. Strickland, 36, Alma Road, Windsor.

Now Cage Bird Fanciers, Here's Your Golden Opportunity, at

WITHAM and Essex

County Open Show, on Oct. 29th. 121 classes, Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, etc. 13 Classes for Cage Birds. If you require fame, you must show here. No true fancier can afford to miss this chance. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. (Cage Birds and Pigeons). Schedule—A. Mondy, Witham, Essex.

CARLISLE

Oct. 29 & 30 5th Annual Show.

64 Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Judges: J. Robson, H. W. Battye, and J. Maddison. Under patronage of N.B.B. & M.C., B.F.C.C., O.N.P.C., Y.C.C., F.B.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C., C. & W.Y.C.C. Entries close Oct. 25th, to John C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Abersychan

and Dis. C.B.S. Second Annual Show, held at Co-operative Hall,

October 30th.

Judge, Mr. J. R. Houghton, Gloucester.

Entries close Oct. 25th.

Schedules from: F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc Street, Pentwyn, Abersychan, nr. Pontypool.

AYLESBURY

Oct. 30th, 1913. Cage Bird judge, Geo. Gardner, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 2/-. Entries close Oct. 24th. Schedules from—F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham St.

The Pride of the West Cage Bird Show is

HAYLE

Cwll. (confined to Cornwall), October 30th, 1913. Judge, R. B. Tope, Esq. Prize-money, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry fee, 1/-. 2/6 Special Prize for every class. Full prize-money and specials guaranteed. Schedules—R. T. Coombe, Hon. Sec., Fore Street.

LEICESTER

HAND IN HAND

C.B.S. 14th Annual Open Show, Saturday and Monday, Nov. 1st and 3rd. Patronage, N.B.B. and M.C. Classification for Norwich, Yorks., Lancashires, A.O.V., British, Hybrids, and Foreign Birds, 3 Novice Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Judges, J. Robson (Canaries), R. J. Howe (British and Foreign). Grand list of cash specials. No cancelling or amalgamating of classes. Prize-money guaranteed. Entries close Oct. 25th. Schedules—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street, Leicester.

MUIRKIRK SHOW 1st Nov. 11 classes for Borders, 2 British Birds. Judge, Thos. Ritchie, Esq. Schedules—Allan Loggie, The Hall, Muirkirk.

ALNWICK Coupon Show

NOV. 12th.

The only mid-week fixture in the North having "Cage Birds" Coupons; N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.'s and B.F.C.'s patronage. 41 Classes. Three money prizes and specials every class, also numerous extra specials. Entrance 1/-. Judges: A. Hay, Esq., J. Maddison, Esq. Schedules now ready.—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.

WOLVERHAMPTON

OCT. 24 & 25 Entries close October 20.

Patronage, M.C.V.C.C., Champion and Novice. Judge, J. Robson. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-, 6d., for 1/6 entry fee. "C.B." Coupon Show. Champion classes: 8 Norwich, 0 Yorks, 0 British, 2 Crests, 2 Mules, 1 A.O.V., 2 Foreign, 2 Selling. Novices: 4 Norwich, 4 Yorks. Schedules—J. Gibbons, 64, Naylor Road.

ILKESTON

Open Cage Bird Show, Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th, 1913. Splendid Classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal list of specials and prompt payment. Judges, C. A. House and R. J. Howe. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 21st. Send for schedules to: T. Smith, 6, King St., Ilkeston. ("Cage Birds" Coupon Show.)

BRADFORD EAST

("Cage Birds" Coupon Show) Fifth Grand Annual Exhibition of Canaries, under Yorkshire Union rules and the Y.C.C. and Open Norwich P.C. patronage (Open to the United Kingdom), will be held in Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford, on Saturday, October 25th. Judges: H. Sutcliffe, Esq., Yorks.; and J. Trengove, Norwich. Splendid classification. 13 open Yorks. and 9 Novice Yorks. classes, 3 Selling classes, 6 open Norwich and 2 Novice Norwich classes. Prize money, 23/- per class. Entrance fee, 1/6 each. Bradford East Rose Bowl for best unflighted Yorkshire. Valuable Specials in addition. Entries positively close on Tuesday, October 21st. Schedules from—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

KIRKCALDY

C.B.S. 7th Annual Show, in Pioneer Hall, Carlyle Road, on Oct. 25th. Excellent classification and Judges. Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Stenhouse, Kelty; Border, Brit., and For., Mr. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream; Yorks., Mr. R. Heggie, Glasgow; Nor. and Crests, Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Under the patronage of three Specialist Club, B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., and N.P.C. Shield, Cup, Medals, and many Specials. Entries close Oct. 20th. Schedules from—T. Arnott, Sec., 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.

TAUNTON

OCTOBER 30th, 1913.

The show with more specials than classes. No amalgamation. 44 Classes, 176 cash prizes, 77 specials. Judges, Messrs. Rennie, Frostick, and Rev. Joyce. 13 classes for Yorkshires, 9 Norwich, 9 British. Entries close next Thursday, Oct. 23rd.—Hon. Sec., W. G. Elsmore, Billet Street, Taunton.

MATLOCK. Oct. 30th

Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 guaranteed. Entry, 1/6. No amalgamation. Class 82, Nor. Cock, Yel., C., T., or Y.; 83, Nor. Hen, Yel., C., T., or V.; 84, Nor. Cock, Buff, C., T., or V.; 85, Nor. Hen, Buff, C., T., or V.; 86, Nor. Cock or Hen, Unflighted Yel. or Buff; 87, Nor. Novice Cock or Hen, Yel. or Buff; 88, Yorks. Cock, Yel., C., T., or V.; 89, Yorks. Hen, Yel., C., T., or V.; 90, Yorks. Cock, Buff, C., T., or V.; 91, Yorks. Hen, Buff, C., T., or V.; 92, Yorks. Novice Cock or Hen, Yel. or Buff; 93, A.V. Mule or Hybrid, Cock or Hen; 94, A.V. British Softbill; 95, A.V. British Hardbill; 96, A.V. Canary not classified; 97, 10/6 Selling, A.V. Cage Bird, Cock or Hen, to include cage; 98, Foreign, A.V. Entries close Oct. 21st to—J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.

Royal Leamington Spa

F.A. Tenth Annual Show of Cage Birds, etc.,

OCTOBER 30th. 14 CLASSES.

Judge, G. Lawrance, Esq., Coventry.

Class 56 read: Buff, clear, ticked, or unevenly marked.
Class 57 read: Unflighted, any colour.

Entries close 23rd. Schedules, apply—G. A. Moss, Croxton House, Montpellier, Rotunda. Extensive Classification. Popular Judges. "C.B." Coupon Show. Schedules Ready Oct. 15th, from:—W. POUNSETT, 5, Whitecross Square, Cheltenham.

LIVERPOOL Oct. 31st. and Nov. 1st.

St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road. "Cage Birds" Championship; 16 Novice Classes. Schedules posted to-day. Prize-money paid day of show. £10 Cup. Van load of serviceable specials. All exhibits leave show before 6 p.m. The show with a reputation.—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.

BELFAST ULSTER ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

21st Annual Open Show, **Fri. and Sat., Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st** Judges: R. Wright (Greenock), A. Wellings (Prescot), and J. Carson (Belfast).

Entries close Monday, 27th Oct.

(open to Ireland only). For schedules, apply—Robert Trimble, Sec., 11, Waring Street, Belfast.

CHELTENHAM

November 5th and 6th.

Montpellier Rotunda. Extensive classification. Popular Judges. "C.B." Coupon Show.

Entries close October 29th. W. POUNSETT, 5, WHITECROSS SQUARE.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

£130 PRIZE MONEY NOV. 7th & 8th. AND SPECIALS. £130.

92 Classes. 123 Specials. Coupon Show. FULL PRIZE-MONEY PAID EVERY CLASS. 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Foreign, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Under patronage all Specialist Clubs. The show for the NOVICE. Silver Tea Service most points Novice Yorkshires; Silver Teapot most points Novice Norwich. Yorkshires, 26 classes (6 novice), Norwich 20 classes (6 novice), 8 Crested (2 novice), 4 Selling, 15 British, 6 Hybrids, 1 Foreign. Judges: J. Robson, W. Mundell, C. Houlton, J. C. Barnes. Entries close Monday, Nov. 3rd. Schedules—E. C. Job, Sec., Wincobank, Sheffield.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAK

Saturday, November 8th.

52 Classes Open. We hold the record for paying prize-money to all present the day of show, and on the Monday following to all others. We have three Specialist Judges: Nor., W. Watson, Esq.; Bor., W. Mossie, Esq.; all others, W. Clark, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. A good list of free Specials. Schedules from G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street, Hamilton.

MARKINCH

P., Pg., and Cage Birds 40th Annual Show, to be held in Town and Masonic Halls, Nov. 1st. Under the patronage of the Scottish Crested Canary Club. Judges: S. P., Jas. Cook, Cowdenbeath; Nor., C. Campbell, Glasgow; Bor., A. W. Thomson, Newcastle; Brit., W. Sharp, Bothwell; S. P., 10 classes, H. Nor., Pahlitzsch; Crests and Cresteds, 7 classes, 11 classes Bor., 18 classes for Brit. Novices. Special. Show closes 5 o'clock. Entries close 27th Oct. Schedules.—John Lindsay, 45, School Street, Markinch.

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH.

BRECHIN

Grand Jubilee Show, to be held on Saturday, 1st November. "C.B." Coupon Show.... Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C.C., and F.C.B.U. Grand classification. 21/ -for 1/6. 60 Specials, Cups, and Medals. Specialist judges, trusting fanciers will support us in this great effort we have made.—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 18, Montrose Street, Brechin.

BO'NESS

and Dis. 9th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, under the patronage of The British Bird and Mule Club and Border Fancy Canary Club will be held in the Masonic Hall, Bo'ness, on Saturday, Nov. 1. Entries close on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Chambers, Kirkintilloch; Border Fancy, Mr. Hamilton, Esk Bank; British and Mules and For., Messrs. Mackie (Fife) and Steel (Dalkeith). T. Cameron, Sec., 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans.

DULWICH & PECKHAM

10th Great Open Show, Nov. 4th and 5th.

A grand special prize list, and extensive classification.

Schedules ready. Entries close Oct. 29th to—L. J. Richardson, 91, Union Rd., Rotherhithe. Judge, John Robson.

BARNSTAPLE

and North Devon Cage Bird Society's Show,

November 4th & 5th, 1913

Judge, T. Heath, Esq., London. 39 Classes; 5 Cash Prizes in each class. Entries close October 28th. Schedules from—J. D. Horrill, Hon. Sec., Exhibition Offices, Barnstaple. "C.B." Coupon Show.

DON'T FORGET THE

SOUTHEND

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. 7th Annual Open Show, to be held at the Large Hall, adjoining the Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, Southend, on Nov. 4th and 5th, 1913. £50 Special Prizes. Entries close Monday, Oct. 27th. Entrance fee, 1/6; members, 1/-. Schedules are now ready, to be had of Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff. ("C.B." Coupon Show.)

SOUTHAMPTON

Great Quarter-Century Show (Open). 5th and 6th November. Good prize money. 17 Cups, 130 Spls. Popular judges. Entries close Oct. 28th. Schedules—A. L. Kiddle, Homelands, Bitterne, Southampton.

DOVER SHOW

Nov. 5th and 6th, 1913. Under the patronage of the K.C.C.B.A. Judge, H. Norman, Esq. Schedules.—Abbott and Austen, Essex Villa, Eric Road, Dover.

BANBRIDGE

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association Annual Show will be held in Town Hall, Banbridge, on Thursday and Friday, 6th and 7th November. Under patronage of Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland and Yorkshire Canary and Cage Bird Society of Ireland. Judges, J. Kean and J. Trengove. Entries close 1st Nov. Schedules, etc., from—A. McCagherty, Hon. Sec., Belmont Terrace, Banbridge.

WEST STANLEY

Co. Durham. Coupon Show. Same dates as last year, Nov. 7 and 8, 1913. Of Canaries, Mules, Hybrid, British and Foreign Birds. Most up-to-date classification; open to the world. Cash special for each section, and numerous other specials. Two most popular judges, J. Stanger and W. Maddison. —W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace, West Stanley, Durham.

QUEENBOROUGH KENT

1st Annual Show (open to Kent) will be held on Friday and Sat., Nov. 7th and 8th. Judges: Cage Birds, G. Gardner, London; Poultry, F. J. S. Chatterton, London; Rabbits, G. Gardner; Pigeons, Harry Hyde, Kempton Park. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Schedules ready. Entries close Oct. 31st.—A. Cundiff, Hon. Sec., 27, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.

WARRINGTON

NOV. 7th & 8th.

18 Classes for Novices. Judges: H. W. Battye and Jno. Dixon. Schedules from—G. M. Nelson, 456, Knutsford Rd.

HARLECH C.B. Show, November 10th, 1913, at the Town Hall. Under the patronage of Countess of Winchelsea and Nottingham, and Alice Countess Amherst. Good classes and specials. Judge, R. E. Griffiths, N.W.C.B.S. Schedules from—T. Rice, Sec., Harlech, N. Wales.

FORFAR

Fourth Annual Open Show on Nov. 8th. Under patronage of F.C.B.U. Grand classification. Four money prizes, 2 Challenge Cups, and Medallion, also a great number of specials. Judges: F. Morrison, J. Hamilton, and R. Watson. Entry money, 1/6. Entries close on Nov. 3rd. Schedules from—D. Kerr, 15, Green Street, Forfar.

KELTY & BLAIRADAM

C.B.A. 5th Annual Open Show, November 8th. "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition.
Schedules from—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty, Fife.

Cleator Moor

F.S. Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, Tenth Annual Open Show will be held on November 8th, 1913. Popular judges for all sections. Grand classification and plenty of Specials. Entries close on Nov. 1st, 1913.

HARTLEPOOL'S

NOVEMBER 8th, 1913.

Up-to-date Classification; Magnificent Specials.
Judges: Messrs. Battye and Mundell.
Schedules from—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs., West House, Victoria Road, West Hartlepool.

ASHFORD (KENT)

Annual Open Show, November 11th and 12th. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry Fee, 1/6. Judge: T. Swales Ward, Esq...Schedules—S. E. Foster, Hazeldeen, Kent Avenue, Ashford, Kent.

SWANSEA

The Great Welsh Show of Cage Birds only.

13th Annual on Nov. 12th and 13th.

Judges: Canaries, J. Robson; Mules and British, C. Houlton. Send for schedule and see for yourself.—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.

SITTINGBOURNE

C.B.S. November 12th and 13th, 1913. Open to all England. Judge, Geo. Gardner, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/9 per exhibit. Classes: Canaries, 9 Nor., 9 Yorks., 2 Crests, 2 Borders, 1 Lizard, 1 Scotch Fancies or Belgians, 1 Lancashire, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule or Hybrid; British, 6 classes, 1 Hard., 1 Soft., 2 For., 3 Selling, 1 Gift. At this fixture "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition will be in progress. Entries close Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 1913. Schedules of—W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.

PORTSMOUTH

Fanciers' Society 27th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds, in the Kingsley Hall, Fawcett Road, Southsea, Nov. 12 and 13. Entries close Nov. 4th. Cage Bird judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. Schedules: W. E. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec., 85, Victoria Road South, Portsmouth.

SIDMOUTH

Fanciers' Society Grand Open Show of Cage Birds, Nov. 13th. Entries close Nov 1st. Judge. J. H. Payne. Schedules from: James Lashbrook, Hon. Sec., Arcot Road, Sidmouth.

SELBY, Nov. 13

Good classification, prize money and specials. Entrance fee, 1/6. Judge, H. Battye.—John Fly. Dixon, 72, Brook St., Sec.

One of the Best.

LEYTON

GREAT OPEN SHOW, NOV. 13 & 14.
Judges, Messrs. Robson and Norman. Under the patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., S.B.F.C., and N.B.B. and M.C. and C.B. Coupons. Prompt prize-money guaranteed, as last year. Specials galore. Schedules ready shortly.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs., Thornhill Road., Leyton, N.E.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and District

10th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the new Parish Hall, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th, 1913, under the patronage of the N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B., N.C.C., and S.O.C. Sixty Open Classes. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Mundell. Entries close November 8th, 1913. As soon as ready, schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. — C. Havver, Hon. Sec., 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

COVENTRY O.S.

Coventry's Premier Show,
NOVEMBER 15th.
Open Champion and Novice Classes. No price Limit. Splendid Specials. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. —A. J. Barratt, Sec., 38, Craven Street, Coventry.

Cowdenbeath

NOVEMBER 15th.

84 Classes. Six Specialist Judges. Schedules from—John W. Holms, South Hill Street, Cowdenbeath.

GALASHIELS Show, Nov. 15th, of Scotch and Bor. Fancies, Npr., Mules, Brit., and For. birds. Six Specialist Judges. 34 Specials and two Silver Cups. Schedules—J. Brown, 153, Croft Street, Galashiels.

RAMSGATE

Open Show (distance unlimited),

November 19th and 20th.

"C.B." Coupon Show. 54 Open Classes. G. Gardner, judge. Many Specials. Write for Schedule—F. Thomas, 29, Chatham Street, Ramsgate.

ARBROATH

C.B.S. Annual Show, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Judges: J. F. Dewars and W. Mossie. 37 Classes for Norwich, Borders, British, and Foreign. £1 prize money. Entry fee, 1/6. Under the patronage B.F.C.C. Model cards only 6d. each. Numerous 6d. each. Under patronage B.F.C.C. Numerous specials.—(Fanciers note this)...Entries close Nov. 17th. Schedules from— J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.

Chester-le-Street

(Coupon Show.) 1st Annual Open Exhibition of Cage Birds held Nov. 22nd, in the Mechanics' Institute Hall. Prize-money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/-. No cancelling; no amalgamation. 29 Open Classes (5 novices). Schedules ready shortly, from—R. Ward, Sec., 16, Wark Street, Chester-le-Street.

Fanciers, Remember

HETTON-LE-HOLE

Show, NOV. 22nd. Schedules from—A. J. Notley, Sec., 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Durham.

CRAMLINGTON

Cage Bird Society 5th Annual Show, in Co-operative Hall, Cramlington, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 1913. 17 Open Classes. Prize money guaranteed, as per Rule 7 in schedule. This is now one of the established shows of the North. Exhibitors please send entries. Entries close Nov. 15th. See previous year's reports in "Cage Birds" of success of this show. Schedules to be obtained from—J. R. Chestney, Secretary.

Blairgowrie

Annual Show, SATURDAY, 22nd NOV.
26 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, J. Goodfellow. Good specials. No model cards (note this). Entries close 17th Nov. Schedules from—M. Irvine, Blairgowrie.

SALE C.B.S. Open Show of Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds will be held on Fri. and Sat., Nov. 28th and 29th, in the Technical Schools, Sale. Judges: Thos. Harrison and J. W. Metcalfe. 52 classes, including 10 Novice, 5 for Nor., and 5 for Yorks. Plenty of specials. Schedules—G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross Street, Sale.

The Clapham and District C.B.A. wishes to thank its numerous supporters for making its show a great success again this year, writes Mr. A. C. Askew. All prize-money in open classes has been paid; will anyone overlooked please write me?

Ilkeston show this year, writes Mr. T. Smith, hon. sec., will be held on Friday and Saturday, instead of Saturday and Monday as hitherto. There is a printer's error in schedule; Class 3 should read Nor. Uneven Mkd. or Variegated.

I have sent out Rotherham show schedules to all last year's exhibitors, writes Mr. B. Bailey, the sec.; any exhibitors overlooked should please send me a postcard, or they can enter from this week's CAGE BIRDS. There is a grand classification.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. has secured the services of Mr. H. W. Battye as judge for the annual show, Nov. 14 and 15, and as we have a good schedule we hope fanciers will give us their support, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, the sec.

Our schedules, writes Mr. T. Arnott, Sec. Kirkcaldy C.B.S., have been sent to all our usual exhibitors. Several complaints reached us last year after our show that some of our annual competitors had no schedule sent them. Should the like happen this year, will fanciers kindly write me at once.

The two novice Norwich classes are numbered wrongly in our schedule, writes Mr. H. Hill, sec. Bradford East O.S.; they should read Class 32 and Class 33. A valuable special will be given for most points in the Yorks. novice classes, the Bradford East silver rose bowl for the best unflighted Yorks, bred by exhibitor in champion classes, and a few very good specials will be given in addition to the above. The committee of management appeal for a record entry.

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only.*

Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) will judge Ambleside show, Nov. 27.

All prize-money has been paid out for Gillingham Show, writes Mr. J. Hyde, Sec.

I have severed my connection with the Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S., writes Mr. Walter Connelly, the late secretary.

We have a letter lying at the office for Mr. C. Martin, of New Southgate. If he will kindly send full address, it shall be forwarded.

We are asked to notify the following change of address: Mr. F. Paling, from Paisley to 5, West Park, Maxweltown, Dumfries.

Mr. J. Webster is giving 2s. 6d. for best bird in class 17, and Mr. J. E. Taylor 2s. 6d. for best in class 38, these being omitted from schedule, writes Mr. B. Bailey, sec., Rotherham C.B.S.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec. Harrogate C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of the mother of our respected chairman, Mr. J. H. Walker. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Walker and his father and sisters in their sad bereavement.

The Right Hon. G. W. Palmer.

I regret to announce the death of the Right Hon. G. W. Palmer, who for many years has been president of this society, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, Sec., Reading C.B.S. At our last show both Mr. and Mrs. Palmer spent over an hour in looking over the exhibits, and expressed themselves as very pleased with the show.

Mr. W. Wilkinson (Clitheroe).

It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce the death of the oldest member of our society, Mr. W. Wilkinson, which occurred very suddenly on Oct. 7th, writes J. Southworth, Sec., Clitheroe C.B.S. He was a true fancier and one who was willing to lend a helping hand, or give advice to any young fancier who required it. He will be greatly missed, especially by the members of the Clitheroe and District Society, he having been a show steward for a good number of years, and our deepest sympathy is with his wife and family in their sad bereavement.

Sheffield O.S. is paying full prize-money, irrespective of entries at the show, Nov. 7, and 8; there are 123 specials.

We note that Mr. Pimm, of Birmingham, is in his advertisement of this week making a special offer respecting the packing of wire fronts ordered from him.

Will members of the Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. kindly note that owing to a printer's error, classes 15-16 should read clear or ticked instead of clear, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon. sec. Wolverhampton show.

The first prize Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid at Clapham show should have read Howick (not "Homer") as in report, writes Mr. H. Howick (Midhurst). I am very pleased with your fine report.

Schedules for Dulwich and Peckham show have been posted to all exhibitors at the late L.C.B.A., Crystal Palace, and Clapham shows; copies on application to L. J. Richardson, 91, Union Rd., Rotherhithe.

Please extend our entries till Saturday's post-mark. Our entries are very scarce at present, write Messrs. Hall and Joiner, secs., Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S. (See advt. published last week).

In our schedules class 14 should read "Yellow or Buff hen, unflighted, open," and rule 18 has been cancelled, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Upper Rhondda C.B.S. Entries are coming in and we are looking forward to a very successful show. Exhibitors not having received schedules should kindly apply.

Pleased to tell you prospects look rosy, and am hoping we shall beat record at our show, writes Mr. H. Smith, sec. Wimbledon C.B.S. We are obliged to extend entries till Saturday, but I fear this has come to be looked upon as the usual thing now. Up till time of writing we have only 400—long way from the expected 1,000, but am hopeful we shall manage it.

Mr. J. Sheppard (Small Heath) hon. sec. and treasurer of the Midland Counties Yorks. C.C., owing to pressure of business has been compelled to relinquish his post, and I have consented to act in his stead pro tem., writes Mr. Wells (Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham). Being the originator of the club I feel sure that I can rely upon the confidence and support of the members. I take this opportunity of mentioning that subscriptions and donations towards special prize funds will be gladly received.

Entries Extended.

Portsmouth and S. Counties C.B.S. to Oct. 19, Stamford to Oct. 20 last post, Abertillery to Oct. 20 first post, Coventry Godiva. to last post Oct. 25.

Rotherham Show Date.

Rotherham C.B.S. open show is being held this year on Oct. 24 and 25. Will fanciers kindly note this, as by a printer's error it appears in our Show Guide as Oct. 25 and 27.

Like Hot Cakes!

Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) writes: "I have sold all of Mrs. Deacon's Cinnamon Canaries, including the winners, to the Rev. B. Nume, of Harrington, so kindly stop my advertisements concerning them."

Where Old England Scores.

I have been in every state in the Union, and have had every opportunity of seeing the birds they have here, but give me a Lintie or a Mavis to even the Mocking Bird, writes Mr. J. George (Brigham, Utah, U.S.A.).

The Judge at Paignton.

The Judge at Paignton (Torbay O.S.) show on Oct. 29 is Mr. F. Easterling, the well-known and respected metropolitan fancier. We regret that in our show guide, Mr. Ellwood's name was inadvertently given.

Norwich P.C. Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club will be held at Manchester show, Belle Vue, Oct. 25. Any member wishing to bring any motion before the meeting kindly forward same to me, so that I can put it on the agenda, writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, sec.

A Search for New Quarters.

Owing to the Drill Hall being in the hands of the painters, we have been forced to look for another hall, and have been successful in securing the United Free Church Hall for our show on Nov. 1 at Juniper Green, writes Mr. Jas. Napier, sec. Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.

Remembering His Old Friends.

I have just received the sum of £1 from Mr. A. Malcolmson (New Zealand) for special prizes at our annual show, writes Mr. G. Marlin, sec. Hamilton Cadzow Oak C.B.S. This is the third time he has sent since he left Glasgow in January, 1911. We hope to have a fine show this year.

Attractions at Wimbledon.

Miss Durham has promised to exhibit (not for competition) on the first day of Wimbledon show only, writes Mr. H. Smith, the hon. sec., a Mule bred from a Venezuelan Siskin (believed to be Chrysomitris cucullata) and an ordinary Canary. The Mayor and Mayoress have kindly consented to open the show at 4 p.m. on the Tuesday (Oct. 21st).

Bournemouth's Gift to Exhibitors.

The Bournemouth C.B.A. has had prepared a very handsome "Certificate of Merit" in green and gold, size 13 by 9½ inches, a copy of which is to be presented to special prize-winners at the forthcoming show (Nov. 11 and 12). These certificates are well worthy of being framed, and are embellished with pictures of birds; they should prove a great attraction to exhibitors.

Our "Guide" to the Shows.

Will fanciers kindly make the following additions and corrections to the Show Guide published last week: Paignton show, judge Mr. F. Easterling (not Ellwood); Rotherham show, dates Oct. 24 and 25 (not 25 and 27); Vale of Leven show, add to judges, Mr. W. Webster; at Sittingbourne show, Nov. 12-13 there will be 40 classes, judge Mr. G. Gardner. The judges for Hamilton Cadzow Oak, Nov. 8, are Messrs. W. Watson, W. Mossie, and W. Clark; not those whose names are printed in the guide. Judges for Chester-le-Street are Messrs. Dixon and Hands; not Dixon and Holden. Mr. J. Goodfellow will judge at Blairgowrie, Nov. 22.

For Your Surplus Birds.

Fanciers with surplus birds for disposal should note that at the L. and P.O.S. members' show held Oct. 22 and 23, in the Holborn Town Hall, three open selling classes are provided, and the officials are hopeful that plenty of sales will result therefrom. The prizes are 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. in each class, the entry fee 1s. 6d. each cage. The classes are (25) Canary or Mule not exceeding in value 25s. (26) ditto 15s. (27) Pairs not exceeding 35s. Entries must be posted at once to Mr. Law, hon. sec., Brimley House, Woodhouse Road, N. Finchley. The show will be open after one o'clock on Wednesday (Oct. 22) and the officials hope to see plenty of visitors.

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THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON.

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How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train or exhibition.

ON the other hand, should the feeding hen lay first, she should be allowed to sit her eggs until a clutch from the others can be substituted. It would be very risky to make the change if she has been sitting for more than a week, as the majority of hens will sit only for three weeks; after this time they begin to get restless, and are liable to desert the nest at any time.

In this method of using feeding hens, three nests of youngsters can be taken from one pair in about the time that it would occupy to take two, were each hen allowed to sit and rear her own youngsters. Another advantage, and one of considerable importance, is, should the mated hen prove to be an indifferent or bad feeder, in the second round. To be more explicit, instead of the second round, I should say when she is allowed to incubate her own second clutch of eggs. There is the consolation of having some of her youngsters being well reared by the foster-mother. It is also advantageous in getting the breeding over, and the old birds back again in the flights to recuperate before the moulting season commences.

The Stimulation of Sunshine.

To revert to the conditions under which the birds have been kept during the winter; with regard to those from the cold room, we have to await, to a great extent, congenial weather conditions. One or two weeks of warm sunshine, in addition to the previous good yet judicious feeding the birds will have received, will do wonders into bringing them forward; and they should then be put together for breeding. If necessary, a little artificial heat may be used during the night, and also in the daytime, should a snap of cold weather prevail at the time the cocks are fertilising the eggs. Where birds go to rest very early in the season an artificial light should be provided, either at night or early in the morning, as the youngsters must not go without food through the many hours of darkness which intervene between dusk and dawn.

It will be found generally that the first or second week in April will be a suitable time to commence breeding, for the days will then be getting longer and warmer, and the birds will, as a rule, be in a good condition. It is necessary that they should be so, or nothing will result but an endless round of squabbling. Should any doubt arise as to their condition, they should not be put together until the hen evinces her desire, either by commencing to build a nest, or by her calls for the cock.

Be Careful with the Feeding.

The staple diet when the birds are put together may either be canary and rape seed, or a mixture of seeds; but not the mixture of condition seed as previously recommended, as this would be too nutritious. It is economical to mix one's own seed; further, in some mixtures one can purchase there may be some kinds of seeds that would not be beneficial if the Roller had them every day. A suitable seed mixture to be given to breeding pairs would be 11b. of best Spanish canary, ½lb. German summer rape, ¼lb. white millet, ¼lb. inga, ¼lb. hemp and ¼lb. groats. A pinch of linseed may be added if the birds will eat it, but the majority of Rollers do not care for it. A small teaspoonful of egg food, condition seeds, and a small dandelion leaf may be continued—as previously recommended to be given in March—up to the time the hen begins to sit.

During the afternoon or evening previous to the first egg being laid, most hens will appear to be a little unwell, for they will sit quieter than usual, and the stomach is larger than at other times. A larger quantity of cuttlefish bone and grit is now consumed. About this time some fanciers will put five drops of whiskey or gin in the drinking water, as a preventative against egg-binding, and the result appears to justify its use. Egg-binding is a very serious complaint, because the symptoms develop so rapidly that if assistance is not rendered immediately death will soon ensue.

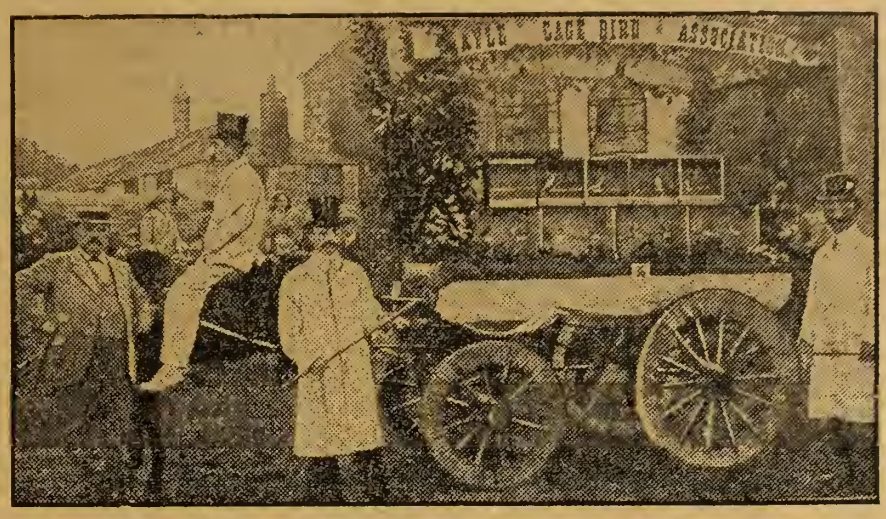
When a hen lingers in an illness for several days, the complaint is not likely to be egg-binding, as is often surmised to be the case by many inexperienced fanciers. They notice the swollen stomach and jump to the conclusion that it contains an egg that cannot be expelled. With them the red and painful looking skin of the stomach tells nothing, whereas with the experienced fancier it speaks of bowel trouble, and not egg-binding. The stomach of the hen that is eggbound will often become red, but by the time this discoloration has taken place she is helpless, either on the nest or on the cage bottom, whereas the hen that is suffering with bowel trouble is still able to use the perches and take her food, two conditions that are absent in the case of the egg-bound hen.

It is rather a difficult matter to explain to the beginner how to distinguish the first signs of egg-binding. As the symptoms develop and the pain becomes acute, it is an easy matter, for she is either sitting helpless in the nest, often with her wings partly open, or she is squatting prostrated on the cage bottom, but when the conditions have advanced to this stage it is very often too late for the illness to yield to treatment.

How to Distinguish Egg-binding.

I will try to give a rough guide to diagnosing the trouble in its first stages. Where a hen has previously bred for the fancier he will understand all her little peculiarities. It may be that she is a hen which will not build a nest; or, may not build one until the day previous to laying; or, again, she may be one which makes early preparation by constructing a nest several days previously. The keen fancier will notice that the majority of hens whether they construct a nest or not, have a habit of sitting quietly for a few minutes at a time in the nest-pan for one or two days previous to laying. Towards the close of some particular afternoon they will appear quieter than usual, and the stomach will seem distended, causing the feathers between the legs to drop nearer towards the perch. In the evening they stay for longer periods on the nest, and partake of an abnormal quantity of cuttlefish bone, and grit.

The above are the surest signs that a hen will lay the next morning; and after she has laid she will appear bright and cheerful again. On the other hand, where there is no egg, and the hen is more listless and dull than on the previous day, she must be at once taken in hand and treated for egg-binding. This trouble can be caused by a rapid fall in the temperature, especially if accompanied by cutting easterly winds, or it may be the result of some constitutional weakness, or a weakness of the internal organs, conditions that are not always perceivable in birds that have been well cared for. It is often perplexing how to account for egg-binding; still, the fact that the complaint is very rarely met with after the first round of eggs seems to indicate the importance of a reasonably warm atmosphere at the time of laying.



At Hayle Carnival, held in August, the Hayle C.B.S. won third prize with the decorated car shown. In the photo are seen (left to right) Mr. T. Rowe and Messrs. F. Coombe, A. T. Coombe (Hon. Sec.), and S. J. Coombe.

Remedies, Ancient and Modern.

Many fanciers have their own pet remedies for egg-binding, such as wrapping the hens up in a piece of warm flannel and placing them inside a cage before a fire, or even on the hob, or in a warm oven. Another old-fashioned remedy is to give a dose of warm castor oil direct into the beak, also dropping a few drops into the vent, probably with a view of lubricating the passage containing the egg. There may have been good grounds for this idea of the old time fanciers; I have, however, on several occasions removed eggs intact from hens that have died through egg-binding, and have found them enveloped in a firmly adhering thin skin.

(To be continued.)

Redpolls: Their Management, Training, and Exhibition

A practical article by J. Steel (Dalkeith) which tells you all you can wish to know about these desirable little pets.

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ANOTHER disadvantage which the Lesser labours under is having often to compete with his relative, the Mealy or Northern Redpoll, and in a majority of the smaller shows such handicap is further increased by the inclusion of Siskin or Twite. The fancier who has faith in his Lesser Redpoll stopping an equally excellent specimen of either of these is a very Mark Tapley among exhibitors. Indeed I have yet to see such a happening. On the contrary, I have seen the honours of such classes so often divided in a manner suggestive of simple distribution irrespective of comparative merit, that I have been forced to the conclusion that with some judges the Lesser Redpoll is the last to be considered worthy of inclusion.

T'other is Very Like Which.

To decide the sex of an individual Redpoll calls for some discrimination, though there is one feature, the pink breast, which may be accepted as proof positive of the bird being a male. This presents us with two problems, firstly, why such a small minority possess that feature, and why (this being the breeding plumage) we get specimens sporting the full glory of such at all seasons, even in mid-winter?

That an enormous majority of males are quite devoid of such breast colour I have repeatedly proved, and that such pink breast is not in itself any indication of excellence is equally true, as some of the finest exhibition specimens have been from capture quite devoid of pink. I have found that Redpolls of both sexes are sometimes caught in which the crimson cap is replaced by that bronze which generally, but not invariably is consequent upon a cage moult (I refer to adults).

Given a choice, the novice cannot do better when sexing, and failing any signs of pink, than take one which possesses most of the points I have mentioned as desirable in an exhibition specimen, as these are the features in which the hen is invariably inferior. I would caution him against attempting to sex by deportment, as Redpolls will chum up with and feed each other indiscriminately of sex, this being a cause of many same sex "pairs" being put up for hybrid breeding as already referred to.

The Mealy Redpoll is a larger species than the Lesser, as the prefix to the name of the latter indicates, and differs in one important point, viz., that it is a migrant to Britain, not a single instance having been recorded of its breeding here. The variation in size and colour of these has led to some confusion, inasmuch as undoubted Mealies have been caught which were so small as not to exceed in size an exceptionally large Lesser, such as the specimen exhibited with success by Mr. Marley recently.

When a Mealy is a Jonque.

Also, as I have mentioned, the colour and name present us with a paradox, inasmuch as in this, as with every other species, there are Jonques and Mealies. Though the terms Jonque Mealy, or Mealy Mealy may sound silly, yet the difference is very marked, much more so in my opinion than in many other species, some even being so light as to lead to the supposition that they are a distinct species.

The Size goes with the Colour.

The rule that Mealies of a species are generally larger than Jonques holds especially good in this, some of the former being almost up to a British Bullfinch in size, a point which sometimes exalts such a bird in the eye of certain judges to the detriment of warmer and generally more compact competitors. Therefore, in selecting for exhibition, I can only repeat the advice I tendered to the owner of the last Palace winner, find out which the judge prefers, size or quality. The point of this advice has been proved by that bird having been since relegated to a very minor position in a very small class by another judge.

As a breeder the Mealy is quite the opposite of his smaller relative, and though we have occasional instances of his being successful in crossing, such attempts are in the overwhelming majority of cases attended with failure, even when the Canary is used as his partner.

A Problem of Migration.

The visits of the Mealy to our shores are marked by periods which defy all attempts at forecasting. By plying old catchers with questions I find their experiences only corroborate my own observations, viz., that they never come two years in succession, and though they may come in small parties after a lapse of two years the occurrence of such a host as invaded our shores on the memorable occasion of a few years ago is not likely to be repeated for years to come, having only occurred twice within the past twenty years. Perhaps Mr. E. K. Robinson can explain this problem of migration.

(To be continued.)

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For Rules see last weeks "Cage Birds")

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of ADVISORY EXPERTS. Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—Claude St. John. Mules and Hybrids—H. Norman. British Birds—H. J. Fulljames. Foreign Birds—Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.. Wild Bird Life—H. Norman.

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CANARY SEED SAMPLES (Edina).—The sample marked A is the largest and boldest seed, but is decidedly dirtier than B, and has also a slight trace of mustiness, which puts it quite out of consideration. B is of very fair quality, and quite sound and sweet; it is therefore much the better.

SAMPLE OF RAPE (M.P.D.).—The sample of seed sent appears to be a mixture of rape-like seeds known, I believe, in some place, as bird rapes. The sample contains a very large proportion of dirt and extraneous matter, weed seeds, etc., and is altogether of very second-rate quality. I do not advise its use for caged birds, though a little now and again might make a pleasant change for birds in aviaries to pick over.

MUCH BETTER (A. Mee).—Am glad to hear the treatment advised has done the bird so much good. The hoarseness is probably of no importance, and will disappear as the bird resumes its full song. See it is not exposed to cold draughts, and give three times a week for a fortnight, in addition to the staple seed diet, a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days add to the drinking water ten drops each of glycerine and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece.

POTASH SOLUTION (E.A.B.N.).—If you dissolve a drachm of the solid potash in a pint of water, the solution thus obtained will be the proper strength to use either for spraying over the birds or using in the baths as an aid to clearing out insect pests. Your confusion has evidently arisen from my previous use of the convenient terms of a teaspoonful, which, for all practical purposes, is equivalent to one drachm. Thus, if you crushed the solid potash to a coarse powder and took an average teaspoonful to add to a pint of water, this would be equivalent to adding a drachm to a pint.

STARTED DRINKING (F. C. Bird).—The excessive drinking which the hen suddenly acquired was the effect rather than the cause of the watery droppings. Keep cage floor and perches as clear as possible whilst looseness lasts. A good covering of clean dry sawdust will aid in doing so. Give no green food at present. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary." No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

scalded rape and a morsel of banan, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, broken groats, and maw. See that the hemp is sound and sweet. In the drinking water add, to each tablespoonful, three drops of tincture of gentian, and two each of tincture of opium and dilute sulphuric acid, two days in every three until the diarrhoea ceases. If the bird has apparently moulted all its small feathers, and the flights and tail appear dry and worn, carefully extract them a few at a time at intervals of about a week.

LEG GIVES WAY (Mrs. Tyrell).—I really cannot gather from your bare statement of the fact what may be amiss with a bird which cannot get its feet up to its head on account of the leg giving way. Which legs fails him, the one he tries to raise to his head or the one he stands on? Has he met with an accident lately? The leg might possibly be broken, or it may simply be due to weakness. You had better write again and give full particulars about the bird, and also of your method of feeding. Meantime see that the claws are not very much overgrown, and examine cage well for red mites. If any of these are found, thoroughly overhaul the cage and exterminate them. Keep him free from direct cold draughts, and do not expose him to the heated fumes from burning lights in the evenings. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for three consecutive days, and after this 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water, two days in every three for a fortnight.

A VARIETY (Enquirer).—(1) No, it is neither necessary nor advisable to wash a newly moulted bird that is clean and in perfect plumage in order to show it. You should, in fact, avoid washing a bird just as long as its plumage remains spotlessly clean. If you live in a neighbourhood where the air is clean and free from smoke, you should be able to do three shows, and perhaps more, before your bird requires washing. (2) It is quite likely your birds are not adapted for an outdoor aviary. You will do right to keep them indoors in a room without fires, but free from draughts or damp, during the winter. Add twenty drops of whisky and ten each of glycerine and lemon juice to the water for a day or two to remove the slight hoarseness. (3) The Rollers might have been a little upset by a change of diet. Give a morsel of bread and milk well sprinkled with raw every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana in addition to the usual diet. Add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to water for one day only, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid for three or four days. (4) A liberal use of bread and milk daily is not advisable. Twice a week is sufficient in normal circumstances. Reduce this item a little, give the above gentian mixture for a day or two, and the droppings will become normal. (5) In the absence of more definite particulars, I can only say that the way to prevent the cocks going into soft moult in the breeding season is to avoid the causes. If they have a full moult at the proper season, and are kept in healthy robust condition through the winter, they should not go into soft moult out of season, unless injudiciously moved about or exposed to draughts, damp, or sudden extremes of heat and cold.

COAL-TARRING BIRD HOUSE (W. L., C. D.).—I assume you mean tarring it on the outside only. If so, you may quite safely do so without fear of injury to the birds. You should choose a breezy drying day for the job, and it would be advisable to remove the birds—I take it they are in cages—for a few hours whilst the tar is applied and drying sets in, to avoid the possibility of any drops leaking through and making a mess inside. The walls inside should be done with limewash, distemper, or paint. For the sake of the little extra cost, I should prefer paint on the outside instead of tar. Sorry your letter arrived too late for reply to appear in last issue.

ARRANGING THE BETROTHAL (J. H. W.).—I'm afraid it is not possible to say definitely from the written description of a tyro whether any given two birds would make a suitably matched pair. I am not clear of the type of your Norwich cock. Is the colour of the "brown back" of a drab or somewhat fawn brown, and are the markings on the head of the same colour? If so, the bird is a Cinnamon-bred one, and in that case you would require Cinnamon blood in the hen if you are to avoid breeding a lot of heavily variegated birds. Then I cannot tell whether the very pale yellow is really yellow or buff. In the latter case you will find on close inspection that the tips of the feathers are white. The hen is evidently a coloured yellow, and a suitable mate for her will be found in a ticked or lightly marked buff cock, which must, of course, compensate as far as possible any weaknesses of the hen in size, shape, and general characteristics by excelling himself in those points. You will find this matter explained in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you have sent for.

GROWTH ON NECK (M. Geary).—Really, you should have made some little attempt to describe the appearance of the growth. Is it under the skin, or apparently a growth on the surface, and is it soft, solid, or apparently filled with fluid or air? If it appears an abnormal growth of feather material, tie a ligature tightly around the base and leave the rest to nature. If a sac filled with air, prick with a clean needle and press gently to expel the air. If filled with fluid or solid matter, paint it sparingly three times at intervals of a week with tincture of iodine. Upon the whole, perhaps you had better leave it alone until you have written again and described as fully as you can the appearance and nature of the growth, and how long it has been there.

NOT MOULTING (Harbourite).—You may treat both birds the same. First give each a vapour bath as described and illustrated in "Our Canaries," or, if you cannot extemporise a cabinet, a very good substitute is to place the bird in a fair-sized open wire cage on a table, place beside cage a mug of nearly boiling water, and cover all over closely with a woollen shawl or wrap to enclose the steam in cage. Allow to remain fifteen minutes or so. Then keep cage in a fairly warm temperature with a light cover over it for a week or so, and during this time add twenty drops of whisky and five of syrup of saffron to the water two days in every three, and give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur every second day. If moult has made a fair start by the end of a week or ten days, allow things to remain as they are, but if the moult has not started, move both the birds back to their original place in the room where no fires are kept and await events. If the latter move does not start the moult, you can only patiently wait the natural course.

BLEEDING AND EXHAUSTION (Anxious).—You did very wrong to allow the bird to remain in a flight with several others when you first noticed its injured condition, as that wonderful thing, Nature, which we are often told is so kind and merciful, would at once prompt all the others to fall upon the unfortunate wretch and slowly but surely worry it to death, as they appear to have well-nigh done. The cause of the bleeding of the probably a damaged or broken feather in the quill stage, and this has doubtless not had a single chance to heal. Cage the bird alone at once in a moderate sized cage, and for the first few days keep a light cover over it to induce bird to remain quiet and not flutter about. Bathe the tail—the sore part, from whence the quills grow—once daily for a few days in a lukewarm solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract to a saucerful of warm water. Do not wet the plumage more than is unavoidable. After bathing a few minutes dry gently by absorbing moisture with a bit of soft linen, and paint the sore part with a feather dipped in the strong extract. Hold bird for a short time for any "sting" to pass off, and then prevent bird pecking itself. Give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, daily for a fortnight, and in the water add twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whisky and six each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

FEEDING GREENFINCH-CANARY (T. A. T.).—It is not a difficult matter to get a Greenfinch Mule into show condition; they are naturally healthy subjects, and good feeders. Let his staple food be two parts canary and one of rape, and every other day give him a teaspoonful of the following mixture:—Equal parts of each, hemp, linseed, maw, and teazle, and let him have a dozen good plump sunflower seeds daily. Don't forget green food, such as chickweed, groundsel, plantain, and shepherd's purse. All these you can still find if you live anywhere near the fields or country lanes. The drooping wings you speak of may be due to nervousness or want of condition; if the former, handle him frequently, running him from one cage to another, and gently moving him from perch to perch. If due to want of condition, the feeding will alter it. A fly in a large cage large enough to allow him to use his wings, would also be beneficial. Let him bathe frequently, in filtered rain water if procurable.

BREEDING CANARY MULES (Patrick Foley).—If you are a beginner in the fascinating pastime of breeding Hybrids, I would advise you to start with Greenfinch or Linnet cocks and Canary hens. Procure your birds as soon as possible, getting large Norwich hens. Select big bold Finches, wild caught birds will do, hang them in rather small cages, near the hens, and handle them frequently to get them steady. When one of them will bear looking at without dashing about the cage, you could place it in a fairly large cage with one of the hens—or, better still, turn it in with all of them, and if you see it "chummy" with one of them, keep your eye on it, and cage them off together. Let them be together all the winter until the beginning of March; then part them, hanging the cock bird in a small cage beside the hen. They can be put together for breeding purposes at the end of March or the beginning of April. Write again in the spring if you are in doubt about anything.

CAGE FOR HYBRID (Beginner).—If you are not a member of a Specialist Club, you can exhibit a bird in any cage you choose; there is no restriction, only the unwritten law of custom. Hybrids as a rule are exhibited in box cages, commonly known as Norwich show cages. These vary in size according to the variety exhibited. The size you mention—14 by 12 by 6—would do very well for your jonque Goldfinch-Canary. If you attend the show yourself, compare it with others in the same class, and you will then see if you are near the mark. Paint the inside and the wire front green, about the same tone as that of a laurel leaf; all the rest of the cage enamel black. Do this as soon as possible, so as to allow the paint and enamel to get thoroughly hardened before the show. Be careful how you place the perches; put them the right distance apart, so that he can hop gracefully from one to the other. Train him to the cage, so that he is quite used to it before the show.

PAIRS FOR A BEGINNER (Birdie).—You wish to start Hybrid breeding with six pairs, and would like them to be all Finches and Canaries. The Finches I would advise are as follows, all cock birds:—Greenfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, and Goldfinch. These are the five least difficult to deal with, and you could either duplicate one of them or try the Canary-Bullfinch, in which case the Canary would be the cock bird and you would require sitting hen Canaries to hatch the fertile eggs; but I would advise you to have another of the above Finches as less liable to give disappointment, which means much to a beginner. You will, of course, require good big hens (yellow for preference) to pair with them. Some idea of winter management you can glean from the answer to Patrick Foley in this issue, but if in doubt write again. Respecting wild seeds, plantain is a plant growing on waste land; the seed spray is like a rat's tail with little seeds on it. Shepherd's purse has branching thin stalks with a purse of seed at the extremities, and no doubt you know groundsel and chickweed. A book on seeds and wild plants published at "Cage Birds" Office at 1s. 2d. would pay you tenfold in value. You would have no difficulty in collecting suitable wild seeds with its assistance.

MULE AND HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES

A YOUNG BLACKBIRD (E. Matthews).—You need have no anxiety about the colour of your young Blackbird. It will not really become a black bird until after next year's moult, and its black will improve in density from year to year. The same applies to the colour of its beak; this may not be really clear from black until its third year. Glad to hear you find the Nutshells helpful. Either No. 4, "The Song Thrush and Blackbird," or No. 26, "The Larger Insectivorous Birds," will give you all the information you need, and if you follow the directions as to feeding and keeping that are therein given, your bird should do quite well and improve from year to year.

A WAGTAIL'S BIB (Novice).—The Wagtail lost its bib in the ordinary course of moulting, and it is now not showing because of the bird being in winter plumage. The bib will reappear in due course, but probably not to the extent of that of a wild bird. The colour of the show cage is a matter of choice; personally I like a holly green, but many prefer a deepish blue. A Wagtail is a walking bird, and the show cage should be fitted with five or six perches, so that the bird may step from one to the other easily. The absence of a bib is no detriment to its show chances at this season of the year.

GREYPATES AND GOLDFINCHES (Greypate).—A Greypate is simply a Goldfinch of the year, one which is too young yet to possess the blaze which adorns the adult birds. As soon as the bird gets its blaze, it is no longer a Greypate—that is all the difference. (2) Of course, a Greypate will not "mule," as you put it, with a Border Canary, nor with anything else; it is not old enough to possess any desire for matrimony. It will grow out of this in due course, but it will not then be a Greypate.

ENTERITIS AND ITS CAUSES (W. W. Deepard).—In the ideal circumstances in which you are keeping your birds, I must confess it is a puzzle to me to guess how they may have picked up any of the poisons which could set up this disease, with its fatal consequences. The berries from the growing ivy might possibly be injurious to birds in an aviary, for it seems to be an established fact that many things which are harmless to birds in freedom may be dangerous when their liberty of exercise is restricted. I have even known it to be stated that the berries of the Mountain Ash, which are freely partaken of by many wild birds will kill them if given in a cage. But your birds could not have been poisoned by ivy berries, for there would be none at the season of your losses. The only solution which occurs to me is that the seed is accessible to mice, and that these vermin have poisoned parts of it by their excretions. It may be that the seed is contaminated by mice before you get it. Some corn chandlers' shops are infested by these pests, and the seed is poisoned while in stock. I am sending your letter and this reply to Mr. Yates, who made the post-mortem on your Snow Bunting, and perhaps he may be able kindly to throw more light on the subject.

HIND TOE OUT OF PLACE (Ilda).—If the toe is not broken, and you may easily find out whether this is so, the best plan will be to make a rubber ring by cutting a small piece from a length of feeding bottle tubing. Pass the three front toes through this, hold the hind toe back to the shank, and push the ring upwards so as to confine the toe within the ring. Keep it thus for four or five weeks, and then remove. The bird should by then be able to use the hind toe, but it will be advisable for a time to have perches not thicker than a lead pencil. The sketch of a perch which you send shows one which is too thin for ordinary use, but which will be about right for temporary use as stated. Ordinarily, perches should be about half an inch in width, with the top edges chamfered of; round thin perches are frequently the cause of foot trouble. (2) If the accident of cutting a bird's claw so short as to make it bleed happens again, the end should be touched with Friar's Balsam, holding the bird in the hand until it dries and stops the bleeding. Such an accident should not happen, as it is easily avoided. Before cutting the claw of a bird, it should be held up against the light, and the blood vessel will be plainly seen. It is then easy to avoid cutting into it.

LINNET STUCK IN MOULT (W. H. E.).—Give a vapour bath by placing the bird in a small cage on a table with a jug of very hot water by the side of the cage; cover the whole with a thick wrap of some kind to keep in the vapour. After a quarter of an hour remove the hot water, but keep the cage covered for an hour. Next day put the bird into a cool room where it will be free from draughts, and add to the drinking water daily twenty drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a threepennypiece. When the moult is resumed, stop the drugs and change the bird to a warmer room to complete, being careful that it is not subjected to varying temperatures between day and night. If the bowels are not acting freely, dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence in its drinking water for one day before commencing with the above treatment, and repeat this dose after a week. (2) You may pull out the broken tail feathers of your other bird, removing only one or two at a time, until all the damaged feathers are ultimately taken out, and new feathers should grow in about six weeks.

BRITISH BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT TONIC (Hibernia).—The Byno-phosphates was intended as a tonic, and it is one of the best, but half-a-tea-spoonful of cod-liver oil, soaked into a piece of biscuit, crust, or cake, according to the birds, should materially strengthen the bird, and could be given in addition to the phosphates. It will be wise for some little time to keep the bowels well regulated, and I should give the fluid magnesia as required to secure this, but at the same time there must be no condition equivalent to chronic diarrhoea. If there should be any recurrence of the parasites, renew the treatment of your former reply at once.

MYNAH (R. Hunter).—Your bird is a Mynah, but whether a Greater or Lesser Hill Mynah I cannot say, without a fuller description. The former is glossy purplish-black, with orange beak, and legs, and deep yellow wattles. The value of your bird would be 25s. to 30s., according to condition, etc. These birds are almost omnivorous, but must have ripe fruit ad. lib., and some live insects daily; boiled rice, insectile mixture (soft food), table scraps may also be given, also milk sop, if it cares for it. This species is a greedy eater, and its cage needs constant attention to keep it clean and sweet. From its greedy nature, it is liable to become over fat under the conditions of cage life, and as soon as it has become quite tame, it would be benefited by a daily fly round the room. It can easily be got back to its cage by putting therein a live insect or any other item of its general dietary, of which it is specially fond.

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (P. E. Bedwell). — (1) It is really the particular trend of individual pairs that can settle such a matter. There could be no guarantee that they would not interbreed; as a matter of fact, such has occurred in many aviaries, and the young are nearly all Greens. If the birds were properly paired up first, it is quite probable they would remain true to their respective mates, but the other is just as likely to happen. (2) This is not easy to give owing to your price limit, as to be safe with Budgerigars it must be some form of Parrakeet; again, "breed freely" is another handicap, for there can be no certainty on this point. Among the small Parrakeets, apart from Budgerigars, Cockatiels (10s. 6d. pair), and Black-cheek Lovebirds (30s. to 42s. pair) are the freest breeders, and there is great variability in prolificness with the latter species in different aviaries. Here are a few others which have been bred by several aviculturists: Madagascar Lovebirds (4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. pair), Blue-wing Lovebirds (10s. to 15s. pair). A pair of Red-crested Cardinals would agree with Budgies, etc., value 10s. to 15s. pair, but they would require fruit and occasional insects, besides seed.

MANNIKINS, ETC. (C. E. Andrews).—(1) Mannikins are in colour all the year round, but nestlings are an even nondescript brown, and till after the moult remain so. I cannot therefore name it for you till this has taken place, and you can describe the plumage. Your bird may be a Weaver, in which case I should say it was a hen, as it ought to be in colour now if a male; again, I can only

tell you the species by the description of the cock's plumage, when in colour the hen of various species are so similar that only a very minute description makes identification possible. (2) The large yellow and red mulled is not so freely taken as either white or French (similar to the seeds of spray millet) some of them have to be starved on to it, and there is nothing to be gained by it. (3) Quite a common practice this; the remedy is not too many in a cage, and the cages as roomy as possible. (4) A pair of sharp nail nippers is the best, and you will have to be careful not to cut back into the quick. You can usually distinguish the vein by holding the claw against the light, if it is too dark for you to see this, then you must err in taking off too little rather than the other extreme, but in case you should draw blood, have a little Friar's Balsam handy. This will soon check the bleeding. You must hold the bird firmly, and gently in the hand, while attending to the claws. (5) A little raw, grass, nuctard and lettuce seeds in equal parts may be given as a change, and millet sprays serve the same purpose and give exercise at the same time.

ARE THEY STEEL FINCHES? (C. L.).—There are several races of the Combassou, which range from glossy steel to deep blue-black; to all of them the designation Steel Finch is more or less applied, but they are the more generally known as Combassous on the English market. I believe your birds to be Napoleon Weavers, often called the Black bellied Weaver. Senegal Spotted Doves should breed in an outdoor aviary, but unless they have been out most of the summer they should not be left out for their first winter in this country.

ROCK PARROTS (Mixed).—I fear you are likely to remain so; many of these designations are merely trade names covering the various races of the Indian Ring-necks—the designation "King," tacked on to the ordinary name, is, again, very often merely a trade name, and practically has no significance. There is only one King Parrakeet, and that is an Australian species. All these species make very fair talkers, but there is great variability with individual specimens, some only learning an odd word or two, and others making quite talented birds, but all of them take much more teaching than the African Grey Parrot. Some of these races and species are so similar that only full and rather lengthy descriptions would make them clear, and I do not think the necessary space could be spared in this column. Describe your bird carefully, and I shall be pleased to try and name it for you.

ZEBRA FINCHES, ETC. (A. F. C.).—(1) Canary, white millet and millet sprays, green food, grit, cuttlebone and water. While obtainable there is nothing better than flowering (seeding) grass, at other times chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, and fresh lettuce. When they are feeding young a little soft food may be given—equal parts of ants' eggs, dried flies and sponge cake, slightly moistened with hot water meets the case, but the bulk of Zebra Finches bred in England are reared on seed and green food, together with such flies as their parents capture in the aviary. Your query No. 2 must be repeated to our British Bird specialist.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (W. H.).—Heavy breathing is quite as often caused by digestive troubles as by bronchial trouble, and digestive troubles are not easily removed. Keep the bowels moving freely by a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia as required and also give it a course of the cold mixture given in the Nutshell "Grey Parrot." At the end of this period report progress. I can only diagnose from what you tell me; you should be able to tell whether the trouble is purely respiratory or digestive by carefully observing the bird. Note: While giving the cold mixture use a drinker (not a metal one) holding about one ounce (two tablespoonfuls) and to this add one teaspoonful of the mixture, stirring it up at intervals during the day. The bird should be kept fairly warm, but this does not imply a hothouse temperature, nor yet a vitiated one, 55 to 60 deg. F. being ample.

AILING PARROT (F. Clarke).—You give me no idea as to how you are feeding this bird. It should get seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit or dry crusts, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. In the first place, you must keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery-loose, by giving an occasional laxative (1 teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water), as often as may be required. When not giving the maghesia, put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water, giving clear water once or twice a week. I should also give the bird half-a-teaspoonful of cod-liver oil daily, soaked into a piece of biscuit, sponge cake, madeira cake, or crust, according to the bird's taste. It will also help matters if the bird will let you handle it, to bathe its legs in hot water (not hot enough to cause discomfort), dry with a soft cloth and paint with neat whiskey. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

A FEATHER BITER (T. J. McG.).—You must be careful that the bird does not get a chill; spraying twice weekly with quassia solution should check the habit, but you will have to persevere, as a feather biter or puller seldom entirely gives up the vice once it has become confirmed in it. You might give it an aperient—one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water for one day only; also lightly dust any moistened food you give it with flowers of sulphur. If you send me details as to how you are feeding and treating the bird generally, I will try and help you further. Keep some pieces of wood, cotton reels, etc., in its cage for it to play with and cut to pieces.

FREE BREEDERS (J. S. Bingley).—You do not supply sufficient details for me to give you a satisfactory reply. Size of aviary, and whether an in or outdoor one, should always be stated. Yours may only be roomy all-wire cages, which are often termed aviaries. In the first place, with the exception of a few species, you cannot speak of Foreign birds being free-breeders the same as you do the domestic Canary. Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Zebra Finches, Cut-throats, Silverbills, are all ready breeders, either in cage or aviary, but they are more prolific in the latter. Long-tail Grassfinches, Saffron Finches, Bicheno's Finches, Crimson Finches, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills have all been bred in cages as well as those already named. Avadavats, Cuban and Olive Finches, Jacarini Finches, Gouldian Finches (in some aviaries), Redrumps, Rosella and other Parrakeets, are fairly ready breeders in captivity. Foreign Thrushes, Grey-winged Ouzels, Orange-headed Ground Thrushes and others have shown themselves fairly ready to nest of late years. Foreign birds are not usually such early breeders as Canaries, and the breeding season may be said to run from April to September, or even longer. If you repeat query with some information about the aviaries, I can possibly be more explicit.

WHAT SPECIES IS IT? (D. McF.).—While the plumage would rather point to one of the large Weavers of the Hyphantornine group (these are almost impossible to pick out without seeing them), the bill rather points to some member of the large Hangnest family, again the dietary is that of a Weaver. Have you exaggerated the length of the beak? Will you as carefully as possible measure the bill, and also the length from tip of beak to tip of tail? If you will give me the above information I will try and give you a definite reply next week. I think it must be one of the larger Weavers, nearly all of which are fond of mealworms, and, if so, it could be shown as a seedeater.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

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Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.—Oct. 21, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Wheeling exhibition by Mr. W. Foxall. —J. Whitehead.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Allen. Society's dance, 7 p.m., Brayshaw's Assembly Rooms; tickets 6d.—F. Gelder.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Social Club, 7. Arrangements for annual show.—D. Reavley.

Barrow C.B.A.—Oct. 22, Gardner and Richard, 7.30. Wheeling exhibition; members bring a friend.—A. Hudson.

Beamish C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Schedules for annual show; subs. due.—W. Knowles.

Bingley O.S.—Oct. 21, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Selection of judges for 1914-5; Yorkshire Union; and other business.—H. Shaw.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Oct. 21, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Lecture on wild seeds and plants, by Mr. Barker, Wallasey; members bring friends.—G. Morton.

Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 21, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford. Entries for 5th annual show taken from 7.15 to 11.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 17, Carnival Committee Rooms, 8. Entries for old bird show, Oct. 13, at 2.30; Mr. A. Chew, Leeds, judge.—W. H. Steel.

Bursiem C.B.S.—Oct. 23, Barnfield's Inn, 8. Business important.—L. James.

Camborne F. and H.S.—Oct. 17, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Passing schedule. Subscriptions due.—A. Scoble.

Consett, Blackhill P., etc., S.—Oct. 18, Co-operative Buildings, Consett, 7.30. Show arrangements.—J. H. Coupland.

Craghead C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Punch Bowl Inn, 7.30. Getting schedule ready for coming show, and other important business.—A. Dawson.

Craghead Workmen's Club F. and F. and C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Club Room, 7. Compiling schedule and selecting judges for our coming show.—A. Dawson.

Darvel C.B.C.—Oct. 21, Town Hall, 7.30. Fixing hall and judge for club show; general business.—J. Robertson, jun.

Derby C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for members' show.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 7.30. Special business.—G. T. Lynn.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Oct. 21, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Replies from printers and Edinburgh Western O.S., and other business, re annual show, table show (Nov.) Fee 2d.—J. C. Charlton.

Felling F. and F.S.—Oct. 18, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Show business.—G. Garbutt.

Glasgow C.B.A.—Oct. 21, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Calling up of guarantee fund and collection of special sheets.—W. Hutchison.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Oct. 21, J. H. Seniore, 8. Show business.—A. Berry.

Grangemouth C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Rochabite Hall, 8. Arrangements for show; important.—J. Woodhouse.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Oct. 18, Wesley Place School, 7. Open show business. Special meeting. Please note earlier time.—W. A. Brown.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 18, Butchers' Arms, 8. Also members' show. Birds staged 8; judge, Mr. Fred. Allen. Lots of specials.—J. Holroyd.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Mr. J. Nicholson's, 8. Important business. Members who have specials for show please attend.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 20, White Hart Hotel, 8. Special meeting, very important business.—A. Lawford.

Idle C.B.S.—Oct. 18, White Bear Inn, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. A. Shaw. Cup and shield competition; specials for two best 4th birds. Entries Friday, 8 till 10.—C. E. Hylton.

Kelly and Blairadam C.B.A.—Oct. 21, No. 2, Gothenburg, 6. Show business; important.—A. Dickson.

Lancashire C.A.—Oct. 19, Volunteer Inn, George St., Oldham, 6. Patronage and subs. All members and friends welcome.—J. Hampshire.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 21, White Swan 8.30. Schedules ready.—A. Freestone.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Oct. 25, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 3. Eighth annual show. G. G. Stubbs.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Oct. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business, etc.—W. H. Tansey.

Manningham C.B.A.—Oct. 18, headquarters, 2. Members' show; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe. Entries Oct. 17, 8 to 10.—H. Grange.

Musselburgh O.S.—Oct. 25, Cossar's Tea Rooms, 7.30. Business important.—A. Hoyle.

Northern British M.F.B.C.—Oct. 22, headquarters, 8. Table show, 3 classes: Linnet, A.O.V., and For. W. Curry.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Oct 22, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Election of judge for annual show.—F. Washbourne.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Oct. 18, White's, 2, St. James Street, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, entries, etc.—J. Stewart.

Penlypridd F. and F.S.—Oct. 18, Victoria Hotel, 8. Show business. Members kindly bring in specials. —A. A. G. McLucas.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Oct. 18, College Inn, 9. Members' entries, also officials for show.—B. Bailey.

Sale C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Excelsior Club, Tatton Road, 7.45. Allotting specials for open show. Subs. to be paid at this meeting to enable to enter at member's rate.—H. Whitney.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 23, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting, important business.—J. R. Meikle.

Shipley O.S.—Oct. 22, Victoria Hotel. Members' show staged at 2; judge, E. B. Denton, Windhill.—E. Grange.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Oct. 20, headquarters, 7.45. Allotting of specials, etc. Members requiring coupons for CAGE BIRDS competition kindly obtain from me at once.—W. Broadbridge.

Southern Border F.C.—Oct. 23, The Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8. Final selection of spoon and cup, and general business. Visitors welcome.—F. Moore

South Shields C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Cyprus. 7.30. Special meeting Oct. 22, 7.30, when all specials must be in. —W. L. Smith.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 20, headquarters, 8. Selection of judges.—J. Bamford.

Stanley Empire Workmen's Club F. and F.C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Club Room, 7. Election of stewards, etc., for annual show Nov. 22-23.—W. Robinson.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Oct. 20, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Allot special prizes for open show.—J. Pitchford.

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show Oct. 18. Birds staged 3; judge, Mr. T. Bennett, Bradford.—W. Walker.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Cardiff Arms, 6.30. Important business.—E. Thomas.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Oct. 21, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Show business.—A. H. McLean.

Walkden Roller Society.—Oct. 21, Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—H. Howard.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Oct. 22, Station Hotel, 7.30. Elect classes for judges. Specials for show. Very important show business. Schedules will be at meeting.—G. Greenwell.

Wandsworth F.S.—Oct. 23, "Sutton's Hall," Spread Eagle Yard, 8. Open show business.—W. Lightfoot.

Wigan C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—E. Ball.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. Colbourn.—Enteritis following fatty degeneration of the liver. The symptoms of drowsiness are caused by the absorption of poisonous products or toxins generated in the intestines. You must try an entirely fresh supply of food, discontinuing the other at once; it is evident that the source of trouble is in the feeding.

Miss A. Snow.—You have mentioned nothing as to method of feeding. Your case is exactly parallel to that of Mr. Colbourne above—exactly same disease arising from same cause.

John P. Hall.—Septic fever.

Mrs. E. M. Murton.—Reed Sparrow, pneumonia caused death. Bird was not a very thrifty one, and readily succumbible. Write CAGE BIRDS for pur-

Scotsman.—Why not have signed your name? Surely you have nothing to be ashamed of? We never even so much as heard of the shows you mention; if they were members' shows, then it was the duty of the secretaries to have sent reports for publication. We only send representatives to open shows.

Tat.—We do not know of such a book. The Green is exhaustively dealt with in "Our Canaries," also in "Howe's Canary Manual" (see our book list). We presume you mean by "points," the show points; these for all breeds will be found fully set out in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL (post free 8d.).

G. Osborne, Tom Clarke, and others.—Thanks for the newspaper cuttings, which shall be dealt with if space permits.

E. Taylor.—Thanks for the excellent photograph which we will reproduce in the near future.

Poacher.—The sergeant has no right to take the law into his own hands by confiscating your nets and rabbits; he is only entitled to charge you, if you are breaking the law, when it is for the magistrates to say, if you are found guilty, whether your tackle, etc., shall be forfeited. You can claim the value of your confiscated property in the County Court; or you can bring his conduct to the notice of the magistrates. We do not know, of course, whether you had permission to ferret for rabbits in the woods, or whether you were trespassing.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

C. Craven.—Celluloid marking rings have been advertised in our columns by Mr. Hughes, 20, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, and Mr. R. Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

J. George.—We thank you for the kindly interest you take in our paper in far-away Utah, also for the verses sent, but as the latter concern Sea-gulls

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Clacton. Nov. 12, Winter Gardens. Judge, F. J. S. Chatterton. 1 class (Cup). Prizes, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee, 6d. Ent. close Oct. 30, to J. S. Potter, 64, Rosemary Rd.

Manchester. Oct. 24-25, Zoological Gardens, Belle Vue. Judges: J. Garner, W. A. Cowgill, W. Vardy, A. H. Roe, T. Harrison, J. Berdick. 113 open classes: Lancs. 8, Liv. 6, Yorks. 19 (5 Amat.), Green. 8, Nor. 16 (5 Amat.), Crests 6, Clun 6 (2 Nov.), Belg. 2, Scots Fancy 2, Bord. 11, Bell 4, Stock 1, Mules 4, Brit. 11, For. 6. Prizes, 1½, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 18 to H. Beckhman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme, Manchester.

Southend. Nov. 4-5, Blue Boar, Prittlewell. Judges: H. Normau, J. Dewhurst. 45 classes: Yorks. 14 (6 Nov.), Nor. 14 (6 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Mules 5, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d.; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 27, to Deer and Cundy, 22, Eayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.

Carlisle (Border City O.S.).—Oct. 29-30, King's Hall, Globe Lane. Judges: J. Robson, H. W. Batty, J. Maddison. 64 classes: Bord. 15, Nor. 12, Yorks. 11, A.O.V. 1, Mules 5, Brit. 14, For. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 25, to J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Wisbech (£5 Limit).—Oct. 29, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. Gladwin. 13 open classes. Nor. 7, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 22, to Ward and Coulson, "Kilmorie," Park Rd., Walsoken, Wisbech.

Taunton.—Oct. 30, Parade, Assembly Rooms. Judges: J. W. Rennie, Rev. G. W. Joyce, J. Frostick. 44 classes: Yorks. 13, Nor. 9, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Mules 2, For. 3, Sell 2, Local 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 23, to W. G. Elsmore, 3, Billet St.

Edenbridge.—Nov. 5-6, Oddfellows' Hall. Judge, G. H. Billett. 10 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 2, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; fee, 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 22, to W. Walter, Post Office, Marsh Green, Edenbridge.

Barnstaple.—Nov. 4-5, Market Hall. Judge, T. Heath. 39 classes: Belg. 4, Yorks. 4, Nor. 6, Crests 6, Bord. 1, Scots Fancy 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Nov. Can. 1, Sell 3, Mules 2, Brit. 4, Local 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 28, to J. D. Horrill, Exhibition Office, High St.

Perth O.A.—Oct. 25, Co-operative Hall, Canal St. Judges: J. Sandison, J. Craig, A. W. Watson. 51 classes: Crests 8 (2 Sell), Nor. 14 (2 Sell), Bord. 10 (2 Sell), A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 12 (1 Sell), For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 20, to J. L. Smith, 120, High St.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 22, Feversham St. Council Schools. Judges: H. W. Watson, H. J. Chittenden. 30 classes: Yorks. 19 (8 Nov.), Nor. 8 (2 Nov.), Sell 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 13, to W. Helliwell, 116, Mill Lane, Manchester Rd., Bradford.

Evesham.—Oct. 29, Public Hall. Judge, J. H. Payne. 6 classes: Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Can., Brit., Local, Mule. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 21, to G. Witts, Bengeworth, Evesham.

Ulster O.A. (Ireland only).—Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Clarence Place Hall. Judges: R. Wright, A. Wellings, J. Carson. 57 classes: Belg. 1, Scots Fancy 10 (1 Sell), Crests 5 (1 Sell), Nor. 19 (4 Nov., 1 Sell), Yorks. 9 (4 Nov., 1 Sell), Mules 3, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 9/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; fee, 2/-. Ent. close Oct. 27, to R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.

Muirkirk. Nov. 1, Temperance Hall. Judge: T. Ritchie. 11 open classes: Bord. 9, Brit. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 28, to A. Loggie, Temperance Hall.

Wolverhampton.—Oct. 24-25, Co-operative Hall. Judge, J. Robson. 37 open classes: Nor. 12, Crests 2, Yorks. 10, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 20, to J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.

Queensbury.—Nov. 7-8, Fanciers' Hall. Rushenden Rd. Judge, G. Gardner. 14 classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 5, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 31, to A. Cundill, 27, Stanley Avenue.

Swindon.—Oct. 25, Swimming Baths. Judge, J. H. Payne. 12 classes: Crests 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 2, Nov. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6; fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 18, to W. J. Moran, 2, Brunswick St.

Hetton.—Nov. 22, Workmen's Club. Judge, W. Reid. 12 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Brit. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 15, to A. J. Notley, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, Co. Durham.

Middlesbrough.—Oct. 25, Victoria Hall. Judges: T. Bennett, A. Brown, J. Maddison. 37 open classes: Yorks. 8, Nor. 8, Crests 3, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Mules 2, Brit. 8, For. 1, Nov. Can. 2, Nov. Brit. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 20, to A. Wake, 128, Princes Rd.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, at George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Castleton, when 14 birds were entered for three good prizes. Winners: J. Wainwright, 1; A. Sweeting, 2; S. Morley, 3. Open Linnet contests every week-end at headquarters until further notice.—J. Brindley, Sec.

PENTONVILLE.

Usual bandicaps, at the Robin Hood, Southampton Street, during week. On Oct. 10, Chaffinches, winner, Mike; runner-up, Manley. On Oct. 11, morning, Linnet, winner Pony Moore; second, Smith. Night, Chaffinches, winner, Sylvester; R. Hughes, runner-up.—F. Hughes, Timekeeper.

LEEDS.

Prince Albert Linnet Assoc., Newtown, weekly contest, October 12, when 25 birds sang for three good prizes. All the birds sang exceedingly well. Result: 1, 2, A. Lorriman; 3, T. Riley. Judges, N. Soloman and C. Lorriman. Linnet fanciers are welcome to come and hear these birds sing.

Quality singing contest, held Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe, October 12th, when 12 birds faced the judges. 1, Ward; 2, Hullen; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and J. Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held King's Head, Shannon Street, October 11, when 16 birds sang for 3 good prizes. 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, S. Hardcastle. October 12th, 19 birds sang. 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, J. Chadwick; 3, S. Hardcastle. Judges, A. Jennings, J. Mellia, W.

Correspondence.

Revival of the Accrington C.B.S.

Sir,—An attempt is being made to revive the Accrington and District Cage Bird Society, and for that object there will be a meeting at the Crown Hotel, Blackburn Rd., on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is given to all bird fanciers to attend.

D. Harwood.

Birds that Are Well Off, and Know It.

Sir,—I saw a letter in a recent Cage Birds about a Bullfinch which preferred captivity. I may say that I have allowed both Bullfinches and Greenfinches their liberty, but they were too well fed and looked after to ever stay away long. I really believe that once a bird knows you and is kindly treated it will never forsake its cage, unless, perhaps, during the mating season.

E. Harcombe.

How a Bullfinch's Breast-colour was Deepened!

Sir,—Many thanks for your excellent portraiture of my Clapham winning Bullfinch in the current issue of Cage Birds. The bird is a 1912 hand-reared specimen, and made his first appearance on the show bench at the recent Clapham show. For a raw recruit to win his first venture and be at once selected for the place of honour on Cage Birds front page is a good start indeed; and I fancy the double-barrelled honour has already deepened his blush from pink to crimson. Best wishes for your continued success.

C. Prior.

A Late Brood of Goldfinches.

"Proud Tailors" Very Plentiful in Devon.

Sir,—How is this for a late brood of Goldfinches? When coming home to breakfast last Thursday, Oct. 9, I saw a brood of babies just out of the nest fly across the street. A friend also saw them in his garden with one of the old ones feeding them. They were on the small yellow sunflower seeds. I consider it is the same brood my brother also saw in the garden at the back of his house last week. Goldies are very plentiful here. A friend saw a flock of 200 where he was at work. The farmer, I may say, thought they were Sparrows.

R. Rowley.

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A Gramophone Record of the Nightingale's Song.

Sir,—I see in Cage Birds of Oct. 11 a letter from Mr. Claude St. John asking if any reader has heard a record of the Sprosser Nightingale. Well, I happened to be at East Grinstead about four years ago. On going up the London Road I saw quite a crowd of people outside a music-shop, and on stopping to see what was on, I heard a gramophone record of the song of a Nightingale. It was for all the world like the song that you hear from them in the woods, but whether it was a Sprosser, or other sort of Nightingale, I don't know. The record was taken from a 'Gale in the possession of a gentleman who I believe was a German. The song was very distinct, but I could not say about the needle "scrape," though I did not notice much at the time.

A. A. Copthorne.

(I happen to have one of the records in question; it was very kindly presented to me by Mr. W. E. Tesehemaker. It is made by the Gramophone Co.; the number of the record is 9439, and its title, "Record made by a captive Nightingale, the property of Herr Carl Reich, of Bremen." Any dealer would obtain it to order. It is very interesting and well worth buying. The music is clearly that of the Sprosser (Continental) Nightingale, and though the quality of the notes is good, the song is a little lacking in variety—possibly that of a hand-reared bird. The record reproduces well; the "needle scrape" resolves itself largely into a question of the quality of the instrument in use.—Editor.)

Thousands of Linnets.

How Will They Fare in the Winter?

Sir,—Evidently the past season has been exceptionally favourable to the breeding of some species of birds. Linnets have done remarkably well. During the Spring and Summer months full broods packed every nest tightly with gaping red mouths that kept the parents busy from morning till night. Over the Surrey downs recently, big flocks of small birds, seen in the distance, and thought at first to be Sparrows, proved to be the tuneful Linnets. Many of the flocks contained from fifty to a hundred birds, and some of them several hundreds. The writer naturally thought that it was an Autumn visit of these cheerful birds to the district, but the same thing can be seen on the Kentish hills, flock after flock can be put up during an hour's ramble. When rising they give the usual Linnet chuckle, and, coming as it does from so many throats, this has quite a musical sound. One flock settled on a tall hedgerow near where the writer was resting; it was a still, sunny morning, and numbers of birds were singing quite strongly and lustily as though it were early Spring instead of late Autumn. During the course of a week the writer thinks he saw more Linnets than he ever saw before in anything like so short a period. A few thousands could easily be spared to gladden the homes of town-dwellers, their chances of a long happy life would be far greater than in the fields. It is impossible for such huge flocks to exist all through the coming winter; many must certainly perish. H. N.

Is this a New Mule?

Sir,—As a delighted reader of Cage Birds, I write to ask if you have ever heard of a fancier who has bred "South African Blackhead" Mules. I have bred three from a Canary, and they are singing, thanks to Cage Birds, which is a great help, and I wish it every success.

Walter Arrowsmith.

[If the bird our correspondent refers to is the Black-headed Siskin, then Mules between it and the Canary have been bred a considerable number of times. Our Mr. Fuljames states that he bought some in Bournemouth over 15 years ago, and that they proved very hardy, one Mule living well and hearty for at least 12 years.—Editor.]

The Late Receipt of Cage Labels.

Sir,—On Sept. 29th I sent P.O. to pay for entry fees at Longton show held Oct. 4th, and only received my class labels at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3rd. My last available train to despatch the birds was by 6.25 p.m. You can imagine the hurry and bustle getting birds in cages, labels on, and packed in case. I then had to do a hard 15 minutes' walk to the station, and got there just in time. This kind of thing does not encourage fanciers to get birds ready for a show. Surely the labels could have reached me by Thursday night, at the latest. If I had been unable to get the birds despatched I think I should have been entitled to my entry fees back.

R. Marsland.

A Good "Kick Off" for the Southern Border F.C.

Sir,—I thank all members who so loyally supported Clapham show. It was certainly a grand "kick off," and proves that the club was wanted, and is doing good work for breeders of the "wee gems." I trust members will support each patronage show as well, for it will help the club to do much bigger things for both champion and novice members next show season. I beg to call members' attention to the marking of entry forms, as I noticed several had overlooked this at Clapham; each entry must be marked S.B.F.C., and only three birds are to be nominated for cup. The word "cup" to be marked against each bird (for Newley's cup "Newley" to be marked against each entry). The above must appear in catalogue; members please note this as points cannot be counted to members omitting to do so.

F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

Birds Caught for Their Own Good.

Assisted Passages for Migrants.

Sir,—I noted in Cage Birds of Sept. 13 a letter anent a Hoopoe being caught at sea. Four years ago, about this time of the year, I caught a Hoopoe at sea, off the North Hender lightship. It was a beautiful specimen, too. We arrived at Rotterdam the same day, and I gave it its liberty at the Hook of Holland. From about now till November lots of birds of all kinds get blown from the land, or are migrating, and many alight on vessels; I have caught a good many myself. They are not much trouble to catch; all you have to do is to make a trap with four sticks and some netting, sweat-rags will do, and put it down on some quiet part of the deck, with some bread crumbs, or rice, or anything they will eat, under it. The birds soon find it, when you pull the twine attached to a bit of stick propping up one edge of the trap, and there you are. As soon as we are close to the land we let them go. I don't see any cruelty in catching them, for if they happen to light on the sea exhausted the Gulls make short work of them. A large number of homer pigeons alight on board; we give them water, and when we get near the land they are off. Sometimes one or two won't leave us till we arrive in port; then we pitch them up. I have had as many as ten on board at once.

T. F. Smith.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Has the Exhibition Yorkshire Deteriorated?

Do Present-day Judges Ignore the Standard?

Our correspondent, that well-known old fancier and Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock, holds that the modern show Yorkshire is fast becoming an Inferior Bird.

Sir,—Kindly give me space in your valuable paper to speak about the Yorkshire show birds. I have been to two shows this season and I am surprised to see the class of Yorkshires winning. I think that it is time someone said something. The Yorkshire standard says 6¾ inches, but the birds that are winning are 7 inches and 7½ inches. I think that we are going in for stock birds instead of a true type of a Yorkshire show bird. We are losing all the beauty of the Yorkshire. It seems to me that if a bird has plenty of colour and length it will do. Colour is all right, but a true Yorkshire has a lot more good properties than colour and length. I do not know what our Yorkshire Canary Club is doing to let birds win when over 7 inches long. I think that we have gone back over 30 years, when we used to win with birds that were bred from half-bred Lancashires. If we go back from about 6 years up to about 25 years, then we had some grand true Yorkshires, full of type and quality, and much more true as types of the Yorkshire bird than those fanciers are winning with to-day. I have measured a few of my own birds, and I find what I call my little birds measure 6¾ inches. I have some that measure over 7 inches. I will tell you how I measured them. I got a piece of wood that just measured 6¾ inches; then I took my bird in my left hand and put one end of the stick to the end of its beak, then ran it down the bird's side to the tail end. This is the way I measure my birds. If you will look at the Yorkshire Club Year Book you will find that a true Yorkshiro is not an extra large bird; he is what I call a medium size. I remember being at the meeting when the length of the Yorkshire was fixed. We had a very strong debate about this, and we came to the conclusion that 6¾ inches was long enough. What has it got to now? Birds are winning at 7 and 7½ inches long. I think that the Yorkshiro standard is a good one, and if we keep to this I think we shall get a lot better birds on the show bench than we have to-day. We have got a length to breed to already fixed; why not keep to it? I think we are getting them too long, and we are losing type and quality. Our judges want to keep more to the Yorkshire Club standard, and not go in for colour and length. The Yorkshiro Club only gives five points for colour. I should very much like to hear what other fanciers say about the matter.

Eccleshill. J. Wilcock.

The Border Fancies at Clapham Show.

Sir,—When visiting Clapham show the other day I heard a fancier remark: "I say, Tom, where's the Borders?" "I don't know," replied Tom; "seem to be bunged in a corner somewhere." "Yes," said I, "you'll find them in the lumber room up in the left-hand corner, bunged amongst stacks of chairs and old boxes—they're beautifully staged."

John Williams.

A Pet Roller Lost in Bethnal Green.

Sir,—On Sunday morning last, a small yellow Roller Canary flew out of the window of 29, Bethnal Green Road. Messrs. De Von and Co.'s shop is close by, and I should be much obliged if they would return it to the above address, if they happen to find such a bird; or anyone else who is able to capture it. The bird could be sent to my address, when I will pay all expenses. I trust that it may be found, as it is a great favourite.

E. G. S. Everard.

St. Philips Vicarage, Sheffield.

How to Make Shows Attractive.

Sir,—I noticed the Reading secretary asking for advice on the above. Some societies, however, seem to find it easy enough to supply "attractions." Take the case of W—— show held next week. They give great prominence on the front page of their schedulo to what they term "the following special features" of the show to attract exhibitors. In the British section the wonderful special attraction is "Half prize-money if less than eight entries." And they put it in big black type! What marvellous generosity, seeing that the prize-money is 21s. per class, and the entry fee 2s. (at Plymouth we get 25s. for 1s. 6d., and at Glasgow 36s. for 2s.—what a difference). So at W—— show they mean to cheerfully pay out 10s. 6d. prize-money if they receive 14s. in entry fees! This ought, indeed, to attract exhibitors of British birds, etc. Why the officials should add "Will you please help," I can't understand. Surely exhibitors will be tickled to death at the prospect, and fall over themselves to "invest" their spare cash in entries. How are we to make shows attractive? What a ridiculously unnecessary question. Any sort of treatment is good enough for the exhibitors.

One of the Millionaires.

What is the Matter with Members' Shows?

Sir,—Mr. Metcalfe in his last letter seems to me to be making this question a personal one, which I think is a sure sign of defeat. I myself am fighting this question in the interest of the Fancy in general, and surely a man can have the courage of his own convictions. He thinks the amalgamated show held here was a success; well, we are all entitled to our opinions, but if Mr. Metcalfe calls putting down, shall we say 10s., and receiving for it 7s. 6d. in exchange, a success, well I can only say he is very easily pleased. Yet this is a similar way to which the above show paid (although not the correct figures) not to mention other expenses which each society had to bear. Seeing he cannot fathom amalgamation, it has come to his knowledge (of course after discussion at the last meeting at headquarters) that a way out of the difficulty would be to "Co-operate." How he can turn; especially now amalgamation is a failure! Well, sir, regarding co-operation, I am willing to listen to this, and even do my best to forward its interests, although knowing there would be a lot of difficulty before it could be put into operation. Still we cannot put it on the same footing as amalgamation. Mr. Metcalfe seems to think he has "stung" me by saying that his idea would be to do away with members' shows. I should advise him to do away with members' subscriptions also, and make a good job of it. I don't want to go into this question of doing away with members' shows at present, but would like to ask friend Metcalfe "What do members pay their subs. for?" He must bear in mind that all the members are not able to show in the open, as I have said in my previous letters; so what have they to do—look on while others run off with the spoils? As it is at present, far too much is given to outsiders, when open shows are run by societies, than ought to be given. Encourage your own members more, and let them see you have their interests at heart, then we shall see better members' shows. Let me here inform Mr. Metcalfe that I have fought this question of amalgamation from my own personal view, and have not as yet been shown where it would benefit or liven up the Fancy. I shall not answer any more of his letters until he advances some arguments, either for or against this question of amalgamation, as I am one who does not believe in personal squabbles. Seeing Mr. Metcalfe refuses to answer when noms-de-plume are used, I would be pleased if you will sign my name, and not "Forward." R. Booth.

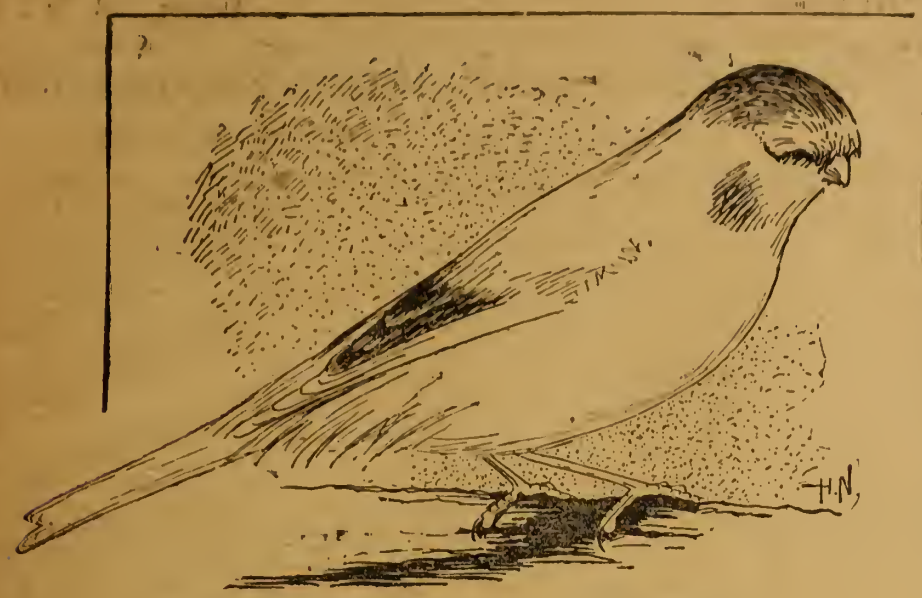
Alleged Theft of a Winner at Merthyr Show.

Common Bird Substituted for a First Prize Bird.

Sir,—I entered four Yorkshire Canaries at Merthyr Tydfil show, Oct. 2. One yellow ticked hen won 1st prize, and she was taken out of her cage and another bird, a common cross-bred, which would not stand on the perches, put in in place of my hen. The bird was missed between 7 and 7.45 p.m. I spoke to one of the cage-bird stewards, and he got very insulting over it. I wrote the secretary three times before getting an answer from him, and the answer he gave me was that the society was not responsible for the loss of the bird. I think it a shame for an exhibitor to have the trouble to get birds up in condition for exhibition, and then lose them at the shows, and get no recompense for the loss. If any exhibitor at the show could give me any information concerning the said hen, I would be very thankful for the same. If this is the way the exhibitor and his birds get treated at the shows, it is very near time that fanciers gave up showing.

G. Gregory.

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DUBLIN S. COUNTY C.B.A.

Members' show, Town Hall, Kingstown, Oct. 11. A crowd of local fanciers attended. Mr. D. Smyth, Hon. Sec., had everything in apple-pie order, and the Committee proved themselves to be most energetic and courteous officials. The 13 classes were well filled, especially the Yorks., which had some real good ones among them. Nor. were fair classes of good all-round specimens. Brit. and Mules, although a choice selection, were rather few in number, many of these requiring a little more time to finish. The progress of this newly-formed society has been very rapid. This being the first members' show, the entries (about 70) were very satisfactory, and the goodwill and harmony among its members seem to promise that Kingstown will become one of the leading Societies in Ireland. The opn show of the Society, to be held Nov. 26 and 27, is a CAGE BIRDS Coupon show, and it is hoped that it will be well supported. Messrs. McKeone, Carroll, and Watters received the society's diplomas for best birds—in Yorks., Mules and Nor. Mr. W. C. Sholdice judged, and his awards were received with satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. CK. (16): 1, diploma, 2, hc, c, McKcone, nice length, straight up, good shoulders and waist, slim and finely drawn; 2nd, fine length, well up on good legs, lovely wings and tail; 3, Reilly, nice length, slim and well drawn, a little open in breast; vhc, Falkiner. HEN (16): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, McKeone; leader a grand one, very stylish, good finish and nice length; 2nd, nice shape, good wings and tail; 3rd, very nice lady, close up; hc, Beegan. NOR. CK. (5): 1, diploma, Watters, grand subs., stout and thick set, grand chest, nice head and back, good wings and tail; 2, Beegan, good head, fine size, grand qual., well cleaned under; 3, vhc, Reilly, scarcely the subs., yet nice type; hc, Ward. HEN (4): 1, Watters, good size, grand shape and qual., neat head and neck, nice wing and tail carr.; 2, Beegan, not quite the subs., nice head and neck, good back and wings; 3, Reilly, nice size and quality; vhc, Ward. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Dwyer, Crest cock, good Gr., nice round drooping crest; 2, nice C.B. Gr. ck., full of qual.; 3, Beegan, good feather, well shaped; vhc, Falkiner; hc, Morrow. GOLDF. (2): 1, Carroll, nicely proportioned bird, lovely face, beautifully framed, capital wings, well up in colour; 2, Reilly, shade smaller, good wings and col. LINNET (4): 1, Carroll, perfect cond., good head, capital wings, nicely mkd.; 2, Watters, grand size and style, well rounded, nicely laced, beaten in col.; 3, Carroll, heavily laced, very shapely, a bit wild; vhc, Falkiner. FINCH MULE, LIGHT (2): 1, Ward, very tight, grand specimen; 2, Watters, stouter, very compact in feather. DARK (3): 1, Reilly, good Goldie-Can., nice bird; 2, Falkiner, nice carr., not so good col.; 3, Watters. LINNET MULE, LIGHT (1): 1 (name omitted, Ed.), real stylish bird, small. DARK (3): 1, diploma, Carroll, good one, will take beating; 2, Watters; 3, Reilly. HARDBILL (3): 1, Carroll, Greenf., splendid condition, very large, nice col.; 2, Ward, hen Bullf., tight as wax, well coloured; 3, Watters, Bramble, bit broken in colour; vhc, Watters. Chaffinch hen. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Falkiner, Song Thrush, beautiful markings, everyone admired this bird.

STAMFORD C.B.S.

Members' show held Oct. 4, nearly 100 birds were staged. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged. NOR. YELL.: 1, Woods; 2, Spriggs; 3, Welsh. VAR.: 1, B. Grimes; 2, Fancourt and Harrison; 3, Spriggs. HEN YELL.: 1, B. Grimes; 2, Spriggs; 3, Fancourt and Harrison. BUFF: 1, Welsh; 2, B. Grimes; 3, G. Grimes. 1913 CL.: 1, Wright; 2, 3, Fancourt and Harrison. VAR.: 1, B. Grimes; 2, 3, Welsh. YORKS YELL.: 1, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Wright; 3, Giles. BUFF: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Giles. Hen: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Fancourt and Harrison. 1913 BUFF: 1, 2, Lenton; 3, Fancourt and Harrison. YELL.: 1, 2, Fancourt and Harrison; 3, G. Grimes. GREENF.: 1, Brown and Locke; 2, 3, 4, Terry. LINNET: 1, Terry; 2, Lee; 3, Fancourt and Harrison. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, 3, Brown and Locke; 2, Terry. A.O.V.: 1, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, 3, Terry. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Brown and Locke. REDPOLL: 1, 3, Brown and Locke; 2, Lee. BULLF. HEN: 1, 3, Fancourt and Harrison; 2, Brown and Locke.—F. Terry, Assist. Sec.

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EVERYBODY'S DOING IT!

Splendid chances for both Champions and Novices next week.

ANOTHER week of interesting competitions for the diplomas and cash specials in our Championship Competition—splendid entries at Plymouth, Leeds and other Coupon Shows. In short, CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme has, during the second week of the season, achieved a success even greater and more gratifying than that we had the pleasure of announcing in our last issue.

Next week, too, competitors have a choice of many excellent shows at which to secure their diplomas and take their chances for the 10s. specials, and we trust the opportunities will be widely taken advantage of. We note that in one or two sections (particularly the British and Foreign, both novice and champion) good chances have been let slip at Morpeth and some of the other fixtures. Exhibitors should take the hint.

We hope to send out this week-end all the diplomas won up to Oct. 15, also cheques for the 10s. specials to the fortunate winners.

I am a novice exhibitor, and I think your scheme grand.—M. Ogden (Bishop Auckland).

I want a further supply of coupons; please send me two dozen.—J. E. Royce, assist. sec. Nottingham and Notts. O.S.

I enclose cheque for coupons already had; kindly send along another three dozen. I wish your scheme every success.—J. H. Buxton, hon. sec. Matlock F.S.

Kindly send a dozen more coupons per return.—E. Thomas, sec. Upper Rhondda C.B.S.

Please forward a further supply of coupons. I enclose cash for those already sent.—A. Freestone, sec. Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

Send me two dozen more coupons, telegraphs Secretary Heggie, City of Glasgow show.

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Oct. 22.—Abertillery.—Secretary, G. Broome, 30, Powell Street.
Oct. 22 & 23.—Portsmouth.—Hall and Joiner, 89, Stubbington Avenue.
Oct. 24 & 25.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.
Oct. 24 25.—Manchester and N.C.O.S.—H. Boothman, 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme.
Oct. 24-25.—Ilkeston C.B.S.—T. Smith, 5, King Street.
Oct. 25.—Bradford East O.S.—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Oct. 25.—Perth O.A.—J. L. Smith, 120, High Street.
Oct. 25.—Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street.
Oct. 29.—Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries Street, Treherbert.
Oct. 29.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street, Paignton.
Oct. 29.—Llandrindod Wells F.A.—C. E. Gregson, Hill Cottages.
Oct. 30.—Matlock F.S.—J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.

Entries for the above shows are due to close now, and should be sent on at once. Those who wish to join in CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition should note the paragraph "How Exhibitors May Enter," printed below.

Abertillery has 34 classes; prize-money 17s. 6d., fee 1s. 6d. Nor., Yorks., Bord, A.O.V., Mules, Brit. and For. are catered for, and novices have three special classes in Nor. and Yorks.

Portsmouth has 47 open classes; prize money 17s. 6d., fee 1s. 6d. The classification covers Nor., Yorks., Crests, Bord., A.O.V., Mules, Brit. and For.; special novice classes, 3 Nor. and Yorks., 2 Bord.

Wolverhampton has 37 classes; prize money 20s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. The classes cover Nor., Crests, Yorks., A.O.V., Mules, Brit., and For.; special novice classes, 4 Nor. and 4 Yorks.

Manchester has 113 classes; prize money 26s.; fee 2s. The fine classification covers Lancs., Lizards, Yorks., Greens, Nor., Crests, Cinns., Belgs., Scots, Bord., Mules, Brit. and For. Novices and amateurs have 5 Yorks. 5 Nor. and 2 Cinn. special classes. There is a long list of special prizes.

Ilkeston has 38 classes; prize-money 17s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Nor., Crests, Yorks., Bord., Mules, Brit. and For. are catered for, and novices have the following special classes, 2 Nor., 2 Yorks. and 1 Brit.

Bradford East has 33 classes: prize money 23s.; fee 1s. 6d. Only Yorks. and Nor. are catered for, and novices have 9 Yorks and 2 Nor. classes.

Perth has 51 classes; prize money 19s.; fee 1s. 6d. The classification covers Crests., Nor., Bord., A.O.V., Mules, Brit and For., most of these sections being liberally catered for.

Coventry Godiva has 47 classes; prize money 17s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. The classification covers Nor., Yorks., Greens, Crests, A.O.V., Mules, Brit. and For.; special novice classes 2 Nor., 2 Yorks. (£3 limit).

Matlock has 17 classes: prize money 17s. 6d., fee 1s. 6d. Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., Mules, Brit. and For. are specially catered for; special novice classes, 1 Nor., 1 Yorks.

Further particulars of the above shows can be gathered from the advertisements. We have not yet received schedules of Torbay, Upper Rhondda, and Llandrindod Wells shows, and will deal with these next week.

Have you bought your coupons for next week's shows? Exhibitors: Don't miss your chances.

How Exhibitors May Enter.

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions: CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete, except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is in progress at over 80 shows (see list of Sept. 27), which cover every quarter of the United Kingdom.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champion (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWENTY-FOUR DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR, in addition, at each Coupon Show, 12 for Champion exhibitors, and 12 for Novice exhibitors, for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For full Rules see issue of Oct. 4th.

TWITTERINGS.

(Continued from page 248.)

There will be a meeting of the West Bromwich C.B.S. on Oct. 21, at headquarters, writes the sec., Mr. Andrews.

Between 1,400 and 1,500 entries at Newcastle show; Mr. Harland will judge in place of Mr. W. Vardy, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, the sec.

For Liverpool open show 1,500 schedules have been sent out; will anyone overlooked kindly apply to Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.

Mr. Campbell, our popular President, will give an exhibition of bird-washing, in the Reading Room, on Oct. 22, at 7.45 p.m., writes Mr. T. Cosgrove, hon. sec. Uddingston C.B.S.

Exhibitors in the amateur Norwich section at Manchester show should note that class 57 is for yellow hens (not both yellow and buff) and 57a for buff hens. Visitors should obtain their admission tickets before the show day, by sending 6d. and a stamped envelope to the show manager, Mr. Boothman (10, Parker St., Levenshulme) as by doing this they save sixpence.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In the Yellow Border class at Birtley Mr. R. Watson won 1st, not Pyman, as reported. At Longton Mr. J. Lees, not Leese, won 1st in Norwich Hen class.

KILBARCHAN O.A.

Annual exhibition held in Public School, Oct. 11; the hall is roomy, with good light, and well suited for show purposes. Mr. Wm. Eccles, Johnston, judged. The Association enjoys the patronage of the following ladies and gentlemen: Sir Thomas Glen Coats, Bart., Paisley; Mr. John McNab, Howood; Mrs. Cargill, Torr House, etc., etc. There was a fair turn-out of visitors Pres., A. Deans; Vice-pres., J. Cuthe; Sec., Fred Tre..., Mr. Wm. Fluple, Kilbarchan. The Sec., supported by a hard working committee, had all arrangements well in hand to make the show the success it proved to be. Exhibits were much in excess of last year in all sections and the quality good. Mr. Eccles' awards seemed to give general satisfaction. The handsome silver cup for most points, and silver medal, was won by J. and R. Pirrie.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (5): 1, Clark, buff of all-round merit; 2, 4, Dickie, col. fed, good shape and col.; 4th, nice even tone, not so good in head; 3, Burr, buff, good col. and shape. Hen (1): 1, Dickie, well shaped var. in good condition. BORD. CK. (3): 1, Frazer, nicely mkd. yell., good body and feather; 2, Wallace, mkd. buff, neat carriage, close up, good head; 3, Ballingall, fails a shade in head, not quite so steady as winners. Hen (3): 1, Wallace, cl. buff, well moulded body, well set up, wins; 2, 3, Frazer; 2nd, cl. yell., nice style, good shape; 3, tkd. head, not so nicely moulded as others. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Barr, Yorkshire, nice bird; 2, Morrison, a well marked Lizard, shade broken in cap, nicely pencilled, in lovely condition; 3, Smith, a very fine Scotch Fancy. BRIT HARDBILL (9): 1, 4, McGavin, Hawthnch, nice bird; 4th, Bramble, smart, well spangled, nice feather; 2, c, Pirrie, Bramble, lovely spangle, nice col., grand feather; 3, hc, Blair, Bullfinch, nice breast, shade small; vhc, Morrison. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Morrison, Bearded Tit, well marked, in lovely feather; 2, Gallacher, Twite, good size and colour, well marked. HEN (5): 1, Mills, Bullfinch hen, very steady, nicely mkd. and well moulded, wins; 2, 3, sp, Pirrie; 2nd, Bramble, grand feather and condition; 3rd, Goldfinch, well marked and close feather; 4, Morrison, Meadow Pipit, lovely shape and condition, a beauty. MULE or HYB. (7): 1, Cowan, 4-pointed Goldie, in rare condition; 2, Paterson, Greenf., rare size and col., nice close feather; 3, Blair, richly marked Goldie; 4, Morrison, Goldie, rich colour and good face, falls a shade in size; 5, McGovern; 6, 7, 1. and R. Pirrie. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Morrison; 1, Twite, smart exhibit, good col. and lacing, perfect feather, wins; 2nd, Mealy Redpoll, grand feather and condition; 3, McBride, well mkd. Siskin; 4, Small, Twite, nice cap and col., well laced, shade rough; 5, 6, McIntyre; 7, White. GREENF. or LINNET (10): 1, 3, McIntyre; 1st, capital Linnet, well mkd., good shape and col.; 3rd, nicely mkd Linnet; 2, Cowan, Greenf., grand size and col., lovely wings and shape; 4, McGavin, fails a shade in size only; 5, Smith; 6, Paterson; 7, Thomson. FOR. (8): 1, McFarlane, very rich coloured Red Gouldian, in grand condition; 2, Pirrie, lovely Parasise Whydah, in grand feather; 3, 4, Frazer, pair Red Rosellas, in full colour and perfect feather; 4th, Madagascar Love Birds, staged in lovely condition.

EXETER & DEVON C.B.S.

21th annual show, held Oct. 10, at the Lower Market, Exeter. Nearly 200 Canaries and Mules were staged in a warm corner of the exhibition room, but the absence of British somewhat spoiled the show. The whole of the British section was cancelled owing to lack of support, this is rather an unusual experience for Exeter, as the district contains several enthusiastic British fanciers. It was the old story, birds not ready, which all early shows have to contend with. Norwich had 68 in seven classes, most of the birds being well forward in condition, the class for non-lighted numbering 21. The winning clear buff of Messrs. Stephens and Gaved we specially noticed as being in very beautiful fettle. Mr. Noyce's pair in the non-flighted class will be heard of again in stronger competition, the 2nd prize buff especially being a topper. Yorkshires had 64 in six classes, these well-known Western fanciers, Messrs. Lashbrook and Boundy, showing good teams and doing well. The winning non-flighted yellow shown by Mr. Hook gives promise of future success, and was quickly claimed at catalogue price, 2 guineas. Crests were not so numerous as the other varieties, being 21 in 3 classes, but quality was there in abundance, which is bound to be the case when such fanciers as Messrs. Evins Bros., Colledge, A. J. Smith, and Brotherton exhibit, Mr. Smith's well-known clear body taking the Crest special and special for best in show. In Mules Mr. Lamb's fine Canary-Bullie won, and looked in the pink of condition, and Mr. Voysey, a novice local fancier, also showed a specimen of the same variety in the 1913 class. We noticed several well-known fanciers at the show, among whom were Messrs. Kidwood and Joyce, Newton Abbot; Messrs. Craven and Lugg, Plymouth; Messrs. Lashbrooke and Son, Sidmouth; and Mr. T. Richards, Barnstaple. The Committee responsible for the welfare of the cage birds were Messrs. Rushmere, Caseley, Rowley and Stiling, whilst Mr. Cornish made an ideal and obliging hon sec. Mr. Thos. Heath judged, and his awards were received with every satisfaction

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, S. T. Jones, good feather and condition, fails in colour; 2, Redwood, rather smaller, very typical; 3 Noyce, well-known bird, not quite at his best; vhc Rowden; hc, Pope. BUFF (8): 1, sp, 2, Stephens and Gaved, leader exceptionally tight in feather for a buff, but fails in head; 2nd, well-known, some preferred for premier honours; 3, Fox, nice size and type; vhc, Rowden; he, West; c, Howard. CL. HEN. (6): 1, vhc, Redwood, yell., good type and feather; 2, Mrs. Scholes, buff, very stylish, close up; 3, Stephens and Gaved, nice buff; hc, Southcombe; c, Lemon. TKD. or VAR. CK. (8): 1, Smith, bull, good type and size; 2, 3, Redwood, two yellows, former a splendid cap mark, close up for first, latter good all-round bird, fails in head; vhc, Pope; he, Rowden; c, Jones. HEN (9): 1, Rowden, cap-marked buff, nice type and feather, on the small side; 2, West, stylish yellow; 3, Caseley, mkd. buff, good size and type; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; he, Redwood; c, Rowley; 868, Redwood, best in class, but soft in condition. NON-FLIGHTED (21): 1, 2, Noyce, winner a yell, grand bloom, fine quality of feather; 2nd, buff, a real good bird, splendid size and tight in feather; 3, Rowley, cl. yell., fails in subs to winners; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; he, Tyler; c, Rowley. NOV. (11): 1, Taylor, fine cl. buff; 2, Howard, cl. yell., fails in head to winner; 3, Jones, cl. yell., good feather, rather small; vhc, Howard; he, Quilter. CRESTS, CL. BODY (7): 1, two sps., Smith, well-known D.C., beautiful droop and shape; 2, Colledge, grey Crest, large crest, hardly so dense as winner; 3, Brotherton, D.C.; vhc, Adams; he, Miss Finch. VARIEG. (9): 1, sp, 3, Evins Bros., leader a grand bird, beautifully shaped crest, in good condition; 2, Colledge, immense lightly variegs., one of the best we have seen for some time, might have won; vhc, Brotherton; he, c, Miss Finch. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Evins Bros., leader lightly variegs., gand headpiece, will improve; 2nd, green, another that will be hard to beat; 3, Brotherton, hard lines to meet such toppers as leaders; he, c, Miss Finch. YORKS. YELL. CL. or TICK (9): 1, Fulford, cl., well up on leg, shows himself well; 2, Boundy, well drawn out, nice wing carriage, a real good bird; 3, Jones, falls in length to winner; vhc, Richards; he, Lashbrook; c, Stiling. BUFF (8): 1, c, Lashbrook, winner cl. bull, nice length and style; 2, Boundy, good feather and well shown; 3, Jones, good wing carriage, rare length; he, Thomas; c, Stone. MKD. or VARIEG. (8): 1, Thomas, wing and head mkd. yell., nice type, grand length; 2, Lashbrook, variegs. buff, excels in length, well shown; 3, Craven, var. buff, nice style, good wing carr.; vhc, Lovell; he, Fulford. HEN (11): 1, Lashbrook, very stylish bull, good win; 2, Boundy, another buff, loses in length to winner; 3, Fulford, var. buff, well up on leg; vhc, he, Lashbrook; c, Richards. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Hook, yell., a real good bird, will be hard to beat; 2, Boundy, cl. buff, excellent length, rather too heavy; 3, Craven, sweet yell., might be better in col.; vhc, Lovell; hc, Fulford; c, Thomas. NOV. (13): 1, sp, Miss Boundy, thigh tick yell., grand bird, hardly in best condition yet; 2, Bishop, nice exhibit, excellent length, fairly well; 3, Hiscox, good feather and well shown; vhc, he, Isaac; c, Bishop. DARK MULE (8): 1, sp, 2, Lamb, leader wonderful Canary-Bullie, grand size, colour and shape; 2nd, yell. Goldf.-Can., grand col. and size; 3, Stephens and Gaved, buff Goldie-Can., beaten in this company; vhc, Woodgates; he, Franks; c, Porter. 1913 (6): 1, sp, Voysey, good Canary-Bullie, very fine exhibit, might be larger; 2, Evans; 3, Franks, Greenfinch-Can., good size, but fails a bit in col.; vhc, Seed. CANARY (LADIES) (7): 1, Mrs. Scholes, fine yell. Nor., wins easily; 2, Miss Edgcombe, good buff Nor.; 3, Miss Boundy, nice yell. Yorks.; vhc, Mrs. Taylor; he, Mrs. Berry; c, Miss Finch. SELL., 2ls.: 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Mrs. Taylor; 3, Caseley; vhc, Bousfield; he, Adams; c, Cornish. 10s. (7): 1, Smith 2, Taylor; 3, Noyce; vhc, Evins Bros. he, Adams; c. Mrs. Scholes.

CLAPHAM.

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The competition under CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme attracted a great many entries at the Clapham show. The winners of the cash specials were: Champion classes, Mr. T. Gilbert with a grand Crest-bred, standing first in his class; novice, Mr. C. Hume's buff Yorkshire, also a winner. Diploma for best Norwich, Mr. E. Baker's clear yellow; best Border, Mr. G. H. Pratt's clear yellow, standing second; the owner nominating it in preference to his winner in the same class, and his first in the buff class, this latter bird winning the Club spl. for best Border. A.O.V. diploma was secured by Mr. W. J. Cooper with a capital buff Cinnamon. Mr. Howick's Canary-Bullie took that for best Hybrid, and Mr. Francis' Hawfinch for best Hardbill. Mr. Hose, the popular secretary, was successful in the Softbill section with his charming Wagtail entered in the member class. Mr. Ezra was the winner in the Foreign Bird section. The members' classes filled well, and the following were the awards:—

NOR. CK.: 1, hc, Askew; 2, 3, vhc, Campbell; c, Britton. HEN: 1, vhc, Britton; 2, Campbell. hc, Askew. UNFLIGHTED: 1, Campbell; 2, 3, Britton; vhc, hc, c, Morris. YORKSHIRE CK.: 1, 2, c, Warley; 3, hc, Askew; vhc, Whittomc. HEN: 1, Whittome; 2, 3, Warley; vhc, hc, Britton; c, Askew. UNFLIGHTED: 1, 3, hc, c, Yeoman; 2, vhc, Britton. NOVICE, NOR. CK.: 1, Shipton; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor. UNFLIGHTED: 1, Snook; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Taylor. YORKS. CK.: 1, Clark; 2, Phillips; 3, vhc, Miss Hall. HEN: 1, Phillips; 2, Clark. UNFLIGHTED: 1, 3, vhc, Phillips; 2, Clark; c, Miss Hall. CREST and C.B.: 1, Campbell; 2, 3, c, Slade; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, Taylor. NON FED: 1, Britton; 2, Askew. BRITISH, GOLD or BULLF.: 1, Askew; 2, Morris; 3, Francis; vhc, Vale; hc, Britton. LINNET or TWITE: 1, 2, Marley; 3, Francis; vhc, Britton; hc, Cooper; c, Askew. SISKIN or REDPOLL: 1, Britton; 2, Francis; 3, Askew; vhc, Vale; hc, c, Marley. CHAFF., etc.: 1, 2, hc, Marley 3, Francis; vhc, Vale; c, Askew. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Francis; 3, Marley. SOFTBILL: 1, Hose; 2, Clark; 3, Askew. HYBRIDS, Light: 1, Askew; 2, Vale. DK. CANARY: 1, hc, Vale; 2, Cooper; 3, Shipton; vhc, Hall; c, Askew. TWO BRIT.: 1, Shipton; 2, Askew.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Seventh annual show held Oct. 11 in Masonic Hall and proved to be the best ever held by the society; the entry totalled 270, and some grand birds were to be found in every section, the money taken at the door was a record, and at four o'clock, when ex-Provost Kerr and his lady presented prizes, the hall was well filled. The following were the cup and medal winners:—Scotch Fancy, Mr. W. R. Dunn; Bord. cup and medal, A. and W. Thomson; Nor. cup and medal, W. H. Nelson; Brit. or Mule gold medal, W. B. Smart; and best runner-up medal, J. Skinner with a nice variegs. Buff Nor. hen.—W. B. Smart. (From the catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were:—Scotch Fancy King, Carson, Smart, Dunn, Gilchrist, Steele, Jardine; Bord., Smart, Nelson, Smith, Hamilton, Thomson, Greig, Stirling, Douglas, Pearson, Gilchrist Fisher; Nor., Nelson, Pearson, Dunn, Skinner, Hamilton, Gilchrist, Smart, Fisher; Brit., Smith, Steele, Smart.—Ed.)

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SUCCESS AT SELKIRK.

A Border Fancy Disqualified for Being Rung.

Selkirk O.S. held its 25th annual show in the Volunteer Hall, Oct. 11. The shows for many years have been held in the Union Hall, but this year the Committee again engaged one of the finest halls in the district, ample room for everything, nice light and free from draughts. The society has quite a host of patrons, and a capable lot of officers, all pulling the same way to success. In Mr. Jas. Robertson the society possesses a hard working and obliging secretary, managing the reins in satisfactory fashion, always ready to oblige all; he was ably assisted by a lot of hard-working committeemen, and an obliging assistant in Adam Gill, who is also Treasurer. We were pleased to be introduced to the President, Mr. Thomson, an old veteran, now enjoying a well-earned rest, the only survivor, we were told, of the original founders of the present B.F.C.C.; hale and hearty, and as enthusiastic as ever; many happy years yet for you, Mr. Thomson, is our earnest wish. The entry was down slightly from last year, but considering the backward season, and two classes less, it was very satisfactory. Quality was all there in every section. Mr. S. Bennett took the B.F.C.C. medal with a nice yell. cock, a very popular win; D. Henderson secured novice medal with 2nd in same class. Unfortunately a very wet afternoon told against the gate. The only regrettable feature we had to note was the disqualifying of one of the best Buff Greens in show owing to being rung, which is contrary to B.F.C.C. rules. The judge had no alternative. Mr. A. Hay, Berwick, judged.

The Critique.

BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Bennett, cl., grand type and qual., lovely head and wings, well carried, rich sound col.; 2, Henderson, cl., neat head, nicely moulded body, if anything, hardly so well filled in back, takes nov. B.F.C.C. medal; 3, Miss Hodgson, sweet grizzle back, nice carr., well carried wings, fails a little in back; 4, Potts, head tick, grand head and chest, nicely cut away behind, inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, he, Large; c, Johnstone. HEN (12): 1, 3, Lloyd, grand pair, leader cl., correct type, nicely moulded, grandly cut behind; 3, grizzle neck, similar, if anything not so well cut away behind; 2, Brockie, cl., rich col., best of balanced wings on typical body, not so nicely rounded on head; 4, Large, nice type, gay and jaunty, beaten only in feather; vhc, Gill; hc, Young; c, Peel. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Lloyd, cl., rare type, nicely moulded, grand V wings, nice pipe tail, runner-up for medal; 2, Halliday, cl., sweetly moulded head, nicely cut underneath, just heavy enough in body; 3, Wood, cl., neat stamp, rich col., might be a bit better filled in back; 4, Brockie, cl., close up, little to choose between 3rd; vhc, Philip; he, Johnstone; c, Large. HEN (13): 1, Young, cl., stormer for size and col., grand head and wings, very like a cock; 2, Miss Hodgson, sweet lady, cl., rare head, chest well moulded, beaten in col.; 3, Brockie, grizzle cap, grandly cut, rare wings and tail, hardly so well rounded in body; 4, Halliday, cl., similar to 2nd, grand feather, beaten in back; vhc, Johnstone; he, Bennett; c, Torrie. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Hyde's sp., Hart, Buff, heavy wing mkd., neat type, nice eye markings, set down in grand condition; 2, 3, vhc, Watson, leading with a grand buff, best mkd. in class, scarcely ready yet; 3rd, also buff, neatly mkd. eyes and wings, correct type, not so finely drawn underneath; 4, Mrs. Hart, also buff, fails in condition, only wants time: absent, Bates. VAR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Henderson, head and wing mkd. leading, grand depth of col., boxy feather, well put down; 3rd, cap and wings mkd., nicely moulded, well cut away behind, hardly so rich in col.; 2, Philip, cheek and wing mkd., rare head, well rounded, best of wings and tail, scarcely ready yet; 4, Large, eyes and l. wing mkd., like wax, sweet head and neck, well cut away, close up; vhc, Johnstone. BUFF (6): 1, Young, almost even, rare type, very jaunty, sweet body, feathered like velvet; 2, Halliday, cap and thigh mkd., enormous depth of col., grand back end, but just a shade heavy in neck; 3, 4, Henderson, leading with a nice 3-pointed, gaudly rounded head and chest, hardly so well filled in back; 4th, eye and wings mkd., neat one, but on the heavy side; vhc, Govan; absent, Bates. GREEN YELL. (11): 1, Murray, old warrior, looking better than ever, rich grass throughout, well put down; 2, 4, Lambie, grand pair leading with a clinking Cinn., nicely laced, would have won, but hardly ready in eyes yet; 4th, rich col., finely drawn out markings lovely wings and tail; 3, Greenwell, correct type, dense colouring, hardly so neatly pencilled on back as winners; vhc, Johnstone; he, Blaikie; c, Arnott. BUFF (6): 1, Johnstone, typical rich col., rare pencilling, well lashed on sides; 2, 3, Lambie; 2nd, little to choose from winner, as good in col. and pencilling, hardly as distinct on sides; 3rd, rare Cinn., but, like the yell., not ready in cheeks, will be heard of; 4, Murray, grand col and markings, not so sweetly moulded in chest and body; vhc, Peel; disq., Greenwell, best in class, hard lines, not allowed in competition with ring legs at a club show. Take the ring off next time. Mr. G., it will pay you to replace it on arrival home from club shows. SELL. (6): Grand lot of bargains; 1, Gill; 2, Young; 3, Miss Hodgson; 4, Bennet; vhc, Murray; hc, Potts. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Wilson, cl. buff, Bullie chest, nice body, well carried wings, plenty width of skull; 2, 3, Cameron, leader cl. buff, hot col., grand skull and front, just a shade weak in back end; 3rd, neck mkd. buff, fine type, rich col., plenty of subs., beaten in feather; 4th (name omitted.—Ed.), hottest col. in class, cl. yell., rare body, takes spls. for best Nor. and best bird confined; vhc, Reid; c, Govan. HEN (5): 1, 2, Cameron, leader cl. yell., a topper, best in show, lovely Bullie body, grand depth of col., ideal exhibit; 2nd buff, rare broad skull, neat wings, and tail carried well, not so silky in feather; 3, Wilson, cl. buff, nice type, steady, and carries wings well, beaten only in feather; 4, Thomson, neat type, hard lines meeting winners: vhc, Govan. DK. MULE (3): 1, 2, Lawson, neat hot fed Linties, grand size and well put down; 3, Arnott, also Linnet, nat. col., grand size, not so fine in feather. GOLDF., etc. (3): 1, Wilson, enormous sized Bullie, rich salmon chest, grand wing and bars, ebony cap, wins well; 2, Pringle, Goldie, rare size, nicely mooned, rich chestnut col., deep blaze; 3, Dick, Goldie, small, still a nice one. LINNET, etc. (14): Grand class: 1, Bruce, clinking hot fed Siskin, enormous size, wonderful cap, grandly marked; 2, Southern, Lesser Redpoll, rare size, very steady, nicely laced flanks, presses winner hard; 3, c, Laird and Matthew, nice Twite, steady as a rock, grandly pencilled, hardly ready yet; 4, Welsh, Linnet, grand size, steady, grand pencilling, might be a little richer in col.; vhc, Dick; he, Reid. HARDBILL (6): 1, Galbraith, Bramble, grand size, steady, finely spangled, distinct wing bars; 2, Southern, Bramble, similar size, little to choose, if anything, fails a little in flanks; 3, Pringle, Bramble, fine size, beaten in col.; 4, Laidlaw, nice Cirl, company too good to-day; vhc, Laird and Matthew; hc, Currie. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Reid, real good Ring Ouzel, steady as a rock, just a few feathers in tail damaged. SELL. (2): 1, Reid; 2, Bruce; 3, Laird and Matthew; 4, Dagger; vhc, Welsh; c, Laidlaw.

PONTARDAWE.

A very nice schedule had been sent out by the Pontardawe and Swansea Valley F.S. for its annual show in the Public Hall, Pontardawe, Oct. 9th. Mr. House, however, who judged, had nearly eighty classes allotted to him in this and other sections, too much for any man. It would be well if the South Wales and Monmouthshire Federation of F.S. gave their attention to this matter. Many South Wales fixtures err in this respect. The entry was good, and some capital birds were on view, the quality being really excellent, and promising keen competition for the shows yet to come. Special for best in Canary other than Norwich fell to a smart little Border shown by Mr. Jenkinson, Swansea. Norwich, although not a large entry, were of grand quality, and when they have tightened up a bit many of them will do some winning. Mr. E. Lewis won special with a very rich coloured grandly mealed buff. Mr. Russell staged a grand team of Yorkshires. Britishers were hardly up to South Wales form. Not a single entry was present from Swansea, due, we heard, to local jealousy. This seems strange, considering the strength of the Swansea fanciers. Mr. Willie Davies won the special with a grand coloured Linnet. Mr. W. Jenkins, sec., was most indefatigable and courteous in the discharge of his duties, and his efforts were well endorsed by Mr. John Symonds, who acted as show manager. Another excellent officer is Mr. Tom G. Williams, who looks after the exchequer. These three worthies were grandly supported by the following enthusiastic, earnest band of fanciers, who acted as committeemen: Messrs. Geo. Symonds, W. Palmer, H. Poll, W. Worthing, W. L. Davies, Fred Hapgood; John Rees, J. D. Williams, F. Butler, E. Morgans, D. J. Davies, D. Morgans, J. Pearce, F. Suff, Arthur Williams, and Tom Davies, who did their work well. Mr. C. A. House judged, and got through his task in a most satisfactory manner.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (4): 2, Lewis, grand even col., lovely qual., well carried wings and tail, nicely shown; 3, Ewart Davies, not so warm in col., but beautifully feathered, stands well across the perch; 4, Hitchings; W.C., Greaves and Richards (a bun). BUFF (7): 1, sp, Lewis, splendid deep chest, rare col. and meal, beautifully feathered; 2, vhc, H. S. Davies, more stylish, lovely qual. and col., but crosses his wings at times; 3, Price, not quite so rich in col., capital feather, very showy, nice wings; 4, G. T. Jones, grand shape and col. HEN (6): 1, Hitchings, sweet little yell., lovely silky feather, sound level col., grand wings, tail, useful sort; 3, G. T. Jones, stout, shapely, nicely feathered buff variegs., not so smart; 4, Price, grand shapely yell; vhc, c, Watkin. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Russell, long, slim, neat bodied, close and silky in feather, rare legs, and knows how to use them; 2, hc, Watkins, sweet neck tkd., grand style, lovely wings and tail, full of qual.; 3, Owen, very long, stylish grizzle cap, nice wings and tail, not quite so slim; 4, Cook, nice shapely body, well feathered; vhc, East; c, Mack. BUFF (8): 1, Wotton, sleek in feather, neat head and shoulders, capital wings and tail, nicely staged; 2, Russell, not so long, but all there in style and shape, lovely feather; 3, Mock, shapely, stylish variegs., not quite so silky; 4, Cook, stylish and well feathered; vhc, Owen; hc, East; c, Dan Evans. HEN (8): 1, Russell, long, finely drawn variegs. buff, handicapped by her markings, but a Yorkie right through for type and feather; 2, Greeves and Richards, sweet little buff, sleek and slim, grand colour, rare style; 3, Cook, long, slim, well drawn yell., good wings, not tightened up yet; 4, c, Owen, heavily variegs. yell., not quite so silky in feather; vhc, T. J. Williams; hc, Mock. BORD. YELL. (4): 2, sp., best in show other than Nor., Jenkins, sweet, shapely hen, grand head and neck, lovely wings and tail, feathered like wax; 4th, lovely style and feather, not so slim; vhc, Beard; hc, Bowen. BUFF (5): 2, 3, Jenkins, typical exhibits, winner has it in slimness and swagger, grandly staged; 4, Price, very nice variegs., not quite so close in feather, good style; vhc, Bowen; hc Beard. LOCAL NOV. (5): 1, Poll, very shapely nicely feathered variegs. yell. C.B.; 3, Miss Gilbertson, nice stylish neck tkd. buff Yorks.; 4, E. J. Morgan, buff, not so smart; vhc, J. T. Price; hc, Clarke; c, D. J. Morgan. MULES (7): 1, 2, H. S. Davies, grand qual. Siskin-Can., very lightly marked, lovely condition; 2nd, large, good coloured, close feathered Greenf.-Siskin; 3, W. Lewis, lovely feathered, rich coloured variegs. buff Goldie; 4, no name, good sized, shapely, variegs. buff Goldie; vhc, Lloyd James; hc, Gape; c, Clarke. GOLDF. (7): 1, Wm. Lewis, lovely shape and size of blaze, nice body col., very steady, not ready; 2, 3, Morgan Thomas, more finished, but not so large in blaze, capital shape and style, nice wings and tail; 3rd, capital col. and feather, when ready may be the better of the two, but wants steadying; 4, vhc, Grey, neat blaze, nice bars, not so rich in chestnut; hc, Clarke. LINNET (5): 2, sp, best Brit., vhc, W. Davies, fine bold bird, lovely col., grandly mkd., nice pinions, tail, very steady; 3, Nicholas, capital col. and feather, not quite so sharply mkd. on chest, grand style and feather; 4, no name, fine big, good shaped bird, nice col. and marks, needs steadying; hc, member's sp., Clarke. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 2, no name, nice rich coloured Twite, beautifully mkd., very fine feather, stands well; 3, 4, Lucas Bros., large, shapely, well mkd. Mealy Redpoll, and a grand little Siskin, very rich col., and neatly mkd.; vhc, no name; hc, Lloyd James. A.O.V. (2): This class is given in catalogue as "cancelled," but two birds were staged, and judged: 3, no name, rich coloured, well mkd. Chaffinch, plenty of size, nice feather; 4, fine, big, well mkd. Bramble, not up in col., nice feather. SELL., 12s. 6d. (6): 2, c, G. T. Jones; 3, 4, Ewart Davies; vhc, W. E. Price; hc, Bowen.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Members show, held Oct. 11, at Wesley Place School. Mr. A. W. Hartley judged and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Peddar; 2, Brown and Ramsden; 3, Whitaker; 4, Firth; vhc, Orme; hc, Ackroyd. BUFF: 1, vhc, Orme; 2, Sharp; 3, Brook and Oldfield; 4, Hanson; hc, Brown and Ramsden c, Holden. MKD. BUFF: 1, Widdop; 2, Brown and Ramsden. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Holden; 2, Ackroyd; 3, hc, Orme; 4, Firth; vhc, Brown and Ramsden; c, Sharp. BUFF: 1, vhc, Orme 2, Peddar; 3, Sharp; 4, Hanson; hc, Brook and Oldfield c, Whitaker. MKD. HEN: 1, Brook and Oldfield; 2, 3, Orme. NOR.: 1, A. Peddar.—W. A. Brown, Sec.

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The 40th annual show of the Western Counties O.S., Plymouth, was held in the Corn Exchange on Oct. 14th and 15th. The hall is one of the best in England, and the birds make a pretty spectacle as they are likely arranged on the society's own staging around the hall which is circular in shape. There is a most excellent light, and, as the weather was very bright, perfect conditions existed both for judging and for the numerous visitors who attended. Plymouth has always had a reputation second to none, both for quality and quantity, and this year's show was no exception to the rule. The show had an entry of 850, being the second largest in the history of the society, and the entry in the open classes easily constituted a record. In these an entry of 683 was obtained, being an average of 15 per class. The new prize scheme which the W.C.O.S. adopted, viz., seven money prizes in each class, no doubt attracted the increased support, as well it might, for we know of no other show giving such a liberal prize list for an 1s. 6d. entry fee as Plymouth.

Yorkshires headed the list with 135 in seven classes, an average of 20 per class, and some wonderful birds were in competition, notably Mr. R. L. Crisp's winning clear buff. If this bird had been competing for CAGE BIRDS coupon special he would have won, but, unfortunately, his owner omitted to nominate him, preferring a bird entered in another class. The coupon special went to the 2nd prize marked buff, owned by Mr. Dugmore. Throughout the Yorkshire section the judge, Mr. Battye, paid particular attention to quality, all the winners being tight and in the pink of condition. Mr. Stonelake's second prize in clear yellows, although a bit pale in colour, was greatly admired, and was claimed at catalogue price of £5.

Always First; and Always Will Be.

The Norwich always have been, and we think always will be, the feature of the show at Plymouth, so many well known and enthusiastic fanciers live in the Three Towns and district, and this year 186 faced the judge, Mr. Robson, who found it very difficult to spot the winners in the classes, which averaged 19 entries. Here again a second prize winner captured CAGE BIRDS coupon prize, Mr. Collings' 2nd in clear yellows, this also taking the 10s. for best champion coupon bird in the show. But for being a shade long, this specimen would be difficult to beat anywhere. Considerable comment was aroused owing to Messrs. Gill and Pethick's cap-marked yellow hen being cardless; did the judge doubt its sex? She certainly has a wonderful colour, but her owners assured us that she was the mother of several birds last season. Mr. E. Allsopp's winning non-flighted buff hen we greatly admired; seldom is a bird exhibited so excelling in true Norwich properties. The novice coupon prize was won by a buff hen belonging to Mr. R. Phillips (Marazion), which has wonderful body properties but fails a shade in head.

Crests numbered 87 in 10 classes, not so many as might have been expected, but some uncertainty as to the C.C.C. patronage may have accounted for this. Mr. F. G. Bale, of Barnstaple, exhibited a grand team, prominent among which was a 1913 variegated Crest hen which took special for best Crest, and also CAGE BIRDS diploma. She will certainly make a name for herself. The best class in the section was the novice Crest class, Miss Onslow winning 1st and 2nd, the leader also taking the novice coupon diploma.

Something Good in the Cinnamon Line.

Cinnamons were a great advance on any previous show of the W.C.O.S., there being 24 in two classes. The winning yellow, owned by Mr. Pope, of Plymouth, also won the A.O.V. coupon diploma, and pressed the cash special winner very hard, being considered by many to be the finest yellow shown in the West for several years. Border Fancies were a new variety down West, and under the patronage of the newly-formed S.B.C.C. the entries numbered 97 in 6 classes, an average of 16, which was very gratifying to the Society. Mr. G. H. Pratt's wonderful clear yellow was the champion of the section, a gem, to be sure, his list of honours including silver spoon for best Border and CAGE BIRDS coupon diploma for best champion Border. In the novices, Mr. Gingell's yellow wins the novice diploma.

Mules and Hybrids had 32 in two classes, the Bullfinch Hybrid class being cancelled. Mr. F. Collins's team, so well known in the West, was to the front again, his winning Light Hybrid, a beautiful four-pointed Goldie-Can., being awarded the coupon Hybrid diploma. British numbered 59 in 5 classes, and considering the limited classification, this must be reckoned a good entry. Winners of coupon diplomas were Messrs. Stephens and Gaved's well-known Chough in the Soft-billed competition, and Mr. E. Stevens's Bramble in the Hardbills.

A great deal of interest was evinced in the new competition instituted by CAGE BIRDS, and 82 birds were nominated for the different diplomas, competition, especially in the Canary classes, being very keen.

The work in connection with the show was, as usual, most ably carried out by the committee, Messrs. C. Garland, F. G. Snell, W. W. Smale, E. Lott, G. Pridham, C. Large, F. Wills, J. Bavage, W. Spilman, A. B. Brown, J. E. Rowe, G. N. Davey, and J. Ryder, assisted by other willing members. Mr. T. Pope again undertook the secretarial duties, having as his helpers Mr. C. E. Reed (an admirable assistant sec.), Miss W. A. Dyer, Mr. R. W. Pope, and Mr. E. S. Lugg. Messrs. Hutchings, Yates and Lee attended to the wants of the birds in a most thorough manner.

(The popular secretary deserves high praise for his share in the general success.—Editor.)

Among the visitors present we noticed Messrs. Lashbrook (Sidmouth), Boundy (Teath), Innes (Paignton), Rowe (St. Austell), Pascoe (Truro), and many other well-known Devonshire and Cornish fanciers, who make Plymouth show their general holiday.

Mr. H. W. Pattye judged Yorks., Borders, Mules and Brit., and Mr. J. Robson the remainder.

The Yorkshires and Norwich.

YORKS., YELL., CL. or TKD. (21): 1, Easterling and Carson, cl., good type and length, lovely feather; 2, Stonelake, beautiful cl., good style, well up on leg, bit pale in col.; 3, Owen, grizzle cap, loses in length to leaders; 4, Bale, cl., taking bird, good length, and stands well; 5, Hawes Bros.; 6, Boundy; 7, Dugmore. BUFF (22): 1, sp. best cock, Crisp, cl., grand shape, length, well up on leg and smooth as boxwood; 2, Easterling and Carson, cl., loses in length to winner; 3, Lashbrook, cl., fine recent winner in Western shows; 4, Elsmore, cl., close up, grand wing carr.; 5, sp, Owen and Son; 6, D. Jones; 7, Greenslade. MKD., VARIEG. or CL. (15): 1, Hawes Bros., grand wing mkd. buff, good style and well up on leg; 2, C.B. diploma, Dugmore, mkd., grand feather, good length and wing carr., 3, Easterling and Carson, yellow, fails in style to leaders, good length; 4, Brown; 5, Jewell; 6, Elsmore; 7, Sellows. YELL. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Bale, cl., regular topper, well drawn out, good length and feather; 2, Mrs. Gill, cl., loses a bit in col., not much in it; 3, Fulford, cl., rather poor in col. or might have done better; 4, Jones; 5, Crisp; 6, Bousfield; 7, Elsmore. BUFF (17): 1, Easterling and Carson, cl., beautiful type and style, shown in the pink; 2, Dugmore, cl., big bird, rather too stout; 3, Mrs. Gill, mkd. wing, well drawn out, and nice tail; 4, Crisp; 5, Jones; 6, Fenton; 7, Elsmore. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Hawes Bros., cl. ygll., wins sp. for best hen, a beauty, stylish and good in all points; 2, Owen and Son, cl., not quite ready yet, somewhat lacky here; 3, Fulford, good cl., excels in length and qual.; 4, Easterling and Carson; 5, Mellows; 6, Elsmore; 7, John Bale. BUFF (21): 1, L. Bousfield, cl., beautiful lady, exc llent feather and style; 2, H. Bousfield, another clear, little to choose between them; 3, Fulford, grand bird, well up on leg, good wings; 4, Jeffries; 5, Lashbrook; 6, Greenslade; 7, Stonelake. NOR., YELL., CL. ETC. (16): 1, Symons Bros., one of the Cornish champions, wins well, good shape and col.; 2, Collings, wonderful qual. of feather, wins C.B. diploma and sp. special; 3, Houghton, grand type, very close up; 4, Gill and Pethick, loses in size; 5, Collings; 6, Taylor; 7, Spillman. BUFF (22): 1, Gill and Pethick, grand bird, beautiful feather and well shown, a true Norwich; 2, Rowden, good type, fails a bit in neck, but a nice bird, claimed at catalogue price, 3 guineas; 3, Richardson, big bird, hardly so typical as winner; 4, Spellman, good size and type; 5, Baker; 6, Hodder; 7, Stephens and Gaved. YELL. MKD., etc. (19): 1, Hodder, wing mkd., grand head and shape; 2, Gill and Pethick, eye and wing mark, splendid shape, hardly ready yet; 3, Pope, almost even mark, good head, hardly stout enough; 4, Ward, nice qual., small in head; 5, 7, Redwood; 6, Banks. BUFF (20): 1, Gill and Pethick, neck mark buff, well known winner, will improve when quite over moult; 2, Spellman, neck mark, very stout, grand Norwich; 3, Richardson, good type, rather smaller; 4, Maggs; 5, Spillman; 6, Schneider. YELL. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Maggs, variegs., beautiful qual. and col., but some preferred 2, Spillman, cl., grand type and size, down a bit in col.; 3, Gill and Pethick, cl., hardly over moult, will make a stormer; 4, Hodder, good bird, rather coarse in feather; 5, Rowley; 6, Houghton; 7, Allsopp. BUFF (26): 1, Astor Cup and Members' Cup, Collings, mkd. Buff, grand subs., massive head, one of the biggest non-flights we have seen; 2, Gill and Pethick, cl., beautiful exhibit, fails a bit in size to winner; 3, Allsopp, cl., in splendid condition, beautiful feather and type; 4, Ward; 5, Rowley; 6, Gill and Pethick; 7, Collings. UNFLIG. HEN (10): 1, 5, Allsopp, leader one of the best Buffs out for years, almost perfect in type, with grand bold head; 2, Folwell, sweet Yell., excellent type, smaller than winner; 3, Parish, nice type, loses in head to others; 4, Gill and Pethick; 6, Symns Bros.; 7, Collings. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Collings, fine long hen, exceptional subs., grand col.; 2, Pascoe, grizzle tail, not so good in head as winner; 3, Hodder, another good bird, many liked for 2nd place; 4, Phillip, fails in col.; 5, Crawford; 6, Redwood; 7, Spillman. BUFF (18): 1, Houghton, beautiful exhibit, grand head and subs., nice size; 2, Gill and Pethick, grand hen, beautiful type and qual.; 3, Gill and Pethick, another grand specimen; 4, Pascoe; 5, Richardson; 6, Collings, 7, Redwood. NON-FED (14): 1, Rowden, grand Buff Gr., almost perfect shape; 2, Veale, another Buff Green, rather longer than winner; 3, Garland, variegs. Buff, not so good in feather; 3, Rowley; 5, Yates; 6, Smale; 7, Gingell.

All Other Canary Sections.

CREST BUFF CK. (10): 1, Bale, grand grey Crest, wonderful spread and formation, takes sp for best cl. body; 2, A. J. Smith, cl. body, dark, frequent winner; 3, Davey, good varieg., close up; 4, Davey; 5, Bavage; 6, Bale; 7, Evins Bros. HEN (32): 1, Davey, Green, dense crest, good droop and shape; 2, 3, Evius Bros., grand variegs., latter wing mkd., both well known winners; 4, Bale; 5, Smith; 6, Litchfield; 7, Slade. C.B. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 4, 6, F. G. Bale, varieg., grand entrance, good head; 2, Evins Bros., lightly mkd., fine head and lashing, good exhibit, takes Crest-bred sp.; 3, Tall, good bird, somewhat outclassed here; 5, Davey; 7, Davey. HEN (9): 1, Davey, really grand Green, grand entrance and skull; 2, 3, Bale, light mkd., grand skull, wide entrance; 3, Green, grand size, good frontal; 4, 5, Evius Bros.; 6, Davey; 7, Bavage. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Evins, variegs., leader good size and shape, fine droop; 3rd beaten in size of crest; 2, Smith, varieg., not so good in crest as winner; 4, Slade, wins Yellow ck. sp. C.B. (3): 1, Evins Bros., very large for a Yellow, grand feather, good frontal; 2, Litchfield, fine cl., good head and lashing; 3, A. J. Smith. BUFF CREST 1913 (8): 1, C.B. sp and sp best Crest, Bale, one of the best young Crests seen for years, will make a big winner; 2, 6, Evins Bros., variegs., good frontal, fine shape; 3, Coath, hardly so good as leaders, nice shape, fails length of front; 4, Davey; 5, Bale; 7, Slade. C.B. 1913: 1, ?, Bale, variegs., grand entrance and skull; 2nd cl., excels in width of skull; 3, Evins Bros., varieg., close up to leaders; 4, Richards; 5, Parsons; 6, Litchfield. NOV. CR. (12): 1, 2, C.B. diploma, Miss Onslow, leader wing mark, good droop and frontal; 2nd light varieg., not so good in shape as winner; 3, Bowen, cl. body, nice droop and length; 4, Bavage, variegs., good shape of crest, hardly so full as winner; 5, Richards; 6, Hutchings; 7, Richards. C.B. (10): 1, Bavage, good varieg., good entrance and width of skull; 2, Hutchings, Gr., close up; 3, Hutchings, light, fails in subs. to winners; 4, Onslow; 5, Hannaford; 6, Richards; 7, Bowen. CINN. YELL. (12): 1, 3, C.B. diploma, Pope, leader wins in shape, grand col. and size; 3, rather too slight; 2, Yates, grand type, rather small in head; 4, Bewlay; 5, Lee; 6, Medlin; 7, Garland. BUFF (12): 1, Collins, well known Corn. winner; 2, Medlin, grand size, not quite so good in type; 3, Bewlay, [illegible] side; 4, 6, Yates; 5, Mannings, 7, Brown. BORD. YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, G. Pratt, wins S.B.B.C. spec., C.B. Coupon diploma, like yaz, beautiful exhibit; and close up; 3, Hamel, jun., not so good in feather as leader; 4, Madagan, 5, Burton Bros., 6, A. Pratt, 7, Jenkins. BUFF (15): 1, 3, G. Pratt, two real "wee gems," good shape, neat all over; 2, A. Pratt, good in all points, runs winner very close; 4, Jenkins; 5, 7, Madagan; 6, Burton. HEN CL. OR TKD. (15): 1, 2, G. H. Pratt, leader yell., another wonderful pair from the Tregantle exhibitor; 3, Madagan, good Yell.; 4, Wickham; 5, A. Pratt; 6, Bobbett and Wall, 7, Dr. Laurie. A.O.V.: 1, A. J. Pratt, variegs., good shape and feather; 2, Jenkins, Cinn mkd. Yell., excellent shape, good colour; 3, Burton Bros., good variegs.; 4, Dr. Laurie; 5, A. Pratt; 6, Short; 7, Lemon. NOV. YELL. (19): 1, Martin, cl., feathered like wax, good enough for open competition, 2, Sanders, cl., well shown, fine feather and style; 3, 7, Marrott, variegs., close up; 4, Green; 5, Bolesworth; 6, Gingell, takes C.B. Coupon diploma. BUFF (8): 1, Sanders, fine cl., good style and feather; 2, Bolesworth, mkd. head, not much between the two; 3, Wickman, cl., real good Border, good feather and shape; 4, Green; 5, Marriott; 6, Toplin; 7, Unwin. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Horrill, Yell. Belgian leader, excels in nerve and style; 2, Minty, Lancashire P.H.; 4, Fifield, Dutch Frill; 5, Russell; 6, Unwin; 7, Fifield

The Hybrids and British Birds.

LIGHT MULE (16): 1, 2, 5, and C.B. diploma, Collins, leader well known light Goldfinch Mule, frequent winner in western shows; 2nd cl., fails in col.; 3, Ball, splashed Greenie-Can., a nice one; 4, Lamb, Goldfinch-Can.; 7, Middleton. DARK: 1, Lamb, Yellow Goldie, a blaze of col., wins well; 2, Middleton, Linnet-Can., very large and good col.; 3, Ford, Gold.-Can., good size; 5, Popplestone; 6, Blackmore; 7, Rees. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (11): 1, Rees, Goldfinch, splendid fettle, claimed at catalogue price, three guineas; 2, 6, Cheney, well known Bullfinch, hardly fit; 3, Fellows, grand Goldie, will win later; 4, Stephen; 5, Girle; 7, Lugg. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, 3, 7, Jones, jun., beautiful Linnet, full of qual. and sheen; 3rd Siskin, grand bloom; 2, Ford, lovely Redpoll in grand cond.; 4, Stephens, Mealy Redpoll; 5, Davis; 6, Cheney. A.V. SEED-EATER (12): 1, Poole, grand Hawfinch, big bouncing bird, grand bib; 2, Jones, jun., Yellow Bunting, grand face markings; 3, 4, Stephens, Bramble, Lark; C.B. Coupon diploma, and a nice Goldfinch; 5, Webber; 6, Collins. INSECTIV. 1, C.B. Coupon diploma, 3, [illegible] and Grey, leader a wonderful Chough, Hooper runner, 4, Collins, Yellow Wagtail, both his typical Pipits wanted, lovely mealies; 5, Pool and Lee; 6, Lady Thomas; 7, Rowe and Son. HYB. BRIT. (10): 1, Rowe and Richard, Bramble, to Linnet, 2, Lugg, Blue Face Linch; 3, Pascoe, Linnet to Yellow; 4, Ford, 5, 6, 7, Jones, jun. SELL., etc.: 1, Mules Bros., 2, Yates; 3, Bentley, 4, Minty, 5, Owen, 6, Owen, 7, Winscott. YELL.: 1, 1, Popplestone; 2, Fellows, 3, Cube; 4, Stetson Bros.; 5, Lemon; 6, Pascoe; 7, Banks. BUFF: 1, Bousfield; 2, Northcott; 3, Lacey, 4, Ford; 5, Lacey, 6, Collings, 7, Webster.

The Mealy Classes.

YORKS YELL. CL. OR TKD. (1): 1, C. Bale for Astor Cup and Yorks Prize; 2, 3, Jewell, 3, 5, Craven, 4, Boundy; 7, Mellows. BUFF (6): 1 sp, Jewell; 2, 4, Craven; 3, Oliver; 5, Mellows, 6 Tremaul; 7, Boundy. MKD YELL.: 1, Mellows, 2, Tremaul. BUFF MKD.: 1, 4, Craven, 2, Mellows, 3, Oliver, 5, Tremaul. YELL HEN: 1, Boundy, 2, 6, Oliver; 4, 7, Snell. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Mellows; 3, Oliver; 4, Boundy. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Spillman; 2, Noyce; 3, Yates, 4, Garland, 5, Phillips. BUFF: 1, Collings; 2, 3, Rowe, Pope, 4, Brown; 5, Spillman; 6, 7, Dugmore. YELL. MKD: 1, Spillman; 2, Rowe; 3, Garland; 4, Brown. BUFF: 1, Spillman; 2, Phillips; 3, Rowe; 4, Garland; 5, Sleep; 7, Pope. YELL. HEN: 1, Collings, 2, Spillman; 3, Brown; 4, Parsley; 5, Yates. BUFF: 1, Pope; 2, Rowe; 3, Collings; 4, Miller; 5, Yates, 7, Sleep. NOV.: 1, Deacon; 2, 4, Featherstone, 3, Banks; 5, Sleep. CREST. CL. BODY: 1, Bavage; 2, Ryder; 3, Ball; 4, Parsons. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Bavage; 2, Larvey; 3, Hutchings; 4, Bale; 5, Ryder; 6, Parsons. C.B. TKD., ETC.: 1, Ryder; 2, Bavage; 3, Bale; 4, Richards. BEAV. MKD.: 1, Bale; 2, Ryder; 3, Hutchings; 4, Bavage; 5, Parsons. PAIRS: 1, Bavage; 2, Parsons. CINN. YELL.: 1, Brown; 2, 4, Lee; 3, 5, Dyer. BUFF: 1, Dyer; 2, Brown; 3, Lee; 4, Blackmore. HEN: 1, Ryder; 2, 4, Pope; 3, Blackmore; 5, Yates; 7, Brown. PAIRS: 1, Spillman; 2, Brown. GOLDF.: 1, Spillman; 2, Brown; 3, Rowe. MULES, LIGHT: 1, 2, 3, Wills. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Wills. DARK: 1, cup, 2, Popplestone; 3, Wills; 4, Lugg; 5, 6, Hannaford. BRIT. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, Wills, 3, Lugg. LINNET: 1, Lugg; 2, 3, Wills, 4, Popplestone; 5, Smale. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Smale, 2, Pridham; 3, Lugg. INSECTIV.: 1, Snell.

BROMLEY.

Bromley and W. Kent F.A. held its annual show Oct. 15, at the Drill Hall, Bromley. A fine building, but none too large for the exhibits. Our section was unfortunately somewhat down compared with other years, although many of the exhibits were first class in point of merit, particularly the Yorks, among which were to be found some real beauties. A few typical Borders were also on view, but exhibitors of the "wee gems" were no doubt saving their best for the club show next week. British were not numerous, but good, and all staged in fine fettle. The few members' classes were well filled. The cup winner proved to be Mr. Foxen's clear yell. Yorks., a bird of lovely type, colour and finish, the runner up being Mr. Steel's Norwich, which pressed it hard. The show was ably managed by Mr. A. T. Bellinger, who is a hard worker, and had everything well in hand. He was ably assisted by Mr. Foxen, and a good committee, consisting of Messrs. Stephens, Ford, Barber, and Poindestre. Special winners: Messrs. Borman, Presland, Jones, Green, Foxen, Baker, Fairman, Hayden, Kay, Offord, Francis, Juby, Williams, Steel, Ford and Dell. Mr. J. R. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR., UNFLIG. (8): 1, Borman, smart yell., good size and type, full head, without brow, nicely rounded front, good wings and tail, wins; 2, 3, Steel, 2nd, good size, nice qual., a bit rough, hardly fit, 3rd, Bolder, more subs., well filled back, good wings and tail, we fancied for 2nd; 4, res., Wickham, very typical yell., rare qual. and con., wants size; vhc, Acland. NOV. CK. (2): 1, Presland, nice short, thick-set buff, good subs., grand back, neat but rather weak head, capital wings, and tail, lovely qual.; 2, res., Miss Inglis, nice qual. yell., good head and neck, well braced wings, capital col.; 3, Deane, very typical buff, well across the perch, good bold head, nicely rounded front; vhc, Tomsett; hc, Greenaway; c, Woodcock. HEN (9): 1, Presland, grand buff, rare thick-set bird, neat yet full head and neck, good back and wings, sound col.; 2, vhc, c, Page, capital tkd. yell., lovely head, type and style, nice clean rim, grand col., must have pressed; 3, Borman, beauty for type, rare subs., capital wings, A1 qual.; 4, Woodcock, buff, bit more feathery, grand subs., rare stock bird; res., Greenaway; hc, Starling. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Borman, grand size, and type, well filled all round, capital head and neck, good bold front; 2, Ingles, grand col. yell., shade long in body, lovely qual., clean cut, good tail; 3, Tomsett, buff, nice stamp, neat head and neck, good back and wings; 4, Hall, bold buff, capital size, grand depth of body, good col.; res., Deane; vhc, Miss Edwards; hc, Hasler; c, Dark. YORKS., CL. CK. (12): 1, Jones, grand length, good pos. and style, wee bit slack yet, grand wings; 2, Britton, smaller, but wonderful type, clean as a bottle, grand back and wings, in rare fettle; 3, Green, neck tkd., beauty, lovely type and length, well up on legs, grand shoulder and wings, rare qual., good as any; 4, Hutton; res., vhc, Wraight; hc, Fairman; c, Johnson. MKD. CK. (7): 1, Green, smart and typical, showing plenty of leg, capital shoulder, very clean cut to a nice whip tail, very stylish; 2, Wraight, Cinn. mkd., nice position, neat head and neck, nicely drawn, lovely qual.; 3, Jones, non-fed, wing mkd. buff, capital type and style, beautifully moulded; 4, Foxen, head and wing mkd. yell., rare stamp, nicely drawn; vhc, Bullen. HEN (9): 1, 3, Foxen, wonderful length and style, beautifully drawn, capital head and neck, good shoulders, smart wings, 3rd, head mkd. yell., good type, nicely drawn, shade wild; 2, Hutton, smart yell., hardly so Lot in col., but grand type, nicely rounded, AB quality; 4, Mrs. Gill, Grand quality, shade stout, good head and wings; vhc, Wraight; hc Veness; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Green, yell., wonderful length, perfect head, nice free neck, good shoulders, smart well-braced wings, hardly at its best yet; 2, hc, Wraight smart buff, lovely qual., grand pos., beautifully rounded, smart tail; 3, 4, Foxen, racy buff, beauty for style and finish, well up on legs, beaten size, and smart yell., well up on legs, grand col. and qual.; r, Bullen; vhc, Hutton. NOV. HEN (10): 1, Baker, beautiful buff, model for type, full of fettle, clean and smart, and beautifully moulded, rare qual., 2, Pound-stone, lovely neat tkd., capital type, just beat in size; 3, Britton, lovely buff, wond rful British nice type and style, [illegible] wings; 4, hc, Rogers, smart, nicely drawn yell., grand type, A1 qual.; vhc, r, Fairman. UNFLIG (8): 1, 3, Fairman, lovely buff, not over large, but a beauty for type and style, full of col. and qual., capital shoulders, A1 wings, 3rd good yell., nice type, hardly lined down yet; 2, Bullen, smart bird, rare type, well up on legs, grand back and wings, smooth as a bottle; 4, Clarke, variegs., excellent type, grand length, good head; r, Rogers; vhc, hc, Baker; c, Dyer. CREST: 1, 2, Haydon, cl. body D.C., wonderful size, good dense cap of nice size, good centre and droop, grand qual., 2nd grizzle cap, grand subs., capital frontal, good centre, wants time; 3, hc, Stevens, green, nice type and size, neat headpiece; 4, res, vhc, Ford; c, Young. BORD. (15): 1, 3, Kay, smart, nicely moulded buff, good head, back and wings, rare qual. and finish, 3rd good yell., hardly so typical as winner, but lovely qual.; 2, Williams, lovely yell., perfect head, capital type, nice style; 4, Culham, smart stylish green; r, Martin; vhc, hc, Sutton; c, Joplin.

REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, 4, spl, Offord, topping Redpoll, capital size and shape, beautifully laced, grand col., pure condition; 2, 3, Francis, very smart Siskin, good size and shape, nice dense cap, well laced, but hardly in such good trim as 3rd, bonny Mealy 'Poll, grand size, perfect shape, with a wealth of lacing, good bib; vhc, Dell; hc, Shiers. FINCH OR BUNTING (7): 1, 2, sp, Francis, bonny Hawfinch, grand size and shape, good wide skull, perfect bib, tight as wax, wins, 2nd good bold Corn Bunting, grand size and col., full of markings, steady as a rock; 3, Shiers, good Hawfinch, capital bib, A1 cond., beaten size and col.; 4, res, Acland; vhc, Miss Smyth. DK. MULE (7): 1, 2, Juby, very smart yell. Linnet-Canary, capital size and shape, deep rich col., nice cond., 2nd another Linnet, good big bird, hardly the col. and finish of winner; 3, Acland, good buff Grecnie, capital size and shape, rich col.; 4, Mrs. Soames; res, Ford; vhc, Bullen. FOR.. (10): 1, 3, Williams, Bluish Tanager, lovely exhibit, grand size and shape, tight as wax, a real beauty, 3rd Yellow-backed Whydah, in good condition, very steady; 2, Wade, Crimson-wing Parrakeet, grand size and col., in good trim; 4, res, hc, Miss Smyth, pair of Bengalese, good birds, but hardly in the condition of No. 157, grand Red-headed Finch, rare col., steady, and not a feather out of place; res, nice Cordon Bleus; vhc, c, Reed. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Dell, Starling leading, beauty for size, shape, and spangling, in perfect feather; vhc, Poindestre. MEMBERS'.—NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Steel; 4, Presland. YORKS.: 1, c, Foxen; 2, 3, Bullen; 4, vhc, Poindestre; res, Bullen; hc, Crisp. CREST: 1, Ford; 2, 3, Stevens. BORD.: 1, 2, 4, Ford; 3, res, vhc, Soames. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, 1, 2, 4, Mrs. Soames; res, vhc, c, Britton. HYB.: Britton.

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MORPETH.

First Coupon Show in Northumberland —Keen Competition—Winner of Championship a Gem.

Morpeth C.B.S. annual show was held on Oct. 11, and, taken all over, the society was rewarded with a very good entry, although a slight increase was recorded on last year. Many breeders present were complaining of the slow moulting season among their stock, which probably accounted for the shortness. In the Norwich some good ones were out. The classes all over were good, some grand birds being among the winners. The CAGE BIRDS championship for best coupon bird in show was secured by a clear buff cock exceedingly well staged by Mr. Snowdon, a gem all over, rare size, splendid shape, and lovely short feather. The unlighted classes were hot, especially the hens, many birds out of the money being lit to get a prize in any ordinary competition. Cinnamons were a shade small in numbers, but of good type and quality. Yorks. were a good collection, and hard to separate. Mr. Crawhall accounting for sp. with one of his gems. Mules were good, the leader being a gem of a clear, well staged. Mr. Cowgill judged these classes, and comments on his awards were very few.

Borders were strong classes, and competition was very keen, some real gems being amongst the winners, outstanding specimens being the winning yell. hen and uneven buff hen, both staged in rare order; the 2nd prize yell cock, staged by Mr. J. Graham, won C.B. diploma. British were good all over, the Linnet class being strongly contested. We unfortunately heard a few remarks on the colour of some of them, but they were down in the prize list. The winning Goldie was in grand bloom for the time of the year. Not a single exhibit among the British was entered for C.B. Competition. What were the exhibitors thinking about, letting valuable prizes go begging? Mr. J. W. Brnee judged these classes, and his awards were well received. Mr. Cowling, the very hardworking and worthy sec., as usual, had everything in apple-pie order, and the staging beautifully arranged. He was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee. The show was well patronised, and we hope to hear of a financial success.

Mr. Cowgill's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Smailes, good stamp, fine full front, sweet head and neck, in rare trim; 2, Wilson, strong build, longer a shade in flights, good col. and front; 3, Wellsbury, slimmer in build, and scarcely so well finished, good head, neat wing carriage; 4, Appleby, nice size and boxy feather, fails a little in subs.; vhc, Harland; he, Fairbairn; c, Seely Bros. BUFF (19): 1, C.B. championship for best in show, Snowdon, a good one, as round as possible, grand full head and front, rare short wings and tail, lovely close feather, a clinker, staged in grand trim; 2, Archbold and Lascelles, fine front and head, rare style and qual., fails to winner in subs.; 3, Wellsbury, good shape, longer in feather than winners, and not so bold in head and neck; 4, Peirson, sweet finish, beaten in size, good wing carr., a grand class, carefully handled; vhc, McQuilan and Matfen; he, McGinn; c, Smith. CL., ETC., YELL HEN (9): 1, Butler, very shapely, good front and head, nice size, sweet quality throughout; 2, Harland, extra well finished off, lovely sheen, not so bold in head properties, good shape; 3, Scott, neat one, fine quality, not so well drawn as winner; 4, vhc, Wilson, sweet size, lacks the bloom,, and scarcely so good in head; he, Holden; c, Roweroft. BUFF (18): 1, Mackay, good one, grand bloom, short cut, bold head and front, nice wing carr., lovely style, well staged; 2, Harland, equal feather and good size, lacks the build and cut of winner, a shade longer in flights, but neat head and good front; 3, Seely Bros., good stamp, shade slimmer in body, grand col. and fine qual. of feather; 4, Holden, plenty subs. and good order, longer a shade behind, loses in wing carr., well placed; vhc, Richardson; he, Middleton; c, Thompson. UNFLIG., CL., ETC., YELL. (23): 1, Butler, hot one, rare texture of feather, sweet head and neck, well filled up all round, grand flights and lovely wing carr., well staged; 2, Lindsay, not so full in front, but good col., very nicely drawn, extra well balanced wings, and well finished off; 3, Laidlow, good shape, nice head, sweet stamp all over, shade smaller than winners, equal finish; 4, Snowdon, bold front and head, fine size, loses in wing carr. to others, and not so well drawn; a good class; vhc, Dobinson; he, Wright; c, Robson and March. BUFF: (18): 1, Dobinson, full bloom, grand stamp, bold head and front, short behind, fine wing carr., and very neatly cut, rare qual. throughout; 2, Smailes, sweet size, good shape, not so bold in head, but equal front, good wing carr.; 3, Pierson, nice qual., shade thin in front, but good head, tip-top wing carr., nice trim; 4, Snowdon, close up, grand qual. of feather, shade slimmer in build all over, well drawn; vhc, Seely Bros.; he, Thompson; c, Laidlow. HEN, UNFLIG, (33): 1, C.B. novice championship, Lindsay, good yell., grand size, nice bold head and well filled up on neck, fine wing carr., and neatly cut, in good order; 2, Dobinson, close up, a good yell., grand subs. all over, plenty front, well cut, good short feather, not so good in wing carr., neat exhibit, must have pressed hard; 3, Seely Bros., buff tick, plenty subs., shade low on perches and not so good in head, grand feather and neat wing carr.; 4, Harland, good large yell., rare body and head, not so well finished as winners, still all there for Nor properties; ex 4, Appleby, yell., good size and nice qual. of feather, inclined to be thin in front; grand class all over; vhc, he, Snowdon; c, Hume. NOV. NOR., 1913. (16): 1, Topping, good head tick, grand bird, fine head and neck, rare colour and finish, well placed; 2, Appleby, bouncing yell., plenty body, good head and neck, shade rough in feather; 3, Whiller, buff, shade thin in front, but good head and A1 feather, nicely finished off; 4, Hodgson, another good all-round Buff, nice front and size, good qual. of feather, fails a little in head; vhc, Williamson; he, Roweroft; c, Lawson. NOV. A.O.V., 1913 (15): 1, Dunn, nice yell. Bord., good head and front, well drawn, grand finish; 2, Warren, nice buff Yorks., lengthy and well made, good front, rare feather, shade strong across; 3, 4, Whiller, neat Cinn. Border, fine shape, grand style, free worker, in nice trim; 4th, yell. Cinn. Nor., good size, well pencilled, in nice order; vhc, Furness; he, Wakenshaw; c, Roweroft. CINN. CK. (7): 1, 3, Roberts, nice yells., leader the best in ground col., rare pencilling, grand shape, lovely head and front; 3rd, shade thinner in front, good markings; 2, Dixon, romping buff, grand shape, shade longer in feather, all there for markings; 4, vhc, C.B. diploma, Seely Bros., nice yell., shade smaller than winners, but good col. and finish; he, Thompson; c, Markwell. HEN (9): 1, 3, Roberts, again to the front, with two nice yells., leader the best in size, grand colour and finish; 2, Markwell, also a yell., grand colour, not so pure in markings as winner; 4, Seely Bros., buff, nice size and markings, good head and shape.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Pyman, good one, rare length, very finely drawn and free from roughness, good head, A1 wing carr., in full bloom; 2, Dykes, typical, grand shape, plenty length, neatly drawn, good head and front, not so good in wing carr.; 3, Rand sweet shape, grand feather, not so good in front, well cut below, staged in full bloom; 4, Marshall, good all round, falls a shade in length, nice head and front, longer in feather than winners; vhc, Moore; he, Warren; c, Moore. BUFF (16): 1, C.B. diploma, Crawhall, topper, extra good in length, grand feather, tight as wax, nice head and good front, well drawn, shows to perfection; 2, Dykes, close up, not the bloom of winner, but very stylish, good front, sweet head, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Rand, grand shape, stylish, shade narrow across, and scarcely so good in head, lengthy and well drawn; 4, Wakenshaw, lovely order, scarcely the length of winners, but well balanced, neat head and front; vhc, Warren; he, Hall Bros.; c, Moore. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Marshall, leader good Crest, fine top end, plenty length of frontal and well centred, good order; 3rd, sweet C.B., well lashed, good size and subs.; 2, Furness, nice Cinn. Bord., good ground col., but a shade thin in body; 4, Seely Bros., could not find when taking notes; he, Graham. MULE or HYB. (8): 1, 4, Butler, leader cl. Goldie, in grand order, grand size, sweet qual. throughout, slight flush on face, inclined to be a shade soft; 4th, nice Dark Yell. Linnet, fine size, grand col. and finish, might have gone 3rd; 2, 3, Hanson, two sweet Goldie-Bullies, leader the best in col. and finish, fine size and well put down, heard they were bred by owner, and a great credit to him; vhc, Seely Bros.; he, Robson and Marsh; c, Henderson. SELL. (15): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Baker; 3, Gray; 4, Peel; vhc, Orange; he, no name; c, Markwell.

Mr. Bruce's Classes.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Smith, sweet one, grand shape, rare head, nice front, well drawn, lovely mould, sweet weight, shown to perfection; 2, C.B. diploma, Graham, similar build to winner, finely drawn and stylish, fails a little in head and not so well packed on neck; 3, Purvis, good stamp, grand qual. of feather, very neat head, grand body, scarcely so well finished behind, tip-top wing carr.; 4, Gilchrist, sweet body, good feather, slightly pinched on head and neck; vhc, Smart; c, Bennett. BUFF (26): 1, Graham, good var., rather heavy markings, but grand type, rare style, finely drawn, good front and head; 2, Smart, close up, good foul, lovely head and well drawn, showing signs of age; 3, Bennett, best feathered bird in show, like wax, rare stamp, sweet head and mould, but very unsteady; 4, Hay, good one for qual., shade stronger than winners, but grandly rounded, well cut below; vhc Ross; he, Espie; c, Appleby. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (19): 1, Lock, sweet yell., correct weight, grand bead and front, beautifully drawn, lovely wing carr.. sweet all over, in grand order; 2, Hay, foul mkd., shade heavier in front, but perfect in build, grand taper, lovely balanced wings, wants a week or so and will take some stopping; 3, Gilchrist, sweet body, neat shape, fails in head and neck to winner; 4, Peel, nice shape, stylish, but a shade plainer in front, good wing carr., neat head; vhc, Smith; he, Graham; c, Watson. BUFF (16): 1, Walker, hot one, grand all over, very round body, good head, A1 wing carr. and taper, feathered like wax, could be improved in staging; 2, Gilchrist, nice box-feathered one, good wing carr., stylish, rather plain in front, but finely drawn; 3, Graham, sweet Cinn. mark, hardly fined down, A1 type, well drawn; 4, Bennet, good one, sweet shape, grand qual., rather unsteady; vhc, Espie; he, Morland; c, Watson. LINNET (15): 1, Boyd, big, fine tone of col., well laced, good whites, in tip-top bloom; 2, McVay, grand shape, fine markings, good whites, sombre in bloom compared to winner, and not so good in col.; 3, Stewart, sweet pencilling and grand shape, good head and front, fails a little in wing flights; 4, Meadly, good one, rare shape, bold head and front nice col., not so well carried down in lacing and could be improved in staging; vhc, Harbottle; he, Fairbairn; c, no name. A.O. HARDBILL, SMALL (8): 1, Bertram, sweet Goldie, well up in col., grand size and lovely order, well staged; 2, 4, Stewart, good Bullie nice cap and bib, fine bars, good col. and grand order; 4th, sweet Lesser Redpoll, good cap and bib, well laced and fine order; 3, McQuilan and Matfin, sweet fed Siskin, grand size and lacing, nice cap, rather small in bib, well staged; vhc, Marshall; he, Davison; c, Kindleside. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Roper, good Song Thrush, in fine order, well spangled; 2, Davison, sweet Waxwing, tip-top colours and grand size, nicely staged, some thought should have won; 3, Johnston, nice Skylark, well laced, fine size, sweetly staged; 4, McVay, Skylark, good size and qual., fails in markings. GIFT (3): 1, Seely Bros.: 2, Hall Bros.; 3, Scott.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIS. C.B.S.

Table Show held Oct. 6. Forty-four exhibits were staged, not up to the usual number, but quality was splendid, and we may well look forward to a good annual. Mr. C. Elliott judged Canaries, and Mr. G. Whatford Brit.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Whatford; 2, Broadbridge; 3, Stevens. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Roberts; 3, Whatford; vhc, Broadbridge; he, c, Churchill. TKD. or VAR. YELL.: 1, Churchill; 2, Broadbridge; 3, Whatford. BUFF: 1, Stevens; 2, Broadbridge; 3, Jarrett; 4, Whatford. YORK., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Olive. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Olive; 4, Churchill; vhc, E. Stevens. TKD. or VAR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Olive. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Olive. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, Jarrett; 3, Clayton. LINNET: 1, vhc, Grant; 2, Burley; 3, he, Hyland. FOR.: 1, 2, Grant; 3, Jacobs.—W. Broadbridge, Sec.

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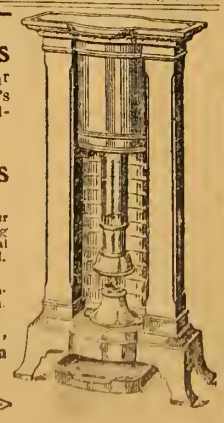
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WINDHILL.

A good entry and excellent management; Changes in the winners from last week.

The Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. C.B.S. held its annual exhibition Oct. 11, in the Carnegie Library Hall, Windhill. 420 birds were staged in 30 classes. Condition of the birds generally has improved a lot since last week at Great Horton, and changes amongst the winners resulted. Novices still roll up and fill their classes, except Norwich, which seem to be getting worse. It looks, in fact, as if one man is going to have it all to himself. The show was exceedingly well managed by the officials; the hard work was done in a very quiet and businesslike manner. The able and obliging show manager was Mr. Matt Broadley, and he was splendidly assisted by the stewards, Messrs. Bryant, Loug, Hall, Waltou, and Mason. The "gate-men" were Messrs. Harney, Booth, and Sutcliffe. Amongst the visitors was Mr. Dewhurst, the well-known British bird exhibitor of London. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL (13: 1, Bailey, cl., good upstanding hird, extra col., A1 qual., long flights, looks like Gt. Horton winner; 2, Pickup and Son, grand qual. and position, rather inclined to cross wings; 3, Ogden Bros., nice position, good col., just a shade less; 4, Tidswell, big bird, good col. and qual., nice stock bird; vhc, Beaumont; he, Lister; c, Towers. BUFF (13): 1, Mason, hot col., grand qual., well up on legs, extra wing carr., won well, benched in fine style; 2, Dyson, big bird, lovely qual. and position, stands well, shade stouter; 3, Hodgson, hot. col., good qual. and style, long flights, well fitting wings; 4, Ogden Bros., hot. col., beautiful style and qual., rather less; vbc, Sutcliffe and Son; he, Thomas; c, Shepherd. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Bailey, tkd. neck, long and slim, extra col. and qual., nice wing carr.; 2, Dykes, thigh tkd., grand bird, shows a bit of breed, extra qual.; 3, Lister, tkd. neck, wonderful length, rather slim, not so good in col.; 4, Shepherd, good position and qual., but not quite ready; vhc, Myers and Lumb; he, Wheldrake; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Thornton, wing tkd., extra col., good qual. and pos.; 2, Lister, wing tkd., lovely qual. and pos., good col., rather stiffer than winner; 3, Dykes, tkd. neck, grand qual., stands well up, shade less in length; 4, Bennett, wing tkd., beautiful bird, on slim side, extra qual., good col. and style; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; he, Mason; c, Ogden Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Hall, cl. yell., wonderful length, extra qual., and good col., will take some beating; 2, Fowle, grand col. and qual., nice wings, rather slimmer; 3, Bennett, lovely qual., good col., A1 pos., shade less; 4, Bailey, beautiful feather, good col., not quite as long; vhc, Dykes; he, Clegg; c, Briggs. BUFF (17): 1, Briggs, cl., good col., feathered like glass, lovely shape, stands well; 2, Goodwin, cl., nice length and type, good head, grand qual. and col.; 3, Dyson, cl., nice head and shoulders, rather stronger, extra qual. and position; 4, Beaumont, wing tkd.. A1 qual., grand col. and type, shade less; vhc, Moss; he, Long; c, Sutcliffe and Son. UNFLIG. HEN (19): 1, Ogden Bros., cl. yell., real gem, good col. and style, lovely qual. and wing carr.; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cl. yell., grand qual. and pos., shade paler, very stylish hen; 3, Lister, cl. buff, beautiful hen, nice col., extra qual., stands well; 4, Dykes, cl. yell., good col., lovely qual., nice wings, neat tail; vhc, Slater; he, Whitwam; c, Beaumont. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Casey, cl., lovely hen, grand qual., beautiful wings and tail, very stylish; 2, Moss, mkd. on tail, nice boxy feather, good position, not as good in col.; 3, Mason, cl., nice shoulders, well braced wings, extra feather, rather pale; 4, Burdekin Bros., cl., good col. and qual., well up on legs, will get better place; vhc, Ogden Bros.; he, Briggs; c, Naylor. BUFF (13): 1, Clegg, cl., beautiful hen, lovely qual., good col., magnificent wings and tail, a good winner; 2, Towers, cl., another nice lady, extra qual. and position, grand shoulders and back; 3, Burdekin Bros., cl., beautifully rounded and finished, good qual., stands well up; 4, Whitley, cl., nice hen, A1 qual. and style, rather pale in col., will improve; vhc, Beaumont; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Long. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (6): 1, Morrison, even mkd., beautiful col., rare pos., extra wings and tail; 2, Wheldrake, mkd. head and neck, lovely qual., nice length and type, well up; 3, Ogden Bros., uneven mkd., good qual. and style; 4, Brown and Son; heavily mkd., A1 col. and qual.; vhc, Brown and Son; he, Garnett. BUFF (8): 1, Towers, uneven mkd., lovely feather, long tightly braced wings, grand col.; 2, Atkinson and Firth, variegated, extra qual. and pos., very stylish; 3, Chittenden, uneven mkd., excellent type, close up, neat wings and tail, well shown; 4, Ogden Bros., uneven mkd., beautiful qual., good col. and pos.; vhc, Morrison; he, Hadwen; c, Thornton. CINN. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Binns, even mkd., rare pos., grand wings and tail, lovely qual. and col.; 2, Bennett, uneven mkd., beautiful qual. and col., stands on good legs; 3, Dykes, uneven mkd., very smooth, grand wings and tail, nice position; 4, Towers, uneven mkd., big hen, A1 qual. and col.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; he, Towers. BUFF (8): 1, Towers, uneven mkd., lovely qual., beautifully rounded and finished, grand col.; 2, Casey, unevenly mkd., good col., capital wings, feather like glass, stands well; 3, Whitwam, even mkd., but very slight, lovely qual. and col., neat wings and tail; 4, Ogden Bros., even mkd., beautiful markings, nice position, good col. and qual.; vhc, Pickup and Son; he, Morrison; c, Myers and Lumb. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Myers and Lumb, tkd. on both eyes, good pos., nice qual., pale in col., very lucky; 2, 3, Chittenden, even mkd., hot in col., lovely qual., A1 wings and tail, some preferred to winner, 3rd even mkd., grand qual., excellent length and cond., rather stronger; 4, Dykes, even mkd., wonderful length, excels in col., looks like Gt. Horton winner, not looking so well; vhc, Ogden Bros.; he, Townsend; c, Hill. BUFF (16): 1, Binns, uneven mkd., nice length and type, grand qual., good wings and tail, a beauty; 2, Clegg, uneven mkd., grand length, good neat head, extra qual., col., stands up well; 3, Dykes, even mkd., excellent in qual., grand pos., neat wings and tail; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. head and wing, wonderful length, grand col., very slim; vhc, Hall; he, Goodwin; c, Chittenden. EVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Thomas, even mkd., beautiful lady, hot in col., lovely qual., splendid wings and tail; 2, Whitley, variegated, grand hen, lovely qual., clean cut, stands well up on legs; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, even mkd., beautiful shoulders, extra wings and tail, good qual.; 4, Clegg, even mkd., another nice hen, good col., A1 qual., just a shade less; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; he, Hudson. BUFF (11): 1, Mason, mkd. both wings, grand type and qual., A1 col., nicely finished, well shown; 2, Ogden Bros., uneven mkd., beautiful wings and tail, grand qual. and col.; 3, Dykes, uneven mkd., nicely filled up, lovely shape and type, extra qual. and cond.; 4, Morrison, var., wonderful qual., grand position, only fault in markings; vhc, Townsend; he, Hall; c, Thornton. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (15): 1, Noble and Son, cl., rare length and style, hot col. tightly fitting wings, grand qual., claimed; 2, Ellis, tkd. eye, long slim bird, extra qual. and col., well up on legs, close up; 3, Powell, cl., grand length, good col., well moulded, A1 wings and tail; 4, Pedder, cl., lovely qual., excellent in pos., just a shade less; vhc, Hudson; he, Symes; c, Studd. BUFF (29): 1, Taylor, wing tkd., grand upstanding bird, lovely qual., neat head and shoulders, looks well; 2, Seager, cl., beautiful qual., neat wings, stands well on legs, close up; 3, Dibb, cl., lovely qual. and col., grand bird, rather low on legs; 4, Jowett, cl., grand big stock bird, beautiful qual. for size, well worth its place; vhc, Atkinson; he, Holgate and Aldridge; c, Spencer. UNFLIG. CK. (28): 1, Firth, cl. buff, grand head and shoulders, lovely qual., good col., stands up well, whip tail, claimed; 2, Bedforth, tkd. yell., long slim bird, beautiful col., A1 wings and tail; 3, Ratcliffe, cl. yell., lovely pos., shade stronger, grand head and wing carr.; 4, Holroyd, cl. buff, smart and stylish, good col. and qual., rather less; vhc, Mosley; he, W. H. Hamlyn; c, Smith. HEN (22): 1, Taylor, cl. yell., wonderful pos., grand wings and tail, lovely qual., very well shown; 2, Bushby, cl. buff, excellent in qual., neat head, good col., stands well, just a shade less; 3, Long, cl. yell., wonderfully straight, very slim, nice col., good qual., close up; 4, Hainsworth and Son, cl. yell., big hen, grand qual., lovely shape, will do better; vhc, Atkinson; he, Long; c, Kirkbright. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Smith, tkd. yell., wonderful qual., grand pos., neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Fretwell, mkd. wing and neck, beauty, lovely qual., well up on legs, A1 pos.; 3, Seager, cl., well rounded and finished, nice qual., good col., close up; 4, Atkinson, cl., another grand stylish hen, good qual., put down in good style; vhc, Murgatroyd; he, Noble and Son; c, Firth. BUFF (19): 1, Atkinson, cl., rare qual. and type, neat head, lovely wings and tail, a treat; 2, Studd, cl., lovely qual. and pos., shade stouter, straight as a dart; 3, Kirkbright, cl., big hen, A1 qual., well filled up, good stock bird; 4, Bedforth, cl., lovely head and shoulders, grand qual., not quite ready; vhc, Hall; he, Kilburn; c, Cotterhill. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. (22): 1, Bushby, even mkd. yell., red hot in col., lovely quality and pos., stands well on legs; 2, Atkinson, uneven mkd. yell., good col., grand back and shoulders, rather loose in front; 3, Holroyd, even mkd. buff, excellent qual., A1 pos., good col., neat wings and tail; 4, Hamlyn, uneven mkd. yell., beautiful qual., very stylish, good col., straight, rather less; vhc, Bedford; he, Harney; c, Hanson. HEN (14): 1, Hainsworth and Son, uneven mkd. yell., lovely qual., rare pos., extra wings and tail, a gem; 2, Noble and Son, uneven mkd. buff, grand qual., smart and stylish, stands well up; 3, McLaughlin, head mkd., lovely little hen, feathered like glass, very smart; 4, Ellis, uneven mkd. buff, nicely finished, good qual., grand back and wings; vhc, Firth; he, Bower; c, Holgate and Aldridge. CINN., TKD., ETC., CK. (7): 1, Speak, uneven mkd. buff, wonderful length, good col., qual., excellent wings and tail; 2, Hudson, even mkd. buff, grand col., good qual., A1 type and style; 3, Wood, even mkd. buff, good type, sound qual., tightly braced wings and tail; 4, Boulton, uneven mkd., beautiful pos., good qual., fails only in col.; vhc, Mitchell; he, Fountain; c, Atkinson. HEN (14): 1, Fountain, wing tkd. yell., hot in col., lovely qual. and pos., looks like a cock; 2, Leather, uneven mkd. yell., grand pos., will improve; 3, Collins Bros., even mkd. yell., beautiful qual., A1 pos., good wings and tail, we preferred this; 4, Wood, unevenly mkd. buff, wonderful qual., well up on legs, nice stylish hen; vhc, Powell; he, Ellis; c, Grange. NOR. CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, Airton, cl. yell., red hot col., lovely qual., plenty of subs.; 2nd cl. buff, hot in col., splendid cond., A1 wings and tail, close up; 3rd cl. buff, beautiful head and back, not quite so good in col., good stock bird; 4, Cawtheray and Son, cl. buff, big hird, good col.; vhc, Pedder; he, Cawtheray and Son. SELL., 15s. 6d. (21): 1, Bedforth; 2, Marsh; 3, Marsh; 4, Miller; vhc, Harney; he, Hampshire; c Atkinson. 12s. 6d.: 1, Denby; 2, Marsh; 3, Bower; 4, Bryant; vhc, Casey; he, Mountain; c, Garnett.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, held Sept. 27, at Granby Hotel. 42 birds were staged. Mr. A. M. Craven judged. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Ambler; 3, Jowett; 4, Allatt. BUFF: 1, Fowle; 2, Johnson; 3, Skelton; 4, Ambler. MKD. YELL.: 1, G. Skelton. MKD. BUFF: 1, Fowle; 2, Jowett; 3, Haggis; 4, Hudson. L. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Kirkhright; 2, 4, Fowle; 3, Allatt. BUFF: 1, Kirkhright; 2, 3, Fowle; 4, Hudson. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Kirkbright; 2, Jowett; 3, Allatt; 4, Fowle. BUFF: 1, Jowett; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Rolfe; 4, Allatt. —H. Myers, Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Second table show of season, at headquarters, Oct. 6. There was a record entry, and some very good birds were staged. Three new members were enrolled. Mr. E. Bond judged and gave complete satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Ratcliffe. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Ratcliffe. DITTO NOV.: 1, Tebbutt; 2, Geeson; 3, vhc, Brewin; he, c, Musson. YORKS: 1, Mann and Twilley. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mann and Twilley. NOV.: 1, Tebbutt; 2, Geeson; 3, Brewin; vhc, Tebbutt; he c, Musson. GOLDF.: 1, F. Brewin; 2, T. Starkey. LINNET, etc.: 1, Bailey; 2, 3, Lowther. MULES: 1, Brewin; 2, Starkey.—H. Lowther, Hon. Sec.

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Magnificent Entry for "Cage Birds" Coupon Scheme.

Leeds C.B.S. held its 23rd annual open exhibition October 10 and 11. The Salem Lecture Hall, in which the function took place, is a most suitable rendezvous, roomy, void of draughts, well lighted, and in close proximity to the centre of the city. The entry numbered 575, in 10 classes. Birds generally one hears are "backward at coming forward," the majority not being properly through the moult.

Good Supporters and Officials.

The Society is supported by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr. A. W. Bain), vicar of Leeds (Rev. Dr. Bickersteth), Alderman C. F. Tetley, R. F. Fox, Esq., Coun. N. G. Morrison, and Malcolm J. Kitchen, Esq. The President is Coun. N. G. Morrison, a most generous financial helper. The Committee of Management consists of well-known and well-tried fanciers, ably led by two such stalwarts as Mr. H. J. Maynard (chairman), and Mr. T. Baldwinson (vice-chair). The men who put their shoulders to the wheel are Messrs. C. E. Hall, J. Owen, W. Johnson, W. Britow, F. Farrar, J. Sykes, W. H. Norton, A. G. Rhodes, J. Chambers, H. Chew, E. Middleton, and E. Hattersley. Mr. E. Norton, treasurer, claims the entire confidence of the society; the right man in the right place. Mr. W. A. Wilson, the s.c., is one of the most indefatigable of workers, a pleasure to meet a genuine trier, and a capital controller. Mr. J. P. Moir makes a good right-hand man, assisting in the secretarial duties in no mean fashion. Stewards who gave their assistance willingly and efficiently were Messrs. Maynard, Longley, McMillan, Reed, jun., and E. Hattersley.

The Troublesome Strike.

On the eve of the show the officials were somewhat in a dilemma as to how the exhibits were to be conveyed from the stations to the show room. The streets of Leeds were all in an uproar, on account of the carters' strike. The Railway Companies would not take the responsibility of delivering. The police authorities were approached, and an escort granted, providing the Society could find men to fetch the birds on hand carts, but no one would venture nerve had vanished after the mounted police had made their baton charge a short time previous. During the evening (Thursday), a meeting was held, and at the request of the Lord Mayor, a truce was declared, and the difficulty was overcome, every entry being safely housed. Amongst the many visitors to the show, we saw and chatted with Messrs. J. Bailey, J. Thomas, L. Dykes, Dr. M. A. Wilson, "Pa" Mundell, A. Jarvis (late sec. Stocksbridge Soc.), and others.

Norwich made a most magnificent display, and were certainly the feature of the show. Admittedly many specimens were not fully dressed, being in "pen," especially about head and neck, yet one was surprised to find so many that looked so fit. Toppers were put down by Messrs. S. Cook, J. Thomas, J. E. Davies, Harland, Heap, and Mason. When such notable stables are represented, none can wonder at "eye-openers" being on view. Truly a glorious collection of "short and thick 'uns." In the novice section were more than one quite worthy of competing amongst the champions, and really possessing great merit. Magnificent specimens were those belonging to Messrs. J. Wilson, J. W. Ingham, A. Robinson, J. Smith, and J. Wilford.

Where were the "long and slim 'uns"?

Yorkshires, the birds of "grace and beauty," did not turn up as one expected. This district being the hot bed of the "long and slim 'une," our expectations were damped at such a meagre attendance. Maybe, Windhill Show, held on the Saturday, and being little removed from Leeds, claimed many that would no doubt have made their presence felt, had not the clashing took place. Although not numerous, a few real gems faced the music, Messrs. L. Dykes, Simeson, Pyman, and A. Radley taking the largest plums with charmers. Amongst the novice classes one could locate birds capable of doing well in the "upper circle," Messrs. Graham, Beckwith, Smith, and Hunt staging beauties.

The British and Mule section held some "cream," Messrs. Martin and Archer having some of their "fliers" on view. Mr. R. D. Parlett won well with his noted yellow Greenie-Canary, looking as well as ever. Mr. J. Davies and Dr. M. A. Wilson also put down fine teams in capital order. Foreign gave tone to the carnival, and were greatly admired. G. Fletcher (Sheffield), S. Beaty (Cheshire), and J. Chadwick (Bridlington) supporting with grand exhibits.

"Cage Birds" Championship Competition.

Without doubt, this very enterprising feature has gripped the Fancy to an unprecedented extent. The great entry obtained at this fixture, and the many strenuous battles that were fought to decide who should become possessors of the valuable cash specials and diplomas of honour, amply prove the popularity of this innovation. The scheme, by the remarks we heard at the show, satisfies everybody to the fullest extent, and it has taken on immensely. Great was the delight of Messrs. Martin and Archer, the Mule experts, when they heard of their success at the "first fence," with their noted Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid. The novice cash spl. winner was Mr. J. Wilford, with a magnificent marked Buff Norwich, truly a gem all over, and the best youngster we have seen up to date. Take care of him, Mr. W., he will take some "knocking." Diplomas of honour were accounted for by the following: Yorks, Dr. W. Craig, Sheffield, with a slashing cheek-mkd. yell. cock, Mr. C. E. Hall, an eye-opener of a mkd. buff cock, claiming the diploma for Nor. Mr. L. Fallding put down a Waxwing in lovely bloom, that "pocketed" the Softbill honour. Yorks novice diploma, Mr. E. Toulson, Barnsley, a cl. yell. unflig. cock, full of true characteristics, and well worthy of the honour.

Sandiford's for hottest fed went to Mr. J. P. Moir, of Leeds, with a yell. Nor. cock, full of fire. Open points specials went to: Yorks., 1, Dykes; 2, Simeson. Nor.: 1, Thomas; 2, Cook. A.O.V.: 1, Barker. Sell.: 1, Shaw; 2, Quarmby. Brit.: 1, Dr. Wilson; 2, Davies and Martin and Archer (tie). For.: 1, Beaty; 2, Simpson. Nov. Yorks.: 1, Chew; 2, Hutchinson. Nov. Nor.: 1, Robinson; 2, Smith. The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. H. Roe, the former taking the even numbers.

The Open Sections.

YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Simeson, tkd. eye and neck, straight as a pencil, fine length, beautifully clothed, lovely back, flights and tail, clever legs, greatly admired; 2, Dr. Craig, mkd. left cheek, more col., smooth as wax, lengthy, capital back and wing carr., pressed strenuously; 3, Dykes, cap mkd., superbly feathered, rare length, fine back and flights, when taking notes was down somewhat; 4, Simeson, lightly var., slim and upstanding, neat and narrow, full of true character, not quite the length; vhc, McDade; hc, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Chew. BUFF (11): 1, Simeson, wonderfully lengthy cl., tight as a Java, delightful back, perfectly carried flights, closely folded tail, well on leg, gem; 2, Bailey, mkd. eyes and neck, sinking feather, grand shape and length, best of legs, not quite steady, should improve; 3, Wilkinson Bros., mkd. neck, superior col., stands well, smooth as glass, not of the biggest, but of the best; 4, Chew, mkd. right wing and head, A1 qual., neatly frosted over capital col., straight up, lengthy, bit thick waisted; vhc, Dykes; hc, Radley; c, Jepson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Dykes, mkd. left wing and eyes, superbly gowned, rich in col., delightful symmetry, nice length, quite a charmer; 2, Hall, sweetly moulded cl., grand stand and length, capital back and wing carr., well on leg, slighty behind in qual., yet very bonny damsel; 3, Jepheon, cl., rather pale col., yet A1 feather, neat and narrow, position one admires, shows for all she is worth; 4, Norton, cl., abundance of col., nice qual., good back and flights, neat tail, not quite ready, bit slack around throat; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Beaumont; c, Dr. W. Craig. BUFF (12): 1, Pyman, mkd. wings and head, smooth as polished marble, slashing position, rare length, best of backs, lovely wing carr., wins; 2, Beaumont, cl., straight as a rush, magnificent feather, richly frosted, capital length, but raw about cheeks and eyes, will be a stormer shortly, grand exhibit; 3, Norton, lovely clothed cl., not a feather misplaced, A1 col., good length, lacks a little in position, yet a fine specimen, and worth her place; 4, Parkes, cl., capital feather, full of true character, shows well, clever legs, not big, but extremely choice; vhc, Simeson; hc, Dr. W. Craig; c, Hall. YELL UNFLIG. (6): 1, Dykes, beautifully wedge-shaped cl., superb qual. and col., delightful position, not overdone with length, otherwise a gem, and should do some winning; 2, Bailey, cl., more length, equal in pos., A1 feather, clever legs, not quite so neat in expression of head, still in pen; 3, Helliwell, very lengthy cl., slim and upstanding, nice back, good wings and tail, again not quite ready, but most promising; 4, Chew, extremely smart and stylish cl., smooth and of good col., stands well, had this have gone up one, no one need have grumbled; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Fowler. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, grizzled neck, for qual., col., length, and position all one need wish, should make a name for its lucky owner, a gem; 2, Norton, cl., wonderful merit, tight as a Java, superb feather, slashing position, grand legs, wee bit stronger than winner, still a "right 'un"; 3, Hickson, tkd. neck capital feather and stand, neat ear., bit short yet, full of true points; 4, Radley very lengthy cl., feathered like box, grand symmetry, clever legs, must have pressed; vhc, Cockeram; hc, Hall; c, Bailey. HEN (11): 1, Radley, yell., mkd. neck, exquisite quality, delightful deportment, rare length, best of backs, perfect wing carr., charming; 2 Dykes, red hot, very lengthy, neat and narrow, plenty of nerve, not over fascinating in head points, still a good one; 3, 4, Pyman, nice brace darnecle, cl. yell. and buff mkd., both nice position and qual., not the longest, but very smart; vhc, Coupe; hc, Farrar; c, Norton. YELL. NOR. (20): Rare class. 1, 3, Davies, topping brace, winner monster cl., ablaze with colour, rattling shape, A1 feather, clean cut away, 3, mkd. wings and head, red hot, fine head and neck, plenty of size, jaunty carr., shone like satin, shadow of fatness on chest, fed sparingly, Mr. D.; 2, Harland, very shapely cl., not quite so massive in frame, as 1st, otherwise quite equal, very choice, and benched delightfully; 4, Thomas, thigh tick, full of col., superior feather, grand shape and carr., not quite so thick through, yet most bewitching; vhc, Godley; hc, Cook; c, Wilson (W. A.). BUFF: Containing many "knock outs," two sets of winners could easily have been selected. 1, Thomas, magnificent feather and col., neatly frosted, good front, not overdone in head character, and bit heavy behind to-day; 2, Cook, more sub., better shape, hotter in col., delightful mover, many thought easy winner, without doubt, a teaser, one of the best clears we have seen for many a day; 3 Heap, cl., marvellous sub., A1 qual., not quite so chubby or so good in col., yet a topping exhibit, with little more time will fill out a lot on front; 4, Hirst, var., near on best shape in class, superb feather and meal, plenty of size, jaunty carr., lacks a little in col.; vhc, Beswick; hc, Hulse; c, Heap. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Harland, delightfully shaped cl., grand feather, nice tone of col., capital car., clean cut, good sub., one of the best; 2, Thomas, the well-known mkd., ablaze, rare size and shape, moves finely, must have pressed heavily, gem of gems; 3, Lees, mkd. wings and eyes, A1 feather, good shape and car., not the sub., or col., yet bonny damsel, and worth her place; 4, Clayton, cl., true type, silky feather, good car., very dainty all over; vhc, Thomas; hc, Turner; c, McMillan. BUFF (22): Choice lot. 1, Heap, cl., round as a ball, well up in sub., magnificent feather and col., grand car., many envious optics were cast on this most enchanting beauty; 2, Thomas, cl., rattling feather and col., richly frosted, very shapely, not so thick through certainly, yet one that charms, a gem; 3, Turner, cl., full of fire, shone like silk, masculine looking, many thought lucky; 4, Thomas, cl., sweetly moulded, rare sub., delightful feather and col., grand car., might have gone up; vhc, Miss A. Scott; hc, Parkes; c, McMillan. YELL., UNFLIG. (17): Capital collection. 1, 2, Thomas, brace of toppers, let, mkd. head, wonderful sub., lovely shape, slashing feather and col, will be heard of again, 2nd, mkd., eyes, even hotter, A1 quality, shapely, and neat car., not quite the size, still one of the "right 'uns"; 3, Mason, mkd. wing, most sub. in class, capital col., grand head, neck and chest, bit longer in wings and tail; 4, Fortnam, cobby cl., soft texture of feather, not overdone with size, still possessing merit of no mean order; vhc, Pickup and Son; hc, Humphrice; c, Mason. BUFF (17): 1, Mason, gem of a cl., short and thick set, superb qual. and col., rare size and car., should capture many leading honours; 2, Hall, mkd. wings and head, full of fire, good feather, rattling head, neck and chest, hardly so deep fronted, still a rattler; 3, Trengove and Son, mkd. head, lovely type, delightful qual. and col., richly mealed, best of car., beaten in sub., only; 4, Proctor, cl., short and thick set, plenty of col., silky texture of feather, little open on chest, and not a big one; vhc, Parkes; hc, Potter; c, McMillan. HLN (6): Magnificent lot of middle, many landing cradle capable of winning at most shows. 2, 3, Cook, yell. mkd. wing and eye, lending, delightful symmetry, nice sub., capital col. and feather, all front, grand car., 2, buff mkd. wings and head, true type, A1 qual. and col., nice size, moves gracefully, clean under, both gems; 3, Bennett, cl. yell., lovely shape and carriage, good qual., cut well away, not quite so rich in col., or so large, yet fine one; 4, Thomas, cl. buff, A1 qual. and col., grand body sub., neat wings and tail; ex 3, Clayton, buff, mkd. head, round as a ball, good size, jaunty carr., very talking, ex. 4, Southworth, yell., thigh tick, A1 qual., vhc, McMillan; hc, Tinkler; c, Thomas. A.O.V. (11): 1, vhc, Barker, buff mkd. wings, D.C., abundance of sub., heaps of feather, crest of grand formation, neat centre, extremely forward; 2, Pickles, nice yell. Cinnamon, good in sub. and col., clean under, capital car., of flights and tail, 3, Smith, cl. yell., Belgian, capital qual., nice reach, neat shoulders, free action, 4, McMillan, cl. yell. Bord., smooth as wax, good shape, moves nicely, in forward condition; hc, Wilson; c, Macpherson. YORKS., SELL., 10s. (12): 1, Gill, very smart Buff Yorkie; 2, Raistrick, buff York., cheap; 3, Parkes; 4, Chew; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Farrar; c, Spencer. 12s. 6d. (11): 1, Smith; 2, Quarmby; 3, Watts; 4, Farrar; vhc, Chew; hc, Quarmby; c, Raistrick. NOR., SELL., 20s. (10): 1, Chambers; 2, Wilson (W. A.); 3, Shaw; 4, Godley; vhc, Pickles; hc, Ingham; c, Wilson (W. A.) 12s. 6d. (8): 1, Southworth; 2, Wilson; 3, Shaw; 4, c, Livingstone; vhc, Todd; hc, Parkes. GOLDF. OR BUFF. (13): 1, Rutherford, striking Bullie, fine size and shape, grandly polished cap, lovely breast col., in the pink, and delightfully staged; 2, 3, Dr. Wilson, Goldie, plenty of subs., very shapely, large well cut blaze A1 col., neat bars and button, sound body col., 3, Bullie, good size and shape, nice cap, not so rich in breast as winner, yet a good one; 4, Davies, Goldie, clinking body col. shapely, and nice sub., distinct buttons, neat bars, beaten in size and col. of blaze; vhc, Humphreys; hc, Cass; c, Inman. LINNET (10): 1, Davies, fine shape and size, capital col., profusely and distinctly pencilled, in rattling form, splendidly put down; 2, Toulson, well up in sub., nice shape, neatly mkd., beaten in col., a bonny exhibit; 3, Inman, biggest in class, very shapely, good pencilling, not the burnish; 4, Carr, sweet shape, lovely qual. and col., prettily pencilled, on small side; vhc, Lees; hc, Henshaw; c, Fielding. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, hc, Davies, Lesser Redpoll, clinking depth of col., profusely and distinctly mkd., good size and shape, very forward, a treat to observe; 2, Carr, handsome Siskin, fine sub., and shape, magnificent col., delightful cap, choice and meritorious; 3, Henshaw, Mealy Redpoll, good shape and size, nicely mkd., shown for all it was worth; 4, Dr. Wilson, for col. and qual., all one need desire, neat markings, fair size, worth its place; vhc, Stamp; c, Owen. A.O. HARDBILL (16): 1, Middleton, Bramble, nice shape and size, good ticking, not over bright or deep in col., may look better shortly; 2, 4, Dr. Wilson, neat Chaffinch leading, good in col. and feather, well mkd., put down in style, our choice, 4, Bramble, shapely, A1 quality, neatly marked, smaller than 1st; 3, Bousfield, Bunting fine shape and size, good markings and col., well shown and worth its place; vhc, Bostock; hc, Cass; c, Macpherson. SOFTBILL (9): 1, Fletcher, Nightingale, of the first water, wonderful size, col. and feather, benched in masterful manner, wins; 2, Fallding, Waxwing, in absolute perfect form, treat to observe; 3, Hattersley, Lesser Whitethroat, ran up against a couple of toppers, hard lines, good enough to win at most shows, Scottish National winner; 4, Bousfield, Redstart, shapely, not yet ready; vhc, Bescoby; hc, Dr. Wilson. DARK MULE (14): 1, 3, Parlett, leader noted yell. Greenie-Can., looking better than ever, what a wonderful bird, without doubt, "It," 3rd, yell. Gold.-Can., rare shape and size, A1 qual., capital body col., beaten slightly by 2nd in tone of blaze, yet a gem; 2, Martin and Archer, yell. Gold.-Can., well-known warrior, conqueror of many fights, a topper; 4, hc, Dr. Wilson, buff Lin.-Can., rich in col., good qual., and size, well mkd., very bonny; vhc, Hall Bros.; c, Owen. HYB. (11): 1, 2, c, Martin and Archer, the far renowned cl. buff Lin.-Can., once again leading, truly a marvellous bird, 2, the almost equally known Chaff.-Greenfinch, again fit to fight for a kingdom; 3, Walsh, very neat Lin.-Bullie, slashing col., fine size and shape, staged beautifully; 4, Inman, buff, neck mkd. Greenie-Can., well up in sub., shapely, A1 col.; vhc, Alexander; hc, Todd. PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, Fletcher, King Parrakeet, in good condition, found many friends; 2, Chrieter and Son, Red Naped Lory, living picture, not a feather misplaced; 3, Fletcher, Green Lorikeet, in capital form, well put down; 4, Beaty, Black Cheeked Lovebirds, very taking, in capital plumage; vhc, Lambert. AVADAVATS, ETC. (9): 1, hc, Beaty, Diamond Finches, in beautiful trim, shown faultlessly; 2, Hattersley, champion Orange Weaver; 3, 4, Simpson, Orange Weaver and pair Spice Finches, shown in good order; vhc, Carr; c, Fletcher. FINCHLIKE, ETC. (12): 1, Chadwick, lovely Whydah, that drew great attention from visitors, a gem; 2, 3, Beaty, Golden-Backed, and White-Winged Whydahs, grand specimens and benched in fine style; 4, vhc, c, Simpson, Pin-tailed Nonpareil, capital condition, well shown; hc, Simpson.

Novice Classes, £3 3s. Limit.

YELL. YORKS (14): 1, Graham, beautifully clothed cl., full of col., straight, good length, well filled back, neat wing carr.; 2, 3, Chew., bonny brace, mkd. head, capital feather, lengthy and good position, well on leg, very stylish, close up; 3, Smart cl., nervy, nice qual., not the size, still one we liked; 4, Beckwith, cl., stands like a Guardsman, A1 col., lengthy and leggy, not yet tightened up; vhc, Gill; hc, Pyrah; c, Parker. BUFF (15): 1, Beckworth, mkd. neck, rare length, fine pos. and qual., good back flights and tail, a beauty; 2, Hutchinson, eye tick, A1 feather, full of style, straight as a rush, beaten in col. only, plenty of length; 3, McDade, mkd. wings and head, beautiful outline, grandly fed, stands delightfully, not yet in full plumage; 4, Chew, mkd. wing and head, rich in col., true type, tight as wax, not of the biggest, but all there otherwise; vhc, Cottam; hc, Pearce; c, Storey. HEN (21), fine class: 1, Smith, cl. yell., clothed to perfection, neat, narrow, and lengthy, capital contour, clever legs, extremely fascinating; 2, Shaw, yell., mkd. wing, full of style, good pos. and length, nice back, neat wings and tail, close up; 3, Ireland, yell., eye tick, lovely feather and col., straight and well on leg, beaten in length; 4, Smith, very smart, cl. buff, fine staud, A1 qual. and col., nice length, good on leg, worth its place; vhc, Chew; hc, Pyrah; c, Toulson. YELL., 1913 (18): 1, Hunt, mkd. wings and eyes, slim and upstanding, rare qual., capital length, shows well; 2, Hutchinson, grandly clothed, cl., nice tone of col., full of true characteristics, exceedingly promising, pressed hard; 3, Toulson, cl., rich col., smooth as box, good length and position, little low on leg, yet choice exhibit; 4, Chew, mkd. wing and head, tight as a Java, stands nicely, nervy, not the length of the others; vhc, Farnish; hc, Shaw; c, Pyrah. BUFF (23): Fine class. 1, Smith, eye tick, marking of lengthy, capital pos. not back, flights and tail, neatly folded tail, 2, Hutchinson, eye tick, smooth as wax, full of character, clever legs, beaten in length slightly, near up; 3, Rhodes, very lengthy, cl., stands well, good wing carr., leggy, not quite so compact in feather; 4, Pyrah, cl., not a feather misplaced, grand position, shows for all he is worth, smaller; vhc, Farnish; hc, Oldroyd; c, Chew. NOR. YELL. (15): 1, Wilson, cl. grand feather, short and thick set, nice subs. and carr.; 2, Livingstone, mkd. wings and head, ablaze with col., capital qual., good in head and neck, nice front, loose in barrel, flights, and tail; 3, Dean, mkd. back of head, cobby and A1 qual., moves well, nice size, bit flat in col.; 4, Robinson, mkd. wings and head, red hot, superb feather, nice size, full fronted, has a little head points, still good, vhc, Allan; hc, Bennett, c, Howe and Senior. BUFF (13). 1, Ingham, monster, cl. Bull, rattling col. and qual., shapely, good carr., clean cut away, should do some hiding; 2, Howe and Senior, cl., lovely col., capital feather, grand shape, not so much subs., yet a shading specimen, 3, Green, very cobby, cl., smooth as wax, full of action, not overdone with size, not to be passed over easily; 4, Smith, warmly fed, cl., nice head and neck, bold front, longer in build worth its place; vhc, Boddy; hc, Robinson; c, Mawson. HEN (20), choice collection: 1, Robinson, bull mkd. head, round as a ball, sweet contour, capital size, dainty carr., lovely damsel; 2, Leam, yell., solid shoulder, A1, qual. and col., well up in subs., shapely neat carr., must have pressed hard; 3, 4, Bennett, buff mkd. neck and chest, wonderful subs., good in col. and qual., grand shaped body, in pen around cheeks and eyes which told against it, or might have won; 4, cl. yell., well clothed, rich col., true type, full of go, on smaller lines; vhc, Cook and Son; hc, Potter; c, Summerton. YELL, 1913 (13): 1, c, Smith, promising, cl., nice tone of col. superb feather grand shape and size, clean cut away; 2, Green, cl., well up in subs., good in feather and col., nice shape, moves well, not yet in tight plumage; 3, Cook and Son, cl., capital feather and col., good size, not so shapely as those above it, still a good youngster; 4, Johnson, mkd. eye and tail, short and thick set, capital feather, neat expression of head; vhc, no name; hc, Mallinson. BUFF (26), rattling class: 1, and CAGE BIRDS cash spl., Wilford, mkd. back, teeming with qual. and col., delightfully mealed, lovely shape, size, and carr., smooth as wax, points vividly to making a "topper"; 2, Potter, fine, shapely, cl., A1 col. and feather, grand head and neck, hardly so thick through, jaunty and clean cut away, charmer; 3, Robinson, cl., great size, well clothed, neat head, neck, and chest, longer in flights and tail; 4, Boddy, very shapely, cl., good in col. and feather; vhc, Carter; hc, Dean; c, Middleton.

GILLINGHAM.

Gillingham F.A. held its annual show Oct. 9 and 10 in the Skating Rink. Our section was nicely staged in the roomy hall and as usual attracted many of the visitors. Unfortunately entries were down compared to previous years owing no doubt to clashing with the first London show, although we understand that many entries had to be returned owing to being sent in after the closing date. Cancelling of classes that were lacking sufficient entries further reduced the numbers. Nor. and Yorks. classes contained many birds of merit, special for best bird going to Mr. Wickham's grizzle capped buff, a bird of wonderful quality which also won CAGE BIRDS cash special and diploma for best Norwich. Mr. C. R. Bullen, of Bromley, won cash special and diploma for Yerks. In this competition there would have been about three times the number of competitors if the entries had not been returned. Mr. Hyde makes a capital sec., helpful and obliging. He was greatly assisted by Messrs. Wickham and Lancaster. In the absence of Mr. G. F. Khohler, M.P., the show was opened by the popular Mayor, G. Swain, Esq., who is also President of the Society. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. (16): 1, spl., hc, Wickham, grand grizzle capped buff, wonderful qual. of feather, good type, nice shaped head, capital wings and tail, bonny bird; 2, Silk, typical yell., short and stunt, rare width of skull, good sound col., nice qual. of feather; 3, J. Silk, yell., shade higher on leg, but nice bodied bird, with neat full head, grand qual.; 4, Hobbs and Ruck, smart and typical, good sound rich col., neat head and wings, beaten size; vhc, Roberts; c, Smith. HEN: 1, Pitcher, lovely cl. buff, very typical, with plenty of subs., neat full head, good neck, nicely braced wing, A1 col. and qual.; 2, Wickham, shade stouter, bit fuller in head, nice short wings and tail, lovely qual., beaten in col. only; 3, Kew, smart yell., grand size and style, rare head and neck, good wings, stands well; 4, J. Silk, thick-set green, rare size, neat head and neck, low on leg; vhc, C. Silk; hc, Smith. UNFLIG. (18): 1, vhc, Pilcher, hot col., cl. buff, fine subs. and type, good style, beautifully mealed, nice head, well rounded front and back, A1 qual.; 2, 4, Wickham, smart yell., very typical, right across the perch, good short wings and tail, sound col., 4th smart buff, fails a bit in subs., but good full head, capital entrance, A1 qual.; 3, Hobbs and Ruck, hardly the size of winners, but very typical and full of qual.; hc, Covington; c, Acland. YORKS., HENS (9): 1, 4, Rayner, very smart upstanding buff, nice length, neat head, good shoulders and back, best of wings and neat tail, wins, 4th very smart buff, capital position, full of swank, a beauty for finish, beaten size; 2, Harvey, var., good size, very smart and jaunty, well up on leg, good head and well braced wings, sound qual.; 3, Bullen, cl. yell., shade heavier but a bony bird, grand position and style, nice clean rim, good back; vhc, Hinkley; hc, Johnson; c, Bullen. UNFLIGH. (12): 1, c, Austen, yell., grand position, very typical, good head and back, nice shoulder, smooth front, sound col., wins; 2, 3, Lockett, smart slim buff, nicely drawn, good head, capital shoulders and back, well braced wings, a good exhibit, 3rd hardly so good in shoulder but nicely cut away and lovely qual. of feather; 4, Covington, wing tkd. yell., smart but wee bit snaky, well up on leg, A1 qual.; vhc, Rayner; hc, Johnson.

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A GOOD DISPLAY AT LOCHGELLY.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY GOING AHEAD IN SCOTLAND.

The fourth annual show of the enterprising Lochgelly C.B.S. was held in the Drill Hall, on Oct. 11. The entry was a splendid one, over 800 birds being forward, but was back fully 100 on last year. Nevertheless, the show must be looked on as a great success, considering the bad breeding season most Scotch breeders have had, and that there were signs that the moult is scarcely over yet; this fact must have told against the entry, as many fanciers we met in the show had the complaint of birds not being ready to show. The management is a body of very capable fanciers, all of whom were working hard to make the show a success. Headed by the genial President, Mr. Thos. Wildridge, Vice-pres., Mr. M. Smith, Treas., Mr. T. Peel, Assistant Sec., Mr. Duff, a grand working committee, together with the stewards, Messrs. Sneddon, Logie, Anderson, McLeod, Melville, Strachan, Stewart, Muir, Marshall, Adamson, Smith, Henderson, McCue, Dinsire, Raith, and A. Wildridge, did a great deal of hard work in connection with the success of the show, while the secretary, Mr. R. Muir, who is a young fancier, and practically a novice in the work of carrying on a show, deserves a special word of commendation for the efficient way in which he carried out all his arrangements, and for his unfailing courtesy to all with whom he came in contact. There was a grand attendance, the hall being thronged all afternoon, and everything passed off pleasantly. The outstanding feature of the show was the Norwich, which averaged about 13 per class. Borders were a capital lot, averaging about 10 per class, some very good birds being shown, and the quality all over for an early show being splendid. The B.F.C.C. medal and Kelso Cup were won by Mr. W. Halliday with a very sweet wee yellow hen. Yorks. were very good all over, and seem to be catching on in Scotland, the average for 9 classes being about 12 per class, and some grand birds were present, notably Mr. Heggie's team, which will take some beating; but the outstanding bird was a grand young clear buff cock shown by Mr. Reilly, which won Clark Cup for best young Yorks.

Admirers of the "Bird o' Circle."

Scotch Fancies came up fairly well, and some birds of exceptional merit turned up, outstanding amongst them being the winning clear buff cock, staged by Mr. Stewart, Glasgow, who captured the rose bowl for the best Fancy. It was pleasing to see so many admirers of the bird of circle during the day; it was almost impossible to get past this part of the hall in the afternoon, so crowded was it. Is there to be a waking up in the Scots Fancy section? It is sadly needing it. Mr. Fulton was down to judge, but cried off at the last moment, Mr. J. F. Dewar taking his place. Crests and Crestbreds turned up poorly, many of the birds not being ready yet, and the bad breeding season has told its tale on the entries. The outstanding bird in the section was Mr. Whitton's Crest hen, who won the cup, a bird of good merit, and well worthy of her win. Mr. W. Paul judged and gave every satisfaction in his judging.

Norwich Plainheads showed up well, but the majority of the birds are not ready yet, being full of pipes and lacking finish. Quality was not up to previous years. Mr. Harris won the cup for best bird in show with his buff cock. In the young classes there were many promising ones. Mr. Martin's buff cock is one of the birds of promise. There was comment on some of the awards in this section, but the judge's task was not easy. Mules, British and Foreign were a grand lot, some splendid birds being forward, and the entry being very good, 227 birds being entered. The judges were: Scots Fancy, Mr. J. F. Dewar; Borders, Mr. Hy. Bennet; Yorks., Mr. R. B. Gibb; Crest and Crestbred, Mr. W. Paul; Norwich, Mr. A. G. Cameron; Mules, Brit. and For., Mr. R. Bald.

The Scots Fancies and Borders.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL., CL or FOUL CK. (7): 1, 4, Maxwell, foul, nice drive, gets head well down, good shoulders, good depth of chest, takes fine position, good action, wins; 2, Leslie, cl., well up, hardly so deep through, fine position and action, nice one; 3, Cook, pressing very hard, grand shoulders, not so good in action; 5, Cook; 6, Stenhouse. HEN (8): 1, 4, Anderson, big one good prominent shoulders, fine reach, good action, takes fine position, wins; 2, Stewart, good one, fine drive, position and action, gets well into perch; 3, Cook, hardly the same class as winners, still useful one. BUFF (6): 1, rose bowl, Stewart, wins in a canter, a splendid one all over, fine snaky head, neck and shoulders well filled up, nice length, grand pos. and action, fine depth of heart; 2, Maxwell, another good one, not the same free action, grand reach, nice shoulders; 3, Simpson, big one, fine drive, gets quickly into position, not the same mould; 4, Cook; 5, Hutt; 6, Anderson. HEN (10): 1, Maxwell, nice hen, fine head, neck and shoulders, good reach, gets well to perch, free action; 2, Cowan, following close on, hardly so well filled in at shoulders, fine reach, drive and position; 3, Higgins, close up, free action, fine position, nice stamp; 4, Strathearn; 5, Leslie; 6, Fotheringham. YELL., PIE. or GR. CK.: 1, 6, Maxwell, nice one, very nervy, stylish, gets into fine position, wins well; 2, Cook, not far behind, fine head, neck shoulders, stands well; 3, no name, fails a bit in shoulders, nice drive and action; 4, Strathearn; 5, Higgins; 6, Maxwell. HEN (9): 1, Higgins, grand action, fine reach, nervy, very stylish; 2, Simpson, fine drive and action, good back, nice shoulders; 3, Strathearn, close up, fine head, gets well down, good shoulders, gets well into perch; 4, Maxwell; 5, McGregor; 6, Stenhouse. BUFF (7): 1, Maxwell, a real good one, nice length, grand top end, rare drive, fine position and good free action; 2, Anderson, not far behind, good shoulders, fine drive and action; 3, Higgins, good head and shoulders, not so deep through, not so good position; 4, Stenhouse; 5, Strathearn; 6, Hutt. HEN (6): 1, Strathearn, fine head, neck and shoulders, nice depth of heart, position and action; 2, 3, Stenhouse, not one of the largest but very stylish, a very promising youngster; 3rd, not so stylish, or so free in action, fine position; 4, Cowan; 5, Anderson; 6, McGregor. SELL. CK.: 1, Anderson; 2, Cowan; 3, Fotheringham; 4, Higgins; 5, Gibson 6, Simpson. BORD. FCY., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Briggs, very rich col., good type, grand carr., nice close feather 2, Peters, capital size, good head and wings, rare col., well shown; 3, Beveridge, typical, fine col., fine size, good carr.; 4, Fotheringham, fine size well laid on wings, well put down; 5, Altchison; 6, Wm. Simpson. HEN (16): 1, B.F.C. medal and Kelso Cup, Halliday, a beauty, good col., nice head, grand wings and tail, staged to the best advantage, wins; 2, Easter, another nice one, fine pos., fine head, capital wings, well folded, fine condition; 3, Anderson, fine stamp, very fine rich col., rare good head, nice wings and tail; 4, Patterson, very typical, well staged; 5, Symon; 6, Beveridge. CL. or TKD. BUFF CK. (20): 1, Simpson, grand size and type, nice free action, good head and wings, well put down; 2, Coventry, grand style, nicely folded wings and tail, well up; 3, Peters, another nice one, fine stamp, in first rate condition; 4, Murray, fine head, grand shape, hard up; 5, Anderson; 6, Beveridge. HEN (13): 1, Beveridge, grand type, very fine col., nice head and wings, faultless condition; 2, T. Spence, smaller, very sweet, good front, nice head 3, Aitchison, good one, capital size, nicely moulded well shown; 4, Lamble, nice size and shape, very pale col.; 5, Dodds; 6, Halliday. VAR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Anderson, nice eyes and wing mkd., very rich col., fine type, like wax; 2, Gray, heavily mkd., good head and wings, nice type, well put down; 3, Rae, eyes and one wing mkd., fine size and col., nice type and qual., well up; 4, Malcolm, nice uneven mkd., good size and col., well staged. BUFF (9): 1, Birrell, nearly even mkd., capital size, fine head and front, well laid on wings, good tail, in fine condition; 2, Briggs, similarly mkd., very fine qual., nice size, good head and wings, well staged; 3, Wilson, eye and one wing mkd., good type and qual., spotless order; 4, Duncan, nice one for size, good front and wings; 5, Peters; 6, Weir. VAR. YELL. HEN (4): 1, T. Spence, lightly marked eye and wing, very rich col, grand type and qual., nice head and wings, well put down; 2, Lamble, cap mkd., fine size and col., good substance, well staged; 3, Cockburn, good size and type, nice condition; 4, Peters, lightly mkd. on wing, fine shape. BUFF (8): 1, Peters, cap and wing mark, fine size and qual., good wings and tail; 2, Murray, similar, not much between; 3, Simpson, good one for type and qual., nice size; 4, T. W. Peel, fine size and qual., good head and front; 5, Scott and Combe; 6, Simpson. EVEN MARK (3): 1, Johnstone, rare type and qual., good head and front, nice wings and tail, splendid col.; 2, Peters, fine shape, good size, grand col., well staged; 3, Malcolm. GREEN (14): 1, 6, Whitelaw, grand size, good type, scarcely in show condition; 2, Robertson, similar, bit too thin; 3, S. W. Peel, good size and condition, well staged, hardly finished; 4, Dodds, good size and qual., nice wings and tail, fine col., some thought best bird; 5, Wilson. CINN. (9): 1, 5, Wilson, leader nice type and qual., rare style and finish, in shining condition; 2, Lambie, nice one, different style, good condition; 3, 6, Buglass, capital size and type, good col., grand order; 4, Whitelaw, fine size, good head and wings, well put down. SELL. CK. (9): 1, Dodds; 2, Rintoul; 3, Easter; 4, Campbell; 5, Anderson; 6, Wilson. Hen, 5s. (3): 1, Rintoul; 2, Guthrie; 3, Playfair.

Yorkshire's Crests and Norwich.

YORKS., CL. or TK. YELL CK. (13): 1, Heggie, rare length and style, nice wings, straight as a rush, very close feather; 2, McLellan, rich col., nice shape, stands well up, stylish; 3, Crichton, nice head and wings well laid on, grand order; 4, Christie, capital style, good size; 5, Dr. Syson; 6, Croy. BUFF (10): 1, Heggie, nicely drawn, well up on legs, wings nicely laid on, grand style; 2, 5, Clayton, shapely, rich col., good pos.; 3, Low, nice one for size and subs., fine carr.; 4, Girvan, good all-round, nice close feather; 6, Crichton. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Heggie, nice hen, good head, fine straight body, capital wings and tail, grand col.; 2, Clayton, good size and subs., well laid on wings, well staged; 3, McLellan, good shape and style, grand qual., nicely shown; 4, Rynd, good size and col., standing well up; 5, Syson; 6, Clayton. BUFF (12): 1, Christie, smart, stylish, well drawn, nicely folded wings; 2, Holmes, nice wedge shape, nicely set up on legs; 3, Gray, nice length and shape, fine close feather; 4, McLellan, fine length, very shapely; 5, Syson; 6, Clayton. VARIEG. (8): 1, Gray, grizzle-headed buff, capital size and subs., good wings, fine texture of feather; 2, Patterson, varieg. buff, good size, nicely folded wings, fine back; 3, Park, lightly mkd. buff, good style, nice size, well shown; 4, 5, Clayton, buff and yell. varieg., both good ones, well shown; 6, McQueen. COCK, 1913 (20): 1, cup best Yorks. or A.O.V. Can., Reilly, grand cl. buff, outstanding, fine size and subs., richly frosted, wins; 2, Syson, nice cl. yell., rich col., good size, fine head and wings, well up; 3 Gunning, another cl. yell., a good one for size and subs.; 4, Park, cl. buff, nice length and style, very typical; 5, Reid; 6, Rynd. HEN (12): 1, Gray, cl. yell., fine length, grand col., good head and wings, stylish; 2, Laird, good cl. buff, richly mealed, fine type, well up on legs, nicely staged; 3, McQueen, cap mkd., nice one, good length, fine style, good wings; 4, Syson, nice one, good col., fine size and subs.; 5, McDougall; 6, Reid. SELL. (12): 1, Park; 2, 4, Gray; 3, McQueen; 5, McLellan; 6, Auderson. D.C. CK. (): 1, Howie, wins, fine headpiece of nice size, length of feather and texture, well laid on, could be neater in centre 2, Blythe almost green, fine round crest, hardly the length of feather of winner, piped in centre yet, well clothed; 3, Sneddon, fine qual. of feather, nice texture, neat round crest, hardly the size of those in front; 4, J. Angus; 5, Mrs. Mutter; 6, Bishop. HEN (4): 1, cup best in section, Whitton, grand hen, fine large crest of broad leafy feather and lovely texture, nice droop, nicely groomed, shown in grand order, wins easily; 2, Sneddon, not the size in crest, fails centre, but nice quality of feather, wants time to improve, not finished; 3, A. Bishop, crest slightly split at sides, nice qual. of feather, good shape, useful hen; 4, Watson. CL. or GRIZZLE CREST (7): 1, Lindsay, only yell. in show, nice crest of fine shape, hardly the length of feather, smooth in body feather as any Plainhead, staged in lovely order, sweet exhibit; 2, Fox, hardly so good in crest or the length of feather, still a nice bird, very shapely; 3, Blyth, cl., presses very hard, fine crest of nice size, lovely qual. of feather, grand stout body, well staged; 4, Muir; 5, Dott; 6, Bishop. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Whitton, fine cushion head, grand length of feather, fine texture, grand turn over, nice brows, wins; 2, Summers, presses hard on heels of winner, nearly green, fine broad skull, well lashed, feather of nice length and qual.; 3, no name, fails in head properties and length of feather, nice qual.; 4, 6, McGregor; 5, Blyth. HEN (9): 1, Fox, easy win, grand skull, fine wide entrance, well lashed, broad leafy feather of grand length; 2, Blyth, not so large, still a nice sweet hen, well browed, good quality feather; 3, Howie, hard up, loses in length of feather, fine shape; 4, Lindsay; 5, McGregor; 6, Stewart. UNFLIG. CREST CK. (3): 1, McLaren, neat crest, fine texture, grand turn over, nice brows, wins; 2, Summers, presses hard on heels of winner, nearly green, fine broad skull, well lashed, feather of nice length and qual.; 3, no name, fails in head properties and length of feather, nice qual.; 4, 6, McGregor; 5, Blyth. HEN (9): 1, Fox, easy win, grand skull, fine wide entrance, well lashed, broad leafy feather of grand length; 2, Blyth, not so large, still a nice sweet hen, well browed, good quality feather; 3, Howie, hard up, loses in length of feather, fine shape; 4, Lindsay; 5, McGregor; 6, Stewart. UNFLIG. CREST CK. (3): 1, McLaren, neat crest, fine centre, good order, nearly green; 2, McGregor, D.C. presses hard, good qual. of feather, neat crest; 3, Blyth; 4, McGregor. UNFLIG. C.B. CK. (10): 1 Summers, nearly green, good skull, well lashed feather of fine qual. and length, fine size, nice one; 2, Dott, good broad skull, not so long in feather, fine brows; 3, Lindsay, better head, well lashed, not the length of feather of winner, fine qual.; 4, Gray; 5, no name; 6, McLaren. HEN (3): 1, Blyth, fine skull, well lashed, feather of fine texture, wins; 2, Sharp, loses in size and length of feather; 3, Webster. SELL. CREST: 1, Blyth; 2, Masson; 3, McGregor. SELL. C.B.: 1, McGregor; 2, Maxwell; 3, Blyth; 4, Lambie; 5, Fox; 6, Melville. NOR. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Fife and Kinross P.C. medal, McCue, well cut, good size, but rather lucky, patchy in col. and not too good in wing carriage, fine head and neck; 2, Martin, splendid head and neck, shade long in body, grand qual. and col., fine wings, hardly ready; 3, Naismith, hardly stout enough in body, good in head, fine col. and qual., nice wings; 4, Barr; 5, Grewar, many thought should have gone higher up; 6, Thomson. HEN (8): 1, S.P.C. medal, Gardiner, fine size, short and chubby body, nice col., good qual., fine wings, hardly ready; 2, F. and K.P.C. medal, Wildridge, not the size, but all type, paler in col. and drier in feather, grand wing carriage, sweet hen, presses very hard; 3, Wall, big romping hen, good type, fine head and neck, good quality and col.; 4, Harris; 5, Taylor; 6, Kirk. CL. BUFF CK. (24): 1, S.P.C. medal, cup best in show, Harris, topper for size, lovely head and neck, broad expansive chest, short stout body, grand col. and qual., might be better wings; 2, Martin, smaller, fine stamp, not so stout in body, fine qual. and col., very neat behind, in fine order; 3, Chalmers, tick, good head and neck, fine stamp, lovely qual. meal and col.; 4, Ross; 5, Harper; 6, Gardiner; strong class, some nice ones left out that will be heard of later. HEN (15): 1, Gardiner, short stout body, lovely qual., grand wings and tail carr., in lovely order, wins; 2, Spence, not far behind, stronger in head, fine stout body, good qual. and col., nice wings, hardly ready yet; 3, Sloan, cap mark, not so stout in body as winners, fine qual and col., good wings, nice one when ready; 4, Smith; 5, Taylor; 6, Gardiner. YELL. VAR. CK. (7): 1, Barron, fine size, good head and neck, good stout body, well braced wings, very sticky looking in feather; 2, Martin, perhaps better in type, lovely qual., fine col., wings and tail; 3, Smillie, not so large, fine head and neck, not so stout in body, grand qual., unflighted; 4, Watt; 6, Harper. HEN: 1, Simpson, fine type, good head and neck, nice body, fine wings and tail carr.; 2 4, Grewar, big one, stronger in head, good stout body, frill in neck, hardly the finish; 3, Gardiner, not the size of leaders, very fine type, good head and neck, fine body, grand qual., paler in col., fine hen when finished; 5, Watt. BUFF VAR. CK. (14): 1, Thomson, good body, shade weak in head, fine qual., good wings and tail; 2, Martin, smaller and slimmer in body, grand qual., fine wings and tail, good col., well finished; 3, Simpson, fine stamp, good head and neck, stouter in body, fine qual. and col., good all-round type; 4, McConville; 5, Griffiths; 6, Smart. Some birds we liked were out of the tickets. HEN (13): 1, Harris, good one, fine head and neck, good body and wings, lovely col. and qual., fine type; 2, Steel, hard up, not the size, fine head and neck, good col. and qual., fine type, nice wings and tail; 3, Mitchell, not the size of leaders, good stamp of body, fine wings and tail, bit open in front; 4, Grewar; 5, Campbell; 6, Thomson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Woodhouse, cl., grand col., fine head and neck, fine wings and tail, good qual.; 2, Gardiner, tick, grand head and extra thick neck, fine rounded front, stout body, not cleaned out behind, paler in col., nice qual., fine wings and tail; 3, McLeod, cl., big one, good head, shade thinner in neck, extra stout body, good qual., fine col. nice wings and tail; 4 Moffat; 5, Muir; 6, McCue; many good ones here when ready. HEN (15): 1, 4, cup best young Nor. and cup best young bird member's, Grewar, var., small head, shade thin in neck, short, stout body, fine qual. and good col., nice wings and tail; 4th cl., some liked better than winner, sweet head and neck, hardly so stout in body, fine type and style, grand qual. and col., well braced wings and tail; 2, McCue, nearly green, fails a bit in head and neck, good stout body, nice wings, fine qual., paler in col.; 3, Smith, var., our choice for 2nd, lovely head and neck, hardly so stout in body, but better balanced all over, fine qual., col. and wing carr.; 5, McLeod; 6, Maxwell. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (24): 1, Martin, good one, sweet head, fine neck, grand body, nicely braced wings and tail, lovely col. and grand qua., staged in grand order, wins; 2, Chalmers, wing mkd., not so strong in head, still good, fine reach, good body, nice qual., level col., good wings; 3, Kerr (Aberdeen), lovely type, hardly the head of winner, but lovely body, teeming with qual. and col., grand wings and tail, put down in form, presses very hard; 4, Woodhouse; 5, Simpson; 6, Hutton. HEN (18): 1, Barron, short chubby body, good wings and tail, bit pinched in head and open in feather, not finished yet; 2, Gardiner, variegated, sweet head and neck, short stout body, perfect wings, lovely qual., hot colour for a hen, put down in lovely bloom; 3, Ross, cl., good head and neck, nice short body, fine wings, good qual.; 4, H. Wilson; 5, Spence; 6, Chalmers. NON-FED CK. (8): 1, Campbell, var., short chubby body, fails a bit in head, good qual., fine wings and tail; 2, Woodhouse, cl., fine head and neck, longer in body, good wings and tail, fine qual.; 3, Grewar, green, more massive in build, nice head, neck, good quality, fine body, all bulls; 4, Wildridge; 5, Kirk; 6, Naismith. HEN: 1, Hatton, cl. buff, fine type, good head and neck, good body and qual., wins; 2, Martin, var., nice head and neck, thinner in body, fine wings, nice qual.; 3, Taylor, cl. buff, fine head and neck short stout body, fine qual., good wings; 4, McLeod, might have been up, cl. yell.; 5, Simpson; 6, Harris. SELL. CK. (12): 1, Wilson; 2, Campbell; 3, Bishop; 4, Gardiner; 5, 6, Grewar. HEN: 1, Kerr; 2, Bishop; 3, Langton; 4, Grewar; 5, Sloan; 6, Sinclair.

The Hybrids, British and Foreign.

DK. GOLDF. MULE (9): 1, 5, Roy, still winning, looking better than ever, grand size and subs., well polished, in the pink; 2, McLaren, another good one, scarcely so big, good style, fine blaze; 3, McQuiston and Paterson, still a grand bird, in rare condition; 4, A. and E. Hogg, good size and qual., well put down; 6, Jamieson, jun. DK. LINNET (9): 1, Bell, grand size and qual., nice type, rich col., well polished; 2, Duncan, good style, nice whites, capital size, well staged; 3, McLean, good for size and type; 4, Jamieson, jun., good qual., fine head and wings; 5, Nicol; 6, Roy. DK. GREENF (7): 1, A. and E. Hogg, good one for size and col., capital subs.; 2, Roy, old winner, in good fettle, not quite ready; 3, McGillivray Bros., good for type, nice polish; 4, Dewar, good size, well put down; 5, S. Bell; 6, G. B. Sinclair. A.O.V. DK., EXCEPT CAN.-BULLIE (13): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, fine size, good col., nicely polished, wins; 2, Coleman, good type, well put down; 3, Roy, fine size and subs., nice col.; 4, Sykes, rare head and wings, fine size; 5, Martin; 6, Ed. Taylor. CL., ETC., INCLUDING CAN.-BULLIE (4): 1, Heggie, nice Goldie-Can., nearly cl., in beautiful order; 2, 4, Jamieson, jun., lightly marked Goldies, last year's big winners, beaten to-day; 3, Muir, nice size and col., well put down, VARIEG. CAN. MULE (5): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, wins, grand subs., good col.; 2, S. Bell, a good one, in fine fettle; 3, 4, Jamieson, jun., nice pair, well put down; 5, J. Weir. SELL. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Lugton; 2, Couper; 3, McVicar; 4, A. and E. Hogg; 5, W. P. Campbell; 6, W. Melville. GOLDF. (4): 1, Nicolson, nice size, good blaze, fine col., well staged; 2, Aitkeu, fine condition, nice blaze, well buttoned; 3, Purvis, jun., good size and col., nice wings; 4, J. S. Mackie, will improve. BULLF. (14): 1, Bell, grand size, good cap and wings, nice breast col.; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, fine cap, clean cut, good size and col., well polished; 3, Hoyle, beauty, shining condition; 4, Grewar, good size and col., well staged; 5, J. S. Mackie; 6, Craig. NON-FED GREENF. (10): 1, Sykes, nice size, grand feather and cond., good col.; 2, Ed. Taylor, good bold head, fine feather and subs.; 3, Adamson, shapely, good size, fine cond.; 4, Spittal, jun., similar, nice cobby shape; 5, Campbell; 6, Black and Lumsden. FED (5): 1, Aitken, shapely, rich col., fine size and subs.; 2, Sharp, good head and wings, nice cobby shape, good feather; 3, Dryburgh, good one for size and col., well polished; 4, Morton, good head and neck, well put down; 5, Thomson. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (19): 1, Sykes, well known winner, looking better than ever; 2, Reid, another old winning Bramble, beaten to-day, still a grand exhibit; 3, Ed. Taylor, dandy Chaffie, rare size and col., in first-rate order; 4, Henderson, another good Bramble, nice size and col.; 5, Allan; 6, Haldane. LINNET (16): 1, 6, McQuiston and Paterson, good one, nice tone of col., very shapely, good size, well staged; 2, Fraser, lovely shape and col., beautiful wings, hard up; 3, Bell, fine for size, style, nicely pencilled; 4, Waugh, typical, well shown; 5, Nicolson. SISKIN (16): 1, Calder, a beauty, nice shape and col., good head and wing bars; 2, Hope, fine size, good style, very perky action; 3, McGillivray Bros., smart little chap, in grand bloom; 4, Hoyle, shapely, well put down; 5, Allan; 6, Henderson. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (13): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Mealy, great size, nicely mkd., in fine order; 2, Campbell, very good Twite, good size, shining; 3, Leitch, another good 'Poll, fine size and markings; 4, Hunter, capital Twite, well put down; 5, McCallum; 6, Boslem. LESSER REDPOLL (24), grand class, with many good birds out of the tickets: 1, McQuiston and Paterson, gem, put down as these exhibitors can do it; 2, Macgillivray Bros., similar, nice col., very shapely, well shown; 3, Morton, fit, worth place; 4, Hope, another good one, well up; 5, Gentleman; 6, W. and J. Mowbray. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, 3, Ed. Taylor, two grand Redstarts, separated by a very nice Blackcap, often described and still in the best of order; 4, Arnott, very nice exhibit, well put down. LARGE (5): 1, Sykes, fine Chough, in spotless condition; 2, Malcolm, nicely spangled Starling; 3, Raith, good Blackbird; 4, Douglas, good Waxwing; 5, Hendry. BUNTING (6): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, as usual a clinker; 2, McCall and Henderson, fine Yellow, very distinct markings; 3, 5, Richardson, leader nice Corn, good size and condition; 4, Raith, nice Yellow; 6, Grieg. A.O. HARDBILL (2): 1, Sykes, well known Hawfinch, still looking well; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, fine size and style, hard up. HEN (9): 1, Ed. Taylor, grand Bramble, rare size and shape, grand condition; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, good one, well shown; 3, Irvine, nice Yellowhammer; 4, Hunter, very good Greenie; 5, Roy; 6, Campbell. SELL. (6): 1, Fotheringham, 2, Grewar; 3, R. Muir; 4, R. Muir; 5, Adamson; 6, Reid. FOR. GOLD. OR BULLIE (4): 1, Howie, seems like an old friend, in the pink, grand face, nicely tanned, rare good size, a credit; 2, Lister, very good Bullie hen, great size and subs.; 3, Ed. Taylor, Bullie hen, should do some good for Hybrid breeding; 4, Spittal, Goldie, fair size. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, 4, Colville and Son, leader capital Long-tailed Whydah; 4th nice Pin-tailed Nonpareil; 2, 3, P. Arnott, Tricolour Tanager and Rainbow Hunting, both in splendid feather, well shown; 5, Todd; 6, Douglas. MATCHED PAIRS (4): 1, P. McCue, very good pair of Plainheads; 2, McGregor, nice Crest and C.B.; 3, R. Muir, nice Goldie and Nor. hen; 4, A. Muir, good pair of Borders

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A GOOD cock Goldfinch, twice house moulted and 1912 hen Canary, bred 11 miles this year, sell 10/- or exchange for pullets: Gunhill, 273, Southtown-rd., Great Yarmouth. (933)

FINE coloured pair Bramblefinches, pair Green finches, cock Sparrow, all in aviary since January, hen cock Redpoll, fine steady cock Bullfinch, several good hen Canaries; offers wanted: Higgins, 36, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester. (931)

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE, six Roller hens, for young Roller cocks: Fowler, Chapel-st., Cam., Dursley, Glos.

SALE or exchange, 14 Norwich hens; what offers, anything useful: Seaton, 67, Gatton-rd., Tooting, S.W. (938)

FOR sale, three good healthy breeding hens, 2/6 each, 6/6 the lot: Geo. Dent, Bowes Yard, Cockfield, Durham. (939)

LARGE aviary and pair Canaries; will exchange for good violin or sell 23/-: S. Wills, 185, Euston-rd., N.W. (937)

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EXCHANGE yellow var. Norwich cock, value 12/6, for two Siskins, cocks: Ewen Nicol, 8, Crossmill Wynd, Arbroath. (938)

EXCHANGE, two Yorkshire cocks, for a good pair of Green or Cinnamon Borders: Wall, 31, The Mead, Street, Somerset. (934)

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich or Yorkshires for gramophone or phonograph and records: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (935)

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries: J. Flower, 15, Pollard-row, Bethnal Green, London. (943)

EXCHANGE ticked Yorkshire cock for muling cock Goldfinch or Norwich hens; approval: Manns, 33, Morley-st., Battersea. (935)

ROLLERS, good strain, cocks 6/-, hens 2/-, exchange tyres, tubes, girl's cycle, anything useful: Harris, Eccles, Maidstone. (931)

WANTED, good yellow Lancashire, Coppy or Plain-head, for Crest breeding; exchange Yorkshires: Richmond, Pateley Bridge. (934)

SIX picked Yorkshire Linnets, big as Greenfinches, 1/- each, others 4/- per doz.: Henry, 212, John-Williamson-st., High Shields. (931)

EXCHANGE eight good Norwich Canaries for a Greyhound or a Cure Snack: Robert Luke, Ledge-st., Byers Green, Spennymoor. (935)

WANTED, large cock Bullies, in exchange for large buff Norwich cock, sell 12/6: Sadler, 33, Preston Ave., Hale End, Essex. (941)

FOR sale Yorkshire Canaries, also Norwich cocks; hens from 3/- each; exchange what offers? Bendall, 62, Bruford-rd., Wolverhampton. (930)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1913 birds, cocks 4/-, hens 2/-, mostly clears; exchange anything useful: F. Wright, 62, Newton-st., Southport. (932)

FOUR fine British cocks, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, 3/6 lot; exchange Siskin, offers: W. Conie, Newtown, Rannds, Wellingboro'. (942)

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WILL exchange 23 Roller Canaries for poultry, or offers, stock birds and young ones, cold-room bred: Streng, 46, Waterloo-st., Avenue, Tipton, Staffs. (937)

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SALE or exchange, 6 Yorkshires, 3 cocks, 3 hens, for good bull-terrier, or sell £1; approval both ways: Strange, 21, Treharne-rd., Cadoxton, Barry. (934)

WILL exchange good pair unflighted Crested Canaries for good pair unflighted Norwich: W. Priestley, Harper's Houses, West Boldon, County Durham. (933)

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WILL exchange three large healthy Norwich hens, through moult, for two cock Linnet or Goldfinch Mules; mutual approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (900)

EXHIBITION yellow cock, winner, 30/-; stock buff hen 10/-; 1912 birds; wanted, Linnet-Mule, pure mules, approval: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (942)

WHAT offers for following Canaries? 3 pairs Norwich, 2 pairs Yorkshires, 3 pairs Borders, mostly colour-fed, clean, healthy stock: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (944)

BELGIANS; yellow cock, buff hen, moulted, £3 pair; exchange gramophone, with swan neck tone-arm preferred: Fearnley, 92, Church-st., Paddock, Huddersfield. (917)

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EXCHANGE, high-class Yorks, or Norwich, winning strain, for scrap brass, copper, block tin; approval (see advert. Yorks.): Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (942)

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EXCHANGE, good Yorks or Norwich, for anything useful, a working overcoat, for man, 5ft. 8in., chest 38ins., preferably a military coat or Palmer cover, 38 x 1½ beaded: Ward, 150, Bridge-end-rd., Grantham. (939)

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THREE good cock Zebra Finches, 8/- lot, or exchange 2 hens: Wilson, 68, Allen-st., Maidstone, (942)

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YOUNG Indian Plains Parrot and large cage, 18/-, or exchange Canaries (Norwich type): 58, Hartington-rd., Brighton. (931)

PAIR Golden Owls, hand reared, also pair Green Budgerigars; best offer or exchange: R. Graham, Ballybrack, Dublin. (918)

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BEAUTIFUL Amazon Parrot, talking, worth £5; accept £3 or nearest offer, exchange exhibition Yorkshires: Dicks, Newcastle Emlyn. (937)

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WANTED, everything alive; Pearson's Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (945)

FOUR grand Minorca cockerels, 6 months, 3/- each; exchange: Rowson, Swerford, Oxford. (939)

LADY'S cycle (Humber), £2 10/-; exchange harmonium; offers: 21, Sebert-rd., Forest Gate. (937)

GRAMOPHONE records, 10 ten-inch double; exchange for birds: Uttley, Hope place, Liverpool. (936)

WHAT offers in Canaries for one dozen of Canaries cages or sell 1/6 each: J. Mullin, 33, Smith-st., Glasgow. (920)

WHAT offers Canaries for pair real Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (890)

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WIRE-HAIRED Terrier, 18 months, by Dark Admiral, champion ratter, good yard dog; exchange: Whitaker, 3, Siddorn-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (942)

WILL give splendid pair blankets or quilt for 4 pairs Canaries; stamp reply: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (943)

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EXCHANGE accordion, also concertina, new, for two singing Yorkshire or Norwich: Julian, 34, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (935)

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WHAT offers in disc records for two 1913 yellow Norwich cocks, C.F., sell £1; approval: Rodger, Shrine Place, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire. (940)

FOR sale or exchange, hand-made clapnets, all sizes, new, for Canaries, left-off clothing; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (933)

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WHAT offer in Norwich Canaries for 6 Norwich show cages and case, only been used one season: Naylor, Cage Maker, Police-st., Brighouse. (938)

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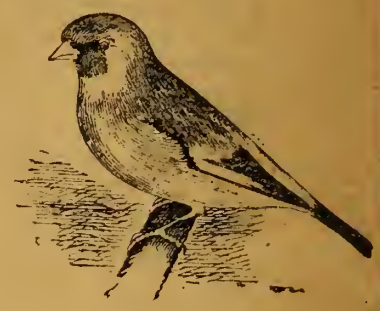
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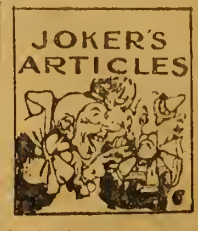
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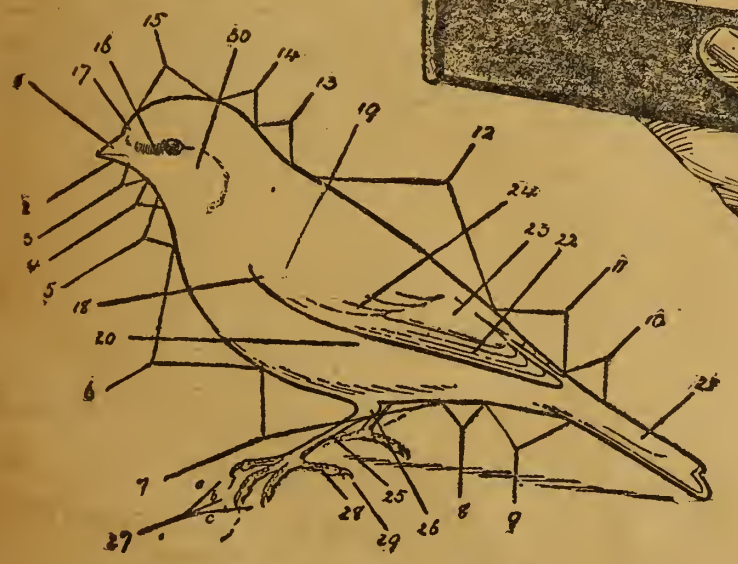
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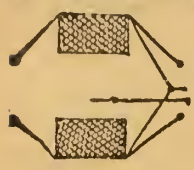
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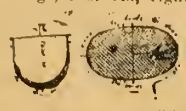
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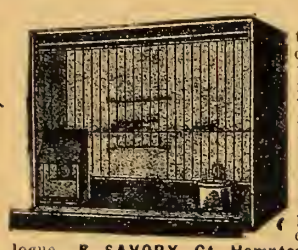
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COCK Thrushes, 3/- half doz., selected 1 each, Starlings, picked for showing, 1 each: Wright Pets, 108, Shellfield-rd., Southport. (972)

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YOUNG Cinnamon Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/6 pair; buff cock, yellow hen, 12/6 pair; large buff hen, 5/-, very cheap: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield. (958)

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Have purchased this noted stock entire, so can spare some good birds at reasonable prices; unequalled chance for novices; approval; winners for sale; state wants; Rev. Nume, Harrington, Cumberland. (931)

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Norwich.

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THREE prize buff 1912 Norwich, big, good birds, 30/- lot, 12/6 each: Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton. (960)

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FLEET, Breeder and Exhibitor of typical Norwich; few good birds for disposal: 16, King's-rd., Upton Park, Essex. (953)

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STRONG healthy Norwich cocks, singing, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; 1913 bred; approval: Gater, Jones'-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam. (938)

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OVERSTOCKED.—Seven young birds, as bred, 17/6; parents of same, 10/-: Ayers, White Cottage, Alverstone Avenue, Oakleigh Park, New Barnet. (959)

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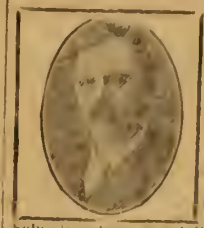
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BARGAINS, must clear: Siberian cock Goldie and large Norwich hen, 9/6; pair Siberian Bullies, 10/-, can win; two Goldie Mules, full Finch song, 5/6 each; 2 Siskin Mules, pure notes, full song, 5/6 each; approval, with pleasure: Miss Jackson, 61, Charlotte-st., Hull. (962)

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HEALTHY 1913 singing Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6; hens 2/6 each; all colour fed; Goldfinch Greenfinch Hybrid, 7/6; exchange any for cock Goldfinches, Siskins; yours first: Dickens, 31, Vernon-st., Northampton. (950)

GIVING up; light muling Norwich Canaries, big birds; cocks and hens, buff and yellow, 7/6 each; two Siberian Goldfinches for 15/-, one a proved muler; two house-moulted Linnets for 5/-; also a few Mules, cheap to clear: Fox, Bootmaker, Frenchie, Elfeshire. (956)

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WANTED, Canaries, British, and foreign birds: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (961)

I WILL buy few surplus Canaries, cheap: Williams, 13, Garner-st., Hackney. (961)

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WANTED, for export, all classes of Canaries; state price: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (957)

WANTED from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Siskins, offers to: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (969)

WANTED, singing cock Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, offer and state price: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

WANTED, Bullfinches; give 1/3 cocks, 6d. each hens: J. Flower, 15, Pollard Row, Bethnal Green, London. (953)

A Weekly supply of all kinds of Britishers; best price given: Lloyd, 48, Wellington-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. (954)

WANTED, Mule Hybrid Goldfinch, or Siskin, that can win; exchange 8 healthy Yorkshire hens: Dukes, Fruiterer, Filey. (958)

WANTED, Goldfinches, other cock Mules, Canaries, private buyer; approval, deposit: Uttley, Hopeplace, Liverpool. (961)

WANTED, all kinds of British and Canaries for export, also Pom dogs, best prices given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr. (939)

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WANTED colour-fed Norwich, Crest, Goldfinch, Mules; cash by return; state lowest price: Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich. (931)

WANTED, feather pulling Macaws, Parrots, or Parrakeets, cheap for cash: Curtis, Northill Aviaries, Dundle, Northamptonshire. (947)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 91, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (717)

WANTED, birds, monkeys, Parrots, dogs, mice, rats, rabbits, poultry, etc; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (960)

OFFERS invited in British birds for Parrot, brilliant plumage; also new cage; particulars: Banagan, Burnley-pl., Chadderton, Oldham. (949)

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., state price for prompt cash: C. Palmer and Sons, Bird Dept., 68, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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STOUT yellow variegated Norwich hens, for muling; also cock Goldfinches, clean moulted: Edmonds, 79, Singlewell-rd., Gravesend. (960)

WANTED, two Mules, or Goldfinches: exchange pair cycle wheels, handle bars, chains, birds' wings, jacket and vest: F. Cook, Pembridge. (956)

FOREIGNERS, for exhibition; exchange Yorkshire, Greens, or Borders, sell from 10/6 pair; mutual approval: Hancocks, Stewart-st., Crewe. ((956)

WANTED, Crest, Crest-bred, also Norwich Plainheads; large birds; send lowest prices to E. Hughes, 162, London-rd., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (955)

WANTED, young common Norwich or Yorks.; exchange good cock Finches, also Buff Rock cockerels: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton, Devon. (958)

WANTED from catchers, large or small, quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, etc., top price given: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (962)

WANTED, few good stout colour-fed Norwich in exchange large gramophone, two trumpets, and 24 selections, double-sided records: Lewis, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (960)

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WANTED, regular supplies of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Linnets, etc., from genuine catchers; highest prices paid and prompt cash: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (977)

WANTED, good Goldfinch and Bullfinches, catcher, good price paid for good birds, will take them weekly to the end of the season; now, catchers, try me: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (962)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich wanted, colour fed, give 5/6 to 7/- pair; good price, cocks singing, no crossed cheques sent; cash deposited; send particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (890)

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for good Norwich or Yorkshires, colour fed preferred; also wanted, Crests, Scotch Fancies and Borders, any numbers, cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (905)

WANTED moleskins, cats, foxes, otters, horsehair, pheasant tails, marabout and egret feathers, white geese and duck feathers: Steels, Taxidermist and Furrier, Manchester-st., Liverpool. Bankers: London City and Midland. (859)

WANTED, unflighted yellow Norwich cock, clear or variegated, must be fit for keen competition, will give in exchange hornless phonograph, 26 10-in records, perfect condition, value £5 10/-; bird first: Roberts, 41, Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. (950)

WANTED, British, 1 pair each of following young birds, guaranteed true pairs, for aviary, no rubbish or fancy prices; approval, deposit; Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Blue Tit, Wagtail (Grey, Yellow, or Pied): Cornwell, Nelson-st., South Bank, Yorks.

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EXCHANGE pair of high flying tipplers, for hand-reared Skylark, or sell, 6/-: Clark, 62, Gladstone-st., Portsmouth. (956)

EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinches for left-off clothing or Canaries; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (960)

WANTED hen Canaries, exchange singing cock Skylarks, grand birds, like Thrushes, worth 5/- each: Dutton, Dunstable. (953)

WILL exchange good British show birds for Canaries; stamp reply: Jackson, 10, Cardigan-avenue, Kirkstall-rd., Leeds. (956)

MAGNIFICENT cock Nuthatch, will exchange exhibition Goldfinch, or offers British: Evans, Grey-st., Middleton, Lancashire. (955)

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets for four hen Mules or three hen Canaries: J. Flower, 15, Pollard's-rd., Bethnal Green, London. (953)

WANTED, cock Linnet or Goldfinch Mule; exchange cock Linnets, August birds: Hugh Williams, High-st., Penrhyn, Dendraeth. (956)

20,000 RIPE thistle heads, full of seed; exchange lot for offers, Goldfinch cocks, or Siskins: Alexander Affleck, Heiton, Roxburgh. (956)

WILL exchange cock Goldfinches or cock Linnets for Goldfinch Mules or Linnet Mules: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (959)

SIX large selected Linnets, 1/6 each; Chaffinch, Redpoll, Greenfinch, Linnet, Lark, 5/- lot; exchange anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (962)

WARRANTED cock Linnets 3/- dozen, hens 1/-; or exchange Mules or anything useful for value: Pearce, 37, Cambridge-st., Luton, Beds. (949)

LINNET Mule, Linnet song, 6/-; house-moulted Linnet, hen Canary, parents, 6/-; exchange Roller hens: Clayton, New-lane, Drightington. (952)

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, singing mule, and cage, 6/6; exchange mandoline, anythiug: Lyons, 18, Albert-sq., Henry-st., Nottingham. (954

EXCHANGE hand-reared Goldfinch-mule, cock, on Goldfinch song, for Linnet-mule on Linnet song: H. Johnson, Bootmaker, Sheringham. (954)

WILL exchange 4 good muling hens, bred with Linnet and Finch, for good show British; apply: Geo. R. Tolson, High-st., Cleator Moor. (960)

SIX young cock Goldfinches, three hens, hand-reared; exchange young Mules, pure Finch note, or offers: Compton, Larkhill, Preston, Yeovil. (957)

WHAT offers for one Goldfinch call bird, two Linnet call birds, one Greenfinch call bird? sale or exchange: Hatton, 31, Richmond-st., Brighton.

SALE or exchange, 3 good cock Goldfinches, sell for 7/-, or exchange Mule, pure note, or common hen Canaries; approval: Clements, Jeynes Row, Tewkesbury. (955)

GOLDFINCHES exchanged for large cock Goldfinch Mule: must have loud Goldfinch call for catching; approval: Hinder, Crosshayes, Malmesbury, Wilts. (960)

SALE beautiful pen of winning Modern Pile Game Bantams; exchange exhibition British, Linnet Mules, pure notes, toy Pom.: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (962)

GRAND housemoulted Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, and Norwich hen; exchange pedigree working homers, no rubbish; approval: F. Chapman, 22, Swainell-st., Easton, Bristol. (949)

EXCHANGE for Canaries, performing Redpolls, drawing carriage up for seed, thimble for water, with new cage and detachable fittings, or sell 4/- each: T. Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (953)

EXCHANGE cock Bullfinch, cock mealy Redpoll, house-moulted, and 3 Goldfinch Canary-mules, 1 pair Border Fancy Canaries, for anything useful: H. Dybáll, Overstrand Hotel, nr. Cromer, Norfolk.

GENUINE house-moulted cocks, 3 Greenfinches, 2 Redpolls, 2 Yellowhammers, Reedbunting, 6 small British cages, loose fronts, 15/- lot; exchange 2 singing Mules, or Canaries; approval: Eames, 7, Princess-st., Wombwell. (955)

TO exhibitors, grand team field-moulted British, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Reed Bunting, sell 5/- each; exchange gold watch guard, anything useful; deposit with Editor: G. Perrins, 26, Lennox-rd., Longton. (951)

Do not misss ending your advertisements for our next issue. A GRAND AUTUMN NO.

WANTED, good exhibition Goldfies in exchange for Greenfinch-Linnet hybrid, unflighted, 3rd Bedford (see "Cage Birds" this week), big buff Norwich cock, commended in strong class of 22; exchange for yellow cock Siskins or yellow hen Canaries; yours first: G. Armitage, 128, Castle-rd., Bedford. (950)

SPECIAL Notice to Exhibitors and Fanciers.—I will exchange Russian cock Goldfinches, German cock Siskins, also all kinds of British, for show, muling contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, mules; state wants; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (954)

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs of Borders for gramophone and records: F. Potton, 46, Southend-rd., East Ham. (950)

TWO young Norwich cocks for sale 7/6 each, hens 2/6; or exchange: Vores, 6, Doria-rd., Parsons Green. (948)

EXCHANGE, 1 1912 Yorkshire or Norwich cock, full song, for cycle cover and tube, 28 x 1½: Haslitt, Takely. (958)

YORKSHIRES, cock and 3 hens, 2 double breeders and accessories; offers or exchange: 6, McInnes-st., Lincoln. (960)

EXCHANGE for birds, four Yorkshire show cages with case, or sell 5/6: W. Thorpe, Skye Alley Sq., Halifax. (950)

EXCHANGE 5 hen Canaries, 1 breeding cage, for Roller cock, sell 10/-: Cannon, Portway, Wells, Somerset. (951)

TWO good buff hens, 2 Goldie Mule hens, 1913, 5/- lot; exchange cock Canary; approval: Jempson, Ewhurst, Sussex. (953)

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches; exchange high-class Yorks.: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (962)

PAIR Norwich, cock bred from winners, sacrifice 12/0; or exchange anything useful; deposit: Fletcher, Castle-rd., Bedford. (949)

EXCHANGE, 1912 Yorkshire cock, two Norwich hens, double breeder for Roller cocks or Norwich: 35, Coombe-st., Bruton. (950)

EXCHANGE, 3 1913 Norwich cocks, 3 cock Bullfinches, large aviary, 4ft. sq., for lady's cycle, value £2: Haslett, Takely. (958)

EXCHANGE good (A) clarionet, cost £6, for Norwich or Crests; approval: Miss G. Cooke, 16, Pulchrass-st., Barnstaple. (953)

COCK and two hen Canaries, 8/-; cock Robin, 2/6; cock Blackbird, 1/6; exchange: Pickles, Nook, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. (958)

FOUR Yorkshire hens, young birds, for sale, or exchange for anything useful: Apply Clarke, Jubilee Cottage, Beer, Devon. (957)

EXCHANGE good pair of Yorkshires, value £2, for good Cinnamons or Yell. Norwich cock: Fleet, 16 King's-rd., Upton Park. (953)

WANTED cock Blackcap, breakfast set; exchange 1913 Norwich cocks and joiner made cages: 357, Crookesmoor-rd., Sheffield. (948)

EXCHANGE, two buff coppy cock Canaries, for a good green Crested hen: Hodgkinson, 20, Sherbrooke-rd., Carrington, Nottingbam. (957)

WANTED, Schoolmaster Roller; exchange for large Crested cock, fit for show, value 30/-; approval both ways: Haslett, Takeley. (960)

"OUR CANARIES," unbound, six self-acting bird traps, 24in long; exchange for Rollers: Mawson, Charles-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (953)

EXCHANGE three large buff marked Norwich hens, natural colour, for exhibition Goldfinch or Britishers: J. Elliott, Maxwhurn-terrace, Cambois. (951)

COCK Norwich, extra large, full song, 10/6; Peathroat cock Goldfinch, 7/6; exchange Amberol records: Prior, 67, Kerbey-st., Poplar, E. (960)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks or Norwich for scrap brass, copper, block tin (see Yorks.): Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (962)

WINNING strain, Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, £1 pair; exchange poultry, pullets, anything useful: Knowles, 47, Acregate-lane, Preston, Lancashire. (961)

SPLENDID pair of Canaries, cock, singing, and double breeder, accept £1 lot, or would exchange: Weedall, fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire. (961)

GENUINE bargain, 3 Seifert Rollers, cocks, April hatched, £1; exchange pair high-class Yorkshires, yours first: Botham, Matlock-st., Bakewell. (956)

EXCHANGE exhibition or stock Yorkshires or 3 compartment breeders for watch or suit; yours first: Thomas, 19 C Block, Deepcut, Surrey. (959)

EXCHANGE pair Rollers, Randall's, rung, variegcock, hen Chilcott's, for good pair Yorks.: Steward, Conservative Club, Irthlingboro', Northants. (952)

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich, colour-fed, for exhibition, British hardbills or mules; state wants, yours first: Steele, 54, Skene-square, Aberdeen. (954)

FOUR Buff Orpington pullets and cockerel, May-hatched; exchange Canaries, Crest preferred; offers: Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., Lowestoft. (955)

EXCHANGE for poultry or anything for poultry pen, 2 pairs of Yorkshires; or sell 10/- pair; also few cages cheap: Walker, 40, The Grove, Ilkley. (954)

CHRISTMAS presents, 20 x 16 enlargements, framed, from any photo, 5/-; exchange cock Canary, anything: Artist, 74, Boundary-rd., Walthamstow. (961)

EXCHANGE 1 green C.B. cock, 1911, 2 var. Crested hens, 1912, and 3 young, for a good toy Yorkshire or Pom. pup: J. Kearney, 1, Athol-st., Liverpool. (955)

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best possible blood; exchange for Breeding Siberian Goldie, winning dark Goldie-mule, or Norwich: J. Osborne, John-st., Sligo. (951)

PURE Randall's Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung; exchange 26-in. Dunlop covers, pair of wood wheels, or offers: Jones, Castle-terrace, Meadow Bank, Winsford, Cheshire. (952)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain, sell cheap, or exchange scrap copper brass, anything useful: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (955)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.; carriage paid: W. Whiteley, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, Ashfield-rd., Idle, Yorks. (951)

EXCHANGE, large buff Lancashire cock for two large Crested and Crestbred hens, little cash for good birds; yours first: Crawford, Elsieben, Glenburn Park, Belfast. (951)

TWO green Crest hens, 7/6 each; large green Crest-bred cock, variegated Crest cock, 10/- each; exchange 1913 Plainheads, anything: Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham. (953)

PALACE aviary, as new, containing buff Yorks. cock, yellow Border cock and green Border hen, 30/-; or useful exchange; no livestock: 30, Brankscme rd., Brixton, S.W. (952)

WANTED, good unflighted buff Yorkshire hen or good exhibition Finch; exchange big buff Plainhead cock, two show cages, sell 30/-; bargain: Burke, 5, Ashworth-st., Hollenwood. (958)

EXCHANGE high-class exhibition Norwich, fed, and Border Fancy Canaries, for British and foreign hardbills and softbills for exhibition; mutual approval: Wilson, 1, Wybrow-terr., Workington. (953)

EXCHANGE buff Border Fancy hen, with show cage and case, for yellow Norwich hen, no rubbish offered or wanted; yours first; approval both ways; letters only: 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (956)

GIVING up, variegated Norwich hen, marked buff ditto, clear cock ditto, Roller schoolmaster, pair Red-crested Cardinals, all good class birds, lot 2 guineas, or offers separate: Clayton, Havelock-st., Spalding. (962)

CRESTED-BRED yellow cock, also Crested-Bred yellow hen, first cross from Lancashire coppy, price £1 each; or exchange both for good young Crest; wanted good Goldfinch Mule, also good Goldfinch, first class, give pair Norwich Plainheads, for Mule or Goldfinch, or cash; approval: J. Nichols, Canary Breeder, Wymondham. (957)

Mainly Foreign.

PAIR Golden Owls, hand-reared, also pair Green Budgerigars; best offer or exchange: R. Graham, Ballybrack, Dublin. (918)

GRAND young Indian Rock Parrot, commencing to talk; sell 10/-; exchange anything useful: Taylor, 80, Temple-st., Nelson. (959)

BEAUTIFUL Amazon Parrot, talking, worth £5; accept £3 or nearest offer; exchange exhibition Yorkshires: Dicks, Newcastle Emlyn. (937)

EXCHANGE talking Parrot, and cage, value 35/-, for singing Canaries, or other birds; stamp reply: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (955)

GRAND pair of Cockatiels, will sell 14/-, or exchange for Rollers, Canaries, what offer: Birch, 2, Marsh Cottages, Sturry-rd., Canterbury. (952)

WILL exchange good talking Parrot and cage, for Canaries or foreign birds, etc., stamp reply: Jopson, 9, Bispham-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (955)

PAIR green Budgerigars, 5/-; quarter-plate hand camera, 5/-; pair men's Blucher clogs, 9/- new, 3/6; exchange birds, anything: Howland, Ockenden, Essex. (957)

EXCHANGE young pink and grey Parrot and cage, brought over privately, will soon talk; exchange Canaries; no rubbish; or cob harness; or sell 30/-: 14, Fisher-gate, Nottingham. (954)

BUDGERIGARS, eight young greens as bred, splendid condition; exchange all or part house-moulted British, new caught, or offers, sell 3/- each: Allison, Hairdresser, Blyth, Northumberland. (951)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, everything alive: Pearson's Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (945)

ORANGE Pomeranian, 30/-; white, 20/-; exchange Parrot: 211, Newhall-rd., Attercliffe, Sheffield. (961)

EXCHANGE suit length for tumblers, guinea pigs: E. W. Gaunt, Silver Royd Mills, Wortley, Leeds. (949)

FOR sale, good Colt's 44 cal. rifle, excellent condition, sacrifice 25/-: C. May, St. John's-rd., Mortimer, Berks. (953)

EXCHANGE smart Collie bitch for Yorkshire or foreign birds; or sell £1 or offer: 45, Natal-rd., Ilford. (959)

SMOOTHING plane, cost 18/6, almost new, 8/6; 2 good hand saws, 4/6: Taylor, Carmuirs-st., Camelon, Falkirk. (961)

YORKSHIRE hens, 2/6 each to clear; Edison Gem and 40 records. What offers: Russell, 14, Mona-st., Liverpool. (954)

PIKE rod and reel, value 15/-; exchange good pair of Rollers: D. Parkes, New John-st., Blackheath, Birmingham. (953)

ALL metal novelty cage, thimble for water, car for seed, only used a week, 2/-: Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale. (954)

EXCHANGE good oilstove for cock Canary and cage, or 4 Bantams; yours first: H. Stewart, 30, David-st., Beryle. (953)

WILL exchange high-class Yorkshires for jewellery or old gold and silver: Ernest Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford. (952)

FIVE new Yorkshire cages, 7/6; exchange Norwich hen, unflighted, or British: J. Wilson, 81, Sutton-st., Norton Malton. (956)

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JARROW, HEBBURN, C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 16, in Victoria Hotel, Mr. Thompson in the chair. There was a good turn-out of members. Five new members—Messrs. W. Smith, W. Howden, J. Wilkinson, J. Baxter, and E. Harrison—elected. Mr. W. L. Smith gave a very interesting lecture on the Management of Canaries, but owing to shortness of time he consented to finish it at our next meeting. We hold next show the third week in January, 1914. Hearty invitation is given to all fanciers to come and join us.—W. Ayers, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Oldham Hall, Oct. 9, Mr. J. Abbott in chair. One new member was elected and two were nominated to show as partners. This night was down for washing exhibition, but no birds turning up, Mr. J. Thornton was not able to give same. He gave us his views on washing and drying. Decided to hold special meeting Nov. 19, Oldham Hall, for washing competition by Messrs. J. W. Metcalfe, J. Lloyd, and G. Green. Afterwards novice washing competition; prizes will be given for same. Washers are requested to bring their own birds, etc.—J. Lloyd, Assist. Sec.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Court House, Town Hall, Oct. 20. Mr. Dwyer occupied the chair, and Mr. Sholedice contributed a very interesting paper entitled "How to prepare our birds for show." Every sentence of this article was keenly followed. With regard to the washing process, the lecturer demonstrated very clearly the way this should be carried out. After the lecture a number of questions were asked, and were very efficiently disposed of. Schedule for annual show, Nov. 26 and 27. Decided to give 56 classes, including an "extra stock" class and "locals." The idea of the former is that members can enter their surplus stock at the small sum of sixpence per bird, which they are at liberty to dispose of during the show at their own price. With regard to local classes, decided that only those who have never won three first prizes will be eligible to compete, the other local exhibitors having to show in the open section. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Sholedice for his kind services, and this terminated the meeting amidst great applause.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF FIFE C.B. LEAGUE.

At Lochgelly show, under the patronage of the above League, the respective societies have scored the following points:—Lochgelly, 158; Cowdenbeath, 80; Kelty, 48; Dunfermline, 38. Mr. Wm. Grewar (Lochgelly) won the points spl with 31 points.—Jas. Cordery, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Members' show at headquarters, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington, Oct. 29. It is hoped there will be a good entry. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey. All birds to be staged by 10 a.m. Entry fee, 6d. per cage. Entries to be made in sealed envelope night prior to show up to 9.30 p.m.—A. Cooper, Sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Meeting held at St. Kilbowie-rd., Oct. 16. The members appointed to settle about uprights for annual show reported that they had settled with Messrs. Logie and Bowman. Mr. K. McMair was elected a member. Agreed to hold a special meeting Oct. 24 to settle prize money and allocate specials. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to chairman.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

FORRES AND NORTHERN O.A.

Monthly meeting held Mechanics' Institute,, Mr. K. McLean chair. There was a grand turnout of members; one new one, Jas. McKenzie, was enrolled. A table show of Borders was held, with good entry, and some grand birds. Mr. K. McLean judged, and gave every satisfaction. BORD. CK.: 1, Campbell; 2, McLean; 3, McKenzie. HEN: 1, Campbell; 2, McLean; 3, McKenzie. Next meeting, Oct. 27.—Wm. Cumming, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Raith Arms, Mr. J. C. Murray in chair. List of specials was read, which met with approval. Decided to get estimates from Dick and Pennan for 27 dinners for judges, etc., also that the joiner get 5s., as usual, as he was of great service in the erecting of stands last year. The usual refreshment for those in attendance on night before show was also granted. Decided that each steward get a list of the train times for his section. Harry Baxter and Thomas Cowan at the door, as usual; also that we try to get Thomas Menzies as checker. Vote of thanks to chairman brought meeting to a close.—J. W. Holmes, Sec.

NORTH WEST GLASGOW C.BC.

Committee meetiug held Oct. 20. Class 43a (A.O.V. Canary, not classified) was omitted from schedule; members should make entries accordingly. Agreed that entry fee be 3d. per cage. Judges are:—Nor., A. Sloan; Yorks and Bords., C. Martin; Brit. and For., J. L. Burnett; Scotch Fancies, J. Anderson and G. Blackstock. Mr. Findlay intimated gift of £3 3s. cup for best young bird in hall, which was accepted with enthusiasm. Several other items in connection with show Nov. 8 were discussed, and the Sec. reported that the tickets were selling well. It is hoped that the members will be liberal with their entries, and so make our first show a success.—Wm. Loan, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meetiug held Oct. 8, Mr. J. Burke chair, before a moderate attendance. Agenda was chiefly connected with the final arrangements for the young stock show; the room being booked every Saturday up to Nov. 25, and as the majority of members prefer Saturday to Wednesday, as we can have daylight, and the birds on stage in good time, we shall try to have a room close to the present hotel, but members will be advised in time. Mr. Roe kindly consented to judge. Chairman proposed that a present of three pounds be made to the Sec. as an appreciation of his valuable work. Sec. thanked all, remarking that it was a very pleasant surprise, and said he was as keen as ever on the progress of the South Birmingham O.S., and as long as the members honoured him with the position of secretary, although a very trying position, and at times a very unthankful one, he would do his very best for all, and he still had hopes of seeing a membership of 100 by the members' show. —J. Sheppard, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting at the El Vino, 3, Piccadilly, Oct. 14. Mr. R. L. Crisp in the chair. Important matters in connection with annual show were dealt with, also large amount of business arising out of patronage of specialist clubs. Awards of merit were presented by the chairman to Messrs. Cook, Dewhurst, and Stevens. Messrs. Otford and Clark were not present to receive theirs. Mr. F. J. Evans (Hindhead) was nominated for membership. Not having sufficient competitors for the washing competition, Mr. Watcham and Mr. Dewhurst gave an exhibition on washing Canaries, describing fully their methods, etc. After the washiug exhibition, Mr. Easterling described his method of washing birds, and a most interesting discussion followed, in which Messrs. Allen Silver, Crisp, Penton, Cook, Stevens, and Boxall ably assisted. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Watcham and Dewhurst, also to the chairman closed the meeting. At a committee meeting held after, Mr. Evans was elected a member. At the next meeting Mr. R. L. Crisp will open a discussion on "Are Canaries Losing Stamina?" Due notice will be announced in the Fancy Press.—F. Knight, Press Corres.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, Sept. 25. Present: Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, W. A. Shepherd, G. E. Weston, A. Silver, O. Puck, E. Shearman, E. Stephens, A. C. Askew, C. T. Maxwell, and Hon. Sec. Letter read from Mr. P. Walsh, Sheffield, offering gold medal for competition at Sheffield show. Carried that the medal be open to all, and that the following wording he printed in Sheffield schedule: "A gold medal, presented by the N.B.B. and M.C., by the kindness of Mr. P. Walsh, Sheffield, for most points in Hybrid and British section, open to all, but if won by a non-member of the N.B.B. and M. Club, winner must become a member before he can receive it." Medals already allotted to Sheffield show altered to: silver 2nd most points, bronze 3rd most points. Through the kindness of three members, the following additional medals have been allotted to the club show: Silver, presented by Mr. Puck, for best cage-moulted insectivorous bird smaller than a Wheatear (Dartford Warbler excluded), competitors are requested to state on entry form the length of time the bird has been caged; two silver medals, presented by Mr. T. R. Trower, in seedeaters and Insectivorous classes respectively, for most points gained by a member who has not previously won a medal; silver, presented by Mr. Weston, for best bird in the Hybrid, Seedeaters, and insectivorous classes. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donors. Mr. Weston stated that the cost of reproducing the club's diploma would be about £4 for the die and 50 copies. Decided that the funds of the club would not meet the outlay at present, and the matter will be brought before the annual general meeting. Mr. Puck kindly offered to give a demonstration of his methods of preparing food for insectivorous birds. The chairman thanked Mr. Puck for his offer, and said he hoped other members would take part in the demonstration, and so make the meeting as interesting as possible. Cost of the club medals was gone into, and several members promised to submit medals to various makers for their estimates. Mr. G. Fletcher, Sheffield, and Mr. W. Fairhurst, Longsight, Manchester, were elected members. A vote of thanks to chair concluded the meeting.—J. P. Carr, Hon. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Points gained up to date by members: — Three highest birds only, Champion Section: Simeson 30, Mollat 28, Shorney 16, Sissons 15, Humphries 14, Wright 13, Zimmermann 11½, Campling 8, Hunter 7. Novice Section: Sayles 38, O'Reilly 36, Muck 31, Jessop 21, Cass 16, Shepherd 16, A. Robinson 16, Hearing 13, Carolin 10, Pool 8, Marshall 3, Thompson 3, Robinson 2. Brit. and For. Sections: Sissons 36, Zimmerman 33, Shorney 30, Pool 29, Jellerson 15, Wright 9, Hunter 6, O'Reilly 5, Carolin 2.—H. Sayles, Hon. Sec.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 9th, Mr. H. Hassal chair, to draw up schedule for annual show, allot specials for same, and to make new members. The last part of the agenda being the pleasantest, the chairman took it first, Mr. Wood, Lawton, Mr. R. Ratcliffe, and Mr. Dale, Shelton, being duly nominated and accepted as members. Decided to have six open classes at our show: Nor. unlighted yell., ditto buff, Yorkshire, yellow, ditto buff, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, Newport, will judge.—L. James,

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, Oct. 16, Mr. Plank in chair. Schedule of annual show was passed, and specials (a long list) allotted. The special design of prize card was submitted, and stewards were elected. Secretary stated staging would be erected and birds received on evening previous to show from 8 p.m. till 10 p.m. Advertisements to be placed in Fancy Press and local papers. Letters were read from Messrs. Trower, Rudd, Hyde, and "Pearson's Weekly" offering specials. The Rev. A. H. Soames was elected a member. Members, sell as many tickets as possible, also make as big an entry as you can. Yearly subscription should be paid at once.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held Oct. 15, at Star Inn, Church Street. There was a good turn-up of members, Mr. Barwise in chair. Mr. T. Edwards presented gold medal to Mr. T. Lingard, the winner of the challenge cup at the first feather show, June 29. Proposed that we have several open classes for Nor., Yorks, and Brit. at our Cup Show, held Dec. 20. Decided at next meeting what number of open classes there will be. Mr. H. Rawson, 54, Red Lion Street, was appointed treasurer in place of Mr. J. Lingard. We have enrolled several new members this last week. Next meeting, Oct. 30. Chief business, arranging schedules, engaging judge, also arranging where show will be held.—G. Whittaker, Sec.

WESTGATE HOUSE CLUB & INST.

Sucessful decorated cage competition.

A decorated cage competition was held at Westgate House Club, Dartford, Oct. 8, for the children of members. Great interest was shown in the competition, and long before the doors opened a crowd of people were waiting for admission. The various exhibits were placed round the room, and it was evident to all who saw them that ingenuity is a quality highly developed in the families of Westgate House members. Some of the prettiest exhibits were an aeroplane with the cage containing the tiny songster forming the body of the plane; two good representations of the club house, a pretty little villa named "Redpoll Villa," a fort, a cage with a snow-laden branch of a tree over it bearing some stuffed birds, a motor-bus, and one or two lighted with electric light, which made them very attractive. Mr. A. Johnson distributed the prizes, and Messrs. C. and E. Youens judged the decorated cages. During the evening a concert was given by the following artists: Mr. T. Rust, jun., Mr. W. Rust, Mr. W. Crook, and Mr. H. Steel. Mrs. C. Armstrong presided at the piano. An added attraction was refreshment given gratuitously to the children, which was, of course, appreciated fully. Messrs. G. Peck, and T. Rust, sen., are to be congratulated on the huge success of the undertaking, and on their endeavour to encourage the children in the love and care for pet birds. The first twelve winners of boys and girls were:— Boys: 1 Saunders, 2 Relf, 3 Lee, 4 Williams, 5 Wilders, 6 West, 7 Relf, 8, Nesbitt, 9 Aldous, 10 Mayell, 11 Stevens, 12 Herbert (62 prizes). Girls: 1 F. Fletcher, 2 F. Tucker, 3 E. Smith, 4 W. Higgs, 5 E. Alders, 6 A. Newmans, 7 D. Lee, 8 E. Steel, 9 K. Petrson, 10 G. Wilders, 11 V. Bidwell, 12 N. Mayell (41 prizes).

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held Oct. 13, Church Institute, Paddington-st., Mr. F. Knight chair, Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., and 30 members present. Letter read from Mr. R. P. Harper and nominations for membership were received from Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Morgan. The Hon. Sec. presented statement of account which was passed as correct. Schedule for coming annual show was gone through, and with alterations to Foreign bird classes accepted. Mr. A. H. Curtis had arranged to give a washing exhibition, but unfortunately owing to sudden illness was prevented from attending; Mr. F. J. Martin, at a few hours' notice, kindly took his place, and gave members a very interesting lecture. Mr. Martin stated that though washing was a necessity he preferred to do without it as long as possible. Directly birds are through the moult spray three or four times a week; before washing be sure that birds are in tip top condition as otherwise all labour is lost and they stand no chance in competition. He believed in making work as light as possible and used only two bowls of water, to soften latter he boiled it beforehand and let it stand till cold. Sunlight or curd soap were satisfactory, but before using he reduced it to a liquid state as it lathers so much better. It was best to wash a bird a week before showing unless it was feathery, then the quicker it was shown after washing the better. Mr. Martin then washed a bird, using a toothbrush for flights, tail, and face, and a shaving brush for the body; after thoroughly rinsing the soap out he dried with a soft cloth and placed in drying cage. Mr. Martin was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his very interesting lecture and demonstration. Result of judging competition in Norwich Plainheads: 1, Mr. G. Bryant, 33 points; 2, Mr. N. C. Ellis, 31; 3, Mr. F. Thynne, 30. Mr. C. H. Withea took silver medal for best exhibit in wild seed competition. Vote of thanks to chairman closed the meeting.—Fred Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

DYSART.

The ninth annual show of the Dysart C.B.S. was held in the Masonic Hall, Dysart, Oct. 18. Considering the number of shows held on the same date, the entry of about 380 must be considered satisfactory. The number was slightly down on last year. Crest and C.B. classes were cancelled for want of entries, and Scotch Fanciers only averaged three per class; it behoves the fanciers in these varieties to give societies who cater for them more support, or the inevitable will happen, and the classes either be cut down or left out altogether. Borders were a fairly good show, averaging about ten per class, and some of the little 'uns were well worth looking at, notably, Mr. H. Bennet's medal-winning yellow hen, which was an object lesson to young fanciers, also Mr. Hutcheson's team of beauties, which won for him the Harris cup for most points. We understand the cup becomes his own property, he having won it twice previously, Norwich were a fair show, averaging about seven per class, and some good ones were forward, and very creditable for second teams, as several of the exhibitors had their first string on show at the City of Glasgow. British were fair, about seven per class, and the show as a whole was a credit to exhibitors, nearly every bird being shown in the pink of cleanliness. The executive are a rare band of workers, such as one meets with at most Fife shows, and vied with one another in making the show a success. President Mr. Walker was assisted by a large committee, comprising Messrs. Davidson, Bisset, Harris, Spence, McGregor, Traill, Duncan, Hutchison, Watson, Walker, Russell, Grubb, Kerr, sen., McCrae, J. O. Harris, Kidd, Gilmour, Christie Cockburn, and the genial sec. and treas., Mr. Jas. Logan, who was the ruling spirit when he arrived at the show, after an unavoidable detention. In his absence assist. sec., Mr. W. Russell, took charge, and deserves a special word of commendation for his courtesy and attention to all. The judges were: Scotch Fancy, Mr. Kerr, Dysart; Borders, Mr. Walker, Lesmahagow; Crests and Plainheads, Mr. Holmes, Edinburgh; Mules, Hybrids, and British, Mr. J. H. Adam, Glasgow, and their awards were generally well received.

Mr. Kerr's Classes.

SCOTCH FCY., CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, sp. best, Scotch Fancy, Archibald, fine head and neck, nice shoulders, good drive, nice position; 2, Leslie, fair size, good reach, nice circle, fine action; 3, Howie, not so big, good drive, nice stamp. HEN (2): 1, Nairn, nice one, fine style, good nerve, takes fine pos.; 2, Gibson, well up, good action, nice length. CL. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Archibald, fine head, well set, nice shoulders, good drive; 2, Nairn, good one for style, good circle, takes perch well; 3, Russell, nice action. HEN (6): 1, Leslie, good one, fine reach and neck, fine drive, nice depth of chest; 2, 3, A. Howie, leader, nice length, well filled in back and shoulders, 3rd similar, fine position; 4, Archibald; 5, Nairn; 6, Thomson. YELL. PIED OR GR. CK. (2): 1, Thomson, fine size and shape, head well down, in good order; 2, Howie, nice one for style, good reach and drive, fit. HEN (2): 1, Leslie, grand action, good head and shoulders, fine action; 2, Nairn, nervy, nice reach, takes good pos. BUFF PIED OR GR. CK. (3): 1, Nairn, fine for style, good action, nice circle; 2, 3, Howie, good reach, fine drive, good shape, 3rd similar, not so well finished. HEN (4): 1, Nairn, stylish, nice free action, fine position; 2, Leslie, good head and neck, fine thickness, worth place; 3, Archibald, good sire, fine style, and finish; 4, Smart. SELL., £1 (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Gibson.

Mr. Walker's Classes.

BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Cockburn, beautifully moulded, rare good carr., fine qual.; 2, T. Spence, nice type, rare jaunty carr., good head and wings, well up; 3, Craig, nice one for size and col., good type and qual.; 4, W. B. Smart, good style and finish, nice jaunty, carr.; 5, McCrae; 6, Beveridge. HEN (35): 1, Bennet, takes B.F.C.C. medal, a model, splendid style, like wax, wins; 2, Anderson, well up, sweet qual., rare good head and wings, well finished; 3, Craig, nice type, fine qual., nicely folded wings, well shown; 4, Michie, good for size, and qual., nice wing carr.; 5, Watson; 6, T. Spence. CL. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 6, Hutchison, fine stamp, very good head and back, in grand order; 2, no name, good one for style, nice carr., fine qual.; 3, 6, Pollock, good head, nice wings and tail, well put down; 4, Duncan, capital pos., nice free action; 5, Hallilday. HEN (13): 1, Beveridge, good for size and style, rare good head and wings, well shown; 2, no name, similar, nice qual., not much between; 3, Watson, fine shape and qual., capital wing carr., well put down; 4, T. Spence, good head, nicely moulded, fine action; 5, Hutchison; 6, Craig. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, Duncan, good style, clearly mkd., nice qual.; 2, McCrae, capital type, nice qual., fine head and wings; 3, Rintoul, similar, not so well finished. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (9): 1, Hutchison, grand style and finish, good head and wings, nice carr.; 2, Spence, capital size, nice qual., prettily mrk., very stylish; 3, Anderson, well up, nicely moulded, good front, nice head; 4, Baxter, smaller, good type; 5, McCrae; 6, Johnstone. HEN (12): 1, 6, Hutchison, fine shape, splendid cond., nice jaunty carr.; 2, Duncan, good head and wings, very perky style, well put down; 3, T. Spence, still a good one for shape and cond., presses; 4, Aitchison, nice size and qual., in good order; 5, Pollock. UNEVEN BUFF CK. (6): 1, Willison, heavy mkd., good size, nice style, capital cond.; 2, 4, Hutchison, good size and qual., presses hard, 4th shade smaller, worth place; 3, Smart, fair good size, nice head and wings, fine qual.; 5, Rintoul; 6, Aitchison. HEN (6): 1, Bennet, wee dandy for style, grand head and wings, well modelled; 2, Aitchison, good one for style and qual., in shiniug order; 3, Matheson, fine size and shape, good head and wings, well put down; 4, Hutchison, good type, fine qual., nice wings and back; 5, McCrae; 6, Duncan. GR. OR CINN. CK. (9): 1, Campbell, fine style, good col., rare good wings, nice finish; 2, Hutchison, good for size and type, fine good head and wings, well put down; 4, Hutchison, for style and cond.; 5, R. Lamhie; 6, Aitchison. BORD., GREEN OR CINN., HEN (10): 1, R. Aitchison, good head and front, nicely folded wings, well shown; 2, 6, Hutchison, both good ones, leader, rare good style and cond.; 3, no name, capital size and col., nice action, in good order; 4, 5, W. Lamble, good pair. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Keddie, good cinn. Nor., fine size and qual.; 2, R. Lambie, another good cinn. nor., well up; 3, Russell, nice Roller. COM. CAN. (17): 1, Bell; 2, Duncan; 3, Cockburn; 4, Russell; 5, Dewar. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, Bell, good yell., capital size, nicely drawn, well up on leg, wings nicely folded, rare qual. of feather, wins; 2, Park, buff, slimmer, well drawn, not so stylish as winner; 3, Christie, yell., nice length, good shape and col.; 4, Laird; 5, Low. HEN (4): 1, Park, buff, nice wedge shape, fine length, good style; 2, Laird, yell., nicely drawn, well up on leg, good qual.; 3, Christie, fine shape and qual., good style; 4, Low.

Mr. Holmes's Classes.

YELL. CK. (4): 1, Thomson, not one of the largest, but a beauty for type and qual., rare good breast, nice head and wings; 2, 3, Gibson, good head, nice size, very typical, 3rd similar, not much between them; 4, Skinner, lighter got up, rare good qual., capital col., well put down. HEN (3): 1, Harris, good one for size and qual., staged to perfection; 2, Saunders, not so good in col., nice style, good front; 3, Thomson, capital head and neck, nice col. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Harris, capital size, good head and neck, good wings and tail, typical; 2, Skinner, well up, fine carr., nicely frosted; 3, Kerr, good for size and style, rare qual., fine back and wings; 4, Ross, typical, not quite size of leaders, still a good one; 5, Christie; 6, Weir and Hutton; 7, Bell. HEN (6): 1, Steele, good for size and qual., fine head and front, well put down; 2, W. Spence, not so heavy in build, rare good style, fine carr. and qual.; 3, Gardiner, much bigger, good qual., nice wings, pinched on face; 4, Gibson, good size, nice qual. and finish; 5, Christie; 6, New. VARIEG. CK. (15): 1, J. Thomson, nice head and wing mkd. buff, good size, nice wings, stylish; 2, Gibson, yellow, fine qual., fair size and type; 3, McCabe, heavily mkd. buff, fine qual. and type, well shown; 4, Logan, nice green, good head, rather loose in feather; 5, Kirk; 6, Gardiner. HEN (8): 1, D. Thomson, nicely mkd. yell., capital style, good qual. of feather; 2, Duncan, lightly mkd., good head and neck, not so good in col.; 3, Harris, heavily mkd. yell., massive build, rare front, presses; 4, Skinner, nice yell., good size, type, and qual.; 5, Steele; 6, Gibson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Taylor, nice cl., good size and type, fine qual; 2, Gibson, good for size and col., fine front, nice type; 3, Gardiner, cl., good qual., nice head and wings; 4, Harris, slimmer, good qual., will improve; abs., Boag. HEN (6): 1, Saunders, fine cl., good size and col., nice qual., well shown; 2, Barr, good for type and qual., nice head and wings, good front; 3, Henderson, similar, will come on a bit; 4, Nelson, nice variegs., good style; 5, Gibson; 6, Peters. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Gibson, good size and type, nice bead and wings, well put on; 2, Thomson, varieg., of good size and subs., nicely cut away; 3, Harris, varieg., good type, fine size and qual., shaping well; 4, McCabe, nice cl., fine type, nice shape; 5, Boag; 6, Logan. HEN (10): 1, Skinner, very sweet hen, grand qual., good size for a youngster; 2, Spence, another nice one, very stylish, rare good qual.; 3, 5, Gibson, eye and wing mkd., good size and subs., nice qual.; 4, Ross, good one for size, fine qual., not so good in head; 6, A Blythe. NON-FED YELL. CK. (3): 1, Thomson, heavily mkd., good size and subs.; 2, Weir and Hutton, varieg., typical, fine qual.; 3, J. Logan, cl., good size and type, fine wings, well carried HEN (1): 1, Kirk, cl., good style, nice size and subs. NON-FED BUFF CK. (4): 1, McLaren, good stamp, nice head and wings, fine style; 2, Kirk, nice one, fine carr. good front, well finished; 3, Gibson, good size and type, nice wings, good qual.; 4, Saunders. HEN (6): 1, Taylor, nice cl., good type, fine massive front; 2, Peters, var., good size and shape, well cut away behind, well up; 3, Harris, green, grand size and style, fine head and wings; 4, Barr, typical, well shown.

Mr. Adam's Classes.

DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, R. and A. Storrar, good Goldie., capital size and finish, good face; 2, Keddie, Siskin-Can., good size for this cross, well polished; 3, Dewar, good Greenie, fine size and col., well up; 4, Nicol, Linnet, good size, shows white on flights well; 5, Paton; 6, Phillip and Son. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Bell, lightly mkd. Goldie, grand head and front, should be heard of yet; 2, Beattie, nice Linnet-Bullie, fair size, nice head, good breast col.; 3, 4, Williamson, Goldie-Greenie and Linnet Greenie, botb good ones. LINNET (16): 1, Pringle, nice big one, capital back and breast, nicely pencilled; 2, Leitch, warm tone of col., fine shape, good wings; 3, Philip and Son, fine shape and col., good size; 4, Robson, nice style, good size, well polished; 5, Weir and Hutton; 6, Lister. GREENF., FED (4): 1, Calder, good big head, rare wings, nice col.; 2, Dryburgh, good for size and col., fine condition; 3, Logan, nice size, good type and col.; 4, Thomson. NON-FED (12): 1, Black and Lumsden, capital size and col., fine head, fit; 2, Spittal, junr., good subs., cobby shape, in fine order; 3, W. Sharp, best headed bird in class, bad shower, sulky; 4, J. and A. Ritchie, nice one, fine size and col.; 5, Christie; 6, Dewar. SISKIN (6): 1, Pringle, good size, dense black cap, nice planks and wings; 2, Poulter, nice head and wings, fine size, nicely polished; 3, Haxton, good one, well put down; 4, Arnott; 5, Thomson; 6, Nicol. REDPOLL OR TWITE (9): 1, Leitch, nice Twite, fine size, well pencilled, good col.; 2, Bisset, big Mealy 'Poll, rare good head and bib, fine style; 3, Lister, bonnie Lesser, in fine condition; 4, Colville, nice Twite, fit; 5, Johnstone; 6, Poulter. GOLDF. (4): 1, Pringle, big one, good face, nice tanning, and wing marks; 2, Allan, fine blaze, well back, grand col., good wings and tail; 3, Bell, neat fine head, well polished; 4, Colville. BULLF. (5): 1, Bell, good size, fine breast col., grand cap, well cut; 2, Thomson, another good one, nicely shown; 3, Dewar, fine size and condition, good back; 4, Poulter; 5, Dewar. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (FOR.) (4): 1, Arnott, good Goldie, fine size, nice bead and wings, nicely put down; 2, 3, Poulter, fine Bullie hen, grand size, good col., 3rd Goldie, not so big, good face and col.; 4, R. and G. Storrar, nice Goldie. LARGE BRIT. (5): 1, Bisset, fine Song Thrush, well shown, beautifully mkd. on breast; 2, Lister, nice Starling, good size, well spangled, shining; 3, Malcolm, another Starling, similar, scarcely the size; 4, R. and A. Storrar, Starling, good size and markiugs; Anderson, well-known Waxwing, wrong classed for being a Foreigner. SMALL BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, Barclay, very fine Chaffie, good size, nice breast col.; 2, Rice, good Bramble, in fine condition; 3, Lister, Chaffie, good one, loses in size to leader; 4, Bell, nice Bramble; 5, Russel. FOR. (5): 1, 3, Lawrence, nice Napoleon Weaver and Yellow Budgerigars (Pair), in good order; 2, Park, pair Zebra Finches, like wax; 4, Blyth, nice Javas. HEN., BRIT. (7): 1, Bisset, good Missel Thrush, capital breast, good size; 2, Barclay, nice Bullie, rare good size and col.; 3, R. and A. Storrar, big Linnet, in grand order; 4, Anderson, good Missel; 5, J. and A. Ritchie; 6, Black and Lumsden. BUNTING (4): 1, Haxton, nice Yellowhammer, fine col., good size, shining; 2, 3, Lister, Black-headed and Corn Buntings, both good birds, well shown; 4, Christie.

GLASGOW'S GREAT ENTRY OF OVER 1,500 BIRDS.

Record Norwich Classes: Our Coupon Scheme an Immense Success.

The sixteenth annual show of the City of Glasgow O.A. was held Oct. 17 and 18, in the usual rendezvous, the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow. Many fanciers from all parts meet here annually to open the season of battle, to deepen and renew old friendships and form new ones. Despite the fact that generally speaking this most popular show would benefit if held a fortnight later to enable some of the later bred birds to be finished moulting, yet it is many times and oft the place where the budding exhibitor makes his debut. We cannot recollect coming across a more willing and energetic body of funciers anywhere than is represented in the management of this show. From the President down to the humblest worker everyone did his duty to the utmost, in fact, it seemed a pleasure to each to be able to lend a helping hand, and toil and care were richly in evidence in every part of the hall. Mr. David Black is president, Mr. Frank Taylor vice-president, Mr. John Young secretary for Scots and Belgians, while Mr. R. Heggie steers the wheel for all other varieties. With such a quartette at the head of affairs failure would be almost impossible. Committee: Messrs. Aitkenhead, Bullions, Buchanan, Jardine, McIlwain, McClure, McMillan, McLaughlan Robertson, Stewart junr., Thomson Vernall, Hutchinson, Erskine, Craig, Sloan, McLay, Houston, Smart, Stewart, Fulton, Boyd, Jackson, Bowman. Auditors: Messrs. Fleming and Thom complete this indefatigable band of workers.

The City's "Best Ever."

The 18 classes provided for Norwich brought an entry of close on 400 birds, an average of 22 per class, a record for the city, and must have gratified the management of this popular and well-conducted exhibition. The classification might, with advantage, be extended in this section, especially in the non-fed classes; at one time there were four classes, why drop the other two? The unlighted classes also might be worthy of consideration for next year. Some of the classes were particularly strong and a right good lot they were, type and quality predominating all along the line. The variegated buff cock belonging to Mr. Robert Martin, a grand bird, won S.N.P.C. medal for best cock, for best Plainhead, sp. for best in classes, and also CAGE BIRDS Diploma best in section; Mr. Anthony Maxwell's yellow variegated winning medal for best hen also sp. best in classes.

Crests and Crestbreds were about the same average as usual, 11 per class, and quality was a leading feature. In this section the judges found the best bird in the hall, winner also of CAGE BIRDS champion 10s. sp, as well as sp for best in class, for its plucky owner Mr. John McLay, an almost green Crestbred cock, a champion without a doubt. Messrs. A. Chalmers and J. Winter judged Norwich, and Mr. G. Dobson Crests and Crestbred, and their decisions were well received.

Old Favourites Do Well Again.

The Scotch Fancy and Belgian sections formed quite a feature of the show; the classes, with one or two exceptions, being quite up to last year, which was considered almost a record. There were twenty-one classes, yell. pied and buffs being the strongest, the quality throughout was of the highest standard and the best for many years, exhibits being sent from all parts of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The Belgian section was under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A., and the competition was so exceptionally keen in several of the classes that the referee's decision was often appealed to. The judges for this section were: Messrs. Allardice, A. M. Baird, W. Thornton, D. Caldwell, A. Clark, and T. Todd, and their decisions gave general satisfaction. CAGE BIRDS Diploma was won by Mr. G. T. Campbell, of Dalmuir. This was a very popular win and we congratulate him on his success. Mr. Dalgleish's old champion, 1st and sp. in the Yellow cock class, a noted winner, was in the opinion of many old fanciers considered the best bird in the hall, if not the best staged for many years, and still looking as well as ever. For the best young Scotch Fancy or Belgian in hall, the handsome silver Pattinson cup, was won again by the present holder, Mr. J. D. Brown, with a buff pied hen which took also Mr. Thomas Thomson's two-guinea sp for best Scotch Fancy bird in the hall, old or young. Mr. J. Dalgleish's buff cock, a young bird of exceptional merit was runner-up for the cup. In the Belgian section sp for best young bird was won by Bailie Wm. Robertson.

It is pleasing to note a very substantial increase in the Mule, British, and Foreign bird sections of the show, as well as to see the undoubtedly tip-top quality of the birds brought forward. CAGE BIRDS championship competition has fairly caught on and drew crowds round the judges whilst they were adjudicating, Mr. McLay's Crest ultimately being given the place of honour. Mr. Heggie's Clear Greenfinch Mule deservedly led the way in the Mule classes. This is a real good big bird, and should have a bright future in store. The winning Linnet was also an outstanding bird, and we hear it has changed into other hands. The Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid the first we have seen bred from the Mealy Redpoll, was a very interesting exhibit, and does credit to his owner.

Everybody's Feeling Just Bonny.

Entries totalled 1,500, a slight increase on last year's muster and those responsible have good reason to feel elated at the success and general excellence of the exhibition. Quality generally was up to the usual standard and an improvement was noticeable in the Crest and Yorkshire sections, the latter are improving by leaps and bounds, and the date, we fancy, is not far distant when our friends on the south of the Border will have to look to their laurels if they mean to keep in the run at Scottish fixtures. New life also sprung up in another direction. CAGE BIRDS cash sps and diplomas were in great demand throughout all the sections, and the innovation was hailed with unbounded appreciation, and its advent was voted an immense success. The gate money on Friday was above the average of first day's drawings and it was Saturday that gave its usual good account of itself. Sales were up, the yellow unflighted Norwich cock, 1st in its class was claimed by a fancier in the north at the catalogue price of £10; we wish the purchaser every success. The judges who are all well known and respected fanciers were duly supported with a good entry, and taking the awards all over their opinons were well received. Messrs. Allardice, Baird, Thornton, Caldwell, Clark, and Todd adjudicated on the Scots and Belgians, while Messrs. Chalmers and Winter took the Norwich. Crests and Crestbreds were put through their drills by Mr. G. Dobson. Dr. Syson judged Yorkshires and A.O.V. Canary. Borders were disposed of by Messrs. Craig and Walker, and the Mules British and Foreign had the attention of Messrs McQuiston and Raine.

The Scotch Fancies and Belgians

YELL. CK. (10): 1, sp, Dalgleish, one of the best and looking well, an old champion, and wins well to-day; 2, sp, Gray, grand mover, nice size and top end, grand drive and size; 3, sp, McClure, nice size and top end, fine length of side, not the action of those in front; 4, Livingstone, a very fair bird, falls trifle in size a bit; vhc, Monteith; hc, Main; c, sp, McLauchlan; 5, sp, Brown. YELL. PIED CK. (9): 1, Brown, a real good one, grand nerve and action, good type, wins; 2, McClure, rare subs. and size, nice action, close up on winner; 3, 4, G. T. Campbell, 3rd better body, falls a shade in style, 4th not the length of side or size of those in front; 5, Jardine; vhc, sp, Edgar; hc, Simpson; c, Stewart. YELL. FOUL CK. (9): 1, McClure, nice size and top end grand length of side and subs., nice head and style; 2, Gray, good bodied bird, fine and thick through, nice reach and style, presses hard; 3, Ferguson, nice bird, well set on legs, good action, falls a shade in size; 4, sp, Pringle, a really good one, fails only in size; 5, Brown; vhc, Hamilton; hc, sp, Jackson; c, Thornton; 9, sp, Maxwell. YELL. GR. CK. (7): 1, Muirhead, nicely set up, good action, wins well; 2 Burgess, grand size and length of side, rare action, good droop, keeps tail well under; 3, Renfrew, another good bird, but barely so thick through; 4, Maxwell, shade thin, good style and action; 5, Bryce; vhc, Caldwell; hc, Aitkenhead. BUFF CK. (9): 1, sp, Dalgleish, (9) grand size and top end, fine and deep through, good length of side and subs., fine action, runner-up for cup; 2, Stewart, nice type, plenty of action, nice length and top end, well placed; 3, Simpson, nice size and reach, keeps head well down, fails a shade in body; 4, Gray; 5, Brown; vhc, Pringle; hc, Caldwell; c, Wright. BUFF PIED CK. (21): 1, 3, McClure, grand subs., nice action, fine top, nice thickness throughout, 3rd nice bird, fails to leaders in subs. and style; 2, sp, J. D. Brown, very little between first and second, shade less in size only; 4, sp, Hamilton, nice size, good top end and reach; 5, sp, Morrison; vhc, Howden; hc, sp, Patterson; c, sp, Higgins. BUFF FOUL CK. (8): 1, Allardice, fine size and length of wing, nice depth through, grand action, neat head, wins; 2, Blue, another good bird, not quite the subs. or style of winner; 3, sp, Brown, loses in size only, a nice one; 4, Laing, nice size and subs.; 5, Thornton; vhc, Ward; hc, Dongall; c, Muirhead. BUFF GR. CK. (8): 1, McClure, grand size and thickness through, fine length of side, a good one; 2, Ward, barely the substance of winner, but close up; 3, Patterson, nice type, fails in size only; 4, Burgess; 5, Burnside; vhc, McWilliam; hc, Thornton; c Fulton. YELL. HEN (16): 1, sp, Robertson (Troon), very typical, nice size and depth through, fine length of side, full of action, wins; 2, sp, Allardice, good top end and reach, nice length of side, takes spar well; 3, sp, J. D. Brown, nice reach, falls in size only; 4, sp, 5, sp, Morrison; vhc, Muirhead; hc, sp, McClure; c, Farrell; sp, Strathearn. YELL. PIED HEN (15): 1, McClure, splendid size and subs., grand worker, good type; 2, Simpson, smaller than winner, nice action, reach, and droop; 3, Higgins, very neat, good style and action, grand reach, keeps head well down; 4, hc, Wright, nice body and side, not so deep through as others; 5, Allardice; vhc, J. Brown; c, sp, Robertson (Troon). YELL. FOUL HEN (10): 1, c, Muir plenty of size, good top end and length of side, sits up well, nice reach and droop; 2, J. D. Brown, grand style, nice reach and droop, sits up well, close up; 3, Allardice, shade small to those in front, but a nice bird; 4, Wilson; 5, Renwick; vhc, Caldwell; hc, Cook. YELL. GR. HEN (8): 1, Higgins, nice size and subs., grand mover, plenty of style, good one; 2, Maxwell, nice and deep through, fine length of side, presses hard on first; 3, Burnside, better for size, fails in style only; 4, Muir, nice top end and thickness through; 5, hc, Young; vhc, c, Campbell. BUFF HEN (12): 1, 2, sp, McClure, fine condition, wins, 2nd good stamp, nice top end and neck, close on first; 3, sp, Morrison, extra good type, shade thin to those in front; 4, vhc, J. D. Brown, neat and good style; hc, sp, Jardine; sp, Campbell. BUFF PIED HEN (12): 1 sp, sp, J. D. Brown, cup bird, grand type, staged in lovely condition, will take a lot of beating; 2, Campbell, another grand bird, fit to win anywhere; 3, Pringle, really good stamp of bird, shown in fine condition; 4, sp, Miller, nice pose and drive, a good one; 5, Jardine; vhc, Gray; hc, Bryce; c, Cobb; sp, Strathearn. BUFF FOUL HEN (14): 1, G. C. T. Hope, grand size, nice depth through the chest and lengthy of wing, good pose, wins; 2, J. D. Brown, close up, better for style, but fails in subs. to first; 3, Morrison, hard up, plenty of style and action, loses in subs. a shade; 4, Higgins; 5, McClure; vhc, Strathearn; hc, Pringle; c, Blackstoke. BUFF GR. HEN (11): 1, Stewart, nice body and reach, good droop tail, well in to spar, wins; 2, Higgins, a nice bird, of all round merit, loses here in size; 3, McLauchlan, good top end and subs., not quite so good in style as others; 4, Buchanan, shade plain to winner, fair bird; 5, sp, Baird; vhc, Burnside; hc, Fulton; c, Edgar. PAIRS (12): 1, J. D. Brown; 2, Strathearn; vhc, 3, Stewart; 4, J. Morrison; 5, Muir; hc, Grey; c, Jackson. BELG. CK., A.C. (12): 1, sp, G. C. T. Hope, nice size and depth through, hard up; 2, Main, presses first hard, good size and nicely shaped body, takes nice pose; 3, Russell; 4, vhc, sp, James Robertson; 5, sp, Wm. Robertson; hc, White. HEN (11): 1, Stewart, extra nice one, good type and all round qual.; 2, sp, 4, sp, J. Robertson, 2nd very typical bird, good size; 3, 5, vhc, 2 sp, Wm. Robertson, sp for best young bird in Belgian section, a true type of a Belgian, good bird and will improve yet; hc, sp, White; c, Greig. SELL. CK. SCOTCH FANCY (21): 1, sp, Caldwell; 2, sp, Buchanan; 3, sp, Ferguson; 4, sp, Hanny; 5, sp, Smith; vhc, Burgess; hc, Edgar; c, sp, Ralston; sp, Burnside; sp, McIlwain. HEN (14): 1, Ferguson; 2, Smith; 3, Siddons; 4, Rigby; 5, Miller; vhc, sp, W. and R. C. Muirhead.

The Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST. CK. (17): 1, 3, sp, best in section, best bird in hall, best champion coupon bird, also diploma, McLay, almost green, great size and subs., fine length of feather, lovely qual., grand top-piece, good centre, well radiated, an old face in new hands; 2, Paterson, variegated, grand headpiece, good size, fine length, of nice veiny feather, neat centre, not so good subs. as winner, still a good one; 3, sp., Crum. D.C., cl. body, very neat crest, not the length of feather as leaders, nice centre and good qual., fine condition; 4, Noble, green, well up in size, fine leafy frame, of good qual., fails in centre to winners; 5, McClement; 6, sp., Donaldson; 7, sp., Howie; 8, Howie. HEN (8): 1, Noble, medium sized variegated, grand headpiece, wonderfully well drooped, fine veiny feather, could do with more subs. will improve, good youngster; 2, McLay, green, heavier built than winner, grand length of feather, good qual., neat centre, not so well radiated; 3, Adamson, variegated, great size and subs., grand centre, fine qual. of feather, not so dense crest; 4, McClemont, D.C., clear body, neat, round crest, not the size of those in front; 5, 8, Hutchison; 6, McColl; 7, Berwick. C.H. CK. (11): 1, sp., McLay, grizzled head, otherwise cl., fine dome shaped skull, grand length of feather of lovely texture, good one; 2, Cram, variegated, close up on winner, fine cushioned head, nice length of feather, of rich qual., good brows; 3, sp., Noble, variegated, another good one, fine skull, good entrance, well lashed, grand big body, well placed; 4, Brown, variegated, good size and subs., nicely lashed well over eyes; 5, Burns; 6, Hutchison; 7, Shanks; 8, Berwick. HEN: 1, McColl, green, great size and subs., grand domed skull, fine broad leafy feather of good length and qual. grand hen; 2, Howie, equal size and subs., finely lashed skull, scarcely the length of winner, good qual; 3 and 5, McLay, green of good merit, fine big body bird, and nicely lashed, wide entrance, fine hen, might have gone up; 6, Hutchison; 7, Noble; 8, sp., Adamson. SELL: 1, sp., Cram; 2, Donaldson; 3, Smith; 4, Berwick; 5, Griffiths; 6, Lindsay; 7, Burns; 8, sp., Tweedie.

The Norwich Classes.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Mbxwell, grand head, fine front, good wings, col., and condition, trifle long behind; 2, Aitchison, grand-fronted bird, rich col., well up in size, close up; 3, Munro, grizzled head, very typical, lovely col. and cond., good one; 4, Naismith, good head, fine deep front, well up in size, trifle long in body; 5, Cameron; 6, sp., Watson; 7, Martin; 8, Barron. BUFF (17): 1, Harris, Lochgelly winner, a right good one, great size and grand head and neck, fine deep, broad chest, lovely col. and cond., nice short-coupled bird, in AI bloom; 2, Martin, another nice one, shade smaller, very typical, well mealed, fine order; 3, Houston, fine one for type and qual., well-laid wings and tail, not so chubby as leaders; 4, Wilson, fine stamp good head, nicely frosted, well placed; 5, Finnie; 6, Rosemond; 7, Kerr; 8, Aitchison. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Smith, eye, neck and wing mkd., very hot col., fine short feather, lovely qual., well carried wings, very clean cut away, wins well; 2, Bell, head and wing mkd., fine type, grand fronted bird, lovely qual., very level col., nice one; 3, sp., McNeill, an old face, still looking well, grand stamp, fine front, rich, qual., nice head and wings, neatly cut away, well placed; 4, Wilson, fine size, good head, lighter got up than leaders, still a nice one; 5, Jardine; 6, McNeill; 7, Calderwood; 8, Harper. BUFF (15): 1, 3 sps., Martin, bouncer for size, grand head and neck, fine, deep, broad front, short wings and tail, grand short-coupled bird, Lochgelly second, wins CAGE BIRDS Diploma for best Plainhead; 2, Simpson, grizzled mkd., grand one, fine and short, clean cut away, good flights and tail, nice chubby Nor., good second; 3, Watson, heavily mkd., well up in size, good subs., rich qual., trifle unsteady, well placed; 4, Colley, grizzle mkd., chubby body, inclined to crouch on spars; 5, Jardine; 6, Aitchison; 7, Lyall; 8, sp., Calderwood. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Gardiner, topper for size, grand head and neck, deep, broad front, fine short feather, very rich qual., well braced wings, grand bloom, wins; 2, Calderwood, fine typical Nor., well up in size, rich qual., just beaten wing carr.; 3, Harris, fine one, not so chubby body, good qual.; 4, Maxwell, very typical, rich qual., shade smaller than leaders; 5, Roberts; 6, Armour; 7, Paling; 8, Watson. BUFF (19): 1, Martin, beauty for type, true Nor., grand head and neck, fine bold front, neat wing and tail carr., well mealed and well over perch; 2, Barrie, eye mkd., fine qual., nice short wings, clean cut away, not so chubby as winner; 3, Jeffrey, very neat type, grand qual., lighter got up, will improve; 4, Armour, good fronted bird, fine short wings and tail, not so good qual.; 5, Bishop; 6, sp., Barron; 7, Taylor; 8, sp., Gardiner. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (15): 1, two sps., Maxwell, almost green, great size, fine head and neck, deep front, grand wing and tail carr., nice hen; 2, Gardiner, head, front and wing mkd., a beauty, very rich qual. of feather, fine type, in grand cond.; 3, Colley, heavy mkd., well up in size, good qual., very neat wings and tail, lacks subs. of leaders, still good; 4, Craig, sweet one for qual., neat head, good size; 5, Grewer; 6, Dowall; 7, Blackley; 8, Jones. BUFF (12): 1, Watson, head, front and wing mkd., grand type, good head and neck, fine bold front, clean cut away, well carr. wings, neat tail, stylish exhibit; 2, Harris, Lochgelly winner, eye and wing mkd., great size and subs., lovely qual, fails to leader in wing carr.; 3, sp., Calderwood, another good one for type, fine front and head, nice qual.; 4, Robertson, fine type and qual., neat wings, well placed; 5, Cameron; 6, Martin; 7, Divers; 8, Jardine. NON-FED CK. (22): 1, sp., Smeaton, fine big bouncing cl. yell., great head and neck, deep, broad front, neatly carr. wings, rich qual., wins well; 2, Woodhouse, cl. buff, very rich qual., good head and neck, fine cond., could do with more subs., still a good Nor.; 3, sp., Johnstone, yell., tkd. head, fine size and subs., lovely qual., well carr. wings, hard lines to meet such company; 4, Godfrey Bros., heavily mkd. buff, fine size and subs., rich qual.; 5, Martin (Hamilton); 6, sp., Grewar, hard lines, great size and subs., rare head and neck; 7, Robertson; 8, sp., Campbell, extra good class, two sets of winners could be found here. HEN (17): 1, 8, Martin, head, neck and wing mkd., great hen for type, fine and short, lovely qual., well braced wings and tail, very stylish; 2, Smeaton, cl. yell., another grand hen, great subs., very rich qual., just beaten a little on head; 3, Mitchell, buff, great size and subs., fine wings and tail, lovely cond., a grand Nor.; 4, McLeod lovely cl. yell. good type and qual., best of wings, fine one; 5, Aitchison; 6, Muir; 7, Connelly; 8, Martin; grand class. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (29): 1, McLean, mkd. left wing, not the biggest, but grandly moulded, fine qual., short flights and tail, neatly cut away, pale col., showing slightly mealed on back, some made a hen, claimed; 2, McBride, cl., bigger than winner, good head and neck, well laid wings and tail, rich col., in full bloom, nice youngster, we liked; 3, sp., Colley, eye mkd., fine head and neck, bold front, clean cut away, nice short feather, lovely qual., A1 cond.; 4, Martin, cl., fine size and subs., good col., little coarser in feather; 5, Noble; 6, sp., Gardner; 7, Woodhouse; 8, Cairns; strong class. BUFF (33): 1, sp., Martin, charming one for shape and qual., fine head and neck, grand short chubby body, neat wings and tail, medium size, in full bloom; 2, Harper, more size and subs., grand head and neck, lovely, well-frosted, rich col., very close up, we liked this one; 3, Noble, grand one that will improve, fine short-coupled bird, not much between them, could be better staged; 4, Melville, fine, make good qual, not so chubby as leader, still good; 5, Dobbie; 6, Woodhouse; 7, Braidwood; 8, sp., Mitchell; grand class with many good birds left out. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (17): 1, sp., Grewar, grand hen, lovely shape, excellent qual., well up in size, fine short wings and tail, nice level col. throughout, staged to win in his usual style; 2, Gray, variegated, very typical, rich qual., nice short-coupled bird, fine col., close up; 3, Martin, variegated, better size and subs., well made, not so rich col. as leaders; 4, Smeaton, mkd. both wings, fine size, neat head, rich qual. and col., we liked for higher honours; 5, Maxwell; 6, Noble; 7, Wood; 8, Nicholson. BUFF (35): 1, 3, sp., Cairns, head, neck and right wing mkd., great hen for type, fine bold head and neck, nice short cobby body, well over perch, lovely qual., well packed wings and tail in great fettle; 3, close up; another of the same stamp, well proportioned; 2, Barron, as good as 1st in every respect, fine short body, lovely, well mealed, in fine trim; 4, Calderwood, grand typical Nor., of good size, close up in a very hot chess; 5, Gardner; 6, sp., Maxwell; 7, Woodhouse; 8, Scobbie; we heard some fine singers in this class. NOV. CK. (24): 1, Blacklock, medium sized, mkd. rump, buff, finely moulded, well cleaned out behind, short packed wings and tail, lovely, well mealed, in excellent cond.; 2, Cuthbert, cl. buff, better size and subs., fine head and neck, lovely qual., just beaten in carriage; 3, sp., Muir, thumper for size and subs., grand qual., trifle weak in head; 4, McLachlan, buff, lovely shape, fine short wings and tail, shade lighter build; 5, Hadley; 6, Rankine; 7, Philip; 8, sp., Edward. HEN (28): 1, sp., Philip, variegated, yell., medium size, fine head and neck, deep broad front, grand compact wings and tail, nicely cut away behind, rich qual., in good order; 2, McBride, cl. buff, grand head, nice front, fine frosting, good wings; 3, 4, Doig, very neat, cl. yell., fine short feather of nice qual., good wings and tail, well placed; 4th, cl. buff, fine shape, neat head and neck, good qual., wins novice CAGE BIRDS Diploma; 5, Cuthbert; 6, Lyall; 7, Macfadyen; 8, Nicholson.

The Yorkshire Section.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, sp, Martin, lovely hot even col., rare length, nice position, fine type and good carr., wins well; 2, McLellan, very nice one, beautifully drawn and fine bottle shape, great polish and qual., presses hard; 3, sp, Heggie, real nice exhibit, fine qual, and the right stamp, staged in nice condition; 4, Johnston, again well up, finely drawn, neat top end, perfect carriage; 5, Priest, nice hot even col., rare trim, nice tight fitting jacket; 6, sp, Junor; 7, McLean; 8, sp, Heggie. BUFF (20): 1, Pinnock, grand tick, lovely bloom, rare quid. feather, best of carr., neat fronted, sweet type; 2, Cochrane, tkd., grand qual. and style, rare shape, scarcely so tight as leader, otherwise well up; 3, 5, Heggie, fine cl., in fine bloom, nice length, feather, and stylish, might be a shade cleaner at front, 5th nice one for qual., neat and shapely, finely braced wings and tail; 4, Dykes, sweet qual., carr., good, not quite so stylish or hot in col. as 3rd, still good; 6, Reilly; 7, McLellan; 8, Junor. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, sp, 5, Heggie, leader capital specimen, nice even col., splendid carr., and grand type and qual., neat legs, wings, and tail, staged to win, 5th nice shape and carr., barely tightened up yet; 2, Pinnock, lovely col., rare qual., shade hotter than leader and presses hard, fails only in length otherwise all there and a beauty; 3, sp, Cochrane, nice type and good carr., rather poor col. for a yell. we thought; 4, Peters, nice bird, fine shape and well placed legs, sweet head and neck, scarcely finished yet; 6, McLellan; 7, Clayton; 8, Johnston. BUFF (13): 1, Gray, real good one, true to type, fine qual., smooth as glass, carriage perfect, real beauty; 2, Bell well up for type and qual. good shape and clean cut, perhaps not just so perfect in wing carr. as leader 3, 8, sp, Heggie, leader good one for qual., not so hot in col., but nice type and clean tight fitting plumage, hard up on 2nd; 4, Martin, nice qual. feather, neat wings and pipe tail; 5, Wood, sweet qual. feather, typical, shapely; 6, sp, Park; 7, Cochrane. VAR. COCK (11): 1, Cochrane, yell., nice even blend of col. and qual., finely braced wings and neatly piped tail, grand legs and thigh, pleasing in appearance, and finely staged; 2, Dykes, yell., shade hotter in col., and topping qual., neat through, fine length and shape, hard up with 1st; 3, champion diploma C.B., Heggie, yell., scarcely so hot in colour, but finely got up, carr., and qual. good, inclined to crouch at times; 4, Park, yell. grand length and nice type, shade patchy in col., but good qual.; 5, 7, Heggie, leader nice buff in grand condition; 6, Girvan; 8, Gray. HEN (10): 1, Dykes, yell., not one of the largest, but all there for type and qual., tight, clean, and straight, well staged; 2, Walsh, yell. cinn. mark, shade hotter in col., great length, good type and neat carr., could be improved upon in feather; 3, Clayton, nice qual. buff, nice type, good style, might be a shade cleaner at front; 4, Webster, good all round exhibit, scarcely looking so fit as might be; 5, Heggie, good cinn. mark, nice type, good length of leg and fine pose; 6, Cochrane; 7, Penman; 8, McKnight. YELL. CK. 1913 (18): 1, sp, Gunning, Slamannan, grand youngster, lovely type and qual., deep even col., neat, clean cut, and of the proper type, in good order; 2, 4, Heggie, good one, fine size, rare feather, good length and shapely, not quite so beautifully rounded at front as leader, 4th good one all through, very little behind; 3, Dykes, perfect condition, smooth as glass, grand shape, perfect wings and tail, well drawn, must have caused some worry in deciding for position; 5, Ferguson, hot col., nice qual. and typical, will improve; 6, sp, Cochrane; 7, Johnston; 8, Peters. BUFF (14): 1, Heggie, very taking exhibit, all there for type, good carr., neatly braced, close-fitting feather; 2, Bell, tkd., real good trier, fine fine qual., clean cut, well rounded, and finely drawn, close on winner 3, Park, well up in size, type, nice qual., but fails a bit in carriage and we thought trifle lucky to beat 4th Reilly, nice hot tone of col., grand type, good qual., neat clean cut, not a ruffled feather, smooth as glass; 5, novice diploma C.B., Gunning nice tick, good length, nice type, good carriage; 6, Clayton; 7, Cochrane; 8, sp, Walsh. HEN (1913) (19): 1, 2 sps, Heggie, sweet qual., shapely cl., yell., laid down in fine trim, grand front, capital type, fine shoulders and nicely placed on her pins, tidy and neatly got up; 2, Gray, clr. yell., nicely made, fine qual. feather and neat carr., not just so sweetly finished off at top end; 3, McLean, clr. yell., very nice one, well up in type and qual., just loses a point in polish; 4, Peters, clr. yell., nice qual. and style, but rather unsteady; 5, Gray, good, well built, nice shape and clean front; 6, McKnight; 7, Jeffrey; 8, sp, Walsh. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, sp, Todd, yell. cinn., Nor. type, fine subs. and col., short and shapely, good qual. feather and nicely penciled, bit too small in head and neck; 2, 4, 8, sp, Hamilton, fine bull cinn., fine subs., grand qual. feather, well filled in at top, neat carr. and bulld, pressing

hard on 1st, 4th nice clnn., good condition, but not quite the qual. of those in front; 3, 7, Jackson, good yell. clnn., nice feather and type; 5, Morrison, lovely broken cap Gold Lizard, nicely rowed, fine pencillings, staged in A1 condition, might perhaps have gone up; 6, Wood.

The Border Fancies.

CL. YELL. CK. (28): 1, Hislop, a little beauty, full of deep even col., fine jaunty type and sweet qual., feather, carr., neat and tidy, set down in tip-top fashion; 2, Welsh, grand qual., sweet and shapely through, not so high in col., but well up otherwise; 3, Servire, nice col. and qual. feather, nice type, neat tail; 4, Campbell, in spotless condition, rare qual., pressed hard on 3rd for position; 5, Munro, well up in type and qual., neat and clean cut; 6, Allan; 7, Patterson; 8, Thomson. HEN (20): 1, Brockie, little gem, in the pink and hard to find fault with; 2, Bennet, real beauty in perfect feather only losing in steadiness; 3, sp, Crabb and Finlayson, neat in wings and tail, all right for qual., but not so neat at top end; 4, Findlay, nice and jaunty, rare fettle, neat and sweetly made throughout, must have made a bold effort to gain a point; 5, Robertson, neat and typical, good shape and stylish, 6, sp, Hamilton; 7, Smith; 8, Lawson. BUFF CK. (27): 1, B.F. medal, Halliday, lovely qual., perfect wings and tail, model for type, real beauty in faultless condition, wins nicely; 2, Patterson, in A1 form, condition spotless, well filled in, neat and typical, just fails a trifle in wing carr. at times, nicely placed; 3, diploma C.B., G. Bennet, little beauty for qual., neat and typical, fine wings and tail, neat head; 4, Aitchison, nice qual., rare fettle, nicely folded wings and tail, good qual.; 5, Baxter a bit soft when we took notes; 6, Young; 7, Mossie; 8, sp, Boag. HEN (22) A strong class for quality, many in this lot were a treat to look at and must have caused some work to separate: 1, Halliday, little beauty, in the pink of condition, type all there, qual. superb, truly a wee gem and needs no further comment; 2, Patterson, nice one for type and qual., neatly made throughout, though a trifle stronger than winner and inclined to spread tail at times; 3, H. Bennet, more on the lines of winner and really nice for type and qual., tight and waxy, and in fine bloom; 4, Crabb and Finlayson, sweet and neatly made, and hard on for 3rd place; 5, Geddes, nice typical, good qual., finely drawn and clean cut; 6, Broadfoot; 7, G. Bennet; 8, Kay. EVEN MARK (13): 1, sp, Hamilton, beautiful four-pointed buff, of grand qual., neat wings and closely folded tail, fine markings, laid down in creditable style; 2, H. Bennet, similarly marked yell., superb qual., neat, sweet and jaunty in style, steady and fit, runs hard up; 3, Dixon, good typical buff, neat and clean cut, and put out in nice condition; 4, Linton, nice one for qual. and condition, fine style and carr; 5, Thomson, runs hard for another point; 6, Murray; 7, Patterson; 8, Hamilton. UNEVEN OR VAR. YELL. (11): 1, Findlay, rare depth of col., sweetly made, not just in full bloom yet, and will improve; 2, Walker, not quite so deep in col., but stylish and neat, might be a wee shade steadier; 3, Ketcher, very taking, capital qual., in lovely bloom, tight as a Java, would have made a creditable 2nd; 4, Aitchison, A1 qual. feather, fine type and markings, neat and showy, little nervous in working; 5, Patterson, nicely shapely exhibit, good in carr. and style, in fine order; 6, Clark; 7, McMillan; 8, Sneddon and Watt. BUFF (26): 1, McCall, looks a hen and really a gem, qual. an outstanding feature here, neat and true to type, and really a worthy winner, staged to perfection, 2, Clark, hard up for type and qual., spotlessly staged, tight and clean cut, with just a trifle more rise in skull, would be difficult to separate; 3, sp, Patterson, good in qual., exceptionally sweet, typical exhibit, good wings and tail, just a trifle open in feather; 4, Geddes, nice one for type and build, well laid down, and fit; 5, Murray, captal qual., cinn. mark, typical and neat in wing and tail; 6, Cunningham; 7, McWatt; 8, sp, Davidson; novice diploma, Linton, We failed to locate this bird owing to the cages being stacked end on; we heard some comments made ancut this state of affairs. FOUL, ETC. (20): 1, Dixon, little dandy, laid down like wax, lovely type and qual., neat and trim in appearance and staged to the best of advantage; 2, Findlay, another of the right stuff, sweet head and neat at top end, fine feather and type, line folded tail, but inclines to cross a trifle at times when worked; 3, Donaldson, lovely type and A1 qual. feather, perfect in carr. and stylish, just a shade strong in head points; 4, Brockie, grizzle top, lady like appearance, superb qual., neat sweet head and grand type; 5, Murray, fine exhibit, beautiful head and neck; 6, sp, H. Bennet; 7, Aitchison; 8, Wilson. CINN. CK. (15): 1, sp, 4, Hamilton, yell., capital form, sweet qual. feather, nice jaunty make, neat and typical, well finished off behind, wins well; 4, buff, good type and fine feather, sweet position, nicely placed here; 2, Lambie, rare qual. buff, fine style and typical, sweetly tapered, perhaps a trifle strong in head points; 3, H. Bennet, finely pencilled yell., good type, scarcely at its littest yet; 5, 6, Wilson; 7, Dick; 8, Hood. HEN (16): 1, 4, 6, Wilson, leader lovely buff, magnificent silky feather, all there for type and style, one of the right kind, and finely staged, 4th sweet yell., grand type and qual., unite the equal of 3rd; 2, novice medal, Murray, little beauty, fine for type and style, neat and steady, one that any champion might be proud of; 3, sp, 7, Hamilton, leader splendid buff, of capital type and rare qual: feather, fine carr.; 5, Whitelaw, shapely, typical, and neat; 8, Reid. GR. CK. (29): 1, Halliday, fine grassy yell., nicely pencilled, line size and neatly made, clean cut and stylish, in good trim; 2, 4, Hamilton, very sweet buff, richly pencilled, perfect type, grand qual., tight and fit, all that one could wish, 4th also buff, fine qual. and good carr., grand condition; 3, Wilson, nice yell., faultless condition, fine qual., neat in gait, built on somewhat finer lines than two leaders; 5, Campbell, fine little yell., neat and sweetly built, neatly folded wings and close tail, sweet head and neck, clean cut, might have gone up a peg; 6, sp, 7, Thomson; 8, Dods. HEN (9): 1, Campbell, yell., lovely type, qual. and carr., in perfection, smooth as glass, really one of the right kind; 2, Dick, sweet and taking buff, of the right stamp, nicely braced wings and tail correctly modelled, stylish; 3, Whitelaw, buff, good type and carr.; 4, Dods, again buff, well up for type and qual., neat and stylish, clean cut, might have gone up a step; 5, 6, Hamilton, 5th clean sweet yell., in rare trim, the right stamp, presses hard here; 7, Murphy; 8, Wilson. SELL. (22) Some beauties at the money in this class: 1, Service; 2, 4, Gill, 3, sp, 8, sp, Hamilton; 5, Irving; 6, Aitchison; 7, Moffat.

A GREAT AUTUMN SPECIAL NUMBER NEXT WEEK

Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

LIGHT MULE (10): 1, sp, and Dip., 5, Heggie, former clear Greenfinch, grand size, staged in lovely bloom, wins easy, 5th four-pointed buff Goldf., lovely quality, but to the small side; 2, 3, vhc, and 2 sps, Lavery, 2nd four-pointed Yellow Goldfinch, lovely quality feather, staged in beautiful con, 3rd var. buff Goldie, grand size and lovely col.; 4, Thomson, four pointed buff Goldie, nice markings, well staged, beaten size only; hc, Wagstaff; c, Jones. DARK GOLDF.-CAN. (9): 1, Parlett, Jonque, lovely face, plenty of col., grand qual.; 2, McWatt, another Jonque, plenty of size, rare col., grand qual., shown in lovely bloom; 3, sp, Roy, yet another Jonque, gem for qual. of feather, fine size and shape, just beaten in face; 4, vhc, McLaren, another Jonque, lovely face, nicely polished, well staged; 5, Fairhurst, nice, but not quite finished moult; hc, Scobbie; c, Nicoll. DARK LINNET-CAN. (13): 1, sp, Prattis, Jonque, lovely feather, very hot col., staged in A1 bloom; 2, Brown, gem for size, yellow, very rich col., barely finished moult, will be heard of again; 3, Bell, grand big yellow, well finished, little lighter got up than winner; 4, Elliot, buff, grand size, rare head and shoulders, well staged; 5, Chambers, Jonque, grand size, rare good head, fails a little in col.; vhc, sp, Peters; hc, Morrison; c, Steven. GREEN.-CAN. (18): 1, Roy, Jonque, slashing big bird, lovely col. and qual., grand shape, splendid con.; 2, McCraig, another Jonque, not much to choose between these two, will be a hard nut to crack when finished moult; 3, McGillivray Bros., large buff, grand colour, good head, well staged; 4, R. Craig, Jonque, gem for size, col., and con., staged in lovely bloom; 5, Parlett, well-known Jonque, looking a bit seedy; vhc, A. and E. Hogg; hc, Thomson; c, Johnston. DARK., A.O.V. (19): 1, Lyall, buff Siskin, grand size, lovely col., well laced thighs, staged to perfection; 2, M. Craig, Jonque Twite, grand size and showing the cross distinctly, very nice col. and markings; 3, Young, Jonque Redpoll, grand size, lovely col., staged in rare order; 4, Crone, Jonque Siskin, good size and subs., fine qual., nice cap; 5th No Name; vhc, sp, Roy; hc, Sykes; c, Watson. HYBRID BULLF. (8) 1, Diploma (Novice) Perrie. Redpoll-Bullf., nice size, lovely markings, showing the Redpoll bib very distinct, lovely breast col., of a nice silvery tinge, being from a Mealy Redpoll; 2, hc, Heron, Goldie-Bullie, grand size, fine bold head, very rich face, lovely breast col.; 3, Nicol, Linnet-Bull, fair size, good breast col., well staged; 4, McLean, another Goldie-Bullie, grand size, lovely face and breast col., wee bit rough in breast feather; 5, Brown, Can.-Bullie, grand size, but slightly pale in breast col.; vhc, Nicholson; c, Edwards. A.O.V., HYB. (14): 1, Renwick, Redpoll-Greenf., grand size for a yellow, very hot col., shown in the height of bloom, lovely little cross; 2, Edwards, Goldie-Grecnic, fair size, lovely coloured face and wing bars, shown in nice con.; 3, Mitchell, Redpoll-Goldf., nice shape, excellent con., shown in good bloom, taking exhibit; 4, Watson, Siskin-Greenfinch, Jonque, shows the cross distinctly, lovely col. and con., well staged; 5, Brownlie and Sons; vhc, Cook; hc, McGavin; c, spl, Wyper. SELL. 10s. (13): 1, sp, Kearton; 2, vhc, McGavin; 3, Renwick; 4, Chambers; 5, c, sp, Gray; hc, Ward. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (12): 1, Nicholson, last year's winner, gem, lovely face and tannings, staged in the height of fashion, wins easy; 2, Stobbs Bros., fine size, right stamp, nice square cut blaze of rich col., well tanned body; 3, Cranna, good face, well cut, good col. and tannings; 4, Mrs. Allanson, fine bird, rich face, rare order; 5, McGregor, lovely under blaze, just beaten in size; vhc, McCloy; hc, Watson; c, Jardine. BULLF. (15): 1, Woods, well up in size, fine bold head, lovely cap, shows to perfection; 2, Palmer, close up, grand cap, good breast, fine shape, shown in rare fettle; 3, Thomson, fine stamp, scarcely so rich col., otherwise good; 4, Barkess, right stamp, nice col., very steady, well staged; 5, Hannah, well up in size, fine head, lovely breast col.; vhc, Dale; hc, Cranna; c, sp, Loudon. LINNET (25): 1, Semple, topper for size, rich tone of col., wonderfully fine laced on breast, high con., showing whites well, wins well; 2, Bell, good size, rich nutty brown col., distinct lacing, steady, just beaten for size by winner; 3, Waugh, fine shape and colour, not so densely laced; 4, Nicholson, lovely head, fine make, good col., in lovely bloom; 5, Fraser, field moulted, grand size, capital col., will do well in wild classes; vhc, McIntyre; hc, Cochrane; c, sp, Storrie. SISKIN (29): 1, Calder, Lochgelly winner, grand size, lovely type, very hot fed one, splendid broad cap, nice bib, well laced; 2, London, lovely bib and cap, beautifully fed, shines like satin; 3, sp, Wason, nat. col. Jonque, grand size, lovely markings, very nice col.; 4, Pirrie, shown in lovely bloom; 5, Dixon, grand head, lovely col. and markings; vhc, Watson; hc, McGregor and Boyd; c, Prattis. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (27): 1, Nicholson, Twite, fine size, wonderful rich tone of col., well laced on breast, fine back, grand con.; 2, Quinn, Mealy 'Poll, well-known winner, great size, fine shape, bold head, well mealed, nicely laced flanks; 3, sp, London, Twite, real good one, fine size, nice col., neatly laced; 4, Crone, Mealy 'Poll, fine shape, not so nicely laced as winner, still a good one; 5, Davidson, Mealy 'Poll, not the largest, but the finest quality feather in class, grandly marked, in rare bloom, worth its place; vhc, McIntyre; hc, Campbell; c, McCallum. LESSER REDPOLL (39): 1, sp, London, fine size, good chubby shape, lovely col., well bronzed, big head and bib, good bars, staged in lovely bloom, best one we have seen for a while; 2, Steele, field moulted, lovely tanning and breast work, good big head, great size of bib, grand type; 3, 5, Marlin, fine upstanding 'Poll, lovely sheen, 5th field moulted, nice type, lovely col., and markings; 4, Lyall, chubby type, finely laced on thighs, neat head and bib; vhc, McGillvray Bros.; hc, Brownlie and Sons. GREENF. (17): 1, Aitken, col. fed, great size and subs. for a yellow, bold head and front, grand flights, fine qual.; 2, Sykes, nat. col., monster for size, extra rich flights, great head, well staged; 3, McGregor and Boyd, very hot colour, not the biggest, but a gem for col. and qual., in A1 bloom; 4, Rennie, nat. col., lovely grassy green, grand shape, right big bold head, nice exhibit; 5, McBride, fed, grand size and shape, well staged, beaten in col.; vhc, Lavery; hc, Sharp; c, Falconer. CHAFF. (23): 1, Sykes, grand size, rich col., fine head, lovely qual., steady, shows well, wins; 2, Adams, grand stamp, excellent qual., good sound breast col., well defined bars, very steady; 3, sp, Taylor, good col., pure in whites, steady, in grand bloom; 4, 5, vhc, G. G. Henderson, grand team, in the height of con., credit to their owner; hc, Lawson and Sons; c, Chambers. BRAMBLE (18): 1, sp, Diploma, Sykes, the old champion, still looking well; 2, Reid, equal in size, just beaten in depth of col., but real good; 3, Henderson, fine stamp, not so rich in col. yet, shown in grand fettle; 4, Divers, fine make, nice depth of col., finely spangled, back and head, well staged; 5, Parlett, rich col., fair size, good markings; vhc, sp, Knox; hc, Haldane; c, A. Craig. YELLOWHAMMER (13): 1, Livingstone, very rich col., fine head, neat V, good cheek markings, shapely, fine order, very hot col.; 2, McGillivray Bros., another nice one, not much behind winner, steady and very well staged; 3, sp, Nicholson, nat. col., line size, lovely head markings, good checks, very steady, well shown; 4, Rennie, grand size, lovely col.; 5, Gray, very rich col., fine head; vhc, McCloy; hc, Dunlop; c, Watson. BUNTING, A.O.V. (4): 1, 4, Watson, 1st Black-headed Bunting, grand size, lovely col., steady and well staged; 4, well known Meadow Bunting, not finished moult yet; 2, Richardson, Corn, fair size and col., shade dark in markings, very steady; 3, Smith, Snow Bunting, grand size, in lovely bloom, steady as arock, well shown. SMALL, SOFTBILL (17): 1, sp, Diploma, Taylor, Redstart, grand silky plumage, steady as a rock, good condition, wins; 2, Arnott, Black Redstart, very fine one, very steady, well staged; 3, 4, Lawrie, 3rd Nightingale, fine size, rich col., could be shown to better advantage in a more suitable cage, yet the finest Nightingale we have seen in Scotland, 4th lovely Yellow Wagtail, well staged, fairly steady; 5, Stobb Bros., beautiful Bearded Tit, staged in lovely form; vhc, sp, hc, Erskine; c, Finlayson. LARGE (10): 1, Bruce, the well-known Thrush "Border Queen," looking as well as ever, a credit to its owner, will take a lot of beating; 2, Sykes, Chough, lovely col., beak, and legs, in shinging con., good 2nd; 3, Kerr, Magpie, grand size, lovely con., finely mkd., very steady; 4, Adams, Blackbird, monster for size, shown in the height of con., lovely cere and beak, just finishing moult; 5, McGavin, Hawf., grand size, good col. and markings, fine bib; vhc, Quinn; hc, Welsh; c, Sykes. BULLF. HEN (8): 1, Mackie, "Lomond Queen," charming lady, beauty for shape and style, grand cap, lovely breast col., well defined wing bars, very steady; 2, Pirrie, fine stamp, lovely qual., fine col., a shade smaller, close up; 3, Cranna, well made, shade darker tone of col., good wing bars, in fine order; 4, Neilson, good cap and breast col., very steady; 5, Steele; vhc, sp, Gentleman; hc, Trotter; c, Mills. HEN (Suitable for Muling) (20): 1, Telfer, well-known Bramblef., grand breast col., good size, staged to perfection; 2, Nicholson, gem of a Siskin, very rich col., lovely markings, steady and well staged; 3, McCloy, Chaff., lovely col. and markings, staged in lovely bloom; 4, Wason, Linnet, grand size, rich col., lovely breast work, will make a good hen; 5, Orr; vhc, Haldane; hc, Lawson; c, Hunter. FOR. GOLD. (14): 1, Mrs. Allanson, grand face, rare breadth, rich col., pure in whites, clean cut collar, tanning very rich; 2, Adams, fine size, good face, not so expansive as winner, neat shape, lovely wings, in rare order; 3, Nicholson, fine blaze, rich col., grandly tanned, fine bloom; 4, M. Craig, grand square cut face, rich col., line size, pure in whites; 5, Guthrie and Son, lovely col., just on the small side; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, McMillan; c, Cowan. LARGE (8): 1, c, Morrison, Bloodwing, shown in lovely bloom and glossy feather; 2, Muir; 3, Prondfoot, King Parrot, an old champion, might have won here, in grand bloom; 4, Fraser; 5, Spencer; vhc, sp, Young; hc, M. Craig. SMALL (19): 1, sp, 3, Arnott, magnificent Blue-winged Sugar Bird, staged in lovely form, greatly admired; 3, Superb Tanager, grand size and con., lovely staging; 2, Bruce, Crimson Finch, charming col., in lovely bloom; 4, Webster, Diamond Sparrow, great size, fine col., well staged; 5, McFarlane, junr., Gouldians, faultlessly staged; vhc, hc Winters; c, J. and R. Pirrie; this was a very hot class, some rare exhibits having to stand down.

TORQUAY.

This year the Torquay F. and F.A. extended the classification for its annual show, which was held in the Bath Saloons, on Oct. 16. Torquay has acquired a name for most businesslike management, and its show in all sections has shown most gratifying advance. Mr. A. Walker, the hon. sec., is a most indefatigable worker, and as courteous as he is energetic. He is supported by a grand set of committeemen, and thus everything in connection with the show works smoothly and well. For several years cage bird fanciers in the neighbouring districts have urged the executive to open the cage bird classification and not restrict it to members, as has been the custom. Yielding to those requests, they put on thirteen open classes. We know not if the number had anything to do with it or not, but it proved an unlucky venture, only three classes standing. The Torquay fanciers feel very strongly about the abstention of the Paignton fanciers. Mr. C. A. House judged the open classes, and Nor., Yorks, and Brit. in members; Mr. J. B. Dyer taking the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR., Yell., Buff, and Hens: Cancelled. BRED 1913 (9): 1, vhc, spl, Noyce, grand shaped yell., capital head, good deep chest, lovely col. and qual., well shown; 2, hc, Fox, grand bodied buff, rare col. and qual., nicely mealed; 3, Redwood, good shapely bull, nice col., not so tight in body feather; res, c, Jones; absent, 1453, Collins. CRESTS, C.-B. and YORKS YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Craven, neck tkd., grand shape and style, capital wings and tail, very smooth and sleek in feather; 2, 3, Julian, very slim and stylish, grand type, bit open on chest; 3rd tkd. head, rather stouter, but stands well, very good wings and tail; res, Richards; vhc, Boundy; hc, Snell; c, Thomas; absent, 1467, Elsmore. BRED 1913 (8): 1, spl, Sleeman, very slim, stylish, well drawn, yell., stands well up on leg; 2, Thomas, shapely, nicely feathered, varieg. buff, good car.; 3, Richards, long wing, tkd. yell., not quite so tight in feather; res, Craven; vhc, hc, Julian; c, Boundy. HEN: Cancelled. MULES AND BRIT.: Cancelled.

MEMBERS.—This section contained a grand lot of birds of nice type and quality, but we would commend to the attention of the committee the fact that by making such a strong members' section they rob the open section of many possible entries, and the members lose the chance of valuable comparison which open competition gives. C.-B. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Williams; 2, Berry. CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Williams. NOR. BUFF (8): 1, res, Redwood; 2, 3, Noyce; vhc, c, Fox; hc, Tolchard. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, spl, Redwood; 2, res, Noyce; 3, hc, Fox; c, Tolchard; absent, 1499, Robbins. BRED 1913 (8): 1, 2, res, hc, spl, Fox; 3, Noyce; vhc, Redwood; c, Tolchard; absent, 1507, Robbins. YORKS, YELL. (8): 1, spl, and spl. best Canary, hc, Berry; 2, 3, res, Bishop; vhc, Sanders; c, Clay. BUFF (3): 1, Sanders; 2, 3, Berry. HEN (6): 1, 2, Bishop; 3, Lipscombe; res, Sanders; vhc, Clay; hc, Berry. BRED 1913, YELL. (7): 1, 3, spl. and medal, Bishop; 2, res, Berry; vhc, Clay; hc, Lipscombe; c, Blower. BUFF (7): 1, res, vhc, Berry; 2, Sanders; 3, Bishop; hc, Lipscombe; c, Clay. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Lipscombe; 2, Blower; 3, Sanders; res, Berry. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Bishop; 2, res, Berry; absent, 1549, Berry. HEN (4): 1, res, spl., Bishop, this latter proved to be a cock, so others will come up; 2, Berry; 3, Blower. A.V. NON-FED: 1, Derrick. MULE (2): 1, Fox; 2, Skinner. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Fox; 2, res, c, Derrick; 3, vhc, hc, Skinner. SELL. 10s. (2): 1, Berry; 2, Sanders. GIFT (4): 1, Fox; 2, 3, hc, Skinner.

GLASGOW SHOW—Continued.

much behind winner, steady and very well staged; 3, sp, Nicholson, nat. col., line size, lovely head markings, good checks, very steady, well shown; 4, Rennie, grand size, lovely col.; 5, Gray, very rich col., fine head; vhc, McCloy; hc, Dunlop; c, Watson. BUNTING, A.O.V. (4): 1, 4, Watson, 1st Black-headed Bunting, grand size, lovely col., steady and well staged; 4, well known Meadow Bunting, not finished moult yet; 2, Richardson, Corn, fair size and col., shade dark in markings, very steady; 3, Smith, Snow Bunting, grand size, in lovely bloom, steady as arock, well shown. SMALL, SOFTBILL (17): 1, sp, Diploma, Taylor, Redstart, grand silky plumage, steady as a rock, good condition, wins; 2, Arnott, Black Redstart, very fine one, very steady, well staged; 3, 4, Lawrie, 3rd Nightingale, fine size, rich col., could be shown to better advantage in a more suitable cage, yet the finest Nightingale we have seen in Scotland, 4th lovely Yellow Wagtail, well staged, fairly steady; 5, Stobb Bros., beautiful Bearded Tit, staged in lovely form; vhc, sp, hc, Erskine; c, Finlayson. LARGE (10): 1, Bruce, the well-known Thrush "Border Queen," looking as well as ever, a credit to its owner, will take a lot of beating; 2, Sykes, Chough, lovely col., beak, and legs, in shinging con., good 2nd; 3, Kerr, Magpie, grand size, lovely con., finely mkd., very steady; 4, Adams, Blackbird, monster for size, shown in the height of con., lovely cere and beak, just finishing moult; 5, McGavin, Hawf., grand size, good col. and markings, fine bib; vhc, Quinn; hc, Welsh; c, Sykes. BULLF. HEN (8): 1, Mackie, "Lomond Queen," charming lady, beauty for shape and style, grand cap, lovely breast col., well defined wing bars, very steady; 2, Pirrie, fine stamp, lovely qual., fine col., a shade smaller, close up; 3, Cranna, well made, shade darker tone of col., good wing bars, in fine order; 4, Neilson, good cap and breast col., very steady; 5, Steele; vhc, sp, Gentleman; hc, Trotter; c, Mills. HEN (Suitable for Muling) (20): 1, Telfer, well-known Bramblef., grand breast col., good size, staged to perfection; 2, Nicholson, gem of a Siskin, very rich col., lovely markings, steady and well staged; 3, McCloy, Chaff., lovely col. and markings, staged in lovely bloom; 4, Wason, Linnet, grand size, rich col., lovely breast work, will make a good hen; 5, Orr; vhc, Haldane; hc, Lawson; c, Hunter. FOR. GOLD. (14): 1, Mrs. Allanson, grand face, rare breadth, rich col., pure in whites, clean cut collar, tanning very rich; 2, Adams, fine size, good face, not so expansive as winner, neat shape, lovely wings, in rare order; 3, Nicholson, fine blaze, rich col., grandly tanned, fine bloom; 4, M. Craig, grand square cut face, rich col., line size, pure in whites; 5, Guthrie and Son, lovely col., just on the small side; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, McMillan; c, Cowan. LARGE (8): 1, c, Morrison, Bloodwing, shown in lovely bloom and glossy feather; 2, Muir; 3, Prondfoot, King Parrot, an old champion, might have won here, in grand bloom; 4, Fraser; 5, Spencer; vhc, sp, Young; hc, M. Craig. SMALL (19): 1, sp, 3, Arnott, magnificent Blue-winged Sugar Bird, staged in lovely form, greatly admired; 3, Superb Tanager, grand size and con., lovely staging; 2, Bruce, Crimson Finch, charming col., in lovely bloom; 4, Webster, Diamond Sparrow, great size, fine col., well staged; 5, McFarlane, junr., Gouldians, faultlessly staged; vhc, hc Winters; c, J. and R. Pirrie; this was a very hot class, some rare exhibits having to stand down.

SWANSEA F.S.

The first annual show of the Swansea and Dist. F.S. was held in Market, October 15th, an admirable place for a show. Having a glass roof the light in the day time was everything to be desired, while at night it was brilliantly lit with electric light. The entry in our section was not as large as might have been wished, due no doubt to the show being held rather too early; still, what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality, some very fine exhibits being staged. Stewards Messrs. W. Martin and J. Hocking were assiduous in their attention to the wants of the exhibits, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch. The members are indeed fortunate in having as their president Mr. W. G. Camden, a gentleman who spared no expense to make the show the finest held locally. We understand that he guaranteed the difference between entry fees and prize money, and also engaged a band to discourse selections of music during the afternoon and evening, and we are pleased to note that he was rewarded by seeing this society have a bumper gate. A few more fanciers like him in Wales would be welcomed. The sec., Mr. E. Dendle, carried out his duties in a very efficient manner. Special for best in show was won by Mrs. Longden with a Red-naped Lorikeet, a really charming exhibit; that for best Brit. by Mr. W. J. Bancroft with a very nice Bramble; members' specials for best, second best, and third best by Mr. J. Hocking with a team of Borders, real wee gems. Mr. S. J. Nicholas judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, J. Mock, cl., good length, well up on leg, lovely col. and qual.; 2, W. Mock, another cl., nice length, neat wings and tail, hardly as rich in col. as leader; 3, Rees, wing mkd., very nervy, nice type and qual., hardly so good on leg as leaders; 4, East, cl., good length, nice col. and qual., neat wings and tail; vhc, Jones; hc, C. Steer. BUFF (5): 1, Wooton, cl., very neat, good head and neck, nicely braced wings, stands well; 2, W. Mock, cl., good length, well on leg, good straight back, neat wings and tail, hardly subs. of leader; 3, J. Mock, lovely qual., cl., good straight back, hardly enough leg; 4, Steer; vhc, D. H. Davies. HEN (6): 1, J. Mock, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., nicely rounded head, good straight back, wings, and tail, lovely position; 2, East, cl. buff, neat exhibit, nicely braced wings, good straight back, well on leg; 3, Steer, var. yell., good size and shape, neat wings and tail, loses condition; 4, W. Mock; vhc, hc, Williams. BORD., YELL. (6): 1, 3, Jenkins, two real beauties, leader regular little swell, grand col. and qual., feathered to perfection, latter again grand col. and qual., inclined to cross wings a little at times his only fault; 2, Mugford, wing mkd., another gem, hardly as rich col. as leader, but feathered like boxwood, correct type, shown to perfection; 4, Ford; vhc, Hoddinot; hc, Galley. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Jenkins, clears, hard to separate, wee gems, put down in this exhibitor's inimitable style; 3, Mugford, eye tkd., grand type and qual., very jaunty, should improve; 4, Richards, another cl., lovely qual. and cond., inclined to cross wings a trifle; vhc, Sampson; hc, Eley; c, Hoddinot. HEN (8): 1, 2, Jenkins, cl. buff leading, real gem, as near perfection as possible, feathered like boxwood, latter grand yell., in perfect order; 3, Hocking, cinn. mkd., lovely qual. and condition, hardly as shapely as leaders, still a good one; 4, Williams, uneven mkd., shining like satin, a little beauty; vhc, Hoddinot; hc, Eley; c, Mugford. GREEN. ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl, best members, c, Hocking, lovely gr., feathered like a Java, grand head and neck, beautiful shape and col., wins; 2, Allen, close up, lovely col. and qual., hardly as jaunty as leader, still a real good one; 3, Phil Jenkins, cinn., lovely shape, col. and qual., feathered like wax, shown to perfection; 4, Ford, green, hardly the size of leaders, neat feather and condition; vhc, Jenkins; c, Richards. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 2nd best members, 2, spl, 3rd best members, 4, c, Hocking, grand team, leader we understand brother to winning yell. green, lovely shape, qual., and col., should be heard more of; 2, 4, both cinns., grand col. and qual., staged to perfection, two lovely exhibits; 3, Ford, really good green, lovely col. and qual., nicely put down; vhc, Williams; hc, Allen. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, Rees, Goldf., lovely size and shape, good large blaze, grand tans, bars and buttons, hardly in col. yet, will make a stormer; 2, Gregory, grand col. Bullie, nice cap and bars, good size and shape, throws wings out through being in too small cage; 3, vhc, Thomas, Goldie, smaller than winner, though a trifle more forward in blaze col., loses shape, tans and buttons to leader; 4, Norton, good Bullie, lovely shape, not up in col. yet; hc, c, Jeffreys. LINNET (8): 1, Ford, grand size, col., and shape, neatly laced; 2, Williams, well laced, good col. and qual., loses size; 3, Gregory, nice col. and qual., well laced, close up; 4, Jeffreys, F. M., a wealth of lacing, nice col. and qual., rather wild; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Heal; c, Davies. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Heal, Twite, grand col., qual., and cond., and Mealy Redpool, perky little fellow, shows to perfection; 3, Ford, Lesser 'Poll, grand col. and qual., nicely laced; 4, James, non-fed Siskin, lovely feather, nicely staged; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Reynolds; c, Heal. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, spl, best Brit., Bancroft, grand col. Bramble, neatly spangled, good shape and qual.; 2, Heal, Bramble, trifle larger, hardly as rich in col., well spangled; 3, Jeffreys, Chaffinch, good size, col., and qual.; 4, Ford, very neat hen Greenie; vhc, Glover; hc, Heal; c, Jeffreys. FOR. (5): 1, spl, best in show, Mrs. Longden, Red-naped Lorikeet, charming exhibit, wonderful feather, admired by all; 2, Ford, Superb Tanager, staged to perfection, lovely feather; 3, 4, vhc, Steer, Budgerigars, grand qual. and cond., nicely staged, nice team.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Table show, Oct. 15, when Mr. Stevens placed the awards. NOR. YELL. UNFLIG. (Open): 1, vhc, hc, Heighton; 2, 3, c, Davis. NOVICE: 1, vhc, hc, c, Crane; 2, Brooke; 3, West. Mr. Claypole proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Stevens for his kindness in coming to judge; carried unanimously. Mr. Stevens briefly replied, saying what pleasure it gave him to be among the birds.—J. Cook, Sec.

SWINDON.

Held in connection with other sections at the Working Men's Club Oct. 15; 7 classes were provided, but only 31 entries faced the judge, the Rev. T. W. Sturges. Mr. Swonnikoff is the sec.

NOR. (8): 1, 3, Peddar, two nice bold birds; 2, Brooke, close up, well built; res, Kilminster; vhc, Poole; hc and c, Brooks. YORKS (7): 1, 2, Edmonds and Smith, both good type, slim birds; 3, Wilts; res, Fleetwood; vhc, Robbins. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 3, sp, Lady Villiers. MULE (3): 1, Poole; 2, 3, Leavers; res, vhc, Edmonds and Smith. BRIT. SMALL (3): 2, res, sp, Edmonds and Smith; 3, Love. FOR. (6): 1, 3, Lenvers; 2, Edmonds and Smith; vhc, hc, Lady Villiers.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 11, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

C. EDWARDS, 15, West-st., Leominster. Judge of Cage Birds, specialist Crests, Mules, Norwich. Terms moderate. 30 years' experience.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby. Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Lit. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

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October 30th.

Judge, Mr. J. R. Houghton, Gloucester.

Entries close Oct. 25th.

Schedules from: F. Sweeting, 22, Caradoc Street, Pentwyn, Abersychan, nr Pontypool.

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ULSTER ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

21st Annual Open Show, **Fri. and Sat., Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st** Judges: R. Wright (Greenock), A. Wellings (Prescot), and J. Carson (Belfast).

Entries close Monday, 27th Oct.

(open to Ireland only). Prize-money paid day of show. Robert Trimble, Sec., 11, Waring St. Belfast.

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October 31st, & November 1st.

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10th Great Open Show,

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 4th and 5th.

Extraordinary list of Special Prizes for open competition. Held in the Conservative Club Hall, Lower Road, Rotherhithe. Entries close Oct. 29th, to L. J. Richardson, 91, Union Road, Rotherhithe.

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November 5th and 6th.

Montpellier Rotunda. Extensive classification. Popular Judges. "C.B." Coupon Show.

Entries close October 29th. W. POUNSETT, 5, WHITECROSS SQUARE.

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PRINTERS ERROR in Schedule. } Class 3 should read: Ticked Yellow Cock; Class 4, Ticked Buff Cock; Class 5, Clear or Ticked Yellow Hen; Class 6, Clear or Ticked Buff Hen.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAK

Saturday, November 8th.

52 Classes Open. We hold the record for paying prize-money to all present the day of show, and on the Monday following to all others. We have three Specialist Judges: Nor., W. Watson, Esq.; Bor., W. Mosele, Esq.; all others, W. Clark, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. A good list of tree Specials. Schedules from G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street, Hamilton.

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& Dis. C.B.S. An. Show on 22 NOV., 1913.

Classification: Sc. Fcy., 6 classes; Yorks., 6 classes; Bor. Fcy., 9 classes; Judge, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Nor. (Crests and Plainheads), 16 classes; Judge, W. G. Muir, Kilmarnock. Brit., 22 classes; For., 3 classes; Judges, R. V. Raine, Glasgow, and A. McGillivray, Bo'ness. Numerous specials, also a gold medal, a silver cup, and silver rose bowl to be won outright, of which particulars will appear in schedules. Entries close on morning of show. Entry money, 1/6 each bird. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6.—James Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.

Entries very short at

PAIGNTON

for next Wednesday's Show, Oct. 29th. Extended to Monday, Oct. 27th. Send along; we will classify.—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street, Paignton.

LEINSTER

O.S., Dublin, Oct. 28th and 29th. Entries close 25th inst. Class 52 reads, A.O. For. Bird. Any exhibitor overlooked, if he send on entry, hon. sec. will classify with pleasure.—C. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin.

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It's no idle appeal we make

Some of the Special Prizes will have to be returned if we don't get your entries by Monday, first post. Remember, we offer 176 cash prizes, 77 Specials in 44 classes. If you've lost our schedule, wire Elcmoro, Taunton. He's just aching to see every class stand.

THURSDAY

UPPER RHONDDA

(Entries Extended till Oct. 26th.)

C.B.S. First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Cage Birds. 40 Classes. OCTOBER 29th, 1913. Judge, W. Mundell. Schedules from: E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries St., Treherbert.

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HAYLE

Cwll. (confined to Cornwall), October 30th, 1913. Judge, R. B. Tope, Esq. Prize-money, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry fee, 1/-. 2/6 Special Prize for every class. Full prize-money and specials guaranteed. Schedules—R. T. Coombe, Hon. Sec., Fore Street.

MATLOCK Oct. 30 COUPON SHOW

Entries short; Extended to Monday, Oct. 27th. See last week's classification.—J. W. Buxton, Sec., Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.

LEAMINGTON SHOW,

October 30th.

A complete failure. All classes will have to be cancelled. We have a splendid hall, and a good old breeder judge. Please support. See previous adverts. for particulars. Entries extended to Monday's first post. Send on and I will classify.—G. A. Moss, Croxton House.

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19 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. Bellett. Good money specials. Low fee. Enter now and be in time. 50-mile radius.—Sec., A. H. Calcutt, Kidlington, Oxon.

Clydebank

and Dist. C.B.C. Third Annual Show of Can., Mules and British Birds will be held in Conservative Hall, Kilbowie Road, on Sat., Nov. 1st. Judges, Messrs. R. Martin and R. V. Raine.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

MARKINCH

P., Pg., and Cage Birds 40th Annual Show, held in Town and Masonic Halls, Nov. 1st. Under the patronage of the S.C.C.C. Judges: S. F., Jas. Cook, Cowdenbeath; Nor., C. Campbell, Glasgow; Bor., A. W. Thomson, Newtongrange; Brit., W. Sharp, Bathgate. S. F., 10 classes; 11 Nor. Plainheads; Crests and Crest-breds, 7 classes; 11 classes Bor.; 18 classes for Brit. Numerous Specials. Show closes 5 o'clock. Entries close 27th Oct. Schedules—John Lindsay, 45, School Street, Markinch.

PARTICK

C.B.C. 15th Annual Show will be held in Subway Halls on Sat., 1st Nov. 59 Classes. 9 Open Yorks. Classes under patronage of Y.C.C. of Scotland. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry money, 1/6. Prize-money guaranteed. Entries close Tuesday, 28th Oct. Schedules—Wm. Priest, 6, Orchird Street, Partick.

GREAT HORTON Good Intent O.S.

Annual exhibition of Canaries under Yorks. Union Rules and N.G.M.Y.C.C. patronage will be held in the Congregational School, Great Horton, Bradford, on Nov. 1st. (Open to the United Kingdom). Judge, F. Allen, Esq., Cleckheaton. 22 Classes (10 novice). Prize-money, 23/- per class. Entrance fee, 1/6 each. Special prize for most points in Novice Classes. Entries positively close on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Schedules from—W. A. Brown, 414, Harewood Street, Bradford.

BO'NESS

and Dis. 9th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, under the patronage of The British Bird and Mule Club and Border Fancy Canary Club will be held in the Masonic Hall, Bo'ness, on Saturday, Nov. 1. Entries close on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Chambers, Kirkintilloch; Border Fancy, Mr. Hamilton, Esk Bank; British and Mules and For., Messrs. Mackie (Fife) and Steel (Dalkeith).—T. Cameron, Sec., 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans.

MOTHERWELL BIRD SHOW

Held Lesser Town Hall on Sat., Nov. 1st. Admission after 1 p.m., 3d. Judges, J. Calderwood and J. Smillie.—F. S. Brannigan, Sec.

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH.

BRECHIN

Grand Jubilee Show, to be held on Saturday, 1st November. "C.B." Coupon Show.... Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C.C., and F.C.B.U. Grand classification. 21/- for 1/6. 60 Specials, Cups, and Medals. Specialist judges, trusting fanciers will support us in this great effort we have made. Geo. Mitchell, Sec., 18, Montrose Street, Brechin.

LEICESTER

HAND IN HAND

C.B.S. 14th Annual Open Show, Saturday and Monday, Nov. 1st and 3rd. Patronage N.B.B. and M.C. Classification for Nor., Yorks., Lancs., A.O.V., Brit., Hybrids, and For. Birds. 3 Novice Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Judges, J. Robson (Can.), R. J. Howe (Brit. and For.). Grand list of cash specials. No cancelling or amalgamating of classes. Prize-money guaranteed. Entries extended until Tues., first post, Oct. 28th. Schedules—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.

SIDMOUTH

Open Show of Cage Birds, Fanciers' Society Grand Nov. 13th. Entries close Nov 1st. Judge. J. H. Payne. Schedules from: James Lashbrook, Hon. Sec., Arcot Road, Sidmouth.

St. COLUMB

Poult., Pig., Cage Birds, and Chrys., Wed., Nov. 5th. Specials in every class, confined to members. Entries close Oct. 29th.—W. L. Salmon and Chas. Jenkin, Hon. Secs.

BARNSTAPLE AND NORTH DEVON CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S SHOW

November 4th & 5th.

89 Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-.

Judge, T. Heath, Esq., London.

Entries very short. Schedulee from—J. D. Horrill, Hon. Sec., Seq., Exhibition Office, Barnstaple. C.B. Coupon Show.

MUIRKIRK SHOW

1st Nov. 11 classes for Borders, 2 British Birds. Judge, Thos. Ritchie, Esq. Schedules—Allan Loggie, The Hall, Muirkirk.

DON'T FORGET THE

SOUTHEND

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. 7th Annual Open Show, to be held at the Large Hall, adjoining the Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, Southend, on Nov. 4th and 5th, 1913. £50 Special Prizes. Entries close Monday, Oct. 27th. Entrance fee, 1/6; members, 1/-. Schedules are now ready, to be had of Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff. ("C.B." Coupon Show.)

BRIGHTON

Fur and Feather 22nd Annual Show, open to Sussex, will be held in the Lecture Hall, North Road, Nov. 5th and 6th. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Specials almost every class. Entries close October 29th. Schedules from Hon. Sec., W. J. Donne, 7, Chatham Place, Brighton.

SOUTHAMPTON

5th and 6th Nov. Entry fee, 1/6. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 85 Classes. 140 Special Prizes. Don't forget this event. Entries very short. Entries must close Oct. 28th. Sched.—A. L. Kiddle, Homelands, Bitterne, Southampton.

BANBRIDGE

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association Annual Show will be held in Town Hall, Banbridge, on Thursday and Friday, 6th and 7th November. Under patronage of Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland and Yorkshire Canary and Cage Bird Society of Ireland. Judges, J. Kean and J. Trengove. Entries close 1st Nov. Schedules, etc., from—A. McCagherty, Hon. Sec., Belmont Terrace, Banbridge.

WARRINGTON

"C.B." Coupon Show.
NOVEMBER 7th & 8th.

18 Classes for Novices. Judges: H. W. Battye and Jno. Dixon. Schedules from—G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.

QUEENBOROUGH KENT

1st Annual Show (open to Kent) will be held on Friday and Sat., Nov. 7th and 8th. Judges: Cage Birds, G. Gardner, London; Poultry, F. J. S. Chatterton, London; Rabbits, G. Gardner; Pigeons, Harry Hyde, Kempton Park. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Schedules ready. Entries close Oct. 31st.—A. Cundiff, Hon. Sec., 27, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.

WEST STANLEY

Co. Durham. Coupon Show. Same dates as last year, Nov. 7 and 8, 1913. Of Canaries, Mules, Hybrid, British and Foreign Birds. Most up-to-date classification; open to the world. Cash special for each section, and numerous other specials. Two most popular judges, J. Stanger and W. Maddison. —W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace, West Stanley, Durham.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.

F.S. Tenth Annual Open Show of Poul., Pg., and Cage Birds will be held on Nov. 8th. Judges: Cage Birds, J. Thornton, Liscard, Cheshire; Racing Pigeons, G. Watson, Hillside, Disley; Poultry, T. Garner, Abbey Town. Grand classification. Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules—Jas. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor.

Bristol

Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Show, Wed. and Thurs., Nov. 12th and 13th. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—B. Pool, 37, Manor Road, Bishopston, Bristol, Sec.

WOOLSTON (Hants)

5th Annual Show, Open to Hants and I.O.W., Nov. 12th and 13th. Poul., Pig., Rab., Cats, and Cage Birds. Judges, Messrs. Clem Watson and W. D. Bishop. Entries close Nov. 3rd. Schedules—F. G. Etheridge, Meteor, Newtown Road.

HARTLEPOOL'S

NOVEMBER 8th, 1913.

Up-to-date Classification; Magnificent Specials. Judges: Messrs. Battye and Mundell. Schedules from Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs., West House, Victoria Road, West Hartlepool.

FORFAR

Fourth Annual Open Show on Nov. 8th. Under patronage of F.C.B.U. Grand classification. Four money prizes, 2 Challenge Cups, and Medallion, also a great number of specials. Judges: F. Morrison, J. Hamilton, and R. Watson. Entry money, 1/6. Entries close on Nov. 3rd. Schedules from—D. Kerr, 15, Green Street, Forfar.

ALNWICK Coupon Show

NOV. 12th.

The only mid-week fixture in the North having "Cage Birds" Coupons; N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.'s and B.F.C.'s patronage. 41 Classes. Three money prizes and specials every class, also numerous extra specials. Entrance 1/-. Judges: A. Hay, Esq., J. Maddison, Esq. Schedules now ready.—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.

BODMIN NOVEMBER 12th.

Judge, Mr. S. Tickell. Entries close 4th.—A. E. Jago, Secretary.

KEITH, N.B. 12th Nov.

44 Classes Cage Birds (only). Judges: Can., W. B. Mackie, Aberdeen; Mules, Brit., and For., Henry Thomson, Keith. Schedules—Alex. Rliind, 154, Moss Street.

PEMBROKE DOCK

Nov. 12th. Poultry, Pig., Cage Birds, Rab., Chrysanthemums. 95 Open Classes. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close Nov. 5th.—Sec., E. A. Catherall, 80, Meyrich Street.

SITTINGBOURNE

C.B.S. November 12th and 13th, 1913. Open to all England. Judge, Geo. Gardner, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/9 per exhibit. Classes: Canaries, 9 Nor., 9 Yorks., 2 Crests, 2 Borders, 1 Lizard, 1 Scotch Fancies or Belgians, 1 Lancashire, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule or Hybrid; British, 6 classes, 1 Hard., 1 Soft., 2 For., 3 Selling, 1 Gift. At this fixture "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition will be in progress. Entries close Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 1913. Schedules of—W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.

LOWESTOFT

25th SHOW.

Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds (confined to Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex). Nov. 12th and 13th. Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves. Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules from—E. L. A. Crow, London Road, Lowestoft.

PORTSMOUTH

Fanciers' Society 27th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds, in the Kingsley Hall, Fawcett Road, Southsea, Nov. 12 and 13. Entries close Nov. 4th. Cage Bird judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. Schedules: W. E. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec., 85, Victoria Road South, Portsmouth.

Do it now! Send for the Schedule of

SWANSEA

and read what England's champion Mule and Hybrid writes about our last show. 60 Open Classes. Nov. 12th and 13th. Judges: Canaries, J. Robson; Mules, Hybrids, and British, C. Houlton.—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.

STOKE-ON-TRENT

November 13th.

One day only. Grand classification and Special Prizes. "Cage Birds" Coupon Comp. Judge, J. H. Roe. Schedules sent to last year's exhibitors. Others please apply to—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec., 218, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

SELBY Nov. 13th.

In Museum Hall (two minutes' walk from station). 7 classes Yorks., 7 Nor., 7 Brit., 8 Novice. Four money prizes and specials. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. Entrance fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8th. —John Hy. Dixon, Sec., 72, Brook Street, Selby.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and District

10th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the new Parish Hall, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th, 1913, under the patronage of the N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B., N.C.C., and S.O.C. Sixty Open Classes. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Mundell. Entries close November 8th, 1913. As soon as ready, schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. — G. Havver, Hon. Sec., 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

COVENTRY O.S.

37th Annual Open Show, Nov. 15th. Open Champion and Novice Classes. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Schedules—A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.

Galashiels

Show, Nov. 15th, of Scotch and Bor. Lanc., Nor., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds. Judges: Scotch Fcy., 12 classes, A. Paterson and Jas. Carson; Bor., 10 (Double judging), J. Tait and Jas. Alexander; Nor., R. G. Cameron; Mules, Brit., and For. Birds, 10, Jas. Mason. Entries close Nov. 10th. Schedules—J. Brown, 153, Croft Street, Galashiels.

AVONBRIDGE

O.S., Nov. 15th. 10th Open Show. Good classification. 37 Classes. Prizes, 9/-, 6/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. No Models. Judges: J. Hamilton (Eskbank) and J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh). Schedules P. Gentleman, Coward's Buildings.

OLD SHILDON

Workmen's Club C.B.S. Open Show, Nov. 14th and 15th. 25 Classes; 4 money prizes and specials. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules—J. H. Elwell, 10, Church Street, Shildon.

Cowdenbeath

NOVEMBER 15th.

84 Classes. Six Specialist Judges. Schedules from —John W. Holms, South Hill Street, Cowdenbeath.

INVERNESS

Ornithological Association. The 33rd Annual Show of Can., Brit. Birds, Mules and Hybrids, Pig., and Bantams will be held in Music Hall, on Wed., 19th Nov. next. 104 Classes, and over 120 Special Prizes, including three handsome silver cups, also "Cage Birds" Special Conpon Prizes. Judges: Can., Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Brit. and For. Birds, Mules and Hybrids, Mr. D. Ross, Forres; Pig., Mr. J. Anderson, Forres; Bantams, Mr. A. W. Falconer, Ardersier. Schedules—John Connochie, Craigalea, Percival Road, Hon. Sec.

Ramsgate

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. The money specials assured. Nov. 19th and 20th. Geo. Gardner, judge. Open to the Kingdom. 18 money specials in open classes. Schedules sent when ready; write for one. —F. Thomas, 29, Chatham Street.

BISHOP AUCKLAND

NOVEMBER 19th. Judge—H. W. Batty. Nathan and Elliot, Raby Av.

WINDERMERE

Open Show Nov. 20th. Grand classification. Popular judge. Entries close Nov. 15th.—Sec., Frank S. Hunter, St. Martin's Square.

WIVELISCOMBE (SOM)

Nov. 20th. Good classification. Prize-money and Specials. Entries close Nov. 11th. Judge, J. H. Payne. Schedules—Hill and Dascombe, Secs.

DARLEY DALE Show, Nov. 20

Six Open Classes, £5 Limit; 2 memb. £2 limit. Judge, C. Ward, Esq. Schedule in CAGE BIRDS Nov. 7th.—Hon. Sec., Vernon Hall, The Poplars, Hackney, near Matlock.

GLASGOW and Dist. C.B.A.

Great Open Show Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd Nov., Drill Hall, Greendyke Street. Schedules ready Nov. 7th from—Wm. Hutchison, Sec., 163, Hospital Street, Glasgow.

Blairgowrie

Annual Show, SATURDAY, 22nd NOV.

26 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, J. Goodfellow. Good specials. No model cards (note this). Entries close 17th Nov. Schedules from—M. Irvine, Blairgowrie.

CRAMLINGTON

Cage Bird Society 5th Annual Show, in Co-operative Hall, Cramlington, on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, 1913. 17 Open Classes. Prize money guaranteed, as per Rule 7 in schedule. This is now one of the established shows of the North. Exhibitors please send entries. Entries close Nov. 15th. See previous year's reports in "Cage Birds" of success of this show. Schedules to be obtained from—J. R. Chestney, Secretary.

ARBROATH

C.B.S. Annual Show, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Judges: J. F. Dewars and W. Mossie. 37 Classes for Norwich, Borders, British, and Foreign. £1 prize money. Entry fee, 1/6. Under the patronage B.F.C.C. Model cards only 6d. each. Numerous 6d. each. Under patronage B.F.C.C. Numerous specials.—(Fanciers note this)....Entries close Nov. 17th. Schedules from— J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.

SALE

C.B.S. Open Show of Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds will be held on Fri. and Sat., Nov. 28th and 29th, in the Technical Schools, Sale. Judges: Thos. Harrison and J. W. Metcalfe. 52 classes, including 10 Novice, 5 for Nor., and 5 for Yorks. Plenty of specials. Schedules—G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross Street, Sale.

Chester-le-Street

(Coupon Show.) 1st Annual Open Exhibition of Cage Birds held Nov. 22nd, in the Mechanics' Institute Hall. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee 1/-. No cancelling; no amalgamation. 20 Open Classes (5 novices). Schedules ready shortly, four.—R. Ward, Sec., 16, Wark Street, Chester-le-Street.

Remember.

HALTWHISTLE

The Premier Show of the North. 3rd Annual Open Show, on Fri. and Sat., Nov. 22nd and 23rd. Coupon Show. Judges, Mr. J. Patterson and Mr. T. Dixon. Under the patronage of N.N.C.C., B.F.C.C., and N.B.C.C. Special for every class; also Section Specials. Four money prizes. Entries, 1/-. Schedules ready shortly.—Wm. Tallantyne, South View, Haltwhistle.

SEVENOAKS

(Kent) OPEN SHOW,

Nov. 26th. Poul., Pg., Cage Birds, Rab., Cavies. Judges: Messrs. Clem Watson and Geo. Gardner. Cups and Specials. Entries close Nov. 19th. For schedules apply—A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage, Sevenoaks.

SOUTH CO. DUBLIN KINGSTOWN

Under the Patronage of the Y.C. and C.B.S. Ireland Nov. 26th and 27th. Judge, H. Norman, Esq. 56 Classes. Entries close Sat., Nov. 23rd. Write for schedule.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec., 14, Tivoli Terrace N., Kingstown.

PONTYPRIDD

F. and F.S. (affiliated to South Wales Yellow Fed.). Coupon Show, NOVEMBER 26th. Judge, C. A. House, Esq.

Special comfortable and commodious room reserved for Cage Birds alone. Entries close Nov. 19th. Schedules from—Sec., A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

THRUMS, Kirriemuir

C. and C.B.A. will hold their Annual Open Show on 6th Dec. "C.B." Coupon Show. Under patronage of the B.F.C.C. and F.C.B.U. Grand classification for 1/6 entry, money including specials. Judges: Wm. Bishop, Esq., Stirling, for Nor. and Wild Birds; Wm. Dods, Esq., Edinburgh, for Borders. Entries close on Monday, 1st Dec. Schedules —Joe Stevenson, 6, Muir Street, Kirriemuir.

CONSETT (Co. Durham)

6th Dec., 1913.

Cage Birds, 35 classes. Judge, Mr. Thos. Dixon. Schedules, ready early in Nov., will be sent to all last year's exhibitors.—J. Hedworth Coupland, Secretary, Leadgate, Co. Durham.

TREDEGAR (Mon) C.B.S.

Open Show, Dec. 11th. Judge, R. Halliday, Esq. Schedules—W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.

LEINSTER O.S.

Meeting held Oct. 20, Mr. J. J. Cloke in the chair. Mr. Hawkins having notified his inability to exhibit at forthcoming show on Oct. 25 and 26, on account of the very sad loss he has sustained by the death of his good wife, the chairman moved the following resolution, the council standing:—"That this meeting, realising the very deep loss which our worthy vice-president has sustained by the death of his beloved and devoted wife, begs to express its heartfelt and profound sympathy with him in his very great loss." Correspondence in reference to the show was dealt with. Unanimously decided to alter Class 52 for foreign birds from its present reading to "Any Other Foreign Bird," so as to meet the requirements of some intending exhibitors. The hon. sec. was instructed to notify any exhibitor desirous of securing early return of birds that everything will be done to meet their requirements.—C. Holley, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, Oct. 15, at George and Dragon, Bridge Street. Winners: 1, J. Wainwright 2, W. Nelson; 3, A. Sweeting. Oct. 19 the winners were: 1, W. Nelson; 2, J. Wainwright; 3, S. Morley.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held King's Head, Shannon St., Oct. 18, when 14 birds sang. 1, 2, S. Hardcastle; 3, shared by D. Madden and A. Lorriman. Oct. 19, 19 birds sang: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, S. Hardcastle; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, A. Jennings, J. Mellia, and W. Naylor.

Quality Linnet singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Leeds, Oct. 19, when 26 birds competed. Result: 1, E. Wood; 2, A. Binns; 3, T. Howarth.

Quality singing contest held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Oct. 19, when 24 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of a crowded room. 1, King; 2, Blackburn; 3, Ward; 4, Tomlinson. Judges: Messrs. C. Clayton and Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Annual tea and prize distribution held Butchers' Arms, Union Street, Oct. 11, after a very successful season. Forty-six members and wives sat down to a good tea provided by Mr. and Mrs. Syddall. After tea we had a very good concert, a large programme being got through, every one being delighted with "Wee Georgie Walker," in his up-to-date comic songs and dances. Meeting Oct. 26; all wishing to become members please attend at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Business: Election of officers.

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Twitterings.

At Morpeth show, Norwich clear yellow, 1st Smailes should read 1st McGinn.

In report of Lochgelly show in Yorks classes the word Rynd should read Rhind.

The Leinster O.S. is holding its annual show on Oct. 28-29 with 52 classes. Mr. W. H. Battye will judge.

Please state that I have resigned from the Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S., writes Mr. J. M. Edwards, late President.

Our foreign bird class, 52, should read: "Any other variety of foreign bird," writes Mr. C. Holley, hon. sec. Leinster O.S.

At Lochgelly show prize-money has all been paid, with the exception of a few specials yet to come in, writes Mr. R. Muir, the sec.

In the Yellow Bunting class at Clapham show, Mr. Askew was not first (as given in catalogue), but Mr. S. Jones, junr., of Llanelly.

Prize money won at Bromley show (members excepted) has been paid out, writes A. T. Bellinger, sec.; anyone overlooked, please write.

All prize money at Harrogate show has been paid out, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, and all birds from a distance were in railway company's hands by 6.30.

We hear that Mr. R. E. Griffith (Carnarvon) judges at Harlech show, and is hoping to be well supported with entries from members of the N.W.C.B.S.

OBITUARY.

With much regret, writes Mr. J. Locke (Brislington, Bristol), I inform you of the sad loss Mr. J. Wilshire has sustained in the death of his dear wife on Oct. 10. Our very deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Wilshire. Mrs. Wilshire was one of the good, old-fashioned sort, just right for all branches of the Fancy. May God comfort Mr. Wilshire in his great trouble.

It it with deep regret, writes Mr. E. Thomas (sec. Cardiff C.B.S., that I have to inform you that Mr. W. Chedgey has lost his mother. I am sure he has the deepest sympathy of all the members of our society; our sympathy is extended also to Mr. Chedgey, senior, and his family.

All prize-money at Llandilo show has been paid, writes Mr. H. S. Davies, the sec., and we thank exhibitors for their support, and hope they will remember us next year.

I received an order, accompanied by 9d. stamps, for some privet berries, but the writer omitted both name and address. Will sender forward this?—Mrs. Teat (Ancaster Heath).

At the Craghead and Dis. C.B.S. meeting held Oct. 18, a schedule of 20 classes was drawn up for annual show, and it was left in secretary's hands to find a date for the show in December.

Blaydon Society has decided to increase the Yorkshire classes by two, and the Borders by four more classes, writes Mr. G. Havver, the sec. We are engaging a judge specially for the Borders.

Class 21 in Dulwich show schedule should read "Marked or variegated yellow or buff cock." Grand list of specials. Schedules from show manager, L. J. Richardson, 91, Union Road, Rotherhithe.

In Sheffield O.S. show schedule there is a printer's error in the Yorkshire section. Class 3 should read ticked yellow, class 4 ticked buff, class 5 clear or ticked yellow hen, class 6 clear or ticked buff hen

The following gentlemen have been appointed to judge at the Manchester and Dis. Amalgamated Show:—Norwich, Mr. W. N. Turner; Yorks., Mr. Dooley; Brit., Mr. R. I. Metcalfe; writes Mr. H. Clayton.

Entries at Leamington Spa show are very short, we hear; exhibitors should send on at once to the sec., Mr. Moss, 27, Clarendon St., Leamington. There is a good judge, that well-known old Coventry fancier, Mr. G. Lawrance.

Mr. J. D. Horrill, hon. sec. Barnstaple show, writes:—"Entries very short, not one per class, with 5 cash prizes in each class, and prize-money paid three days after show. This ought not to be; fanciers, please help us."

I was delighted to see my buff Norwich on your front page, so ably depicted by your artist. I have sold the bird, and I wish the new owner success with him. I may mention that its father was claimed at Bromley last year for £5. 5s.—F. J. Wickham (Chatham).

The Cutlers' Hall has been engaged by the Sheffield O.S. for their show; it is one of the largest in Sheffield, so that no matter how great the entry, there will be plenty of room. The hall is perfectly free from draughts, heated by hot water, and lighted by electricity.

In our schedule of Keith C.B.A. show, Nov. 12, we have omitted to put in a special prize by Mr. A. Cran for best foreign Goldfinch or Bullfinch. We hope to have a grand show. Specials in every class, along with five silver medals, and a valuable challenge cup for most points.—Alex Rhind, sec.

Owing to very short entries at Llandrindod Wells, we are compelled to extend until Sunday morning, writes Mr. G. E. Gregson, hon. sec. (Hill Cottage, Llandrindod Wells). Will fanciers please help by sending on their entries at once. Splendid classification, good prize-money, and valuable specials.

Mr. J. W. Metcalfe will judge cage birds at the Cork Cage Bird, etc., Society show, Nov. 26 and 27.

Mr. E. Fuller, Glossop, will judge CAGE BIRDS at our members' show, Nov. 8, writes Mr. H. Kershaw, sec Rawtenstall F.S.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. annual members' show will be held at Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, on Nov. 8th; judge Mr. H. Norman.

Denbigh C.B.S. will hold its third annual show December 16th, writes Mr. J. Williams, sec. Schedules and entry forms will soon be out; 10 open classes, 3 local. Judge not appointed yet.

At our show on Dec. 6, there are 49 classes, including three for first time exhibitors, writes Mr. W. W. Duncan, sec., Clackmannanshire C.B.S. The radius is 15 miles from Alloa, and fanciers can have a schedule by sending me a post-card to 68, Mar St., Alloa.

Accept my sincere thanks for sketch of my clear Buff Yorkshire on the front page of your esteemed paper, CAGE BIRDS. May I also pay a tribute to the skill of your artist, Mr. H. Norman. I wish your paper every success, and hope that it may long continue to render such material aid to fanciers.—E. C. Rayner (Dover).

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Littleborough C.B.S. has fixed the 40th members' back-end show for Nov. 29, writes Mr. H. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. The show will be held in the Parish Church School. Mr. R. Schofield, Heywood, will judge.

I have bought "Nutshell" booklet No. 26, and find there is some splendid advice in it. I can honestly say that those keeping softbills without this Nutshell are likely to make their pets' health suffer.—E. Matthews (Lower Ince).

In your splendid report of Plymouth show you say in Border hen, class 1, 2, G. H. Pratt, leader yell., another wonderful pair from the Teignmouth aviaries. It should have been Exmouth, as it is a brother of mine at Teignmouth.—G. H. Pratt.

The North Wales C.B.S. have elected Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) to judge open show held Boxing Day (Dec. 26). Fanciers in North Wales who wish to join the society should write Mr. R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. (5, Balaclava Rd., Carnarvon).

The committee of the Sheffield C.B.S. wish to thank all who helped by sending exhibits to their open show, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse; also all members and friends who gave their time and energy. Winning numbers of gift birds, 531, 995, 459, 574, 595, 86, 1004.

Entries are exceedingly short, writes Mr. A. H. Calcutt, hon. sec., Oxford F.S. (Kidlington, Oxon), and should be sent at once. Special No. 32 should read, "bred by and property of the exhibitor." Extra open special, 2s. 6d. for best commended bird in show.

Newark C.B.S. is holding its annual members' show Nov. 22 at the new headquarters, the Friendly Societies Club Rooms, Newark, writes Mr. W. Lidgett, the hon. sec. Mr. W. Brotherton, Rotherham, will judge.

Will fanciers of North Wales, writes Mr. Owen Thomas, 9, Station Rd., Bethesda, please note that we are holding Ogwen F. and F. show on Jan. 24, open to North Wales. I have taken up the duties of secretary this year.

The Aintree and Dis. F.S. annual members' show will be held Dec. 3, when Mr. L. S. Hamilton (Bootle) has kindly consented to judge, writes Mr. J. A. Anderson, the sec. It has been arranged to allow non-members to exhibit in the members' classes, prize-money on the sliding scale; entry fee, members 6d., non-members 9d. It is hoped there will be a general revival of "birdy men." Schedules may be had from me at 58, Long Lane, Aintree.

The October issue of "British Birds" Messrs. Witherby, 326, High Holborn, is mainly taken up by an educative and thoroughly interesting article by Mr. H. F. Witherby on "The Sequence of Plumages of the Rook." The article is illustrated by reproductions of photographs and photomicrographs, which throw much light on the disputed point as to whether the Rook gets its bare face through abrasion of the feathers or by a moult. The rest of the number is taken up by the usual notes, which contain much useful information.

Change of Judge at Manchester.

Mr. Vardy is unable to judge, owing to illness, and we have engaged Mr. A. Hirst to take his place, writes Mr. H. Boothman, sec. Manchester show.

Entries Extended.

Llandrindodd Wells to Oct. 25 postmark; Paignton (Torbay O.S.), to Oct. 27; Matlock to Oct. 27; Leicester Hand-in-Hand to first post Oct. 28; Leamington to first post Oct. 27.

Crests at Cheltenham.

Members of the Crested Canary Club should note the letter from Mr. Treasure published in our correspondence cols. this week, to the effect that the Club's 3-guinea bowls are in competition at this show.

Schedules Sent Out.

Schedules of the following shows have been sent out; anyone overlooked should write the respective secretaries: Kelty and Blairadam (A. Dickson, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty); Sheffield O.S. (E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield).

Changes of Address.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address: Mr. C. P. Arthur, from Market Place to "Hillcrest," Melksham; Mr. T. Parker, from S. Shields to 32, Coronation Street, Wallsend; Mr. A. Harris from Lochgelly to 10, Union Street, Kirkcaldy.

Bodmin's Notable Specials.

At Bodmin show, Nov. 12, a challenge silver cup, value five guineas (to be won outright) will be given for most points in open cage-bird section, and a handsome brass thirty-day clock under glass shade (value 25s.) for most entries in open C.B. section, besides a large number of specials and full prize-money in every class guaranteed. Cage-birds are staged by themselves in Agar Hall (an ideal place), and show is well-known for its capable management. The judge is Mr. S. Tickell (Bodmin).

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"I should like to say I have had an enormous quantity of replies to my advertisement and am sorry I cannot see my way to reply to some who did not enclose stamps. I may also state I have no intention of going out of the Fancy, only reducing the birds to save trouble in removing."—R. G. METCALFE (Manchester).

"Please thank all who replied to my advt. which appeared solely in CAGE BIRDS of October 6th. I have sold the birds to a lady in the south of England. To all who enclosed a stamp I have replied by post. Letters came from as far as Aberdeen and down to the south coast of England, which speaks for itself."—E. GIBBONS (Stafford).

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There will be nearly 300 Norwich and Yorks and 400 foreign birds on view at the Richmond C.B.S. show, Oct. 25, in St. John's Hall, Richmond, writes Mr. W. Nichol, the hon. sec.

A Lady's "Good Bag."

A Lady in Tenby, Mrs. Smith (Rebleen House) has bred sixteen Norwich Canaries with one hen this season, writes Mr. Ewart Davies.

An Attraction at Portsmouth.

An attraction of Portsmouth show were a pair of Weavers and cage, with a nest built of fine tow. The nest was globular, rather long, with the entrance hole at the bottom, and suspended from a twig. Mr. H. Young (Portsmouth) sent them, not for competition.

Blaenavon's First Venture.

An open show is, we hear, to be held at Blaenavon on Nov. 20, and will be advertised in CAGE BIRDS in due course. Fanciers around South Wales are asked to well patronise this first attempt; the officials intend to do their utmost to give every satisfaction to all exhibitors.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Official Report upon the Halifax Show Disqualification Case.

Mr. H. W. Walsh, president, presided over a meeting of delegates at Halifax show on Oct. 18, to deal with the disqualification of Messrs. Ogden Bros.' yellow-marked hen, by Mr. C. A. House (judge), for alleged trimming of the eye-marks. Mr. House, on the invitation of the president, was asked to show the Council why he had disqualified the bird. He proceeded to do so, and after examining the bird stated that it was not the bird he had put out on the Friday, as that had a large bare patch over the eye, where the alleged trimming had taken place, and this bird had not. The Council then asked each of the stewards and officials who had seen the bird in Mr. House's hands on the Friday before the Council separately, and each declared that they saw the bare patch alluded to, but on examining the bird on the Saturday no such distinction could be found. One of these witnesses declared that the bird brought before the Council differed from the one disqualified in that it had not a dark feather in the flights with a white tip, which he had plainly seen on the Friday when the bird was disqualified. Some members of the Council pointed out a dark feather possessing a white tip but this he declared was not what he had seen on the Friday. The Council sought all the evidence which could possibly be brought before them, and after considering all the evidence given before them, they passed the following resolutions, after Mr. L. Ogden had stated faithfully that the bird in question was the one brought by them to the show on the Thursday night, and that the same had never been handled by a single person prior to its arriving at the show: (1) "The Council decided that from the evidence in respect to the exhibit No. 3 in Class 12, as given before the Council, they could not uphold the disqualification; (2) That Messrs. Ogden Bros. be exonerated from all blame of showing a bird for any fraudulent purposes at Halifax Show and (3) That the Halifax Show Committee be also exonerated from all blame." It is to be hoped by the passing of the above resolution that this will be the last heard of this unpleasant incident. The Council sat over two hours before all the witnesses and evidence in connection with the case had been disposed of.—H. Hill, Sec.

Extraordinary Disqualification Incident at Halifax Show.

Yorkshire Union Council Exonerate Exhibitors Concerned.

THE JUDGE AND SHOW OFFICIALS ALLEGE CHANGE OF BIRD.

There occurred at the show of the Halifax Ornithological Society on Friday last what, in consequence of the subsequent developments, may be described as one of the most sensational disqualifications the Cage-bird Fancy has ever known. From what we have been able to gather, it appears that in judging Class 12, "Evenly, Unevenly, or Heavily Variegated Hen," the judge, Mr. House, came across a bird whose appearance did not seem to him in accordance with the show regulations. He carefully examined it, and having convinced himself that his original view was correct, he proceeded to show the bird to his fellow judge, Mr. J. Trengrove, of Rishton, and to the members of the Halifax Committee who were assisting in the work of the show. This done, he replaced the bird in its cage, marked his judging slip with the word "disq.," and handed it to the secretary, Mr. Harry Clegg.

Later in the day, the judging having been finished, Mr. House wrote out a certificate of disqualification, in accordance with the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and this Mr. Clegg dispatched, with a covering letter, to Mr. H. Hill, the Union secretary.

A Point Unprovided For.

Mr. Clegg, at the time of the disqualification, asked if the bird should not be removed. Mr. House said the old rules provided for a disqualified bird being sent to the Union secretary, but he did not know how the present rules read in connection with such matters. Mr. Clegg referred to the Yorkshire Union Year Book, but nothing could be found as to the necessary procedure in such circumstances, except that the bird should be detained. This was interpreted that the bird was not to leave the show, and it was therefore left on the bench. In the light of subsequent events, Mr. Clegg's question becomes exceedingly pertinent.

Having received the certificate of disqualification, Mr. Hill proceeded to make arrangements for the calling together of the Yorkshire Union Council. This meeting took place in one of the rooms attached to the building in which the show was held, the Friendly and Trades' Hall. Five o'clock on Saturday was the time, and there was a good turn up of Councillors. The meeting having been opened, it was decided to invite Mr. House to come before the Council and state why he disqualified the bird in question.

On his entering the room, Mr. H. W. Walsh, the President of the Union, who was in the chair, addressing him said:—

"You disqualified this bird yesterday (the bird was on the table). Will you explain to us why you did it?"

Puzzled Judge Makes Serious Statement.

Mr. House caught the bird and proceeded to examine it. Replacing it in the cage, he hesitated for a moment in a puzzled manner, and then made the following statement:—

"Gentlemen: It is a serious thing for a judge to disqualify a bird, but I am about to do a more serious thing. It is a serious, and a bold, statement to make, but this is not the bird that I disqualified yesterday. The bird has been changed. I make this statement, fully realising how serious and important it is, and how great the consequences may be."

Something like consternation was depicted on the faces of the assembled Councillors at this startling statement, and several at once said, "This alters matters, the case is more serious still, and assumes another aspect altogether."

Mr. Walsh asked Mr. House if he was certain, and he replied "Yes, the bird has been changed. This is not the bird I disqualified."

A Councillor: "Can there have been a mistake in the number?"

Mr. House: "No. This is the correct number—Class 12, No. 3."

Mr. Harry Clegg, the secretary of the show, was then sent for.

Mr. Walsh: You saw Mr. House examine this bird yesterday; we want you to see him examine it now, and tell us what you think about it?

Mr. Clegg: I can do that easily enough.

Mr. House then caught the bird, and when he replaced it in the cage,

Mr. Clegg said, "Well, yesterday there was a large bare patch over the eye. I cannot see it now."

Mr. H. H. Towers (who had entered the room): The feathers cannot have grown since yesterday.

A Councillor: That's the point. Mr. House says the bird has been changed.

Mr. Towers: That's nonsense. It's quite impossible for the bird to have been changed. That's the bird right enough.

Mr. House: Mr. Chairman: As Mr. Towers was not in the room when I first examined the bird; it would, perhaps, be wise if I repeated what I have said.

Permission having been given, Mr. House repeated his previous statement.

Mr. Towers: It cannot be. That's the bird. May I ask what position the bird would have held had it not been disqualified?

The Alleged Differences Explained.

Mr. House: The bird was 2nd in the class. I never handle birds until I have placed them; it spoils a bird's chance, and it is not fair to handle birds—Yorkshires especially. The bird attracted my attention by its beautifully-finished marking. Those of the Council who remember the nice pear-like markings we used to see in the old even-marked days, will know what I mean when I say the eye markings were nicely finished. The bird I disqualified yesterday had those markings, one side being particularly good in its finish of the point behind the eye. The bird I disqualified was marked on one side in front of the eye, up to the beak; on the other side the marking did not extend in that manner. This bird has no marking in front of its eyes, therefore I say it is not the bird.

A Councillor: Had the eye marking been clipped?

Mr. House: I would not like to say it had been clipped. One side had certainly been plucked. The other looked as though the black marking in front of the eye had been tweezered, the points of the feather shortened to make it look neater and darker, and over one eye there was a large bare patch, from which the feathers had been removed to allow the top feather to fall down to give the eye the pear-like shape, which I have mentioned.

A Councillor: Is it possible a mistake has been made in the number? Cannot we have all the other birds here to see if the bird Mr. House disqualified is in another cage?

Mr. House: It will not be in another cage. They would not change the bird into someone else's cage.

It was decided to have all the class brought in. All the birds being on the table, Mr. House was asked to look and see if he could find the bird. After handling all the cages, he said, "The bird is not here, gentlemen."

Views of the Stewards, etc.

The Chairman: Who else saw the bird?

A Councillor: Did Mr. Ross see it?

Mr. House: I don't know the names of the officials, but Mr. Trengove, my fellow judge, saw it, and the members of the Committee who were acting as stewards.

Mr. Clegg: Mr. Ross saw it.

Mr. Ross was then sent for. On his arrival, Mr. House again examined the bird as before.

Mr. Ross: Yesterday there was a big bare patch over the eye. There is no bare patch there now.

A Councillor: Is that the same bird?

Mr. Ross: I would not like to say it was not. It is certainly like it.

The Chairman: Mr. House says this is not the bird, and that the bird he disqualified has been changed.

Mr. Ross, looking more closely at the bird, said "I never thought about the bird being changed. The bird Mr. House disqualified had a large bare patch over one eye. I saw it plainly, but I cannot see it now. From what I remember, the bird had more marking than this; it was marked higher up on the wing."

Turning to Mr. House: "There was a mark up on the shoulder, wasn't there?"

Mr. House: Yes, I believe so.

Mr. Towers: Mr. House says the bird has been changed. Do you think it has? Do you think it possible?

Mr. Ross: I cannot say; I have not been in the show all the time. I should not have thought it possible; but I know that I saw the bare place yesterday, and it's not there now.

Mr. Ross then sketched on a piece of paper in front of the President the shape of the bare patch which he had described.

Mr. Towers: You say the bare patch is not there, and you don't think the bird has been changed?

Mr. Ross: I cannot say.

Mr. Towers: Would you say it was impossible for the bird to have been changed?

A Councillor: It is not more impossible for the bird to have been changed than for the feathers to have grown in a night.

Mr. Clegg: It is strange, but when Mr. House disqualified the bird, I raised the point as to whether it ought not to be removed, but the rules only said it had to be detained. I wish now it had been taken away, although I cannot understand how it has been changed.

Mr. J. Robertshaw was then sent for. The same procedure was resorted to, and Mr. Robertshaw said, "Turn the feather up again, Mr. House." This was done. Mr. Robertshaw then said, "There was a bare patch over the eye yesterday, but it is not there now. I don't understand it."

The Question of Identity.

The Chairman: Mr. House says it is not the same bird. What do you think?

Mr. Robertshaw: Well, I don't know about that. But what I saw I will swear to, and that was that there was a big bare place over one eye; it's not there now, and there does not appear to be so much marking on the bird.

Mr. D. A. Macpherson was next sent for, and the same procedure gone through. Mr. Macpherson said, "There was a bare patch on head over the eye yesterday. I cannot see it now."

The Chairman: Mr. House says it is not the same bird.—Looking at the bird again, Mr. Macpherson said, "It's not the same bird. The bird disqualified had more marking, and it had a tip of white upon one of its marked wing feathers. This bird has not got that white spot on tip. I should say it is not the same bird."

Messrs. Ogden Bros. were then sent for. Mr. Luther Ogden only appeared.

The Chairman: Isn't your brother here?—Mr. Ogden: No.—The Chairman: Then we must take you as Ogden Bros. Mr. House says this is not the bird he disqualified, and that the bird has been changed.

Mr. Ogden: I know nothing about that. I have not changed it.

A Councillor: Did you know before you came to the show that this bird had been disqualified?

Mr. Ogden: The wife was here, and she telephoned me that one of our birds had been disqualified.

A Councillor: She did not tell you which bird?

Mr. Ogden: No, she did not, and she did not say what the disqualification was for.

Mr. House: It would only be fair, Mr. Chairman, that I should tell Mr. Ogden what I have already told the Council. The Chairman having assented, Mr. House then described what took place in the show at the time of disqualification, gave a description of the bird which he disqualified, and the differences between the bird and the one before the Council.

Mr. H. H. Towers: You have no knowledge of this bird being trimmed?

Mr. Ogden: No. The bird was not handled before being sent to the show; it was run out of the flight into the show cage and not touched.

A Councillor: Is it a bird of your own breeding, or is it one you have bought?

Mr. Ogden: It is one we had last season. It is the one that we meant sending to the National show at Bradford last December, and then did not send because Jim Bailey said he had a champion Even-marked that was going to win that class. He did not send though; we kept this bird at home and missed our chance.

A Councillor: Is it one out of your room, or from your brother Thompson's room?

Mr. Ogden: It is from my own room.

A Councillor: Then how was it that you said in the show this afternoon that you had not had the bird in your possession?

Mr. Ogden: I have not said I have not had the bird in my possession. I did say that I had not handled it.

A Councillor: I took that to mean it was a fresh bird. I thought that you would have handled one of your own before sending it to the show.

A Councillor: Has this bird been washed?

Mr. Ogden: No. As I have said, it was run out of the flight into the show cage.

Changing Emphatically Denied.

Mr. Towers: You have not changed the bird?—Mr. Ogden: No.

Mr. Towers: This is the same bird that you sent to the show?

Mr. Ogden: Yes, it is our bird right enough.

The Chairman: I think that will do, unless there are any more witnesses.

Mr. House: There is my steward. I don't know his name—a short, stout man.

Mr. Clegg: Harry Hall.

Mr. Hall was sent for, but on being questioned by the Chairman, said he knew nothing about the matter.

The Chairman: If there are no more witnesses, or if the Council think they have heard enough, we can let these gentlemen go, and decide what we shall do.

Mr. R. Garnett: We have heard enough. I know what I think about it.

A Councillor: Yes, we have heard enough.

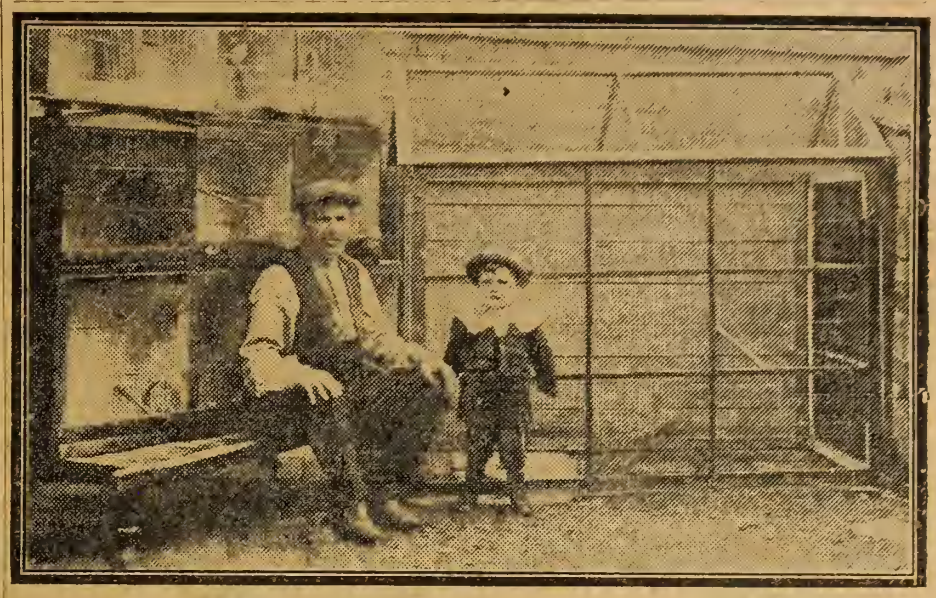
The witnesses then retired, and after considering the matter for three-quarters of an hour, the Council adopted the three following resolutions:—

(1) "That from the evidence in respect to the exhibit Class 12, No. 3, given before the Council, we cannot uphold the disqualification."

(2) "That Ogden Bros. be exonerated from all blame of showing a bird for fraudulent purposes."

(3) "That the Halifax Show Committee be exonerated from all blame."

(A report of the proceedings from the Y.U. secretary will be found on opposite page.)



A ST. HELEN'S MINER AND SOME OF HIS PETS.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

RENEWING ENAMEL (Ignorant).—Certainly, it is quite safe to put fresh enamel on the insides of Canaries' cages when it becomes necessary on account of the former coat being worn off or discoloured. But you must, of course, remove the bird to another cage for a few days, whilst the job is done, and take care not to return it until the new coats of enamel have set and are perfectly dry. At this season a week from the time the last coat is applied is none too long to allow the cage to stand vacant to allow enamel to harden a little, and the smell to disappear.

PANTING HENS (Old Reader).—Squatting on the perch and panting violently as you say, is not sufficiently convincing data for one to say the birds have asthma. It may be merely the result of an overfed condition, which, considering your remark

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Canary," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

about colour-feeding, seems much more probable. If the birds are quite through the moult, and now off colour-food, put them in a flight cage, keep floor fairly free from husk, and strewn with clean gritty sand, and allow three moderate sized teaspoonfuls only of plain canary seed daily for the three birds. Twice a week, instead of giving plain canary, give one teaspoonful each of canary and summer rape and half a teaspoonful of millet, mixed together, and on these days give also a piece of bread and milk the size of a walnut, with six or eight drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it. Give a fairly liberal supply of fresh green food daily. Limit the diet strictly to this for a fortnight, and during the first week add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water every second day. In the next week substitute 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day. If the panting has not disappeared at the end of the fortnight, write again, and refer to this reply.

A GOOD SINGER (Undecided, Manchester).—The best and sweetest songster and the best-looking bird is a combination that does not exist. If you want the best in song you must, of necessity, yield much to appearance. You have been correctly informed as to a properly trained Roller being far ahead of any other variety for singing, but it is not correct to say it loses its song in a year or so. The question of preserving its song year after year is very much more one of management than of the breed of the bird. It is quite true that many Rollers deteriorate a good deal in the course of time, but so would any other breed if subjected to the treatment which is often meted out to the pet singer in the drawing-room window, or kitchen corner. As a matter of fact, the Roller is as hardy as any breed we possess, taking it as a whole, and given proper care and management will, as a rule, retain its song for many years, and show little depreciation in quality for some years, providing it is not kept in the company of common or untrained birds. Individuals, however, vary greatly in their readiness to acquire "bad notes" or show deterioration of quality generally. You will not get the best class of Roller for the sum you name, but should get a very nice singer of the type usually termed a trained St. Andreasburg Roller. Treat it generally as described in the Nutshell Booklet on the "Roller," which our Manager will send you post free for 2½d.

SWELLING ON NECK (W. Mayle).—Did not you see reply to "M. Cleary" last week about a similar matter? You make the same omissions concerning any attempt to describe the appearance, or precise position of the swelling, and it is most essential to have some knowledge on these points in all such cases if any useful advice is to be given. Querists generally should make a note of this. I should hardly expect a swelling the size you name to develop in a few days unless it was an air-sac, which, being on the neck, is not unlikely. Read reply last week, to which I have referred above, and if you are then still in doubt, write again, and describe the appearance of the substance as nearly as you can. For the present you may add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water for three consecutive days, and afterwards substitute six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid daily for a few days.

SAWDUST OR SAND? (Will Pill).—It will be quite safe to use sawdust on the floor of your cage, as there is practically no risk of the birds picking it up and eating it. Keep a supply of gritty sand in a shallow vessel in one corner of the cage, and give such extras as maw, etc., in the egg-drawer. It will not really matter about giving dry seeds on the floor, as the birds will pick up these without eating any sawdust; but in any case, if placed in the egg-drawer, all such tit-bits are less liable to be soiled by droppings.

ROLLER-WHEEZING (Crest).—You should take particular notice whether there is any draught from the window on to the cages when the board is under the bottom sash. This may be the case if the birds hang high up or just above the middle and at the side of the window. If this is so, you must take the necessary steps to prevent it in future. Remove the birds further away from the window if necessary to maintain an equal temperature free from draught. Having done so, add a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it to the dietary every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give 20 drops of the following mixture in the water: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will mix this for you.

MAKES NO SOUND. (Novice).—There may not be anything seriously wrong with the bird. It is not unusual for cocks to cease singing during the breeding season. See reply to "Crest" in this issue, and treat your bird the same as therein advised. Also make up a paste with a teaspoonful of honey, ditto of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, ditto of powdered grain of paradise. Place all on a hot plate and mix thoroughly into a soft paste, adding sufficient dry biscuit powder to make it about the consistency of butter. When cold, it will set a little harder, Cut a small cube and stick in wires as often as necessary.

HEATING BIRD-ROOM (Nimrod).—As the only question is what form of heating is best for your purpose, there are several adaptable to your needs from which you may choose. If gas is available, a small portable hot-water coil heated with a gas jet would be excellent, or a Clarke's Syphon Stove (see advert. in this issue) is one of the very best. Or a Bunsen burner on a slightly raised platform of bricks or iron, or small gas fire in stove, would be efficient and cleanly. If gas is not available, a small oil stove is about the only method of heating from inside open to you. I am assuming you cannot arrange to heat hot-water pipes with an outside boiler and furnace. In either of above methods have the stove or burner near or in the centre of the room, and get a tinsmith to make you a cover to go over it, and fit a pipe at the top leading to and joined with the end of the old stove-pipe in the corner, so as to collect and carry into the open air the fumes of combustion. The cover should be several inches larger each way than the stove, with ample ventilation around the bottom to feed flame with air, and should be of practically the same dimensions at the top as the bottom. A gramophone horn, as you suggest, would probably prove quite useless for this purpose. Your trouble with an ordinary coal-burning stove may have been due to the flue pipe being too narrow. The arrangement of your room is quite correct, but if you want to make any increase you should add staging along the west wall for tiers of cages. Make a double tier of roomy flights on the right-hand side of the window, and utilise the wall space on the left of the door as you enter for shelves, and a small cupboard, with top that will serve as a table, for the storage of seeds and sundry appliances.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

MATING HAND-REARED LINNETS (Inniskilling).—There is no reason why you should not try your hand-reared Linnet another year for hybrid breeding. I would advise you to get a Goldfinch or Siskin cock (Goldfinch for preference) to mate with her. You mention the Bullfinch, but Bullfinch

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C."

hybrids are bred with the hen Bullfinch and cock Linnet. The cock Bullfinch cannot be relied upon to breed in captivity. Buy your Finch as soon as possible, get a young bird if you can of good size and colour, turn him in with the hen, and let them fly together all the winter. When the spring comes you must supply them with nesting materials, but you must not expect them to go to nest at once, as a rule hybrid pairs do not breed so early as ordinary wild birds or Canaries. If you are still inclined to try this fascinating part of our hobby, when the spring comes round you had better write again as there are several matters relating to the management of hybrid pairs that you may not be aware of.

BRITISH BIRDS.

Answered by H. J. FULLJAMES.

TOE TURNING UP (Hilda).—I am sorry I misunderstood your sketch. Catch the bird, and if you find that the toe is flexible, then, while someone else is holding the bird, tie the crooked toe to the one next it. Make two or three separate ties, with fine soft thread or silk, being careful to finish the knots underneath. Tie as securely as possible without impeding the circulation, and leave the two toes tied together for seven or eight weeks. Then remove the bonds, and see if the bird has recovered the use of the misplaced toe. If not, you must repeat and try again. I regret that you have had the trouble to write a second time.

BULLFINCH PLUCKING ITS BREAST FEATHERS (Perplexed).—The remedy depends upon the cause. Irritation of some sort is doubtless the origin of the habit, and this may be due to over-heating of the blood or to the attacks of some parasite. I think you had better make sure that there are no grey lice on the bird. If you hold it gently in your hand for a few minutes and these parasites are present, you will soon notice one or two of them crawling about your own hand. If you find this to be so, please write again. If the skin is too red in colour to be natural, dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of water as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence, and give this in place of the drinking water, repeating the dose twice a week for a fortnight, and afterwards once a week so long as the bowels do not become abnormally loose. Avoid hemp, niga, or other heating seeds, and give plenty of fresh green stuff, sweet apple, or as much fruit of any kind as the bird will eat. Put a little sulphur ointment on any bare places, not using sufficient to make a mess of the surrounding plumage, and a little flowers of sulphur may be sprinkled on whatever green food or fruit you give to the bird. If you will let me know further I will reply accordingly.

FRESH-CAUGHT GOLDFINCHES (H. H., W.).—You have probably been taking your young Goldfinches too early, but those caught after the end

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should consult Norman's British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"-(1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch." No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

of September should get on to seed without much trouble. You must not, of course, expect them to thrive if placed at once on dry hard seed. They will have been feeding on freshly ripened wild seeds, and you should supply these in plenty to all newly-taken birds. Knapweed and thistle and dandelion heads form the best of all foods for freshly-caught Goldfinches, but almost any wild seeds will be eaten, and these should be supplied until the birds are gradually got on to the seeds which will ultimately form their ordinary fare. They will still require wild seeds in addition, and and if you get our Nutshell on the Goldfinch, 2½d. post free, you will find complete information as to their proper treatment.

INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS TOO FAT (Rex).—It is not often that I have to give an opinion that a reader is keeping his birds too well, but I really think you are overdoing the good things. No one believes more than I do in giving the best of food to birds in captivity, but it is possible for them to have too much of a good thing. For a little while add some plain powdered biscuit to the stock food you are giving, and give fewer mealworms. Make a solution of two ounces of sulphate of soda in a pint of water, and twice a week for a fortnight, and afterwards once a week, give a teaspoonful of this in the drinking water. The cream cheese, if given in excess, would also tend to produce the over-fatness and laziness of which you complain, and the quantity of this should be restricted, or left off altogether for a time. The "silver" sand you are using is probably of too dusty a nature, and I would recommend a good "bird sand" in place of this.

SEEDS FOR GREYPATE (A. Kneebone).—Cracked hempseed, teazel, thistle, and almost any wild seed you may be able to gather, especially thistle and dandelion heads, seeding groundsel, plantain, etc. Freshly gathered wild seeds are quite indispensable, for the birds will have been feeding on these, and a sudden change to dried seeds would be fatal. Valuable articles on wild seeds have recently appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and you should get "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," 1/1½ post free from our office. This contains a mine of information which no British bird-keeper should be without. (See also answer to H. H. W. this week.)

SHOW CAGE FOR CHOUGH (M. Fallding).—This should be large enough to enable the bird to show himself properly, but as little cumbersome as is consistent with this consideration. Of course, it must be in the "box" form, i.e., open only in front. Two thick perches, cut from a broomstick, should extend from back to front, and large vessels should be provided for food and water. A nice deepish blue or a holly green is a good colour for the inside, and it should be enamelled black on the outside. A reasonable size would be 3ft. long, 18in. high, and 15in. deep.

SHOW CAGES FOR LINNETS AND GOLDFINCHES (W. A. B.).—There is no arbitrary size, but when the National British Bird and M.C. devoted a considerable amount of attention to the matter it was decided to recommend for birds up to the size of a Twite a cage 11in. long, 9½ high, and 5 deep, bars of 16-gauge wire, ¾ mesh, bottom rail 1¾ inches, crossbar 1¾ inches above bottom rail. A cage of this sort would do either for a Linnet or Goldfinch, or, if you prefer one somewhat larger, then the second size would suit you, 12 x 10 x 5; other particulars as in smaller cage. The painting of the interior is quite a matter of taste. A nice holly green enamel would suit either bird, but many prefer various shades of blue. The bars should be painted the same colour as the interior.

A HEDGE SPARROW'S SONG (H. E. A.).—Certainly a Hedge Sparrow sings, and sings very nicely, too. Have you not heard in early spring during a walk along some suburban or country lane, a merry little song long before the ordinary occupants of the hedgerows would be in song? Next time you notice this look across the road to the top of the highest twig in the hedge, and there you will see Master Hedge Sparrow giving forth his song with evident pride at being one of the first choristers of spring.

REDSTART FOR EXHIBITION (Softbill).—If you mean the preparation which is necessary in light plumaged birds just before a show, then no such preparation is wanted in the case of a Redstart. If the bird is kept on proper food and in a scrupulously clean cage, as all birds should be, it will be ready for exhibition at any time after it has completed its moult, and no outside preparation will be needed. You will find full particulars as to its proper keeping in Nutshell No. 25, "The Smaller Insectivorous Birds," 2½d. post free from our Manager, or 2d. from your local newsagent or bird-shop keeper.

A BUDGET OF QUESTIONS (A. M.).—I am sorry that extreme pressure on our space this week entirely precludes my giving a proper answer to the many questions you send. I shall be glad to deal with them next week, and hope you will kindly excuse the unavoidable delay.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

VALUE OF HYBRIDS (Noggs).—I do not think the Silverbill and Bronze Mannikin cross has been reared in Great Britain before, though, given suitable breeding quarters, an odd Silverbill of either sex will mate itself with any other Mannikin or Grassfinch who will receive its attentions. Hitherto foreign hybrids have not had a high value, but if proper provision be made at respective bird shows, their value will soon increase. At the present time about 10s. each. An account of your success would be of interest to "C.B." readers.

DOWN QUILLS (R. M. A. Hess).—Possibly the cool and cold weather we have experienced has checked the moult a little, but I opine that matters will soon adjust themselves. Keep the bird in as warmish and regular temperature as your convenience permits. At the same time its quarters should be light and well ventilated, but you must carefully provide against draught. It will be wise to keep its bowels moving quite freely with an occasional dose (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia, but there must be no appearance of chronic diarrhœa. Continue your present diet, but slightly moisten the piece of toast with chilled water, and lightly dust with flowers of sulphur before giving to the bird. This may be given twice a day with advantage. An occasional Brazil nut or walnut (shelled or cracked) will also be wholesome, as also will be a small piece of lettuce when you happen to have it on the table. Half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day will also be a useful tonic. It should be sprayed weekly with tepid water if it does not bathe, but carefully guard against draught and consequent chill while plumage is wet.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (W. Parker).—I take it you are feeding this bird according to Nutshell No. 17; if not, do so, with the addition of a little boiled maize daily; this only keeps fresh one day. Take a tablespoonful (not heaped), and boil till soft, drain off all water, lightly dust with flowers of sulphur, and when cool supply to the bird. If the bird will allow you to cleanse (bathe) the nostrils with the glyco-thymoline solution, so much the better, but continue its use. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, so long as there is no acute diarrhoea. Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and put a little in its mouth twice daily. Parrots usually take it freely from the end of a stick. Well cleanse the stick for such occasion. When not putting Magnesia in the water, put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates into the water regularly. Report progress in a few weeks. Keep in some warmish position, but it must also get plenty of fresh air without draught.

BUDGERIGARS AND GOULDIAN FINCHES (E. P. Barret).—The Budgies might breed at once, but birds usually take a few weeks or longer to settle down. Again, I do not advise your encouraging them to breed during the winter months; you may reasonably expect better results in the spring if they do not. The price of Gouldian Finches varies according to the size of respective consignments, say, 25s. to 35s. per pair, the Red-headed variety being the most costly. Aviary-bred birds are worth thirty to fifty per cent. more. It all depends on the nature of your aviary and your locality. If not too far north, and the situation is a dry one, and well sheltered, both Gouldians and Cordon Bleus can and do live and breed out of doors.

WHAT BIRD? AND ALARIO FINCHES (Old Reader).—The body sent was that of a Yellow-rumped Serin or Seedeater (Serinus angolensis). Re Alario Finches. The young males closely resemble the hen in nestling plumage, but it is probable that the young males may show a little more indication of the rufous-brown areas than the females, but I have not been able to put this supposition to the test yet. When adult, of course the rufous-brown areas and the black streak starting at the base of lower mandible and running down the centre of body, settle the question of sex at once.

RIBBON FINCH (Cutthroat).—I gather from your letter that this bird is kept in a cage, with probably only the regulation perches. If you fix a small twiggy branch to one of the perches, it will help matters; bathe the legs in as warm (hot) water as possible, so that it does not cause the bird any discomfort, and dry with a soft cloth, and paint with whisky or embrocation. Give it a couple of mealworms daily, and any spider or small beetle, earwig, etc., you can capture. A few nuts' eggs several times a week will also be of benefit, and a change of dietary also. Omit the hemp seed. Put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the water every fourth day, and on intervening days a few drops of Chemical Food. It will be well to keep him fairly warm, but at the same time he must have air and light without draught.

WAXBILLS DYING (Andrews).—It is from the effects of overcrowding during importation, and also probably having access to unlimited water and sand, from which they are usually more or less debarred during importation, and in consequence take of it too greedily at first, to their own hurt. Waxbills are kept in many aviaries out of doors all the year round, but often they arrive in a somewhat enfeebled condition, and need careful nursing at first.

If you try any others put them in a cage by themselves at first, with a rush or coconut shell nest and a little hay, as sleeping quarters. Only scatter a very little sand at first on cage tray, and only give a little tepid water at first. Do not leave it in cage, but put it in at intervals, three times during the day will be ample, and for the first two days supply the water in a vessel too small for them to bathe in. If they are doing well on the second day, a shallow pan of chilled water may be given, but to be removed after they have quite damped themselves. Thus you can accustom them gradually to the use of that from which they have been denied for a time. Keep a millet spray in the cage, and give a mild laxative (fluid magnesia) in the water twice a week for the first month. Our Nutshell No. 20 would assist you greatly. It would be well to keep them in a cosy corner of your sitting-room for the first fortnight, but not away from light and air.

WHAT SPECIES? (D. McF.).—I am sorry, but I cannot be really definite even now. I believe your bird to be one of the larger Yellow Weavers, and in such case a seedeater, but the plumage of the species is so similar that apart from comparison with skins, naming is difficult. It may be a Gros-

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (6d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

beak (seedeater) If the beak is very stout and stubby, but I take it to be a Weaver. Have you no local museum? With a sight of the bird and the aid of skins or set specimens, the Curator should be able to help you, or a very rough coloured sketch of the bird would enable me to do so.

RING-NECKED PARRAKEETS (Mixed).—(1) Yes, but known here mostly as Alexandrines. The one you refer to I take to be Palaeornis nepalensis. (2) Parrot and Parrakeet are terms somewhat promiscuously used, and a popular definition is not possible, but the bulk of the long-tails are among those called Parrakeets, and some short tails as well, but leaving tails out of the question it may be roughly said that the larger bodied birds are termed Parrots and the others Parrakeets. Lory and Lorikeet have practically the same significance. Re your bird, the main dietary should be seed mixture, ripe fruit, with grit, cuttlebone, and water. Extra to vary the dietary may be summed up as nuts, stale crusts, and biscuits. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep the bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of Fluid Magnesia in the drinking water, also supply byno-phosphates and flowers of sulphur as directed in other Parrot replies in this issue.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mr. W. Lear.—Roller Cock died as the result of a fit. The bird was in very robust condition, and contained an excess of fat, conducing to the disease.

Enteritis and its Causes (W. W. Despard).—The causes of enteritis may be primary and independent, or secondary, occurring in the course of other and usually specific disease. That affecting your birds appears to be primary, and may be due to the introduction of ptomaines or poison generated in the food, by the intaking of mineral or vegetable poison, and lastly, a mycotic germ arising from the eating of mouldy food, also the presence of parasites in the intestinal tract. The origin of your losses is, in my opinion, due to the contamination of some part of the food, and without analysis it is impossible to state whether this is of mineral or vegetable origin.

JOHNSTONE O.S.

Annual show held in the Town Hall, Oct. 18. Mr. John Sinclair, Paisley, judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Entries were considerably less than last year, being so near Paisley and Glasgow there should be no lack of supporters, and we trust that next year the management will have a more encouraging report to make. The show was well patronised by the general public and we hope the gate will prove a satisfactory one. Sec. Taylor had all arrangements complete to make the show a success, and he was assisted by a hardworking committee.

SCOTCH FANCY. CK. OR HEN (10): 1, vhc, 4, Smith, grand size, good top end, splendid depth through, fine length of wing, a real good one, 4th buff, small; 2, Menzies, Green Pied, nice action, stands well up, shade thin on thighs; 3, 4, 9, hc, Thomson. BORD. CK. (4): 1, sp, Wallace, yell. ck., nice merit; 2, Fraser, eye and wing marked yell., very fanney and neat; 3, Nisbet, tkd. buff, fails in shape to others; 4, Blackadder, nice Border, might have been further up. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Cowan, Goldfinch Mule, grand col. and feather; 2, Morrison, unable to find this one; 3, Paterson, Greenie-Mule, grand col. and shape; 4, J. and R. Pirrie, Siskin, splendid feather and condition, nice col. LINNET OR GREENF. (6): 1, Cowan, nicely shaped Greenie, excellent colour; 2, J. Cowan, Linnet, nicely mkd., good natural col. and shape; 3, Blackwood, another Linnet, well mkd. and regular, not the sheen of 2nd; 4, Downie, nice shaped Greenfinch, grand sheen and col.; vhc, Ward; hc, Nisbit. A.O. HARDBILL (4): 1, McKeachnie, Hawfinch, well mkd., feather like wax, grand shape and col., a tip-top bird; 2, vhc, J. and R. Pirrie, Yellowhammer, lovely markings and col., a nice one; 3, Morrison, another nice Yellowhammer, but not so well mkd.; hc, No Name. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Morrison, Thrush, staged in grand condition; 2, Mills, Bullie, nice shape and cap; 3, 4, J. and R. Pirrie, 3rd Bullf. hen, nice shape, 4th, Bramble, well marked, good col., in nice feather.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S. Oct. 30, Temperance Hotel, 8.30. General business, open show, last night for members' subs.—R. Forster.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S. Oct. 25, Ox Inn, Oxhill, 7.30. To complete schedule and other important business. M. Archer.

Ashton Denton and Hyde (Amalgamated Show). Oct. 28, Denton Rooms, 8 p.m. General show business.—W. Hopwood.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S. Nov. 25, W.M. Institute, 7 p.m. Show business.—A. Illrons.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Very important business will be introduced.—G. Huyver.

Bradford National Show Committee. Oct. 29, Market Tavern, 8 p.m. Allotting of specials, committees, stewards, and very important show business. All fanciers heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Bradford City O.S.—Oct. 25, Flying Dutchman, 8. Advert. for open show, and other business. Admission tickets ready.—W. Helliwell.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Oct. 29, Headquarters, 7.30. Sub-committee, annual show details.—Will H. Gibb.

Chester-le-Street and Dis.—Oct. 25, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. Special important business and final arrangements for show. Subs. due.—R. Ward.

Chester C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Boot Inn, Eastgate Street, 8.30 p.m. Show business, etc.—R. L. G. Simpson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 27, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Judging competition in Yorks. Judge, R. L. Crisp, Esq.—V. Wynn.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7 p.m. Open show business.—Smith and Lees.

Denton and Dis. C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Brotherhood Institute, 8 p.m. Final table show. Birds staged not later than 7.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. J. Oliver.—W. Hopwood.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Oct. 25, St. John's School, 3. Meeting and show. Judge, Mr. J. Wilson, Sandy Lane.—L. Booth.

East Ham C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street, 8 o'clock. Meeting; schedule of coming show, in East Ham Town Hall, will be submitted. Every member requested to appear.—F. Onslow.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 25, Fountain Inn. Members' show. Judge, Mr. F. Wharton. Some good specials given. Entries Friday 8.30 to 10 o'clock. Other business.—S. Wilcock.

Falkirk O.S.—Oct. 25, King's Head, Roberts Wynd, 8 p.m. To receive entries for show, Nov. 1.—W. Niven.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 7.30 p.m. Norwich and Crest table show and washing exhibition.—R. Heggie.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 25, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Oct. 28, Wesley Place School. Entries for open show, from 7 to 11.—W. A. Brown.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Wears Room, 7.30. Arrangements for next show.—N. Waraker.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Oct. 28, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8 o'clock. Show business.—A. Roberts.

Highgate Hampstead C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Washing competition. Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare. Medals for winner of each section. Special invitation given to visitors.—J. Hyde.

Holytown New Stevenston O.S.—Oct. 30, Masonic Hall, 7.30.—J. Lamb.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30 prompt. Show business; election of new members, and continuation of lecture by Mr. W. L. Smith. Subs. now due.—W. Ayers.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 1, Y.M. Halls, 7 p.m. Arrange for social.—S. Thomson.

Laisterdyke Bowling and Tong.—Nov. 1, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 2. Second combination show. Judged by Messrs. F. Allen and R. Croft. All entries to be made on Friday night at above, or first post Sat.: 2s. 6d. for best bird, 2s. 6d. for most entries.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 25, White Swan, 8 p.m. Take members' entries for open show.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition for members who have never won a prize. Judge: Mr. J. Lomas; friends invited.—R. Charleson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Greyhound Hotel, 7 p.m. Important show matters.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Council Schools, Sawley Road, 7 and 7.30. Show business. Cups and specials to be brought in. Members requested to be present. Entry forms at this meeting.—G. T. Wall.

Middlesex O.S.—Oct. 30, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8 p.m. Final arrangements for annual show.—J. Jelleris.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Sycamore Hotel. Meeting for winding up of the society.—W. Abbott.

National British Bird and M.C.—Oct. 30, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8 p.m. General business.—J. P. Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8 p.m. Entries taken for annual show, Nov. 1.—J. Davey.

Northern Counties N.P.C.—Oct. 29, Lockart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Judging competition (two classes). Master judge, Mr. T. C. Crawhall.—F. W. Laidlow.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 28, Mechanics' Institute, 8 p.m. Show business; important.—J. G. Royce.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business, etc.—J. Cope.

Partick C.B.C.—Oct. 31, Subway Hall, 8. Putting up staging, allotting specials, stewards for show. Hoping to have a good turnout.—W. Priest.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 27, Crumpsall Hotel, Cheetham Hill, 8.30 p.m. Washing exhibition by W. N. Turner, and usual business. Bring your friends.—H. Clayton.

Pelten Fell C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Enock Waughs, 7. Final meeting, annual show business, and run through classification.—W. Forster.

Penicuik O.S.—Nov. 1, Cowan Institute, 7.30. Business: General.—J. Weir.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 25, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6 p.m. prompt. Members' show and ordinary business.—A. Perceival.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Fleece Hotel, 8. Entries for show, 8 to 10.30. Show, Sat., Oct. 25. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock. Birds staged 2.30.—H. Raistrick.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 27, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting.—R. Bincoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Temperance Club, 8. Receive entries for show, general business, possibly new trophy will be on view. Entries close 9.30.—W. Adams.

Rossendale C.B.S. Oct. 28, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Arranging specials, also receiving entries.—H. Wantling.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S. Oct. 28, Liberal Club, 8. Important; last meeting before open show, Nov. 8.—F. Hampshire.

Southend and Southern C.O.S.—Oct. 29, Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell, 8.30. To arrange for extra specials that arrive late. Deer and Cundy.

Swansea C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Special meeting, last before open show, very important business.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S. Oct. 28, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Open show business. All subs. cards to be brought in.—W. Walker.

Wakefield Roller C.C. Oct. 27, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Wakefield O.S. Oct. 25, Crown and Anchor, 6. Members' show, same date, birds staged 2.45.—J. Isherwood.

Wingate F.S.—Oct. 25, Literary Institute, 7. Business. Important. Fanciers invited.—J. Burdett.

Warrington C.B.S.—Oct. 30, Blue Bell Saleroom, 8. Final arrangements for show.—G. M. Nelson.

Windhill C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet for open show, etc.—Taylor and Ellis.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kelty and Blairadam (Fife). Nov. 8, Co-operative Hall, Kelty. Judges: F. Ramsay, W. M'Adam, J. M'Lennan, W. Reid, A. Chalmers, C. Sykes. 76 classes: Scotch Fancy 10 (2 Sell.), Bord. 10 (2 Sell.), Yorks. 7 (1 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Comm. 1, Crests. 9 (2 Sell.), Nor. 16 (2 Sell.), Mules 4, Brit. 16 (2 Sell.), For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent close Nov. 3, to A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terr., Kelty.

Paignton (Torbay O.S., Devon).—Oct. 29, Badminton Hall. Judges, F. Easterling, T. Pope. 30 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Bord. 2, Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 29, to J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor Ho, Paignton.

Cheltenham (Glos.). — Nov. 5-6, Montpellier Rotunda. Judges, J. Robson, H. W. Battye, D. Longden. 72 open classes: Crests 13 (2 Nov.), Nor. 11 (3 Nov.), Yorks. 13 (6 Nov.), Bord. 9 (2 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Brit. 11, Mules 6, For. 5, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 29, to W. Pounsett, 5, Whitecross Sq., Cheltenham.

Bodmin.—Nov. 12, Market Hall. Judge, S. Tickell. 20 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Group 1, For. 2, Sell 2. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 4, to A. E. Jago, 1, Robartes Rd.

Bournemouth (Hants).—Nov. 11-12, Drill Hall. Judges, J. H. Roe, H. Norman. 51 classes: Nor. 13 (2 Members', 2 Nov., 1 Sell.), Yorks. 10 (2 Members', 2, Nov., 1 Sell.), Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Nat. Col. 1, Pairs 1, Group 1, Nov. Members 1, Local 1, Gift 1, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 5, Stock 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s., if 10 entries. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 1, to J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.

Ashford (Kent).—Nov. 11-12, New Market Hall. Judge, T. S. Ward. 7 classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V., 1. Sell. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 30, to S. E. Foster, Hazledene, Kent Avenue.

Llandrindod Wells (Radnorth).—Oct. 29, Albert Hall. Judge, J. R. Houghton. 26 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 3, Sell. 2, Nov. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 30, to C. E. Gregson, Hill Cott.

Selby (Yorks).—Museum Hall, Park St., Nov. 13. Judge, H. W. Battye. 32 open classes: Yorks. 11 (4 Nov.), Nor. 11 (4 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 7. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 8, to J. H. Dixon, 72, Brook St.

Dulwich and Peckham.—Conservative Club, Lower Road, Rotherhithe, Oct. 29. Judge, J. Robson. 45 classes: Nor. 12 (6 Nov.), Yorks. 12 (6 Nov.), Crests 2 (1 Nov.), Bord. 4 (2 Nov.), A.O.V. 2 (1 Nov.), Mules 4 (2 Nov.), Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 2, Stock 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., if 9 entries. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 29, to L. J. Richardson, 91, Union Rd., Rotherhithe.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—White Swan, Market Place, Nov. 1-3. Judges, J. Robson, R. J. Howe. 36 open classes: Nor. 15 (3 Nov.), Yorks. 2, Lancs. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 25, to A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St.

Croydon (Surrey).—Public Halls. Nov. 5. Judge, W. R. Miles. 16 classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, on sliding scale. Fee 1s. 3d. Ent. close Oct. 27, to F. W. Capell, 121, Brighton Rd., Croydon.

Brighton (Sussex).—Lecture Hall, North Rd., Nov. 5-6. Judge, C. A. House. 13 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crests 1, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Nov. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 3d. Ent. close Oct. 25, to W. J. Donne, 7, Chatham Pl.

Wiveliscombe (Som.).—Town Hall, Nov. 20. Judge, J. H. Payne. 15 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s 6d. Ent. close Nov. 11, to Hill and Dascombe, Wiveliscombe.

Dover (Kent).—Market Hall, Nov. 5-6. Judge, H. Norman. 34 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 3, Yorks. 6, Bord. 2, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Sell 2, Stock 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 9d. Ent. close Oct. 31, to Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric Rd.

Upper Rhondda (Glam.).—Cardiff Arms Hotel, Trcherbert, Oct. 29. Judge, W. Mundell. 32 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 Nov.), Yorks. 8 (1 Nov.), Bord. 3, Natural Col. 1, Gr. or Cinn. 1, Sell. 1, Local 1, Brit. 8, For. 1, Mules 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., if 8 ent. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 22 to E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries Street, Trcherbert.

Avonbridge (Stirling).—Avonbridge Hall. Nov. 15. Judges, J. Hamilton, J. Goodfellow. 38 classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Bord. 15 (1 Sell.), Mules 2, Brit. 16 (1 Sell.), For. 2. Prizes, 9s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 8, to P. Gentleman, Cowan Buildings.

Portsmouth F.S. (Hants).—Kingsley Hall, Fawcett Rd., Southsea, Nov. 12-13. Judge, Rev. J. W. Joyce. 34 classes: Bord. 2, Nor. 2. Crest 2, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Sell. 2, Local 8 (2 Nor., 2 Yorks., 1 A.O.V., 3 Brit.), Brit. 10 (1 Sell.), For. 3 (1 Sell.). Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 4, to W. E. Tyrrell, 55, Victoria Rd.

Sittingbourne (Kent).—Fanciers' Hall, Nov. 12-13. Judge, G. Gardner. 41 open classes: Nor. 9, Yorks. 9, Crests 2, Bord. 2, Liz. 1, Scotch or Belg. 1, Lancs. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 9d. Ent. close Nov. 5, to W. Broadbridge, 34, George St.

Sheffield O.S. (Yorks). Cutlers' Hall. Nov. 7-8. Judges, W. Mundell, J. Robson, J. C. Barnes, C. Houlton. 91 classes: Yorks. 22 (Champ. 12, Nov. 6, Green Mkd. 4), Greens 12 (4 Yorks., 4 Nor., 4 Bord.), Nor. 16 (Champ. 10, Nov. 6). Crests 9 (Champ. 6, Nov. 3). Sell. 4, Brit. 15. Mules 5, For. 7, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., For. 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 3, to E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.

USE OUR NOTEPAPER

BEDFORD.

The 11th annual show of the Bedford C.B.S. was held in the Town Hall, Oct. 16th. The open classes were not so well patronised as last year, this was accounted for by the fact that several other shows were held on the same date. Quality, however, was A1, as also in the classes confined to Bedfordshire, which were well patronised. Saudiford's sp. was won by Mr. A. Keech, and Hyde's sp by Mr. A. W. Curling. Mr. John Robson judged, Mr. H. Markham acted as Judge's steward. Sec. Mr. L. Wiggins, assisted by a capital committee, had things well in hand, and all the cards were on the cages before dinner.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Rippon, very fine, well made lightly mkd., grand sweep of body, falls just a bit in head; 2, Goosey, good headed cl., rare sub., lovely condition; 3, Keech, very typical, nearly even mkd., lovely col. and qual., must have run winners very close; 4, Godfrey, another good cl., well proportioned, close up; vhc, c, Irons, hc, Williams and Moss; one bird was disqualified in this class for staining, its outer flights being of a very rich yellow throughout. BUFF (7): 1, Rippon, cl. in full bloom, excellent type and qual.; 2, Keech, mkd. bird, very short and compact, excellent qual.; 3, Jeyes, mkd. bird, nice size, falls a bit in neck; 4, hc, Curling, put down in capital style, a really well made bird, but hardly the subs. of winners; vhc, Irons; c, Williams and Moss. HEN (7): 1, Rippon, very pretty cl., perfect model, hardly at its best at present; 2, Keech, another good cl., excellent type and lovely quality; 3, Irons, rare big typical hen, hardly equal in qual. to winners; 4, Godfrey, excellent qual., on the small side; vhc, Williams and Moss; hc, c, Murrell. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, 4, vhc, Irons, lovely one of the very best type, col., qual. A1; 2, Godfrey, tkd. mkd. on wing, nice qual., shade longer than winner; 3, Keech, rare big hen, nice qual., hardly so cobby as 1st; hc, c, Rippon. BUFF (9): 1, Rippon, cl. except grizzle neck, very typical and good col.; 2, Irons, excellent cl., full of bloom, correct type, beaten only in col.; 3, Jeyes, mkd. bird, rare body properties, fails to winners in qual.; 4, Goosey, nice stamp, on the small side; vhc, Keech; hc, Webb; c, Hunter. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Ballard, cl. buff, tight as a Java, and straight as a rule, 2nd evenly mkd. buff, full of bloom, very choice specimen, might very well have changed positions with first; 3, Gibbon, nice length and position, bit open in front; 4, Notley, cl. yell., rare lengthy bird, fails in neck. FOR. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Timeaus, 1st charming pair of Pekin Robins, in brilliant plumage, 2nd Redfaced Gouldians, moulted to perfection; 3rd very smart Cinereous Waxbills, tight as wax, 4th charming Ruficauda, all put down in Mr. Timeaus's usual style.

Classes Open to Bedfordshire.

YELL. NOR. (13): 1, G. Notley, perfect model, not a monster but very typical, and moulted to perfection; 2, c, Osborn, tkd. on eye, shade bigger than winner, very typical, but beaten in bloom; 3, 4, Keech, fine big cl., rare body and nice qual., just a bit loose, 4th wonderful col., rich qual., nice size, a bit too long; vhc, hc, Millard. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Millard, tkd. on eye, typical bird throughout, 3rd very nice cl., good qual., bit paler in col.; 2, Osborn, tkd. on eye, and mkd. wing, very typical, excellent con.; 4, vhc, Smith, nice qual., good body, but broken tail or might have been higher; hc, Keech; c, Corrie. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Corrie, very fine cl., full bloom and correct type; 2, 3, Notley, nice cl., good type, just beaten in condition, 3rd excels in head and body, nice qual.; 4, Keech, smaller, good col. and qual.; vhc, Osborn; hc, c, Smith. BUFF (17): 1, Pedder (Luton), excellent cl., very short and cobby, bonny exhibit; 2, Keech, well made cl., in ex. condition, runs winner very close; 3, Corrie, lightly mkd., full of qual., just beaten in subs.; 4, c, Osborn, heavily mkd., rare subs.; vhc, Goodman; hc, Smith. NAT. COL. (10): 1, 3, Osborn, heavily mkd. buff, rare subs., 3rd mkd. yell., good col., fails in head; 2, Johnson, mkd. yell., good col., and nice type; 4, Wilmot, cl. buff, good qual.; vhc, Brewer; hc, Wiggins; c, Notley. SELL. (13): 1, Millard, fine large buff in good condition, cheap; 2, Pedder, another good buff, beaten in size; 3, Gentle, cap and wing mkd. yell., nice col.; 4, Osborn, small cl. yell.; vhc, Dimmock; hc, Curling; c, Notley. PAIRS (10): 1, Notley, big mkd. buff cock and slim yell. hen; 2, 4, Corrie, mkd. yell. cock and cl. buff hen, 4th mkd. yell. cock and lovely cap mkd. buff hen; 3, Hunter, both buffs, nice size, pale in col.; vhc, Smith; hc, Gentle; c, Millard. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, Bloomfield and Rese, Green Crest nicely formed, neat centre, 3rd been washing when we took our notes; 2, 4, vhc, Smith, nice formation of crest, but lacks length of feather. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULES (10): 1, Goodman, spotless White Canary, in rare trim; 2, Hunter, brilliant little Goldfinch-Redpoll, much admired, a very rare cross, congratulations to you Mr. H., a pity it had to meet the White Canary; 3, Armitage, Linnet-Greenfinch, another rather rare cross, rather sober looking beside the brilliant 2nd bird; 4, Wilmot, large buff Linnet Mule, in good trim; vhc, Mayo and Wright, lovely Goldfinch Mule; hc, Finedon; c, Notley, a very fine class. BRIT. SMALL (11): 1, Timeaus, very fine Bearded Tit, about the best we've ever seen, in faultless condition; 2, hc, Mayo and Wright, a charming Hedge Accentor, brought up by Canaries and colour fed, this was much admired, being in prime condition; 3, Cook, very nice cock Bullfinch; 4, vhc, Notley, excellent Reed Bunting; hc, Armitage; good class. NOV., CAN. (10): 1, Coley, wing mkd. yell., rare col., good body, trifle long in flights and tail; 2, 3, Fowkes, var, buff, nicely made, good head and excellent condition, 3rd cl. buff, good qual.; 4, L. Pedder, cl. buff, full of bloom, bit small; vhc, Wright; hc, Hudson; c, Armitage.

GUISBOROUGH PRIORY C.B.S.

Third table show held Wears Room, Oct. 18. Entry a splendid one; over 120 birds staged. Some grand ones in every section. The judge, Mr. T. Hill, had a very busy time, but gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. CL. OR MKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, c, Barker; 3, Allison; vhc, hc, Cook. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Barker; vhc, hc, Cook. UNFLIG.: 1, Barker; 2, 3, c, Hall; vhc, Cook; hc, Allison. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, c, Barker; 3, Cook; hc, Hall. NOR. CL. OR MKD. YELL.: 1, Barker; 2, Mays. BUFF: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Mays. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, c, Mays; vhc, hc, Barker. HEN: 1, 2, Mays; 3, vhc, Barker; hc, c, Cook. NOVICE CL. OR MKD. YORKS.: 1, Wilson; 2, Weston; 3, Husband; vhc, hc, Marsey. BUFF: 1, hc, Marsey; 2, Harrison; 3, Wilson; vhc, Husband. UNFLIG.: 1, c, Harrison; 2, Marsey; 3, Husband; vhc, Weston; hc, Waraker. HEN: 1, hc, Waraker; 2, Weston; 3, Marsey; vhc, Husband; c, Harrison. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Husband. BUFF: 1, 3, Husband; 2, Marsey. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, hc, Husband; 2, vhc, c, Waraker. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Marsey; 3, c, Husband; hc, Waraker. A.O.V. CAN., 1, 3, Cook; 2, vhc, Hall. MULE: 1, Mays; 2, 3, vhc, Barker. BRIT.: 1, Cook, Linnet; 2, Weston, Bullie; 3, Barker, Greenfinch; vhc, Mays, Linnet.

Correspondence.

New Society Proposed at Burnhope.

Sir,—It has been proposed to start a cage-bird society at Burnhope. Mr. John Dixon, Colliery Inn, has kindly offered a room for a meeting, Nov. 1. We have about 18 names for membership. Anyone wishing to join who cannot get to the meeting may send name and address to me.

J. W. Robson, Sec. pro tem.
Mordues Buildings, Burnhope, Lanchester.

Hints on Bird-catching.

Sir,—Would any of your readers give me a few hints on bird-catching suitable for an amateur, who would like to catch a few for amusement. My father has a grass field, over which a lot of birds fly, including Linnets, Chaffinches, Redpolls, and a few Goldfinches. Would they kindly say size of nets and colour, number of call birds and where to place them, and the best time to catch. Any information would be esteemed.

Amateur.

A Rung Thrush Shot at Bewdley

Sir,—I notice a letter in your issue of Oct. 4 headed "Marked (rung) Thrush Shot," in which Mr. J. Shilcock reports that a Thrush bearing one of my rings was shot at Bewdley, Worcestershire. I should be much obliged if your correspondent would kindly forward the ring to me, as the number given does not appear to be correct. I should also like to know the exact date on which the bird was shot.

H. F. Witherby.
326, High Holborn, London, W.C.

The Problem of the Ticked Bird

Suggested Meeting at the Palace Show

Sir,—The question of the definition of a ticked bird has a great many times caused comment amongst fanciers in almost all parts of the country, and has recently been debated at two meetings of societies of which I am secretary, without any really satisfactory result. It has occurred to me that it would be a great help to the Fancy if this question was settled, and I would like to suggest that a meeting be arranged at which every specialist club be represented, and a proper definition be drawn up, this to be the standard right through the Fancy. I think the next Palace show would be a suitable place at which to hold a meeting, as most societies have some of their members paying a visit to the "Bird Fanciers' Derby." I should like to hear what others have to say on this important question.

F. Moore
(Hon. Sec. Southern Border F.C. and Metropolitan C.B.A.)

The Staging of the Borders at Clapham Show.

Sir,—In reply to the choice remarks of Mr. J. Williams re the above, as show manager, I wish to flatly contradict his misleading and uncalled-for statements. In the first place the room referred to is the board room, and measures 30 feet by 16 feet, and we erected a double tier on the board-room table, which is 16 feet by 5 feet, for the Border Fancies alone, and they made a fine show all to themselves. The boxes referred to were only three, which contained some of the valuable consignment of foreign birds from Africa, which were sold and drew a number of people to that part of the show. The chairs were stood round for the convenience of ladies and gentlemen to rest and look at the birds. Where the "bunging away among old boxes and chairs" comes in, we fail to see. This room, we consider, is the premier place in the hall for light, etc., therefore we selected it for the Borders, and did not get one single complaint from any exhibitor. The judges, Messrs. Robson and Norman, remarked what a good place for them, therefore we feel sure this explanation will satisfy the members of the S.B.F.C., and they will not give much credit to the uncalled-for comments of Mr. Williams. Truth is a golden rule.

A. C. Askew.

Sir,—Having read Mr. Williams' letter re staging of Borders at Clapham show, I should like to say I was at the show on both days, and although I should have liked to have seen the "Wee Gems" placed on better staging, I cannot agree with Mr. W. about the "lumber room," as the room was very suitable for them. I think, in fact, that they were placed there upon the suggestion of our esteemed chairman, Mr. Norman, who, being a great lover of the "Bits of Box-wood," would not suggest anything like a lumber-room as good enough for them. I must say I found both of the show managers and the hon. secretary very obliging, and trying their best to please everybody (a very difficult task). The management of the show, I consider, was all one could wish it to be. Who would have expected to see such a show of Borders? I really did not. Fancy, one hundred and twenty two in six classes. Now that the show secretaries have realised the Borders are to be taken into account, we shall no doubt have a "front seat," near the front door, even at Clapham next year!

F. Moore, Hon. Sec., S.B.F.C.

The Crest Section at Cheltenham Show.

Sir,—We have just heard from the secretary of the Crested C.C. that the two three-guinea bowls are allotted to our show, Nov. 5 and 6. Will members and others please note that we have added the two classes necessary, which will read 1a, buff, clear body, any col. Crest; 3a, buff Crested-bred cock, green or foul green. The remainder of the classes stand as published in schedule.

A. S. Treasure, hon. sec.

Is it a New Mule?

Sir,—Mr. Arrowsmith's letter in Cage Birds interests me very much, as I have bred two mules this year from the South African Blackhead and a hen Canary. Is the "Blackhead" really of the Siskin tribe? Birds like mine are known to the sailors, who bring them home from the Cape as "Blackheads" or "Happy Jacks" on account of their cheerful little ways. My bird is nearly as small as a Redpoll, and posseses a similar beak. He has black on the top and sides of his head extending down his neck on both sides. His breast is a dingy white, and his wings are brown, edged with black. His tail is also brown edged with black. The Mules look like very small Linnet ones. He was a champion feeder, and helped the hen to bring up the young in great style. I shall be glad to know what variety of bird he really is.

(Dr.) C. Peterson Weekes.

[The above description answers broadly to that of the Black-headed Siskin.—Editor.]

The Late Receipt of Cage Labels from Longton.

Sir,—I see that Mr. Marsland did not get his class labels from Longton show secretary until 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3. You have my sympathy, Mr. Marsland; I can quite believe it, as I and a friend got ours at 9.15 p.m. on Oct. 3, after the birds had gone at 7.5 p.m., and this after I had wired asking were we to send birds? The reply came "Yes, send on." Then another point of encouragement—one class was cancelled! But I could name others who have been treated in this way. If this is a sample of the extraordinary management, my advice to the gentleman in charge is, before another show season comes round, to remember that fanciers cannot afford to send birds up and down the country without having a run for their money. Is there any wonder that shows do not pay?

Night Hawk.

Sir,—I was treated even worse than Mr. Marsland. On Friday night, Oct. 3, not having my labels, I sent birds, also adding a note informing secretary. On their return I was surprised to find one had a cage slip in without even a number, but written across "wrong class." I wrote to secretary three times for explanation, without receiving any reply. This treatment is no encouragement to fanciers.

H. Rushton.

Sir,—I see Mr. Marsland complains of not receiving his cage labels in time from Longton show. This kind of thing is most annoying to exhibitors who have spent considerable time and money in getting their birds ready for show; but he is not the only complainant, as I entered two birds at the above show one week before time, and I had to forward the same to the sec. on the Friday night, numberless. Worse than this, however, I enclosed with my entries 4d. extra for catalogue, which is coming yet! But I suppose, to make up for this they sent me on with my Yorkshires somebody else's Norwich as a consoler, which I refused to accept from the railway company. I also know two other exhibitors who did not receive cage numbers; one sent his birds numberless, the other did not send at all, and after writing for the return of his entrance money, which was in the novice classes, he received a rather saucy letter insinuating it was as well he did not send them, as he was suspected of not being a novice. Now this man is honestly a novice; in fact a new one in the showing world, and a man possessed of the highest credentials, trying his level best to attain to a championship. Such treatment as this is a great set-back to the Fancy, and particularly to those honest novices who try to go straight. This is the kind of treatment which destroys the Fancy by causing short entries, cancelled classes, and all the other grievances pertaining to exhibiting.

J. Robinson.

Have our Show Yorkshires Deteriorated?

Do Present-day Judges Ignore the Standard?

Sir,—It is just four years ago since I had to retire from the Fancy, but thanks to Cage Birds and some of our local fanciers, whose rooms I visit occasionally, I have been able to keep in touch with you all. But what has brought me out of my shell is the letter from Mr. J. Wilcock in the current issue re the Exhibition Yorkie of to-day. Why on earth didn't Mr. Wilcock voice his feelings when I first of all brought this matter forward in Cage Birds six years ago? That splendid fancier, Mr. R. L. Crisp, will remember what a wordy warfare we carried on for some weeks about the type of Yorkie which was—and still is—sweeping the prizes away at nearly all shows. But nothing came of it, and one well-known Yorkshire judge was heard to say, when questioned about the correspondence: "Oh, it's now't; there's no notice to be taken of it." I suppose it will be different now that the cry comes from Yorkshire. My interest in the Yorkie is just as keen to-day as ever it was, and I still maintain that as soon as the standard length 6¾ inches, is passed, the whole character of the Yorkie is altered. The feather is rarely fine and close-fitting, the chest is often pronounced Norwich type, and the head is usually much larger and showing the Lancashire breed very badly; the beak also, in most cases, is too long and thick. Place this bird alongside a typical show specimen 6¾ inches long, and note the great difference. Some of our friends will say, "Yes, that is all very well, but a good big 'un will always beat a good little 'un." Then I say that should not be so, because why have a standard at all unless you breed to that standard? All birds over 6¾ inches should, in my opinion, be put into stock classes, and I am sure there is plenty of room at all our shows for two or more such classes. Cardiff C.B.S. was the first to give separate classes for yellow and buff unflighted cocks and unflighted hens. I had to guarantee those classes, which were a great success, with over 23 entries per class, and they have never been dropped since. I am just as confident in regard to stock classes, providing the stock birds are kept out of the exhibition classes. The 7¼ and 7½ inches gentleman is, I admit, very valuable in the breeding room, but to put him in the exhibition classes is like putting a nigger in a beauty competition. You admire him because he is big, and—well, that's all. Couldn't you, Mr. Editor, make a proviso in your excellent competition that all champion and diploma birds in Yorkshire classes shall not be over the standard length? By doing so, I feel that you would be doing much to help the future of the gentlemen of the Canary world.

E. J. Banks.

[We are afraid it does not come within our province, but is rather a matter the specialist clubs should settle 'twixt exhibitors and judges.—Editor.]

Are Judges Becoming Unnecessary?

Sir,—I was very interested in the letter on Yorkshire by Mr. J. Wilcock, as it seems to me that a bird of the correct length has very little chance of winning. I wonder how much over the standard length the champion class winners at Clapham show measured? Why should a bird that is a quarter of an inch too long be placed before a better one a quarter of an inch under the standard? How many exhibitors, or judges either, ever measure a bird in order to get a correct idea of the proper length? If length is all that is required, why not pay a carpenter 1s. an hour to come with his pocket-rule, and so save expensive judges' fees?

H. T. Gibb.

The Southern Norwich P.C. Cup Classification.

Sir,—Without wishing to question Mr. Matthes' authority with regard to his decision that the non-flighted Norwich hen class at Plymouth show should not count for points in the S.N.P.C. competition, may I venture to express an opinion that it is not the way to encourage the variety to curtail the classification. I quite agree that shows having patronage ought to give the classification as decided by the Club, but think that extra classes should be allowed if shows are willing to put them on. If a show is willing to put classification as follows, viz., clear or invisible tick yellow, ditto buff, marked or variegated yellow, ditto buff, and then to give non-flight classes with the same classification in addition to the required two hen classes, would the S.N.P.C. rule out all but eight classes? If so, I must again say that it will not encourage the variety. I feel sure that when Mr. Spillman proposed the present classification, he did not wish to stop any show from giving extended facilities, and seeing that only four nominated birds count, I cannot see what difference it could make to counting for points.

Thos. Pope.

The Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

A Misconstruction and an Error Rectified

Sir,—Owing to the fact that I have recently met several people who are under the misapprehension that the extensive classification provided by us at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) show, Nov. 27, 28, and 29, is confined to our own members, I take the present opportunity of pointing out that it is not so. The classes and prize-money of £0s. and 32s., etc., are open to all; only the special prizes given by us are confined to members of the League. In this month's "Bird Notes" the show is stated to be taking place at the Royal Agricultural Hall; evidently a printer's error. It should be Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster. Members and friends will be glad to know that the following specials have been provided for them: Silver cup for best pair Waxbills and silver medal for second best, given by Mr. J. Andrews. Silver medal for best Common Tanager, and ditto for best foreign hybrid, given by Mr. Trower. Medal for most points in Ring-necked and Allied Parrakeets, and ditto for most points in Ribbon Saffron and Zebra Finch class, given by Mr. Collingbourne. 10s. 6d. for best exhibit (not necessarily a pair) in Diamond Finches, given by Mr. Herbert Strong. 5s. for best exhibit (not necessarily a pair) in Gouldians, given by Mrs. Thynne. Optional present, 1 guinea, most points in Common Mannikins, and ditto for Common Waxbills, given by Mr. Allen Silver. 10s. most points in foreign Doves, given by Miss Rosie Alderson. Guinea for most points in certain classes of small insectivorous and fruit-eating birds, and ditto for most points in certain classes of similar large birds, given by Mrs. Warren Vernon. The League's Diploma to members exhibiting for the first time a foreign bird (cock, hen, or pair) or hybrid foreign bird. Anyone joining the League before Nov. 18 will be eligible to compete for these prizes.

A. Silver, hon. sec.
303, High Rd., Streatham, S.W.

Swansea Exhibitors and Pontardawe Show.

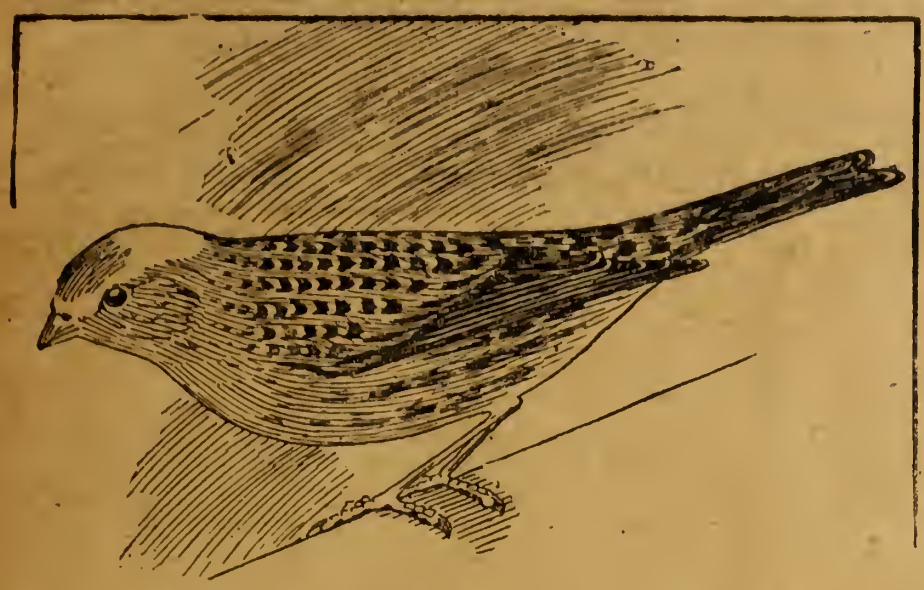
Sir,—I notice in your report of Pontardawe show, the reporter complains that the Swansea fanciers boycotted the show and did not exhibit in the British classes. If it had not been for the Swansea exhibitors, however, no classes at all would have stood at Pontardawe. I entered two exhibits, but the class of one was cancelled, and with the other, a Linnet, I was awarded 3rd. Mr. J. E. Jeffreys is the exhibitor whose birds are marked "no name" in your report; he made six entries. I think your reporter should at least have been sure before he made the remarks in question. Our best birds were at Clapham show, and this alone is the reason why the Swansea boys did not exhibit. By mentioning this, sir, you will greatly oblige the writer and all Swansea fanciers, as it is hard enough to keep petty spleen out of the Fancy down this way, as it is, and your reporter's remarks only add fuel to the fire.

S. J. Nicholas.

How to Make Shows Attractive.

Sir,—I quite agree with "One of the Millionaires" with regard to the, shall we say, ungenerous features of Wimbledon show schedule. Why the committee laid stress on them as "attractions" beats me entirely. But don't let us overlook the fact that some of the other London shows are equally ungenerous towards exhibitors. Take Clapham as an instance. They only offer 21s. prize-money per class for 2s. entry fee, and give 2s. 6d. extra when 20 or more exhibits are in any one class; that is, pay out 23s. 6d. when they receive 40s. Isn't this generous? Yet Clapham always gets a record entry, and, so far as excellence of management is concerned, they deserve it. Surely, however, we exhibitors deserve more liberal treatment, and surely it is time we saw that we got it, and not such paltry returns. How is it we can get 25s. for 1s. 6d. at Plymouth, and 36s. for 2s. at Glasgow? Then look at Leamington show, with a 2s. fee for 17s. 6d. prize-money. It seems to me that some committees must be crazy. How can they expect to run successful shows under such "attractive" conditions? It is shows that keep abreast of the times and deal fairly with exhibitors that will succeed now exhibitors are properly awake to their rights.

A. E. P.



A LIZARD WITH A GREAT RECORD.

This broken-cap Silver Lizard Canary has been very successful on the show-bench for its owner, Mr. E. Ollerenshaw, of Glossop. First prize at the Horticultural Hall and other exhibitions.

A Half-Crown Fine for "Disgraceful Cruelty."

Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

In sending the report of the Decorated Cage Competition, which appears on another page, Mr. G. H. Peck asks me to convey his hearty thanks to the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE who so kindly helped with the specials which I have already acknowledged in these notes and also to the Swanley and Huxtable C.B.S. for its support. I am glad to hear that the competition was so successful and the exhibition so well attended that it was found necessary to extend the show to a second day.

What Mr. Stavely Hill, M.P., sitting as magistrate at Cannock Court on Oct. 13, described as a disgraceful case of cruelty, is reported under our "In the Courts" heading in this issue. No one could do other than agree that catchers who employ brace birds in such an ignorant and revolting manner that they are dying when found, or in a condition which entails them being put out of their misery, deserve all that they get as punishment, and fines of 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. do not at all adequately meet such cases.

In giving his decision, Mr. Hill allowed himself to say that he "hoped the day was not far distant when the Government would introduce a Bill forbidding the capturing of any English birds whatever," and in expressing the sentiment, he disclosed a frame of mind which is common to a good many people who know nothing whatever about the subject against which they are declaiming. He inflicts fines amounting in all to 17s. 6d. upon three people who are convicted of gross cruelty, and takes the opportunity of denouncing bird-keeping in general. Mr. Hill is a Member of Parliament, and will, presumably, agree with the inclusion in the Plumage Bill of the clause to which I have more than once drawn attention. Straws like this show how the wind is blowing, and we must not lose the opportunity of impressing upon members of Parliament that if they do not see that the clause threatens the existence of a healthy hobby, to say nothing of threatening the devastation of the country-side by over-protected birds, they will be blind to the wishes of a considerable section of those who by their votes have helped them to the position they hold.

[The report of the case will appear next week.—Editor.]

Members of Parliament and the Plumage Bill.

I am pleased to be able to say that, as a result of the receipt by Members of Parliament from CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members and other readers of CAGE BIRDS of the petition published in our issue of Sept. 20, and to which I referred last week, several of these gentlemen have replied to the effect that they will oppose the inclusion in the Plumage Bill of the clause relating to British Wild Birds. I hope that no reader of our paper will neglect to take the very simple step of cutting out this petition and forwarding it to his member as suggested. No matter that he may himself be interested in Canaries only. It is his duty to help to prevent the inclusion of a clause which is directed against the hobby of bird-keeping, and the manner of doing so has been made ready to his hand.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

Leaflets setting forth the aims and objects of the LEAGUE *will be forwarded, post free, to any reader upon application.*

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.—Members under the age of fourteen years at the date of joining shall pay an annual subscription of One Shilling.

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Certificates printed in seven colours, and suitable for framing, are supplied at One Shilling each. Each certificate bears an enlarged facsimile of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE *badge and Motto, and is signed by the Secretary.*

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Notepaper with the badge and motto of the LEAGUE in the top left-hand corner and the address of any member at the top right-hand, may be had at the following prices:—

100 Sheets, Two Shillings and sixpence.
250 Sheets, Four Shillings.
500 Sheets, Five Shillings and sixpence.
1,000 sheets, Eight Shillings and sixpence.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

date ..... 1913 .....

Have YOU Won Your Special Yet?

Now is the time to try: Your chance improves every day!

EXHIBITORS in our Coupon Competition seem to have had a good time at the shows of last week, judging by the reports supplied by our representatives, many interesting struggles for the diplomas and 10s. specials having taken place. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to take part, and plenty of chances of prizes, too, for exhibitors should remember that no-one can win two diplomas in the same section, and that no-one can take two cash specials with the same bird (vide rule 7). Thus those who have already won stand out of the way and give others a chance.

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Oct. 29.—Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—E. Thomas, 2, New Dumfries Street, Treherbert.
Oct. 29.—Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—J. N. and J. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street, Paignton.
Oct. 29.—Llandrindod Wells F.A.—C. E. Gregson, Hill Cottages.
Oct. 30.—Matlock F.S.—J. W. Buxton, Lime Grove Avenue, Matlock.
(Any entries for the above must be sent immediately.)
Oct. 31, Nov. 1.—Liverpool.—Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Road.
Nov. 1.—Brechin.—G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.
Nov. 1 & 3.—Leicester.—A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.
Nov. 4 & 5.—Southend.—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.
Nov. 4-5.—Barnstaple.—J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street.
Nov. 5-6.—Cheltenham.—W. Pounsett, 5, Whitecross Square.

Entries for the above shows are due to close now, and should be sent on at once. Those who wish to join in CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition should note the paragraph "How Exhibitors May Enter," printed below. Secretaries will be glad to affix the necessary coupons to the entry forms of exhibitors if the conditions of entry are duly observed.

LEICESTER Show has 36 classes. Nor., Yorks., Lancs., A.O.V., Can., Hyb., Brit. and For. are catered for, and novices have 3 special Nov. classes. Entries (fee 1s. 6d.) close Oct. 27.

UPPER RHONDDA has 32 classes for Nor., Yorks., Bord., Hyb., Brit. and For.; special novice classes for Nor. and Yorks. Entries (fee 1s. 6d.) close Oct. 25.

PAIGNTON has 30 classes for Nor., Yorks., Bord., Crest, A.O.V., Mules, Brit., and For. Ent. (fee 1s. 6d.) close Oct. 25.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS has 25 classes for Nor., Yorks., Bord., A.O.V., Mule, Brit., and For. Ent. (fee 1s. 6d.) close Oct. 25.

LIVERPOOL has 69 classes, covering Yorks., Nor., Bord., Greens, Cinns. (with special novice classes in all these sections), Hyb., Brit., and For. Ent. close Oct. 27; fee, 1s. 6d., prizes 20s. per class.

SOUTHEND has 45 classes for Yorks., Nor., Hyb., Brit., and For., with special novice Yorks. and Nor. sections. Ent. (fee 1s. 6d.) close Oct. 27.

BARNSTAPLE has 38 classes for Belg., Nor., Crest, Yorks., Bord., Scots., A.O.V., Hyb., Brit. and For. Ent. (fee 1s. 6d, prize money 20s.) close Oct. 28.

CHELTENHAM has 72 classes, covering Crests, Nor., Yorks., Bords. (with special novice classes in all these sections). A.O.V., Hyb., Brit., For. Ent. (fee 1s. 6d.) close Oct. 29.

How Exhibitors May Enter.

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions:—CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Forcign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is in progress at over 80 shows (see list appended), which cover every quarter of the United Kingdom.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champion (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWENTY-FOUR DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR, in addition, at each Coupon Show, 12 for Champion exhibitors, and 12 for Novice exhibitors, for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of December, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of the season.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age, and either rung or not rung.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors themselves, and also of the competition.

A List of Future Coupon Shows.

Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Liverpool; Nov. 1, Brechin; Nov. 1 & 3, Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.; Nov. 4 & 5, Southend and Southern Counties O.S.; Nov. 4 & 5, Barnstaple C.B.S.; Nov. 5-6, Cheltenham; Nov. 7 & 8, Sheffield O.S.; Nov. 7 & 8, Warrington C.B.S.; Nov. 7 & 8, West Stanley C.B.S.; Nov. 8, Hartlepool C.B.S.; Nov. 8, Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.; Nov. 11-12, Bournemouth C.B.A.; Nov. 12, Alnwick C.B.S.; Nov. 12-13, Sittingbourne C.B.S.; Nov. 12-13, Swansea C.B.S.; Nov. 13, Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.; Nov. 13 & 14, Leyton C.B.A.; Nov. 14 & 15, Nottingham and Notts. O.S.; Nov. 15, Cowdenbeath C.B.S.; Nov. 19, Bishop Auckland C.B.S.; Nov. 19, Inverness O.A.; Nov. 19-20, Cardiff C.B.S.; Nov. 19-20 Ramsgate; Nov. 21-22, Haltwhistle; Nov. 21-22, Preston; Nov. 22, Cockermouth; Nov. 22, Cramlington; Nov. 22, Arbroath C.B.S.; Nov. 22, Chester-le-Street C.B.S.; Nov. 25, Tideswell C.B.I.S.; Nov. 26, Pontypridd F. & F.S.; Nov. 26-27, Dublin, South Co.; Nov. 26-27, Bristol F.A.; Nov. 27, 28, 29, London C.B.A.; Nov. 29, Bradford West C.B.A.; Dec. 3, Forres; Dec. 3-4, City of Birmingham C.B.S.; Dec. 5-6-8, Bradford National; Dec. 6, Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.; Dec. 6, Thrums C.B.A.; Dec. 9 & 10, Brighton and Hove C.B.A.; Dec. 11, Tredegar C.B.S.; Dec. 11, Frome F.A.; Dec. 12-13, Gateshead C.B.S.; Dec. 12-13, Walsall C.B.S.; Dec. 20, Newtongrange C.B.S.; Dec. 31, Jan. 1, Scottish National; Jan. 8-9, Bangor (Co. Down); Jan. 10, Doncaster C.B.S.; Jan. 13, Llanelly C.B.S.; Jan. 13-14, Boscombe C.B.A.; Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10, Great National (Crystal Palace).

"LIVE BIRD LABELS,"
24 3d, 50 6d, 100 10d.
Always use them when sending birds by rail.

WIMBLEDON.

The Wimbledon C.B.S. held its annual show Oct. 8 in the Queen's Hall. The building, although well adapted to the purpose, is somewhat crowded, especially during the evening, when the fanciers of London and suburbs gather to discuss the points of their various fancies. The society had the patronage of the S.Y.C.C., the S.N.C.C., and the recently formed S.B.C.C.; consequently all three varieties were well represented by some of the best birds in the South of England; but entries were unfortunately somewhat below last year, clashing with the L. and P.O.S. and Portsmouth no doubt affecting the numbers.

Norwich were a good level lot, very little separating some of the leaders. Mr. Houghton led in yellow cocks with a beauty; he also staged a good unflighted bird that was much admired. Mr. Rippon's Norwich winner again led in buffs, and he won in marked yellows with his well-known bird.

The Novice Section was only fairly well filled, the two best classes being the hen with 14 and the unflighted with 16. There was a nice entry in Borders, although the club's patronage is also given to Portsmouth. In buff cocks the Clapham winner could only get third, Mr. Madagan staging the winner. Mr. Pratt again did well, having a winner in two of the four classes. The novice classes filled well, some good ones getting at the top. The management of the show was again undertaken by Mr. H. Smith, who has the confidence of the Fancy. Everything was well managed and in perfect order. We heard that Mrs. Smith assisted him greatly in the heavy work incidental to a big show. Of the officials, the chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley, Messrs. Thynne, Dyke, Grilliths, Heath, Hobden, Newley, Owen, Whittam, and Mesdames Owen and Hobden did good service. The judges were Messrs. W. Mundell, Robson, and Frostick.

Yorkshires turned up in great force here, and made a record entry, 131 in the seven champion classes and 108 in the six novice classes. Mr. Crisp's bull won the diploma for best Yorks. in show, the same exhibitor also winning the special for best unflig. bird with his young variegated bull, a gem, which we liked very much. Mr. Pattrick won the diploma for best hen with his bull, a beauty, feathered like wax, good length and position. In the novice section some fine birds were benched, and as the season goes on many of the birds that are not quite through the moult, and lack condition, will be heard of. Some of the Yorkshire exhibitors need to be very careful in the future, or they will be having trouble. We heard that the judge left a few birds out of the cards; for what?

The straightforward pronunence given on the front page of the schedule to the very general rule prevailing throughout the exhibition world of paying half prize-money in classes containing less than eight entries, a system which is in vogue even at the Great National show, led to adverse criticism on the eve of the closing of entries and probably had a detrimental effect on the numbers of exhibits in the British and Foreign classes, a great pity, as the management at Wimbledon is second to none in the Kingdom and the capable executive deserved better support. Quality was everything to be desired. Mr. Francis put down a strong team and accounted for a good number of prizes. Mr. Oliver's well-known Rawlinch had many admirers. Insectivorous were a nice lot, Mr. Evans Dartford Warbler scoring another 1st. Hybrids were a "hot" lot, with Mr. Lamb, and Messrs. Martin and Archer's well-known teams competing, and contained many of the finest specimens on the show bench to-day. Foreigners were equally choice, Miss Lydia Clare showing some exquisite gems.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (18): 1, Houghton, real topper for size and type, sweet head, good full neck, perfect well braced wings, very fine qual. and cond.; 2, Collinge, good one, close up, shade better skull, but hardly the lovely qual. of winner, grand rich col.; 3, Clark, real gem for type, grand depth and shoulders, nicely tapered body, good wings, A1 condition; vhc, Baker; hc, Lee; c, Frost and Rogers. BUFF (6): 1, Rippon, lovely size, good bold type, beautifully rounded, in the pink of condition, and beautifully put down; 2, Gill and Pethick, beauty for type and qual., grand back and wings, lovely silky feather; 3, Baker, grand size and type, good full head and neck, hardly so cleanly cut as winner, but still a real Norwich; vhc, Houghton; hc, Ellis. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL (9): 1, Rippon, head and wing mkd., fine size and type, good bold front and sound rich col.; 2, Baker, big bold bird, plenty of subs., good front, clean cut, sound col., but hardly so nicely lined down as 3, Saunders, gem for type and size, nice wedge-shaped body, well braced wings, rare fettle, beautifully burnished; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Pope; c, Hodder, Plymouth winner, in the best of condition. BUFF (4): 1, Gill and Pethick, neck tkd., gem for size and type, about the shortest bird in the show, nice full head and neck, grand wings and tail, in fine fettle; 2, Houghton, back mkd., good size, good head, nice neck, clean cut, sound rich col.; 3, Ellis, beauty, grand subs., beautiful head and neck, rare back, nicely braced wings, scarcely so fit as winner; vhc, Baker. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Collinge, gem for size and type, beautifully proportioned throughout, a real Nor., well put down, wins; 2, Saunders, another beauty for size and type, grand qual., contour slightly spoilt, just a shade too fat, although worth her place; 3, Gill and Pethick, hardly so stoutly built as winners, grand head, hot col.; vhc, Hodder; hc, Rippon; c, Houghton. BUFF (8): 1, Hodder, wonderful size for a lady, rare stock bird, hardly so clean cut as we like them, still a grand hen; 2, Ellis, bonny bold bird, rare full front, good wings and nice tail carr., in rare fettle, some preferred; 3, Houghton, neat typical bird, capital size, good head, hardly so well filled at back, capital qual.; vhc, Lee; hc, Rippon; c, Gill and Pethick. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Gill and Pethick, capital subs., neat head and neck, good wing and tail carr., hot col.; 2, Houghton, typical, although a wee bit higher on leg, nice head, grand col. and qual.; 3, Rippon, beauty for type, head set well into body, good back, nicely braced wings, A1 col. and cond.; vhc, Hodder. BUFF (7): 1, Collinge, fine bold variegs., grand full head and neck, plenty of subs. in body, good wings, in fine fettle; 2, Saunders, gem for type and qual., neat head, capital bold front, perfect wings and tail; 3, Butterfield, big bird, hardly the sweet type of second, still a good one, in grand condition; vhc, Lee; hc, Oliver. NOV. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Gardner, nice type, capital head, good bold front, neat well curved wings, good tail, hot col., in capital fettle; 2, Leech, shade more subs., and bolder fronted, good head, wings and tail, scarcely so tight in feather; 3, Teasdale, nice wedge-shaped body, neat head and neck, and well put down; vhc, Underhay; hc, Wilkinson. BUFF (7): 1, Griffin, fine size and type, grand full head and neck well filled back, clean cut, rare qual.; 2, Hurt, similar, wee shade shorter, beautifully rounded, real Nor.; 3, Teasdale, good bird for subs., wonderful depth of body, clean cut, perfect wings and tail, must have pressed leaders; vhc, Marshall; hc, Gardner; c, Hurt. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Leech, mkd. eyes and wing, very shapely, lovely head, full neck and shoulders, grand qual.; 2, Griffin, beauty for type and style, capital head and neck, well across the perch; 3, Cole, cap and wing mkd., full bold front, good back, wings and tail, hot col., sound qual.; vhc, Mrs. Scott; hc, Hurt. BUFF (6): 1, Pratt, neat felt shade on the small side, nice type and lovely qual. and condition; 2, Cole, bigger, bolder, grand head and neck, rare front, good full back and well braced wings, scarcely so nicely finished; 3, Baxter, bonny and typical, beautifully moulded, grand head, full neck, bold front, good wings and tail, must have pressed leaders; vhc, Teasdale; hc, Tomsett; c, Randall. HENS (14): 1, Marshall, grand bold bird, good type, stands well across the perch, nicely braced wing, A1 qual.; 2, Bonnlwell and Son, good size, capital type and style, neat full head and neck, grand back and wings; 3, Teasdale, shade small, but neat and typical, grand depth of body, lovely wings, A1 qual. and cond.; vhc, Coombs; hc, Cole; c, Gardner. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Leech, plenty of subs., bold front, well filled back, capital wings and tail, sound condition; 2, vhc, Teasdale, neat, stands well, nicely rounded back and front, good wings, A1 col. and qual.; 3, McWilliams, bonny bird for type, grand full head and neck, shade loose at thighs, still a good one; hc, c, Wilkinson. BORDERS, BUFF CK. (12): 1, Madagan, gem for type and style, beautifully rounded, neat head, nice wedge-shape body, perfect wings, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Jenkins, similar bird, hard to separate, real gem for style and finish; 3, vhc, Pratt, beauty, good head, nicely rounded, lovely wings, A1 condition; hc, Salter; c, Plank. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Pratt, sweet exhibit, lovely style and carr., beautifully moulded, nice head and neck, good wings, not a feather out of place; 2, Madagan, another beauty, wee shade slimmer in type, grandly braced wings, tight as wax; 3, Burton Bros., good one, but scarcely so neatly moulded as winner, hot col., good condition; vhc, Roberts, a beauty, must have pressed; hc, Jenkins; c, Hewitt. HENS (10): 1, Jenkins, lovely typical bird, beautifully cut away, grand head, perfect fitting wings, A1 cond.; 2, Pratt, beauty for modelling, lovely neat head and neck, good wings, perfect qual., a sweet exhibit; 3, Roberts, neat type, good style, wee bit pointed at chest, sound condition; vhc, Pratt; hc, Salter; c, Lathbury. A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, Pratt, eyes and wing mkd., grand qual., typical, nicely cut away, well put down; 2nd three pointed, capital type and style, wee shade high on legs, still a good one; 3, Knight, lovely variegs., travels well, neat head, nicely rounded, capital wings; vhc, Burton Bros.; hc, Thynne; c, Lathbury. NOV. BUFF (22): 1, Pegg, plenty big enough, but nice type, neat head, clean cut, smart wings and tail, A1 condition; 2, 3, c, Summers, lovely type, good head and neck, beautifully rounded, sweet wings and tail; 3rd smart taking exhibit, nice wedge shape body, lovely wings, smooth as glass; ex 3, Snook, beauty for type, capital style, nicely cut away, A1 feather; vhc, Mrs. Hickman; hc, Potton. YELL. (17): 1, Claydon, grand type and style, neat head, perfect wings and tail, beautifully rounded, lovely quality; 2, Philpot, another good one, lovely type and style, capital wings and tail; 3, Pegg, extra good one, must have pressed leaders, grand type, beautifully moulded, in fine fettle; vhc, Potton; hc, Martin; c, Jones. A.O.V. (3): 1, Pope, capital Cinn., grand size and subs., neat head, good bold front, sound rich col., and good qual.; 2, 3, Boxall, two capital coppies, grand heads, good length of side, stand well, lovely qual. CREST (6): 1, 3, Mrs. Thynne, grand bird for size, capital spread of crest, shade untidy, but wonderful size, nice droop and veining; 3rd wing mkd. dark, neat head, hardly the frontal of winners, but well packed back; 2, hc, Jones and Crest, another monster, neat, well-formed headpiece, good centre and droop, well packed; vhc, Gollan. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Miss Onslow, lovely wings mkd. dark leading, grand size, good crest of nice size, formatiou aud droop; 2nd var., neat head, hardly the frontal of winner; 3rd wing mkd. dark, neat head, close up; hc, Rogers. C.B.: 1, Gollan, grand size cl., good skull, nicely packed and domed, well lashed; 2, Miss Edwards, variegs., grand size and good head and feather

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS., YELL., CL. OR TICK COCK (18): 1, Green, rare length, rich col. throughout, tick on head, grand wing carr., position A1, wins; 2, vhc, Hawes Bros., tkd. wings, blaze of col., wings well placed, good head, piped tail, boxey feather, very nervy; 3, c, Easterling and Carson, pale col., teeming with qual., good head, piped tail, looking down when we saw it; 4, Elsmore, blaze of col., good wings, piped tail, grand type, fails a little on breast; vhc, Jones; hc, Hawkes Bros. BUFF (17): 1, diploma best Yorks., also gold medal, Crisp, gem, lovely qual., well on leg, grand wings, piped tail, wins; 2, Easterling and Carsou, very stylish, good wing carr., slim, piped tail, boxey feather, would do with a rest; 3, hc, Rorke, rich col., well braced wings, piped tail, good head, full of qual., true to Yorks. type; 4, Pattrick, level col., good head, well placed wings, piped tail, grand pos. and full of qual.; vhc, Hawes Bros.; c, Elsmore. YELL., ETC., CK. (18): 1, c, Hawes Bros., eyes, check and wing mkd., blaze of col., boxey feather, piped tail, well up on leg, position A1; 2, Pattrick, eye and wing mkd., boxey feather, very stylish, level col., good head, piped tail; 3, Owen and Son, cap and wings, rich col., nice pos., piped tail, fails a little on breast; 4, Rorke, eye and wing mkd., blaze of col., fine pos., fails on breast; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Easterling and Carson. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Hawes Bros., rich col., feathered like glass, neat head, grand wings and tail, position A1, wins; 2, Hawes Bros., unflig., lovely qual., very typical, well braced wings, good head; 3, Knight, pale col., boxey feather, well up on leg, neat head, nice pos.; 4, Crisp, full of qual., good head, pale col., good pos., fails on wings; vhc, Elsmore; hc, Jones; c, French. BUFF (23): 1, sp. best hen, Pattrick, rare length, pos. A1, lovely qual., grand wings and piped tail, wins; 2, Rorke, wing mkd., pale col., pos. A1, lovely feather, piped tail, not so long as winner; 3, Frost and Rogers, wing tick, lovely feather and position, nice wing and tail; 4, Lockett, nice type and qual., well braced wings, neat head; ex. 3, Hawes Bros., cap on head, mkd. wings, lovely qual., very stylish, well braced wings, piped tail; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Crisp; c, Owen and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Smith, blaze of col., well up on leg, long flights, well placed piped tail, eye tkd., full of qual.; 2, Easterling and Carson, full of qual., long flights, good head and position, piped tail; 3, Crisp, very typical, rare length, piped tail, blaze of col., full of qual., shows a trifle open on breast; 4, Fulford, rich level col., good head and position, long flights and tail, full of qual.; vhc, Knight; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Pattrick. BUFF (18): 1, sp. best unflig., and sp. 10s., Crisp, var., lovely qual., grand wings, piped tail, good head, nice level col., a gem; 2, vhc, Easterling and Carson, fine bird, lovely qual., rich level col., grand head, well placed wings, true type and slim, will make up into a fine bird; 3, Wraight, well on leg, long flights and piped tail, level col., nice qual. of feather, a bit loose at times; 4, Elsmore, well on leg, fine pos. and qual., piped tail, good head; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Penton. NOV. YELL., CL. OR TKD. CK. (21): 1, Scudder, rich col., full of qual., well placed, good head and position, piped tail, well up on leg; 2, Plumb, very slim and stylish, rich col., full of qual., piped tail; 3, Plumb, on the stout side, level col., good head, neat wings; ex. 3, Clarke, rich col. and pos., full of qual., piped tail; 4, Ayls, little open in front, fine style and qual., good wings, piped tail; vhc, Mudd; hc, Scott; c, Gardner. BUFF (15): 1, Clarke, full of qual., well braced wings, piped tail, fine position; 2, Avis, cap mkd., level col., grand position, piped tail, boxey feather; 3, Scudder, pale col., long flights and piped tail, full of qual.; 4, Gardner, good pos. and feather, level col., good head; vhc, Fawle; hc, Johnston; c, Whiting. MKD. OR VAR. CK. (19): 1, Mudd, variegs. yell., blaze of col., boxy feather, fine pos., well upon leg, good head, long flights and tail; 2, c, Bennett, eye and wing mkd., rich col., full of qual., nice type; 3, Clarke, eye and wings, pale col., boxey feather, piped tail, good head, grand pos.; 4, Styles, variegs., blaze of col, long flights, piped tail, good pos.; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Plumb. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Bailey, full of qual., nice type, very steady, good head, in the pink of condition; 2, R. and T. Baxter, cap and wing mkd., rare length, full of qual. neat head, grand pos., piped tail; 3, Bennett, best of pos. and feather, good wings, piped tail, rich col.; 4, King, rich col., boxey feather, good head, piped tail; vhc, Fawle; hc, Hawkins; c, Deer. BUFF (7): 1, Clarke, fine position, pale col., well up on leg, good wings and piped tail; 2, Reynolds, piped tail, good pos., well braced wings, rich level co.; 3, Avis, rich col., fine feather and position, good head, piped tail; 4, Scudder, good head, rich cold, good pos., piped tail; vhc, Bennett; hc, Farley; c, King. UNFLIG., CL., ETC. (21): 1, and best unflig., Langley, yell., lovely type and qual., well up on leg, grand position, piped tail; 2, Gardner, buff, boxey feather, good head, well braced wings, piped tail; 3, Whiting, capital yell., well up on leg, fine pos., piped tail, rich col., full of qual.; ex. 3, Scudder, uneven mkd. buff, fine pos. and feather, rich col., good head; 4, Clarke, nice type, a yell., level col., grand pos. and feather; vhc, Avis; hc, c, Mudd. SELL., £2 (13): 1, Britton; 2, Ramsden; 3, Saunders; 4, Walker; vhc, Miss Edwards; hc, Askew; c, Francis. STOCK (17): 1, Miss Walker; 2, Preston; 3, vhc, hc, Snook; 4, Smith; c, Shipton

Mr. John Frostick's Classes.

GOLDF. (9): 1, Simmonds, beautiful qual., nice blaze, but not yet at its best; 2, Bignall, fine blaze, rich browns, not quite the bloom of leader; 3, Francis, good face, hardly the depth of col.; vhc, hc, Snuth; c, Drowley, junr. BULLF. (6): 1, 2, Bignall, beauties, real typical Britishers, grand condition, rich col.; 3, Harris, bigger bird, but not quite the col., or high condition; vhc, Rayner, very nice hen; hc, Drowley junr.; c, Cashen. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Sexton, Siskin, nat. col., the Clapham winner, very fine order; 2, Drowley junr., large, well marked Mealy Redpolt; 3, Offord, nice Lesser Redpoll, well shown; vhc, hc, Francis; c, Roast. LINNET (7): 1, Francis, rich nutty brown col., well mkd., nicely shown; 2, 3, Smith, shows well, nice size, but not so well filled in on breast; 3, Offord, excellent col., trifle smaller; vhc, Drowley, bit unsteady; hc, Pain. GREENF. (6): 1, 3, Francis, well selected, in the pink, latter nice but wants training to show cage; 2, Harris, well-known winner, but off condition to-day; vhc, Roast; hc, Britton; c, Cashen. CHAFF., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Francis, Bramble and Chaffinch, two very choice birds, rather easy wins; 3, Drowley junr., Bramble; vhc, Smith. A.O.S. (5): 1, Oliver, Hawtinch, a topper, very rich col., steady, well shown; 2, Harris, Corn Bunting, grand size, rich col., full of markings, but unsteady; 3, Bignall, nice c.m. Snow Bunting; vhc, hc, Francis. HEN (5): 1, 3, Francis, very large Corn Bunting, much improved since last year, and a nice Bramble, good col.; 2, Askew, bonny Siskin, rich markings; vhc, Ford, Corn Bunting, well-known winner, but not up to last season's form; hc, McNaughton, Linnet. THRUSH, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Dell, lustrous Starling and well-marked Thrush; 2, Lomer, Blackbird, nice condition, small. A.O.S. (6): 1, 3, hc, Evans, fine trio, the famous Dartford Warbler, perfect Wood Wren, and a nice Blackcap; 2, Lomer, Nightingale, Clapham winner, four years old, a good 'un; vhc, Francis, beautiful Wheatear, in full spring plumage; c, Swain, good Nightingale. PIED ALBINO, ETC. 5): Martin and Archer, the noted lutino Yellowhammer, in great form, a rare and beautiful exhibit; 2, 3, Wade, lightly marked White Linnet, and pied White Blackbird, very pure in col.; vhc, and novice sp, Dyke, White Blackbird, will improve; hc, Lamb, pretty Cinnamon Redpoll. LIGHT HYB. (5): 1, hc, Lamb, very fine Goldfinch-Canary, even eye marks, very lightly marked on rump and tail, a topping exhibit; 2, 3, Martin and Archer, well-known Greenfinch-Canary, "Nonpareil," fine size and col., and condition, Goldfinch-Canary, uneven mkd., excellent bird; vhc, Archer, Greenfinch-Canary. DK. GOLDF. OR LINNET-CAN. (6): 1, 3, Lamb a couple of rich coloured Jonque Goldf. Mules, difficult to separate, rare size, perfect condition; 2, vhc, Martin and Archer, good Linnet-Can., well put down, and the well-known Goldfinch-Can., "The Guardsman," unfortunately not looking over well, decidedly "soft" to-day; hc, Pain; c, Askew. A.O.V. EXCEPT BULLF. (5): 1, Oliver, Siskin-Can., well defined cap and markings; 2, vhc, Goodall, Redpoll-Can., fine size and col., and Siskin-Can.; 3, Shipton, Redpoll-Can., fails in col., well shown; hc, Ford. BULLF. HYB. (3) Generally a small, but always beautiful class: 1, 2, Lamb, charming Redpoll-Bullie, and fine coloured Goldie-Bullie; 3, Archer, Goldie, good, but not quite so rich. A.O.V. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (12) A remarkable class, containing for the first time on record two Greenfinch-Chaffinches, the original "sensation of the season" having to take second place to the newcomer: 1, Lamb, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, Clapham winner, everything one could wish for in this cross, excelling in col. and markings, showing parentage distinctly, magnificent condition, shines like silk 2, Martin and Archer, same cross, lovely bird, staged to perfection, but well beaten in bloom and col., needing a rest, perhaps; 3, c, Mascall, two grand Bramble-Chaffinches, probably best of their kind ever shown; vhc, Ford, Goldfinch-Linnet; hc, Shipton, fine Redpoll-Greenfinch, beautifully staged. HEN HYB. (8) This is getting quite a popular class: 1, Lamb, almost cl. Goldfinch-Can.; 2, hc, Nichols, nice Goldie-Bullie, and variegs. Goldfinch-Canary; 3, c, Ramsden, Goldfinch-Canary, even mkd. wings, and Goldfinch-Bullie; vhc, Ford, the reputed Redpoll-Can., late Andrews we think. PARROTS (2): 1, 2, Miss Clare, pairs Hooded Parrakeets and Blue Budgerigars, in most perfect order, quite fit to win at any show in any company, Miss Clare also exhibited in this class, not for competition, a fine pair of Stanleys. A.O.S. (9): 1, sp, 2, Miss Clare the finest pair of Violet-eared Waxbills seen this season, and a delightful pair of Indian White-eyes, both topping exhibits; 3, Mrs. Thynne, well-known Maroon Tanager; vhc, Offord, good pair Cordon Bleus; hc, Countess Von Hahn, really nice pair Californian Quails; c, Miss Philcox, Java Sparrows.

Members' Classes.

There was a capital entry in the members' section, Norwich, Yorks, and Borders being well represented. Mr. Saunders, of Sutton, led in Yell. Norwich, and also in the unflighted class, with a grand ticked buff; he also staged most of the leaders in the Border Section. Mr. G. W. Saunders won cups for best Norwich unflighted, and best unflighted with his ticked buff.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (14): 1, vhc, Saunders; 2, Withers; 3, Campbell. BUFF: 1, Wade; 2, Saunders; 3, Campbell; vhc, hc, Withers. HEN: 1, vhc, Campbell; 2, Wade; 3, Withers; hc, Saunders. UNFLIG.: 1, Saunders; 2, Wade; 3, vhc, Withers; hc, c, Campbell. YORKS YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Easterling; 3, Warley; vhc, Owen and Sons; hc, Clark; c, Whiting. BUFF: 1, Heath; 2, Owen and Sons; 3, Easterling and Carson; vhc, Warley; hc, Smith; c, Whiting. HEN: 1, Whiting; 2, Warley; 3, Owen and Son; vhc, Heath; hc, Whittome; c, Easterling. BUFF: 1, Warley; 2, Whittome; 3, Owen and Son; vhc, Heath; hc, Smith; c, Easterling and Carson. UNFLIG.: 1, Owen and Son; 2, Clarke; 3, Easterling and Carson; vhc, Smith. NON-FED.: 1, Saunders; 2, Easterling and Carson. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Knight; 2, hc, Owen and Son; 3, c, Saunders. BUFF: 1, 3, Saunders; 2, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, Knight; hc, c, Owen and Son. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Saunders; vhc, hc, Owen and Son. BUFF: 1, Saunders; 2, Lathbury; 3, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, hc, Owen and Son. GREEN: 1, 3, vhc, c, Rev. Soames; 2, hc, Mrs. Thynne. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Jay; 2, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, Randall; 2, Nash; 3, Baker; vhc, Harris; hc, Hamilton. HEN: 1, Miss Edwards; 2, Hobden; 3, Harris; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Jay; c, Stevens. UNFLIG.: 1, Miss Edwards; 2, Baker; 3, Randall; vhc, hc, Jay; c, Hamilton. YORKS: 1, Harris; 2, Woods; 3, Randall. BUFF: 1, Miss Wright; 2, Harris; 3, Randall; vhc, Miss Woods. HEN YELL.: 1, Bailey; 2, Harris. BUFF: 1, Miss Wright; 2, Harris; 3, Wilkes; vhc, Miss Woods. UNFLIG.: 1, Miss Wright; 2, Mrs. Wilkes; 3, Harris; vhc, c, Miss Woods; hc, Bailey. BORD.: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, Green; vhc, Hobden; hc, Green; c, Marriott. BRIT.: 1, 2, Marriott; 3, vhc, Hobden; hc, c, Smith.

YORKSHIRE C. & C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Annual show held in the Central Hall, Westmorland Street, Dublin, Oct. 22 and 23. The hall is an ideal one for the purpose, as it is void of draughts, well lighted, and is close to the centre of the city. The committee consisted of some of the best working members, led by chairman, Mr. J. Dowling, and the men who left nothing undone under his directions were Messrs. McGee, Callaghan, Fleming, Mahon, Furley, Sholedice, and Mr. Keating from Dundalk, as also we were glad to see Brother Ryan. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Lattimore, the painstaking hon. sec., who worked like a nigger and had everything running smoothly. The day was very bright and fine, and the birds looked at their best. Entries were below last year, but this was on account of the country members, who did not wish to send birds to the capital during its unhappy condition with strikes. This was very unfortunate for the show both as regards entries and visitors. At the same time, the success surpassed the expectations of the committee under the circumstances.

Yorks were the principal feature of the show. Novice classes were very well filled, with a splendid lot of real good ones. Norwich, although a little improvement as to entries on former years, were not well filled classes, but some very good birds were exhibited. Mules and Hybrids were real good, and the British bird classes were nicely filled. Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford) judged all except Brit., which were taken by Mr. G. Wilson (Frizington), and their awards gave great satisfaction.

The Critique.

CINN. OR CINN. MKD. CK. (2): 1, Keating, heavily mkd. shoulders and wings; 2, A. O'Neill, lightly mkd. on wing. HENS (7): 1, Farrell, really nice bird, long flights, very stylish; 2, Keating, another nice bird, beaten in flights; 3, hc, Cotterell, seemed a bit soft; vhc, Neville; c, Hyland. CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Keating, handsome slim gentleman, good wing carr., nice length, well up on legs; 2, Holly, nice head and neck, a bit soft; 3, Neville, good wings, legs and tail, nice long flights; vhc, Holly; hc, Neville; c, Neill. HENS (8): 1, Mills, stands like a soldier on very fine legs, with good wings; 2, Keating, a tight run to win, good head and tail and neck; 3, Buckley, nice length, wings and tail. CL. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Keating, splendid bird, very stylish, good wing carr., straight; 2, Keating, another real good one, well up on legs; 3, Power, good straight one on nice legs, well carried wings and tail; vhc, c, Mills; hc, Hyland. HEN: 1, Neville, nice lady, won easily, good position, good wing carr., well up on legs; 2, Keating, very swanky and stylish, good wings and tail, nice shoulders; 3, Fleming, nice round shoulders, good legs and tail; vhc, Mills; hc, Hyland; c, Woods. VAR. OR MKD. CK. (9): 1, Dowling, a very stylish bird, well cut away, nice wings, tail, back and legs; 2, Devin, nice bird, but a bit soft, good position, nice head; 3, Keating, just a bit too heavy, long flights, nice legs and tail; vhc, Woods; hc, Farrell; c, Gillen. HEN: 1, Keating, real stylish lady, well worth the position; 2, Fleming, good one, close on winner, good carr. and tail and wings; 3, Dowling, good quality, nice back, wings, and tail, a close run with these three birds; vhc, Hyland; hc, Neville; c, Farrell. TKD. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Power, real good one, well filled in, good back and fine pos.; 2, Mills, a close run on winner; 3, c, Neville, a good one, bit loose in feather, nice wings and tail; hc, Keating; vhc, Farrell. HEN (5): 1, Holly, well proportioned, nicely cut and straight; 2, Farrell, good one, well shaped, nice wings and good tails; 3, Neill, nice wings and tail, very long, good shape; vhc, Keating; hc, Buckley. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Barclay, very stylish, rare feather and good wings and tail; 2, O'Byrne, straight as a rush, good wings and tail; 3, Mulligan, good pos., nice cut, well filled, bit soft; vhc, Ryan; hc, Sholedice; c, Williamson. HEN (10): 1, Ryan, splendid bird, could win in open, well proportioned, good shape; 2, Mulligan, gave winner a close run; 3, Dowling, nice one, very

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good position, long flights; vhc, c, Sholedice; hc, Buckley. CL. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Sholedice, three very nice birds, well shaped, good feather, good condition and quality; vhc, Mulligan; c, O'Byrne. HEN (10): 1, Dowling, a nice lady, good wings and tail, nice condition; 2, Barclay, very stylish, good back and tail, well finished; 3, Williamson, good cond. and finish, fine wings and tail; vhc, hc, c, Sholedice. TKD. VAR. CK. (11): 1, Fleming, a real good one, well finished, good body and legs; 2, Dowling, nice bird, full of qual., good wings and tail; 3, Ryan, a good one, but a bit soft; vhc, Barclay; hc, Sholedice; c, Byrne. HEN (13): 1, Ryan, straight, good wings, tail, feather, won easily; 2, vhc, hc, Sholedice, stylish lady, good qual. and feather; 3, Dowling, good bird, bit soft in feather, nice wing carr.; c, Barclay. NOV., CL. YELL (11): 1, Burtenshaw, good position and qual. of feather, nice wings and tail; 2, Morgan, stylish one, good col. and feather, nice tail; 3, Wheatley, fine feather, col. and position, straight as a post; vhc, Greene; hc, Dalton; c, Reilly. HEN (4): 1, Dallon, a nice one, well worth its place, good wings, nice col. and feather; 2, Mahon, non fed, good wings and tail, well up on legs; 3, Wheatley, a fine specimen of a Yorks.; vhc, Lattimore. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Mullen, good feather, nice col. and position; 2, Burtenshaw, fine legs and wings, good feather; 3, Reilly, nice head and neck, very neat; vhc, Lambe; hc, Kavanagh; c, Fleming. HEN (8): 1, buff, nice round shoulders, good wings and tail; 2, Burtenshaw, nice head, neck and shoulders, good long wings; 3, Dalton, real good type, well up on legs; vhc, Wheatley; hc, Whitty; c, Fleming. VAR., CK. (8): 1, Whitty, good pos. and stylish, nice feather; 2, 3, Mullen, ran the winner very close; vhc, Morgan; hc, Kavanagh; c, Wheatley. HEN (10): 1, Morgan, teaming with qual., good feather, nice position; 2, Mullen, good feather and wing car., nice tail and wings; 3, Duff, followed close on 2nd; vhc, Lambe; hc, Mullen; c, Whitty. NOR., CK. (8): 1, McCagherty, good size and shape, nice qual. and subs.; 2, Johnston, fine size, large head, grand type, good qual. of feather, 3, McCagherty, nice one, very steady and stylish; vhc, Waters; hc, Lambe; c, Johnston. HENS (5): 1, 2, McCagherty, good shape, plenty of subs., nice feather and col; 3, Johnston, nice col., good feather and style; vhc, R. C. Reilly; hc, Lambe. LIGHT CAN. MULE: 1, Kavanagh; 2, Devins; 3, Waters; vhc, Kelly; hc, Mathews. DK. LINNET MULE: 1, Dawson; 2, McAteer; 3, Kennedy; vbc, Jackson; hc, c, Waters. A.O.V. (1): 1, Southwood. GOLD. (7): 1, Mulcahy; 2, Kennedy; 3, Furley; vhc, Johnson; hc, Townsend; c, Reilly. DO. F.M. (3): 1, O'Byrne; 2, Kavanagh; 3, Jackson. SISKEN, ETC. (6): 1, Townsend; 2, vhc, Mulcahy; 3, Dawson; c, Rowan. LINNET (9): 1, Dawson; 2, 3, Mulcahy; vhc, Jackson; hc, Falkiner; c, Dawson. DO. F.M. (6): 1, 2, Mulcahy; 3, Waters; vhc, Byrne; hc, Kavanagh; c, McAteer. SKYLARK (9): 1, Dawson; 2, c, hc, Cole; 3, Mulcahy; vhc, Dawson. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, 2, hc, Mulcahy; 3, Dawson; vhc, Faulkiner. BULLF. CK. (6): 1, Devins; 2, Furley; 3, hc, Mulcahy; vhc, Kavanagh; c, O'Connell. HEN (5): 1, Townsend; 2, McAteer; 3, Mulcahy; vhc, Waters; hc, Furley. A.O. SEEDEATER (6): 1, 2, vhc, c, Dawson; 3, Waters; hc, Johnston. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Mulcahy; 2, Dawson; ?, Furley, Townsend; vhc, c, Dawson. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Johnston.

ABERTILLERY.

First open show held Oct. 22, at Cwm Assembly Rooms, an ideal place, free from draught, and well lighted at night. The birds looked remarkably comfortable, and the stewards left no stone unturned to minister to the wants of their charges. Dr. McCormack, in a very neat speech, declared the show open, and mentioned the great pleasure it gave him to see the valuable members' cup as a memorial to the late Dr. McInerney. It is one of the finest trophies we have seen, and we understand is worth £14 14s.. We were very pleased to see such a great entry at the first venture, over 800 birds being entered. CAGE BIRDS coupon scheme was again a great success. Championship prize and diploma went to Mr. Ball with his lightly variegated Goldie Mule, novice championship and diploma to Mrs. E. Price with a well-known Welsh winning cl. buff Norwich. Diploma best Nor., Mr. D. H. Tedstone; best Yorks., Mr. Pritchard; Brit., Mr. Harry. Everything went without the slightest hitch, and great credit is due to the officials, Messrs. Hillman, J. Parfitt, Mortimer, Cleaves, Pritchard, A. Parfitt, Bowyer, H. Parfitt, Richards, Pearce, Thomas, Moule, Meredith, Russell, Hammond, Durham, Thomas and Morgan, who all worked assiduously to attain this end. The Secretary, Mr. Geo. Broome, carried out his duties in a very business-like manner, and the Society is well served by this official. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Hill, cl., neat head and neck, well balanced wings and tail, good col. and qual.; 3, Hutchings, cl., very shapely, lovely qual. and col., hardly so tight in feather as winner; 4, Morris, cl., good col. and qual., trifle slimmer; vhc, E. Thomas; hc, Mortimer; c, Morris. BUFF (10): 1, Jones, cl., real bouncer for size, good head and neck, nicely moulded, correct wings; 2, Tidstone, var., good size and shape, lovely qual. and cond., close up; 3, Hill, grizzle mkd., nice size and shape, loses head to leaders, might have given way to 4, Thomas, grand buff, nicely moulded, crosses wings a trifle; vhc, Broome; hc, Morris; c, Cleaves. VAR. (4): 2, Hill, var., nice size and shape, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Mortimer, foul green, grand col. and qual., hardly as good shape as leader; vhc, Morris; absent, Mortimer. YELL. HEN (5): 2, Hutchings, cl., lovely qual. and shape, neat head, neck, wings and tail, shown to perfection; 3, Jones, another cl., good col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 4, Hill, nice col., qual. and shape, hardly the substance of leaders; vhc, Cleaves; hc, Tedstone. BUFF (14): 1, Tedstone, cl., real beauty, grand size and shape, correct wings and tail, mealed to perfection, wins diploma; 2, Thomas, grand shape, col. and qual., nicely balanced wings and tail, loses subs.; 3, Jones, cl., trifle smaller than leaders, good col. and qual., nicely staged; 4, Broome, tkd., very shapely, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, hc, Greenslade; c, Greaves and Richards. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Thomas, var. yell, a real topper, wins; 2, G. T. Jones, var. buff, good size, shape, col. and qual., inclined to hug perches; 3, Hutchings, cl., grand col., neat head, neck, wings and tail, trifle loose breast feather; 4, c, Cleaves, cl., very shapely, nicely braced wings, grand col. and qual.; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Hill. NOVICE (11): 1, Mrs. Price, we think an old face in new hands, Merthyr, etc., winner, grand cl. buff, wonderful shape, good col. and qual., wins CAGE BIRDS novice diploma; 2, Amphlett, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., nicely moulded; 3, Phillips, cl. buff, good [illegible] wings and tail, not so nicely moulded as leaders; 4, Parry, tkd. buff, neat wings and tail, loses subs; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Furze; c, Thomas. HEN (8): 1, Mrs. E. Price, wing mkd. yell., good col. and qual., very shapely, 2, Richards, cl. buff, lovely shape, col. and qual., well braced wings; 3, Thomas and Durham, cl. buff, shapely, grand qual.; 4, Sweeting, tkd. yell., good col and qual., nice type; vhc, hc, Thomas and Durham; c, Mortimer. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Williams, cl. yell., nice size and shape, neat wings and tail; 2, Richards, cl. buff, neat head and neck, was rough in feather when we saw him; 3, Phillips, cl. yell., good size, type and qual., loses trifle in col.; 4, Sweeting, cl. buff, nicely moulded, grand col. and qual.; vhc, hc, Amphlett; c, Couch. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Casey, grizzle mkd., neat head and neck, good straight back, well up on leg; 2, Hillman, cl., good length, grand col. and qual., stands well; 3, Pritchard, cl., good col. and qual., neat head, well filled neck; 4, Bale, cl., stands well, good col. and qual.; vhc, Russell; hc, Greensdale; c, Greaves and Richards. BUFF (13): 1, Dugmore, var. buff, Plymouth winner, a topper, neat head, well filled neck, grand length, stands like a guardsman; 2, c, Pritchard, var., lovely qual., nicely rounded head, grand length, well braced wings, another real good one, wins diploma; 3, Hillman, good length, cnl. and qual., loses trifle head points; 4, Bevan, good size and type; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Harry. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (6): 1st withheld; 2, Parfitt, var. yell., grand col. and qual., nicely balanced wings and tail, neat head and neck; 3, Hillman, var., nice col. and qual., good length and pos., hardly an slim; 4, Parfitt, var., good length and shape, hardly the col.; vhc, Russell; absent, 1, 2. YELL. HEN (11): 1, c, Parfitt, cl., grand length, nicely rounded head, well filled neck, good pos., very nervy; 2, Hillman, cl., good col. and qual., neat head and neck, well on leg; 3, Phillips, cl., good straight back, nice pos., very nervy; 4, Harry, cl., grand col. and qual., hardly so neatly rounded; vhc, Dugmore; hc, Gregory. BUFF (13): 1, Griffiths, non-fed, good length, nice qual., shows hollow back bit, lucky to heat 2, Bale, good col. and qual., lovely head and neck, nice length; 3, Hillman, cl., nice length, col. and qual., well up on leg; 4, Jones and Wells, about the best in class, but showing frill in neck, which kept her back to-day; vhc, Parfitt; hc, Russell; c, Greensladc. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Jones and Wells var. buff, lovely col. and qual., nicely braced wings, neat tail, very nervy, well up on leg; 2, Freke, grizzle mkd. bull, neat head, well filled neck, stands well; 3, Hillman, var. yell., a blaze of col., lovely qual., very nervy; 4, Bevan, wing mkd. yell., neat, nice position; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Hillman; c, Phillips. NOVICE CK. (24): 1, Moule, var. buff, lovely qual. and type, good head and neck, well up on leg, wins novice diploma 2, Morgan, wing mkd. yell., good col., nice length, hardly so forward as leader; 3, Broome, cl. buff, nicely mealed, good length; 4, Thomas, cl. yell, neat head and neck, nice pos.; vhc, Ashman; hc, Hammond; c, Owens. HEN (17): 1, Griffiths, cl. buff, good length, very nervy, well up on leg, well filled back; 2, 3, Morgan, cl. yell. leading, nice col. and qual., neat wings and tail, stands well, latter grizzle mkd. yell., neat head and neck, nicely braced wings, stands to perfection; 4, Parfitt, cl. yell., grand col. and qual.; vhc, c, Moule; hc, Hancock. UNFLIG. (24): 1, Richards, cl. yelf., good head, well filled neck, nice length, grand col. and qual., wins sp. best member's Yorks.; 2, Gallop, cl. yell., good col., neatly braced wings, shows slight frill; 3, Owens; tkd. buff, well up on leg, nice col. and qual.; 4, Morgan, cl. yell., good type, trifle wild; vhc, Adams; hc, Broome; c, Moule. BORDER CK. (5): 1st withheld; 2, 3, Jeremiah, tkd. buff, grand qual., neat shape, very jaunty, latter buff, nicely moulded, neat head and neck, in tip-top order; 4, Jones, Cinn. var buff, lovely qual. and type crosses wings; vhc, Cooper. HEN (6): 2, 4, Jones, brace of cl. buffs, both good type and qual., in tip-top order; c, vhc, Jeremiah, cl. yell., very jaunty, nice col.; hc, c, Cooper. LIGHT MULE (5): 2, Ball, lightly var. Goldie, nice size and shape, staged in A1 order, wins diploma; 3, Lloyd James, eye mkd. Goldie, lovely cond. and qual., loses col. and size; 4, Greaves and Richards, car. Greenie Can., fair size, good col. and qual.; vhc, H. S. Davies; hc, Mortimer, wins diploma. DARK (3): 2, Hoddinott, good size Buff Goldie, nice blaze, good qual.; 4, Edwards, Linnet-Can., good size and col., lacks condition. HYB. (4): 2, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, nice size and shape, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Davies, Sis.-Greenie, feathered like wax, nice size; 4, Ball; vhc, Basley. GOLDF. (7): 1, Edwards, good square blaze, neat tans, bars and buttons, well up in col.; 3, Cheney, nice size blaze, good shape; 4, vhc, M. Thomas, neat; hc, G. Thomas; c, Broome. BULLF. (11): 1, 4, Cheney, leader very cobby, nice col. and qual., good cap and bars, latter good, hardly as nice in col.; 3, Lloyd James, F.M., nice size and shape, good col. and qual.; vhc, Basley; hc, Norton; c, Edwards. LINNET (6): 1, Cheney, good size, lovely col. and qual., wealth of lacing; 3, Lockett, good col., nicely laced, some preferred 3, Jeffreys, equally good; vbc, hc, Jenkins; c, Thomas. GREENF., etc. (4): 2, Baseley, Bramble, nice size and col., neatly spangled; 3, Lloyd James, buff Greenie, good size and shape, trifle wild; 4, no name, Chaffinch, nice size, shape and col.; vhc, Moss; c, no name; abs., Jeffreys. SISKIN, etc. (3): 3, Lloyd James, non-fed Siskin, nice col. and qual, neat lacing; 4, Jeffreys, similar, loses cond.; vhc, Moss. A.O.V. (4): 2, Pool, Hawf., grand col. and qual, nice size, in A1 order; 3, Jeffreys, sweet Meadow Bunting, in faultless cond.; 4, Griffiths, Hawfinch, good size, loses col.; vhc, Meredith. SOFTBILL: 2, Harry, Cornish Chough, in good order, wins diploma; 4, Roberts, Song Thrush, good size, neatly spangled;

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

Show held Hare and Hounds Hotel, Oct. 18, when 122 birds faced the judge, Mr. Luther Varley, whose awards were received with satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, sp., Myers; 2, Smith; 3, Spencer; vhc, Leach; hc, Middleton; c, Judson. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Fawcett; 3, Judson; vhc, Town; hc, Miles; c, Trevenar. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Middleton; 2, 3, Burnett; vhc, Judson; hc, Mitchell; c, Leach. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, c, Slater; 2, Myers; vhc, Smith; hc, Scaife. BUFF: 1, Scaife; 2, Burnett; 3, Slater; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Myers; c, Bower. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, Mitchell; 2, Crowther; 3, Miles; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Slater; c, Crowther. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Town; 2, Leach; 3, Smith; vhc, Middleton; hc, Burnett; c, Miles. HEN: 1, Middleton; 2, Myers; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Bower; hc, Town; c, Leach. NOVICE, CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Ascough; 2, Williams; 3, Dean; vhc, Pemberton; hc, Burrows. BUFF: 1, Pemberton; 2, 3, Ascough; vhc, Dean. YELL. HEN: 1, Williams; 2, 3, Burrows; vhc, c, Ascough; hc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, Pemberton; 3, Williams; vhc, Ascough; hc, Williams; c, Harrison. A.O.V., CK.: 1, 2, 3, Williams; vhc, Burrows; hc, Ascough; c, Dean. HEN: 1, Ascough. —C. W. Town, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth C.B.S. is to be congratulated upon another very successful show. The Long's Memorial Hall was again used, and is about perfection, and there was a nice gathering of visitors. Entries were nearly a hundred in advance of last year, which must be very gratifying to the officials, as they were unfortunately clashing with two prominent London shows. The society has now the confidence of the exhibiting public, and should still further advance. The show was opened by Miss Dye, who was accompanied by the pres., Councillor C. Dye, and the lady was presented with a bird and cage as a souvenir. The management was in the capable hands of Messrs. Hall and Jolmer, two gentlemen who thoroughly understand their duties, and are keenly alive to every item likely to make a success of their venture. The chairman, Mr. R. O. Tout, lent valuable assistance, and everyone on the committee of management did valuable work; these were Messrs. Saunders, Lean, Hoskinson, Parkes, Lockhart, King, Matthews, Walker, Olding, White, Browne, and Bickel. Mr. Norman judged Brit., For., and some members' classes, and Mr. Robson the remainder. CAGE BIRDS coupon competition had an entry of fifty-seven, and competition was keen. Diploma winners were:—Cham. Nor., Mr. C. W. Silk, junr.; Yorks., Mr. J. Hayter; Bord., Messrs. Burton Bros.; Hyb., Mr. Howick; Brit. Hardbill, Mr. W. Francis; Softbill, Mr. R. C. Tout; For., Miss Bousfield. Novice Nor., Mr. D. Walker; Yorks., Mr. D. Walker; Bord., Mr. R. W. Claydon; Hyb., Mr. W. Oakley; For., Mr. F. W. Littledale. As is usual at Portsmouth, the members made an imposing array with their birds, and in their classes one could find some of quite equal merit to birds in the open.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Silk, junr., magnificent size, plenty of subs., big, bold front, good back and wings, hot col.; 2, Silk, hardly so stoutly built, but grand head and neck, good wings, sound col., and qual.; 3, Moorman, typical, well across perch, good bold head and neck, grand cond.; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Miles; c, Rippon. BUFF: 1, Miles, big, bold bird, grand full head, nicely arched, capital front, well filled back, A1 qual.; 2, Elliott, scarcely so well filled in at back, but grand neck and front, in excellent order; 3, Walker, rare subs., grand head, neck, and back, hardly so clean cut, a good bird; vhc, Rippon; hc, Silk, junr.; c, Stroud. TKD. OR MKD.: 1, Moorman, short, thick-set, grand size, right across perch, capital close fitting wings, in topping condition; 2, 3, Elliott, similarly built, capital head and neck, good front, 3rd grand size, excellent col. and qual.; vhc, Miles; hc, Ninness; c, Miller. HEN: 1, Miles, beauty for size and type, nicely moulded, grand back and wings, good head, A1 quality; 2, Rippon, lovely yell., topper for size and shape, rare, bold, well rounded front, capital head; 3, Silk, another good yell., short thick-set, neat, full head, lovely quality; vhc, King; hc, Ninness; c, Elliott. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Rippon, lovely eye ticked, quite a beauty for size and type, thick-set, wonderful qual., grand head, wings and tail; 2, Frost and Rogers, nice cap mkd. buff, neat head, nicely rounded, lovely qual.; 3, Miller, shade bigger, but hardly the bloom, grand head and front; vhc, Silk, jun.; hc, Stroud; c, King. YELL. (12): 1, Matthews, short, thick-set cl., capital size, nicely proportioned, rare bold front, neat head, in fine fettle; 2, Caddy, big, wee bit slack in feather, good head and neck, hot col.; 3, Foyle, for type, short, thick-set, well filled, excellent qual.; vhc, hc, Fleming; c, Williams. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Fleming, nice stamp, clean cut, good front, stands well, grand feather, rich col.; 2, King, mkd. wing and eye, grand type, neat, well filled, capital back and wings, full of bloom; 3, Chitson, wing and cheek mkd., good size and type, stands well, A1 qual.; hc, Matthews; c, Walker. NON-FED (7): 1, Chitson, real good, grand size and type, good head and front, splendid qual.; 2, Miss Edwards, typical, grand, full front, broad skull, well filled cheeks, hardly so nicely fined down as winner; 3, c, King, grand, short all over; vhc, Caddy; hc, res., King; c, W. R. King. YORKS, YELL. (11): 1, Hayter, magnificent length, neat head, close fitting wings, lovely qual.; 2, Silk, topper for length and style, good head, nice bit of shoulder, tips wings at time; 3, Cooper, shade neater in build, scarcely the length, good style, stands well; vhc, Gibb; hc, Olding; c, Bousfield. BUFF (7): 1, Holliday, rare length, beautifully moulded, well up on legs, excellent qual.; 2, Silk, another gem, though hardly so sweetly moulded, lovely condition; 3, Cooper, beauty for style and finish, long, in the pink; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Olding; c, Bousfield. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Hayter, beauty for size and style, well up on leg, plenty of nerve, capital col. and qual.; 2, Newman, neck tkd., rare length, lovely head and shoulders, neat tail; 3, Yates, beauty for type, good pos. and style; vhc, Mrs. Gill; hc, Shiers; c, Newman. HEN (10): 1, Holliday, lovely type and style, nicely rounded, good wings, grand qual.; 2, 3, Bousfield, charming buff, very fine length, hardly so clean cut as winner, good feather, 3rd, another buff, grand length, style and finish; vhc, Matthews; hc, Dandridge; c, Cooper. UNFLIG. (15): 1, White, smart upstanding, capital length, neat, perfect qual.; 2, Gill, very smart, bredy yellow, rich col., sound con.; 3, Hayter, smart yell, nicely moulded, sound qual.; vhc, Olding; hc, Grist; c, Bousfield. YELL. (15): 1, Hunt, real Yorkie, capital length, nicely moulded, well braced wings, scarcely fit yet; 2, Airs, another small yell., lovely type, grand pos., hot col.; 3, Olding, wing tkd., racy, grand length, excellent BUFF (9): 1, Etheridge, smart, upstanding bird, good length and style, wee bit flat on top, but rare shoulders and back; 2, Townsend, grand pos., good head, shoulders, and back, lovely wings; 3, Olding, wing tkd., fine length and type, slim, grand qual.; vhc, Newman; hc, c, Cooper. CREST (8): 1, vhc, hc, Broad, magnificent subs., big, shapely Crest, lovely droop, good centre, very leafy; 2, Marshall, Green, light tail, full, dense crest, grand size and shape, nicely packed; 3, c, Gale, Grizzle, crest, lovely formation, droops well, good centre. C.B. (9): 1, vhc, c, Broad, grand size and shape, rare width of entrance and skull, beautifully domed; 2, Gale, beauty for size, grand skull and entrance, well lashed; 3, Marshall, variegated, rare head, nicely domed, grand lashing; hc, Fellows. BORD. GREEN (4): 1, Burton Bros., grand, deep, rich yell. green, lovely type and style, pink of condition; 2, vhc, Edwards, very sweet buff lovely type, braced wings, sound, rich col., A1 con.; 3, Shiers, buff shade, full in size, excellent qual., good col. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Jenkins, real gem for type and style, capital head and neck, well braced wings; 2, Burton, scarcely so rich in col., but gem for type and style; 3, vhc, c, Pratt, smart, clean cut, boxy feather; hc, Madagan. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, Pratt, grand type and finish, but plenty big enough, pink of condition, 2, another beauty, smaller, we like [illegible] minutely, perfect type and style; 3, Jenkins, head [illegible] for type, beautifully moulded, grand wings, [illegible] vhc, Madagan; hc, Edwards; c, Lawrie. HEN YELL (8): 1, c, Pratt, sweet exhibit, lovely type neat, nice head, A1 qual.; 2, Jenkins, like wax, perfect head, and wing car., grand bird; 3, Edwards, neat and good, excellent wings; vhc, Madagan; hc, Burton Bros. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Pratt, double the grand type, neat, nicely tapered body, beautiful and tail, A1 qual, 2, clear, another good one, close up; 3, Madagan, wing mkd., lovely type and qual; vhc, Burton; hc, Jenkins; c, Lawrie. YELL. A.O.V. (11): 1, Claydon, rump and tail need [illegible] type, good head and neck, well rounded; 2, Williams, smooth as glass, lovely type, [illegible] tail; 3, hc, Bolesworth, var., paler in col., but capital type and style; vhc, Marrott, c, [illegible] BUFF (16): 1, 3, Marriott, two beauties [illegible] type and qual., leader trifle better put down, [illegible] smart birds, deserve their places; 2, vhc, Pope, leader bonny cl., perfect type and style, neat; hc, Bolesworth; c, Martin. A.O.V. (2): 1, Kuse, Buff Cinn., bonny bird, grand size, very shapely, A1 condition fine fettle; 2, vhc, Fifield, Dutch Frill, [illegible] for size, abundance of feather, grand frill; 3, Holiday, Scotch Fancy, nice size and shape, good [illegible] and depth; hc, c, Young. HYBRID (8): 1, Howick, Can.-Bullie, well known, in pink of con.; 2, Jones, Gold.-Can., grand size, very shapely, nice touch of blaze, in fine fettle; 3, vhc, Miss Bousfield, Linnet Can., wonderful size and shape, good col., perfect condition; hc, Walker; c, Mrs. Keeley. BRIT. GOLD. (9): 1, White, not a monster, but beautifully proportioned, great spread of blaze, good depth of tanning, capital condition; 2, Herbert, shade large grand face, hardly so good in spread of blaze, in fine fettle; 3, James, good one, capital face and wings, good tanning; vhc, c, Long; hc, Hope. BELLF.: 1, Burr, big, bold bird, grand shape, rare head and rich col., splendid cap; 2, hc, Wren, perfect cap and bib, not so rich in breast, grand shape; 3, Francis, good one, very close up, shapely, in breast; vhc, Hobden; c, Prior. LINNET: 1, Francis, grand type, full of work, carried well down flank, pink of con.; 2, James, shade smaller, well marked, in fine fettle; 3, Burr, big, good shape, nice col., hardly at its best yet; vhc, Hobden; hc, c, Long. GREENF.: 1, James, fine shape and [illegible] good wings, nice full head, A1 cond. and col.; 2, Francis, good one for size and shape, will improve; 3, vhc, Long, good shape, wants time. SISKIN, POLL (7): 1, vhc, Ford, little gem for size and type, nice natty col., grandly laced; 2, Mrs. Bonfield, hardly so big, but equal in other respects, well shown; 3, Tout, another good one, capital size, full of work; hc, James; c, Francis. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Francis, grand meaty, fine size and subs, beautifully laced; 2, James, bonny Siskin, fine size, capital bib and cap; 3, Tout, nice Twite, capital size and shape, good col. A.O.V. (9): 1, Burr, bonny Hawf., grand size and shape, good skull, A1 col. and cond.; 2, Ford, lovely Y. Bunting, bold, well marked head, good spangling, A1 cond.; 3, Hinds, grand Chaff., capital size, bold, fine col. and cond.; vhc, Francis; hc, White; c, Miss Bousfield. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Lott, wonderful Thrush, grand shape, perfectly steady, beautifully spotted, best possible cond.; 2, Lorner, another grand Thrush, perfect shape, very densely marked; 3, Lean, Thrush, hardly the cond. 'GALE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Lean, lovely 'Gales, leader bonny bird for size, shape, col., and cond.; 3, hc, Tout, beautiful Blackcap, unfortunately broken its wing feathers, which put it back. A.O.V., SMALL (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Tout, perfect Gold Crest, very shapely tight as wax, 2nd capital Redstart, lovely trim; 3, Lean, Lesser Whitethroat, real gem. LARGE: 1, 2, Tout, nice Greater Spotted Woodpecker leading, good Jay 2nd. FOR., PARROTS, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Young, grand Violet-headed Amazon, rich col., very steady; 2, Wade, Crimson-wing, put down in good order; 3, Rev. Rayner, Meyer's Parrots, unfortunately cock bird minus wing feathers; hc, McDonald; c, Mrs. Mack. WAXBILLS, ETC. (12): 1, 3, Watts, lovely Golden Breasts, grand col., in pink of cond.; 3, Good, White-headed Mannikin; 2, Weir, perfect St. Helena's, faultless cond.; vhc, Small; hc, Young; c, Lockhart. SEEDEATERS (13): 1, Littledale, extra large Red-headed Gouldian, rich col., faultless; 2, Watts, lovely Cordon Bleu, grand col., very fine cond.; 3, Young, lovely Whydah; vhc, Miss Bousfield; hc, Slade; c, Lee. A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, Miss Bousfield, lovely Purple Sugarbird leading, 2nd good Tanagers, in fine fettle; 3, Slade, nice Pekin, grand size and cond.

MEMBERS', NOR., CL. OR TKD.: 1, vhc, hc, Saunders; 2, 3, Moorman. MKD.: 1, Walker; 2, Ninness; 3, German. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, 3, vhc, Saunders. A.O.V.: 1, Dr. Weeks; 2, Moorman; 3, vhc, Saunders. NOVICE, CL. OR TKD.: 1, Hill; 2, Fleming; 3, Churcher; vhc, Lockhart MKD: 1, Churcher; 2, Hill; 3, Clegg. HEN: 1, Lockhart; 2, Fleming; 3, Churcher; vhc, Clegg. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Fleming; 2, Dr. Weeks; 3, c, Fleming; hc, Prentice. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, Matthews; 2, Etheridge; 3, Joiner; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Truelove; c, Bousfield. MKD: 1, 2, Mrs. Gill; 3, White; vhc, Matthews; hc, Truelove; c, Grist. HEN: 1, 2, Mrs. Gill; 3, vhc, Truelove; hc, Grist; c, Cooper. UNFLIG.: 1, Truelove; 2, 3, Etheridge; vhc, Walker; hc, Mrs. Gill. NOVICE CL., ETC.: 1, Hill; 2, 3, vbc, Moore. UNEVEN: 1, 2, Nicholls; 3, Cooper; vhc, Moore; hc, Hill. HEN: 1, vhc, Cooper; 2, Nicholls; 3, Chitson; c, Oakley. UNFLIG.: 1, Oakley; 2, Hill; 3, vhc, Chitson; hc, Nichols. CREST: 1, Dr. Weeks. C.B.: 1, Dr. Weeks. BORD., YELL.: 1, Hinds. BUFF: 1, Edwards; 2, Hinds. A.O.V.: 1, hc, Dr. Weeks; 2, Oakley; 3, Prentice; vhc, Walker; hc, Mrs. Lewis. BRIT., GOLDF.: 1, 2, Long; 3, Walker; vhc, hc, Mrs. Lewis. BULLF.: 1, Burr; 2, Howick; 3, Hinds. LINNET: 1, Buttress; 2, Tout; 3, Lewis; vhc, hc, Long. REDPOLL: 1, Long. FOR.: 1, Burr; 2, 3, Russell; vhc, Lean; hc, Tout; c, Ninness. SMALL SOFT.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Tout; 2, Hall

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

First old bird show held Oct. 18 at Victoria Hotel, when a very good entry of 66 birds was recorded. The judge was Mr. J. Taylor, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Special prize winners: Mr. H. Fretwell with a grand tkd. yellhen; unflig. yell., Mr. H. Oldrieve; Buff, Mr. W. Goodwin.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Bryant; 2, Cotterill 3, Goodwin; 4, Boocock; vhc, hc, Fretwell; c, Shepherd. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Shepherd; 2, Fretwell; 4, Hall; vhc, Ellis; hc, Boocock; c, Goodwin. EVEN ETC. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Goodwin; 2, Bryant; 3, Cotterill. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Shepherd; 2, Goodwin; 4, Bryant; vhc, Hall; hc, Boocock. UNFLIG. (13): 1, sp, Oldrieve; 2, sp, Goodwin; 3, c, Bloomfield; 4, Pullan; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Fretwell. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (8): 1, sp, Fretwell; 2, Boocock; 3, Bloomfield; 4, vhc, Shepherd; hc, Shaw; c, Hall. BUFF (7): 1, Boocock; 2, Hall; 3, Pullan; 4, hc, Bloomfield; vhc, Myers; c, Cotterill. EVEN. ETC. HEN (6): 1, vhc, hc, Ellis; 2, Abed; 3, Abbey; 4, Cotterill.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD C.B.S.

Annual show held in the old Masonic Hall, Oct. 16, a very good room for a bird show, having good light. Entries numbered 242 in 26 standing classes. The four British bird classes and the Crest and C.B. having to be cancelled for want of support. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a committee consisting of Messrs. W. B. George, C. Castle, A. Dennis, J. Gough, A. Lewin, W. H. Simms, A. Tomb, F. Wilson, H. E. Wood, and T. W. Wren. Mr. C. Holliday makes a very able hon. secretary, and has a good assistant in Mr. A. F. Filield, corresponding sec., with J. A. Lees as treas. Mr J. H. Roe, Birmingham, judged. Quality of the birds was exceedingly good in most classes; gold medal for best in show was won by Mr. E. J. Lamb with his noted Bullfinch-Canary Mule, shown in tip-top condition. The white Canary, a very rare and pretty specimen, though much admired by the public, got only vhc. The attendance was fairly good, and the society was well supported with subscriptions and special prizes. Mr. W. F. Cross is pres.; Viscount Valentia, C.B., M.P., Major Henderson, M.P., and other influential vice presidents.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Harding, real good stout bird, well shown, grand col.; 2, 3, Silk, junr., two toppers, close up, not much to choose between them; vhc, Clark; hc, Webb. BUFF (7): 1, Bishop and Son, good one, grand col. and subs., full of qual.; 2, Harding, another nice one, fine subs. and style, well shown; 3, Kilby, rare qual. and col.; vhc, spl, Wren, very typical, beautiful col.; hc, Webb; c, Clarke. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Midgley, nice even mkd. buff, fine type and qual.; 2, members' spl, Lees, good yell., tkd. one wing, grand body, full of qual., close up; 3, Kilby, very good uneven mkd. yell., shown in fine cond.; vhc, Lees; hc, Harding; c, Silk, junr. HEN (6): 1, Silk, junr., bonny yell. and well built, lovely style, shown in nice cond.; 2, spl, Lewin, yell. Green, rare good bird, plenty subs. and feather; 3, Bolt, nice qual. yell., good type; vhc, Lees; hc, Allsop; c, Wren. HEN, UNFLIG. (11): 1, Midgley, buff, nice qual, grand shape, very tight in feather; 2, Bolt, charming buff, lovely shape and quality; 3, Lees, real good one, very little behind others; vhc, Silk, junr.; hc, c, Lewin. UNFLIG., TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Lewin, well built, grand head, nice qual., well shown; 2, Webb, another smart youngster, should make a good one; 3, Bolt, close up, fine shape and qual.; vhc, Kilby; hc, Lewin; c, Wren. BUFF (9): Good class: 1, 2, spl, Lewin, the winner a grand cl., lovely type and carriage, 2nd very nice mkd bird, two real good ones; 3, Clarke, nice qual., well built and mealed; vhc, Bishop and Son; hc, Silk, junr.; c, Midgley. NOR., AMAT. (£2 Limit) (8): 1, Hedges, good body, fine qual., stylish yell.; 2, Simms, really nice variegated yellow; 3, Oliffe, neat, excellent qual.; vhc, hc, Wood; c, Hart. UNFLIG. DO. (11): 1, vhc, hc, spl, Wood, the winner a very good yell., well built and stylish; 2, Church, another very nice yell.; 3, Hedges, pretty buff; c, Simms. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Snead, two good birds, very finely drawn, grand wing carriage; 2, hc, King, nice qual., good length and leg, close up; vhc, Dykes; c, Roser. BUFF (9): 1, Roser, racy cl.; 2, Bishop and Son, very good even-mkd., slim and stylish; 3, Price, good cl., long and neat; vhc, Snead, nice qual., close up; hc, Dykes; c, Mrs. Holliday; members' spl., Simms. HEN (10): 1, Turner, nice qual. and type, finely drawn; 2, Dykes, also a beauty, grand length and qual.; 3, Clark, fine long variegated yellow, close up; vhc, Maidment; hc, Giles; c, Mrs. Holliday. AMATEUR (£2 Limit) (6): 1, Maidment, good tkd. buff, full of qual., racy; 2, Clarke, slim, long variegated yellow, close up; 3, Dimmock, also a nice yell.; vhc, Oliffe; hc, c, Tombs. UNFLIG. DO. (8): 1, vhc, Dimmock, well drawn, very stylish yell.; 2, Maidment, another good yell., long, neat; 3, Grant, nice qual. buff; hc, spl, Oliffe; c, Tombs. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, Marsh, two good Scotch Fancies, nicely circled; 3, hc, c, and members' spl, Fifield, 3rd a very nice Dutch Frill; vhc, Goldsmith. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (7): 1, hc, Lawrance, very beautiful light Goldfinch Mule; 2, members' spl, Gough, real good Linnet Mule; 3, Lamb, another very good lightly mkd. Goldie Mule, close up; vhc, Lees; c, Poole. DARK (9): 1, Lamb, very nice Greenfinch-Can.; 2, vhc, Lawrance, another Greenfinch-Can., also very good; 3, Gough, Goldie-Can., nice qual.; hc, Goldsmith; c, Peters. A.O.V. HYB. (8): 1, 2, gold medal, Lamb, the winner a grand Bullf.-Can., 2nd very nice Bullf.-Goldfinch; 3, Hart, Bullf.-Greenfinch, good size and shape; vhc, White, nice qual. Bullf.-Greenf.; hc, Edwards; c, Smith. GOLDF. (8): 1, 3, Brooks, extra good ones, not much between them, good in all-round properties; 2, White, nice qual., capital blaze and wing col., shows well; vhc, Wren; hc, c, Gough. BULLF. (6): 1, 2, spl, Wren, extra good in caps, nice breast colour and in lovely condition of plumage; 3, Poole, another good col. bird, capital cap, just loses in size; vhc, Wright; hc, Elston, Corn Wren. GREENF., ETC. (8): 1, hc, Lawrance, Bramble, good head lacing, nice breast col., fine cond.; 2, spl, Oliffe, extra nice Greenf., shining plumage, fine large bird, well shown; 3, Basley, good Chaffinch, beautifully steady, lovely col. and markings; hc, Wren, c, Brooks. BRIT. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Wren, lovely Bullie, well mkd. Linnet, good col., very steady; 3, Lawrance, Bramble, beautiful col. and markings; vhc, Basley; hc, Gough. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, Edmunds and Smith, a nice Tri-coloured Tanager; 2, 3, vhc, c, Holliday, 2nd Bronzewing, in very best of condition, nice exhibit, 3rd pair of Waxbills, in beautiful plumage; hc, Oliffe. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, spl, Holliday, fine team, 1st and 2nd two good Macaws, 3rd fine Lemon-crested Cockatoo. SELL., 30s. (12): 1, Lewin; 2, hc, Clarke; 3, Litchfield; vhc, Peters; c, Silk, junr. 12s. 6d. (5): 1, Litchfield; 2, Lewin; 3, Lees; vhc, Fifield; hc, Silk, junr.

LLANDILO F.S.

Show held at Drill Hall, Oct. 16. Owing to clashing with Swansea, entries in our section did not come up to expectations; still we are pleased to note that the show was a great success financially, due in a great measure to the untiring efforts of the sec., Mr. H. S. Davies, and hardworking committee. Mr. A. D. Hughes judged.

NOR. BUFF (5): 1, res, Price, cl. buff, good type and qual., grand size, well put down; 2, 3, Davies, brace of typical youngsters, plenty of size, col. and qual.; vhc, Muscott. YORKS. (5): 1, Williams, cl., grand length, good col. and qual., stands well; 2, Price, unflighted yell., good col. and qual., rather wild; 3, Cook, nice yell., hardly as good type as leaders; vhc, Price; hc, Shears. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, spl, best in show, 2, Davies, Siskin Greenie leading, good size, shape, and col., shown to perfection, wins, 2nd almost cl. Twite-Can., good size, col., and cond.; 3, Lloyd James, tkd. buff Goldie, in perfect feather, loses size; res, Jones. FOR. (5): 1, 3, res, Bafton, Red-napped Lorikeet, good col. and qual., staged well, and Eclectus Parrot, hardly hoisted enough yet; 2, Davies, Pennant Parrakeet, good rich deep col., not quite ready, will want some beating later on. SELL.: 1, 3, H. S. Davies; 2, Griffiths; res, hc, Price; vhc, Ewart Davies; c, Strange.

Halifax Holds Largest Yorkshire Union Show To-Date.

Good Workers: "Coarse and Heavy" Champion Birds: A Truly Sensational Happening.

556! This was the total entry at the show of the Halifax A.S., held in the Friendly and Trades Hall on Oct. 17 and 18. The entry, although not so good as last year, is yet the largest secured by a Yorkshire Union show this season. The quality generally was not up to the average, the majority of the birds not having lined down and tightened up. In this respect the novice classes were superior to the champions. In the latter many of the exhibits were, as Mr. Wilcock so truly said last week, too coarse and heavy. So numerous were the big ones in many classes that they made the medium birds look comparatively undersized and plain in appearance. In two respects, however, the latter had it—quality of feather and style. Of the champions, the unflighted classes and the hens were the best. In the former was found the winner of CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition, a long slim racy yellow shown by Mr. J. E. Priestley. This bird has plenty of length, but not a vestige of coarseness, and had a remarkable sequence of victories, taking the C.B. Championship, Hyde's, Sandiford's, and Hudson's specials. It just missed the special for the best member's bird. This honour fell to Mr. S. S. Rigg's winner in adult yellows, another grand stylish bird this, with any amount of quality. Ramsden's special went to Mr. L. Dykes' unflighted bird, which stood at the top in the yellow class. In the novices the winner of C.B. Competition was Mr. Mann's yellow green. The four classes of the show which excelled all others in the display of high average merit and keenness of competition were those for novice hens and unflighted birds.

In the green marked buff hens was a bird which created quite a sensation, and which will cause the Halifax Show of 1913 to be remembered for many a year. We refer to the bird of Messrs. Ogden Bros., which was disqualified. The disqualification came before a meeting of the Yorkshire Union on the Saturday, and a report of the proceedings, with the Council's finding, will be found elsewhere.

Norwich had, for a Yorkshire show, a big classification and a most expert judge, yet the response of exhibitors was but moderate. The quality generally was good, but we thought some of the exhibits were a bit on the coarse side. CAGE BIRDS Coupon Open Competition was won by Mr. T. H. Mason's smart unflighted buff Norwich, and the novice competition by Mr. H. Ford's lovely little buff hen. British, with the Yorkshire B.B. and M.C. patronage, failed badly, three out of the five classes failing to fill.

The management was excellent. Halifax, like all the West Riding shows, is blessed with a good lot of workers, and amongst those whom we specially noted were Messrs. Ross, Macpherson, Priestley, Hall, Lee, and Robertshaw. Messrs. Clegg and Burdekin, the secretaries, had everything in their department in apple-pie order, and the fixture went through with a swing and a flourish which tells of much patient endeavour and good organisation.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

YORKS YELL. (10): 1, cp best member's, hc, Rigg, very fine and tapering, grand length, nice head and neck, plenty of nerve, stands well up on good legs and feet; 2, Burdekin Bros., not quite so slim, but grand length and style, nicely feathered, plenty of nerve; 3, Tidswell, nice stylish shapely bird, hardly so tight in front, gets well up on leg; 4, Bailey, very neat and smart in body, nice quality, but when handled fanned his tail; vhc, O. E. Naylor; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (12): 1, P. Mason, splendid length, nice head, grand back and wings, inclined to fork tail a trifle, plenty of nerve, grand silky feather; 2, Bailey, carries his wings and tail better than 1st, but is not so long on leg, capital body shape, nice feather and style; 3, Hodgson, splendid length and shape, very hot in col., nicely feathered, but does not get up to his work so well; 4, Saville, full of qual. and col., grand shape and style, but is not so long; vhc, Dyson; hc, Sutcliffe and Sons; c, Thomas. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, J. Helliwell, very long, slim, well drawn tkd. wing, full of style, gets well up on his legs, and shows penty of nerve and qua.; 2, Bailey, cheek and neck mkd., very slim, racy and stylish, grand qual. and style, not quite so good in neck; 3, Burdekin Bros., wing tkd., very hot in col., capital back and wings, shows plenty of nerve, not so clean at thighs; 4, Towers, smart little wing tkd., stands very nicely, but inclined to spread tail; vhc, H. W. Walsh; hc, Myers and Lumb; c, Jennings. TKD. BUFF (9): 1, Bennett, very neat and clean right through, carries a wealth of col., gets well up to his work, plenty of nerve; 2, Sutcliffe and Sons, cheek tkd., very nice quality, capital shape and style, good head and neck, not quite so erect; 3, Thomas, very smart, racy, wing tkd., good back, wings and tail, not quite so silky in feather; 4, Shaw Bros., head tkd., smart, racy, stylish bird, full of nerve, good legs and feet, pulls his neck a bit thin; vhc, Myers and Lumb; hc, Bailey; c, Ogden Bros. HENS, YELL. (13): 1, Bennett, plenty of length and very slim, tapers well away at vent, full of nerve, grand col. and qual., slight frill on chest; 2, J. Helliwell, hardly so long and racy, but very nicely moulded, not a feather out of place, plenty of nerve; 3, Ogden Bros., lovely silky feather, grand legs, does not get hold of the perch so well; 4, Mason, very sweet, neat little bird, had not been washed, and thus lacked bloom; vhc, Thomas; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Casey. BUFF (13): 1, Craig, tight and sleek as a mole, grand head, splendid style, capital legs, full of nerve, just a shade on the stout side; 2, Towers; very smart and stylish, not so stout at waist, but shows a little feather there, very neat wings and tail; 3, Whitley, shapely, well drawn hen, capital feather, plenty of nerve, rather pale in col.; 4, E. Clegg, very smart showy hen, good back and wings, not quite so tight in feather on chest; vhc, J. Helliwell; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Robertshaw. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Dykes, tremendously hot in col., wins Ramsden's spl, grand head and neck, capital wings and tail, very nervy, lovely silky feather, gets well up on his legs; 2, four spls, Priestley, wins C.B. Competition, very slim and racy, splendid feather, the best of bulls and wings, very sound and even in col., rare legs, not quite so sound in head; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, beautiful silky feather, but not quite tight on thighs, grand shape and style, plenty of nerve; 4, Bennett, again a fine slim lengthy bird, not quite so steady; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Fowle; c, Ellis. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Dyson, mkd. head, cheek and wings, very hot and level in col., beautifully light and silky in feather, rare nerve and style; 3rd very nice stylish cl., hardly so fit in feather; 2, Moss, very long, slim, well tapered cheek and wing mkd., good back, wings and tail, not so tight in front; 4, Robertshaw, very smart and shapely, mkd. wings, head, neck and vent, rare style, nice qual., hardly finished moulting on head; vhc, Bailey; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Burdekin Bros. HEN (22): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, beautifully long slim yell., grand head and neck, neat shoulders, wings and tail, very nicely tapered, grand qual., plenty of nerve; 2, E. Clegg, another clinking yell., rare length, plenty of col., very nervy and racy, capital head and back, spreads tail slightly; 3, Thomas, very sleek, stylish buff, neat head, capital wings and tail, beautiful feather, stands well; 4, Dykes, neck tkd. yell., hardly so erect in carriage, capital length, plenty of nerve, nice col. and qual., hardly ready; vhc, Bailey; hc, Wilkinson; c, Stobart. MKD. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Chittenden, very smart stylish bird, mkd. checks and wings, plenty of length, nicely feathered, abundance of col.; 3rd eye, check and wing mkd., not quite so long and slim, but beautiful feather, nice style, stands well up, not so warm in col.; 4, Hall, mkd. checks, neck and wings, nice shape, length and carriage, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Dykes; hc, Binns; c, Townsend. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Morrison, cap, eye, and wing mkd., grand shape and length, full of nerve, and very silky in feather, shows well; 3rd eye, check and wing mkd., hardly so erect in carriage, very slim and nervy, nice col. and feather; 2, Hall, cap and wing mkd., very slim, sleek and racy, handles well and stands like a soldier; 4, Bailey, eye and check mkd., grand shape, very nice head, neck and wings, but as wild as a Hawk; vhc, c, Priestley; hc, Fowle. HENS, YELL. (11): 1, Priestley, a regular little masher, feathered like glass, rare shape and style, mkd. head, wings and tail, gets well hold of perch, plenty of nerve; 2, Thomas, very pretty cheek and wing mkd., hardly so slim, but capital feather, style and col.; 3, Whitley, mkd eyes, neck, wings, and tail, splendid shape and feather, very nice col., but would not stand when handled; 4, Townsend, mkd. eyes, wings, and vent, another grandly made bird, all there in shape and feather, but would not stand; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, E. Clegg; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Morrison, very sweet bird, lovely silky feather, nicely tapered, handles well, good legs, mkd. eyes, neck and wings; 2, E. Clegg, eye and wing mkd., not quite so slim in body, grand head, neck and shoulders, neat wings and tail; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. head, cheeks and wings, very silky in feather, grand shape, well tapered, good legs; 4, Saville, rather heavily mkd., capital shape, style and feather, nice head and shoulders; vhc, Hall; c, H. W. Walsh. CINN. MKD. YELL. cancelled. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Morrison, cheek, saddle and wing mkd., plenty of col., good head and shoulders, nice wings and tail; 3rd head, cheek, and wing mkd., good shape and col., but not quite so tight in body feather; 2, Atkinson and Firth, more length than first, but not so sleek in feather, grand legs, and plenty of nerve, mkd. on cheeks, wings and vent; 4, Ogden Bros., head and wing mkd., very slim and stylish, good feather; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Craig; c, Towers. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Bennett, mkd. cheeks, neck, and wings, very neat and stylish in body, capital head, shoulders and wings, stands well and shows nerve; 2, Morrison, mkd. cheeks and wings, longer than 1st, but not so compact and silky in feather, stylish and nervy; 3, Shaw Bros., mkd. cheek, neck, and wings, plenty of length, gets well up on legs; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. head, neck, and wings, very shapely and nice head and wings, not so tight in front; vhc, Towers; hc, Haigh. BUFF (7): 1, Casey, mkd. eyes, cheeks, and wings, beautiful, soft, silky, close fitting coat, grandly modelled body, plenty of nerve and style; 2, Myers and Lumb, mkd. head, neck, and wings, hardly so warm in col., lovely feather and style, nice wing and tail carriage; 3, Morrison, mkd. head, eyes, and wings, very nicely shaped, gets well up on legs, hardly so tight; 4, Ogden Bros., eye and wing mkd., rather stouter in body, nicely feathered; vhc, Pickup and Son; hc, Towers; c, Atkinson and Firth. GREENS, YELL. SELF (6): 1, Handley, nice grassy green tone, lovely silky feather, very shapely, gets well up on legs, full of nerve and quality; 2, Moreman, even better col., but does not use wings quite so cleverly, very nice silky feather, stands up well on legs; 3, McMulty, plenty of length, splendid shape, tapered well away at waist, not so sound in col.; 4, Riley clinking col., shape, and feather, owns a grand pair of legs, wants training; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Robinson. BUFF (13): 1, Handley, very sound and rich in col., beautifully feathered, very smart and stylish, capital wings and tail, handles extremely well; 2, Benson and Young, grand shape and style, very nicely feathered, not quite so grassy in col.; 3, Simpson, full of col. and style, rare legs, capital wing carriage; 4, c, Metcalfe, very neat and stylish, capital col. and feather, not so much length; vhc, Robinson; hc, McMulty. YELL. FOUL (Cancelled). BUFF FOUL (10): 1, Walker, long, slim, well drawn, lovely col. and qual., stands well up on legs, rare shape and style, foul in tail; 2, Benson and Young, also foul in tail, splendid rich col., good wings and tail, very smart and stylish, not quite so slim; 3, McMulty, again foul in tail, grand col., nice silky feather, good legs, stands well, bit thick in waist; 4, Handley, foul tail, shapely, nice col.; vhc, Moreman; hc, Abbott; c, Robinson.

NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Ellis, a topper, grand shape and length, stands well up on leg, capital head, back, wings, and tail, very nicely finished right through; 2, Pedder, very hot in col., full of style, lovely feather, stands well, but is not quite so tapering; 3, Hudson, tkd. head and wing, capital shape, plenty of nerve, good wings and tail; 4, Horsman, lovely shape and style, neat head, good back, nice wings and tail, needs training; vhc, Jackson; hc, Walker; c, Lord. BUFF (20): 1, Dibb, a real gem, beautifully finished in feather, stands well on a good pair of legs, neat head, rare carriage of wings and tail; 2, Radley, very smart, racy, eye tkd., very slim and stylish, neat head and shoulders, good wings and tail, not finished moulting yet; 3, Highley, full of col., beautiful close silky feather, very slim and racy, grandly balanced wings and tail, loses in neck; 4, Ellis, very smart and showy, gets well up on leg, well carried wings and tail, not so tight in front; vhc, Quarmby; hc, Shaddin; c, Taylor. HEN, YELL. (29): 1, E. Ogden, cheek and wing mkd., beautiful shape and style, grandly balanced wings and tail, nice col. and full of qual.; 2, Beaumont and Marsden, a sweet cl., full of nerve, neat head and shoulders, well braced wings and tail; 3, r, Seager, longer, cl., capital head and shoulders well carried tail, wings want bracing up a bit; 4, J. and F. Haggis, good shaped, racy cl., nice head, wings, and tail, not tightened up in front yet; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Bower; c, Kirkbright. BUFF (32): 1, Bower, gem of a cl., bird with a future, feathered like silk, plenty of nerve, grand wing and tail carr., good legs; 2, Barnes, grand shape and style, lovely silky feather, excellent wings, not quite so tight in tail; 3, T. Smith, for shape, length, and style a beauty, neat head, wings, and tail, not quite ready; 4, H. Firth, grand little wing tkd., lovely feather, neat head, capital wings and tail, handles nicely; vhc, Sykes; hc, Noble and Son; c, Atkinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (23): 1, Holroyd, a gem of a cl., nice even col., close waxlike plumage, neat head and shoulders, grand carriage of wings and tail, very nervy; 2, Pedder, carries a wealth of col., very nice feather, good wings and tail, very nervy, but needs a bit of handling; 3, Swaine, very long and slim, nicely tapered, good legs, wings and tail, very nice qual., not quite fit, secures "C.B." novice diploma; 4, Mosley, grand head, shoulders, and wings, just a trifle open in tail, full of style; vhc, E. Ogden; hc, W. Seagar; c, T. Smith. BUFF (34): 1, R. Seagar, straight and smart as a soldier, rare qual., very nice level col., splendid wings and tail, stands on a capital pair of legs; 2, Holgate and Aldridge, very smart and stylish, well tapered at waist, grand wings and tail, plenty of nerve; 3, Radley, style and shape all there, grand wing and tail carriage, neat head, not quite tightened up; 4, Johnson, plenty of length, good legs, nice wings and tail, nice silky feather; vhc, Fielding; hc, Barnes; c, Child. MKD. (9): 1, Hudson, cheek and wing cinn. mkd. buff, most beautifully feathered, grand wing and tail carriage, not overdone in col., but a good Yorkie; 2, Mosley, long, racy, stylish, wing mkd. yell., capital wings and tail, nice col. and qual., but not so tight in front; 3, Highley, smart, well feathered head, neck, and wing mkd. buff, not quite so slim, but grand style; 4, Long, cheek, neck, and wing mkd. yell., plenty of nerve, well balanced wings and tail, not quite through the moult; vhc, Holroyd; hc, Atkinson; c, Senior. GREEN (7): 1, c, Mann, takes "C.B." competition prize, lovely yell., col. just broken on back of head, rare shape, col, style, and qual., stands well; 2, vhc, hc, Sharp, nice shapely, stylish buff, good front, nice sides; 3, Highley, foul winged yell., nice length and shape, sound bright col., wants training; 4, Sladdin, neat, stylish, nicely feathered foul tailed buff, stands well.

Mr. J. Trengove's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Harland, smart, shapely cl., good bold breast, plenty of col., stands well across the perch, good wings and tail; 2, Cook, grand shaped, neck tkd., bold and stylish, sound level col., well feathered; 3, 4, Thomas, cl., and neck tkd., not quite so hot in col., beautifully feathered, a brace of useful ones; vhc, Roe; hc, J. W. Wilkinson; c, W. A. Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, Cook, grand bouncing cl., good Bullfinch breast, rich sound col., very nicely mealed; 2, Ball, very shapely and stout, good wings and tail, not so clean at thighs, nice col.; 3, vhc, Heap, hardly so stout and chubby in body, plenty of col., very nice feather; 4, Greaves and Richards, plenty of chest, good back, nice col. and meal, not so neat at vent; hc, c, Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, T. H. Mason, a really grand cl., a qual. bird right through, plenty of substance, yet not coarse; 2, Cook, head and wing mkd., brimming over with hot col., grand shape and position, nice qual.; 3, Pickup and Son, grizzled on head and saddle, capital shape and carriage, not so silky in feather; 4, Harland, not so much substance, but full of col. and qual.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Fortman; c, Heap. BUFF (10): 1, 4, T. H. Mason, very smart, shapely cl., grand head and chest, plenty of col., grandly feathered, 4th not so good in wing carriage, nice col.; 2, Jackson, a bolder, stouter bird, carries plenty of col., nicely mealed; 3, vhc, Thomas, grand shaped body, very nice col. and qual., stands well; hc, Plowright; c, Millward. HEN. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Thomas, rather heavily mkd., but a topper all round, grand col. and nicely finished, 3rd smart, stylish cl., beautifully feathered, nice level col.; 2, Harland, good cl., very nice shape, nice wings and tail, capital col., just a shade browy; 4, Millward, smaller cl., grandly feathered, very neat and stylish, in good form; vhc, Lloyd. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Heap, two grand shaped birds, 2nd the deepest and stoutest in chest, but lacks the wing carriage of 1st, both sound and level in col., and nicely frosted; 3, 4, Sykes, we liked this pair very much indeed, quite large enough and brimful of qual., capital col., splendid wing and tail carriage; vhc, c, Ball; hc, Jackson. UNFLIG. (13): 1, T. H. Mason, very handsome cl. yell., rare head, grand neck, shoulders, and chest, sound rich col., splendidly feathered; 2, Cook, very charming cl. buff, grand shape and style, rare col., very nicely feathered; 3, Pinkler, eye and wing mkd. buff, smart and stylish, capital qual., very typical and shows well; 4, hc, Pickup and Son, yell., and a hot 'un, too, nice shape and style, good wings and tail, not quite the finish; vhc, Heap; c, W. A. Wilson. BRIT. BULLF. OR GOLDF.: Cancelled. LINNET (7): 1, 2, G. T. Wilson, two grandly mkd. birds of capital col., lovely feather, very nice pinions and tails, well shown; 3, Inman, larger, bolder bird, of most excellent col., feather, and style, must have pressed; 4, hc, Macpherson, very pretty, lovely col. and feather, hardly so clr. in marking; vhc, Isherwood; c, Benn. A.O.V. HARDBILL (14): 1, Isherwood, nice coloured, well mkd., close feathered Hawf.; 2, vhc, Chittenden, one of the finest Lesser Redpolls we have ever seen, col., size, shape, feather A1; 3, 4, Mottram, a Pied Bramble, which should not have been in the class, and a very nicely mkd. Reed Bunting; hc, Macpherson; c, Benn. BRIT. SOFTBILLS AND MULES: Cancelled. SELL., CAN., 15/- (25): 1, Highley; 2, hc, Townsend; 3, Heap; 4, Beaumont; vhc, Jennings; c, Quarmby. HEN, 12/6 (18): 1, Townsend; 2, Child; 3, Bower; 4, Beaumont; vhc, Tinkler; hc, Senior; c, Watson.

NOVICES, NOR. (19): 1, vhc, c, Airton, nice shapely, good col., well feathered cl. buff, nicely shown; 2, 3, Hudson, very nice col. and qual., good shape and carriage, former stout cl. buff, well mealed, latter yell. tkd. over beak; 4, A. Robinson, heavily mkd. yell., full of col. and qual., nice style; hc, Craven. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Lord, grand little buff, deep chest, short wings and tail, rare feather; 2, Airton, head and neck mkd. yell., on the large side, but good in col. and feather; 3, Corney, eye and vent mkd., very neat and shapely, nicely feathered, a showy bird; 4, A. Robinson, stout cl. buff, grand chest and neck, good feather; hc, Hudson; c, Wild. UNFLIG. (7): 1, A. Robinson, big, bouncing buff, rare chest, plenty of col., grandly frosted; 2, vhc, c, Hudson, much neater and shows more qual., we liked very much indeed, not so large, but grandly furnished; 3, Lord, neat bodied yell., nice col., and feather, bit mean in front; 4, hc, Corney, smart stylish, short bodied yell., good wings and tail, nice col. and feather.

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The 34th annual exhibition of the Sheffield C.B.S. was held on October 18 in the Montgomery Hall, being of good light, spacious, and absolutely free from draughts, and situated in the heart of the City, the hall commends itself as being a most suitable building, for a function of this description. The schedule issued was a capital one, classification and prize money excellent, 22s. per class, with 26s. per class in the foreign, with a host of specials. Entries numbered 350, in the 33 classes that stood, Mules and several British classes unfortunately having to be cancelled.

A Remarkable Selling Class Episode.

The outstanding varieties for quality were the Crests and Crest-breds. Certainly not of great numbers, but of stupendous merit, not a single poor specimen being on view. Mr. W. Radley and Son staged a magnificent team of toppers, and were closely pressed by the representatives of Messrs. G. Dodd, J. Memmott, E. Barker, R. Holmes, and J. Evans. The Norwich Plainhead and Yorks champions were good, but might have been better. Still, the winning mealy, yell. cock owned by W. N. Turner, and the yell. hen staged successfully by J. G. Cowley, of the "chubby species," and the clear yell Yorkie cock and mealy, yell. cock put down by Dr. W. Craig, were a quartette of "eye openers. The novices responded nobly, gems being shown by Messrs. H. Sharpe, N. Pryor, W. H. Webster, and G. Hunt (Yorks), and Messrs. Howe and Senior, A. Keeling, W. Watson, and T. Green (Nor.). British captivated, the Nightingale (G. Fletcher), Hawfinch (G. D. Parlett), and Waxwing (L. Falding) being a trio of superb exhibits. Messrs. Chadwick, with a lovely Whydah, along with the forms shown by Messrs. G. Fletcher, S. Beaty, and R. E. Simpson, made a capital display of foreigners. Senior classes contained many bargains, the winner in the 12/6, benched by Mr. T. Simpson, found hosts of friends, and fetched 37/6, truly a very smart buff Yorkie.

The Thoroughly Capable Crew.

The Hon. President is Mr. H. Barber; Hon. vice-presidents are Messrs. J. C. Barnes, P. Walsh, and H. Jinks, a quartette of well-known and generous supporters to the society. Mr. F. Jones, the President, is far from being a figurehead only, he is absolutely one of the most arduous workers we have met for many a long day, always doing the right thing at the right time, untiring in his many efforts, and as true as steel to the "C.B.S." He is well backed up by a couple of vice-pres. in Messrs. T. Hemming and J. Thorpe, who complete a trio of officials that have the welfare of the society at heart to the fullest degree. The committee consist of fanciers, some of 20 years' experience in "Canarydom," knowing to a nicety the requirements essential to the correct working of an open venture. The following lent valuable aid, enthusiastically and practically, and kept the ball rolling in the proper groove: Messrs. Champion, Furniss, Kelley, Walsh, Bailey, Memmott, Bingham, Cowley, C. W. Hobson, Drabble, Tow, Tomlinson, and Curley. Hon. Treas., Mr. W. Oxley, who has held the office for a great number of years, is one of the "true types," and greatly esteemed by all. Mr. A. Hobson, the energetic and indefatigable Sec., proved himself to be an ideal controller. His right-hand man is Mr. J. Woolhouse. Those who know "J. W." know a fancier. We must not forget the praiseworthy work executed by the juveniles, Masters Jones and Hobson; both appear to be following in "father's footsteps." Stewards, who appeared to revel in the work, were Messrs. Curley, Bailey, C. W. Hobson, Bingham, Fowler, and Farnell. Staging was very neat, and every bird could be located at a glance.

Created Quite a Stir.

The diplomas and cash specials of CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme created quite a stir in the "cutlery capital." The popular verdict was, that it certainly gave an extra fillip of excitement to competition. The champion coupon and diploma hero was a gem of a buff, marked wings, dark crest, staged delightfully, and owned by Messrs. W. Radley and Son. The novice coupon bird was a magnificent yell. Yorkie (G. Hunt), marked wings and eyes, truly a marvellous creature, also capturing diploma. The diplomas of honour were won as follows: Champ. Yorks., C. Tomlinson: Norwich champion, W. N. Turner; novice diploma, W. Watson; Brit., G. Fletcher; foreign., J. Chadwick.

Messrs. Memmott and Bailey tied for Mr. Thorpe's special for most entries, and Messrs. Hutchinson and Prior tied for the cash spls. presented by Mr. J. C. Barnes for most points in novice Yorks. Most points novice Norwich was won by Mr. J. Smith. Yorks., most points, A. Radley; 2, Dr. W. Craig. Nor., J. G. Cowley; 2, J. Smith. Crest, W. Radley and Son; Brit., L. Falldiug; 2, P. Walsh. For., S. Beaty; 2, G. Fletcher. Judging commenced in good time, prize cards were affixed as each class was adjudicated upon, and the show was opened by 1 p.m., everything going as smooth as "marriage bells." One of the best one-day shows it has been our privilege to visit. Judges were: Mr. J. C. Barnes, Norwich P.H., Crests and C.B., and British; and H. W. Battye, Yorkshires, mules, foreign, and selling. The show-room during the evening was packed with visitors, and at 8 the room was cleared and the repacking of birds admirably executed, those from a distance being got off to reach their destination same night. Method was in evidence, and no hitch whatever occurred, that we heard of. Mr. J. Memmott displayed fine tact as dispatch clerk, and deserves many kind things being spoken of him. He worked like a Trojan.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Dr. W. Craig, cl., beautiful qual. and col., delightful position, good length, showing plenty of daylight; 2, Moss, mkd. wing, smooth as wax, lengthy, straight as a rush, clever legs, beaten slightly in texture of feather; 3, Norton, mkd. neck, wonderful length, neat expression of head, good back, flights and tail, hardly the position; 4, vhc, Simeson, mkd. eyes, A1 stand, capital feather; hc, Hymas; c, Butler. BUFF (8): 1, Radley, cl., feathered to perfection, magnificent outline, full of swagger, best of backs, neat wing carr., gem; 2, Dr. W. Craig, cl., rattling tone of col., superb feather, well up, of good length, very close; 3, Dykes, mkd. neck, capital feather, rare back, grand flights and tail, long-sided, not so stylish quite; 4, Moss, cl., straight as a gun barrel, A1 qual. and col.; vhc, Jebson; hc, Simeson; c, Hymas. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Radley, mkd. neck, charming contour, tight as a Java, fine back and wing carr., full of nerve, beauty; 2, Dykes, mkd. wings and eyes, exquisite qual., nice length, full of true characteristics, looks like Leeds 1st; 3, Drabble, very shooty, cl., lengthy, and well on leg, nice back, flights, and tail, loses a little in qual.; 4, Jebson, cl., true Yorkie, smooth as wax, A1 colour, vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Hymas; c, Blow. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Furniss, mkd. wing, superior feather, lovely position, fine length, wins; 2, Radley, cl., grand symmetry, straight, good qual., lengthy, full of action, close up; 3, Bingham, mkd. eye, rich col., neat head and neck, shapely body, pipe tail, behind a little in position; 4, Hymas, cl., slim, good length, sweetly gowned, rich col.; vhc, Jones; c, Dykes. YELL. 1913 (12): 1, Dr. Craig, red-hot cl., rare feather, very lengthy, grand outline, best of back, perfect wing carr., greatly admired; 2, Brotherton, cl., lovely position, full of true character, lengthy and well on leg, beaten a shade in texture of feather, still very promising; 3, Furniss, cl., straight as a rush, smooth as glass, capital col., 4, Radley, thigh tick, plenty of length, well clothed and finely fed; vhc, Jebson; hc, Simeson, c, Dykes. YELL. 1913 (12): 1, Dr. Craig, red-hot cl., rare feather, very lengthy, grand outline, best of back, perfect wing carr., greatly admired; 2, Brotherton, cl., lovely position, full of true character, lengthy and well on leg, beaten a shade in texture of feather, still very promising; 3, Furniss, cl., straight as a rush, smooth as glass, capital col., 4, Radley, thigh tick, plenty of length, well clothed and finely fed; vhc, Jebson; hc, Simeson, c, Hymas. BUFF (12): 1, Radley, gem of a cl., tight as a Java, teeming with qual. and col., lengthy and upstanding, in the pink; 2, Norton, cl., fine length and stand, neat expression, grand body and wing carr., pressed hard for premier position; 3, Furniss, cl., A1 qual. and col., capital length, well on leg, hardly finished off in head; 4, Dykes, grizzled neck, full of quality, nice type; vhc, Simeson; c, we, Spencer, bitter a yell.; hc, Rrabble. YELL. NOV., £3 3s. (7): 1, Sharpe, mkd. neck, warmly fed, silky texture, slim and erect, lengthy, well on leg, beauty; 2, Hutchinson, cl., very boxy, stands like a guardsman, nice length, full of nerve, pressed hard; 3, Radford, cl., nice feather, good length and pos., in pen ground eyes, when in dry feather should do well; 4, Tomlinson, very lengthy cl., stands well, good col.; vhc, Twilley and Mann; hc, Wharmby. BUFF (11): 1, Prior, mkd. wings, neck, and head, sweetly moulded, teeming with qual., rare length, full of style, could win in many classes in the "upper circle"; 2, Hutchinson, mkd. cheek, finely clothed, capital pos. and length, good back and wing carr., clever legs, close on winner; 3, Brooks and Kelsey, cl., straight as a pencil, tight as wax, very stylish, not so lengthy; 4, Taylor, mkd. head, superb feather, grand back and wing carr., lengthy; vhc, W. H. Webster; hc, J. R. Webster; c, Dickens. HEN (18), nice class: 1, W. H. Webster, lovely cl. buff, smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, rare length and style, one of the best: 2, Prior, cl. yell., well gowned, A1 col., slim and upstanding, lengthy and well on leg, quite a charmer; 3, 4, Toulson, brace of very bonny damsels, cl. buff and thigh ticked yell., both superior texture nice position, good length, leggy, and well shown; vhc, Dickens; hc, J. R. Webster; c, Hutchinson. 1913 (24), grand class, and easily two sets of winners could have been selected: 1, 4, Hunt, former capturing the Novice "C.B." championship, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, delightful feather and col., beautiful symmetry, perfect back and wing carr., very lengthy, possessing clever legs, truly a gem; 4, well fed cl. buff, good position and length, nice back, flights, and tail; 2, J. Radley, cl. buff, feathered to perfection, well up in position, good length, nice and leggy, strong enough for a juvenile; 3, Fowley, cl. yell., tremendous length, nice col. and feather, good wings and tail, might get up better, requires more training; vhc, Anderson; hc, Gibson; c, Wharmby.

AVADAVATS, ETC. (14): 1, c, Fletcher, Orange Weaver, in nice plumage, put down in style; 2, Beaty, lovely pair of Diamond Finches, and full worthy of a 1st prize, greatly admired; 3, Sage, Combassous in fair condition, nicely staged; 4, Hattersley, Zebra Finches in splendid form, much admired; vhc, Howe; hc, Simpson. SEED-EATERS, ETC. (9): 1, Chadwick, with a Paradise Whydah, magnificent col., delightful feather, grandly benched, gem; 2, hc, c, Beaty, a choice team, Gold-backed Whydah, Paradise Whydah, and Cuban Finches, all in nice bloom, and shown in masterly fashion; 3, Simpson, Pintail Whydah, looking a picture, worth its place; 4, Saywell, Gold-collared Whydah, in fine plumage, well put down; vhc, Drabble. SELL., 20/- (16): 1, Lomax, very smart and cheap buff, mkd. wings, DC.; 2, c, T. Simpson; 3, Woolhouse, pr. of Norwich, bargain; 4, Radford; vhc, Holmes; hc, C. W. Hobson. 12/6 (12): 1, Simpson, choice buff Yorkie, found many claimants; 2, Barker; 3, Dunford; 4, Holmes; vhc, Webster; hc, Hemming; c, Curley.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

YELL. NOR., cancelled. BUFF (11): 1, Turner, very massive red-hot cl., grand shape and carr., lovely texture of feather, gem of gems, wins; 2, Hemming, superior feather, nice subs. and shape, jaunty carr., hardly so rich in col., yet one of the best; 3, Parlett, bouncer, grandly fed, A1 qual., moves well, not ready, quantity of pen feather around cheeks and neck; 4, Dunford, well feathered short and thick set; vhc, Dodd; hc, Waters; c, McConaghey. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Cowley mkd. head, delightful feather and col., grand head and neck, bold fronted, lovely carr.; 2 Dodd, cl., correct type, delightful feather and col., smooth as wax, little behind in subs., still charming dam cl; 3, Turner, mkd. wing and head, very shapely, capital col., well up in size, wants more time; 4, McConaghey (Dr.), richly fed, A1 quality, coat head and neck; vhc, Hemming; hc, Potter. BUFF (7): 1, Dodd, mkd. left wing, feathered to perfection, dashing shape, fine size and carr., neatly frosted, gem; 2, Parlett, mkd. back and head, good in feather, subs., col., and shape, but not tightened up yet; 3, vhc, Cowley, lightly var., smooth as wax, fine tone of col., shapely, not overdone with size, still extremely neat, 4, Turner, cl., superior feather, good subs., pale col. and longer in wings and tail; hc, Lomax; c, Potter. YELL., 1913 (12): 1, Turner, "C B." Diploma winner, cl., wonderful shape and subs., soft silky texture of feather, red hue in col., delightful carr., real knockout; 2, Cowley, mkd. about head, for shape, qual., col., and style, all one need wish for, beaten only in subs., 3, Dr. MacConaghey, cl., ablaze with col., short and thick set, A1 qual.; 4, Waters, cl., good in qual. and col., fine shaped body, neat carr. of flights and tail; vhc, Keeling; hc, Woolhouse; c, Dunford. BUFF (14): 1, Parlett, finely moulded cl., well up in subs., teeming with qual. and col., best of carr., exceedingly promising; 2, Dunford, var., capital size, shape, and feather, warmly fed, grand wing and tail carr., not far behind; 3, Potter, cl., magnificent feather and col., neat head and neck, good body, moves well; 4, McConaghey, mkd. about head, correct shape, smooth as wax, nice subs., pale col., looks like a hen, and a good one; vhc, Beecroft; hc, Dodd; c, Waters. NOV. YELL, £3 3s. (12): 1, 3, Howe and Senior, very hot cl., superb feather, rare shape and subs., grandly cut away, gem; 3rd lightly var., beautiful qual. and col., full fronted, neat behind, fails in head and neck somewhat, nice wings and tail; 2, vhc, Smith, short and thick set cl., capital feather, shapely, beaten in col.; 4, Wilson, cl., nice type and qual., jaunty carr.; hc, Dean; c, Bennett. BUFF (8): 1, Kecliug, finely built cl., teeming with qual and col., clean under, good enough for open competition; 2, Smith, cl., wonderful size, capital shape and qual., bit slack yet; 3, Poulter, mkd. wings and head, ablaze with col., lovely texture, neat head points, not quite so round on front; 4, Evans, mkd. wing and neck, true type, nice size and carr.; vhc, Ellis; hc, Holt; c, Howe and Senior. HEN (12): 1, Watson, cl. yell., grand outline, beautiful qual., richly gowned, nice size and carr., in the pink; 2, 3, Bennett, nice brace, buff, mkd. cheek and breast, shapely, superb feather and col., well up in subs., finely carried flights, pressed strenuously; 3, cl. yell., A1 col. and qual., nice size, good head, neck, and chest, clean cut, worth its place; 4, Graham, bouncing buff varieg., superior col. and qual., shapely; vhc, w.c., Howe and Senior, latter a cock; hc, Evans. UNFLIG. (17), fine class, many near on equal merit, must have taken some separating: 1, Green, cl. yell., silky feather, warm col., rattling size and shape, good carr., beauty; 2, Dean, lightly var. buff, all there for type, qual., and col., clock-like in action, beaten in subs. only, very bonny; 3, Smith, cl. yell., capital feather, good size, nice head, neck, and chest, pale col., and inclined to be leggy; 4, Hinchcliffe, cl. buff, A1 col. and qual. neat head and neck character, longer in barrel flights and tail; vhc, Howe and Senior; hc, Bailey; c, H. Hobson. CREST (6): 1, 2, 4, W. Radley and Son, magnificent trio, leader buff, mkd wings, D.C., wealth of feather, rare subs., crest thickly thatched, massive, delightful radiation, centre correctly placed, topper, well worth the honour of CAGE BIRDS Champion Coupon bird; 2, buff, grizzled tail, D.C., again abundance of rich veiny feather, plenty of size, crest large, grand droop and centre, not quite so dense, yet very choice; 4, buff green D.C., capital qual., shapely, neat and prettily formed crest, not so large, but a smart exhibit; 3, hc, Memmott, buff mkd. wing and tail, D.C., rare subs., A1 qual., crest of lovely frontal droop, good centre, hardly ready yet; good 3; vhc, Evans. C.-B. (9), all graud birds: 1, 3, Radley and Son, a brace of toppers, the former buff, mkd. wings and eyes, wealth of superb feather, giant in stature, grand shape, fine turn over of head covering, extremely choice; 3, buff-green, heaps of superior clothing, very shapely, good subs., capital skull and lash, not far away; 2, Barker, buff green, wonderful size, abundance of feather, great width of skull, well browed, head feather all in pen, or might have won; 4, Simpsou, mkd. wings and head, heaps of feather, lovely texture; vhc, e, Memmott, former well-known cl. buff, not yet ready; hc, Evans. CREST, 1913 (12), fine class: 1, hc, Radley and Son, buff var. D.C., possessing a great amount of lovely quality feather, well up in size, crest large, round, delightful droop and centre, should make a name: 2, Dodd, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, plenty of feather and subs., A1 qual., crest of fine shape and well thatched, not quite ready; 3, Barker, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., superbly clothed, nice size, crest as round as a hoop, capital droop and centre, not so dense as above, and grand specimen, 4, Memmott, buff, cl. body, grizzled c., shapely, excellent qual., neatly formed headpiece, again not yet in full dress, will improve a lot; vhc, Simpson. C.B. (6). 1, Radley and Son, buff green, dashing feather, rare size, magnificent tuse and width of skull, fine turnover, grandly lashed, beauty; 2, Holmes, buff, almost green, superb qual., heaps of feather, capital head-point, neat browing, beaten in subs., 3, Evans, buff green, pied tail, superior feather, good shape, nice body, not so full up in head and neck, 4, hc, Memmott, similar to 3rd, little separates them; vhc, Barker. BRIT., A.O.V. (7): 1, Parlett, noted Hawfinch, wonderful size, shape, and qual., magnificent col., not yet up, but what all the same; 2, 4, Falding, grand Corn Bunting, fine shape and col., beautifully marked and steady as a top, closely followed by a richly coloured and finely-clothed Yellowhammer, grand V-shaped head markings, treat to observe; 3, Walsh, Chaffinch, fine symmetry, col., and qual., well known, but hardly up yet; vhc, Williams; hc, Milne; c, Woolhouse. SMALL SOFTBILL (8): 1, Fletcher, one of the best coloured and best shaped Nightingale seen for many a day, truly a topper, rightly de-



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In the upper panel is seen a group of the officials, and in the lower that popular judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, scrutinising the birds.

serving the "C.B." Diploma of Honour; 2, hc, Walsh, Wryneck, rare size, slashing col., gaudily mkd., a little more time and it will make others gallop; 3, Bent, Blackcap, slashing condition, pretty as paint, and put down in an up-to-date fashion; 4, Saywell, Whitethroat, not a feather misplaced, capital size and col., extremely fascinating; vhc, Buckley; c, Hattersley; No. 1, Walsh, absent. LARGE (9): 1, 4, Falldiug, very beautiful Waxwing in absolutely pink of condition, and shown for all it was worth; 4th, Song Thrush, rattling col., well mooned, not a feather wrong, very bonny; 2, hc, Drabble, Pipit of the very first water, steady as a rock, put down in fine style, will take some honours; 3, Darlow, Magpie in full dress, looking a picture, worth its place; vhc, Walsh; c, Thornton. NOV. BRIT. (7): 1, Darlow, Redstart, slashing condition, very shapely, full of col.; 2, Wood, very smart Whitethroat, good in size and shape, nice col., fair trim; 3, hc, Bailey, Starling with a history, caught recently when the "C.B.S." members were on a ramble, truly a nice exhibit; 4, Woolhouse, nice Bullie, good size and shape, neat cap and breast col.; v, Lindley. GIFT (18): The members who so generously supported, kindly accept thanks from the society. We did not hear what the birds realised, but no doubt a good sum would go to reduce the expenses incurred. 1, Blunt; 2, Thorpe; 3, Sorsby and Billard; 4, Fowler; vhc, Curley; hc, Jones; c, Hobson.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

Table show, held Cross Keys Hotel, Oct. 11th. NOR. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Watson; hc, c, Dufner. YORKS. UNFLIG.: 1, Edwards; 2, James; 4, Hewitt. Mr. J. H. Caldwell judged Nor. and Mr. W. P. Foster Yorks. Next table show, Oct. 22.—V. A. Harris, Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Monthly table show held at headquarters, Oct. 8. Mr. C. Pearson judged Canaries and Mr. H. James Brit., nearly fifty being staged. YORKS., Col. FED.: 1, 2, vhc, Dandridge; 3, Gibb; hc, c, Wall. NON FED: 1, 2, 3, vhc Dandridge; hc c Wall. NOV.: 1 2, 3, Morrish. NOR., COL. FED: 1, 2, Wall. NON FED: 1, 2, Dean. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, hc, Pinjoun; 2, 3, vhc, c, Gibb. GOLDF.: 1, Miss Mantell; 2, Bignel. LINNET, etc.: 1, Pazel; 2, Roast; 3, Brown. GREENF., etc.: 1, 3, vhc, Miss Mantell; 2, Morrish; hc, Bignel. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Pazel. MULES: 1, Wall.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

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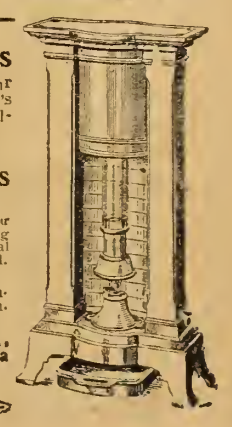
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BURTON-ON-TRENT SOCIETY'S RECORD ENTRY.

Seventh annual show held in the Market Hall, Oct. 18. This was a change of venue from former years, and a splendid place it is. It is splendidly lighted from the roof, while at night it is equally as good; in fact, we never remember attending a show better lighted than this. The air being a bit "nippy" in the early morning, the birds appeared to feel it somewhat, which made judging a little difficult at the commencement, but later on, when the temperature had risen a little, nothing could have been better. The height at which the exhibits were staged was admirable; by the way, some societies are guilty of too low staging. The entry, although not quite up to last year's total which was a record for the society was a grand one, totalling close upon 400.

Norwich, as could only be expected at Burton, where so many of them are bred, were naturally the feature of the show. This section alone was worth going many miles to see. Quality was of the highest order throughout. Of the many good ones, perhaps (and we say it with some amount of caution) the clear Buff of Mr. W. Whetstone takes pride of place; a bird that fairly fills your eye for size, type and quality. It won the CAGE BIRDS Diploma for best Norwich, also the 10s. cash spl, thus repeating its Hanley performance, which, by the way, is not a bad one either, amassing two cash spls in three days. (This is contrary to Rule 7, however, which clearly states that two cash specials cannot be won with the same bird; in this case it goes to the runner-up.—Editor, CAGE BIRDS.) Yorks were provided with three classes, which were well filled with some excellent specimens. Cinnamons had five classes under the patronage of the Cinnamon Canary Club, but the response was very poor indeed—only 27 entries! Where, oh, where are the Cinnamons gone? Mules and Hybrids contained some charming examples of the various crosses, though the nine British classes were only moderately filled, which was quite unexpected, as this section usually fills well at this fixture. Mr. Brotherhood's famous Bramble notched another first on his already long list.

The novices were provided with three Norwich classes, which were supported to the extent of 13 per class, and a grand lot they were. The winning yellow of Mr. R. Parker was claimed at catalogue price, £1.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme had an excellent entry of over 50, which clearly shows the great interest which is taken by exhibitors in this popular innovation. The following were the awards of diplomas and cash specials:—Champion Section—Norwich diploma and 10s, spl, Mr. W. Whetstone; Yorks, Mr. Beaumont; Scotch, Mr. March; Hardbill, Mr. J. M. Williams; Softbill, Mr. J. Wood; For., Mr. J. W. Saywell. Novice—Nor. diploma and 10s cash spl, Mr. J. Fitchett. Winners of other specials were: Sandiford's, Mr. J. Cassell; best bird (member), Mr. W Elliott; best novice bird (member), Mr. A. Ford.

The management of the show was indeed excellent; a better set of fanciers one never need wish to meet, men that have the Fancy at heart, and enter into the work of a show body and soul. The arrangements were in every way admirable, and the exhibits were splendidly attended to. The committee consisted of Messrs. England, Ford, Lee, Kirkland, Springall, Elliott, Smith, Crouch, Mason, Freer, Oldham, Fitchett, Emery and Ames. At the head of this happy family as secretary is Mr. A. Wood, quiet, obliging, and unassuming, but thoroughly understanding his work, leaving nothing to chance. So long as he holds the reins, we feel sure all will be well. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Corrall, fine size and shape, splendid head, well cleaned out, blaze of col., rare qual. and con.; 2, Garfield, well up in size, rare width and depth of chest, short wings and tail, good qual., loses to winners in head; 3, Judd, shade longer in build, nice head, col., and qual., hardly finished on cheeks; vhc, Hall; hc, Simpson and Vertigan; c, Bentley. BUFF (12): 1, C.B. cash sp, diploma, Whetstone, stormer for size and shape, full head free from browing, short thick neck, tremendous cub., fine col. and qual., in excellent trim, a charmer; 2, Crundell and Rowley, bit smaller than winner, but still fine shape, good head, nicely cleaned out, nice col. and feather; 3, Elliott, nice size, hardly so chubby, grand head, col. and qual., good carriage and cond.; vhc, Hulse; hc, Hathaway; c, Aitken. TKD. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, c, Elliott, uneven, good size and shape, nice head and neck, well cut away, good carriage, col., and qual.; 2, Judd, uneven, good shape, just a shade smaller, hardly so full in head, short wings and tail, nicely carried, hardly so warm in col.; 3, hc, Hathaway, wing tick, grand size and shape, nice subs., splendid head, rare width and depth, hardly so forward; vhc, Godley. BUFF (11): 1, Hathaway, mkd. head and wings, nice size, lovely type, col., and qual., short and compact, carries grand bloom; 2, Godley, wing tick, very nice size and shape, full well cut head, short wings and tail, nicely rounded front, in good order, pressed hard; 3, Fielding, tkd. both eyes, good size, col. and qual., nice head and neck, not quite so much subs., in nice trim; vhc, Elliott; hc, Mason; c, Dodd. VAR. OR GREEN (5): 1, Bowyer, heavily var. yell., good size, fine shape, grand head and chest, nicely cut away, short wings and tail, well carried, in fine order, easy win; 2, Elliott, var. Buff, splendid size and shape, rare width through, good head and qual., rather too free in feather; 3, vhc, Hathaway, var. yell., good size and shape, nice head, hot col., good qual. and cond.; hc, Mason. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Whetstone, dark tail, nice size and shape, sweet head, quite free from brow, well cleaned out, good carriage, qual. and cond.; 2, Garfield, thigh tick, fine size and type, short wings and tail, rare qual., shown a little too fat; 3, Hathaway, cl., well up in size, shape and qual., lovely col., good head, short wings and tail; vhc, Wood; hc, Draper; c, Wright. BUFF (12): 1, Meal, wing mkd., model for shape, grand front, rare width through, short and compact, splendid head and neck, well cut away, heaps of subs. and qual., gem; 2, Godley, cl. of grand size, shape and qual., short well carried wings and tail, lovely qual., not so much subs. as leader; 3, Moon, fine size, good head, back and chest, grand qual. and cond., shade thicker behind; vhc, Judd; hc, Wood; c, Crundell and Rowley; fine class. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Hathaway, leader bonny cl., nice head, short and compact in build, good col., qual. and subs.; 3rd head tkd., good size, very shapely, well cut away, not so hot in col.; 2, Whetstone, cheek mkd., good size, splendid head, well filled neck, red-hot col., wonderful qual., bit loose at waist, Hanley winner; hc, Judd; c, Hale. BUFF (11): 1, Meal, gem of a cl., wonderful type, round as a ball, splendid sound full head, well filled neck, short flights and tail, cleanly cut, best of col. and qual., typical, bit patchy on breast; 2, Judd, cl., hardly so shapely or thick through as winner, still fine type, nice head and qual., good col.; 3, Whetstone, head and neck mkd., good size and shape, nice head and subs., well cleaned out, good carr., col. and qual., must have pressed hard for 2nd place; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Hulse; c, Bowyer. HENS (13): 1, 2, Fielding, leader var. Buff, nice size, fair shape, grand head, 2nd uneven yell., grand type, rare back and chest, nicely cleaned out, good head, col., and feather, we preferred for 1st; 3, Hulse, cl. of wonderful col. and qual., good head and neck, nice size and type, fine cond.; vhc, hc, Elliott; c, Mason. NAT. COL. (7): 1, vhc, Hathaway, uneven yell., nice size and shape, wonderful qual., short and compact, in nice bloom; 2, Moon, cl. yell., good size and shape, nice head, shade longer in build; 3, c, Emery, cl. buff, grand type and qual., inclined to brow; hc, Roberts. PAIRS (£2 limit) (11): 1, Muddiman, cl. buff cock, good size, rare head, cl. yell. hen of nice type and qual.; 2, Elliott, yell. cock, fine head and nice cl. buff hen, good type and qual.; 3, England, fine var. buff cock, good shape and feather, cl. yell. hen, very fine qual.; vhc, Dormer; hc, no name; c, Lee. NOVICE NOR. (11): 1, Parker, uneven yell., grand size, shape, col. and qual., nice subs. and cond.; 2, Dean, cl. buff, good size and shape, nice head, well cut away, good qual.; 3, Marlin, uneven buff, good size, fine col. and feather, not so full in head; vhc, Day; hc, Muddiman; c, no name. HENS (13): 1, 2, Muddiman, leader, cl. buff, nicely made, well cleaned out, short wings and tail, rare qual.; 2nd uneven yell., good type and feather; 3, Martin, cl. buff, nice head and qual., not so tight in feather; vhc, Parker; hc, Cratchley; c, Day. UNFLIGH. (17): 1, 2, Ford, leader fine cl. yell., good size and shape, nice head, rare col. and qual.; 2nd wing mkd. buff, medium size, good type, col. and qual., nice head; 3, Dean, cl. buff, very good type and qual., short wings and tail, shade flat on head; vhc, Cratchley; hc, C.B. cash spl and diploma, Fitchett; c, Wardle. YORKS (13): 1, 3, Trueman, leader cl. yell., fine length, neat shoulders, nice wedge shape, well cut away, stands well on good legs; 3rd head and neck mkd. buff, nice length and shape, hardly the qual.; 2, C.B. diploma, hc, Beaumont, wing tick of nice length, neat head, good carr. and style, nice qual., not so well upon leg; vhc, Dykes; c, Gibbons. HENS (10): 1, 3, Trueman, leader cl. buff, fine length and shape, nice head, neat waist, nice position; 3rd yell., good length, shape and style, nice head and back, fails wing carr.; 2, Dykes, cheek mkd. yell., good head and qual., nice length, very unsteady; vhc, Beaumont; hc, Gibbons; c, Faircourt and Harrison. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Dykes, splendid cl. yell. of fine length, nicely rounded, neat head, good length of light, lovely col., qual. and style, wins; 2, Trueman, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand length and shape, well up on good legs, not so tight as leader; 3, Gibbons, mkd. breast, great length, nice wedge shape, grand legs, bit open in feather; vhc, Pass; hc, Wells and Clempson; c, Faircourt and Harrison. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Stevens, Buff Dk. Crest, rare length of head feather, splendid frontal, nicely radiated from neat centre, fine veiny feather; 2, Barker, Buff D.C., nice length of feather, not so nicely veined, shade shorter at sides; 3, vhc, Garton, D.C., grand length of front, inclined to tilt; hc, c, March. CINN. YLLL. (1): 1, Dormer, grand size and shape, nice full head, clearly cut, well cut away behind, hot and sound in col., fine qual. and cond.; 2, Godley, well up in size, hardly the subs. of 1st, nice head col. and carr.; 3, Mrs. Tweedle, fine size and shape, hot col., grand head, not so well packed up in flights; vhc, Bentley. BUFF (5): 1, Hartup, bonny size and shape, grand head and subs., well cleaned out, good carr., col., and cond.; 2, Wilson, good size, warm col., rare good head, nice feather, loses wing carr.; 3, Dormer, grand size and shape, fine col. and qual., slightly guttered on sides of head, bit loose at waist; vhc, Mrs. Tweedle; hc, Godley. UNFLIG. (9): 1, vhc, Dormer, yell., rare size, shape and col., good head and qual., nice subs.; 2, 3, Mrs. Tweedle, former well up in size, hardly so much subs. as leader, rare col. and qual., good head; 3rd shade smaller in build, nicely cut away, sound col.; hc, c, Godley. HENS (9): 1, hc, Mrs. Tweedle, fine yell., good shape, splendid head, nice wing carr., rare qual.; 2, Dormer, yell., very nice, hardly the size of leader, good head, colour, and quality; 3, Wilson, yell., fine size and shape, grand head, not so tight in feather; vhc, Godley; c, Bentley. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, Smalley, grand yell., fine size and shape, nice col. and qual., followed by Buff, very warm in col., rare size, loses wing carr.; 3, Bull, yell., smaller, very neat, good col. and feather.

BRIT. GOLDF. (6): 1, Davies, nice width of face, blaze of good depth of colour, rich tanning, good bars, in rare fettle; 2, 3, Brooks, equal size and shape, square cut blaze, not quite the width of face, nice moons and bars; 3rd nice size, square cut, bit more black in blaze, close up; vhc, Pitchford, larger, but hardly so forward; hc, Jeacock; c, no name. BULLF. (3): 1, Poole, nice size and shape, grand breast col., sound col. cap, good bars, in grand order; 2, Jeffrey, stouter in build, clean, well cut cap, much paler on breast, nice condition, h.m.; 3, Lockett, good size, nice breast and back col., well defined bars, loose round flanks. LINNET (10): 1, hc, Pitchford, bouny bird, good size and shape, very rich nutty colour, well pencilled right through, in delightful fettle, Longton and Hanley winner; 2, 3, Davies, rare size and shape, plenty of work on breast, good body col., in nice order; 3rd hardly so stout in build, well pencilled, runs shade light down centre and at throat; vhc, Lockett; c, Jeffery. GREENF. (2): 1, Laurence, grand one for size and shape, rare good head and body col., grand bars, in delightful condition; 2, Tams and Son, nice size, hardly so deep through as winner, good head and body col., fine wings. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, Davies, splendid Lesser Poll, fine size and shape, excellent lacing, fine big, col. and cond.; 2, Tonks, Siskin, sweet shape and col., nicely laced cap, plenty of thigh lacing, nice bars and cond.; 3, hc, Jeffrey, Lesser Poll, nice size, not so cobby in build as winner, sound body col., in fine order; c, Wood. BRAMBLEF. (9): 1, Brotherhood, the champion Bramble, superb cond., looks as well as ever, greatly admired, we hear makes his 26th first; 2, Tonks, Chaffinch, good size, shows plenty of white on wings, coming well up in body col., in grand trim, trifle unsteady; 3, Lees and Smith, Chaffinch, good size and markings, very steady; vhc, Laurance; hc, Grey; c, Lees and Smith. A.O.V. HARDBILL (5): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, fine size and shape, good bold bird, nice shape bib, grand head and body col., well defined bars, in rattling fettle; 2, C.B. diploma, Williams, Hawfinch, close up to winner in size, loses little in chestnut on head, in very nice order; 3, Hayter, Reed Bunting, nice size and markings, good col.; vhc, Pitchford, nice Yellow Bunting; hc, Aitken. NOVICE BRIT. (2): 1, Page, Goldfinch, shade small, nice depth of blaze; absent, Hakes. SOFTBILL (5): 1, C.B. diploma, 3, Wood, Mistel Thrush, splendid size, profusely spotted, nice wings, in grand fettle; 3rd, Magpie, very fine size, clean cut, pure in col.; 2, Saywell, 'Gale, good size and col., steady as a rock; vhc, Burrows; hc, Hakes. LIGHT CAN. HYBRID (7): 1, 2, Laurance, leader Gold.-Can., buff, slight tick on head, otherwise cl., grand size, shown in A1 cond.; 2nd two point Gold.-Can., buff, rare size, rich in colour on flush and wings, in equally good order, two grand ones; 3, Wood, uneven buff Gold.-Can., very fine size, stoutly built, grand qual. and cond.; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Poole; c, Raby. DARK (4): 1, Poole, yell. Gold.-Can., nice size and shape, rich flush and body col., nicely mkd., beautifully burnished; 2, Laurance, Cinn.-Linnet, good size and col., shows cross nicely, in lovely feather; 3, Raby, Siskin-Can., good col. and size, shows parentage well, in fine bloom; vhc, Lockett. A.O.V. HYBRID (7): 1, Hayter, Can.-Bull., grand size and shape, fine col., in most lovely trim; 2, 3, Wood, leader Redpoll-Goldie, nice size and body col., well mkd., showing nice flush; 3, Greenie-Redpoll, nice size and shape, in delightful bloom; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, c, Laurance. ALBINO (1): 1, Bakes, White Blackbird, fine size, very pure in col., in nice feather. FOR., SMALL (11): 1, C.B. diploma, Saywell, Necklace Tanager, gem for col., nice size, in lovely feather; 2, 3, hc, c, Miss Blagg, leader Masked Yellow Weaver, charming exhibit, grand col., well shown; 3rd Red-crested Cardinal, very good size, hardly finished moult; vhc, Bradbury. LARGE cancelled. MEMBERS—NOR. NOV. YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Bond; 3, Freer. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Bond; vhc, Freer. CHALLENGE BOWL YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Hathaway; 4, hc, Elliott; vhc, Mason; c, Draper. BUFF (9): 1, Hathaway; 2, hc, Mason; 3, 4, Elliott; vhc, c, Draper.

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This young society held the third annual fixture on Oct. 18th. The entries exceeded last year's total by 50, which was very gratifying considering the shows held on same day. The most noticeable was in the Nor. and Brit. classes, which came up remarkably well. Mr. John Dalgleish, of Leith, had a grand team of Scots Fancies forward, securing six 1sts out of the nine classes. Mr. James Gordon won cup for best youngster with the bird placed third in its class. Borders had 30 classes provided but did not get the support deserved. The best (medal winner) was the cl. buff cock belonging to Mr. C. Lloyd, which was staged to perfection. The Crests did not draw a big entry, that veteran Mr. Jas. Burns securing most of the honours. The Norwich medal for best went to a cl. yellow hen belonging to Mr. Alex. Moffat, a very popular win. The British classes under the Patronage of the S.B.B. and M.C. brought together a capital entry, and contained some real gems, the winning Goldfinch being a beauty. The society are blessed with a grand set of officials from the president downward. Their secretary, Mr. J. Fairgrieve worked like a hero, and did everything to make the show a success. The judges officiating were: Scotch and Brit., Mr. A. Livingstone (Paisley); Border and Nor., Mr. Golan Hislop (Stirling). The winner of the Hall Blyth cup for most points was Mr. C. Barrie, he also securing the teapot for most points in Bord. and Nor. sections. The day being fine the show was visited by a large number of fanciers from the surrounding districts.

The Critique.

SCOTS F., CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (2): 1, Dalgleish, grand top end, rare drive, capital action; 2, M'Neil, all there for style and action. HEN (3): 1, Carson, stylish, nice subs., grand action, gets well up on leg; 2, Dalgleish, close up, only fails in size. BUFF CK. (8): 1, sp, Dalgleish, massive subs., great size, lovely drive and top end, wins; 2, Carson, grand depth, nice side and top end, good qual.; 3, Gordon, well up in size, good in action nice exhibit; 4, Gordon; 5, Scott; 6, Gordon. HEN (5): 1, Thomson, good shape, capital size, very stylish; 2, sp, Dalgleish, shade plainer, good reach, nice free action; 3, Carson, fails just a little in size, nice qual. and action; 4, Gordon. YELL. PIED OR GRN. CK. (3): 1, Dalgleish, lovely top end and reach, fine substance, nice length of side; 2, Grahame, lacks size, scarcely reach of winners, very nervy; 3, Thomson, well up in size, fine depth through, in nice order; 4, McHolme. HEN (3): 1, Dalgleish, grand size and subs. for a hen, good top and reach, fine snaky head; 2, Thompson, grand all round bird, fails just a little in depth; 3, Paterson, nice pied, fine reachy neck, capital action. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Dalgleish, grand one again leading, great in size and subs., well rounded on top, gets head well down; 2, Smart, stylish, plenty of top, good reach; 3, sp, 5, sp, Gordon; 4, Paterson; 6, M'Neil. HEN (10): 1, sp, Dalgleish, grand depth, rare size and reach, always ready; 2, 3, Gordon, 2nd capital green, on the slim side, fine free action, 3rd fails in depth winner, grand style and action; 4, sp, Smart; 5, Grahame; 6, Pow; 7, sp, Scott. BORDER, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 2, Little, brace of level clears leading, winner shade on strong side, well braced wings, extra good col. and condition, 2nd fine size and weight, grand qual.; 3, Voy, nice model, well rounded head and front, fine wing and tail carr.; 4, G. Bennett; 4, H. Bennett; 6, Wood; 7, Grant. HEN (13): 1, Lloyd, sweet one all over, capital head and neck, shown in lovely bloom; 2, Murray, good head and back, grand qual., neat pipe tail, inclined to open on front; 3, Easter, gem for type and qual., nice tone of col., well placed; 4, Weir; 5, Dickinson; 6, H. Bennet; 7, Wood. BUFF CK. (17): 1, medal best Border, Lloyd, lovely type and qual., grand head and back, shown in faultless con.; 2, sp, Young, another clinker, lovely front and wings, grand style; 3, G. Bennett, true Border, grand colour and qual., very unsteady; 4, H. Bennet; 5, Easter; 6, Young; 7, Little. HEN (12): 1, Wood, wing mkd., grand shape, fine head, well rounded front and back, fine taper; 2, Little, fails col. to winner, nice size and subs., well braced wings, nicely staged; 3, H. Bennet, good one, fine weight, grand qual.; 4, Vry; 5, Murray; 6, W. Murray; 7, G. Bennet. EVEN-MKD. (2): 1, Barrie, nicely marked on wings, faint eye marks, nice qual. and col.; 2, Thomson, nice one. UNEVEN YELL. (3): 1, Wood, eye, neck, and wing mkd., capital type and qual., nice bloom; 2, Steel, good head and front, nice qual., and condition; 3, Young, cap and wing mkd. hen, in fine bloom. UNEVEN (5): 1, Ramage, mkd. both eyes, cheek, and wings, well balanced wings, finely tapered; 2, Wood, eye, head, and wing mkd., grand feathered lady, sweet shape and style; 3, Greig, fine head and front, very stylish, extra good wing and tail carr.; 4, Laurie; 5, Skeldon. GREEN (6): 1, Grant, rich grassy-green grand pencilling, A1 type and con.; 2, Wood, close up, nice col. and markings; 3, Barrie, fine type and qual., nice markings, scarcely finished yet; 4, Titilah; 5, Steel. CINNAMON (6): 1, 3, Wilson, yellow cinn. leading, fine tone of col., grand type, bit rough in feather, 3rd buff all round for col. and qual. nice con.; 2, Wilson, capital tone of col., well placed; 4, McHolme; 5, Steel; 6, Bennet. BORD. CK. (Continued). grieve, sweet size and shape, well rounded head and front, neat wing and tail carr.; 2, Wood, on slim side, nice qual. and condition; 3, J. Fairgrieve, rattling buff cock, well rounded front and back, nice close feather; 4, Grant; 5, Ramage; 6, Goodall; 7, Murray. HEN (12): 1, Wood, nice qual. buff., put down in rare bloom; 2, Murray, sweet shaped hen, rare head and front, wants time; 3, sp, Grant capital variegated, fine close feather, good wing and tail carr.; 4, Goodall; 5, Johnstone; 6, Fairgrieve; 7, McHolme. CREST CK. (3): 1, 2, Burns, leader wing mkd. D.C., nicely radiated, fine leafy feather, good subs, 2nd green, nice crest, wants grooming; 3, Laird and Matthew, wing mkd., capital crest, nicely radiated. HEN (3): 1, Murray, heavy variegated, grand headpiece, fine body subs.; 2, Burns, grand size, neat centre, splendid droop; 3, Laird and Matthew, grand length and droop, close up. CREST CK. (Bred 1913) (5): 1, Laird and Matthew, green, grand length and droop, veiny feather, nicely radiated; 2, Barrie, capital crest, of nice formation, fine body subs.; 3, Burns, similar in body, nice length of feather; 4, J. Burns; 5, Murray. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Turnbull, great size, massive skull, carrying plenty of feather, grand body; 2, Murray, eye and wing mkd., fine entrance, good body; 3, 4, Burns, good shade, smaller in body. HEN (2): 1, Turnbull, nice subs., long leafy feather, well lashed; 2, Burns, fails skull to winner, fine body subs. C.B. (1913): 1, R. Burns, great one for subs., fine broad skull, splendidly lashed, clinker; 2, Scott and Combe, another good one, grand length of feather, massive frame; 3, J. Burns, nearly great good length of head feather, capital subs. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Ward, lovely body shape, fine bold head and neck, very lot in colour; 2, 3, Barrie, two nice ones, fails a bit in size; 4, Cook. HEN (6): 1, medal best Nor., Moffat, rattling shape, very rich in col., grand qual. of feather, wins; 2, Murray, nice cobby shape, a bit patchy in colour; 3, Barrie, nice nat. col., grand front, capital wing carr.; 4, 5, Wood; 6, Scott. BUFF CK. (9): 1, A. Moffat, lovely shape, beautiful qual., grandly carried wings; 2, 3, Barrie, 2nd very typical, nicely rounded head and front, 3rd close up, well placed; 4, sp, D. Moffat; 5, A. Moffat; 6, 7, Murray. HEN (4): 1, Barrie, good shape, nice head and neck, finely carried wings and tail, good col.; 2, sp, Moffat, right stamp, grand fronted, well laid on wings and tail; 3, 4, A. Moffat nice size and shape lovely qual., A1 col. VARIEG. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Moffat, leader cap mkd., shade weak in head, grand colour and qual., 2nd capital variegated, good shape, nice exhibit. BUFF (6): 1, sp, A. Moffat, wing mkd. cock, grand body shape, teeming with qual. and col., wants back claw on left foot; 2, Barrie, head and wing mkd. hen, capital frontal, fine bold head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Watt, nice shape, good head and wing carr., hot col.; 4, Lees; 5, Murray; 6, Moffat. YELL., BRED 1913 (7): 1, 2 sps, Barrie, charming cl. leading, good head, fine full neck, capital laid on wings, wins; 2, D. Moffat, foul on neck, good shape, fine head and neck, full of qual.; 3, Laird and Matthew, grand col., nice size and shape, well placed; 4, A. Moffat; 5, Lees; 6, Cook; 7, Scott. BUFF, BRED 1913 (8): 1, Barrie, mkd. eye and neck, lovely qual., nice level col., good head and neck; 2, Laird and Matthew, grand head and front, well rounded on back, nicely carried wings and tail; 3, Murray, capital shape and col., A1 con.; 4, Watt; sp, Barrie; 6, Wood; 7, Cook. BRIT., LARK OR LARGER (5): 1, Barrie, fine big Missel Thrush, well marked; 2, McHolme, hen Hawfinch, in nice bloom; 3, Scott, Thrush, a bit soft when taking notes. BULLF. (6): 1, Hoyle, big dense cap, lovely breast col., good wing bars, capital bloom; 2, Lees, good one for size fails breast col.; 3 Laird and Matthews, nice hen Bullfinch, good size, A1 order. GOLDF. (5): 1, sp, Messer, beautiful square cut blaze of good proportions, capital banning and wings, nicely mounted; 2, Aitken, hot fed one, beaten only in size, in rare order; 3, Wood, another capital Finch, not ready yet. GREENF. (10): 1, Stuart and Dalling, fed, big bouncing bird, lovely col. and con.; 2, Aitken, well up in size, good nat. col., fine wing bars; 3, Hoyle, handsome Greenie, fine big head, rare front, grand col. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Stuart and Dalling, grand Linnet leading, fine nutty brown colour, excels in pencilling, lovely bloom; 2, Messer, capital markings and col., A1 size, close up; 3, Laird and Matthews, good coloured Twite, nice size and con. SISKIN (13): 1, Wood, clinking little Siskin leading, nicely fed, fine cap and wing bars, no bib; 2, Hoyle, Lesser Redpoll, dense col. and markings, A1 polish; 3, Messer, clinking neatly, excels in lacing, well placed. A.O.V. (11): 1, Docker, lovely Wagtail, in the pink of con., very steady; 2, Russell, one of the best of Yellowhammers, grand head markings, good size; 3, Thomas, handsome Bramble, fine colour, lovely bloom. HYBRID (8): 1, Young, nice Canary-Bullie, on the small side, shows cross well; 2, McHolme, capital variegated Goldie Mule, nice size and con.; 3, Wood, variegated Goldie, beaten in size; a clear Canary was shown in this class as a Hehl Mule which the judge "wrong classed." FOR., GOLDIE OR BULLF. (4): 1, Wilson, big bouncing Bullie, rare cap, rich crimson breast, wins; 2, McKigen, good sized Goldie, nice big blaze good wing bars; 3, Barrie, wants time. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, 2, Tomlinson, leader shown in faultless order, 2nd rich coloured Tanager in grand bloom; 3, Barrie, Lovebirds, very shy and demure looking. LARGE (1): 1, Nisbit, lovely Crimson Wing.

Another Triumph for Tyneside.

GREAT SHOW AT NEWCASTLE.

Northern fanciers again had their annual treat on Oct. 17 and 18, the occasion being the holding of the great Newcastle show, and once again we have to chronicle a huge success—from a spectacular point of view, certainly, and from what we gathered from the officials, financially also. The famous Cambridge Hall, an historical building in the eyes of cage bird fanciers, was again the venue. It would be invidious to again extol the splendid features of this hall; its holding capacity, loftiness, freedom from draughts, and the ease with which visitors can get about, are well known to the great army of birdy enthusiasts who congregate here year after year.

A Splendid Lot of Workers.

The show was again under the charge of the popular sec., Mr. J. W. Reed, and his great capabilities as a secretary were splendidly exemplified by the absolute smoothness with which the whole of the arrangements of the show were carried out. Last year, after noting Mr. Reed's first attempt at the secretarial work, we commented on the fact that Newcastle was somehow or other always very fortunate in its choice of first-class secretaries, and his work at the present show has simply endorsed the high opinion we held of him, for all his work was got through with that promptness and accuracy which can only be obtained by a thorough knowledge of the work, and, what is more a willingness to do it. His genial manner, courtesy, and great willingness to oblige everyone make him popular with everybody, and we again say that we hope the society may retain his services for many years to come. Mr. J. Craig, too, the hon. assist. sec., is another grand worker, and rendered great help in the clerical work. The society is very rich in local support, and the popular president, A. J. Haggie, Esq., J.P., does everything in his power to further the good work of the society, and is held in the highest esteem by the whole of the members. The list of vice-presidents is a very lengthy one, all good supporters, while Mrs. W. F. Henderson, Mrs. A. H. J. Cochrane, and Miss M. B. Ellis do their best as patrons of the society. The working officials are a very strong body, at the head of whom is that keen and enthusiastic fancier, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, a past sec. of the club, and a credit to the society in whatever position he holds. There is no doubt as to the grand work Mr. Crawhall does on behalf of the Newcastle society, and he thoroughly deserves his great popularity, and the high esteem in which he is held by all who come in contact with him. He is well supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. M. C. Potts, and Messrs. J. E. Atkinson, and R. Toupling, as auditors, with the following committee: Messrs. R. Tindale, W. Mackenzie, J. Mackenzie, A. C. Young, J Maddison, W. Curry, F. Wyndham, R. W. Smith, R. Hope, J. Irving, H. Wellsbury, J. G. Greason, A. Holden, F. W. Laidlow, G. G. Petterson, C. Farrer, W. Coxon, S. C. Dix, A. Hermiston, and T. Smith.

A Great Entry, Well Staged.

The arrangements for the show were in the hands of Mr. W. Curry, another past sec., now sec. of the Gateshead C.B.S. He undertook the duties of show manager, and it goes without saying that in his hands all the arrangements were absolutely perfect, and carried out without the slightest hitch. One scarcely ever sees friend Billy without that cheerful smile which he seems to take about with him all over, and his courteous manner and great willingness to oblige everybody make him a favourite with all. We would like to also specially mention Messrs. F. F. Laidlow, C. Farrer, J. Craig, and E. Colton, as deserving of special thanks, for services rendered.

The staging was again a treat, leaving nothing to be desired, and in the hands of Mr. Curry everything possible was done to suit the convenience of visitors. A splendid schedule was again put out, and brought forth the great entry of nearly 1,500 birds. This is a slight decrease from the record entry of last year, but the average per class was much about the same, so that the society is to be congratulated upon maintaining its reputation as "the greatest show in the north."

CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition was in vogue at this show, and much interest was evidenced as to the winners of the various diplomas. We think it wise action on the part of the Newcastle Executive to take up the coupon competition, for besides the greater zest it gives to exhibitors to try and win the diplomas, and incidentally pave the way to a chance of a big prize at the great finale at the Palace, it keeps the shows concerned in the scheme well before the eyes of fanciers. A society by taking up CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition has nothing to lose and everything to gain. The coupon exhibitors at the show under notice numbered 62—46 champions and 16 novices. We are of opinion, too, that this could have been much increased, as several exhibitors told us they did not enter owing to not seeing the rules in the schedule, and being in doubt whether they could send in for it. It was evident from what we heard that the scheme is very popular, and as fanciers visit the shows and get a better idea of the good results that accrue to them by participating in the competition, there is no doubt that entries will increase to a great extent at future northern shows. The diploma winners here were:—Best champion, Messrs. Martin and Archer, with their celebrated Greenfinch-Chaffinch hybrid; best novice, J. McGuire, with a dark Greenie Mule; while section diplomas were won by F. W. Laidlow, chamn. Nor.; nov. Nor., J. Stephenson; champ. Crest, H. Mills; nov. Crest, J. Gillespie; champ. Yorks., E. E. Pynan; nov. Yorks., W. Thurston; champ. Scots., Thompson Bros.; champ. Bord., W. Tallantyre; champ. Lizard, W. P. Barnes; Mule of Hyb., Martin and Archer; nov. Mules, J. McGuire; champ. Brit., T. Almond; For., G. G. Petterson.

Quality Quite Up to Previous Years.

Throughout the show quality was quite up to the standard of previous years, and type was strongly in evidence, although we noticed some birds in each section that require another week or two before being thoroughly fit. But taking them all through the exhibits were a very level lot, and a treat to look upon.

Norwich were exceptionally fine, especially the older birds, and many grand birds of lovely type and quality, and teeming with colour, were staged. The unflighted classes we did not think quite up to the standard of previous years, although this section suffered much through many of the birds not being tightened up yet. This section averaged nearly 17 per class in 11 classes, while the novice classes brought forward 40 cocks and 14 hens in the two classes. Crests and Crestbreds totalled 34 in 4 classes, and some very nice birds were staged, although we missed the large number of monster Crests usually seen at Newcastle show.

Yorks. totalled 88 in 8 classes, and some really magnificent specimens were staged, the winners being all true to type, and we congratulate Mr. R. Tindale, who made his debut as a judge, upon the skill with which he selected the winners, his selections appearing to meet with the approval of all. Nov. Yorks. numbered 63 in three classes, and here again the majority of the exhibits were true to type, and taking the section all through it speaks well for the grand work that is being done for this variety by the Northern Yorks. C.C. Cinnamons were only poor five in the one class. Lizards totalled 17 in two classes—a slight increase on last year, and some lovely specimens were staged by W. P. Barnes, J. Hyslop, W. Reid, and E. Ollerenshaw.

Small, But Well in Evidence.

Border Fancies were the feature of the show, all the classes being very keenly contested, and some real good ones were out. The winner of the B.F.C. medal was a splendid all-round Buff hen, well put down by Mr. A. Gilchrist. It was hotly pursued by a grand yell. cock, well staged by Mr. Nicholson. Mr. A. Day won novice medal with a good yell. foul hen, very sweetly staged. The most noticeable sections were the Greens and Cinnamons, such an army being seldom seen. Mr. J. Johnston had one of his almost invincible teams forward, and accounted for a large share of the spoils, although in many cases he was very closely followed. Cinnamons were good, and the type throughout these classes has greatly improved. Mr. W. C. Duncan judged B. cock and hen, Uneven Yell., Yell. Greens, and Yell. Cinnamoue. Mr. J. W. Bruce the remainder

Scotch Fancies were a choice lot, and here the bowl winner was found in a magnificent buff hen, well put down by Mr. Chapman. It was really a topper, and well deserved its place. Messrs. Duncan and Bruce judged these classes conjointly, and their awards were well received. Mules were a good collection, all the gems being forward, and clear Mules being quite plentiful. Sp was secured by Messrs. Martin and Archer's well-known Greenie-Chaffie, shown to-day in grand trim. Dark Mules were great, some sweet crosses being staged, and all in grand order. British and Foreigners were a grand array, some gems being staged, especially amongst the softbills. Mr. W. C. Young's Purple Sunbird was greatly admired, and no wonder, as it was splendidly staged among carnation blooms, and was in extra good order. The Linnets were a choice lot, while the hen class, although not large, was very interesting. One feature of this section was that all the exhibits in the variety classes and foreigners were labelled with their names—the work of Mr. Voutt, we heard, and great credit is due to this gentleman. Mr. J. Maddison judged these rarities, and his awards were hard to find fault with. The stewards on all the sections worked like Trojans, which the judges greatly appreciated.

The show was opened by Mrs. Irwin, in the presence of a good company, presided over by the president, A. J. Haggie, Esq., J.P. After the usual introductory remarks, Mrs. Irwin said: "Ladies and gentlemen,—I do not intend to waste your valuable time by making a long speech, but I do desire to cordially thank you for the honour you have so kindly conferred upon me in asking me to open your show. All birds, and Canaries in particular, have always been a great source of pleasure to me, and I keenly look forward to seeing the great collection of such splendid specimens which are exhibited here each year. I wish you every success, financially and otherwise, and without detaining you any longer I now declare the show open." Mrs. Irwin was then presented with a Canary and cage, and suitably responded.

An Innovation that Failed.

An innovation, so far as Newcastle show was concerned, was the introduction of printed leaflets inserted in the catalogue in place of the usual printed awards in the margin. It appears that at the last two or three shows exhibitors have complained of there being no catalognes until late in the evening of the first day, and as it was impossible to get the catalogues with awards printed any earlier, it was decided to have slips printed to meet the requirements of the exhibitors. However, the change was not a success, and we have the authority of the management for stating that in future the awards will be printed in the catalogues as before.

The special prizewinners were:—Challenge bowl, best young bird, Mr. T. Chapman, with a very nice buff Scots Fancy; "Kate Haggie" challenge cup, Mr. W. H. Butler, with a beautiful yell. Norwich hen; Hindhaugh's members' special, £1 1s., most points, Mr. T. C. Crawhall; most points in open classes, Mr. T. Chapman; most entries, Mr. T. Chapman; most points novice classes, Mr. J. W. Reed; gold medal, presented by Miss Ellis, McQuiston and Paterson; medal by "P.H.." won by McQniston and Paterson; best Scots Fancy, T. Chapman; 2nd best, T. Chapman; best Bord., A. Gilchrist; best Green or Cinn. Border, J. Johnston; best nov. Bord., T. Smith; best foreign, T. W. Christer; Border. F.C. medals: best Bord. A. Gilchrist, best nov. Bord. A. Hay.

A change was made in the judges owing to the inability of Mr. W. Vardy to be present, Mr. Harland, of Hull, taking his classes. Thus the judges were: Messrs. G. Harland, T. C. Crawhall, R. Tindale, J. W. Bruce, W. C. Duncan, and J. Maddison, and they all appeared to give complete satisfaction.

The Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. ETC. CK. (7): 1, 2, 4, Chapman, leader a grand Yell. Green, immense size, rare top end and drive and splendid action, massive bird, in rare trim, a hot one; 2nd close up, not so well drawn, but stylish, sweet action and good substance; 4th plenty action, beaten in subs.; 3, vhc, Thompson Bros., good stamp, fine action and good top end, a shade slim in build, very good all round; vhc, c, Little. BUFF (10): 1, C.B. diploma, vhc, Thompson Bros., hot one, fine shoulders, nicely packed on back, good style, free action, and well up in subs., could be a shade longer on side; 2, 3, hc, Chapman, rare style, grand top end, but lacks the roundness of winner, fine free action and grand bloom; 3rd sweet shape and style, slimmer in build; 4, Willison, good shape, fine substance throughout, rather slow in action, nice sided bird; c, Churnside. YELL. ETC. HEN (6): 1, Chapman, wins, plenty size, grand stamp and very stylish, good top end and lovely order; 2, c, Thompson Bros., lengthy and good top end, free style, a shade slim in build, a good 2nd; 3, 4, Little, two very stylish birds, A1 shape and good bone, beaten in subs, beaten in subs only; vhc, Craig. BUFF (8): 1, bowl for best young bird, 3, 4, Chapman, leader a clinker massive all over, fine smoky head, rare drop and grand drive, grand side and good action, a gem when in position and hard to find fault with, a good win; 3, 4, similar to winner in build, but a shade slower; 2, Willison, a grand top ended bird, fine round shoulders, a shade soft when judged, looked like having had a rough passage; vhc, Craig; hc, Thompson Bros., c, Little.

The Border Fancy Canaries.

CL. OR TD. YELL. CK. (27): 1, runner up for B.F.C. medal, Nicholson, Chopwell winner, a good one, grandly rounded bird, sweet head and front and A1 wing carr., nicely drawn, correct weight, fine qual. of feather, in grand bloom; 2, hc, Graham, sweetly moulded bird, beats winner in taper behind, but not so good in finish, very stylish make, grand position and good head; 3, Patterson, full bloom, grand qual. of feather, nicely drawn, a shade thinner in front, sweet exhibit, worth its place; 4, Purvis, grand finish, rare feather, a shade heavier in front and shorter behind, A1 head properties, exceedingly well put down, a good one, a grand class all over; vhc, Smith; c, Browell. BUFF (25): 1, Smart, old warrior looking fit, sweet size and grand head, well drawn, nicely balanced all over, well put down; 2, Purvis, close up, better weight, but scarcely so well drawn, lovely head and wing carr., and extra good bloom, sweet one; 3, Nicholson, fine rounded bird, grand head and front, not so stylish, inclined to lie over perch, sweet taper, grand feather and finish; 4, Ellwood, tip-top qual., guardsman's stamp, good style, sweet head and front, a shade plainer in appearance, not so sound in body; vhc, Wilson; hc, Espie; c, Patterson. CL. OR TKD. YELL HEN (19): 1 Gilchrist, good feather and grand position, A1 wing carr. and lovely taper, full weight, inclined to be a shade thin on neck; 2, and B.F.C.C. novice medal, Hay, foul yell., lovely pos., grand head and extra good in style, sweet build all over, very pale in col.; 3, Smart, good qual., grand head and front, fine style, rather short behind, sweet finish; 4, Nicholson, grand feather and finish, nice weight, good taper, and well balanced all round, shade unsteady, good one; vhc, Espie; hc, Patterson; c, Purvis; wc, Robson. BUFF (19): 1, B.F.C. medal, Gilchrist, good all round, rare position, sweet front and extra good, wing carr., well drawn, and fine size, hard to find fault with, in good order; 2, Pennington, close up, sweet qual., and well drawn, not so stylish as winner, lovely head and finely rounded, well placed; 3, Hay, good shape and nice qual., hardly so round as winner, but well drawn and in full bloom; 4, Nicholson, fine type, grand finish, sweet cut bird, shade lower than winner on perch, but good body and nicely drawn; vhc, Morland; hc, McDougal; c, Johnston. EVEN MARK. (5): 1, Gilchrist, old face, looking fit, lovely eye marks and well-balanced wings, in grand trim; 2, Nicholson, better fronted bird, extra good type for an even, and sweet feather, fails to winner in eye-markings; 3, Chapman nicely marked, but coarser in build and finish; hc, Morland; absent, Craig. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Nicholson, and C.B. Diploma, grand cinn. uneven, lovely texture of feather, grand shape, lovely body, sweet head and front, and nicely drawn, tip-top bloom, wins; 2, Dixon, sweet one, rare order, a shade thinner than winner, but well drawn, good head and nicely balanced wing carriage; 3, Brown, plenty bloom, extra good finish, nice size and finely cut, fails a shade in neck, and not so steady as winners, well placed; 4, Nicholson, good stamp, finely moulded, beaten in taper, grand head and front, fine size and weight; vhc, Meekley; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Smart. BUFF (22): 1, Walker, good one, almost even-mkd., sweet mould, as round as possible, grand head and tip-top wing carr, lovely short feather, hard to find fault with, could could be improved in staging, Morpeth winner; 2, Denholm, lovely pos., sweet feather and grand taper, good head and front, shows to perfection, in full bloom, hard lines to meet winner; 3, Graham, good pos. bird, nice shape and cut, lacks the bloom and finish of winners, stylish, good balanced one; 4, Irvine, grand qual., sweet shape, good head and front, not so stylish as winner, but close up, well placed; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Nicholson; c, Hay, SELF OR FOUL YELL. GR. CK. (23): 1, c, Johnston, good one, fine weight and deep grass col. throughout, well pencilled on flanks and good back and wing flights; 2, Stephenson, shade darker on back lacing, but rare type, sweet size and grand feather; 3, Hay, tip-top finish, grand shape and lovely col. throughout, very nicely put down, worth its place; 4, Nicholson, splendid depth of col. and well laced, a shade slimmer got up, good finish; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Little. BUFF (19): 1, 2, c, best Green, Johnston, leader extra good one, fine spangle on back and flanks, and grand qual. and shape, sweet head and front; 2, close up, a shade darker on back lacing, but equal type and quality; 3, Montgomery, grand shape, fine mould and lovely order, grand depth of colour, a shade smutty in lacing; 4, Stephenson, good depth of colour, fine lacing and neat all round, a shade longer in taper, fails a little in type; vhc, Little; hc, Campbell; c, Johnston. SELF OR FOUL YELL. GR. HEN (17): 1, Johnston, sweet one, grand col. and markings, A1 type, well put down; 2, Smart, close up, lovely type, scarcely so pure in flank lacing, but lovely ground colour, nice head and grand taper; 3, Montgomery, good one pure deep shade and lovely type, nicely spangled, a shade lighter on throat, close up; 4, Harvey, nice stamp, sweet lacing, shade darker in ground colour, rare bloom, grand class, well handled; vhc, Parker; hc, Middleton; c, Affleck. BUFF (16): 1, Johnston, a hot piece of goods, grand size and shape, A1 col. and markings; 2, Walker, nice stamp, well spangled on back and flanks, and good depth of col., full bloom; 3, Campbell, sweet shape and finish, lovely tone throughout, lacing on back a shade dull, good flank markings; 4, c, Montgomery, nice depth of colour, but not so distinct in markings, sweet qual. and grand type; vhc, Middleton; hc, Parker; c, Montgomery. YELL. CINN. (15): 1, Patterson, grand coloured one, great depth throughout, fine back lacing and good flanks, sweet shape and grand qual. of feather; 2, Wilson, good solid coloured bird, nice depth throughout, and markings, A1, not so good in shape as winner; 3, Ross, stylish, grand head and front, and good col. throughout, well spangled; 4, Seeley Bros., good col., pure throughout, and nicely laced, sweet stamp, a shade thinner in front than winner; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Farrer; c, Graham. BUFF (15): 1, Greenwell, wins, pure coloured one, lovely back lacing, and A1 flank, good type and qual. and feather; 2, Montgomery, nice stamp, good front, sweet tone of col., grand back lacing, falls a shade on flank; 3, Young, not so good in type as winners, but equal in col. and markings, fine cinnamon tone; 4, Johnston, grand type, fails a bit in back lacing, good tone of colour; vhc, Parker; hc, c, Wilson. NOVICE, BORD. CK. (20): 1, 2, Jallantyre, leader sweet yell., grand shape, true front and head, and nicely drawn, shade unsteady; 2, good stamp, fails in finish to winner, nicely drawn; 3, Redpath, sweet wee bird, lovely head and grand feathers, well put down; 4, Schooler, good stamp, shade light in body, well staged; vhc, Cossar; hc, Willis, c, White. HEN (26): 1, Smith, good yell. variegated, grand qual., well drawn, sweet front and good wing carr, shade thin and behind; 2, no name, nice buff hen, good quality of feather and sweetly moulded; 3, Wray, good body and nicely drawn, lovely quality of feather, sweet one, well placed; 4, Render, nice green, good col. and lacing, and A1 type; vhc, Denholm; hc, Cossar; c, Howe.

The Norwich Plainheads.

NOR. CL. YELL. (16): 1, McGinn, lovely col., red hot, grand shape, rare head and neck, good short, lovely qual., level in tone all through, grand carried wings and tail; 2, Wilson, scarcely the best col. of leader, grand chest, nice head and neck, well rounded back and chest, lovely qual., show a bit twist in throat; 3, McKay, smaller, but good shape, beautiful front, grandly rounded chest, head and neck, good col. and qual., lovely wing and tail carriage; 4, Forster, fine size and shape good col., not so neat in head as leaders, and rather upright in carriage; vhc, Holden; hc, Wellsbury, Hay. BUFF (18): 1, Snowdon, topper, lovely shape, grand size, rich col. and qual., grand head and neck, well rounded back and chest, grandly cut away, lovely wings and tail; 2, Robson and March, grand type, lovely col. and qual., grand chest and back, nice head, thick neck, good wings and tail, not so well finished behind as leader; 3, Wellsbury, grand size, nice shape, good chest, but not so well filled in on back as leaders, neat head, grand col., nice carriage; 4, Peirson, shade smaller, but nice type, neat head, neck, and chest, nice col., neat wings and tail; vhc, Makins; hc, Archbold and Lascelles, c, Watson. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Richardson, variegated, hot col., nice size, good qual., neat head and neck, but too slimly built for our liking; 2, Seely Bros, head mkd., red hot, nice size, good qual., nice chest, neat wings and tail; 3, Smith, better shape than either of leaders, good col., medium size, short thick-set bird, grand front, lovely quality, grand wings and tail, some thought should have won; 4, Peirson, variegated, grand size, nice head and neck, good shape, fine col and qual., trifle longer in wings perhaps, yet our choice for

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2nd; vhc, Riseborough; hc, McKay; c, Curry. BUFF (9): 1, Briggs, variegated, massively built, lovely shape, grand head and neck, well rounded back and chest, rich col., beautifully mealed, grand wings and tail; 2, Holden, tkd., not the size of leader, grand shape, neat head and neck, good back and chest, neatly carried wings and tail; 3, Butler, variegated, plenty of size, rich col. and qual., full chest, but not so well filled on back as leaders, nice carriage; 4, Smith, grizzle behind neck, smaller, fine shape, good col. and qual., nice back and chest, scarcely so neat behind as leaders; vhc, Lowery; hc, McQuillan and Murfin; c, Riseborough. HEN, YELL. (14): 1, Butler, cl., grand one all over, medium size, lovely shape, short and thick set, lovely back and chest, clothed with exquisite feather of delightful quality, lovely col., grand wings and tail, looks better than when we saw her a fortnight ago, takes "Kate Haggie" challenge cup for best bird in show shown by a member, bowl winner debarred; 2, Briggs, grand size and shape, wonderful head and neck, grand deep chest, lovely col., grand wings and tail, not the quality and grand finish of leader, yet a grand hen; 3, Moat, rather slimmer in build, medium size, nice shape, neat head and neck, nice col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 4, Forbes, medium size, lovely type, not so full in head as leaders, but grand chest, good col., lovely wings and tail, lacks finish; vhc, Watson; hc, Clayton; c, Hay. BUFF (17): 1, McKay, grizzle wing, nice size, grand shape, sweet head and neck, lovely col. and qual., nice back and chest, well rounded, neat wings and tail; 2, Middleton, all there for shape, lovely feather, grand neck, chest, and back, nice col. and qual., neat wing and tail carriage, loses in head to leader; 3, Wellsbury, fine size, short and thick-set, neat head, good neck and chest, nice col. and qual., trifle loose behind; 4, Seeley Bros., nice size, good shape, well rounded chest, shade thinner neck than leaders, and not so neat in wing carriage; vhc, Butler; hc, Burdett; c, Wilson. YELL., 1913 (21): 1, Laidlow, cl., medium size, nice shape, lovely col. and qual., neat head, nice back and chest, lovely wings and tail, takes "C.B." diploma for best Norwich; 2, vhc, Butler, topper, scarcely the same width of chest of leader, yet a beauty for shape, good head and neck, grand col. and qual., lovely wings and tail; 3, Scott, not the same hot col. of leaders, but lovely shape, grand chest, neat head, nice qual., well carried wings and tail; 4, Lindsay, plenty of size, nice head, neck, and chest, good col. and qual., not so well tightened up behind; hc, Crass; c, Smith. BUFF (32): 1, Butler, head tkd., nice size, lovely shape, grand col. and qual., short cobby body, plenty of subs. through back and chest, neat head and neck, grand carr.; 2, c, Dobinson, not the same short cobby build of leader, yet a grand one for shape, lovely carr., fine size, nice head and neck, thick chest, grand col. and qual.; 3, Hymers, head tkd., fine size, nice shape, neat head, lovely col., good qual., scarcely the same depth of chest of leaders; 4, Wellsbury, head tkd., grand front, nice shape, lovely close fitting feather, neat head and neck, gets wings over a bit at times; ex. 4, Carr; vhc, Crass; ex. vhc, Lawson; hc, Burdett. YELL. HEN, 1913 (13): 1, 2, Laidlow, two beauties, leader variegated, lovely shape, grand back and chest, sweet head, grandly rounded body, nice col. and qual., grand wings and tail; 2nd not the size of leader, yet a gem for shape, rich col., sweet head, nice deep chest, good qual., nice wing carr.; 3, Snowdon, plenty of size, lacks the rich col. of leaders, fine shape, though a trifle longer in barrel, nice feather of good qual.; 4, Dobinson, good size, fine shape, but runs a trifle hollow behind neck, grand front, nice head, good col. and qual.; vhc, Scott; hc, Lindsay; c, Gardner.

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NEWCASTLE SHOW—Continued.

BUFF (24): 1, Fletcher, cl., rare size, wonderful chest, nice head and neck, good col. and qual., short thick set bird, but we would like it better filled on back; 2, Clayton, head 1kd., not the deep chest of leader, yet plenty of subs., nice shape, neat head and neck, good col., well carried wings and tail; 3, Wilson, grand subs., massive head and neck, grand chest, nice col. and qual., neat wing carr., but not so well finished behind as leader; 4, Peirson, built on smaller lines, lovely shape, sweet head and neck, lovely back and chest, grand col. and qual., neat wings and tail; vhc, Cross; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Wellsbury. NAT. COL. (11): 1, c, Dobinson, lovely size, magnificent shape, grand head, neck and chest, short cobby body, well rounded, lovely col. and qual., short wings and tail; 2, Forbes, scarcely so short and cobby body, well rounded, lovely col. and qual., short wings and tail; 2, Forbes, scarcely so short and cobby as leader, grand size, fine shape, nice head and neck, good col and qual., wants tightening up a bit; 3, Holden, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., good chest, hardly so full in head as leaders, or so well cleaned under; 4, McKay, grand size, bit longer in barrel than leaders perhaps, yet nice shape, good chest, lovely col., good wings and tail, vhc, Holden; hc, Roy. NOV. Ck. (40): 1, Kennerson, medium size buff, lovely shape, grand head and neck, deep chest, well filled in back, lovely col. and qual., short well carried wings and tail, a good one; 2, Russell and Teasdale, another grand buff, even better col. than winner, but not so nicely marked, nice shape, but scarcely so deep in chest, neat head, nice wing carr., good qual., 3, Wood, cap mkd. yell., fine size, grand shape, neat head, good col. and qual., neat wing carriage; ex. 3, Lumley, buff, grand size, nice shape, lovely col. and qual., neat head, nice wings, trifle open in feather; 4, Rowcroft, cap mkd. yell., slimmer build, giving the bird a longer appearance, nice col., lovely qual., nice head, neat wings and tail; ex. 4, hc, Topping, cl. yell., longer body, yet a nice one, grand col. and qual., neat head, nice carr.; vhc, Walker; c, Dixon; No. 3, Stephenson, nice cl. yell., lovely shape and col., takes "C.B." diploma for best novice Norwich. HEN (14): 1, 4, Topping, two beauties, leader cl. buff, grand shape, short and thick, neat head and neck, rich col., nice qual., short wings and tail; 4 tkd. behind neck, fine shaped buff, good thick-set bird, scarcely so full in head as leaders, nice col. and qual., does not take the perches very well; 2, Lumley, yell., lovely col. and qual., medium size, nice chest, bit pinched in head perhaps, yet a nice hen; 3, Kennerson, yell., trifle longer in body, nice col., though not the hot tone of leaders, lovely feather, grandly cut away behind; vhc, Dixon; hc, Page. CINN. (5): 1, 4, Coutts, leader yell., grand col., beautiful polish, nice size, fair shape, 4th yell., better shape, nice head, good col., but not so rich in tone as leader; 2, Young, yell., not the size of leader, lovely col. and qual., nice type, though a bit on the long side; 3, vhc, Markwell, yell., fine size, good col., but not so level in tone as leaders, nice polish, shows a slight twist in throat. LIZ., CL. CAP (8): 1, c, "C.B." diploma, Barnes, good Gold., red hot col., nice back, well rowed, nice clear spangling, well laced, nice shaped cap; 2, Reid, another good Gold, nice size and shape, well rowed back, slightly bolder in spangle than leader, nice cap, loses to leader in col.; 3, Ollerenshaw, Silver, fine size and shape, nice col., abundance of good spangling, nice cap, grandly laced; 4, vhc, Hyslop, another nice Gold, good ground col., plenty of spangling, but not so distinct or regular as leaders, nice cap; hc, Davidson. BROKEN (9): 1, 3, Hyslop, leader Gold, nice size and shape, good col. beautifully laced back, but spangling hardly distinct enough towards back of neck, nice wings and tail, a nice bird, but we thought a bit lucky to beat 2, Barnes, very nice Silver, good size and shape, grand back, well rowed with clear distinct spangling, good col., well laced, our choice; 3, Hyslop, very similar to leader, nice Gold, good shape, nicely rowed back, neat but rather small spangling, good ground col., well laced, nice wing and tail; 4, vhc, Reid, Silver, good size and shape, plenty of good spangling, well rowed, nice ground col., bit penny as yet; hc, Davidson; c, Ollerenshaw.

The Crests and Crest-breds.

CREST (8): 1, 4, Dobson, variegs., grand densely feathered crest, wonderful droop, grand radiation, fine size and shape, grand centre, 4th heavy varieg., fine shape and radiation, nice size, good droop, scarcely so heavy in frontal as leader; 2, Mrs. Taylor, varieg., scarcely so dense in feather as leader, but grand shape and droop, nice size, radiating beautifully from a very neat centre; 3, hc, J. Taylor, wing mkd. D.C., lovely droop, very dense in feather, scarcely the same grand shape of leaders, yet a good one, neat centre; vhc, Richardson; c, Routledge. C.B. (9): 1, 2, Routledge, two beauties, foul greens, leader grand size, wonderful skull, rare rise and width, carries any amount of long leafy feather, 2nd another, rare size, grand wide entrance, well lashed, plenty of feather behind poll, but appears to be scarcely so well packed on top as leader; 3, Mills, varieg., massive body, rare head, grandly lashed, nice flow over poll, but scarcely so good in entrance as leaders; 4, Mrs. T. Taylor, varieg., fine size, grand feather, good skull, nice width and entrance, not quite so heavily clothed as leaders, yet a good one; vhc, Riseborough; hc, Marshall; c, Tate. CREST, 1913 (12): 1, 2, Mills, leader wing mkd. D.C., plenty of subs., grand shaped crest of rare density, fine droop, radiating beautifully from a very neat centre, grandly finished, takes "C.B." diploma for best Crest or Cresthred, 2nd another wing mkd. D.C., scarcely the substance of leader, or so large in crest, yet wonderfully dense, very neat and shapely, grand frontal, neat centre, appears to be the least bit pinched at sides; 3, vhc, Dobson, wing mkd. D.C., nice size, neat centre, nice radiation and droop, beautifully finished; 4, Dickenson Bros., nice wing mkd. D.C., fine shape, nice radiation and droop, beaten a trifle in frontal by leaders, yet a nice one; hc, Mrs. T Taylor; c, J. Taylor. C.B., 1913 (5): 1, 2, Dobson, leader cl., wonderful size, grand skull, broad and heavily clothed with grand feather, grand rise, rare flow of feather behind poll, grandly lashed, 2nd foul tail green, grand skull, rare rise and entrance, nice width, plenty of good feather, although scarcely so heavy behind as leader; 3, vhc, Gillespie, variegs., loses in body to leaders, nice skull, scarcely the width perhaps, but appears to carry any amount of good feather, nice lash; 4, Jeffries, cl., not the substance of winners, yet a good one for skull, broad and heavily clothed with grand feather, nice lash.

The Yorkshire Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (7). 1, Deighton, grand length, straight as a gun barrel, well rounded shoulders, finely drawn, good col. and qual., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Crawhall, fine length, straight as a rush, neat head, bent narrow shoulders, nice col. and qual., good legs, scarcely so well finished at waist as leader; c, "C.B." diploma, Pyman, good length, nice shoulders and waist, lovely position, nice col. and qual., shade open in breast feather; 4, Lyall, nice length, very slim and finely drawn, grand shoulders and waist, nice col. and qual., fails to leaders in wing carriage; vhc, Leek; hc, Cattell. BUFF (11): 1, 3, 4, Crawhall, grand team, leader grand length, lovely position, stands straight as a rush, beautifully rounded shoulders, finely drawn, rich col. and qual., grandly braced wings and tail, 3rd good length, well rounded back, nice col., sweet head, well up on grand legs, scarcely so well braced in wings as leader, 4th another nice one for length and position, clothed with delightful feather, scarcely so well rounded as leaders perhaps, yet a nice one, lovely wings and tail; 2, Johnson, nice length, lovely position, well up on splendid legs, beautiful boxy feather, tight as a bottle, grand wings and tail, fails col. only; vhc, Mather; hc, Marshall; c, Tweedie. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Dykes, grizzled head, fine length, slim and finely drawn, stands like a guardsman, good col. and qual., sweet head, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Crawhall, variegs., nice length, beautiful position, grandly rounded back, nice col., hardly so well drawn as leader, grand wings and tail; 3, Deighton, grizzle wing, very slim, nice length, well up on good legs, beautifully braced wings and tail, neat shoulders and waist, trifle open in breast feather; 4, Pyman, beautiful position, well up, finely drawn, grand qual., shows a nasty twist on breast; vhc, Dix. BUFF (4): 1, Dykes, medium length, lovely position, grandly drawn, good shoulders and waist, lovely col. and qual., gets wings over a bit at times, yet a grand one; 2, Pyman, grand length and position, well up on fine legs, lovely feather, loses to leader in col. only; 3, Crawhall, fine length, grand position, well finished shoulders, neat head and neck, nice col., scarcely so neat at waist as leaders; 4, Stewart, smaller, but very neat, nice col. and qual., lovely style, grand wings and tail. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, Mather, medium length, lovely position, neat shoulders and waist, nice col. and qual., well drawn, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Crawhall, medium length, well up on grand legs, neat head, but runs a trifle thin in neck, nice col. and qual., lovely wings and tail; 3, Stewart, scarcely so slim as leader, but beautifully rounded, grand shoulders, straight up, nice col. and qual., good wings and tail; 4, O'Hagan, smaller, nice position, neat shoulders, nice col., neat wings and tail; vhc, Hutler; hc, Deighton; c, Walton. BUFF (11): 1, 3, hc, Crawhall, leader medium length, beautiful position, well up on grand legs, lovely shoulders and waist, grand col. and qual., sweet head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail,. 3rd scarcely so well rounded as leader, yet a nice one, good length, grand position, nice feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Deighton, medium length, straight up, slim and well drawn, neat head, lovely wings and tail, nice qual., loses to leader in col. only; 4, Stewart, medium length, nice position, neat narrow shoulders, nice quality, well braced wings and tail; vhc, O'Hagan; c, Dix. YELL., 1913 (17): 1, Stewart, beauty for style and position, straight as a gun barrel, slim and finely drawn, neat shoulders and waist, rich col., lovely qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Bennett, another good one, nice length, grand position, gets well up, finely drawn, neat narrow shoulders, scarcely so well braced in wing carriage as leader; 3, hc, Hutler, grand length, stands like a rush, well rounded, grand shoulders, well drawn, loses to leaders a trifle in wing carr.; 4, Mather, very slim and finely drawn, nice length, good position; vhc, Mather; c, Crawhall. BUFF (20): 1, 2, Stewart, leader lovely col. and qual., good length, grand position, well rounded back and breast, neat narrow shoulders and waist, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, fine length, scarcely so straight in back as leader perhaps, yet a nice one, neat shoulders, well drawn at waist, nice col., well braced wings and tail; 3, Wigglesworth, good length, straight up, neat narrow shoulders, well rounded, scarcely so well cleaned at waist as leaders perhaps, lovely wings and tail; 4, Tweedie, nice length, well up, slim and finely drawn, neat head, shade open in feather; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Bennett; c, Moore. NOV. YELL. CK. (23): 1, Studholme, variegs., good one for length, well rounded shoulders, grandly drawn, good col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 2, Moore Bros., head mkd., fine length, better position than leader, nicely rounded shoulders, neat wing and tail carriage, nice col., but beaten a shade in quality of feather; 3, Miss Haydock, grand length, well up on good legs, grandly braced wings and tail, just lacks the good finish of leaders; 4, Hedley, grand position, well up, nice shoulders and waist, grandly drawn, well braced wings and tail, loses to leaders in col.; vhc, Burrell; hc, "C.B." diploma, Thurston; c, Mirley. BUFF (19): 1, Hedley, grand length, extra position, grandly rounded body, well drawn at waist, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Harrison, built on smaller lines than leader, but very stylish, grand position, slim and well drawn, good head and nicely carried wings; 3, Studholme, all there for length, nice position, good back but not so neat at waist good col. and qual., neat head, nice col.; 4, Long, grand length, nice style, grand length, nice style, grand col. and qual., well rounded back; vhc, Ridley Bros.; hc, Kennerson; c, Witherley. HEN (22): 1, Charlton and Anderson, yell., medium length, lovely position, grand col. and qual., well rounded, slim, and finely drawn, very stylish lady; 2, Graham, yell., good length, nice position, although scarcely so well up as leader, nice shoulders and waist, well braced wings and tail; 3, Kennerson, buff, nice stylish bird, fine length, well rounded, grandly braced wings and tail, loses to leaders in col. only; 4, Witherley, yell., nice one for length, fine position, well up on nice legs, bit flat on head perhaps, yet a nice one; vhc, Wakenshaw; hc, J. Smith; c, W. Smith. SELL., 20s. (11): 1, Orton; 2, no name; 3, Markwell; 4, Dickenson Bros.; vhc, Reid Bros.; hc, Tracey; c, Scott. 25s (14): 1, McGinn; 2, Laidlow; 3, Tracery; 4, Johnson; vhc, Smith; hc, Lawson; c, Anderson. 10s. (12): 1, Hay; 2, Seeley Bros.; 3, Peel; 4, Forster; vhc, Markwell; hc, Archbold and Lascelles; c, no award in catalogue. 7/6 (5): 1, McGregor; 2, Gilchrist; 3, Forster; 4, Farrer; vhc, Hodgson. BRIT. OR MULE, 12/6 (5): 1, 4, Tomlinson; 2, Davidson; 3, vhc, Dixon.

The Mules and Hybrids.

CL., ETC., MULE, HYB., AND CAN.-BULLF. (8): 1, 3, hc, Martin and Archer, leader well known Greenie Chaffie, in nice order, grand size and nice tone of col., wins C.B. Diploma; 2, noted cl. Linnet Perfection, good col., scarcely ready yet, shade rough in feather, grand exhibit; 2, 4, Butler, good light, almost clear Goldie, rare size and plenty subs., lovely feather and finish, in full bloom; 4, sweet Linnet Bullie, grand col., showing cross well, two grand exhibits; vhc, hc, Hancox. UNEVEN, ETC., MULE (17): 1, Martin and Archer, very light variegs. Greenie, rare size and lovely qual. of feather, well staged; 2, 4, James and Sons, good Greenie, shade heavier in markings, but larger and equal in finish, grand exhibit, well put down; 4, varieg. Linnet, very light markings, grand size and condition, well staged; 3, Dixon, sweet yell. variegs. Goldie, shade slim in build, but all there for colour; vhc, McQuiston and Patterson; hc, Wake; c, Seeley Bros. DK. GOLDF. OR LINNET MULE (18): 1, Dixon, good yell. Goldie, well up in size and a demon for colour, fine rich face and good wing bars, well put down; 2, Husband, sweet yell. Linnet, plenty size, A1 col. and qual., good all-round exhibit; 3, McLean, nice Goldie, scarcely face of winner, a shade lighter in get up, good body col., neat one, well placed; 4, vhc, Martin and Archer, yell. Linnet, good tone of col. and well mkd., fails a little in size; hc, Johnston; c, Cockburn. A.O. DK. MULE (5): 1, Johnston, well known Siskin (Kelly), in grand trim, fine col., and well mkd., looking fit, wins; 2, C.B. Diploma novice, Carr, nice yell. Greenie, grand shape and col., could do with a little more size; 3, Bertram and Baines, sweet yell. Redpoll, grand size for the cross, beauty for col., well worth its place; 4, McGuire, nice Greenie, shade smaller than winner, but good quality of feather; vhc, Hall Bros.; hc, Butler & Couchman.

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GOLDF. (6): 1, Bertram, tip-top order, nice flush face, good shape, well buttoned, in grand bloom, a sweet one; 2, Bertram and Baines, stylish, well up in col., slimmer than winner, but good face and wing bars; 3, vhc, Almond, close up, not so forward, but plenty size and good body col., wants a little time to finish; 4, Nicholson and Son, good shape, fine size, good col. and markings, will improve; hc, Carr. BULLF. (6): 1, McGregor, good one, rare shape, grand breast col., fine bold head, neat bib, lovely body col., good wing bars, tip-top bird; 2, vhc Barkess, equal in size but lacks the front, fine cap and bib, forward in col., fails in size to winner, grand cap; 4, McQuiston and Patterson, A1 shape and size, duller in col., nice wing flights and back col.; hc, Davison. LINNET, F.M. (20): 1, Gentleman, a hot one, grand size and shape, rare head and lively breast markings, plenty lacing, sweet tone of col., extra good finish, well staged, steady; 2, Boyd, deeper in col., grand size and shape, not so profuse in breast work, fails a bit in flights; 3, Taylor, good stamp, grand flights and lovely markings, darker in body col., well put down; 4, Curry, nice one, well laced, good shape, scarcely so large, and beaten in finish; vhc, McQuiston and Patterson; hc, Coltman; c, Cockburn. H.M. (14): 1, hc, McQuiston and Patterson, good one, rare size, splendid lacing, lovely breast work, sweet head, grand tone of col., in lovely order; 2, Boyd, similar in build, good tone of col., sweet head, nicely laced, scarcely so bold in front as winner; 3, Hunter, good stamp, grand head, plenty weight, little open in breast lacing; 4, McVay, good all round, pure and distinct in breast work, lovely shape, grand flights, darker in col. than winners; vhc, Bertram; c, Carr. GREENF. (9): 1, Robinson, nice one, good size and shape, bold head and front, and nice qual. of feather; 2, Nicholson and Son, shade small and rougher in feather, grand col. and nice wing flights, will improve; 3, Patterson, sweet yell. grand shade of col., and A1 qual. of feather, lovely flights, steady and well shown, we liked; 4, Forster, good shape and size, beaten in finish, good flights and sweet head; vhc, Waters; hc, Bentick; c, Hall. SISKIN, ETC. (18): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, good Twite, grand size and col., nicely laced on breast and lovely wing flights, all over a good one; 2, Carr, nice Siskin, fine size, good cap and bib, and well laced on flanks, fine shape, sweet exhibit; 3, Boyd, a sweet Lesser Redpoll, good cap and bib, and well laced, steady and well shown, nice size and finish; 4, Scott, Mealy Redpoll, well up in size, good markings, staged in A1 order; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, McQuillan and Matfin; c, Petterson. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE. (15): 1, Nicholson and Son, good Chaffie, in spanking order, dense colours, steady and well shown, lovely head and wing bars, a beauty; 2, 3, Sykes, 2 Brambles, leader best in size, grandly spangled and lovely bloom, scarcely up in breast col. yet; 3, shade smaller than winner, equal col. and spangle; 4, vhc, Jameson and Johnston, nice Chaffie, scarcely the size or col. of winners, but in good order; hc, Forster; c, Scott. HEN FINCH OR BUNTING (8): 1, Whitnew and Son, sweet Reed, grand size, splendid col. and markings, steady, and well shown; 2, Turnbull and Culver, tip-top Hawfinch, good col., fine size, lovely order, very steady; 3, Scott, sweet Bullie, nice cap and bib, and good body col.; 4, McQuiston and Patterson, lovely Linnet, a maze of spangle, well put down, fine size and good qual.; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Jameson and Johnston; c, Lowes and Son. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (4): 1, Nicholson and Son, good Hawfinch, well up in size, nice bib, and good body col., steady, and well shown; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, sweet Corn, grand shape and lovely col. and markings, steady, and well shown; 3, Ellwood, neat Hawfinch, fine tone of col., loses in bib, scarcely so large as winner; 4, Gregory, also Hawfinch, beaten in size by winners, fails in finish. SOFTBILL, LARGE (5): 1, Scott, nice Chough, grand size and lovely coral legs and beak, dense sheen, and staged in grand order; 2, Davidson good Waxwing, lovely col., well up in size, very neatly staged; 3, Voutt, Chough, scarcely so large as winner, and lacks the depth of body col.; 4, Roper, good Song-Thrush, very nicely laced, good col., steady, in full bloom, worth its place; vhc, Fox. SMALL (5): 1, 4, Woodhouse, Redbreast, grand size and well up in colours, steady, and well shown; 4, Nightingale, good size and shape, looked a shade seedy when taking notes; 2, Taylor, Lesser Whitethroat, splendid size and lovely order, extra well staged, good one; 3, Robson, Whinchat, sweet exhibit, rather sombre in appearance, but very interesting. NOV. LINNET (13): 1, Willford, good one, grand size, A1 col., nicely laced on breast, good flights; 2, Robson, sweet, scarcely so good in front as winner, extra well staged; 3, McGregor, good stamp, shade darker, and not so pure in markings, nice flights, well burnished up; 4, Hall, good, a shade smaller, well laced, A1 qual.; vhc, Ried; hc, Glendinning; c, Hall. FINCH OR BUNTING (3): 1, McGregor, nice Hawfinch, fine size, A1 markings, well put down; 2, McGuire, good all-round Yellowhammer, good shape and markings, steady; 3, Brown and Inzoe, sweet Greenie, shade small, but fine col. and good order.

The Foreign Birds.

PARROTS, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Scott, good King Parrot, staged in grand bloom; 2, Butler, Ceram Lory, dense colours, in fine bloom; 3, Christer, Red-naped Lorikeet, good order, lovely shades of col., well staged; 4, Davison, Yellow-naped Lorikeet, in fair order, a grand class; hc, Mole. AVADAVATS, ETC. (15): 1, Pettersen, pair of Cordon Bleus, in lovely order; 2, Howe, sweet pair, scarcely in such col.; 3, 4, c, Almond, Lavender Finch in faultless order; and 4, pair of Fire Finche, lovely order, all well staged; vhc, Almond; hc, Maerton. FINCHES, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Howe, pair of White-headed Mannikins in fine order; 3, sweet pair of Spice Birds, well staged; 2, Scott, green singing Finch, rare bloom; 4, Almond, pair of Bib Finches, good order, interesting class; vhc, Baggie; hc, Young; c, Carr. AUSTRALIAN FINCHES, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Almond, pair of good Diamond Sparrows, in fine order, and Ruficauda in grand trim; 3, Carr, nice Parson Finch, fine size, 1 qual.; 4, Hay, pair of Gouldians in fair trim, good hen and black-headed cock. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (4): 1, Howe, nice Melba Finch, good colours and lovely order; 2, Christer, a Paradise Whydah, in fine trim, grand size and good tail, nicely staged; 3, Scott, a pair of grey Javas in fine order; 4, Mrs. Irwin, a White Java in fine trim. FRUIT-EATING (2): 1, sp. best For., 2, Young, very rare and interesting exhibit, Purple Sun-bird, staged to perfection, well put down, a gem, and a credit to owner; 2, yell.-winged Sugar Bird in nice trim, well staged, and in lovely bloom. GIFT (13): 1, Farrar; 2, Crawhall; 3, Dobinson; 4, Thompson; vhc, Gillespie.

The Members' Classes.

As usual at this show, the members' classes filled well, and the quality was quite up to the usual high standard, many of the exhibits securing high honours in the open classes.

NOR. YELL. (15): 1, Laidlow; 2, 4, Butler; 3, Lindsay; vhc, Crass; hc, Smith; c, Marshall. BUFF (17): 1, Butler; 2, vhc, hc, Dobinson; 3, Fletcher; 4, Crass; c, Hay. HEN (16): 1, hc, c Lindsay; 2, Dobinson; 3, 4, Fletcher; vhc, Laidlow. CREST (6): 1, 2, Dobson; 3, Mrs. T. Taylor; 4, Marshall. C.-B (2): 1, 2, Dobson. CINN. (3): 1, 2, Markwell; 3, Roy. SCOTCH FANCY YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Chapman; 4, vhc, Little. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Chapman; vhc, Little. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Mather; 3, hc, Crawhall; 4, c, Cattell. BUFF (11): 1, 4, hc, Wigglesworth; 2, 3, Crawhall; vhc, c, Dix. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, Crawhall; 3, Dix; vhc, hc, c, Cattell. BORD. YELL. (15): 1, 4, Graham; 2, Patterson; 3, Smith; vhc, Chapman; hc, Ross; c, Espie. BUFF (18): 1, 3, Nicholson; 2, Petterson; 4, Hawkins; vhc, Espie; hc, Butler; c, Graham. HEN (20): 1, Smart; 2, hc, Nicholson; 3, Espie; 4, Hay; vhc, Petterson; c, Hawkins. BORD. GR. (22): 1, Johnston; 2, 4, Stephenson; 3, Harvey; vhc, Smart; hc, Johnston; c, Greenwell. CINN. (7): 1, Petterson; 2, Greenwell; 3, Montgomery; 4, Farrer; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Hawkins. MULE (7): 1, 2, Cockburn; 3, vhc, Lindsay; 4, Wilson; hc, Hall. LINNET (18): 1, Curry; 2, 4, c, Cockburn; 3, Lindsay; vhc, hc, Petterson. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Petterson; 2, Waters; 3, Hall; 4, Crawhall. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Petterson; 2, Scott; 3, Waters; 4, Lindsay; vhc, McGinn; c, Hall. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, Scott; 2, Smith; 3, Waters; 4, Lindsay. SOFTBILL, SMALL: Camel. LARGE (2): 1, Scott; 2, Voutt. FOR., SMALL (11): 1, Petterson; 2, 4, c, Scott; 3, Christer; vhc, Haggie; hc, Young. LARGE (4): 1, 4, Scott; 2, Butler; 3, Christer. FOR. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Young. GROUP OF SIX (1): 1, Petterson. NOV. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Page; 2, Topping; 3, no name; 4, no award in catalogue; vhc, Makepeace. BUFF (14): 1, Topping; 2, Hope; 3, Makepeace; 4, Reed; vhc, hc, Dixon; c, Turnbull and Calvert. HEN (15): 1, 2, Topping; 3, Turnbull and Calvert; 4, Page; vhc, Dixon; hc, Reed; c, Forster. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 3, Gillespie; 2, 4, Tate. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Thurston; 2, 4, Mirley; vhc, Willis. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Thurston; 2, Willis; 4, Dixon. HEN (8): 1, Mirley; 2, vhc, Thurston; 3, Willis; 4, c, Dixon; hc, Studholme. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Smith; 2, 3, Reed. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Reed; 2, Smith, 4, vhc, Greason. HEN (7): 1, 2, vhc, Smith; 3, 4, Reed; hc, c, Greason. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, vhc, Cosser; 2, 4, Dixon; 3, c, Reed; hc, Churnside. MULE, ETC. (2): 1, McGuire; 2, Winter. LINNET (7): 1, vhc, Coltman; 2, hc, Reed; 3, McGuire; 4, c, Hope. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Turnbull and Calvert; 2, McGuire; 3, 4, Dixon.

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Monthly show held St. Luke's Institute, Oct. 16, when there was a good display of birds, there being an increase in numbers and quality. Special for best bird, Mr. E. Bookham, a Skylark shown in grand trim. Mr. Pope 2nd best, with a Crest, and he also won the points special, kindly given by Mr. H. Arthurs, who judged and gave every satisfaction. YORKS.: 1, Pope; 2, Poutley. NOR.: 1, Pope. CREST: 1, 2, 3, 4, Pope. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Pope. BRIT. HARD.: 1, Tymfoss, Linnet; 2, Pope, Linnet. SOFT.: 1, spl., Bookham C. B. Pope, Hon. Sec.

IDLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Held Oct. 18, White Bear Inn: 3rd show of the season. 70 birds were staged. Mr. A. Shaw, Sandy-lane, judged, and remarked on the rare quality of the birds. His awards gave entire satisfaction. Competition was keen, as this was the first show for cup and shield competition. Point winners for same: C. E. Hylton 16, W. Sparks 14, W. Thomas 13, J. Hodgson and B. Baxter 11, T. Elsegood and J. Pitts 10.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, hc, Studd; 3, Elsegood; 4, Hylton; vhc, c, Sparks. BUFF: 1, 3, Hylton; 2, 4, Pearson; vhc, c, Studd; hc, Sparks MKD. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Elsegood; 3, Pearson. YELL. HEN: 1, Sparks; 2, 3, Hylton; 4, hc, Studd; vhc, Pearson. BUFF: 1, Sparks; 2, Elsegood; 3, Hylton; 4, vhc, sp., Studd; hc, Pearson. NOV., CL., OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Pitts; 2, 4, Thomas; 3, c, Baxter; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Major Hall. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, 4, sp., Baxter; 3, hc, Hodgson; vhc, Pitts; c, Hall. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Hodgson; 2, hc, Baxter; vhc, W. Hull; c, Palmer. BUFF: 1, hc, Hodgson; 2, sp., Baxter; 3, hc, Major Hall, vhc, Palmer; C. E. Hylton, Sec.

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ANOTHER SUCCESS AT NORWICH

A Bird-Show and Bird-Mart combined: Great Performance of a Norwich Plainhead Exhibitor: Many Coupon Candidates in the Field.

The Norwich Alliance All England Cage Bird Association held another very successful show in the Corn Hall on Oct. 16 and 17. In the Canary City the Norwich variety naturally takes the premier position. The classification is so nicely arranged that it allows breeders and exhibitors a wide scope in which to enter their birds, and the consequence is there is always a grand entry, and many birds change hands at all prices. One breeder we met had about a dozen claimed, and had bought others in for his own stock purposes. The show, therefore, is not only a good exhibition of show birds, but a good market and exchange for the many breeders in the City of the popular Norwich bird.

Taking the exhibits generally, we found type and head qualities well to the fore, and these two points found especial favour with the judges, excepting in a few cases where size and condition could not be disregarded. Needless to say, many of the exhibits were far from fit, and could well have done with another week or so at home. The moult has been a late one in the Eastern Counties, and as the show was a trifle earlier than usual, this alone would account for the numbers being somewhat down, but the eight hundred odd birds, nearly all Norwich, made an imposing array, and lovers of the chubby ones could have their fill of handling their particular fancy.

An Exhibitor's Remarkable Success.

The judges do not have it all their own way in Norwich; the men of the city have been born and bred among the birds, and discuss every award keenly. For instance, in the case of Mr. Rippon's two lovely buffs standing first and second, many were the discussions regarding these birds; what one lost the other gained, we think the winner won, and the majority of visitors thought so too, but so close were they that as someone said, "It would be impossible to get one between them."

Mr. Rippon sent down a wonderful team, and had quite a field day, for with sixteen exhibits he secured eight firsts, five seconds, a third, a fourth, and one vhc—a truly remarkable record, especially as he was competing at the home of the Norwich Canary. Of the local exhibitors, Messrs. Howard and Son staged some good ones, their winning yellow cock being much admired. It is a bird of real type, and good headpiece, an occasional tipping of the wings spoiling his contour; otherwise he is a real good one. Mr. J. Smith's charming variegs. hen stood down to Mr. Rippon's, but seeing that the marked bird was non-fed, it was a great performance; she is about as near perfection as it is possible to get one; even without the colour she well secured many awards. In the amateur section, Messrs. Keymer Bros., of Gorleston, did not show such sensational birds as last year, but their exhibits were as usual noted for type, and a quality of feather that is hard to keep upon birds of any size. Mr. Duffield, of Norwich, was well to the front, winning in yell. cocks with a beauty, and having other birds in the money. It is a long time since we saw such a fine array of Crests and Crestbreds at Norwich, and no doubt the recently formed specialist Norwich Crest and C.B.S. has had something to do with the collection.

The Society Doing a Good Work.

The society has a good sec. and committee, and is making great headway in encouraging breeders in the district. In the amateur section, Mr. Gilbert won with a lovely Crested cock, Mr. Gabriel in hens, and Mr. Mitchel in A.O.V. class. Classes for yellows never receive much support, but they always manage to get a few at Norwich, and good ones they were, too; we think Mr. Linder's C.B. was perhaps the sensation of the show. In shape, size, and skull, with immense dome, it was more like a buff than a yellow, and secured CAGE BIRDS special and diploma for best in the section. A couple of classes for Hybrids, and a few British and foreign birds made up quite an interesting collection.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition brought forth quite a nice number of entrants. The cash special for best champion went to Mr. Woolard's Crest, a bird with wonderful frontal; amateur to Mr. Linder's yell. C.B., both these winning diplomas. Best champion Norwich, Mr. W. Bale's variegs. hen, a lovely exhibit, which fetched more than its catalogue price when sold at auction, the fortunate purchaser being Mr. Howe, of Wellingboro'. Special for best amateur went to Mr. Phillips' yell. hen, another good one. A.O.V. to Mr. A. E. Brooks, with a grand Dutch Frill. British Hardbill, Mr. Goodchild's Hawfinch. Foreign, Mr. C. Thorne, with his Parrakeet.

A Splendid Show, Well Run.

The president, Mr. F. J. Lambert, opened the show, and complimented the officials upon the good gathering. The attendance was excellent, the huge hall being crowded upon the evening of the first day; in fact, it should prove to be one of the most successful shows held in recent years. We were informed that the gate alone was nearly double that of last year, and in addition to this there were some capital sales, while the bidding at the auction was spirited, and good prices were obtained.

The Norwich men know how to run a Canary show, and this was no exception. In Mr. St. Quintin they have a worthy successor to previous good men. He was in the show at all hours, and had all matters connected with it in prime order. He was assisted in this department by Mr. Freeman. The chairman, Mr. Phillips, lent valuable aid, as did also the vice, Mr. Smith, and the treas., Mr. Biggin. Other helpers and officials were: Messrs. Howard, Parsons, Shearing, Martin, Baker, Bartram, Clarke, Cullington, Daynes, Edwards, Freestone, Gilbert Harvey, Haze, Mitchell, Payne, Roberts, Russell, Stark, Thompson, Wilson, King, and Ebbage. The birds were carefully attended to, which their capital condition at the end of the show testified. The judges were Mr. W. E. Greeves Crests and C.B., Mr. J. Stark Plainheads, Mr. Howe the remainder, their awards being very well received.

NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, vhc, Howard and Son, a beauty for size and type, grand dome, head free from flatness, wedge shaped body, good wings and tail, hot col.; 2, Claxton, smaller and a wee bit longer, but still a grand one, good head and neck, nice full front and wonderful qual.; 3, Smith, magnificent size, grand head and neck, plenty of subs., nice qual., but hardly so silky as winners; 4, Rippon, grand bird, wee bit loose in wings; hc, Schulen; c, Hart. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Rippon two beautics for size and type, winner a wee bit fuller in head, but hardly so chubby in build, both birds grand in col. and qual., and well put down, much admired; 3, vhc, Moore, grand type, beautifully rounded body, neat full head, well braced wings, neat tail, clean cut; 4, Collicott, rare size and stamp, grand full fronted bird, good head; vhc, Moore; hc, c, Howard and Son. TKD. OR VARIEG. (6): 1, Rippon, tkd., lovely col. and qual., rare head and neck, good back, well in front of perch, wins well; 2, vhc, Howard and Son, chubby thick set variegs., grand full head, good front, hardly fit; 3, Collicott, fine and bold, wonderful size and type, rare head and neck, good wings, must have pressed; 4, Claxton, check tkd., hardly the size, but wonderful qual. and finish, very typical; hc, More. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Rippon, neck tkd., fine size, well in front of perch, good head, nice bold front, full of col. and qual., 2nd hardly the subs. of winner, grand head, free from browing, rare front and back, good wings, wonderful qual., close up; 3, Smith, lovely type, as thick and short as possible, grand head, back, and wings, shade feathery at thighs, rare col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Howard and Son, beaten size, though typical and of grand qual.; hc, Ebbage; c, Claxton. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Rippon, good all over, grand full head, wedge shape body, good wings, wonderful col. for a lady, rare qual.; 2, Smith, cap and wing mkd., beauty for type and style, full head, good bold front, clean cut, faultless wings; 3, Hart, another nice one, shade longer in body, but rare qual.; 4, Payne, similar stamp, grand full head, hardly so tight as winners; vhc, c, Howard and Son; hc, Ebbage. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Rippon, leader beauty for type, well across the perch, quite a Bullfinch neck and front grand, well braced wings, lovely qual., 2nd hardly so typical, but still a good one, neat head, lovely condition and qual.; 3, Smith, hot col., rare front, good head, good full back, nicely braced wings; 4, More, bouny cap and neck mkd., good size and type, full neck, nicely cut away; vhc, Howard and Son; hc, Miller; c, Schulen. CREST (5): 1, Revell, grand wing mkd. D.C., big bold bird of excellent type, good full headpiece, grand size and shape, good centre, well drooped, thick and lovely qual.; 2, Carlton, hardly so big in body, neat head, of good shape, thick nicely formed, well drooped and centred, A1 condition; 3, Betts, green, nice size, good full head, of excellent shape, capital centre, hardly the subs. of winners; 4, Sadd, wing mkd. D.C., neat head, good frontal, well filled back; hc, Bushell and Dewing. HEN (6): 1, Woollard, magnificent bird, grand size, wonderful headpiece, rare frontal, right over beak, well filled all round, good centre and veiuing; 2, More, cl. body D.C., grand head, hardly the frontal of winner, but still good, dense, and excellent in veiuing and feather; 3, Carlton, cl. body D.C., fine size, big full crest, hardly so neat as winners, but wonderfully leafy, and rare veining; hc, Sadd; c, Howard and Son. C.B. (9): 1, 2, More, variegs., grand size, not over full at entrance, but rare length of feather and grandly packed, 2nd grand size, rare headpiece, beautiully domed and packed, not finished yet, we liked immensely; 3, Sadd, variegs., lighter in build, nice head, grand shape, well lashed and domed, good length of feather; 4, Revell, lightly mkd., grandly shaped head, beautifully packed with lovely qual. feather, monster for size; vhc, Woollard; hc, Carlton; c, Clapham. AMAT. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (19): 1, Duffield, good stamp, neat well formed head, nice width of shoulders, good front, sound col and qual.; 2, Harvey, hardly so big, but sound feather and qual., grand head, good wings and tail, well put down; 3, Goodson, another big one, hardly so rich in col., grand full head, well rounded front, nicely cut away; 4, Keymer Bros., beauty for type and style, very short and thick, must have pressed; vhc, hc, Outten; c, Martin. BUFF (25): 1, Smith, grand size and subs., neat full head, rare depth, wee bit open in front, but still a good one; 2, Jeffries, hardly so hot, but wonderful type, clean and well cut, neat head, nicely packed wings, lovely qual.; 3, Paul, grand size, wonderful head and neck, shade long in barrell, but lovely qual.; 4, Keymer Bros., smaller, very neat and typical, sound col., good wings; vhc, Pattingale; hc, c, Duffield. TKD. OR MKD. YELL. (27): 1, Bartram, saddle mkd., good size, shade long and bit narrow at shoulders, still clean cut, good col., and nice qual.; 3, Duffield; 2nd missing; 3, bigger, bolder bird than 1st, grand type, neat head, good shoulders, hardly as tight, but a capital exhibit; 4, Bales, fine bold neck and wing mkd., in rare fettle; vhc, Harvey; hc, Nash; c, Laccohee. BUFF (16): 1, Shearing, bonny bird, grand stamp, full head, wee bit browed, rare front and nice full back, grand qual.; 2, Laccohee, variegs., lovely type, nice full head, neat beak, grand neck, full bold front, wants time; 3, Bartram, plenty of size, shade longer than winners, nicely cut away, rare condition; 4, Goodings, mkd., typical, rare chest, neat wings and tail; vhc, Freeman; hc, Vines; c, Pye. YELL HEN (16): 1, Phillips, grand size and type, short and thick set, good head, neck, and front, neat wings, sound rich col. and qual.; 2, Keymer Bros., smaller but nice type and style, good head, rich col.; 3, Howes, wing mkd., plenty of subs., good neck, nice qual. of feather; 4, Smith, another wing mkd., grand type, good style, with nice tail carr.; vhc, Vines; hc, Harrod; c, Smith. BUFF (25): 1, hc, Duffield, grand and bold, lovely type, rare front, full head, good back, clean cut, in wonderful fettle; 2, Mitchell, another beauty for size, bigger, fuller head, hardly so clean cut, but wonderful qual., a real Norwich; 3, Davison, hardly the subs. of winners, neat head, clean cut, good qual.; 4, c, Harvey, beauty for qual. and cond., rare stamp of body, bit weak in head, still a good one; vhc, Silom. CREST (8): 1, Gilbert, varieg., good size, nicely formed headpiece, spreading well over beak, good centre and droop, capital subs.; 2, Ashworth, heavily variegs., very neat, nicely formed crest, good centre, lovely even droop, nicely veined; 3, 4, Linder, good bold green, neat head of nice size, well packed, good radiation, 4th wing mkd. D.C., fine size, neat head, with a good centre, no qual of feather; vhc, Mitchell, hc, Gabriel, c, Jeffries. HEN (11): 1, Gabriel, lovely headpiece, beautifully formed, capital size and shape, well veined; 2, Barrage, gr., grand size, nice shaped crest, beautifully radiated, excels in veining; 3, Mitchell, wing mkd. D.C., grand size, neat, well packed crest, lovely frontal, nicely drooped all round; 4, Cowan, big, bold green, rare big crest, good shape and dense, wee bit rough; vhc, Mayhew; hc, Ashworth; c, Page. C.B (14): 1, Mitchell, variegs., magnificent size, grand head, beautifully domed and packed, well lashed; 2, 4, Linder, cl., fine size, hardly the width of skull of winner, but well packed and lashed, 4th variegs., rare size and qual., well packed head, nice length of feather, well lashed; 3, Hall, beauty for size, grandly cushioned head, full of feather; vhc, Ashworth; hc, Cowan; c, Woods. CINN. YELL. (12): 1, Linder, beauty for size and type, good head, nice bold form, very sound rich col., excellent qual.; 2, Cook, good one, rare type, full head, capital wings, rich sound col. all through, close up; 3, Bevan, big bold bird, hardly so good in wings, but wonderfully rich in col., full of qual.; 4, Skipper, nice type, beaten in head qual., good full neck, rich col., full of polish; vhc, Howard and Son; hc, Andrews; c, Shearing. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Andrew Bros., rare size and stamp, grand neck and front, plenty of subs., wonderfully rich in col. for a buff, 2nd another big one, lovely type and style, good full head, sound col. throughout, close up, 3rd hardly the subs. of winners, but very typical, grandly braced wings, sound in col. ENFLIG. CREST (11): 1, 2, Carlton, a beauty for size, rare massive headpiece, of good shape, well spread out, yet nicely drooped, good centre, lovely qual., 2nd big crest, bit untidy, but rare size and beautifully veined; 3, Sadd, wing mkd., dark, fine size, neat head, good centre and droop, well packed; 4, Cubett, another wing mkd. dark, neat well packed head, good droop; c, Morter. C.B. (7): 1, Gabriel, gr., fine size, good bold head, nicely packed and domed, good entrance, well lashed; 2, Carlton, cl., capital size and type, full bold head, plenty of good feather, nicely packed; 3, Howard and Son, variegs., well packed head, very heavily lashed, grand qual.; 4, Cubett, variegs., neat head, capital shape; vhc, Carlton; hc, Pill; c, Hall. YELL. CREST (6): 1, Clapham, beauty for size, grand full dense crest, nice size and shape, capital frontal, good centre and droop; 3, Sadd, cl. body, Grey Crest, nice size, neat and well formed, not the frontal of winner, but still good, capital qual., 3rd wing mkd. D.C., very neat well packed headpiece, capital frontal, good centre and droop; 4, Cowan, nearly gn., capital crest, good shape and size, well packed. C.B. (5): 1, Linder, bonny bird for size, wonderful width of skull, good entance, well packed and domed, a real topper; 2, Woods, grand size, rare width of skull, good cushion shape, beautifully packed and lashed; 3, Hall, topper, rare size, grand entrance and width of skull, well lashed; 4, Pill, hardly the width of skull of winner, but still a good yell.; hc, Page. NOR. ENFLIG. YELL. CK. (17): 1, 3, Rippon, not the biggest in class, but all there for type and qual., grand col. and plenty of bloom, beautifully cut away; 3rd, wing mkd. bird of fine type, well filled head and neck, nice sweep from chin to tail, grand quality; 2, Handley and Son, bouncer for size, good bold head, nice short wedge shape body, tips wing a bit, still a grand one; 4, Bales, big bold neck mkd., wide full chest, good back and wings, bonny stock bird; vhc, Ebbage; hc, Howard and Son; c, Dady. BUFF (7): 1, Rippon, bold bird of grand subs., beautifully burnished, fine head and neck, good front and back, neat tail, hot col.; 2, Collicott, big one, hardly so nicely finished, but grand stamp, perfect wings, all in front of perch; 3, Handley and Son, hardly the size of winners, but grand stamp, beautifully mealed, a real Norwich, full of qual.; 4, vhc, Sewell, bold, big bird, good head and front, well filled back, perfect wings; hc, Ebbage, a real gem, typical, tight as wax; c, Bales. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Bales, wing and cap mkd., real beauty for type and qual., lovely full head and neck, grand front, romps home; 2, vhc, Rippon, cl., real good spec., typical, but hardly the finish of winner, still a grand hen; 3, Handley and Son, eye mkd. bird of grand size, very typical, nice clean cut, good tail and carr., lovely qual.; 4, More, hardly the col. of winners, but real good stamp, grand front, nice qual. of feather; hc, Sewell; c, Ebbage, as good as any but winner. BUFF (20): 1, 2, Rippon, grand hen, not over strong in head, but wonderful neck and front, brim full of qual., very typical; 2nd, another beauty, quite as good in type, a bit more size, hardly the finish; 3, Howard and Son, grand hen, but wants time, wonderful size and type, nicely packed; 4, Wright and Son, paler in col., but a beauty for type and qual., nicely proportioned, a grand hen; vhc, Brewster; hc, Goldsmith, junr.; c, Wrigbt and Son. NON-FED YELL. (13): 1, Bateman, wing and neck tkd. bird of grand size, good bold front, nice carr., clean run, good wings; 2, 3, Stark, variegs., with a grand full head, good neck, hardly as stout in body as winner, but lovely qual.; 3rd, a beauty for type and finished neat, well packed; 4, Morter, shade longer, good bold head, with grand skull, nice front; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Baker. BUFF (19): 1, Bateman, nice type and cond., well proportioned, but fails in size to 2, vhc, Stark, a gem, quickly claimed, a real typical Norwich, well filled all round, and lovely qual.; 3, Baker, another big one, grand subs., rare front, well filled back and nice short wings, good stock bird; 4, Wilkerson, short and thick set, nice full head and neck, good wings and tail, capital qual.; hc, O'Donoughoe; c, Howard and Son. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Howard and Son, lovely 3-ptd., grand type and style, well in front of perch, closely packed wings, neat tail, hot col.; 2, 4, Stark, big and bold, wonderful head and neck, full front, not fined down yet; 4th, bold cap mkd., grand back and skull, good full front, not finished; 3, Bartram, variegs., good stamp, nicely rounded, good wings; vhc, Revell; hc, Martin; c, Ebbage. BUFF (21): 1, hc, Hall, topper for size, grand type, bold head and neck, massive body, nice clean run, a good one; 2, Ebbage, rare qual. good typical head wee bit weak at neck, but still a good one, and in lovely condition; 3, Benwell, bold cap mkd tgre Black c: body, Bullfinch neck, wants time; 4, Keymer Bros., big bird, shade longer in body but nice qual vhc, Freeman; c, George. YELL. NUN (11): 1, Brown, good for size and type, bold full head, capital wings, hardly lined down yet, still wins; 2, hc, Stark, similar, grand back and wings, nice qual of feather; 3, Ebbage, smaller, but lovely qual., neat full head and neck; 4, Freeman, hot col., typical, good neck, beaten size; vhc, Duffield. BUFF (23): 1, Ebbage, bonny bird, tight as wax, good entrance and back skull, beautifully rounded, nice clean run; 2, More, 4 ptd., lovely type, grand full head, Bullie neck, rare condition; 3, vhc, Smith, typical, grand head, full body and well braced wings; 4, Howard and Son, big one, shade feathery, but rare qual., good back, hc, Baker; c, Duffield. EVEN MARKS (9): 1, vhc, Howard and Son, big bold bull, capital type, eye marks rather extended, but grand even wings, nice clean run; 2, Killingback, good size yell., neat type, lovely qual. and col., rather faint eye mks., good wings; 3, Thompson, another bull of grand size and type, eyes nicely balanced, full wings; 4, Bevan, a bonny bird for size and type, fails a bit on one eye, grand wings, lovely qual.; hc, More; c, Wright and Son. A.O.V. (13): 1, 2, Brooks, grand Dutch Frill, big and bold, stands well, grand mantle and frill, full of feather of lovely qual.; 2nd, cl., big and bold, but hardly frill of winner; 3, 4, vhc, Pye, White Border, nice type and qual., shown in a box cage; 4th, mkd. at neck, not so good in type; hc, Payne; some good unnoticed Yorks might have stood in. HYBRIDS, GOLDF. or LINNET (10): 1, 3, King, var. Linnets, grand size and Nor. type, beautifully proportioned, and nicely cut away, shown in tip-top condition. 2, Fysh, lightly mkd. Goldie, good size and type, perfect condition, we liked much; 4, Mitchell, lightly mkd. Goldie, lovely bird, but beaten in size here; vhc, Cooper; hc, Hall. A.O.V. (3): 3, Fysh, Goldie-Bullie, nice size and shape, good flush face, capital wings, in sound condition; 4, Appleton, yell. Siskin-Can., shade small, otherwise a good one, we rather preferred; vhc, Banham, bigger, bolder bird, better laced, grand shape and condition BREEDERS' CLASSES. NOR. YELL. CK. (21): 1, Larmer, nice type and qual., good front, clean cut; 2, King, good size, capital stamp, wings well braced, fine cond.; 3, Rudling, good one, neat head, good neck, back and wings; 4, Dale, hardly so typical, but still good, capital qual.; 5, c, King; vhc, hc, Keymer. BUFF (23): 1, Keymer, typical and bold, neat head and neck, nice wings, quickly claimed; 2, 3, 5, Davison, three charming exhibits, real Nor. properties, well across the perch; 4, Cozen, nice size, capital condition and qual. good back; vhc, hc, White; c, Dale. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, 3, two charming ladies, very typical, with nice neat heads, good wedge shape bodies, capital wings, winner tirfle better cond.; 2, Rudling, smart bird, nice stamp and qual. good wings; 4, Morter, another good one, good bold front, well put down; vhc, Dunn; hc, Keymer Bros.; c, King. BUFF (13): 1, Fearnley, beauty for type and qual., neat head, good shoulders and back, sound qual.; 2, Clarke, smart, taking exhibit, well up in size, good smart wing carr.; 3, Cozens, good one, hardly the condition of winners, should improve; 4, Finch, fine size and type, grand qual.; 5, hc, King; vhc, Davison; c, Donnington. GOLDF. (5): 2, 4, Cook, two very nice exhibits, 2nd shade larger than 4th, although hardly so rich in col. and tanning; vhc, Banham. GREENF. (6): 1, Miles, nice size and type, well proportioned, bold head, nicely put down; 2, Cook, shade smaller, good in col. and qual.; 3, Addison, junr., big bird, nice cond., grand wings, rather wild; 4, Cooper, beauty for qual. and col., but unsteady; vhc, Johnson. LINNET (14): 1, Miles, grand field-moulted Mealy, a real topper for shape and type, with a wealth of markings and nice rich natural col.; 2, Brown, smart Linnet, shade small and not ready yet, we rather liked 3, 4, Cooper, two lovely Siskins, 3rd grand size and shape, very dense heavy markings, good sound col., and as tight as wax; 4th, shade smaller, but beautifully laced; vhc, Johnson; hc, Banham; c, Garrett. HEN (6): 1, 2, 4, Cooper, grand Hawfinch, one of the best out, rare size, beautifully proportioned, sound rich col., good bib, in perfect feather; 2nd, very smart, good col. Bramble, not over big, but a beauty for markings and condition; 4th, smart Siskin, nicely laced; 3, Cook, bold Hawfinch, hardly the size of winner; vhc, Wilderson, very evenly laced Siskin, perfect wings, fine big bird; c, Piggin. A.O. SEED-EATER (11): 1, Goodebild, very fine bold Hawfinch, grand size and shape, very rich sound col., perfect bib, good bold head; 2, Cogman, smart Bullie, sound breast col., good full cap, nicely polished, capital back and wings; 3, Cooper, good Bramble, shapely, nice chestnut, beautifully spangled, grand condition; 4, hc, Miles, nice Yell. Bunting, very shapely, rich tone of col., well laced back, good wings; vhc, Lowne; c, Woodhouse. THRUSH (8): 1, Lott, big, bold bird, good shape, nicely spotted, very steady, in good feather; 2, Johnson, hardly so big, but very shapely, rather fuller in spotting, and a bit more decided, absolutely perfect condition; 3, Cooper, shade slim in type, but nicely mkd., in grand order; 4, Snelling, hardly the class of winner, very steady; vhc, Reeve; hc, Frost; c, Green. A.O.V. SMALL (17): 1, 3, 4, Cooper, lovely Yell. Wagtail, real gem for shape and finish, grand depth of col., very steady; 3rd, nice Grey Wagtail, very shapely, in good order; 4th, lovely Crested Tit, in perfect feather and beautifully staged; 2, Andrews, beautiful pair of Bearded Tits, faultless in col. and condition of plumage, beautifully staged; vhc, Lott; hc, Parker; c, Johnson. A.O. INSECTIV.: 1, Johnson, lovely Redwing, shade slim in build, but beautifully mkd. with a good patch of red, in faultless condition; 3, Cooper, good Greater Spotted Woodpecker, hardly in the best of condition, nicely staged. PARROTS (13): 1, Thorne, lovely Alexandrine Parrakeet, grand size, good col., well mkd., in lovely feather; 2, Parker, capital Blossom Head, richly coloured, in very fine feather, we rather liked; 3, Cole, another Alexandrine, good bird, but hardly the finish of winner. SMALL (5): 1, Goodchild, capital Diamond Finch, grand size, nicely spotted, in good order; 2, Jones, good pair Cordons, sound rich col., in good condition; 3, 4, Andrews, bold pair of White Javas, one in much better fettle than the other, rather badly matched; 4th, Golden-breasted Waxbills, neat, and in very fine condition. A.O. SEED EATERS (6): 1, 3, Andrews Bros., Yellow-collared Whydah, beautiful bird, in nice full plumage, well put down; 3rd, good pair of Waxbills, in fine condition; 2, Goodchild, lovely pair of Black-headed Gouldians, cock very richly coloured, and wonderful size. A.O.S.: 1, 4, Andrews Bros., Superb Tanager and a Barbet.

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HARROGATE.

Some Good Things that were Missed.

The 10th annual open show of Harrogate C.B.S. was held Oct. 18 in Dancing Academy. The room is an ideal one, well lighted, free from draught, and allowing plenty of space for visitors. The exhibits were benched in line style, so that all could be seen without handling. CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition was in evidence, and a rare number of the coupon birds were in the money. In the Champion Section Mr. A. Veitch won with an unlighted yell mkd. on neck and wing, a gem of a bird, straight as a dart. This exhibit won the cp for best unlig. bird shown by a member, Hyde's cp, also cp for best member's bird. We must congratulate Mr Veitch on having such a run of luck, and hope he will be as successful in the future. Mr. Hamlyn put down a fine team of birds, his yellow hen is a real topper, full of quality and type. Mr. H. won sp member's most points. Dr. M. A. Wilson put down a fine team of Mules and Britishers, winning the secretary's cup once more. If the doctor should be in luck's way next year, the cup will become his own property. Mr. Chittenden put down a fine Buff Norwich, which won him sp for best bird in show. Why not Coupon the bird, Mr. C.? Ten shillings thrown away for the sake of sixpence. Mr. Robinson won sp for best hen in the novice classes; again this bird was without the Coupon, or would have had a rare chance. Mr. Graham winning the CAGE BIRDS 10s. special with his Yellow, a bird well on leg and a blaze of colour. The hon. sec., Mr. G. H. Barnwell, had the birds staged and attended to in good time. He was backed up by some hard working stewards, comprising the following well-known fanciers:—Messrs. Hamlyn, Head, Walker, Duxbury, Gent, Cottom, Ireland, Fawcett, Fergusson, Robinson, Leahman, Brown, etc. Mr. Wm. Mundell, of Bradford, judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

CL. ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Simeson, good round head, well braced wings, piped tail, clean on breast, boxy feather, well up on leg, very stylish; 2, Dykes, boxy feather, nice level col., good wings and piped tail, neat head, very typical; 3, North, rare qual. of feather, full in neck, good head and clean on breast, nice pair of wings, piped tail, level col., a shade on the strong side; 4, McDade, good long bird, well on leg, good head, wing and tone, a bit unsteady, wants more handling; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Gill; c, Hewson. BUFF (10): 1, sp, best in show, Chittenden, level col., good head, clean on breast, well placed wings, neat piped tail, grand position and nerve, full of qual.; 2, North, very typical, rich col., boxy feather, good wing carr., long piped tail, a shade flat on head; 3, Dykes, rich level col., full of qual., well placed wing, neat tail, well on leg, very stylish, good head, clean on breast; 4, Wilman, pale col., full of qual., well placed wings, neat tail, well up on leg, very typical, would do with being a little longer; vhc, Thomas; hc, Hall; c, The Bird Shop. MKD. OR VARIEG. (11): 1, Simeon, eye, cheek and wings mkd. yell., rich col., full of qual., nice pair of wings, well braced to side, long piped tail, grand erect position, very steady, well put down; 2, McDade, eye, wing and cap mkd. Buff pale col., boxy feather, long flights, piped tail, good head, position A1; 3, Dykes, neck and wings mkd. Buff, rich level col., boxy feather, well braced wings, clean on breast, up on leg, grand style and nerve; 4, Peace, variegated, yell., rich col., pair of long flights and tail, good head, boxy feather, very stylish and full of nerve; vhc, March; hc, Brown and Son; c, Sutcliffe and Son. UNFLIG. (11): 1, CAGE BIRDS special 10s., best bird by member, best unlig., and Hyde's sp, yell., Veitch, a grand bird, position perfect, wing and tail well placed, well up on leg, steady as possible, wins; 2, Thomas, yell., good head, boxy feather, rich col., grand pos., fails a little in tail; 3, Fawcett, yell., pale col., good head, well placed wings, piped tail, very typical, fails a little on breast; 4, hc, Middleton, Buff, lovely qual., rich col., grand head, nice wings, and tail bit down, or would have stood a better chance of going up; vhc, Dykes; c, Loughey. YELL. YORKS HEN (7): 1, Wilman, nice level col., teeming with qual., neat head, nice wing carr., piped tail, would do with being a shade longer; 2, Thomas, full of qual., neat head, grand wings and piped tail, level col., very stylish; 3, Brown, cap mkd., long flights and piped tail, full of qual., level col., shade wild, wants more time; 4, Leahman, rich level col., boxy feather, well up on leg, long flights and piped tail, wants little more time, not quite through moult; vhc, Loughey; hc, Fowler; No. 1, four tail feathers short, a fine yellow hen. BUFF (11): 1, Dykes, pale col., boxy feather, nice pair of wings, long piped tail, well on leg, grand position, neat head shade on the strong side; 2, Norton, stout, pale col., good head and breast, well placed wings, piped tail, nice type; 3, Simeson, tkd., pale col., well up on leg, wings well braced to side, nice piped tail good type and very nervey; 4, Thomas, rich salmon col., boxy feather, long flights and tail, very typical, good head; vhc, Duxbury; hc, Veitch; c, North. NOV. YELL. YORKS (13): 1, CAGE BIRDS 10s. special, Graham, blaze of col., long flights, well braced, long piped tail, position A1, good head and full of nerve, well put down; 2, Head, neat round head, full of qual., nice wings and piped tail, very stylish, well shown; 3, Hamlyn, rather pale in col., but full of qual., well up on leg, nice pair of wings, piped tail, fails to winner in length; 4, Evans, level col. throughout, fine pose, neat wings and tail, good head, shade on the strong side; vhc, Ireland; hc, Gill; c, Ives. BUFF (11): 1, Head, pale in col., long flights, piped tail, good head, very typical, bit penny, not quite fit; 2, Graham, rich level col., stands well up, good flights and tail, full of qual., must have run winner close; 3, Fergusson, cap and wings mkd., pale in col., boxy feather, nice type, good head, piped tail; 4, Spencer, rich level col., good head, long flights and tail, unsteady; vhc, Robinson; hc, Brown; c, Gill. UNFLIGH. YELL. (19): 1, Shaw, rich col., full of qual., nice type, good round head, clean on breast, well braced wings and tail; 2, hc, Hamlyn, rich col., full of qual., neat round head, clean on breast, very typical; 3, Taylor, mkd., neat round head, grand wings and tail, full of qual., very stylish; 4, Chew, rich col., style, well braced wings, piped tail, not quite ready; vhc, Farnish; c, Head. BUFF (15): 1, Leadham, rare length, good head, full of qual., level col., well up on leg, piped tail, very slim and stylish; 2, Foster, rich col., full of qual., neat head, well braced wings, piped tail, position; 3, 4, hc, Hamlyn, 3rd neat head, rich level col., nice flights, piped tail, teeming with qual., would do with being a shade longer; 4th blaze of col., neat head, well up on leg, grand wing carr., piped tail, wants to be a shade longer; vhc, Rhodes; c, Hewitt. YELL. YKS. HEN (12): 1, hc, Hamlyn, 1st teeming with qual., neat head, well up on leg, grand wing and tail, rich level col., wins; 2, Cottam, mkd. eyes and wings, boxy feather, pale col., wings well placed, piped tail, grand position and very steady, well put down; 3, Chew, nice level col. throughout, neat head, good wings and tail position; 4, Blackburn, variegated, boxy feather, nicely placed wings, piped tail, rich col., very stylish; vhc, Walker; c, Ives. BUFF (12): 1, sp best novice hen, Robinson, rare length and position, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail, grand qual. of feather; 2, Walker, full of qual., rich col., wing lkd., very stylish, good round head, piped tail; 3, Farnish, pale col., lovely boxy feather, neat wings and tail, on the small side; 4, vhc, Ireland, rich col., good head, well placed wings, pip d toil, on the stout side, not quite fit; hc, Leahman; c, Hewitt. NOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, McWilliam, 1st buff, rich salmon col. throughout, good head, massive neck and chest, short and chubby, boxy feather; 2nd good head, rich col., short and chubby, boxy feather, buff; 3rd yell., good head, blaze of col., short and cobby, full of qual.; 4, vhc, hc, Bonsfield; 4th buff, boxy feather, rich col., good head, short and cobby; c, Fawcett. SELL., 15s. (20): 1, Hood; 2, Myers; 3, Hamlyn; 4, Hawkins; vhc, hc, Raisbeck; c, Todd. HEN, 10s. (18): 1, Head; 2, Shaw; 3, Hewson; 4, The Bird Shop; vhc, Fergusson; hc, Leahman; c, Ireland. GIFT (16): 1, Walker; 2, Veitch; 3, Fergusson; 4, Leadman; vhc, Gill; hc, Hamlyn; c, Head. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, 2, 3, c, Dr. Wilson, 1st Linnet-Bullie, bit faulty in tail, not quite as good in condition as last year; 2nd Can.-Bullie, blaze of col., nice cond.; 3rd, Redpoll-Can., in the pink of cond.; 4, Fergusson, Lizard-Can.; vhc, Fisher; hc, Todd. BRIT. HARDBILL (10): 1, Bonsfield, Meadow Bunting in the pink of condition, very steady, a gem; 2, 3, 4, Dr. Wilson, 2nd Bullie, good cap, rich col. on breast, nice white on wings, rare condition; 3rd Goldie, good blaze, bars and buttons, grand condition; 4th Twite, rich col., nice spangles, fine cond.; vhc, Fergusson; hc, c, Haigh. FOR., SMALL (10): 1, 2, 3, Simpson; 1st Pintail Nonpareil, grand condition; 2nd Black-headed Gouldian in the pink of condition; 3rd Cordon Bleus, nicely shown and very steady; 4, hc, c, Marsden; 4th Ribbon Finches, nice condition.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Members' show of unflighted birds at headquarters, Oct. 11, and 35 birds were ably judged by Mr. A. Barnes, of Hebden Bridge, who gave every satisfaction. Some good birds were staged, though a few were hardly through the moult, which shows the keenness of some of our members to obtain points in the competitions provided. OPEN CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, Stobart; 3, Graham. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Crossley; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Graham. VARIEG., ETC. (1): 1, Graham. SELF OR FOUL GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, 2, Highley. NOVICE, ETC., YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Mayson. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Senior; 2, Magson; 3, C. Wild; 4, Hardy; hc, Sutcliffe. VARIEG., ETC. (8): 1, 3, Senior; 2, Mitchell; 4, hc, Wild; vhc, c, Magson. SELF OR FOUL CINN., OR GREEN (1), 1, Hardy. Both sections competed together in following classes: NOR., YELL. (1): 1, T. Magson. BUFF (2): 1, 2, T. Magson.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Third members show of the year, held Oct. 7, at Park Chapel Schools. West Bowling, with a very good entry. Judges were Messrs. J. Bailey, Allerton, and W. A. Cowgill, Girlington, and their awards gave entire satisfaction; 87 birds in 14 classes. Winners of most points were Messrs. J. Northrop, W. Stables, S. Midgley, W. Laycock, G. R. Rushworth, S. Woad, Taylor Bros., and W. Fielding. Quality very good; competition very keen. CHAMP., CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, 4, c, Northrop; 2, White; 3, Priestley; vhc, hc, Laycock. BUFF (9): 1 c, Midgley; 2, vhc, Stables; 3 North; 4, Walker; hc, White. MKD. (4): 1, 2, Northrop; 3, Riley Bros.; 4, Midgley. C. or TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Stables; 2, 3, Northrop; 4, hc, Laycock; vhc, c, White. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Walker; 2, Priestley; 4, North; vhc, Midgley; hc, Laycock. MKD. HEN (7): 1, Midgley; 2, vhc, hc, Laycock; 3, Stables; 4, Riley Bros.; c, Northrop. NOV. CL. or TKD. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Fielding; 2, W. Walker; 3, Myers; 4, hc, Taylor Bros; c, Morrell and Harper. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Rushworth; 3, Myers; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc Woad; hc, W. Walker; c, Fielding. MKD (6): 1, Taylor Bros. 2, 3, vhc, Woad; 4, Fielding; hc, Morrell and Harper. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, W. Walker; 3, Rushworth. BUFF (6): 1, Woad; 2, 3, vhc, Rushworth; 4, Fielding; hc, Morrell and Harper. MKD. HEN (4): 1, Woad; 2, Fielding; 3, 4, Myers. SELL. (Cock) (3): 1, 3, Midgley; 2, North. (Hen) (3): 1, 2, Midgley; 3, North.—H. Hill, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Young bird show held Workmen's Hall, Oct. 9. There was a capital entry, including some really fine Foreign specimens. Mr. Reed won special best in show and certificate with a rattling Green Glossy Starling, and Mr. A. J. Turner second best with a grand buff Norwich. The team competition was very interesting, and resulted as follows: 1, 2, Reed; 3, Hawkes. Mr. Maxley as usual filled the important post of show sec. in a courteous and practical manner. Quality all round was excellent, and the entry good. There was a very large attendance of visitors. Mr. G. Gardner judged.

YORKS., YELL: 1, 2, 3, hc, Parker; leader slashing variegated, yell., plenty of leg, and nicely tapered; vhc, Hawkes. BUFF: 1 3, hc, Parker, winner very straight bird, grand length, and well cut away, splendid action, very nervy; 2, vhc, c, Hawkes, leader very smart and well positioned, hardly so nervy as winner. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, vhc, Turner, spanking buff Norwich, full of qual.; 2, 3, Parker, two really grand Cinnamons, full of the correct col., rattling type; hc, c, Hawkes. MULES: 1, Lafbury, dark Linnet-Can.; 2, Reed. LINNET: 1, hc, Lafbury, sweet, chubby bird, will be a good on when finished; 2, Parker, in rare pomp, but smaller, and fails a little in markings; 3, Hawkes, good one when in fettle; vhc, Miss Edwards. GREENF. or CHAFF.: 1, 2, hc, Parker, leader a bonnie Chaffinch, rich col., fine markings; 2nd, equally good Greenfinch; 3, Reed, Greenie; vhc, c, Lafbury. A.O.S.: 1, Miss Edwards, nearly white House Sparrow, very steady and well shown; 2, vhc, hc, c, Parker, sweetly pretty Siskin, in grand feather; 3, Hawkes, Yell. Bunting, looking a bit soft, a good one when fit. SOFTBILL: 1, Lafbury, Thrush. FOR.: 1, sp, 3, hc, c, Reed grand Green Glossy Starling leading; 2, [illegible] Edwards' Bufous-bird Weaver, well shown.

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BROUGHTY FERRY.

Splendid Turnout of Coupon Birds.

The ninth annual show of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S. was held Oct. 18 in the Good Templar's Hall, Gray Street. The hall is an ideal one for the purpose, being well lighted and ventilated, and also free of draughts. There were forward about 400 exhibits and while they did not reach last year's total the quality was maintained. CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme has caught on and truly "Everybody's doing it." The 10s. special for champions was won by R. Whitton, with a romping young Crest, while the novice prize went to J. L. Smith. The Scots Fancy cup was won by T. Thomson, and that for Crests went to R. Whitton. The judges were: Scots, Messrs. T. Merrilees, Broughty Ferry; and J. Thomson, Kirkcaldy. Crest and C.B., J. McGregor, Lochgelly. Plainheads, W. Hampton, Brechin. Brit., Mules, and Foreign, J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. The sec., aided by a hard working committee had everything in excellent order. Mr. J. F. Langlands has only recently taken over the position vacated by Bob Whitton, who, however, was just as keen and watchful as ever. The judging seemed to give satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOTS FANCY., CL. YELL. OR FL. CK. (7): 1, Stenhouse, cl., grand size, nice reach, fine action, wins; 2, Black, shade smaller, lovely style, fine depth, neat; 3, Gilmour, good length, fine size and action; 4, Danskin; 5, Henderson; 6, Smith. YELL. PIED OR GR. CK. (7): 1, 5, Black, grand pied leading, in rattling order, fine wings and tail, very free action. 5th will improve; 2, Keill, also pied, slightly thinner than winner, but of very good qual.; 3, Low, not same action as leaders, still good; 4, Fotheringham; 6, Wood. CL. BUFF OR FOUL CK. (17) A grand class: 1, 4, 6, Keill, good cl., nice action, good shoulders and length; 2, 3, Thomson, grizzled head, grand size, lovely action, presses leader hard. 3rd slightly thinner, good length; 5, Symon, good. BUFF PIED OR GR. CK. (10): 1, Low, grand head mkd., nice size, lovely carr., very fine action, shown in the pink, wins; 2, Ramsey, foul gr., not so good length as leader, still a good one; 3, Kiddie, also foul gr., very slow action compared to winner, fine shoulders, stands up well; 4, Melville; 5, Stenhouse; 6, Fotheringham. CL. YELL. OR FOUL HEN (10): 1, Ramsey, grand cl. yell., very sweet action, just a shade thin, still good; 2, 3, Keill, also cl., not so free as winner, but nice size, in line order, 3rd fine action, good depth of shoulder, will improve; 4, Mitchell; 5, Curtis; 6, Carmyllie. YELL. PIED OR GR. HEN (9): 1, Keill, nice foul gr., fine action; 2, Melville, very good pied, fine length and reach, shade thin; 3, Lugton, also pied, very slow action, good shoulders, in fine order; 4, Black, good; 5, Curtis; 6, Low. CL. BUFF OR FOUL (7): 1, Melville, grand cl. buff, nice wings and tail, neat shoulders, fine reach, in grand order; 2, J. Fotheringham, also buff cl., lengthy, good shouldered bird, not same reach as winner; 3, Henderson, good buff, fair length, nice order; 4, Ramsey; 5, Low; 6, Keill. BUFF PIED OR GR. HEN (9): 1, Henderson, excellent foul gr., grand qual., fine reach, sweet action, wins; 2, Thomson, wins members' cup and two spls., pied, nice quality, very stylish, clean action, in grand order; 3, Low, good pied, will improve, very stylish one; 4, Gilmour; 5, Stenhouse; 6, Melville. SELL. (13): 1, Crighton; 2, Nicoll; 3, Ramsey; 4, Lugton; 5, Carmyllie; 6, Keill. CREST COCK (9): 1, 2, Todd, grand size, neat crest, fine substance, in rare order, wins, 2nd cl. body D.C., fails size to leader, very neat head, well placed; 3, Sneddon, dk. body, nice length of feather, fails crest to leader; 4, 5, Whittin; 6, Sharp. HEN (4): 1, 2, Whitton, C.B. sp winner, storming hen, grand sub., and qual., wing mkd., neat head in rattling order, popular win, 2nd similar, fails little in head only; 3, Todd, plenty of feather here, scarcely so neat as leaders, still a good one; 4, McCall and Henderson, good. C.B. COCK (9): 1, 2, Whitton, dark, grand size, neat head, lovely feather, wins, 2nd nice varieg., very shapely, good feather, hard to separate; 3, Sneddon, scarcely size of leaders, still a grand one, well placed; 4, Sharp; 5, McMaster; 6, Mason. HEN (5): 1, Fox, romping hen, in clinking condition, lovely feather, very stylish, neat wings and tail, wins easy; 2, Low, similar build, scarcely so forward, will improve; 3, Blyth, cl., fails size to leaders, not depth of chest; 4, Hershell; 5, Sneddon. CREST 1913 (10): 1, McLaren, cl. body dark crest, grand youngster, lovely feather and condition, best of sub., wins; 2, Todd, nice size, neat Crest, good feather and condition; 3, cup, Low, another grand youngster, scarcely size of leaders but all there for qual.; 4, Black; 5, Whitton; 6, Low. C.B. (7): 1, Black, sweet one, grand sub., nice head, good feather, wins; 2, Blyth, dark, grand size, nice depth of chest, neat head and wings, well placed; 3, Todd, lightly mkd. one, good qual. and condition; 4, 5, Whitton; 6, Dott. SELL.: 1, Hershell; 2, Sneddon; 3, McMaster; 4, Blyth; 5, Fox; 6, Todd. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Murray, grand size, nice col., very typical; 2, Watt, good one, staged in grand order, will improve yet; 3, Jamieson, nice size, good feather, staged in fine condition; 4, Collier. BUFF (6): 1, Forrest, nicely frosted, slightly faulty in wing carr., still good; 2, Adams, nice size and subs., in good order, fails little in head; 3, Sharp, grand size, fine col., scarcely condition of leaders; 4, Mitchell; 5, Watt, Smecton. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Mitchell, fine qual. and condition; 2, Sharp, fine size, good colour, well staged. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Lumsden, grand hen, thick set body, nice type and quality, wins; 2, Adams, grizzled on head, fine sub. and condition; 3, Mitchell, grand size, nice feather, little flat on head; 4, Sharp; 5, McKenzie. YELL. VAR. OR GR. CK. (2): 1, Collier, grand yell. mkd. head and neck, fine sub., good chest; 2, Forrest, var., nice col. and condition. BUFF (5): 1, Smith, stormer, var., lovely col., grand chest, neat wings and tail, wins; 2, Laird and Matthew, var., fair size, good col., not so neat tail; 3, Jamieson, grand, nice col. and condition, should improve yet; 4, McKenzie; 5, Parker. YELL. VAR. OR GR. HEN (2): 1, Murray, not a large one, mark neck and wing, very good type and feather; 2, Mitchell, yell. var., grand size, good feather, neat wings, little wild. BUFF (7): 1, Muir, stormer, mark body, fine chest, good type and condition, wins; 2, Fox and Milne, nice var. buff, fine qual. and condition; 3, Collier, var. buff, scarcely size of leaders, not quite so typical; 4, Murr, could have gone up one; 5, Smecton; 6, Mitchell. UNFLIG. COCK (10): 1, Smecton, rich var., best of qual., grand subs. and condition; 2, Collier, excellent cl., must have pressed; 3, sp, Lumsden, var., fails to leaders in size and bloom; 4, Mitchell; 5, Burnett; 6, Fox and Milne. HEN (5): 1, Adamson, buff var., would not show to best advantage; 2, Fox and Milne, buff var., grand size, good col., nice chest, wings and tail; 3, Watt, good hen, scarcely so forward as leaders, fine wings and tail, good depth of chest; 4, Kennedy; 5, Laird and Matthew. NON-FED (13): 1, Adams, grand one, fine size, good chest, very typical, wins; 2, Moir, slightly grizzled on neck, fine sub. and feather; 3, Hutton, buff, good one all over, very typical, fine full head, neat; 4, Turnbull; 5, Mrs. Banks; 6, Smecton. SELL. (8); 1, Sharp; 2, Collier; 3, Burnett; 4, Lumsden; 5, Adams; 6, Marr. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10). 1, Peters, cl. yell., very sweet, nice wings and tail, jaunty carriage, wins; 2, Fotheringham, good one, bee deep col., fine rounded body, good feather; 3, MacDonald, not qual. of leaders, little coarse in feather; 4, Lyall; 5, Craig; 6, Blyth. HEN (11): 1, Shields, mkd. lightly, nice type, best of condition; 2, Lyall, close up; 3, Borrie, fair; 4, Fotheringham; 5, Paton; 6, Ewart. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Coventry, grand type and condition, nice wing carr., neat; 2, Peters, fails head to leader, still good; 3, Craig, better qual. and style, fine wings and tail, could have gone up; 4, Carstairs; 5, Robertson; 6, cup, Edwards, promising. HEN (11): 1, Crabb and Findlayson, cl., nice leather, fine size, fails little head and tail; 2, Arnott, our choice, grand type, qual., and condition; 3, Shields, good one, little loose at thighs; 4, Lyall; 5, Fairweather; 6, Capt. Edwards. EVEN MKD. OR VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, sp, Dalgetty, yell., eyes and wing mkd., little coarse, yet still a good one; 2, Rae and Reid, dandy yell. var., in tip-top order, little unsteady or would have won; 3, Sturrock, fair yell. gr.; 4, Gray and Duncan; 5, Craig; 6, Strachan. BUFF (8): 1, Gray and Duncan, sweet one, grand order, wins; 2, Fairweather, var., nice style and condition, well placed; 3, Ewart, good size, nice wings and tail; 4, Campbell; 5, Peters; 6, Dalgetty. HEN YELL. (8): 1, Arnott, very sweet yell., in rattling order, wins; 2, Robertson, promising, will improve; 3, Sturrock, buff gr., nicely mkd., fails little in head; 4, Adams; 5, Craig, could have gone up; 6, Irvine. BUFF (9): 1, Peters, buff cinn. mkd., extra qual., fine wings and tail, wins easy; 2, Arnott, similar build to leader, scarcely so good head, fine wing carr.; 3, Irvine, not so good qual., rough yet; 4, Paton; 5, Robertson; 6, Crabb and Finlayson. SELL. (7): 1, Lumsden; 2, Robertson; 3, Campbell; 4, Gray and Duncan; 5, Tolmie; 6, Wilson. HYB.: 1, J. D. Watson, nice Gold.-Bull., little rough at thighs, good face, will improve; 2, Sampson, Linnet-Bull., not yet up in col.; 3, Muir and Heenan, Goldf.-Twite, sweet exhibit, in grand order; 4, Douglas. CAN. MULE (12): 1, Nicoll, Goldie, not large, fine style and condition; 2, McArdle, lightly mkd. Linnet, stylish, well placed; 3, Todd, Goldie, grand size, nice rich face, in rattling order; 4, Coleman; 5, Dunbar; 6, McArdle. GOLDF. (3): 1, McGregor, nice face and tans, steady and stylish; 2, Brown, fails in size to leader, not so forward; 3, Hutton, scarcely finished yet. BULLF. (2): 1, Irvine; 2, Duncan. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, Sampson, very sweet one, not large, but all there for mks. and col.; 2, Parker, lucky to beat 3, Muir and Heenan, monster for size, steady to a degree, fine col., neat wings and tail; 4, Hodge and Haxton; 5, McArdle; 6, McMaster. F.M. (11): 1, 4, Fox and Milne, very nice pair, 1st grand col., fine work on breast, 4th larger, heavier mkd.; 2, Hodge and Haxton, nice size, fine head, very steady; 3, Greig, good one all over, very stylish; 5, Black and Lumsden; 6, Fairweather. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Sykes, sweet fed Siskin, nice cap and bill; 2, Brown, f.m. Siskin, good cap, nice bib, well placed; 3, Fairweather, very sweet Lesser, in A1 order, f.m., will make a topper; 4, Irvine; 5, Muir; 6, Adams. GREENF. (4): 1, Irvine, fine size, good col., steady; 2, Sykes, similar; 3, Burnett, smaller than leaders; 4, Glover. A.O. FINCH (5): 1, Sykes, romping Hawfinch, grand head and bib, lovely col., steady as a rock, staged to perfection; 2, Fox and Milne, Bramble, not a large one, but all there for qual. and col., steady; 3, Sykes, Bramble; 4, Glover; 5, Aitkenhead. LARGE SOFTBILL (1): 1, Douglas, Thrush, finely mkd., good col., and condition. SMALL (7): 1, 4, Towns, Redstart and Wood Warbler, staged in faultless order; 2, Taylor, Dartford Warbler, very sweet; 3, McGregor, fair Yellowhammer; 5, McCall and Henderson; 6, Craig. FOR. SMALL: 1, 4, Colville and Sons, nice Whydah and Pintail Nonpareil, shown in [illegible] Arnott Rainbow Buntings lovely colours, very interesting; 3, A. W. Watson, Siberian [illegible] order, staged to perfection; 5, Towns, 6, Lawrie.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS UNITED C.B.S.

There was a large attendance, with Mr. J. Slack chair, on October 8, at the Royal Oak Hotel, for the evening show and the lecture by the President, Rev. J. M. Paterson, postponed from Sept. 3. The exhibits created a record not attained for some years past. The two specials given were divided into four. Winners: Brit. and Mules, Rev. J. M. Paterson; Nor., H. Pennells; Yorks., H. Morris. Great excitement was caused when it became known that among Mr. Paterson's exhibits was a Hybrid which he bred between a Brazilian Siskin and a hen Roller, the first of its kind bred in the British Isles. Among the large number present were: Mrs. Crofts, Mrs. Stevens, and Messrs. A. E. Godden, Ellis, Veness, Cragg, Pennells, Douch, Morris, and H. Morris. Curtiss, Dann, Watford, and Miss Kirk-Bullock, Hon. Sec. Mr. J. Stevens judged. The lecture was greatly enjoyed and a very warm vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Paterson.

NOR., CL.: 1, Pennells; 2, Douch; 3, Cragg. TKD.: 1, Pennells; 2, Cragg; 3, Mrs. Crofts. MKD. or VAR.: 1, Pennells; 2, Cragg; 3, Douch; vhc, Mrs. Crofts; hc, Rev. Paterson. HEN: 1, Rev. Paterson; 2, Mrs. Crofts; 3, Pennells. YORKS., CL.: 1, Morris; 2, 3, Veness; vhc, Dann. TKD.: 1, Dann; 2, Veness; 3, Curtiss. MKD. or VAR.: 1, 2, Morris; 3, vhc, hc, Curtiss. HEN: 1, Dann; 2, Morris; 3, Veness. MULE or HYB.: 1, Rev. Paterson; 2, Craggs. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Rev. Paterson; c, Cragg. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Rev. Paterson.

Will members and others kindly note that the fifteenth annual Open Show will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18th and 19th, at the Lower Public Hall? This year a special will be given to residents in Sussex to be won three times in all before becoming competitor's property. Schedules, etc., will be issued shortly.—I. Kirk Bullock, Hon. Sec.

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HANLEY.

The eighth annual show of the Hanley C.B.S. was held on Oct. 16, in the Temperance Hall—a room of nice size, which provided plenty of space, so that every bird could be viewed in a nice light. For some reason or other the Norwich classes were badly supported, yell. and buff hens both being cancelled. The remaining five classes only totalled thirty two entries. While the numbers were so poor, quality was undoubtedly very fine, some grand specimens of the chubby ones being staged. The winner in the yell. class shown by Mr. Victor Williams, is indeed very fine. He is of splendid size and type, with tremendous substance for a yell, and is considered by some judges as being one of the best yellows on the bench at the present time. The winning buff, Mr. Whetstone's, is a stunner, such size and shape, with remarkable quality of feather for a "big 'un," carrying a wealth of bloom. No wonder he captured CAGE BIRDS diploma for best Norwich, also the cash special. He thoroughly deserved both honours. Yorks. turned up a little better, mustering sixty one in the right classes, no great shakes, especially when it is taken into consideration that these classes are under the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. The diploma in this section fell to the lot of Mr. Gibbons' unflighted yell., a bird of great length, standing on a grand pair of legs. A.O.V. Canary and the three classes for Mules were all cancelled. Five classes were scheduled for British, the blue pencil being put through the Goldfinch and the softbill classes. The three standing classes contained some very choice exhibits, especially the Linnets.

Amongst the Diploma Winners.

The diploma for Hardbills went to Mr. J. Davies, with a gem of a Siskin. Foreign birds, six entries, were an interesting collection of small seedeaters, all shown by Miss Blagg in exquisite condition. C.B. diploma went to a charming red Avadavat. Open novices turned up in much stronger force than the champions, the four classes averaging slightly over eleven per class, and containing some very good birds. Mr. Parker accounted for "C.B." cash special and diploma, with a fine uneven mkd. yell., a most useful bird. Yorks. averaged thirteen per class, and these, like the champion section, had the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. "C.B." diploma in this section went to Mr. Walker's buff—a fine upstanding bird of good shape and qual. The members' classes were nicely filled with some very useful exhibits.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme brought together a very nice collection. The following were the winners of the 10s. cash special and diplomas in the champion section:—Cash spl. and diploma for best Nor., Mr. W. Whetstone; Yorks. diploma, Mr. J. Gibbons; British Hardbill, Mr. J. Davies; Foreign, Miss J. M. Bragg. Novice: Cash spl. and diploma best Nor., Mr. R. Parker; Yorks., Mr. J. Walker. Other special winners were: Spl. for runner-up to coupon winner in open Yorks., Mr. P. Lane; best Brit. Hardbill, Mr. J. Pitchford; members' unflig. buff Nor. and ditto yell. Nor., Mr. J. Dunn; members' unflig. Yell. Yorks., Mr. G. Lawton; also best members' Yorks., best members' Nor., Mr. S. Wild; Sandiford's, Mr. J. Dunn; Hyde's, Mr. S. Piggott. The exhibits received every attention in the hands of a capable set of stewards, while at the head of affairs as hon sec., is Mr. C. J. Robinson, an excellent man for the post, very methodical and ever at his post. Mr. A. Hirst judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

OPEN NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Williams, cl., rare size, lovely type, fine width and depth, grand head and neck, heaps of subs., fine col. and qual., a gem, looks like the Longton winner; 2, 3, 4, Rathbone, leader mkd. head and wings, very good type, shade smaller, nice head and carr., well cleaned out, good col., hardly so forward, followed by cap mkd., very good size, bit longer in barrel and tail, nice qual., 4th good type, bit loose at waist; vhc, Bagshaw; he, James; c, Smith. BUFF (9): 1, sp., "C.B." 10s. sp., diploma, Whetstone, cl., magnificent size and shape, full head, well filled neck, fine subs. and qual., good col. and frosting, in grand trim; 2, Yates, uneven, medium size, bonny type, short wings and tail, nicely cut away, nice col. and cond.; 3, Williams, cl., fine size and shape, grand head, nice subs. and qual., not so tight as leaders; 4, Johnson, tkd. rump, very fine size and shape, short wings and tail, bonny bird, must have pressed; vhc, Rathbone; he, Beardall and Walker; c, Smith. NOR. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF: Cancelled. YELL. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Whetstone, cheek mkd., rather on the slim side in build, fine head and neck, grand col. and qual., good wing carr., loose at waist; 2, Williams, cl., of excellent shape, fine depth of chest, well cleaned out, short wings and tail, well carried, loses to winner in head only, good one, we liked; 3, Bowyer, varieg., medium size, not the type of 2nd, nice head, col., and qual.; 4, Beardall and Walker, cl., medium size, good qual. and col.; vhc, Smith. BUFF (5): 1, Yates, varieg., real bonny type, round as a ball, rare full head and neck, short wings and tail, in lovely bloom, wins, looks like Longton winner; 2, Whetstone, head and neck mkd., good size and shape, nice chest, good head and well filled neck, rare col. and qual.; 3, Parlett, cl., grand size and type, nice full head, bit loose at waist, not quite ready; 4, Bowyer, cl., good size, shape, and col.; vhc, Smith. HEN (6): 1, Roberts, cl. buff, nice size, short and compact, good head and neck, well braced wings, rare subs. and qual., bit loose at waist; 2, James, cl. yell., of good size, fine shape, short wings and tail, bit open in feather; 3, Bowyer, cl. buff, bonny type, splendid head, well filled neck, rare width and depth, well carried wings and tail, best of qual., again bit open in feather; 4, Smith, mkd. yell., hardly the type of leaders, still good; vhc, Johnson; he, Smith. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, sp., Lane, tkd. at waist, fine length, grand shape, good shoulders and back, long sided, neat waist, nice style and pos.; 2, Williams, cl., grand length, fine head, neat narrow shoulders, good back, col., and shape, loose at waist; 3, Clay, fine length and shape, nice head, well cut away, gets up well, not so good in col.; 4, Wells and Clempson, fine length and shape, not so forward; vhc, Beckett. BUFF (11): 1, Weedall, cl., good length, style, and pos., nice back and waist, neat head and shoulders, good qual., hardly ready; 2, Wells and Clempson, wing tkd., fine length and shape, neat head, very nervy, very loose at waist, fine cond., nice stand; 3, Lane, cl., grand length, bit stronger in build, good wedge shape, nice style and pos.; 4, Williams, cl., of rare length and col., straight as a rush, nice shape, we liked, might have been higher; vhc, he, Kearns; c, Clay. MKD. (7): 1, Weedall, head mkd. yell., very nice length and shape, neat head, good qual. and style, well cut away, looked bit down; 2, Lane, rattling length, uneven mkd. yell., fine col. and qual., good head and pos., shade thicker at waist; 3, Bennett, head and wing tkd. yell., rare length, slim in build, neat shoulders, good back and style, close up; 4, Williams, uneven buff, rare length, good col. and qual.; vhc, Wells and Clempson; he, Lockett; c, Gibbons. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Wells and Clempson, thigh tkd., fine upstanding damsel, grand length of side, nice head, neat shoulders, good back and carr., nice qual. and style; 2, Casey, cl., good length, well up on leg, neat head, nice qual. and style, shade thicker at waist; 3, Lane, eye tkd., good length and col., nice head, good back and style, shade thicker at waist; 3, Lane, eye tkd., grand length, not so tight; vhc, Pygott; he, Hawley; c, Kearns. BUFF (7): 1, Ellis, fine length, well drawn, wing tkd., good head and back, well braced wings and tail, nice style and qual.; 2, Wells and Clempson, cl., rare length, nice head, hardly so long sided as winner, gets well up on good legs, grand qual.; 3, Hawley, cl., equal length and shape, nice wing carr., grand qual. and style, rather open at waist; 4, Kearns, cl., shade shorter, good feather; vhc, Clay; he, Lane; c, Lawton. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, "C.B." diploma, Gibbons, mkd. breast and thigh, fine length, good head and back, well cut away, not the best of qual., good length of leg, bit thick at waist; 2, Lane, wing tkd., hardly the length, but lovely style, col., and qual., very neat head, shows nice bit of breed, bit shorter on leg; 3, Williams, fine cl., grand length and shape, neat shoulders, well cleaned out at waist, best of col. and qual., runs shade thin in neck; 4, Wells and Clempson, cap mkd., nice col. and style; vhc, Bennett; he, Lawton. BUFF (9): 1, Bennett, cl., fair length, lovely style and pos., round as a pencil, neat head, nice length of leg, grand qual., nice one; 2, Lane, cl., shade longer, good head and back, very stylish, shade stronger, bit thicker at waist, hardly so fit; 3, Casey, nice lengthy bird, good head, back, and pose, not so well packed up at waist; 4, Hawley, nice one, close up; vhc, Williams; he, Ellis; c, Weedall. UNFLIG. HEN (7): 1, Casey, cl. yell., lovely length and shape, round head, grand back and carr., neat waist, full of style, rare qual. and finish; 2, Williams, cl. buff, splendid length, grand shape and style, fine col. and qual., gets well up, good one; 3, Ellis, cl. yell., fine length, nicely rounded, well cut away, gets well up on good legs, nice feather and style; 4, Wells and Clempson, cl. buff, bit unsteady; vhc, Gibbons; he, Kearns; c, Lane. SELL., 20s. (7): 1, Bagshaw; 2, Rathbone; 3, Weedall; 4, vhc, Windsor; he, Ellis. 12s. 6d.: 1, Windsor; 2, Yates; 3, Roberts; 4, Croft; vhc, Hawley; he, Beckett; c, James. LINNET (12): 1, 2, Pitchford, grand size and col., nice shape, well pencilled right through, in splendid fettle, grand one, looks like the Longton winner, 2nd shade larger than winner, rich nutty col., grand whites, hardly so bold in pencilling, still grand, in fine bloom, Clapham winner, a fine brace; 3, vhc, Bates, well up in size and shape, profusely pencilled, good col. and cond.; 4, he, Davies, a very fine pair, not much divides them, either can win in good company; c, Redfern; fine class. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, "C.B." diploma, 3, Davies, leader Siskin, rare size and shape, splendid col., well broken cap, grand thigh lacing, in fine form, Longton winner, followed by Lesser Redpoll, of honny size and shape, grand in col. and richly laced, f.m.; 2, 4, Child, very nice Twite, good size and marking, carries rich polish, 4th fine Twite, quite equal in markings and better col., might have changed places; vhc, Poyser; he, Bates; c, Beckett. A.O. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, Pitchford, Bramble, nice size and shape, well spangled, good hood, rich col., good thigh lacing, carries grand polish, followed by yell. Bunting of nice size, nicely mkd. body, good cheeks and head, in fine order; 3, Parlett, Hawfinch, medium size, good wing bars, bit ragged round bib, hardly ready yet; 4, Williams; vhc, Lockett; he, c, Tams and Son. FOR. (6): All prizes to Miss Blagg: 1, "C.B." diploma, very fine Red Avadavat, grand col. and spotting, in perfect feather and cond., 2nd Grey Waxbill, in beautiful feather, 3rd grand Zebra Finch, beautifully mkd., in spotless cond., 4th Yell. Weaver, fine size and col., vhc a splendid Saffron Finch. NOV. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, "C.B." 10s. sp., diploma, Parker, uneven mkd., grand type, rare chest, nice head, well cut away, fine col. and qual.; 2, Fox, cl., fine shape and col., good head, nicely cleaned out, drops tail a bit in action; 3, Faweett, cl., bit longer in barrel, fine head, fine wing carr., nice qual.; 4, Joues, cl., unflighted, good shape and co., nice one; vhc, Miller; he, Wood; c, Beckett. BUFF (12): 1, Fox, cl., bonny type, col., and qual., nice full head, well cleaned out, fine subs.; 2, Parker, fine size and shape, good head and chest, hardly so tight; 3, Forrest, eye tkd., fine size, nice frosting, good head, loses wing carr.; 4, Fawcett, uneven, of fine size and shape, we liked; vhc, Redfern; he, Cundiff Bros.; c, Wilkinson. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Filkin, very good cl. yell., well up in size, fine type, rare head and subs., grand col. and qual.; 2, Huut, wing mkd. yell., shade longer than 1st, grand head, wings and tail, well packed; 3, we could not find; 4, he, Wilkinson, nice cl. buff, good type and col.; vhc, Mollard; c, Nolan. HEN (13): 1, Parker, heavily varieg. yell., very fine size and shape, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail, hot col., in fine order; 2, Bracegirdle, uneven mkd. yell., good size and shape, hardly so full in head; 3, Fox, head and wing mkd. buff, splendid head, nice shape, col., and qual.; 4, Leese, good size buff, not so compact; vhc, Dunn; he, Cundiff Bros.; c, Wild. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, 2, Salt, uneven mkd., fine length, neat head, good back well cut away, 2nd rattling length, bit stronger in build, very neat waist, gets well up on good legs; 3, Croft, cl., of fine length, very shapely, well packed wings and tail, neat head, we liked for 2, 4, McMurtrie, fine upstanding bird, loose at waist; vhc, Walker; he, Lawton; c, Barnes. BUFF (11): 1, Walker, cl., fine length and shape, neat head, good shoulders and back, nice style and pos., rare qual.; 2, Redfern, splendid length, col. and qual., loses to winner in wing carr.; 3, Lawton, wing tkd., grand length and shape, fine style and pos., shade thin in neck; 4, vhc, he, Smith, fine length and shape, close run; c, Ratcliffe. HEN (14): 1, Smith, yell., lovely length, very neat in head, nice wedge shape, well up on leg, carries herself well; 2, Hinton, buff, grand length, well filled back, lovely col. and qual., shows well; 3, Salt, yell., nice length and shape, bit flat on back, fine style and pose; 4, Ratcliffe, eye tkd. buff, a fine hen for length and shape; vhc, Alcock; he, Lawton; c, Harley. UNFLIG. (15): 1, he, Walker, yell. of lovely length and shape, very neat at waist, good head, stylish, rare col. and qual.; 2, Smith, very fine length, well packed wings and tail, hardly so stylish; 3, Ratcliffe, cheek mkd. buff, neat head, good back and wings, fine qual.; 4, Ratcliffe, yell., capital length and shape, rare col., shade open on front; vhc, Weekes Bros.; c, Lawton. MEMBERS', NOR. YELL. (3): 1, sp., 3, Dunn; 2, Wild. BUFF (1): 1, sp., Wild. HEN (5): 1, 2, Dunn; 3, 4, Wild. UNFLIG. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Beckett. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, sp., 3, Lawton; 2, Chadwick; 4, Piggott. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Piggott; 2, Beckett; 4, Lawton; vhc, he, c, Robinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Lawton; 2, Robinson; 3, Piggott; 4, Chadwick; vhc, Beckett. BUFF (8): 1, sp., 3, Lawton; 2, 4, vhc, Robinson; he, Piggott. HEN (11): 1, sp., he, c, Lawton; 2, vhc, Robinson; 3, 4, Piggott. BRIT. (12): 1, c, Bates; 2, vhc, Chadwick; 3, Robinson; 4, Beckett; he, Wright.

BURNLEY.

The Norwich P.C's. Club Show; Discussion caused by Member not Liking the Standard Show-cage.

That old established fixture, the annual show of the Burnley and District Cage Bird Society was held for the 27th time in the Pulledge Assembly Rooms, Oct. 17-18, in weather which was ideal, or as near ideal as we could wish in the midst of smoky East Lancashire. The room was a good one, airy, yet free from draughts, and well lighted. The birds were staged the length of the room, and as there were windows on each side, every bird faced the light. The Norwich Plainhead Club held its club show in conjunction with this fixture, and, as was expected, some tip-top specimens were put down. We missed a few old faces—perhaps they are not cleaned up yet—but there were new ones to fill their places. The judge, Mr. J. H. Roe, must have had a hard day's work sorting them out. Some there were which stood away from the others in their respective classes, while in other classes the winners must have been difficult to find, and must have caused him some anxiety. Birds of outstanding merit were the well-known clear buff belonging to Mr. J. E. Davies, and the same exhibitor's variegated yellow; a clear yellow of Mr. Wrigley's; Mr. W. Vardy's variegated buff cock, and Mr. L. Granger's two yellow hens. The entries in the champion classes averaged just over 12. One of the natural colour classes had to be cancelled, which will be a factor to be considered at the general meeting to be held at Manchester Show, when, we understand, there will be a notice of motion that the natural colour classes be deleted from the N.P.C.'s classification. Considerable discussion arose amongst the N.P.C. members from the fact that one well-known and influential member had not complied with the rule with regard to the colour and size of show cage, a rule which the N.P.C. is very strict about.

The amateur Norwich classes were well filled, some of the exhibits being worthy of doing battle with the upper ten. Birds of outstanding merit were those of Mr. Edmundson, a yell. unflighted, and Mr. Vardy's two hens. The classes averaged nearly 21 per class. Mr. J. Edmondson won special gold medal for best in amateur section, while gold medal for champion section was won by Mr. Davies's well-known clear buff.

Where were the British and Foreign Birds?

Yorks. were few in number in the champion classes, but of good quality. Some of the leading Yorkshire fanciers sent down teams, and some good ones were staged. Many were yet not fined down, and will probably change places later on with those above them. A very taking exhibit was a yellow hen staged by Mr. Schofield. She was a beauty. One of those medium-sized ones that would gladden the heart of even Mr. Willcock. Others who staged good teams were Messrs. Potts, Wilkinson Bros., Parkes, and others. The novice Yorkies were better filled, and the quality of some of them gave one the impression that they were owned by novices who knew their way about. Messrs. King, Wharton, Pomfret, and Burke staged some good ones. Mr. H. W. Battye adjudicated, and seemed to spot the winner every time.

What is to do with the British and Foreign Fancy in Lancashire? It is evident the new amalgamation hasn't taken on yet, or why were the classes all cancelled?

The officials were a hard-working lot. That astute fancier, Mr. Jude Hayhurst, was at the helm, and he seemed to have the ability of a Captain Kettle in keeping his crew at their highest pressure. He combines the duties of chairman with that of amateur auctioneer, and, as he himself would have it, he doesn't make a "reight bad 'un." Mr. G. Watson is the keeper of the privy purse, while the duties of secretary and show manager were undertaken by Mr. G. Wharton. He is a very efficient and painstaking official, everything being in its right place at the right time. We hope they came out on the right side of the exchequer. They were some 90 entries down from last year, which perhaps may be in part accounted for when it is considered this wasn't a "C.B." Coupon Show. The entries numbered 421.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Wrigley, great size, beauty for type, qual., etc., big wide head and chest, looks like last year's winning unflighted; 2, Davies, good col., size and condition, not quite so good in head or body; 3, McConaghey, beauty for type and col., neat head and neck; 4, T. Lingard, neat in head, neck and body, not the colour nor size; vhc, Barraclough; he, Braybrook. BUFF (15): 1, Davies, the famous cl., perhaps the best Nor. on boards, penny on cheeks yet, will take some stopping, wins gold medal; 2, Cook, not far behind, grand col., qual., size, etc., not so deep from shoulder to breast; 3, Thomas, grand type, qual., col., beaten head and size; 4, Proctor, on same lines as 3rd, beautiful type, nice short tail, flights wrong; vhc, J. Lingard; he, Wrigley; c, Johnson. VAR. YELL. (12): Some birds in this class were too fat; 1, Davies, famous cap and wing mark, 1st Leeds, great size, red-hot, lovely qual., shines like mirror, wee bit weak on pins, but easy win; 2, Proctor, not the size or head, nice col. and qual.; 3, McConaghey, heavy mark, good size, qual., and col.; 4, Wrigley, tick on flights, lovely type, qual., col., pity hadn't more size; vhc, Barnes; he, Marsh; c, Granger. BUFF (14): Best class in show for qual.: 1, Vardy, eye mkd., one in Mr. V.'s best vein, exquisite head, neck, and qual., a model; 2, c, Wilson and Howarth, a monster from new firm, a few more like this and things will hum; 3, Hirst, beauty for type, qual., neat head, neck, col., etc.; 4, Proctor, good head, neck, and body, beaten wings and tail; vhc, McConaghey; he, Lingard. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Granger, last year's champion unflig., beauty for type and qual., not monster but all there, never yet beaten; 2, Wrigley, another of the right stamp, neat head, neck, not quite the qual. of winner; 3, Barnes, on same lines as 2nd, neat head, etc., a trifle fat; 4, Hirst, var., a beauty, grand size, type and qual., a bit down in con.; vhc, Vardy; he, Thomas; c, Lingard. BUFF (11): 1, Vardy, one of Mr. Vardy's best, var., beauty for type and qual.; 2, 4, Thomas, cl. leading, grand qual., col., etc., beaten shape; 4th, bigger cl., all there for qual., bit inclined to crouch; 3, Hayhurst, cl. again, one in Jude's well-known style, gem for qual.; vhc, Granger; he, Marsh; c, Baker. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Dormer, eyes, wing mkd., nice qual., type, etc., wins on col.; 2, Vardy, eye tick, medium size, qual., and type all there, neat head and neck; 3, Norman, neck, wings well, nice short bird, beaten qual. and col. here; 4, Thomas, neck mark, biggest in class and best head, but beaten in tail; vhc, Lingard; he, Cook; c, Braybrook. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Thomas, back mark leaders, lovely type, nice size, qual. all, 2nd, neck and wing mark, bigger, better head, good qual., we preferred; 3, Vardy, best head and neck in class, beaten qual. and col., a bit soiled; 3, Lingard, medium size, nice type and qual., bit dirty vhc, Sutton, he, Norman; c, Dormer. UNFLIG. HEN (9): Some bit stuff here; 1, Granger, cl. yell., exact replica of last year's champion, 'nuff said; 2, 3, Cook, the old firm, full buff leading, great size combined with qual.; 3rd, mkd. yell., giant, great head, not the equal feather of winner; 4, Cooper, nice type and qual., beaten size and head; vhc, Sutton, he, Fulton, c, McConaghey. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Bleasc and Son, cl. buff, great size, rare qual., good head and neck; 2, Trengove, neck tkd., beaut., not the size; 3, Cundiff, cl. buff, another big one, good qual., type, etc., a bit open on breast; 4, Bargreaves, var. yell., grand type, qual., and size, crouches a bit; vhc, Leach; he, Sutton, c, Irving; No 6, wrong class, coloured fed. HEN: Cancelled. AMAT., YELL., CL., LIC (23): 1, Catterall, big cl., neat head and neck, crosses wings on good one; 2, Davis, better in head, rare qual., beaten size; 3, Cottam, grand col., b.c. qual., etc., variegs.; 4, Nickson, head mkd., size all there, neat head and neck, bit open on breast; vhc, Huggins; he, Vint; c, Lee. BUFF (25): 1, c, Bleasc and Son, beauty for type, head, col., and qual., medium size; 2, Watts, var., larger, good type, beaten col.; 3, Armistead, var. again, big bird, good type, neat head, bit lively and free in feather; 4, Nickson, cage shy, will not show, good qual. and col.; vhc, Hargreaves; he, Hall. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Edmondson, cl., beauty, would have made the champions move, wins medal best N.P.C. amateur, also best amateur member. 2, Huggins, grand body, head and neck, when taking notes bit fluffy on thighs; 3, Catlow, var., not the body, neat head, etc.; 4, Wadsworth, cl., medium size, good colour and qual.; vhc, c, Cook and Son, he, Bleasc and Son. BUFF (24): 1, Metcalfe, cl., good size, type and qual., extra col.; 2, Cottam, another cl., colour and qual.; vhc, c, Cook and Son; he, Bleasc and Son, big one, neck mkd., good body; 4, vhc, Edmondson, head mkd., size, qual. and col., good head; he, Davies; c, Cooper. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Vardy, good hen, fit for open, nice feather and type; 2, Metcalfe, big cl., grand type, head and qual.; 3, Maudsley, unflig. cl., should make up well; 4, Huggins, cinn. mkd., and a beauty, why aren't there more of this col.; vhc, Southworth; he, Bracegirdle; c, Smalley. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Vardy, two clears, big one leading, good head and neck; 3rd, better qual., good type; 2, Garbutt, another cl., good size, qual. and type; 4, Barton, cl. again, better head and neck than third, beaten col., big hen; vhc, Metcalfe; he, Cottam; c, Preston.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YORKS., CHAMP., YELL. COCK (8): 1, Wilkinson Bros., cl., medium length, nice oval head, good wings and tail, clever legs and position; 2, Potts, cl. again, not much to choose, a bit penny; 3, Pike, heavy mkd., longer, rare qual., plenty of col.; 4, vhc, Towers, cl., full of go, seems to have had a rare dose of pepper-pot, not finished; he, Hirst; c, Wright. BUFF (10): 1, Potts, cl., nice length, good wings and tail, rare legs, beautiful feather; 2, he, Thomas, longer and better type, sweeter expression of face, not much to choose; 3, Pike, faint tick on neck, lovely length, type, and legs, straight up, penny; 4, Wilkinson Bros., beauty for type, rare length and quality; vhc, Schofield; c, Hodgson. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Potts, cl., grand col., type, etc., nice head, neck and length; 2, he, Miller, var., paler, very narrow, medium length, looks like hen; 3, Wilkinson Bros., cl., grand length and type, nice oval head, just a bit pointed on breast; 4, c, Greenwood, wing mark, grand legs, straight up, good colour, hardly finished; vhc, Hirst. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, cl., rare length, straight up, rare legs, and feather; 2, Spencer, same length, cl., nice neck and shoulders, beaten tail; 3, Hodgson, neck and wing mkd., big one, good legs and qual., drops tail a trifle; 4, Miller, cl., not so long, a bit lively, wants tubbing; vhc, Hirst; he, Meadowcroft; c, Wright. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Schofield, tkd. wing, a lovely lady, medium length, suit Mr. Willcock; 2, Wilkinson Bros., cl., bigger, but not the quality, penny; 3, Potts, another medium sized cl., nice oval head, beaten qual., good tail; 4, Thomas, neck and wing, good bird, but very mouldy; vhc, Spencer; he, Hirst; c, Towers. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Parkes, clears, medium size, lovely in head, neck and shoulders, look like twins; 3, Thomas, not quite the sweet expression of face, longer hen, rare feather; 4, Hirst, neat cl., rather stouter, not quite finished, vhc, Wright; he, Meadowcroft; c, Pike. NOV., YELL. (7): 1, King, neck and wings mkd., good long bird, rare head and tail; 2, Maden, shorter, cl., lovely feather, bit open in cheeks yet; 3, vhc, Wharton, much bigger, if anything a trifle stout, might have gone up one; 4, Walwork, var., almost even, rare col., medium length; he, Parr; c, Astley. BUFF (14): 1, Pomfret, neck tkd., rare qual. for size, nice head and neck; 2, Appleton, straighter, good head, but mouldy; 4, King, faint tick on neck, big lengthy bird, beaten qual. and tail; 3, Stansfield Bros., straight up, rare feather, neat head; vhc, Wharton; he, Burke; c, Howarth. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Spilby, cl. yell., beauty for type, qual., like silk, on the short side; 2, Wharton, cl. buff, bit longer, not quite the facial expression, nice type and feather; 3, King, heavy mkd. yell., medium length, good qual., bit wild; 4, Lingard, cl. buff, medium length, good qual.; vhc, Burke; he, Dean; c, Howarth. HEN: 1, Burke, sweet hen, rare type and qual.; 2, Wallwork, close up, taking exhibit, rare feather; 3, he, Wharton, another on same lines, nice length, good legs; 4, Dean, neat expression, nice head and neck, rare qual.; vhc, Appleton; c, King. A.O. CAN. OR HYB. (9): 1, H. Walsh, bonny Redpoll-Bullfie, lovely col., condition A1, steady as a rock, shows lovely poll, will go far; 2, 3, Johnson, Canary-Bullfie, not a big one, but nice col. and qual.; 3rd, Goldie-Can., big buff, mark eyes wings and back, a bit pale in col. else; 4, Proctor, yell. cinn., good Nor. type, rare head; vhc, Linford; he, Walwork, nat. green, entered for Sandiford's sp., curious; c, Howarth. LIMIT, £1: 1, Lingard; 3, 4, Proctor; 2, Ramsden; vhc, Braybrook; he, Cooper; c, Smith. 12s. 6d.: 1, Granger; 2, Howarth; 3, Crawshaw; 4, Barnes; vhc, Leach; he, Catlow; c, Proctor.

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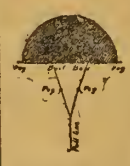
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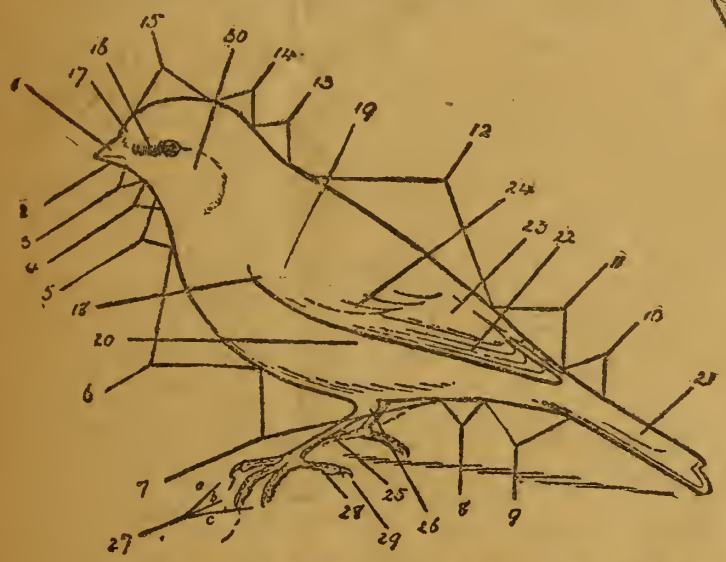
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EXHIBITORS!—Several selected monster clean-field-moulted Goldfinches, splendid deep square blazes, Norwich type, nice moons, good tanned chest, nice bars, very large and steady, can win in field-moulted class, 5/- each; several selected very large Greypates, showing nice square deep blazes, nicely mooned and tanned, can win when finished, selected for show or breeding, 3/6; all on full week's approval, willingly, cash or deposit: Skinner, Birdcatcher, Murray-rd., Bristol. (962)

WARRANTED cock Linnets, all on hard seed, no sea coast rubbish, 3/6 dozen; hens, Linnets, 1/- dozen; warranted cock Goldfinches, all on hard food, 13/- dozen; hen Goldfinches, 10/- dozen; cock Siskins, 18/- doz.; hen Siskins, 10/- dozen; Redpolls, 3/- dozen; cock Skylarks, 4/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/6 dozen; also hundreds of foreign birds in stock. Notice to intending purchaser, no less than one dozen to be sent for; deposit or cash with order; dealers write for price list: Enoch Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

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LARKS, Larks, warranted cock Larks, 2/6 dozen, prompt despatch: William Wright, Moss Side, Tarleton, nr. Preston, Lancs. (976)

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Miscellaneous.

SPECIALS for British exhibitors at Hastings show. Schedules, apply Sec.: Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings. (984)

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COCK Goldfinch, 1/6; cock Greenfinch, 1/-; cock Yellowhammer, 2/-; accept 4/- the lot: Long, Photographer, Combe Down, Bath. (977)

WARRANTED cocks, Woodlarks, song, 1/6, or 6 cocks, Woodlarks, 1 pair Bullfinches, 9/- lot: W. Cleave, No. 6, Tolleys, Crediton. (977)

LINNETS, Larks, Twites, Redpolls, Greenfinches, mixed dozen, 2/-; selected three, 1/-: Silcock, 47, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne. (975)

GOLDFINCHES, specials, 5/- each; Twites, Redpolls, 1/-; Siskins, 2/-; Linnets, 3/- doz.; Yellowhammers 1/-; Fancy supplied: Taylor, Aviary, Chatteris. (974)

BRAMBLEFINCHES, 5/-; Chaffinches, 4/-; Linnets 3/6; Larks, 3/6; Greenfinches, 1/6; all per dozen guaranteed cocks and healthy: A. Onions, George-st. Walsall. (956)

COCK Linnets, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, 8d each, 3 1/6; cock Greenfinches, 4 1/-: hand-reared Jackdaw, 3/-; exchange live stock: H. Dale, 63 Kingston-st., Cambridge. (969)

LINNETS, red-breasted cocks, warranted, 2/6 doz.; large picked birds, 3/- doz.; cock Chaffinches, 4/- doz.; cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each, three 4/-: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (981)

LINNETS, picked birds, on song, 1/- each; house-moulted, 2/6; proved mulers, 3/6; Thrush, fine, Middlesbro', with show cage, 7/6; bargains: Clarkson, Kingston-st., Middlesbro'. (979)

PER dozen cocks, Chaffinches, 3/6; Greenfinches, 1/-; Redpolls, 2/-; Yellowhammers, 3/-; Linnets, 3/-; hens, of above, 1/- dozen; supply weekly: T. Fenn, West Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk. (981)

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WARRANTED cock Linnets or Larks, 2/6 doz., old caught, well in song, 3/-; no waiting; satisfaction guaranteed; send direct to actual netter; same address 22 years: West, Lamprell-st., Old Ford, Bow. (980)

FOLLOWING specimens ready for exhibition, will make sure winners: Variegated Goldfinch-mule, 35/-; Bramble, 15/-; Yellowhammer, 10/6; Chaffinch, 10/6; Bullfinch, 7/6; Redpoll, 2/6; others 6d.: Pargeter, Grimsbury, Banbury. (979)

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SIBERIAN BULLFINCHES & YELLOW SISKINS

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CANARIES.

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NICE lot of Borders; cocks from 5/-; hens 2/- each; pairs, 6/6: F. J. D. Mann, Park-rd., Brechin. (971)

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NOTICE, grand lot Border Fancy, for show or song, prices low, easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (905)

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EXHIBITION and stock birds, Palace winning strain, from 10/- each: W. Espic, Middle Brunton, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (969)

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BORDERS: a few exhibition Cinnamons, Greens, clears for sale; 12/6 pair; also stock birds: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, N.B. (954)

HIGH-CLASS Border Fancies from my exhibition birds, yellows and buffs; hens, 4/-; cocks, 7/-; pairs 10/: Pepperell, 129, New Spring-st., Brookfields, Birmingham. (970)

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Crests and Crestbreds.

SHEFFIELD O.S. Entries close Nov. 3rd. 6 champion, 2 novice. Send entries. I will classify. Full prize-money each class.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, single or pairs, from 7/6 each: Raisbeck, Mowden, Darlington. (967)

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NORWICH. cm

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TWO smart yellow Norwich cocks, one clear buff, one yellow marked, 10/6 each; worth 20/- for stock: Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance. (971)

MASSIVE Bullfinch type, show or stock, fed; selling out cheap; approval: Cutmore, 65, Derby-lane, Old Swan, Liverpool. (973)

UNFLIGHTED buff Norwich cocks, bred from winners, grand type, size, 10/-, 15/-; hens, 5/-; approval: Ratcliff, Greenhill, Grantham. (965)

PRIZE BRED Norwich cocks (colour fed) 7/6, 8/6, hens, 5/-, 7/6, cold room bred approval 81 Peck Avenue Hall Gardens, Beverley. (977)

C. ROBERTS, Stanneby, Newton Drive, Blackpool, leading breeder Crompton, Norwich, as pairs, from 20/- single birds from 10/-. (982)

TEN good Norwich cocks, 5/- each, 4 hens, 2/6 each; colour fed, 1913 bred, Andrew Wilson, 3, Manchester-rd., Mancunian, Yatelure. (965)

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich, for elbow or song, prices reasonable, easy payment taken, approval: McKenzie, Seafield, Castle Douglas. (965)

REV. T. E. GALL has few good Norwich for exhibition and stock; cocks from 12/6; hens from 7/6 61, Higher Ardwick, Manchester. (958)

BIG NORWICH Canaries, cocks, singing, 5/6, 6/-, colour fed, 5/6, 7/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; 7 days' approval: Gater, Jones Square, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (986)

UNFLIGHTED birds for sale, three yellow variegated, 3 buffs, good Norwich cocks, bred from winners: Lingard, 35, Marlboro'-st., Burnley. (973)

TWO exhibition buff cocks, both winners, in faultless condition, price 35/- each; approval, deposit: J. Bagshaw, 81, Honeywall, Stoke-on-Trent. (967)

W. E. MOON has three pairs for sale, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair on approval; stamp; see report, Longton, Hurton, etc. 45, London-rd., Macclesfield. (971)

BUFF variegated cock, yellow hen, also yellow cock, buff variegated hen, 15/6 the pair; approval before payment: Houston, 80, Portland-pl., Hamilton. (973)

PRIZE BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (936)

RICH colour yellow Norwich cock, large bouncing bird, claimed from Palace 1912 show, accept 8/6, worth treble: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (984)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; I have some of the best there is in the Fancy to part with; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (955)

GOOD Norwich, typical healthy birds, cocks 6/6, hens, 3/6; matched for breeding, 12/-; approval; state requirements: Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds. (968)

NO time for showing; I have a fine collection of Norwich Canaries, yellow, buff and variegated, for disposal, prices moderate: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (975)

GIVING up, 10 pairs grand large colour fed Norwich, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; pairs or single birds from 10/6, cages 1/- each, ou rail: Lane, Cycle Stores, Cleveleys, Lancashire. (961)

THREE good Norwich hens, clear yellow, buff, and yellow variegated, 5/- each; exchange Borders, approval, deposit: Burch, Breniey Boughton, Faversham. (968)

GIVING up; ten pairs of large colour-fed Norwich, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- the pair, or single birds from 10/6; cages, 1/- each: Lane, Cycle Stores, Cleveleys, Lancashire. (982)

YELLOW Norwich cock, good quality, card every time shown, 10/6; good Buff hen, 7/6; 1913 Buff cock, 7/6; Buff hen, 3/-; approval, deposit: Pepper, Dunmow, Essex. (971)

PURE Norwich, winning strain, beautiful colour, fine feather, cocks, 10/6, 7/6, 5/6: hens, 5/6, 3/6; guaranteed healthy and reliable: Pestell, 24, Vicarage-rd., Watford. (967)

MASSIVE 1913 bred, clear yellow hen, grand big head, short wings, tail, bouncer, can win any company, only 35/-; cheap at £3: Geo. Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (983)

I have a grand lot of clear and variegated yellow and buff cocks, also hens, that can win; state requirements: Apply A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (976)

NORWICH yellow cock, 20/-; Buff cock, 15/-; Yellow hens, 10/- and 15/-; Buff hens, 10/- and 15/-; approval, deposit: F. Young, Montgomery-place, Auchinleck, Ayrshire. (973)

GIVING up hobby; ten birds including five high-class Yellow cocks, two breeding cages, one large flight, 32/6 lot or offers: S. J. Williams, Poplars, Holmer-rd., Hereford. (979)

GEORGE WRIGHT, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, Canary Breeder, has several good birds for sale; cocks, 5/6 to 20/-; pairs, 8/6 to 40/-; lot well-bred hens, 3/6 to 20/-; approval. (955)

HAVE about 4 pairs surplus stock high-class Norwich, colour fed, from 10/-, or exchange anything useful to decorator, brushes, varnish, etc.: Phillips, Decorator, Portishead. (972)

EXCEPTIONAL offer; two well-bred Norwich cocks, on small side, for showing, over moult and in full song, accept 6/- each; room wanted: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (984)

THIRTY unflighted Norwich, off good big stock, cup winning strain, hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; cocks, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs from 12/-; approval, stamp: Sharp, 74, Cedar-rd., Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. (969)

EIGHT large 1913 Norwich cocks, 5/- each; four large 1913 Norwich hens, 2/6 each; 7/- a pair; 45/- the lot; natural colour, clean moulted; approval: Bolton, 9, West-st.-lane, Carshalton, Surrey. (978)

LOOK! I am offering grand Norwich cocks, including 4th Norwich winner, non-fed, 15/-; see report; also grand yellow and buff hens, at 5/-; approval: John Wilkinsou, Hemblington, Norwich. (974)

C. H. GOODMAN has some splendid Norwich, with size, colour and quality, fit for winning at big shows; write requirements; all letters answered; approval: 24, Bedford-rd., Kempton, Bedford. (926)

GRAND lot of Norwich Plainheads, prize strain, having bred over 40 this season, large healthy birds for stock or singing; inspection invited: Charles Harbour, Grocer, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (969)

WELLSBURY, winner of the N.C.N.C.C. cup 1912. Show and stock birds for sale. See Morpeth and Newcastle show reports for latest results. Stamp reply: 173, Dunsmuir-grove, Gateshead-on-Tyne. (951)

G. C. KING, Breeder and Exhibitor, offers grand Yellow and Buff cocks, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval cash or deposit; see Mules. (979)

NORWICH, bred from prizewinning strain, matched pairs from 10/- to 15/-; single cocks from 6/6 to 10/-; hens 4/- to 6/6; approval, deposit: J. E. Conway, Sec. Gainsborough and Dis. C.B.S., 1, Trent-st. (974)

HARLAND'S champion Norwich: For disposal good unflighted yellow and buff cocks, can win member's or local shows; state wants and price about prepared to give; stamp; approval: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull (973)

FOR sale, twenty Norwich Canaries, cocks, real good ones, 1913, 6/6; few pairs, 9/-; bred from winning strain; cold room bred; approval or deposit: Dick Williamson, Highfields, Coalville, Leicestershire. (971)

1913 COLOUR fed Norwich, good size and quality, buff or buff-marked, cocks 6/-, hen 3/-; clear yellow cocks, 7/6; yellow-marked cocks, 6/6; approval: Mark Bennett and Sons, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (982)

I Advertise what I have and Sell what I Advertise.

PLAINHEADED NORWICH.



Best Value in England to-day. Prize-bred Norwich Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6 upwards, hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; cages, 3d. Exhibition Cocks or Hens, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- up each. Three useful hens, 6/6 lot. The value here must be seen to be believed. All on approval. Cages, 3d.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

NOVICES, look at Grantham members' show report in "Cage Birds." Supplied winner, Norwich novice, with all stock birds. Can do same for you at reasonable prices; stamp for reply: Ratcliff, Greenhill, Grantham. (979)

BARGAINS, two really good unflighted clear buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; two marked buff hens, 3/6 each; unflighted, Vardy's strain, cash or deposit: Ernest Birchumshaw, Breach-rd., Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire. (969)

CHAMPION Norwich, large yellow cock, 2nd, buff cock, 3rd, members, Portsmouth (see report), £2 each; yellow and buff cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/- each; from winners; approval deposit: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight. (977)

YELLOW cock, two Buff hens, 12 months, £2 the three, from one of the best strains in England; well matched for breeding, the property of a gentleman retiring from the Fancy; approval: Greenwood, 28, Haydon-st., Swindon. (972)

EXHIBITION yellow ticked cock (good), 24/6; also immense buff marked cock, 15/6; large and good buff tick cock, £1; buff ticked hen, 10/6; buff mkd. hen, 10/-; clear buff hen, 7/6: Smedley, 9, Highfield-rd., Askern, near Doncaster. (970)

GIVING up the Fancy.—60 Norwich, 37 breeding cages, 30 show cages, packs, show and stock birds; can be seen by appointment; approval to known fanciers; no dealers; stamp reply; cash or deposit: G. Ette, 49, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton. (970)

FOR Sale, 20 matched pairs, young and one-year, bred good-stock, price reasonable; winner of Council Cup three years succession; good yellow variegated cock and yellow variegated hen wanted: J. M. Wilson, Marischal-st., Peterhead, Scotland. (973)

H. E. PRILLIPS, 69, College-road, Norwich, C.B. Diploma winner. A chance for novices. Surplus pairs, 15/6: surplus hens, 5/6; surplus cocks, 10/6; winning unflighted buff hens from 20/-; first cash gets the pick; satisfaction guaranteed. (981)

NORWICH Plainheads; 1 won 4 firsts, 5 specials, and bowl for best Canary in show, Ipswich, 1913, all own breeding; have 15 cocks and hens to spare, same blood, E. Baker's strain, cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (976)

CLEAR buff cock, father of unflighted buff 2nd Perth (see report), price 15/-; very typical clear yellow hen, 10/-; clear buff hen, nice bird, 7/6; two unflighted buff hens, one marked, 5/- each; cheap to clear: Crawford, Cragie, Park.-ter., Perth. (978)

GOOD unflighted yellow cock, 4th Middlesbrough, 30/-; make good stock bird; also some good cocks and hens, see report Middlesbrough this week; state wants; stamp reply; all on approval: James Barnes, Factory-row, Whalley, near Blackburn. (978)

EXHIBITORS are winning with birds from my room, or of my strain, in all parts of the United Kingdom; I do not show very often, but am always well in the money when I do; I have now some grand birds to spare for show and stock; stamp reply: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (977)

EXHIBITORS, lovely yellow Norwich cock, good colour, 15/-; another clear yellow, very typical throughout, 25/-; grand clear buff, in prime condition, 15/-; another larger bird, very typical, 20/-; several hens, very cheap to clear; these are all related to my winners: J. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 30s., recently cost £3; genuine bargain; rare chance for beginner; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (959)

FOR disposal, four extra large 1913 bred Norwich hens, namely, marked yellow, clear yellow, variegated buff, clear buff; these have large, bold heads, stout chests, grand colour, type, and quality; bred from cup winners, only 12/6 each, worth 30/- each; first order has them: Geo. Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs. (983)

MR. A. L. HAWKES has few exceptional clean-moulted, deep colour-fed Norwich cock and hens for disposal, with plenty of size and substance, and ready for immediate showing, and will win in the keenest open competition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; these are being offered at great sacrifice, as I am compelled to reduce my stock before removing; approval seven days anywhere: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone. (984)

CHAMPION Norwich, few real good exhibition Norwich Plainheads now ready for immediate exhibition, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality, yellow and buff cocks from 7/6 to £5 each; yellow and buff hens from 4/6 to £3 each; judiciously matched pairs from 10/6 to £7 10s. a pair, all cold-room bred, strong, healthy, and in tip-top show condition; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Aylsham-road, Norwich. (981)

THE most up-to-date manual on this popular breed is "Norwich Canaries: How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit," by C. A. House. It contains a beautiful coloured plate, and many black and white illustrations. In it will be found fullest hints and instructions on all the various points which go to make up a champion Norwich. It deals in a most practical manner with all the various stages of the life of a Norwich from the egg to the show bench, explains fully how to pair up the stock birds, how to feed the young, the art of colour feeding, and the way to wash and prepare birds for show. Do not be without it, post free 1/1½, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESSES.

Norwich bred direct from my rooms won 1st London, Leeds, Ilkley, Clapham, Harrogate, Class Cross, etc., etc., in open competition. Kindly note, every winner for sale at a reasonable figure. Grand show birds from 20/- upwards. Exhibition Cocks from 20/- per pair. I have faith in what I send you. I know what is required to win. All birds sent on approval before payment. Date required, to the Greatest Norwich Specialist

JUDGE SILK, Whitstable.

CHAMPION exhibition yellow cock, grand type and quality, large head and full neck, rare depth of chest, feathered like silk, sure winner in keenest competition, only 50/-, honestly worth £4, also monster exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, feathered like silk, only 45/-, can soon win his cost, also grand exhibition yellow hen, rare head and neck, grand colour, type, and quality, sure winner in good company, only 35/-; honestly worth £3, also extra choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, perfect gem, win anywhere, only 30/-, simply given away at the price; also many others now ready for immediate exhibition, prices reasonable, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed, approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION exhibition yellow cock, rare type and quality, grand depth of chest, large head and full neck, rare winner in keen competition, only 60/-, honestly worth £4; also monster exhibition buff cock, grand type, colour, quality, and substance, rare head and neck, feathered like silk, only 50/-, recently cost £3; also grand exhibition yellow hen, real model for type and quality, grand size and substance, sure winner in good company, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster exhibition buff hen, massive head, full neck, grand depth of chest, rare type and quality, win anywhere, only 21/-, cheap at 50/-; also several massive exhibition yellow and buff cocks, 21/- each, and monster exhibition yellow and buff hens, only 12/6 each; sure winners in good company; any of the above are honestly worth three times the prices asked; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION NORWICH

FEW good birds for sale; grand colour-fed cocks at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; grand hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; large birds and the right type; approval: cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

PLYMOUTH PLAINHEADS

Non-flight buff cock, 2nd Plymouth, 25/-; 3rd Plymouth, 21/-; 1912 buff cock, 3rd Bournemouth, 25/-; 1912 buff cinnamon cock, 2nd Barnstaple, 25/-; will win small shows; approval: Pope, 98, Embankment-rd., Plymouth. (980)

THOMAS YOUNG'S WINNING STRAIN

Have purchased entire stock; some clinking good birds to dispose of; approval, deposit; breeding cages sold cheap; state wants: Dalzell, 4, Ormrod-st., off Morton-st., Oldham. (982)

F. W. LAIDLOW

can spare a few high-class Norwich, splendid type and quality, all related to my winners at Morpeth and Newcastle; prices reasonable; approval: 55, Colston-st., Benwell, Newcastle. (971)

CHAMPION NORWICH

Few selected pairs from £1; also some good yellow or buffs, cocks or hens, unflighted; reasonable. At Gillingham I won 1st, C.B. 10/- cash sp and diploma, at Chatham I won Cage Bird Cup outright; see report: Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham. (979)

BEAUTIFUL Buff cock, typical yellow hen, the pair 15/6; also two fine buff cocks, 10/6 each; one yellow ditto, 12/6; lovely song-sters; particulars: Dymock, Prestfelde, Shrewsbury. (979)

CHAMPION EXHIBITION NORWICH

Grand exhibition yellow cock, rare type and quality, immense head, full neck, deep chest, can win in good company, only 60/-, a bargain; monster clear buff cock, grand type, quality and size, 50/-; worth double; champion exhibition marked yellow cock, grand head and chest, teeming with quality, a winner, only 60/-; splendid exhibition yellow hen, large head, full neck, deep chest, feathered like silk, can win in good company, 42/-; buff hen, immense size, grand colour, type, and quality, only 35/-; also many others, suitable for stock or exhibition, at very reasonable prices; all cold-room bred; approval; cash or deposit: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincs. (897)

THE JOHN BULL STRAIN

J. and J. Hopkins have some choice young birds for disposal, inspection invited: 126, Bury New-rd., Bolton. (971)

COTTINGHAM, OF NOTTINGHAM

Norwich cock Canaries, singing, every bird guaranteed, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; all on seven days' approval: 9, Peveril-st.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

has again a large and varied selection of Norwich Plainheads, cocks 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- upwards; hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; week's approval, deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich. (975)

GOOD AND CHEAP

BUFF and yellow cocks, massive birds, fine type and quality, 10/- to 40/-; pairs matched 15/- upwards, worth three times as much; bred from my birds that won at Crystal Palace, Manchester, Liverpool, etc.; approval: Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland.

J. HODDER

has a fine lot of Norwich now ready, in grand condition. Single birds from 7/6 to 40/-; pairs, 15/- to 80/-. My birds have been winning for many years in some of the best shows in England, including Horticultural Hall and Crystal Palace, and have won several Championships. Prices of show birds on application. Every bird on approval, and if not satisfied money returned in full.—6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.

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Having had a most successful breeding season, I can now offer one of the best selections of high-class Norwich Plainheads in the Fancy, for stock or exhibition, plenty of size and substance, grand colour, rare type and quality, feathered like silk, including some real toppers fit to win in keen competition. Yellow and Buff cocks from 10/6 to £6 each; Yellow and Buff hens, from 5/6 to £4 each; judiciously matched pairs from 12/6 to £10 a pair; this is a rare opportunity for fanciers to improve their stock, especially if size is required. Many winners have been supplied by me, including Palace and other leading exhibitions; hundreds of unsolicited testimonials received from the leading breeds and exhibitors in the Fancy; and for size, type, and quality I defy competition; state your requirements fully and about price you wish to pay, and I will guarantee to give you full satisfaction; all cold room bred; approval, cash or deposit: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (959)

E. W. ALLSOPP

You did like my "special bargain" last week. Telegrams, letters, postcards galore; but alas! only the two sisters to go round. I regret so much disappointment, but there's the facts. I have another special this week. I may have an extra special for next week, but have not yet decided. If I have not, then this is the last special I can offer you, as my surplus stock is selling, as it has never done before. 'Tis a cock, a 1913 clear buff, medium size, lovely type and very neatly feathered with that beautiful character of feather which for all breeding purposes may be regarded as yellow. In short, he is just "IT" for double bulling. If any breeder has a medium size buff hen, with plenty of colour, but feather wee bit hairy or bursh, otherwise neatly carried, and nice, full, clean head, and is wondering what to pair her with for 1914, don't waste time wondering any longer. The first 50/- to reach me secures him. The Editor informs me a portrayal of "Welsh Queen" is appearing on front page next week, and he is giving me the chance to talk about her, and Plainheads generally. Don't miss CAGE BIRDS next week. It's one of those nice opportunities, and, what's more, I am grabbing it. Shall have a free talk about what I know of double bulling, too. Mind, not what I think. Don't miss opportunities, nor miss CAGE BIRDS next week. My entire stock is now only 14 cocks, 16 hens, out of which I am reserving 6 cocks and 8 hens for my 1914 season. Matched stock pairs, from 40/-; single stock birds, from 20/-; approval, cash or deposit, and inspection invited, except Sundays. Wire, or write now: 40, Bedn-rd., Canton, Cardiff. (981)

Pure Norwich

Have a few grand Norwich, young and year old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens, Yellows or Buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England; for proof, write Editor, who has seen the originals; scores of them; breeder 20 years: Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show 1913.

WANTED, any quantity of Rollers: Barnes, Aviaries, 30, Victoria-st., Merthyr. (978)

ROLLER cocks, 3/6, 4/6, and 5/6, in full song; approval: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (973)

THREE grand Seifert Rollers, only 15/- to clear; bargain: Coombes, 1, Dunstall-rd., Wolverhampton. (966)

1913 Seifert Rollers, guaranteed cocks 5/-, hens 1/6; cash or deposit: T. Hoyle, 134, Sapling-rd., Daubhill, Bolton. (972)

CHAMPION songsters, young birds, perfectly healthy, colour-fed, good size, 7/6, 10/6 each: Filby, Ealing Common. (966)

WATER Glucke Rollers, hens, 7/6 each; pure Randall, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks, 10/- each: Wilkinson, Cross-rd., Bacup. (953)

12 SEIFERT Rollers, 1913 cocks, singing, 3/6; unsatisfactory exchanged: Mrs. Taylor, 15, Haydons-road, Wimbledon. (982)

RANDALL and Willow's strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 1913 birds for sale, exhange useful offers: King, 89, York-st., Cambridge. (949)

FEW English Roller cock Canaries, in full song, cold-room bred, 6/- each: Barnes, Store-st., Haslingden, Lancashire. (967)

OVER-BREEDING Seifert Rollers, young cocks 3/6, 6/- 2; good strain, singing; bargains: Hall, 18, Bank-st., Ossett. (981)

NOTICE, grand lot St. Andreasberg Rollers, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (905)

ANDREASBURG Roller cock, full song, with special singing cabinet, loose front, folding doors, 10/6: Ogden, Round-st., Bradford. (967)

TWENTY-EIGHT high-class Rollers for sale, 1913 birds, cocks from 3/-, hens 2/6: E. Bradford, 12, Rectory-avenue, Gainsborough. (972)

SAXON Roller and Seifert strain Canaries; marvellous singers; price and song incomparable: Bernard Blanquart Lille, France. (953)

CAN spare few schoolmasters, also young cocks, Walton's and Tweed's strain, 7/6, 50/-; hens, 5/-: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton, Lindsey. (938)

FREE cages and carriage, best Rollers, 6/-; hens, 2/-; Schoolmasters, 9/-: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutlands-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (880)

ROLLERS for sale, parents cost 40/-: also Yorkshire Rollers, all aviary bred; apply: R. Runyard, West Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset. (967)

HIGH-CLASS, 1913, Rollers, Walton's strain, cocks 7/6, hens 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Belcher, 47, St. Barnabas-st., Wellingborough. (978)

THIRTY-FOUR Roller cocks, bred from my schoolmasters, full rolling song, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-: Cutforth, Hairdresser, Oakham, Rutland. (970)

BEAUTIFUL Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canary, full song, real gem, accept 7/6, cage free: Miss Jones, 1, Little Darkgate-st., Aberystwyth. (979)

BARGAIN.—Extra deep Seifert Roller Schoolmaster, B.R.C.C. rung; sell 15/-; approval, deposit; offers: Johnson, 6, Brunswick-terr., Stockstead, Manchester. (972)

CLARKE'S Hartz Mountain Rollers, sing on demand, many changes of song, 5/9 each; the best in England; approval: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (983)

CONTEST Rollers, winning strain, cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; good schoolmaster, 15/-; particulars or inspection: Squire, Commersall, Birstall, Leeds. (967)

NICE lot young Roller Canaries from cold aviary; cocks and hens, just as bred, 2/6 each; three for 6/-; 21/- dozen: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

GLUCKE cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6; bred of Randle and Walton strains; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: James Lloyd, 140, Gesty rd., Crewe.

GRAND water Glucke Roller hens, from leading contest winners, B.R.C.C. rung, 3/6, 5/- each; approval willingly: Davy, Snelston Gardens, Ashbourne.

CLARKE'S pure Seifert Rollers, now in full rolling song, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; a perfectly noted schoolmaster, 15/-; approval: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (983)

GERMAN Rollers, full song, 7/6 each; Schoolmasters, 12/6, 15/-; contest birds, 20/- upwards; full week's approval: W. Watson, 6, Paradise-st., Tunstall, Stafls. (982)

GERMAN Roller Canaries, 5 cocks and 6 hens; what offers, or sell separate, cocks 6/6, hens 2/6; satisfaction guaranteed; owner going abroad: Edmondson, 5, Water Heyster., Wigan. (973)

FOR sale or exchange, 4 Roller song cages, 1/9 each; loose trays; 2 Roller hens, good strain, feeders, 2/6 each; exchange lot for good big Yorkshire cock: West, 17, Kimberley-st., Darle Skye, Burnley. (977)

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SCOTCH Fancies for sale, young birds, all colours: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow. (973)

SCOTCH Fancies, from 15/-; also feeding hens, cheap to clear: Craig, 17, Grey-st., Wallsend. (972)

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SCOTCH Fancy for sale, young birds bred from winners, both sex, cheap: Keddie, 35, Market st., St. Andrews. (979)

SCOTCH Fancy, yellow cock, buff pie hen, 40/- pair; surplus cocks, 10/- each: Strachan, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath. (974)

EIGHT birds from my well-known strain, cocks and hens, reasonable for quick sale: McIlwain, School, Mount Florida, Glasgow. (974)

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NOTICE, grand lot Scotch Fancy, for show or stock, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (905)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, the Yorkshire Specialists; finest strain in the Fancy; winning thousands of prizes, many championships, Palace, etc.; finest exhibition and stud birds obtainable; reasonable: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire. (491)

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SHEFFIELD O.S. Entries close Nov. 3rd. Yorkshires, 12 champion, 6 novice; green marks 4. Send entries; will classify. Full prize-money paid every class.

WANTED, Yorkshires: Pearson, Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (925)

FOUR 1913 Yorkshire Canaries, 3 cocks, singing, lot, 8/-: 23, Cecil-rd., Corseinon, nr. Swansea. (977)

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GOOD Yorkshire cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/-; or exchange show or other cages: Smith, 128, Blackman-lane, Leeds. (970)

A FEW young cocks and hens for disposal; cocks 5/6 up, hens 2/6 up: W. Clements: The Mall, Hungerford. (973)

FOR sale, my whole stock of Yorkshires at reasonable prices: A. Craven, 49, West Park-rd., Girlington, Bradford. (969)

TWENTY good-bred Yorkshires, cocks from 5/-, hens 3/-; all 1913 birds: Adams, 65, Leeds-rd., Ilkley, Yorks. (972)

GRAND long high-class Yorkshires for show or stock, bred from my winners; sell cheap: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (935)

ABOUT 20 good Yorkshires for sale, mostly marked birds, bred from good stock: H. H., 293, Brockley-rd., London, S.E. (970)

PURE bred Yorkshires, colour fed, from 5/- upwards, cocks singing; deposit with Ed.: Hirst, 36, Nelson-rd., Ilkley. (976)

FOURTEEN good Yorkshires cheap, 6 cocks and 8 hens, £2 10s. lot: Jackson, Kershaw-lane, Audenshaw, Manchester. (980)

COME and inspect my noted stud of Yorkshires, prices to suit all; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

GRAND pair of Yorkshires, even-marked buff cock, yellow ticked hen, 15/-; approval, deposit: Dowson, Church-st., Coxhoe. (970)

CAN spare few good yellow green Yorkshire hens, good type and quality; approval, deposit: Folland, Old Swan, Liverpool. (978)

CLEAR buff Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each; Crested hen, grand typical bird, 7/6: Allison, 14, Cumbusnethan-st., Edinburgh. (973)



8 FIRSTS. 10 Seconds.

The above is the record of my birds on Saturday, Oct. 25, in addition to specials and other prizes. See reports of Manchester, Bradford East, and Rotherham, etc., in this issue. Surely, no further comment as to the quality of my stock is required. I am now offering the following: Lengthy Yorkshire Cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards; grand Yorkshire Hens, feather to perfection, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each upwards; pairs properly matched to give best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; large thick-set Norwich, at same prices as Yorkshires; pure Seifert Rollers, in full rolling song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/, 20/- each. Also Lancashires, Crests, Crest-breds, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Songsters, etc., etc., all at reasonable prices.

EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES AND NORWICH.

Real good birds, ready for immediate benching; can win their cost in prize-money. Yorkshires (cocks or hens), 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each upwards Champion Norwich, the Bull-dog strain, at same prices as Yorkshires. Any of my winners for sale. Kindly write, stating wants. Every bird sent on 7 days' approval at my sole risk. Send a P.C. for my New Free Illustrated Catalogues. (See also other advert. under Roller).

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PRIZE bred Yorkshires, cock 8/6, hen 7/6, or 12/6 the pair; deposit, approval: J. Cave, 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (976)

THREE pairs of high-class Yorkshires, cost 45/- from Thomas, sell lot £1: Irving Marlow, Ivanhoe House, Desborough, Northants. (978)

YORKSHIRES, colour-fed cocks, 6/6, 7/6; unfed, 6/- each upwards; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (982)

A FEW champion Yorkshires to spare for novices to show; reasonable; inspection invited: Burton, 50, Mulgrove-rd., Dollis Hill. (983)

TYPICAL well-bred Yorkshire cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed; deposit: Devine, 20, Maple-avenue, Convent-lane, Hull. (967)

FOR sale, two pairs good Yorkshires, 15/-, 12/6 pair, must sell; approval: Wragg, 1, Grange rd., Toll Bar, Bentley, Doncaster. (976)

1913 TYPICAL Yorkshire cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, travelling cages free, satisfaction guaranteed: Mr. Hatton, 27a, Gurdon-rd., Charlton. (974)

YORKSHIRES, good, lengthy cocks (some colour-fed), 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6; approval: M. Peck, Ashman's Hall Gardens, Beccles. (977)

TYPICAL Yorkie buff cock, 1911, splendid stock bird, won two 2nds, bargain, 10/6 cash, or deposit: Frank Baker, Curzon-st., Long Eaton. (974)

YORKSHIRE buff or yell. cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; buff hens, 5/- to 15/-; bargains: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham. (978)

YORKSHIRES: Two yellow cocks 6/6 each; two buff, one yellow hen 4/-; take 21/- lot; approval: Cratchley, Blanchcroft, Melbourne, Derbyshire. (971)

YORKSHIRES, a grand lot of young birds, from prizewinners, in fine form; hens, 4/6; cocks, 6/- to 8/- each: Clarkson, Jeweller, Northallerton. (965)

HIGH-CLASS Yorks, bred from winners, cocks 12/-, hens 15/- up; see reports, Horton, Windhill, Bradford, etc.: Taylor, Wood-t., Skelmanthorpe. (972)

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, show or song, some winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (905)

YORKSHIRES from 10/6; can he seen Sundays and Wednesdays; see Richmond report; firsts, specials: White: 3, Katherine-rd., Twickenham, Middlesex.

YORKSHIRES, from the very best strain, cocks from 5/6, hens from 3/-; exhibition and stock birds, reasonable: Cheshire, 34, Crawford-st., Bradford.

1912 yellow, buff cocks 10/- each; two variegated 1913 8/- each; over moult, standard length; offers for lot: Andrews, 133, Gordon-rd., Peckham, London. (970)

FOR sale or exchange, 24 Yorkshire cocks and hens, cocks 5/- and upwards, hen 4/- and upwards: Tom Fisher, Gib Lane, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (969)

FINE Yorkshire cocks, from my noted winners, 5/-; hens, feathered like silk, 3/-; approval, deposit, no fancy prices: Taylor, Temperance House, Ossett. (981)

BEAUTIFUL pair of Yorkshire Canaries (1912), 15/-, cock pure yellow, hen variegated; large healthy birds: Miss S. James, West Dean Park, Chichester, Sussex. (978)

BUFF Yorkshire cock, winner, 10/6; yellow Yorks. cock, winner, 2nd Wigan, 10/-; young singing cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-: E. Davis, Pennington Green, Hindley, nr. Wigan. (969)

BARGAINS: Three Yorkshire cocks, one buff, one yellow, one variegated, 15/- each, with show cages; two variegated hens, 10/6 each: Butler, 58, Sunley-rd., Walsall. (974)

ONE double breeder and pair unflighted Yorkshires, Cinn: marked hen, and yell green cock, smart birds, 15/- lot: exchange: West, 17, Kimberley-st., Harle Syke, Burnley. (977)

THREE exceptionally long buff cocks, bred from my winners, grand stock birds, 20/- each: others from 15/- pair: Hannaford, 65, St. Quintin Avenue, North Kensington. (977)

PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; cash or deposit; inspection invited: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (969)

WINNING Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hen, 2nd Bye tree, 17/6; yellow cock, 3rd, 15/-; with show cages, cards sent; approval, deposit: Strutt, Victoria-st., Braintree. (969)

FOUR good buff cocks, 10/- each; two buff hens, 5/- each; 3 yellow hens, 5/- each; lot £2 15s.: Ambler's strain: Aulman, 80, Barking-rd., Canning Town, London. (981)

YORKSHIRES, firsts and specials, and long high-class youngsters; best breeding and show cages, utensils, lot or singly: cheap; giving up: Galvayne, Wembley, Middlesex.

CHAMPION neck-marked yellow, latest wins 1st Sheffield novice, under Battye (see report last week's "C.B.") 50/-: approval, cash or deposit: Sharpe, 24, Melton-rd., Oakham. (970)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, same strain, winners Sheffield, etc., cocks 12/6 upwards, hens 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (981)

YORKSHIRES, can win open novices competition; also stock birds from 12/6 pair; state wants: approval, cash or deposit: Cattell, Breeder and Exhibitor, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (961)

6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-

Above are a few prices of my



YORKSHIRES
PER PAIR.

Bul. to test the real value and cheapness, it is necessary to have on approval. For quality is the only real test of **cheapness. Few other prices: Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Hens, 2/-, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Detailed list free.**

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

C. BUXLEY, Ivy Lodge, London-rd., Twickenham, has got some splendid Yorkshires for disposal, cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/-, see this week's report Richmond Show; inspection invited. (981)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, bred from winners, some really good unflighted cocks and hens for disposal, full of type and quality, price very reasonable; state wants: L. Yates, 74, Rushes-rd., Petersfield. (969)

CLEARING Yorkshires: Several yellow and buff cocks and hens for disposal, prices moderate; will sell in one lot, about 30; right quality; inspection invited: Edwin Lloyd, 14, Bridge-st., Chester. (979)

EXCEPTIONAL offer; grand 1912 Yorkshire cock, won several honours last season, accept 8/6; good songster, worth treble for stock; will win members' shows: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (984)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, grand typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; matched pairs 8/- upwards: approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (972)

GOOD selection of high-class clean moulted Yorkshires, stylish, colour-fed cock, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; good hens 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 8/-; inspection invited, approval: Whiting, Ravenshury, Mordon-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (977)

YORKSHIRES, good lengthy cocks, 5/6 upwards; grand typical hens, of good quality, 3/6 upwards; pairs from 8/- upwards: approval, cash or deposit: Townsend and Collinge, North Field, Heptonstall, Yorkshire. (976)

YORKSHIRES, in pairs, or will separate, 1 pair, £2; another pair, 12/-; 3 pairs at 7/6; 2 pairs at 6/6; buffs, yellows, cinnamon marked, colour fed; inspection invited: Heselden, Walkley-terrace, Heckmondwike. (968)

W. COCHRANE, 696, Alexandra Parade, Dennistoun, Glasgow, has for sale sixty high class Yorkshires, also a few winners: kindly state wants and what price you are prepared to pay (also a few pairs from 12/6). (975)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality: cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (982)

TEN Yorkshires, guaranteed cocks, same strain as my winners, nine unflighted, all standard length, some 7½ in., £3 lot; or would take good carpet three yards square in part exchange: Linaker, 48, Devonshire-rd., Southport. (978)

WINNING unflighted colour-fed buff Yorkshire cock, grand, upstanding, leggy specimen, with plenty of length and style, accept 15/-; also yellow hen, real gem, accept 10/6; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (984)

WINNER Portsmouth last week (Yorkshires), unflighted yellow hen, 15/-; marked yellow cock, 3rd, 12/6; cinnamon hen, vhc, 13/-; and several others that had cards, to dispose of reasonably: W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, Wight. (978)

FRANK RADLEY, Elm-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, has a few good Yorkshires for sale, hens and cocks from 5/-, two 50/-. See show reports at Rotherham, unflighted buff cock, 1st in class of 19; will sell for 50/-. (971)

GENUINE clearance: Five cocks, two hens, mostly unflighted including my 1st, 2nd, hc, Portsmouth last week; 2 hold case and cages, £3 10s., or exchange 1913 winning Norwich: approval: A. Hill, Castle-rd., Newport, I. of W. (972)

YORKSHIRES, bred from my noted winners: cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens, 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: see show reports Rotherham, three 1sts, one 2nd, two 3rds, with six entries: Allen Radley, 265, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (981)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, some A1 birds, ready for either stock or exhibition; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/6 upwards; exhibition specimens according to merit; four days' approval: 29 years' breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Grey Ayton, Yorkshire. (950)

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For Exhibition, Stock, or Songsters

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FORTY Norwich, Yorkshires, H.M. British, breeding, stock, show cages, in one lot, moulted, singing: 119, Parrin-lane, Monton, Manchester. (975)

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MULES—HYBRIDS.

SHEFFIELD O.S. Entries close Nov. 3rd. 5 classes. Send entries; I will classify. Full prize-money paid each class.

FIVE hen Mules, 1/- each; cocks, 5/6; feeding hen Canaries, 2/- each: Comben, Outfitter, Portland. (983)

WANTED, Mules: Pearson, Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (925)

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From best strain in the world; Norwich and Yorkshire type, from 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval; send for catalogue for proof of winners bred from same; Muling cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; Muling cock Linnets, 1/6, 2/, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; any on approval; breeder thirty years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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WANTED, ferrets, cavies, young rabbits, fancy Pigeons, and litters of puppies, bantams, doves, etc.; best prices given for healthy stock: R. Kremner, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED for cash, 50 pairs colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted, Scotch Fancy, Crests, and Mules; highest prices given: Martin, Bird Specialist, Castle Douglas. (973)

WANTED good British Goldie, Siskin, Redpoll, will give large Norwich cocks: two large cock Linnet Mules, pure linnet song, 6/6 and 8/6 each; approval: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth. (977)

WANTED Canaries, Morison washing machine, drapery dress material, etc.; exchange ½-plate camera combined mirrorscope-magic lantern, 150 slides: Bennett, Quorn, Loughborough. (966)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich wanted, colour fed, give 5/6 to 7/- pair; good price, cocks singing, no crossed cheques sent; cash deposited; send particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (890)

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for good Norwich or Yorkshires, colour fed preferred; also wanted, Crests, Scotch Fancies and Borders, any numbers, cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (905)

WANTED moleskins, cats, foxes, otters, horsehair, pheasant tails, marabout and egret feathers, white geese and duck feathers: Steels, Taxidermist and Furrier, Manchester-st., Liverpool. Bankers: London City and Midland. (859)

CANARIES FOR GERMANY

Wanted: 10,000 pair of Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamons, Scotch, and Mules. We are the largest buyers in Norwich and most successful exhibitors, over 40 year's standing, annual sale 20,000 pair Canaries and other birds; Howard and Sons, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich. (971)

87, SCLATER STREET

Shoreditch, and 32, East-st., Walworth. Note number and name over the shop. C. A. Luer wants Rats, Mice, Squirrels, Tame Animals, any variety of Canaries except Rollers: cash or exchange.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

FOUR singing Larks and cages, exchange Canaries or small pitch puppy, or adult: Hoyle, Wood-t., Barnsley. (967)

WHAT offers per dozen for netted birds, all sorts, dead or alive; regular supply: George Askew, Willingham, Cambs. (981)

EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinches, for left-off clothing or Canaries, stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (977)

EXCHANGE, 2 cock Linnets, 2 cock Chaffinches, 2 Redpolls, the lot for 3 hen Canaries: Stroud, 240, High-st., Ponders End. (978)

EXCHANGE three cock Siskins, one hen, for good Yellow Norwich hen: Mollerson, Mission Hall, Middle-st., Fort William. (978)

WANTED, fresh-caught British, silver watch and chain, or pullet; give Canaries: Morrison, 7, Stonelane, Millfield, Peterborough. (974)

EXCHANGE, Goldfinch Mule, hen Bullfinch, cock Redpoll, for double breeder, or cock Goldfinch: Lee, 29, Clarence-rd., Peterboro. (976)

HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch, mules; exchange three Border hens, or one cock; yours first: R. Bishop, 156, Sebert-rd., Forest Gate. (968)

WILL exchange 4 good mating hens, clear with Linnet and Finch, for good show British; apply: Geo. R. Tolson, High-st., Cleator Moor. (960)

EXCHANGE pair L.F. tumblers, winners, for Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, cocks, mutual approval: Tanner, 29, Kingswood-rd., Brixton Hill, S.W. (968)

WANTED, thistle seed, dandelion, hardhead seed; exchange two splendid cock Goldfinches: W. Fairhurst, 17, Liawood-grove, Longsight, Manchester.

EXHIBITORS!—Large cock Bullfinch, fine colour cap, 6/-; large cock Chaffinch, 2/-; approval, deposit: Conic, Newtown, Raunds, Wellingborough.

BULLFINCH, Redpoll, Linnet, Chaffinch, warranted cocks, 3/- lot; exchange carpenters' tools, 12in. records: C. H. Pepperday, Church-lane, Barrowden, Stamford. (975)

TWO extra large cock Goldfinches, fit for show, 4/- each, 7/- the pair; or exchange ferrets or pure-bred pullets: Thomas, Hawthorne Cottage, Portfield, Haverfordwest. (983)

WANTED, exhibition field-moulted Linnets, must be large, good-coloured birds; will exchange concert flute, nickel-silver keys, in plush cash, cost 30/-; mutual approval: John Waddell, Kimberley-bldgs., Bathgate, N.B. (978)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers.—I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules; all sent out on approval both ways; state wants at once to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (983)

Mainly Canaries.

THREE pairs high-class Borders (1913) for young Scotch Fancy cock: Stenhouse, Sandbank, Argyll.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock, in full song, for good Roller in full song; yours first; Haslett, Takeley.

NORWICH, prize-bred; pairs or single, cold room, from 12/6; or exchange: Spriggs, Hairdresser, Stamford. (974)

EXCHANGE two 1913 Yorkshire cocks for two good hens, or sell 10/-: J. R., 19, Queen's-rd., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (977)

PAIR prize Norwich Canaries for boy's (age 9) suit, and boots (thirteen's): Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton. (967)

THIRTY Crest and Norwich Plainheads, cheap to clear, or useful exchange: Richer, 29, Sweet Briar Walk, Edmonton. (971)

SALE or exchange anything useful, Yorkshire Crest, Norwich, no cards: S. Dean, 24, Chester-terr., Brighton, Sussex. (969)

FEW large colour-fed Norwich; exchange for good fed Yorkshire; approval; yours first: Hargreaves, 4, Keith-st., Burnley. (972)

EXCHANGE pair clear Yorkshires for pair clear Borders to value 14/-; approval: W. Lapworth, 6, Burford-st., Blaenavon. (978)

EXCHANGE pair Crest Canaries, singing, for pair Norwich or Yorkshire, or what offers: Oakey, Church-st., Cheriton, Mon. (965)

SELL four pair Borders, 10/- per pair; or exchange for cycle or gramophone; yours first: Wall, Mead Aviaries, Street, Somerset. (976)

EXCHANGE four pairs high-class Yorkshires for Norwich, or sell cheap; yours first: Waraker, 17, Auckland-st., Guisborough. (976)

EXCHANGE winning pair Yorks. or Norwich for Cinnamon Norwich cock; approval both ways: F. Gray, 8, Ocean Place, Filey. (971)

EXCHANGE cock Canary, also cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, for two Crestbreds, hens; yours first: John Joues, Hope Cottage, Bagillt. (972)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for ferrets, mules, hearthrugs, no rubbish; approval both ways: Imeson, Commercial-house, Ossett. (981)

TYPICAL pair green Borders, 10/-; exchange Goldfinches, Siskins, Blackcap, Rollers; offers, good birds: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (970)

EXCHANGE Rollers for Goldfinch Mule, pure notes, or Siberian Goldfinch; yours first: Hussey, Baker, High-st., Kington, Herefordshire. (974)

MASSIVE yellow 1912 Norwich cock (winner); exchange for winning Hawfinch or softbills; sell 30/-: Pearce, 24, Station-rd., Manor Park, E. (977)

EXTRA good Cinnamons, Border Yellow cock and two hens, 15/- the three; or offers; approval: C. Dunn, Selbourne-terr., Cambois, Blyth (975)

TWO good cock Goldfinch Mules, one Siskin ditto, 7/6 each; also three 1913 Roller hens; exchange for songster: Goldsmith, Queen-st., Maidenhead. (982)

WANTED, cocks, Rollers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, on approval; will exchange Norwich; state price: Cocking, 104, Duncan-st., Canklow, Rotherham. (977)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries for scrap brass, copper, block tin: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (982)

EXCHANGE three pairs Norwich Canaries for gents' or ladies' boots or cloth, or sell 7/6 pair: Hawketts, 66, Wellington-rd., Bridgwater, Dorset.

UNFLIGHTED cinnamon-marked buff Yorkshire cock, 25/-; exchange good watch, blankets, anything useful: Ormondroyd, 17, Aberdeen-terrace, Bradford.

FOR sale, good Norwich hen and Yorkshire hen, buffs, or exchange for glazier's diamond; yours first: A. Blinman, Prestleigh, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain, sell cheap, or exchange scrap copper brass, anything useful: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (955)

FOR sale or exchange 12 healthy hen Canaries, £1; also two Yellow Yorkshire hens, and buff unflighted cock, 14/-; would exchange for poultry, no bantams; on approval: Blay, 200, Bolton-rd., Heywood. (971)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: carriage paid: W. Whiteley, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, Attlield-rd., Dlle, York. (951)

GIVING up Yorkshires; two grand yellow cocks, one yellow hen, £2 each, or exchange good pair Norwich to value £6: Lovegrove, 4, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (979)

EXCHANGE unlighted buff Norwich cock for Linnet Mule, Linnet song, several to pick from, inspection invited: E. Nethercleft, Breeder, Fire Station, Canning Town, E. (968)

LARGE Yorkshire cock, Thomas's strain, hanging cage cost 8/-, 10/- lot; exchange two large cock Goldfinches; approval: Bridge, Dovedale-st., Failsworth, Manchester. (971)

TWO double breeder, one large flight, two Yorkshire, cock and four good hen Canaries; offers, or exchange, for Pom puppy: Elcoat, 137, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (971)

EXCHANGE a pair of high class Borders and large steady house-moulted Linnet for house-moulted foreign Goldfinch or two British: J. McGregor, 7, Bannockburn-rd., Stirling. (973)

EXCEPTIONALLY good yellow Norwich hen, 1912 (C.F.), 7/6; 1911 yellow Greenfinch, breeder, 3/-; exchange both for two Norwich, songsters or offers: Drew, 27, Oxford-st., Manchester. (973)

EXCHANGE three young Norwich yellow cocks, full song, one half hen, for a Wheatstone's English concertina, metal keys, or good English lever watch: Farby, 67, Moffat-st., Nottingham. (975)

HAVE a few sib. hens to spare in-bred eight years, 7/6 each; one large Norwich hen 7/6; or exchange cock Goldfinches: William Olley, 9, Gurlish-lane, Coundon, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham. (970)

OUTDOOR aviary, 6ft. 6in. x 5ft. 6in. x 32in., mahogany feeders, etc., 30/; wanted good yell. N. cock, yell. hen, and buff hen, gramophone, fowl, to £2; offers anything: Maybury, 116, Percy-rd., Canning Town. (979)

H.M. COCK Mealy Redpoll, yellow Norwich hen, mulers, 7/6 pair; H.M. cock Chaffinch, 2/-; two buff Norwich hens, 2/6 each; guaranteed healthy; exchange common Rollers; approval: W. G. Blythe, 1, Russell-st., Bacup. (966)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE pair adult Green Budgerigars for young Norwich or Roller cock; yours first: Twaits, Longham, East Dereham. (970)

PAIR Golden Owls, hand-reared, also pair Green Budgerigars; best offer or exchange: R. Graham, Ballybrack, Dublin. (918)

GENUINE talking Quaker, cheap; exchange records, gramophone, anything; cash adjustment: 22, Whyke-lane, Chichester. (978)

ZEBRA Finches, outdoor aviary bird, 5/6 pair; exchange Norwich Canaries, from outdoor aviary: Parker, 17, Havelock-rd., Norwich. (977)

BROWN Linnet, two Greenies, one a Muler, h.m., 6/- lot; Parrot cage 3/-; exchange any for Border cock or hens, or other birds: Rennie, 8, High-st., Prestonpans. (974)

ACCLIMATISED King Amazon Parrot, large bird, commenced talking, with large indestructible cage, 55/-; exchange Shree Canaries; birds first; also three two-holed Yorkshire show cases and cages, new, 6/- each; approval: J. Sheard, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks. (978)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, everything alive: Pearson's Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (945)

GRAND Irish Terrier bitch, five months, 7/6; exchange Mule: W. Lewin, Oakham. (983)

PARROT cage, square, 12/6; exchange for pair of Rollers: Spriggs, Nassington, nr Wansford. (976)

THREE pair champion short flying pigeons, cheap; exchange: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

12 5/- briars and 100 3d. cigars; offer wanted, or exchange: Smith, 5a, Chapel-st., Edgware-rd.

FIELD glasses, new, in case, 5/6, or exchange Roller cages: Close, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool.

Exchange prize-bred Persian kittens, for British and Foreign birds: Hutchinson, Hopton, Mirfield.

SOME real good stock Yorkshires for sale, clear cap; approval on deposit: H. Heald, 52, Claypit-lane, Leeds. (971)

SIX volumes of Natural History, what offers in hen Canaries: Wm. Archer, 38, Albert-rd., Morley, near Leeds. (970)

ROLLER cross cock and hen Canaries, 7/6; exchange poultry, anything: Redhead, Bootle, Cumberland. (975)

EXCHANGE good watch dog for cock Canary: John Hamilton, 12, Holmhead, Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire. (966)

WANTED, good camera and accessories for gent's 16-guinea bike, outer covers worn: P., 15, Lower-rd., Eastbourne. (971)

WANTED, small bedstead or pug pup for pair 1912 Norwich, double breeder, 15/-; 11, Duke-st., Swinton, Rotherham. (972)

PAIR clap nets, 21ft. by 4ft. wide, used 3 times, 7/6, or exchange British: Richards, 18, Margaret-st., Exmouth. (977)

60 SOUND cylinder records, 4/- dozen, or 10/- the lot; or exchange for singing birds: B. Smith, 10, Calcb-st., Nelson. (971)

WHAT offers for volumes 1 and 2 of "Careers"; cash or British birds: Wm. Giles, 23, Waterloo-rd., Wellington, Somerset. (971)

TWO well-bred whippet pups for sale, or exchange poultry or anything useful: Dominey, 162, Wimborne-rd., Winton. (969)

EXCHANGE, spaniel bitch, 5½ months, for other breed, or birds; yours first: E. Johnson, High-st., Walton, Felixstowe. (972)

GOOD yard dog, cross Retriever-Bull, very loud voice, 6 months old: exchange Goldfinch; offers: 15, Gadlys-rd., Aberdare. (980)

VIOLIN, bow, and case, good as new, sell 25/-, cost 35/-; what offers in foreign birds: J. Gibbs, Ruardean Hill, Drybrook, Glos. (971)

SOLID oak bureau, £2 10/-, new, exchange Canaries or other offers considered: Williams, 13, Garner-st., Hackney-rd., London. (969)

FOR sale: Two Crested cocks, one winner, 30/- two; also few odd cocks and hen Canaries: W., 18, Ocklynge-rd., Eastbourne. (971)

OFFERS in Yorkshire hens for box of conjuring tricks, value 8/-: Joseph Higham, 15, Stephen-st., Urmston, Manchester. (979)

EXCHANGE, pair O.E.G. Bantams, for Golden Sebright (cock), or sell 5/6: B. Mason, Wood-st., Woburn Sands, Bucks. (967)

EXCHANGE well-marked Dutch rabbits or hardy border plants for Canaries, other birds, cages, offers: Burr, Hilldyke, Boston. (969)

EXCHANGE Columbia gramophone, splendid condition, 30 records, for Canaries or sell 27/6: Dean, 31, Mirahel-rd., Fulham. (972)

EXCHANGE set carvers, six table knives, good quality, ivoriue handles, for two cocks, or five hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (980)

EXCHANGE new hair clipper and two new razors for two 1913 Yorkshire cocks: D. Ross, Central Stores, Aulderarn, N.B. (973)

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange indigo blue all wool serge suit length, sell 36/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (944)

FOR sale, cavies, all sorts, or exchange boots, size 6; shirts, etc., for young man: Gould, Little, South Street, Coventry. (971)

SALE or exchange light sable Pom. puppy, male, for anything useful, what offers: H. Barlow, Railway Cottages, Congleton. (970)

TWO grand cock Linnet Mules; exchange pullets; approval; yours first: Robinson, Young-st., Haverton Hill, nr. Middlesbro. (978)

FOUR inside shop blinds, on spring rollers, nearly new; exchange Canaries: Plumer, 7, Henrietta Cottages, Chase Side, Enfield. (971)

THREE flying homers, young, 1913 birds, of good parentage; what offers?—James Young, Phantassie, Prestonkirk, East Linton. (983)

LANDRAIL, sale or exchange for 4 cock Goldfinches, sell 7/6; yours first: Tucker, 18, Universal Huts, Senghenydd, Cardiff. (967)

BELL Terrier, grand bitch, two years, weighty; sell £2, exchange Canaries, etc.: Foxall, 20, Bracton-rd., South Bermondsey. (982)

WANTED, Crested-bred hen; give glazier's diamond, cost 21/-, and pair compasses: McDowall, High-st., Newmilns, Ayrshire. (974)

FOR sale or exchange ¼-plate camera and accessories; offers; yours first: Webb, Julian, Hankinson-rd., Winton, Bournemouth. (971)

ROUGH-HAIRED terrier dog, all white, demon guard, for talking Parrot or Canaries: Kirk, 17, West-street, Berwick-on-Tweed. (974)

MANDOLINE and case, value 15/-; two Norwich show cages and case, 5/-; anything useful: D. Roberts, Woodfield, Blackwood. (979)

MONKEY, tame pet, very small, feed from hand; accept 25/- or exchange a good talking Parrot: Vernum, 298, Lillie-rd., Fulham. (983)

SEVEN string banjo, wants new strings, 10/6; mandoline and case, 10/6; exchange Canaries: Wm. Price, 60, Marlboro'-st., Burnley. (971)

RUNNING pumps, good condition, fit sevens shoe 8/-; or exchange genuine good strain Roller: Schofield, Hairdresser, Gidlow, Wigan. (971)

WANTED, pair Canaries; exchange rolled gold watch (new), good timekeeper; sell 15/-: Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow. (973)

DOUBLE-barrelled gun, cost £3; two Roller cocks 15/-; exchange talking Parrot; offers: W. Bates, Roscobel Inn, Park-lane, Tipton. (976)

"OUR CANARIES," unbound, perfectly clean, 5/6, or exchange cock Goldfinch or Canary; cash preferred: 57, Fairfield-st., Leicester. (976)

CATCHING outfit; 6-yards clapnets, complete, used twice, store box, cages, etc.; exchange anything: 15c, 2h, Sorby-st., Sheffield. (975)

SANDOW'S grip dumbbells, as new, 8/6; Yellow Budgerigars, 3/- each; exhibition Chaffinch, 4/6: Julian, 88, Oliver-st., Northampton. (983)

BIRDS' eggs; single collection 31, 4/-; double 21, 4/6; exchange 28 by 1½ cycle tyre, anything useful: Barker, Jevington, Polegate. (972)

WANTED, Bedlington pup; give good exchange in working homers; also cock Bullfinch and breeding cage: Alexander House, Newmarket. (975)

FIELD glasses in sling case, 15/-; approval; exchange cock Mules, Canaries, Goldfinches, etc.: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham. (974)

OLD English Game cock and hen, Brown-red, 15/-; exchange Canaries; harmonium, 30/-; exchange Canaries: 6, Kempton-rd., New Ferry. (974)

EXCHANGE, tailor-made suit, good condition, fit gent. 5ft. 8in., medium build; offers: John Paris, 11, Rokeby-terrace, Heaton, Newcastle. (974)

HANDSOME Black Pomeranian bitch, maiden, 14 months, pedigree, 25/-; approval; exchange anything: Boggis, Panfield-lane, Braintree. (979)

TWO cocks or six hens, Spangle Game Bantams (Babcock's), 2/6 each; exchange birds, anything useful: Fox, Ludgvan, Longrock, Cornwall. (974)

EXCELSIOR gramophone, 12 10-inch records, 30/-; exchange Budgerigars and new square Parrot's cage, offers: Locke, Glencoe Cottage, Honiton. (969)

QUANTITY of good harness and two new cart or lorry lamps, lot 14/-, worth double; approval: Steel, 137, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (971)

FOR sale, or exchange, hand-made clapnets, all sizes, new, for Canaries, left-off clothing; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (971)

WILL exchange about 40 coloured plates issued in "C.B.," for Canaries or anything useful: P. Hilliard, 55, Gt. Bland St., London, S.E. (976)

YELLOW or green-marked Norwich cock, 6/- each; 3 hens, Goldfinch Mules, 1/- each; exchange cycle covers: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (981)

THREE yellow Yorkshires one cock and two hens, one cinnamon hen, five good muling hens, for two good schoolmasters: Sadler, Farnah Green, Belper. (972)

WANTED offers in Norwich cocks for Cocker spaniel bitch, 15 months; or sell 20/-; nice lady's pet: Foulkes, 112, Cornwallis-st., Stoke-on-Trent. (976)

WANTED postcard (plate) folding pocket camera; exchange Canaries, British, or foreign birds; approval: Payne, Ladbroke rd., Horley, Surrey. (974)

EXTRA good double breech-loading gun, cost £7, sell 50/-; wanted, Canaries, bike, gold albert; offers: White, Green Head, Crook, Durham. (979)

THREE pairs high-class Norwich Canaries, value £3; exchange pedigree toy Pomeranian dog puppy, must be small: 131, Constitution Hill, Birmingham.

SIX Black Minorca, 1912, pullets, unrelated cock, good strain, 30/- the lot; exchange gent's cycle, gramophone; offers: Perry, Clinchgreen, Bexhill.

FOR Shama, will exchange two Crested Australian Pigeons; for Spectacle Thrush, will exchange two 1913 Java Doves, or sell: Walsh, Knaresborough.

BLACK tan rabbit doe, 12 months, 4/-; St. Bernard bitch, 16 months, £4; exchange Canaries; offers: Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs.

EXCHANGE set hand-forged ivorine-handled carvers for good cock Canary or three cock Goldies or Bullies, or offers: Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield.

EDISON standard phono, large brass horn, and crane, 4 doz. records, £3 15/- cash; or what offers in exhibition Norwich: Heald, Claypit-lane, Leeds.

TWO cock Canaries, 5/-; 3 hens, 2/6; 9 housemoulted cock Linnets, 1/6; double breeder, 1/-; approval, carr. pd: Malley, 28, Bridgend, Dumbarton.

EXCHANGE, 8 Hybrid tea roses, maiden plants, for 1 cock, or 3 hens, Rollers, or Yorkshires, young birds: Dolphin, 3, Prospect-terrace, Brockwell, Chesterfield. (977)

EXCHANGE good-class colour-fed Norwich Canaries or part cash for good-bred Black Pom puppy (not Toy); approval both ways: Allen, 53, Warwick-rd., Banbury. (983)

NETS, complete, six yards; three Linnets, three Larks, cage moulted, new cages; offer in exchange for gramophone or anything: Mrs. Brown, Station-rd., Radlett. (972)

FREE, two full-size tins of our washable cage enamel, any colour, to all enclosing 6d. for postage and packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (898)

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Club Reports.

LOUGHBOROUGH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Charnwood Coffee House, Mill-st. Results of table show were:—VORKS. BUFF: 1, Foster; 2, James; 3, Widdowson. YELL.: 1, 3, Foster; 2, James. NOR.: 1, 2, Dufner; 3, Widdowson.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting, Oct. 25. Mr. George Warcing (Bury) presided over a good muster of members. Patronage was granted to the L.C.B.A. and to Wakefield Roller Club. Specials were arranged for members' show, Nov. 29.—A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Oct. 25. Only a small number present. Mr. J. Roe chair. Tickets of admission for annual open show being ready, several members took a good number. Members who are desirous of selling tickets should apply to sec. as early as possible.—P. N. Jenkinson, assist. sec.

ROMFORD F.A.

Our grand annual exhibition is to be held Nov. 27. We are anxious to encourage cage bird fanciers in this district. Membership is open to any lady or gentleman resident in Essex. The C.B. section of this progressive society has of late considerably improved, but we require keener competition. Membership fee, 2s. 6d.—Chas. Ives, Hon. Sec., "Westwood," Upper Mawneys Road, Romford.

UDDINGSTON C.B.S.

Meeting held in Reading Rooms on Oct. 22, and well attended. Two new members joined. Mr. N. P. Campbell gave a very clever exhibition by washing seven birds, and the novices present profited by his remarks. Agreed to give two prizes at our forthcoming show of £2 and £1 to the society whose members gain the most points. Mr. M. Craig will give a lecture on "British Birds," Nov. 5.—J. Cosgrove, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Committee met Oct. 21, Nelson Temp. Hotel, Mr. J. F. Park presiding over a good attendance. Sec. reported additional patronage received from Crest Club and S.B.B. and M. Club. Guarantee fund to the amount of £12 was collected, and should instil confidence in the Fancy to become members of the association. Business in connection with show was dealt with. Decided to send out schedules on Nov. 6, from Nelson Temp. Hotel.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 6, at Maskell's Hotel. Mr. Whetton presided over a rather small attendance. Members please attend next meeting, Nov. 6, the final meeting before show, also let me again remind members that subs. are due. The financial success of the show is in the members' hands, so please push the tickets. A special will be given to the member selling most tickets. Messrs. Merrit, Hopson, and Phillips are acting as night stewards. Messrs. H. C. Smith, E. J. Davies, A. Maggs, and A. Ball have volunteered to be responsible for the checking of all exhibits at the show; D. Raymond, J. Hopson, J. Pearce, S. Wiseman, J. Dugmore, E. James will also assist in staging and packing.—E. Thomas, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

I wish to remind members that Nottingham, November 14 and 15, is the next show for Champion Section, and Stoke-on-Trent, November 13, for Novice Section, which two ventures I appeal to them to heartily support. Unpaid subscriptions are much overdue, and members would save me a lot of unnecessary correspondence by kindly remitting at once. After the next shows I will publish the half-time results of champion and novice competitions. I take this opportunity of drawing the particular attention of secretaries of shows receiving our patronage to Rule 11, respecting the payment of full prize money in classes of eight entries, also remind them that seven cards must be given.—W. Wells, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The Rev. H. A. Soames, Mrs. Soames, and Mrs. Aitken have generously presented a solid silver challenge cup to be competed for by members for adult Borders. This year it will only be competed for at Dover (Nov. 5 and 6) and Canterbury (Dec. 10 and 11). Other years the committee are to be allowed to nominate the three shows. The donors hope by this means to increase the exhibition of this branch of the Fancy in Kent. The following are the conditions under which the cup is given: 1. For adult Borders, most points with two birds at not more than three shows. 2. Any number of birds may be shown, the two highest to count. 3. Birds need not be nominated, but must all be marked K.C.C.B.A. 4. Cannot be held with the Association's young bird cup. A member winning both may choose which to hold. 5. Birds need not be bred by exhibitor.—H. Wood, hon. sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Lecture and table show, held Oct. 9, in Raith Arms, Mr. A. Simpson, vice-pres., chair. Mr. W. Ping, Auchtertool, gave us some of his bird-keeping experiences and experiments. He wished it to be understood that his object was mainly to produce a good songster, rather than a costly exhibition specimen, although he had no doubt the breeding of such was a paying concern, if properly attended to. In the exhibition specimens he had been much struck with the difference of type since he first showed away back in 1886-7. He handed round some old model cards, and all were struck by the change. He thought that show committees might do something to promote the breeding of a good cross between two exhibition birds of different breeds. He had with him several birds bred in this fashion which were keenly inspected by the members. The lecturer invited discussion on this. Living as he did in the country, he had many opportunities of studying British birds, and he gave many amusing and instructive instances of hours so spent; he had proved that a Skylark could be reared by a Canary, that a Blackbird in captivity could rear young Blackbirds, and Thrushes, and he had reared Chaffinches under Sparrows and Canaries. He had with him his tame Jackdaw, which gave a practical proof of much time and patience spent in its tuition. The lecturer fairly brought down the house with his jocular reminiscences of the society's ramble, held during the summer, picking off the members' peculiarities in an able manner. He expressed good wishes for a record show on Nov. 15th, and said he was always willing to do his best to help on the Fancy, and the Cowdenbeath Society in particular. The discussion which followed was taken part in by a goodly number. In the table show of Border Fancy cocks, there were 10 entries. Mr. Joseph Sneddon, Crossgates, judged. 1, medal, 3rd, and 5th, King; 2, Playfair, 4, 6, Stewart; 7, Smith. After judging, Mr. Sneddon explained his reasons for the placing of the first three birds for the benefit of the novices present. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Ping and Sneddon. Stewards for the open show were appointed as follows: Scotch Fancy, J. Patterson, and J. Sneddon; Bord., J. Fotheringham and W. Peacock; Yorks., A. Cunningham and J. Anderson; Crests, G. Sinclair and P. Hamill; Nor., P. Langan, H. Patterson, and W. Robb; Brit., A. Robertson, A. Harvey, J. Smith, A. W. Ping. Next meeting and table show of Yorks. cocks in Arcade Temperance Hotel, Nov. 5, Mr. R. Reid judge.—J. W. Holms, Sec.

CRAGHEAD (Workman Club) C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 19 in Club Rooms, Mr. J. Elliott in the chair. We had a good turnout of fanciers, and got through our business in good style. Schedule was drawn up for show, Jan. 17; 39 classes in all. Judge, cage birds, Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland).—Alf. Dawson, Sec.

IRVINE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Committee met Oct. 21, and made excellent arrangements for annual open show on Nov. 29. The classification affords remarkably fair opportunities for all entrants. There are to be classes for Nor., Yorks, Bords., Crests, C.B., Scotch Fancy, and Brit. and For. Three popular judges:—Mr. A. Cant (Nor.), Mr. F. Findlay (Bords.), and Mr. A. W. Watson (Brit. and For.).—H. M. Ferguson, Sec.

WALLSEND MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Meeting held Station Hotel, Oct. 22, Mr. J. Heslop in chair, before a splendid attendance. All show business was completed. We have plenty of specials and 3 challenge cups and medals. Members who have not a schedule, please send for one. Entries close Nov. 5. Members, rally around and make our show a success. I think admission tickets are selling well. Judges, Mr. Barnes (Grantham) and Mr. Maddison.—Geo. Greenwell, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, Oct. 21, President Donaldson in the chair. Congratulations were bestowed on this young club's first outing at the City of Glasgow show, fifteen members having exhibited 39 birds, and returning with a fair share of the spoils. Next outing, after own show, is the Glasgow and District, when they hope to do even better. Classes for annual show having been gone into, admission tickets and collecting sheets handed out, a friendly discussion on show matters took place. Regret was expressed at the loss of such a popular member as Mr. A. Nicholson, who is going to Cardiff. Two special meetings in above hall, Nov. 4 and 16.—A. H. McLean, sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

NMeeting headquarters, Oct. 25, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Decided that markers visit members' rooms for purpose of marking birds of the last rounds, and so complete their lists. Decided to have staging all round hall for open show, in addition to centre staging we possess. Our chairman again came forward and promised to make same, also three judging tables, if the club would purchase the timber. His kind offer was promptly accepted. Owing to additional classes having been put on this year, it was thought necessary to have another judge, and Mr. J. Johnston (Wallsend), of Green Border fame, is to act in that capacity. The judges for show are now: Mr. Cowgill (Canaries, except Borders); Mr. G. Wilson (Brit., Mule and For.), and Mr. J. Johnston (Borders, etc.).—J. Peacock, sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting held at Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, S.W., Oct. 23. Mr. G. Burton chair, and small number present. Letters read from Mr. D. Jenkins in reference to guaranteeing a hen class, and it was decided that it was too late to do anything in the matter this year. Sec. to thank Mr. Jenkins for his sporting offer. Letter read from Mr. A. J. Pratt submitting sample and price for spoons. Decided to have spoons as per sample, same will have sketch of Border Fancy and wording on handle. Prices for cup also submitted; decided to leave the matter till next meeting. Sec. to arrange for an assortment to be sent to choose from. It is hoped some of the provincial members will by then have sent in their donations to the cup fund, which now amounts to £3 3s.; there is still £2 2s. required. Rev. H. A. Soames (Bromley), W. P. Hewett (Red Hill), R. W. Judd (Ilford) were elected members. Several members' subs. are still unpaid. Sec. will be pleased to receive same as early as possible.—F. Moore, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held 31st Oct., in Cairns Memorial Hall, President, Mr. A. W. Watson, in the chair; a good turnout of members present. We accepted the printing quotation from Mr. Aitken for 100 schedules and 150 catalogues. The President gave account of interview he had with Sec. of S.B.B. and M.C., re patronage. Failing the club granting same, the medals were guaranteed by Mr. Allan and Mr. Watson, this meeting with a round of applause from the members. After some discussion it was agreed to add a class for old Mules and Hybrids (any variety) at our annual show, entry fee 6d. Special committee was appointed to buy and allocate the prizes for annual show. Other items of business in relation to show were left in the hands of secretary. Result of table show:—NOVICES, NOR. YELL. CK. or HEN: 1, 2, Brown. BUFF: 1, Staines; 2, Adam; 3, 4, Brown. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Brown. BUFF: 3, 2, Brown; 3, 4, 5, Hay. SCOTS.: 1, 2, 3, Brown. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. John Holmes for placing the awards brought a very good meeting to a close. Secretary has secured a cup for the best British bird at annual show, also medal for winner, through the generosity of Mr. Wm. Ogilvie.—J. C. Charlton, sec.

EALING AND HANWELL F.S.

Evening show held St. John's Hall, W. Ealing, Oct. 15. Judge, Mr. Rorke. YORKS: 1, sp, Taylor and Wright; 2, 3, Crocket; res, vhc, hc, c, Monger. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Crocket; 3, Bollin; res, vhc, hc, c, Taylor and Wright. MULES: 1, Bollin.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Meeting held Oct. 21; Mr. N. Hopkins occupied the chair. The attendance continues to be good, and we were further encouraged by seeing a few more new faces. New members: Messrs. T. Nisbet and R. Ralston (Newmilns), A. Frew (Galston), W. Taylor and C. Murdoch (Darvel). Mr. Johnston was elected to judge club show, 15th Nov. Intimation given that we could not get Y.M.C.A. Hall for club show. After discussion it was deemed advisable to fall back on Lesser Town Hall, most central and suitable for our purpose. As in all likelihood we should be having the support of some Scotch Fancy breeders, it was agreed to add three classes for this variety. Mr. Wm. McNair kindly offered his services to arrange staging, and several other arrangements were left in the hands of sec. Next meeting Nov. 12, when entries for club show will be received. It is expected all exhibitors will endeavour to have their entries forward on this date. New members will be given a hearty welcome. Come along and join our progressive society.—J. Robertson, junr., sec.

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In the Courts.

More Cruelty to Decoy Birds Punished.

"It is a disgraceful case of cruelty," remarked Mr. H. S. Staveley-Hill, M.P., at Cannock Court, on Oct. 13, when three miners, W. H. Bird, W. Beech, and W. Hodson, were charged with cruelty to a bird at Chadsmoor on September 26th.

According to the evidence of Police-constable Lee, the defendants had a number of poles and nets, and also a "brace" arrangement, attached to which were a couple of live decoy birds. A piece of string, about 50 yards long, was fastened to the brace, and this string was pulled and the live birds knocked up and down to entice birds into the nets. At the time of witness's appearance on the scene one of the decoys was dying, and the other bird had to be put out of its misery.

In fining Bird 10s. and costs, Beech 5s. and costs, and Hodson 2s. 6d. and costs, Mr. Staveley-Hill said that, speaking for himself, he hoped the day was not far distant when the Government would introduce a Bill forbidding the capturing of any English birds whatsoever. The capturing of birds in any conditions led to cruelty, but when such a barbarous system was introduced as had been used in this case it was a disgrace to the persons who called themselves men. "If I have anything to do with it again," added Mr. Staveley-Hill, "I shall send you to prison if you come here any more on such a charge."

In reply to the Bench, Police-constable Lee said the method of catching birds adopted by the defendants was not common in the Cannock district. He thought it had just been introduced from the Black Country. The Bench ordered all the poles, nets, and other tackle to be destroyed.

"ABSOLUTE PERJURY."

A Disagreement at Anfield and the Sequel.

At the Liverpool County Court on Oct. 28, before his Honour Judge Shand, Richard B. Wright, of 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmoor, described as an artist, sued Malcolm E. Wilson, of 201, Breck Road, Everton, boot shop manager, to recover £2 8s. 6d., being the alleged purchase price of five prize Canaries and a carrying cage.—Mr. Quilliam appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Maxwell for the defendant.

The defendant was chairman of the Anfield, Everton and District Cage Bird Society, and the plaintiff until recently had been the secretary of that society. A counterclaim had been entered by the defendant against the plaintiff demanding the return of some silver cups and medals, of which, it was alleged, the plaintiff had obtained possession as secretary of the society, and which he had refused to give up.

Plaintiff said that in the first week of February defendant came to his house and bought one show bird for £1, three show birds at 5s. each, and one show bird for 10s., and a carrying cage for 3s. 6d. He took them away with him. Plaintiff's wife and two sons were present. Defendant said he would pay in a fortnight, but had never paid a halfpenny, notwithstanding a number of applications. Plaintiff added that defendant had subsequently won prizes with the birds.

In cross-examination, plaintiff admitted that he had recently been dismissed from the post of secretary of the Anfield, Everton, and District C.B.S. He denied that this was a "faked claim" because of his having been dismissed from the society.

The two sons of the plaintiff corroborated.

The defendant gave a complete denial of the story. He said he bought three birds, the first being a cock, for which he paid 7s. 6d. on the spot; and about a week afterwards he bought two other birds for 10s. and 5s. respectively, for which he again paid cash. The plaintiff brought the two latter birds to defendant's house in a small carrying cage, and it was arranged that he should call for the cage at his convenience, but he never did call. After the purchase of the birds there was a stormy meeting of the society at witness's shop, at which witness admitted he called plaintiff a "—— cur," and said that prizes were not given to the members for which he had received money.—Cross-examined, defendant denied that he had changed the three birds originally bought for the five now claimed for.

His Honour, in giving judgment, said: This, although a small matter, is certainly a serious one. It is perfectly obvious one side or the other has been committing the most absolute perjury, and after hearing the evidence I have very little doubt which side is doing it. My judgment is for the defendant.

On the application of Mr. Maxwell, his Honour allowed costs and counsel's fee. He excluded the counterclaim on the ground that it pertained to dealings of the society, whereas this action was between individuals.—"Liverpool Echo."

ROUND THE SHOWS.

LEINSTER O.S. (Dublin).

First annual show, held October 28 and 29. We congratulate the committee on their first venture, and record them our sincere wishes for their future success. The society have accumulated funds to enable them to present 3 solid silver cups, and to offer prize-money on full classes of 3 birds, of £1 per class. They have also been very fortunate in getting the generous offer from their presidents, Mr Hawkins and Mr. Morgan, of silver cups. As in all Leinster shows, Yorks. were the principal feature, but yet owing to the strike in Dublin, exhibitors were very chary of sending their birds. The hall is an ideal one for the purpose. Mr. Holly, the able hon. sec., who knows his duties well, had everything in shipshape order. Chairman Mr. Cloke, helped by a hard-working committee, Messrs. Clarke, Birst, McKenzie, O'Byrne, Sheridan, Beegan, Fry and O'Driscoll, did everything for the exhibitors and visitors, and all exhibits were well looked after.

Yorks. were a fine lot, but most of them were not properly finished, but yet there were some gems exhibited. Entries in Norwich were not up to expectations. Considering that there were 6 classes, with a solid silver cup, this was undoubtedly due to the Ulster O.S. holding their show so soon after. Scotch Fancies were not many, but the cream of the section was to be seen on the bench. Mules and Hybrids were indeed a very choice selection, and some of the very best birds were exhibited. Britishers were very well represented. We heard some discontent with regard to the points for the cup. On making enquiries from the committee, we were informed that why the words in schedule, "who have never won a British bird cup outright," were added, was solely to bring out novices, who were very backward in showing their birds, when so many champions were in the field. Foreign birds were extra good. Mr. Battye (Huddersfield) judged, and his awards were received with satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CINN., OR CINN. MKD. CK. (2): 1, Keogh (3), fine bird, good feather, wing carriage, perfect. HENS (7): 1, Ryan, mkd. wing and eye, fine, stylish bird; 2, 4, Cottrell, neck mkd., a stylish lady; 3, Keating, a real good bird; vhc, O'Keeffe; hc, Neville. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, sp., Neville, good length, nice head and neck, well up on good legs, grand long wings; 2, 4, Holly, not quite so slim as leader, nice feather, round head, long flights, very stylish; 3, Keating, fine feather, nice back and shoulders; vhc, O'Keeffe. HENS (10): 1, Keogh, very neat shape, in body, nice wings and tail, tight in front; 2, Cottrell, feather like wax, good long wings, very stylish; 3, Mills, splendid length and shape, good col., nicely feathered, good wings and tail; 4, Gillen; vhc, Hyland; he, O'Keeffe. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, Hyland, beautiful shape and style, good wings and tail, nice col., and full of qual.; 2, Hyland, full of nerve, neat head and shoulders, good wings and tail; 3, Keating, nice head, tail and wings, good feather; 4, O'Reilly; vhc, Gillen; he, Mills. HENS: 1, Hyland, real good one, feather like wax, nice level col., neat head and shoulders; 2, Keogh, very nice feather, good wings and tail, very nervy; 3, Cottrell, long and slim, nicely tapered, good ear., good wings; 4, he, Mills; vhc, Neville. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Keogh, good wings and back, nice head and neck, good tail; 2, O'Keeffe, fine condition and feather, good wings, fine legs; 3, vhc, Hyland, nice pos., good qual. and style; vhc, Gillen. HENS (8): 1, Neville, gem, teaming with quality, nice feather; 2, Quillin, a good bird, long flights, nice tail; 3, O'Keeffe, rare type, good position, grand feather. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Mills, real Yorks., stands like a soldier, nice wings, feather and tail; 2, O'Keeffe, grand bird, nice wings, well up on legs, close on winner; 3, Neville, good head and neck, fine tail, nice feather; 4, Devins; vhc, Quillin; he, Keating. HENS: 1, O'Keeffe, a real lady, stands well up, nice head and neck; 3, O'Reilly, a very nice one, only a bit soft; 4, Keating; NON-FEDS, CL. CK. (7): 1, 2, O'Byrne, real good one, nice wings, tail and feather, 2, close run on winner, good wings and tail; 3, Ryan, good feather and pos.; 4, Sholedice; vhc, he, Sholedice. HEN (7): 1, 3, Regan, real lady, well up, well worth its position, 3, good one, very stylish and nice pos.; 2, O'Byrne, a nice one, followed winner very closely; 4, Mullen; vhc, hc, c, Sholedice. MKD., VARIEG. CK.: 1, Ryan, fine wings, tail and feather; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sholedice, old soldier, has won for the last 8 years, good size, long flights and nice tail, a bit wild; 4, Mullin. HEN (4): 1, Ryan, fine feather and carr., shown in good condition; 2, 3, 4, Sholedice, three good birds in nice condition and feather, leader nice wings and tail; 3rd, fine position, nice wings and tail. NOV., CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, Burtenshaw, leader very slim, straight, good wings and tail; 3rd, nice bird, but a bit soft; 2, 4, vhc, Morgan, good Yorks., nice position, wings and legs, beaten by winner in flights; hc, Duff; c, Reilly. HEN (3): 2, Morgan, well staged, good wing carr. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, Burtenshaw, very nice feather, wings and tail, wins well; 2nd, close run on winner, good wings and tail; 3, McKeon, good wings and tail; 4, Beegan; vhc, Duff; hc, Reilly. HEN (5): 1, Burtenshaw, good pos. and qual.; 2, Duff, like a soldier, straight and well shaped; 3, Morgan, good feather and wings, nice tail and well up; vhc, Beegan. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (9): 1, McKeon, good type, very slim; 2, Burkenshaw, a close run on winner, only beaten in size; 3, McKeon, good feather and carr., nice pos.; 4, Morgan; vhc, McKeon. HEN (5): 1, Morgan, stylish lady, good qual. and pos., wins easily; 2, McKeon, nice feather and style, good wings and legs; 3, Morgan; 4, J. Duff. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Thompson, good subs. and qual., nice feather and pos.; 2nd, bold bird, as good as winner, but a bit soft; 3, O'Keeffe, well staged, fine col. and pos.; 4, O'Reilly; c, Waters; (three birds "wrong-classed"). HEN (4): 1, Alexander, good subs. and qual., nice style, well finished; 2, O'Reilly, well made, good shape and colour; (one bird "wrong-classed"). CL. BUFF CK. (3): 2, Thompson, very good subs., nice cond. and feather. HEN (8): 1, Thompson, good style, subs. and carr., nice wings; 2, hc, O'Reilly, good pos., wings, a bit soft; 3, 4, O'Keeffe, a large bird, but soft, nicely col., good carriage and pos.; vhc, Carleton. VAR. BUFF CK.: 1, Thompson, good qual. and con., fine feather and car.; 2, Cottrell, large bird, fine shape, good wings and subs.; 3, 4, Carleton, nice feather, wings, and legs, good qual.; vhc, O'Reilly. HEN (5): 1, Carleton, good subs., style, and feather, nice carr.; 2, O'Reilly, fine feather, good legs and wings, nice carr.; 3, O'Keeffe, good subs. and qual.; 4, Thompson; vhc, O'Keeffe. SCOTCH FANCY CK. (8): 1, 2, Dunlop, good pos., nice qual. and feather, well shaped; 2nd, equally good, high shoulders; 3, 4, Lavery, nice shoulders and pos., good drive. HEN (6): 1, sp., 3, Lavery, good action and drive, a good yell., very nervy; 3rd, nice bird, good drive and nerve; 2, 4, hc, Dunlop, close on winner, not quite so good in col. or drive; vhc, Lavery. LIGHT CAN. MULE (5): 1, 2, Lavery, four-point yell., good size and col., won easily; 2, four point bull, some thought a bit lucky; 3, 4, Dawson. DARK GOLDF. MULE (6): 1, Hayes, nice yell., medium size, good polish; 2, Devins, very good one, close up; 3, 4, Dawson, buff, non-fed, rather small for bull; 4th, best col. in class, yell., but a bit wild. DARK LINNET (3): 1, Alexander, grand size, stands alone, beauty, wins well. A.O. CAN. MULE (5): 1, Owens and Magee, grand yell. Siskin Mule, shows marking well; 2, Alexander, Greenf. Mule, nice qual. and finish; 3, Carleton, nice qual. and shape; 4, Lavery; vhc, Carley. HYB. (4): 1, Alexander, nice qual. Goldfinch Bullie, not quite finished, flights short; 2, Owens and Magee, Goldie-Siskin, would be improved by col. feeding, very nice hybrid; 3, Alexander, Goldf.-Twite, very good specimen, nice plumage. GOLDF. (5): 1, Alexander, good square blaze, neat tans, nice size, good col.; 2, Dawson, grand face, nice blaze, good subs. and qual.; 2, Dawson, good one, good wings and tanning, steady and stylish. DITTO, F.M. (4): 1, Jackson, very bright blaze, good marking, nice nut brown col., good cap.; 4, another nice bird, grand shape and size, in good cond.; 3, Dawson; 4, O'Byrne. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Dawson, Siskin, beautifully capped and well fed, wins easily; 3rd nice Twite; 2, Holly, Redpoll, good marking, nice nut brown col., good col.; 4, Johnston; vhc, Cloke. LINNET (6): 1, Holly, grand type, markings carried well down, in pink of cond.; 2, Jackson, real nice one in good fettle; 3, vhc, Lavery, good shape, nice lacings and cond.; hc, Dawson. DITTO, F.M. (6): 1, 3, Dawson, good col., very steady, fine cond.; 2, O'Byrne, close on winner, very well marked; 3, Dawson, grand type, a shade smaller than winners; vhc, Waters; hc, Cloke. SKYLARK (4): 1, 2, 3, Dawson, rich nut brown, great size, beautifully pencilled, stands alone; 2, somewhat lucky; 3, grand qual., nut brown, fine size and shape, well finished; 4, Hartford. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Dawson, 1st Jay, mass of spotting, extra large, good cond.; 2, Starling, good pencilling, wonderful polish, very steady; 3rd nice Song Thrush, beautiful col. and markings, wild, or would have gone up one. BULLF. (4): 1, Johnston, good breast col., grand cap and bib, and shows the wing bars to perfection; 2, Dawson, equally as good in qual., wing bars a bit muddy; 3, Devins, the old warrior, age is telling on him. HENS (3): 3, Dawson, good size and qual., nice cond. SEED EATING (10): 1, 2, Dawson, 1st Hawfinch, in the pink of condition, good qual., well fed, last week's winner; 2nd Chaffinch, good col., shows its white well; 3, Waters, Bramble, grand pos., nice qual. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Rathbourne, Jackdaw, grand size and cond., very tame, could be shown in a more suitable cage; 2nd Blackcap, lovely specimen in the pink, our choice for 1st; 3rd Wheatear, a rare specimen on an Irish show bench, with another moult will take some beating; 4, Alexander. PARROT (1): 3, Cloke, Grey Parrot, well shown. FOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Rathbourne, a Ground Thrush, charming specimen and in pink of cond., well staged, easy win; 2, Pagoda Starling, same remarks; 3, Scarlet Tanager, shown in good cond., good col., but a bit wild; 4, Johnstou; vhc, Curley; hc, W. Rathbourne.

SWINDON.

Swindon F. and F.A. had a nice show of cage birds in connection with other sections, on Oct. 25. The 11 classes contained 48 entries; the arrangements were nicely carried out by Mr. Moran, sec. and committee, with Messrs. Greenwood, Edmonds, and Brooks acting as stewards. Mr. J. H. Payne was announced to judge, but was unable to do so, and Mr. Houghton was appointed in his place.

CREST or C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, sp. best in show, Greenwood and Bursou, a good team, possessing good crests and plenty of feather, especially the winner, a grand D.C. NOR. (5): 1, sp, 2, Brooks, two bonny birds, very stout and good col.; 3, c, Greenwood and Burson, nice qual.; vhc, Kilmister. BRED 1913 (4): 1, vhc, Brooks, very promising young Nor.; 2, Kilmister, nice bird, close up; 3, Poole. YORKS (2): 1, 2, sp, Edmonds, Smith, nice thin racy birds. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE or HYB. (6): 1, 2, sp, Edmonds and Smith, a Redpoll-Green, very nice qual., well shown; 2, nice Goldf.-Can.; 3, hc, Leavers; vhc, Poole; c, Mrs. Taylor. BRIT. (5): 1, sp, Edmonds and Smith, very nice Blackcap, well shown; 2, Leavers, good Hawfinch; 3, hc, Jones, Goldfinch; vhc, Reynolds. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, sp, vhc, Leavers, nice Whydah, well shown; 2, 3, Edmonds and Smith, two good Tricoloured Tanagers, leader, the Oxford winner; vhc, Leavers; hc, c, Mrs. Gibbs. LARGE (5): 1, Gibbs, nice Lorikeet; 2, vhc (2), Leavers, good Rock Parrot; 3, Gaull, good grey Parrot. NOV. (7): 1, 2, Ireland; 3, c, Hapgood; vhc, hc, Mockridge. SELL. 10s. (4): 1, 2, Brooks; 3, vhc, Greenwood and Burson.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

First old bird show held Carnival Committee Rooms, Oct. 18. Mr. A. Chew judged to the satisfaction of all. A very good entry was recorded; competition was very keen. Mr. B. H. Wilson, 30 points; Mr. Richmond, 28; Mr. Steel, 25; Mr. Page, 24; Mr. Baldwinson, 23; Mr. Etherington, 18. Mr. Steel gained sp best Yorks, Mr. Page best Nor., also unflighted Nor., Mr. B. H. Wilson colour food sp, also best Hyb., Mr. Etherington best Brit., Mr. Palmer best vhc bird in Brit. classes.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS CK.: 1, c, Richmond; 2, 3, Steel; vhc, hc, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, 3, Richmond; 2, Mitchell; vhc, Page; hc, c, Steel. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Steel; 2, Richmond; 3, Jones; vhc, Page. BUFF: 1, 3, Steel; 2, vhc, Baldwinson; hc, c, Mitchell. SELF: 1, vhc, hc, Richmond; 2, 3, Page. HEN: 1, 3, Baldwinson; 2, vhc, Richmond; hc, Mitchell. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Baldwinson; 3, vhc, Steel. CL. OR TKD. NOR.: 1, B. H. Wilson; 2, vhc, hc, Page; 3, c, Moore. UNFLIG.: 1, sps, Page; 2, 3, vhc, B. H. Wilson; hc, c, Etherington. LINNET. ETC.: 1, 2, Palmer; 3, vhc, Jones; hc, Wilson; c, Etherington. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, sp, B. H. Wilson; vhc, c, Etherington; hc, Jones. BULLF., ETC.: 1, 2, sp, Etherington; 3, B. H. Wilson; vhc, sp, Palmer; hc, c, Jones.—W. H. Steel, Sec.

PAIGNTON.

Paignton and Torbay O.S. held their seventh open show on Oct. 29, at the Badmilton Hall, Paignton. This hall is admirably adapted for a bird show, and capable of holding quite twice the quantity of birds than the committee were able to stage this year; in fact, it would be difficult to find a better hall anywhere. The entry this year is rather less, accounted for by Taunton and Hayle holding shows on the same day. This should be remedied another year. Paignton have kept to their usual date. Surely something could be done to avoid shows in the same district clashing. The quality throughout was really good. Norwich came up well, and in this section the competition for CAGE BIRDS Coupon specials was very keen, W. Redwood winning the diploma with a variegated buff of wonderful substance, which has a winning career in front of him. Yorks. numbered only 26 in 6 classes, the Coupon spl. being won by Mr. Buckingham's clear bull; this bird also winning the 10s. spl. for best Coupon bird in show. It is a wonderful Yorks., being stylish and of really splendid feather. Crests and C.B. were few (7 in two classes), and the whole of the winners belonged to local fanciers. In the Mule section the feature was the number of Canary Bullies on view, there being five of this cross in the two classes. Some comment was passed on the fact that two were in the variegated class, but these had light feathers both in tail or wings. Mrs. Askham won the diploma with her exhibit. British were on the whole poor for Paignton, but Foreign, though few in numbers, were extra good in quality. Mr. Wade's Crimson Wing taking the diploma. This bird was greatly admired. The members' classes contained many real toppers, the Norwich especially being a grand lot, whilst the winning Goldfinch was easily the best of its kind in the show. Some of the exhibitors missed a glorious opportunity to win CAGE BIRDS 10s. novice special, which had not a single competitor. Novice birds were good, but their owners are over-modest. The arrangements were carried out in the usual perfect fashion always associated with Paignton. Messrs. Jeffery and Son did everything needful for the welfare of birds and visitors, and were ably seconded by a committee of true fanciers, of whom none worked harder than the Chairman, Mr. A. H. Innes, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. Daw, and Messrs. Badcott, Hodge, and Wyatt. The President of the Society, H. Whitley, Esq., lent some remarkable chrysanthemums and palms for decoration of the hall, and generally took great interest in the society. Mr. Easterling judged open classes, and Mr. T. Pope members', and the awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, Plymouth 2nd in good trim, a true Nor. in type, with good subs.; 2, Scholes, good type, nice head; 3, Rowden, good bird but rather on small side, excellent feather; vhc, Spillman; hc, Sanders; c, Redwood. BUFF (8): 1, spl, and "C.B." diploma, Redwood, variegated buff, grand head and subs.; 2, Gill and Pethick, clear, good type and feather, must have run close; 3, Taylor, cl., grand body and qual.; vhc, Spillmau; hc, Voyce; c, Scholes. HEN YELL. (5): 1, c, spl, Gill and Pethick, the bird passed at Plymouth, gem, good col., wonderful size; 2, hc, Nicks, fails in col., but a nice hen; 3, Redwood, wing mark, good type; vhc, Sanders. BUFF (9): good class: 1, spl., Gill and Pethick, grand cl., good subs. and shape; 2, Spillman, excels in feather, good one for a non-flight, should make a name; 3, Nicks, cl., excellent type; vhc, Redwood; hc, Casely; c, Rowden. YELL. NON-FLIGHT (7): 1, spl., Gill and Pethick, looks like Wimbledon winner, grand col. and shape; 2, 3, Casely, cap mark, graud shape and col.; 3, Noyce, cl., fails col., grand type and feather; vhc, hc, Spillman; c, Parish. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, grand shape, one of the shortest Nor. in show; 2, Fox, rather coarse in feather, though good type, might have given place to 3, Noyce, grand bird, fails only in compactness to winner; vhc, Nicks; hc, Taylor; c, Daw. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl., Dykes, good feather and style, well up on leg; 2, Yorke, longest bird in class, fails only in style; 3, Buckingham, good wing carr. and style; vhc, Bing; hc, Rogers; c, Boundy. BUFF: 1, spl, Coupon 10s. spl, Buckingham, grand bird in all respects, true Yorks., wins well; 2, Stonelake, nicely carried wings, good feather and type; 3, Boundy, unlucky to meet such toppers, real good bird, well shown; vhc, Dykes; hc, Claren. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, spl, Dykes, cl., beautiful style and feather; 2, Richards, cl., beaten in col. and shape; 3, Stonelake, Cinn. mark, grand feather, well up on leg; vhc, Buckingham; hc, Wilton; c, Craven. BUFF (3): 1, spl., Buckingham, excels in length and style; 2, Dykes, grizzle neck, long, reachy, typical; 3, Richards, cl., good feather, well up on leg. YELL. NON-FLIGHT (6): 1, spl, Dykes, bird of great promise; 2, Buckingham, cl., nice length and col.; 3, Heathman, another good one; vhc, Richards; hc, Berry; c, Yorke. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Buckingham, pale in col., but grand bird all over, wins well; 2, Dyke, good, well up on leg, loses only in length to winner; 3, Yorke, cl., nice style, well braced; vhc, Berry; hc, Craven. BORDER, YELL. (6): 1, spl, vhc, G. H. Pratt, well-known winner, in grand trim; 2, A. J. Pratt, cl., smooth as glass; 3, hc, Bolsworth, very neat; c, Bollet and Wall. BUFF (8): 1, spl, A. J. Pratt, grand type and style; 2, hc, G. H. Pratt, close up, excellent feather; 3, vhc, A. J. Pratt, very little behind winner; c, Bolsworth. CREST (4): 1, spl, 3, Cockram, leader wing mark, grand shaped crest, good centre; 2, vhc, Williams, green, grand spread, well shown. C.-B.: 1, spl, 3, Williams, leader good green, grand entrance; 2, Cockram, variegated, nice size and length of feather. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl, Berry, grand Belgian; 2, Taylor, nice yell. Cinn. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, diploma, 3, Mrs. Askham, two grand Canary-Bullies, with white flights and tail, splendid feather and well shown; 2, Lamb, almost cl. buff Goldie-Canary, grand shape and qual.; vhc, hc, Mrs. Middleton; c, Southens. DARK (4): 1, spl, Mrs. Middleton, grand Linnet-Can., in splendid fettle; 2, Lamb, well-known Canary-Bullie, might have won; 3, Voysey, young Canary-Bullie, Exeter winner and will improve; vhc, Lamb. HYB. (3): 1, spl, Mrs. Middleton, Linnet-Bullie, grand size and shape, easy winner; 2, Lamb, very nice Goldie-Bullie; 3, Simpson, Goldie-Bullie, hardly fit yet. GOLDF. (3): 1, spl, Taylor; 2, Wilton; 3, Chyne, hardly in show trim yet. BULLF.: 1, spl, Evans, grand, in best of fettle, good col.; 2, Skinner; 3, Derrick, wants more time. CHAFF., &c. (6): 1, sp., Evans, good Greenfinch, tight as wax; 2, Fox, another real good Greenie; 3, Bears, nice Bramble; vhc, c, Skinner hc, Roper. A.O.V.: 1, Derrick, very fair Hawfinch. SMALL: 1 spl, Bears, grand Snow Bunting; 2, Lamble, nice Cirl Bunting. FOR. (SMALL): 1, spl, Lee, good Gouldian Finch; 2, 3, vhc, Pulsford, pretty Pintail Nonpareil and Tovi Parrakeet. LARGE (2): 1, spl, diploma, Wade, Crimson Wing, grand exhibit, well shown; 2, Pulsford, nice Cockatiel. MEMBERS.—NOR YELL (12): 1, spl, Noyce, grand yell., would win in open; 2, vhc, Jeffrey and Sons; 3, Redwood, hc, Nicks; c, Wyatt. BUFF (8): 1, Noyce; 2, c, Redwood, 3, Daw, vhc, Jeffrey and Son, hc, Mrs Skardon. HEN (6): 1, Noyce; 2, vhc, Jeffrey and Son; 3, Sanders; c, Wyatt. YELL. NON-FLIGHT (6): 1, spl, Noyce, grand feather and shape, will make a good winner; 2, Daw; 3, Sanders; vhc, Fox hc, Lamble. BUFF: 1, Redwood, 2, Noyce; 3, Nicks; vhc, Jeffrey and Sons; hc, Daw, c, Fox. YORKS YELL. (3): 1, spl, Heathman, grand cl., wins easily; 2, Clark; 3, Innes. BUFF (1): 1, Clark; 2, Sanders. GREEN (3): 1, 2, Innes; 3, Madge. HEN (6): 1, 2, Clark; 3, Innes; vhc, Badcott, hc, c, Roper. YELL. NON-FLIGHT: 1, spl, 2, Blower; 3, Clay; vhc, hc, Badcott; c, Roper. NON-FLIGHT BUFF: 1, vhc, Badcott; 2, Blower; 3, hc, Sander; c, Clay. CREST.: 1, Williams. C.B. (2): 1, Williams; 2, Roper. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Roper, Rollers. CAGE OF FOUR HENS (5): 1, spl, Jeffs; 4 grand Norwich hens; 2, Nicks; 3, Innes; vhc, Skardon; hc, Roper. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, 3, Roper; 2, Innes; vhc, Roper; hc, c, Sanders. LIGHT MULE: 1, 3, Phillips; 2, vhc, Wyatt. DARK: 1 Wyatt; 2, Lamble; 3, Phillips; vhc, Fox; hc, Roper. GOLDF.: 1, spl, Innes, best Finch in show; 2, 3, Phillips. SMALL HARD: 1, 2, 3, Roper; vhc, Phillips. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Roper. FOR. SMALL SOFT: 1, Nicks; 2, 3, Pulsford. LARGE: 1, Pulsford; 2, Roper. JUNIOR NOR.: 1, Burridge; 2, Master Midge. YORKS 1, spl, 2, Master Badcott; 3, Burridge. A.O.V. CAN 1, Badcott. GIFT: 1, Fox; 2, Daw; 3, Noyce; vhc, Jeffrey, hc, Bastard; c, Wyatt.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

Annual show held at the Albert Hall, Oct 29. The building is an ideal place for a show, free from draughts and well lighted. The exhibits were not large in number through so many shows being held in the district within two or three days, but some fine exhibits, both Norwich and Borders, were staged. Mr. Madagan put down some rare good Borders, securing special for best bird in show. Mr. J. B. Houghton judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Jones, good head and neck, good bold front, neat wings and tail; 2 Miller, variegated, good entrance to head good broad skull, well filled in back; 3, Crowley, typical, stands well across perch, in rare con., close up behind leaders; vhc, Hitchings; hc, Muscott; c, Price. BUFF: 1, 2, Tedstone, brace of variegated bulls, leader neat head and neck, stands well across perch, in good form, 2nd good bold front, well filled in back, hardly so fine in feather as leader; 3, Price, but nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail, fails in head to leaders; vhc, Lewis; hc, Crowley; c, George. HEN: 1, Tedstone, cl. bull, sweet head and neck, neat wings and tail, well filled at back; 2, Hitchings, yell., nicely moulded body, well filled in back, neat wings and tail, nice soft feather, fails a trifle in head to leader; 3, Price, cl. yell., stands well across perch, neat wings and tail; vhc, c, Muscott; hc, Jones. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Jones, cl. yell. takes CAGE BIRDS diploma, good broad skull, good subs., well filled in back, neat wings and tail, stands well across perch; 2, cl. buff, nicely moulded, sweet head and neck, stands well across perch in fine form; 3, Capt. Collier, variegated, yell., good head and neck, neat wings and tail, stands well across perch vhc, Tedstone; hc, George; c, Miller. YORKS CK.: 1, Bevan, eye and wing mkd. buff, straight as a rush nice texture of feather, in the pink of condition; 2 Morgan, cl. buff, stands well on perch, good back, neat wings and tail, nice length; 3, Mock, good length, straight as a rush, hardly so fine in feather as leaders; vhc, Price. HEN: 1, Phillips, cl. buff, straight as a rush, nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail; 2, Mock, cl. buff, capital length, stands well on perch, well filled in back, close up; 3, Cook, cl. yell., nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail, hardly the length as leaders; vhc, Bevan. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Madagan, gem for type and style, beautiful neat head, nice wedge shaped body, perfect wings and tail, a real good one, wins special best bird in show; 2, vhc, Jenkins another gem, in the pink of condition, put down in excellent form, very close behind leader; 3, Beard, very stylish, sweet head and neck, neat wings and tail; hc, Tedstone; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Madagan, sweet exhibit, beautifully moulded, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail feather like a Java; 2, vhc, Jenkins, yet another beauty, in tip-top form, hardly so fine in feather as leader; 3, Beard, sweet head and neck, neat wings and tail, in fine form; hc, Tedstone; c, Smith. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Beard, wins "C.B." diploma, variegated, crest, good width of entrance, nicely domed crest, grand lashings; 2, Muscott, green crest, rare head, nicely domed, hardly so dense crest as leader. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hughes Bros., four-pointed Goldf.-Can., in fine form; 2, Groom, lightly mkd. Goldf.-Can., grand feather, neat braced wings and tail, fails in substance to leader; 3, vhc, Muscott, Bullf.-Goldf., not in condition yet; hc, c, Davies. GOLDF.: 1, Fairhurst, in tip-top order, fine flush face, grand shape, well buttoned, in grand bloom; 2, Roberts, well up in blaze, nice bars and buttons, not the subs. of leader; 3, Miller, neatly braced wings, neat body, fails in colour to leaders; vhc, Hughes Bros. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Ford, Redpoll, in tip-top condition, feather like a Java; 2, c, Heal, Linnet, nice type, with a wealth of markings; 3, vhc, Fairhurst, Siskin, grand size and shape, beautiful markings, in fine form; hc, Bancroft. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Fairhurst, Bramble, shapely, nice chestnut, beautifully spangled, in grand condition, wins; 2, hc, Miller, Jonque Greenfinch, good size and shape, bold head and front, nice quality; 3, Bancroft, Bramble, beautifully spangled, grand cond., not the size of winner; vhc, Groom; c, Girle. FOR. LARGE: 1, 2, Muscott, leader a good King Parrot in grand bloom; 2nd grand Lorrikeet, in good order, lovely shades of col., ran leader hard. SMALL: 1, Ford, Tanager in grand bloom, staged in faultless cond.; 2, 3, Muscott, brace of Gouldian Finches in tip-top form, grand colour and markings; vhc, Humphreys. SELL.: 1, Jenkins; 2, Price; 3, Muscott; vhc, Miller. 10s.: 1, Groom; 2, Shopland; 3, Price; vhc, Muscott; hc, c, Davies. MEMBERS' A.V.: 1, 3, Muscott; 2, vhc, Beard; hc, Williams. NOV. A.V.: 1, Davies; 2, Girle; 3, Master Lionel; vhc, Miss Jones; hc, Solomon; c, Solomon.

CHORLEY C.B.S.

Show held Oct. 22 in Shepherds' Hall, Chapel St. There was a good attendance; exhibits numbered 36, and were judged by Mr. J. Netherwood. NOR. BUFF CK.: 1, McLean; 2, Langton; 3, Turner; 4, Worthington. YELL.: 1, McLean; 2, Woods; 3, 4, Turner. YELL.: 1, McLean; 2 Turner. BUFF: 1, McLean; 2, Turner. YORKS BUFF COCK: 1, Ashton; 2, Butler; 3, 4, M Lean. YORKS YELL.: 1, 2, McLean; 3, Haten. BUFF HEN: 1 Hatch; 2, Butler. FOR.: 1, Worthington. LINNET: 1, Langton, 2, Ball; 3, Lowe; 4, Jennison. COLOUR: 1, McLean; 2, Ball; 3, Langton; 4, Worthington A.O. BRIT: 1, Wilkins; 2, Weiss. MULE: 1, Ball; 2, Worthington; 3, Weiss; 4, Powell. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. J. H. Weiss.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

C. EDWARDS, 15, West-st., Leominster. Judge of Cage Birds, specialist Crests, Mules, Norwich. Terms moderate. 30 years' experience.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

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J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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W. VAREY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, Nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

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PRINTERS ERROR in Schedule. } Novice Norwich Classes should be: Amateur classes no price limit. Class 3 should read: Ticked Yellow Cock; Class 4, Ticked Buff Cock; Class 5, Clear or Ticked Yellow Hen; Class 6, Clear or Ticked Buff Hen.

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Banbridge

Cage Bird and Pigeon Association Annual Show will be held in TOWN HALL, Banbridge, on Thursday and Friday, 6th and 7th November.

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F.A. 25th Annual Show of Cage Birds, to be held at The Hammersmith House Club, off King Street, Hammersmith, Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 6 and 7. Judge, J. Robson, Esq.; J. Dewhurst, Hon. Sec., 52, North End Road, West Kensington, W.

QUEENBOROUGH KENT

1st Annual Show (open to Kent) will be held on Friday and Sat., Nov. 7th and 8th. Judges: Cage Birds, G. Gardner, London; Poultry, F. J. S. Chatterton, London; Rabbits, G. Gardner; Pigeons, Harry Hyde, Kempton Park. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Schedules ready. Entries close Oct. 31st.—A. Cundiff, Hon. Sec., 27, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.

SKELMANTHORPE

C.B.A. (under Yorks. Union of C.B.S. Rules and the Yorks. Junior Novice Comp.) The 9th Annual Exhibition of Canaries (open to the United Kingdom), in Working Men's Club, on Sat. Nov. 8 (3 minutes' walk from Skelmanthorpe Station). Judge, A. Hirst, Accrington. Entries close on Tues., Nov. 4 (see Union rules).—F. Hampshire, Sec.

FORFAR

Fourth Annual Open Show on

NOV. 8.

Under patronage of F.C.B.U. Grand classification. Four money prizes, 2 Challenge Cups, and Medalion, also a great number of specials. Judges: F. Morrison, J. Hamilton, and R. Watson. Entry money, 1/6.

Entries Close on Nov. 3rd.

Schedules from: D. Kerr, 15, Green St., Forfar.

HARTLEPOOL'S

NOVEMBER 8th, 1913.

Up-to-date Classification; Magnificent Specials. Judges: Messrs. Battye and Mundell. Schedules from—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs., West House, Victoria Road, West Hartlepool.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND

N.M.B. and F. Bird Club. Annual Members' Show will be held in Crown Halls, Sauchiehall St., Nov. 8. Over 90 classes. Handsome array of cups and specials. Entry money, 4d. per cage. Under patronage of S.P.C. Entries close Tues., Nov. 4. Schedules: F. Taylor, 134, Earleston Avenue, Glasgow.

CLEATOR MOOR,

CUMBERLAND.

F.S. Tenth Annual Open Show of Poul., Pg., and Cage Birds will be held on Nov. 8th. Judges: Cage Birds, J. Thornton, Liscard, Cheshire; Racing Pigeons, G. Watson, Hillside, Disley; Poultry, T. Garner, Abbey Town. Grand classification. Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules—Jas. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor.

ABERTILLERY & SIX BELLS SOC.

6th Annual Show, Nov. 11 and 12, Drill Hall. 19 classes for Cage Birds. Judge, D. A. S. Longton, Swansea. Entries close Nov. 6. Schedules: Ed. Churchill, Abertillery, Mon.

BODMIN NOVEMBER 12th.

Judge, Mr. S. Tickell. Entries close 4th.—A. E. Jago, Secretary.

KEITH, N.B. 12th Nov.

44 Classes Cage Birds (only). Judges: Can., W. B. Mackie, Aberdeen; Mules, Brit., and For., Henry Thomson, Keith. Schedules—Alex. Rhind, 154, Moss Street.

PEMBROKE DOCK

Nov. 12th. Poultry, Pig., Cage Birds, Rab., Chrysanthemums. 95 Open Classes. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close Nov. 5th.—Sec., E. A. Catherall, 80, Meyrick Street.

ALNWICK

NOV. 12.

"Cage Birds" Coupons, N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.'s and B.F.C.'s patronage. 28 open classes. 3 Money Prizes and Specials every class. Also numerous extra specials. 1/- entrance. Judges, A. Hay and J. Maddison.

Entries close Nov. 8.

R. Forster, 42, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.

SITTINGBOURNE

C.B.S. November 12th and 13th, 1913. Open to all England. Judge, Geo. Gardner, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry tee, 1/9 per exhibit. Classes: Canaries, 9 Nor., 9 Yorks., 2 Crests, 2 Borders, 1 Lizard, 1 Scotch Fancies or Belgians, 1 Lancashire, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule or Hybrid: British, 6 classes, 1 Hard., 1 Soft., 2 For., 3 Selling, 1 Gift. At this fixture "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition will be in progress. Entries close Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 1913. Schedules of W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.

ILFRACOMBE. November 13th

Grand Open Show of Cage Birds. 50 classes. Prize-Money 10/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee 1/6. Judge, W. G. Elsmore, Esq., Taunton. Entries close Nov. 7th. Schedule of E. J. Gibbe, Sec., 1, Hermitage Road, Ilfracombe.

Canary exhibitors, kindly note this important item. Your birds will be carefully judged by

J. ROBSON,
of London.

And it is the only show on this date that has engaged a specialist judge for the Canary Section only. 28 Open Classes in the Canary Section.

The COUPON SHOW for next week is

SWANSEA

13th Annual Show for CAGE BIRDS only, NOVEMBER 12th & 13th. 56 Open Classes

See this week's show review.

No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Prize money within seven days of the show. Exhibitors, send for schedule and read for yourself what a noted exhibitor write of our last show. **Entries close Thursday next, Nov. 6th.** Schedules from **S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.**

Mules, Hybrid and British exhibitors we have given you 25 Classes. They will be carefully judged by

C. HOULTON,
St. Helens, Lancs.

And it is the only show on this date that has engaged a specialist judge for this section only. **British Exhibitors, support such a classification as this. 25 Open Classes.**

LOWESTOFT

25th SHOW.

Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds (confined to Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex). **Nov. 12th and 13th.** Judge, Mr. W. E. Greeves. **Entries close Nov. 1st. Schedules from—E. L. A. Crow, London Road, Lowestoft.**

Bristol

Cage Bird Society 7th Annual Show, Wed. and Thurs., Nov. 12th and 13th. Judge, **Mr. J. H. Payne.—B. Pool, 37, Manor Road, Bishopston, Bristol, Sec.**

PORTSMOUTH

Fanciers' Society 27th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds, in the Kingsley Hall, Fawcett Road, Southsea, Nov. 12 and 13. Entries close Nov. 4th.** Cage Bird judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. **Schedules: W. E. Tyrrell, Hon. Sec., 85, Victoria Road South, Portsmouth.**

Don't Miss

STOKE-ON-TRENT

Nov. 13th.

One Day only.

Seven Novice Nor., seven Novice Yorks. Classes. Grand lot of Cash Specials. **Splendid Showroom.** Prompt payment of prize money. **Cage Birds Coupon Competition.** Judge, J. H. Roe. **Schedules from: J. Pitchford, 218, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.**

SELBY

Nov. 13th.

In Museum Hall (two minutes' walk from station). 7 classes Yorks., 7 Nor., 7 Brit., 8 Novice. Four money prizes and specials. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. Entrance fee, 1/6. **Entries close Nov. 8th. —John Hy. Dixon, Sec., 72, Brook Street, Selby.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and District

10th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds open to the United Kingdom, will be held in the new Parish Hall, on **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14th and 15th, 1913, under the patronage of the N.L.C., Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B., N.C.C., and S.O.C. Sixty Open Classes. Good Specials. Judges, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and W. Mundell. Entries close November 8th, 1913.** As soon as ready, schedules will be sent to all last year's exhibitors. — **G. Havver, Hon. Sec., 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.**

NOTTINGHAM

CAGE BIRD SHOW. NOV. 14 and 15.

Patronage of C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., L. and L.F.A., L.C.A. 73 open classes. 14 Specialist Judges. "Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Cups, Medals, Diplomas, and other Valuable Specials. **Schedules: Hon. Assist. Sec., J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St., Nottingham.**

Galashiels

Show, **Nov. 15th,** of Scotch and Bor. Fanc., Nor., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds. Judges: Scotch Fcy., 12 classes, A. Paterson and Jas. Carson; Bor., 10 (double judging), J. Tait and Jas. Alexander; Nor., R. G. Cameron; Mules, Brit., and For. Birds, 10, Jas. Mason. **Entries close Nov. 10th. Schedules—J. Brown, 153, Croft Street, Galashiels.**

INVERNESS

Ornithological Association. The 33rd Annual Show of Can., Brit. Birds, Mules and Hybrids, Pig., and Bantams will be held **in Music Hall, on Wed., 19th Nov.** next. 104 Classes, and over 120 Special Prizes, including three handsome silver cups, also "Cage Birds" Special Coupon Prizes. Judges: Can., Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Brit. and For. Birds, Mules and Hybrids, Mr. D. Ross, Forres; Pig., Mr. J. Anderson, Forres; Bantams, Mr. A. W. Falconer, Ardersier. Schedules—**John Connochie, Craigalea, Percival Road. Hon. Sec.**

PENTREBACH, Glam.

Nov. 17, 1913.—A. E. Brown, 60, Clare St., Merthyr.

AVONBRIDGE

U.S., Nov. 15th. 10th Open Show. Good classification. **37 Classes.** Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. No Models. Judges: J. Hamilton (Eskbank) and J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh). Schedules—**P. Gentleman, Cowan's Buildings.**

BLAENAVON

Nov. 20. Great Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. Prize Money, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Judges, O. E. Hodge, Esq., W. Hawkins, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 15th.** Numerous specials. Schedules from: **F. D. Willis, 17, Ton Mawr Road, Blaenavon, Mon.**

BISHOP AUCKLAND

Cage Bird Show.

November 19th.

Entries Close Nov. 10th.

Judge: H. W. Battye, Esq.

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Medals, including Sandiford's for Hottest, Royal Red, and other valuable Specials.

Schedules from: **Nathan and Elliott, Hon. Secs., Raby Avenue, Bishop Auckland.**

BOLDON COLLIERY

F. & F. S. Third Ann. Open Show of Can., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds. Judge, T. Robson, Esq. 8 classes. Prize Money guaranteed. Classification next week. **Schedules ready.—Hirons and Scott, Sec., 119, Charles Street, Boldon Colliery, Durham.**

PENZANCE

NOV. 19th & 20th.

38 Classes. Numerous Specials. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry fee 1/6. Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon. **Entries close Nov. 13. Schedules, etc., from: W. C. Bodinnar, Hon. Sec., 18, Leskinnick Terrace, Penzance.**

Ramsgate

Nov. 19 and 20, Coupon Show. G. Gardner, Esq., judge. Many Specials. Coupon novices well catered for. **Schedules ready. Hurry up, give your birds a change of air at our lovely town.—F. Thomas, 29, Chatham Street.**

CARDIFF

Nov. 19th and 20th.

Silver Cup £7 10/- Norwich, Silver Cup £10 Yorkshire, Silver Cup £7 10/- British, Silver Cup £4 Border. **"C.B." Coupons Competition, 60 classes. Judges, Messrs. Payne and Robson. Schedule: E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff.**

WIVELISCOMBE (SOM.)

Nov. 20. Prompt Settlement. No Amalgamation. **Entries close Nov. 11.** Judge, J. H. Payne. Schedules: **Hill and Dascombe, Secs.**

WINDERMERE

Open Show, £7 10/- Limit. Pig. and **Cage Birds., Thurs., Nov. 20th.** Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Specials every class. Judge, A. J. Gladwin.—**Sec., Frank S. Hunter, Windermere.**

GLASGOW and DIST. C.B.A.

Great Open Show, **Fri. and Sat., Nov. 21 and 22,** Drill Hall, Grendyke Street. Nor. 22 classes, Crests 10 classes, Bord. 10 classes, Yorks. 10 classes, Mules, Brit., and For., 29 classes. Under patronage of S.P.C., S.C.C.C., B.F.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scotland, and S.B.B. and M.B.C. Specialist judges. 30/- per class. Cup, Medals, and Specials galore. **Schedules, Nov. 7.—W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St., Glasgow.**

ARBROATH C.B.S.

Annual Show to be held on **Sat., Nov. 22nd.** Judges, James F. Dewars and W. Mossie. **39 classes** for Nor. Borders, Brit., and For. **£1 Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Entry fee only 1/6.** Under the patronage of the B.F.C. Club and F.C.B. Union, and **Coupon Show. Model cards only 6d. each. Fanciers, note this: Numerous Specials. Entries close Nov. 17. Schedules from: John Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.**

BIGGAR & DIS.

Poul. A. Show (open), Poul., Pig., **Cage Birds,** Rab., **Sat., Nov. 22.** Judges: Bord. Mr. P. MacKenzie. Nor. and Brit. Mr. J. Winter. Edinburgh. **Entries close Nov. 15.** Schedules: **J. B. Cameron, Sec., Westend, Biggar.**

INVERURIE N.B.

Nov. 22nd, C.B. Show. 42 classes. 2 Cups. Numerous specials. Good money. Judge, W. D. Milne, Montrose. Sched.: **J. Simpson, 68, Market Place.**

CRAMLINGTON

Cage Bird Society 5th Annual Show, in Co-operative Hall, on Sat., Nov. 22nd, 17 Open Classes. **Prize Money guaranteed,** as per Rule in schedule. This is now one of the established shows of the North. **Exhibitors please send entries. Entries close Nov. 15.** See previous year's reports in "Cage Birds" of success of this show. **Schedules** to be obtained from—**J. R. Chestney, Sec.**

UDDINGSTON

SHOW, NOV. 22nd.

Classes: 6 Scot Fancy, 6 Yorks., 9 Bord. Fancy, 16 Nor. (Crests and Plainheads). Numerous specials, also gold medal, silver cup, and silver rosebowl to be won outright. See schedule. **Entries close morning of show. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry 1/6 each bird.—James Cosgrove, Sec., 2, Crolthank Terrace, Bothwell.**

Remember,

HALTWHISTLE

The Premier Show of the North. 3rd Annual Open Show, on Fri. and Sat., Nov. 22nd and 23rd. Coupon Show. Judges, Mr. J. Patterson and Mr. T. Dixon. Under the patronage of N.N.C.C., B.F.C.C., and N.B.C.C. Special for every class; also Section Specials. Four money prizes. Entries, 1/-. **Schedules ready shortly.—Wm. Tallantyne, South View, Haltwhistle.**

Buckhaven

& DIS.

C.B.S. Show, to be held on

NOV. 22nd.

in the **Bowling Green Hall, Methil.** Three Cups, Gold and Silver Medals. Over 60 Specials.

Entries close on 17th.

Wm. Foster, Sec., 105, Randolph St., Buckhaven, Fife.

PRESTON O.S.

Nov. 21 and 22, Foresters' Hall, under patronage of N.P.C. and G.C.A., and L. and Y.B.C. and "Cage Birds" coupon and diploma show. **Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in every variety. Entry fee, 1/6.** Judges, Mr. T. Trengove and Mr. A. Wellings. **Entries close Nov. 13. Schedules from: T. Barton, 101, Church Street, Preston.**

STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Nov. 22nd.

42 Classes, 4 Money Prizes, Specials every class. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Maddison. **Entries close Nov. 15. Schedules ready.—J. W. Lowes, Sec., 17, Canning St., Stockton-on-Tees.**

CHESTER-LE-STREET

Coupon Show, Nov. 22, in the Mechanics' Institute Hall. 29 Open Classes (5 Novices). Judges, T. Dixon, Can., J. Hands, Brit., etc. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; 1/- entry fee. **Special in every class. Entries close Nov. 17. No cancelling. No amalgamating. Schedules: R. Ward, Sec., 16, Wark Street, Chester-le-Street, Durham.**

LAUNCESTON SHOW

Nov. 25th.

C. H. Toy, Esq., Judge.
H. Hoskin, Hon. Sec., St. Thomas Hill.

SOUTH CO. DUBLIN KINGSTOWN

Under the Patronage of the Y.C. and C.B.S. Ireland. **Nov. 26th and 27th.** Judge, H. Norman, Esq. **56 Classes. Entries close Sat., Nov. 23rd. Write for schedule.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec., 14, Tivoli Terrace N., Kingstown.**

WINSFORD & Dis.

C.B.S. 2nd Annual open show. **Wed., Nov. 26th.** Now working-men fanciers, help to make it a success, send on your entries early. Splendid classification. Noted judge, J. Walsh, Esq., of Blackburn. Schedules from: **Sydney S. Brooks, 165, Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire.**

TREDEGAR (Mon.)

"C.B." Coupon Show, Dec. 11, 1913. Judge, R. Halliday, Esq. Patronage W.C.B.C.—W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace, Tredegar.

Coventry O.S.

37th Annual Open Show, Nov. 15. Splendid Classification and Specials. Prize Money Guaranteed. No cancelling; no amalgamation. Judge, John Robson, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 10. Schedules: A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street, Coventry.**

Blairgowrie

NOV. 22nd.

Judge, Mr. J. Goodfellow. 20 Classes. 17/6 Prize Money. Entry money, 1/6. Good Specials. **No model cards to pay for. Schedules from: M. Irvine, Sec., Blairgowrie.**

SEVENOAKS

(Kent) OPEN SHOW,

Nov. 26th. Poul., Pg., Cage Birds, Rab., Cavies. Judges: Messrs. Clem Watson and Geo. Gardner. Cups and Specials. **Entries close Nov. 19th.** For schedules apply—**A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage, Sevenoaks.**

SALE

C.B.S. OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, BRITISH, and FOREIGN

Birds will be held on Fri. and Sat., **Nov. 28th and 29th,** in the Technical Schools, Sale. Judges: Thos. Harrison and J. W. Metcalfe. 52 classes, including 10 Novice, 5 for Nor., and 5 for Yorks. Plenty of specials. **Schedules—G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross Street, Sale.**

Newtownards

and Dist. **Cage Bird Show,** held **Town Hall, Dec. 5 and 6, 1913. 33 open classes.** 9 members' classes. Judge, Jacob Carson, Belfast. **Entries close Monday, Dec. 1. Schedules from: Wm. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street, Newtownard.**

THRUMS, Kirriemuir

C. and C.B.A. will hold their Annual Open Show on **6th Dec. "C.B." Coupon Show.** Under patronage of the B.F.C.C. and F.C.B.U. Grand classification for 1/6 entry, money including specials. Judges: Wm. Bishop, Esq., Stirling, for Nor. and Wild Birds; Wm. Dods, Esq., Edinburgh, for Borders. **Entries close on Monday, 1st Dec. Schedules —Joe Stevenson, 6, Muir Street, Kirriemuir.**

MUSSELBURGH

O.S. 2nd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in **Town Hall, Dec. 6, 1913.** Four specialist judges, J. Carson, Dalkeith, J. Winter, Edinburgh, T. Hislop, Stirling, L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C., S.B.B., and M.C. **Numerous specials. —A. Hoyle, 3, Parsonage Cottages, Musselburgh.**

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Glasgow C.B.A.—Nov. 21-22, Highlanders' Drill Hall, Greendyke St. Judges: J. Holmes, R. Lambie, Dr. Syson, R. Bald, S. Ward. 65 classes: Nor. 15, Crests 5, Bord. 9, Yorks. 9, Mules 7, Brit. 18, For. 2. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 5/- 3/-, 2/-; fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 18 to W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St.

Hartlepools (Co. Durham).—Nov. 8, St. George's Hall, W. Hartlepool. Judges: H. W. Battye, W. Mundell. 36 open classes: Yorks. 10 (2 Nov.), Nor. 8 (2 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Gift 1, Sell 3, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Fee, 1s. Ent. close No. 4, to Woodhead and Pyman, West Ho, Victoria Road, W. Hartlepool.

Swansea (Glam).—Nov. 12, 13, Bush Hotel Halls, High St. Judges: J. Robson, C. Houlton. 56 classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 8, Bord. 8, Belg. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 6, Brit. 19, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 6, to S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.

Bonsall (Derbyshire).—Nov. 13. Public Hall. Judge, C. Ward. 5 classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 6, to S. W. Bateman, Yeoman St., Bonsall, Matlock.

Newport (I. of Wight).—Dec. 4, 5, R.I.A. Drill Hall. Judge, C. E. Silk. 20 classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mules 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 23, to F. Cooper, 44, Upper St. James's St.

Warrington (Lancs.).—Nov. 7, 8, Cairo St. Schools. Judges, J. Dixon, H. W. Battye. 49 classes: Yorks. 11 (6 Nov.), Nor. 11 (6 Nov.), Greens 6 (G.C.A. Nov. Compn.), (2 Yorks., 2 Nor., 2 Bord.), Bord. 6, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 8. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 3, to G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road

Tetbury (Glos.).—Nov. 12, Town Hall. Judge, J. E. Woodford. 5 classes: Can. 3 (1 Local), Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 4s., 2s., 1s. Fee, 9d. Ent. close Nov. 1, to Phillips and Pettifer, Tetbury.

Kenfig Hill (Glam.)—Nov. 19, Talbot Inst. Judge, W. H. Silvester. 11 classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 3d. Ent. close Nov. 12, to W. Price, Cash Boot Stores.

Blaydon-on-Tyne (Durham).—Nov. 14-15, St. Cuthbert's Church Hall. Judges, W. A. Cowgill, W. Mundell, A. Gilchrist. 61 open classes: Nor. 11 (2 Nov.), Crests 7 (1 Nov.), Yorks. 12 (3 Nov.), Bord. 11 (2 Nov.), Cinn. 1, Liz. 2, Scotch 2, Sell 4, Mules 2, Brit. 8, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 5, to G. Havver, 1, Theresa St

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Twitterings.

Thanks for the good report of our late show, writes J. W. Reed, Sec., Newcastle C.B.S.

We hear that Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) has been engaged to judge Winsford show, held Nov. 26.

I am engaged to judge Llandudno O.S. Show, November 8, writes Mr. J. O. Williams (Bangor).

Many thanks for your splendid report in last issue, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. sec. Wimbledon C.B.S.

The prize-money for Bishop Auckland show, write the secs., Messrs. Elliott and Nattrass, is 8s., 4s., 2s., and not as printed in schedule.

Our annual show is fixed for December 2 and 3, writes Mr. P. Stonestreet, Sec. Tonbridge and Dis. F.A.

The winner in novice Yorks. unflighted class at Hanley show is Spibey, not Walker (a mistake in catalogue).

We are asked to notify that Mr. A. L. Hawkins has removed from Grove Green Rd. to 26, Pretoria Rd., Leytonstone.

We intend holding our fifteenth annual show on Dec. 5 and 6, writes Mr. W. J. Douglas, hon. sec. Whitehaven C.B.S.

I was delighted to see my Crestbred so perfectly portrayed in your paper. I am sure it does credit to your artist.—T. Gilbert (Coventry).

Mr. F. Easterling will judge Redhill show on Nov. 19; four challenge cups and rose-bowl for competition, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, sec.

Watford C.B.S. only holds a members' show this year; I have, however, had several applications for schedules, writes Mr. W. Rackley, hon. sec.

Fanciers wend your way to-day to Liverpool's 'Record Show at St. Martin's Hall, Scotland-road. The cream of the country have entered.—(Advt.)

Members of the Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S. are requested to attend meeting November 12, as Mr. G. Thornhill has promised to give a washing exhibition.

I claim 18 points for the cup and shield competition of the Idle C.B.S., writes Mr. James Hodgson (Idle), in his report Mr. Hilton has made a mistake.

Mr. W. Curry, sec. Gateshead C.B.S. and Northern B.M. and F.B.C., writes that after Nov. 1 his address will be 6, Roxburgh Place, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In the report of the Hybrid section at Newcastle show the novice CAGE BIRDS diploma was credited to Carr; this should have been McGuire (the 4th prize bird).

Mr. Armstrong (Halifax) has promised to judge Smallbridge and District C.B.S. show, held St. John's Schoolroom, on Nov. 22nd, writes Mr. J. T. Cheetham, the sec.

We are having a series of table shows during the next few months, and will gladly welcome new members and anyone interested —J. A. Walker, sec., Loughborough C.B.S.

Clipping the ivy on the wall of the Deanery of St. Albans the gardener found a Thrush's nest containing five eggs, on which the bird had just been sitting.—"Daily Mail" (Oct. 23).

I have moved from Sutton to Thursley Hall, Farnham Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, writes Mr. G. W. Saunders, and shall be pleased to see any fancier who cares to call on me.

Fanciers should note the reports on Mr. Rippon's Norwich Canaries at Norwich Show. All Mr. Rippon's Canaries have been colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—Advt.

The annual show of the New Cross C.B.S., Nov. 6, is for members, write Burton Bros., hon. secs.; we have had numerous applications for schedules from fanciers who are not members.

Entries have already exceeded last year's total, writes Mr. P. W. Jeffries, hon. sec. N. London C.B.A., and the prospects for a good show are exceedingly bright. We expect about 400 entries.

A whisper heard at Rotherham show last week was that for the 1914 exhibition the Masonic Hall would be the venue. No doubt a very fine show will be in evidence at this, the best of all rooms in Rotherham.

The Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. have engaged Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) to judge their 4th open show on November 29, writes Messrs. Smith and Lees (Lynn Croft, Eastwood, Notts). Schedules are now ready.

Mr. J. Spencer (Ardwick) and Mr. E. Dooley have kindly consented to judge Openshaw, Gorton, and District C.B.S. Table Show on Nov. 8, and I hope members will give good entries for these gentlemen, writes Mr. F. Washbourne, hon. sec.

Very many thanks for the sketch in CAGE BIRDS of my hen, writes Mr. H. E. Phillips, Norwich. It does credit to Mr. Norman. I have had the bird claimed by a well known judge this week. She will be heard a lot of in the future, I feel sure.

South Birmingham O.S. young stock show is held to-day (Nov. 1), at the new headquarters, the Marlboro' Hotel, Anderson-rd. (see advert.),. A good entry, we hear, is assured. The members hope fanciers will go round, as admission is free.

At Abertillery Show a printer's error gives the winner of championship special and diploma as a light Goldfinch-mule. This should have read Greenfinch-mule. I was delighted to win with it at my first attempt, writes Mr. A. Ball (Cardiff).

A printer's error has occurred in your schedule re entry fee. In one part it appears as one shilling; but this should read one shilling and sixpence per entry, writes Mr. Geo. Marlin, secretary, Hamilton (C.O.) O.S. Will intending exhibitors please note?

All birds were dispatched from Bradford East Show (except in two cases) before 7.30. On behalf of the committee I tender thanks to all the exhibitors and visitors for their support and patronage. We have hopes that the show will prove a financial success.—H. Hill, sec.

We hear from Mr. Cosgrove, hon. sec. Uddington C.B.S., that at the open show of the society, held Nov. 22, specials of £2 and £1 will be given to the society whose members gain most points. Mr. M. Craig will lecture on British birds at the meeting held Nov. 5.

Dulwich and Peckham show extend entries (average two birds per class) till last post Saturday. Enter from schedule review last issue. Some rare bargains will be on sale from a well-known fancier.—L. J. Richardson (show manager), 91, Union Rd., Rotherhithe. —(Advt.)

At the great Sheffield O.S. Show, November 7 and 8, Mr. J. C. Barnes, the well-known local expert, has had the honour of adjudicating the Crest and C.-B. section put upon him. Now, Crest men, he hopes you will provide him with a strenuous morning's work.

Entries closed on the 23rd inst., writes Mr. W. G. Elsmore, hon. sec. Taunton O.S., and we had then 40 entries, less than one per class. To-day, 28th, we have 435. We are letting every class stand—some with two entries. Thanks to S.Y.C.C. members, we shall have a show.

Schedules for the Old Shildon show have been sent out to all known fanciers, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, 35, Church St., Shildon. If anyone, who may have been overlooked, will drop me a post-card, it shall have my immediate attention, as we are doing everything possible to suit all fanciers.

At Southend Show we have extended entries until last post Saturday (November 1), as we do not average four birds in a class, and we have £50 specials begging for competitors, write Messrs. Deer and Cundy (22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff). We hope exhibitors will rally round us.

The Sheffield O.S., writes Mr. Job, have made arrangements with two of their prominent officials, Mr. G. Fletcher and Mr. J. Woodall, to act as all night stewards. Every train will be met at both stations on arrival, up to 5 a.m., so that these birds will have settled down before judging.

Owing to lateness of delivery of printing matter, our entry list will be kept open until morning post on Tuesday, Nov. 4, instead of Nov. 1, as in schedule, write Messrs. Woodhead and Pyman, hon. secs. Hartlepools C.B.S., West House, W. Hartlepool. We have sent out 1,500 schedules; anyone not having received one, please write at once.

The Pentrebach F.S. has engaged Mr. J. R. Houghton (Gloucester) to judge the 4th open show on November 27. Our stewards are well-known cage bird exhibitors, and every care and attention will be given to all exhibits. The show will be held under the patronage of the Welsh C.B.C. I appeal to all fanciers to give us their kind support.—A. E. Brown, sec.

Please make it known, writes Mr. G. Havver, sec. Blaydon C.B.S., 1, Theresa St., Blaydon-on-Tyne, that we have engaged as extra judge for our forthcoming show Mr. A. Gilchrist, Coldstream, who will judge the Border Fancy classes. I have sent out between seven and eight hundred schedules; if any fancier would like one, please let me know.



CAN YOU SPOT HIS TWO FAULTS?

Five Shillings Cash (or Books) for the Correct Reply.

Our artist tells us that this drawing depicts a Norwich Canary possessing two more or less serious blemishes from the exhibition point of view, and he wonders whether readers can identify the particular show points in which the bird is lacking? We shall be pleased to give 5s. cash (or our bird books to value, as may be preferred) to the reader who correctly names the two blemishes. Look the drawing over carefully then send us your opinion as to which are the bad points indicated by our artist. Your effort will cost you only a postcard, and your postcard may win you five shillings.

RULES.—Answer on the back of a postcard and write your name and address clearly underneath. Address your postcard to the Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and post it to reach us not later than first post Thursday, Nov. 6th. Only one effort is allowed each competitor. In the event of more than one accurate answer being received, the winner will be drawn for by an independent person.

An error has crept into Swansea Show rules and regulations printed in schedule, writes Mr. S. H. George, the sec. Rule 4 should read, after the word entered, "and not sent. Full prize money paid in all classes of 8 and over, and less than 8 half prize money will be paid."

The management of Cowdenbeath and Dis. F. and F.S. have made arrangements with the railway company to dispatch all English exhibits on Saturday night, November 8, so as to reach home on Sunday, November 9, writes Mr. Robt. Smith, the secretary; and I hope exhibitors will send their entries along. I will extend entries till Monday, last post.

Smart Work at Halifax.

All prize money won at Halifax show, held Oct. 17 and 18, was despatched by Oct. 20. We accidentally omitted to mention this in our last issue.

Noted Crest-bred Sold.

During our visit to Coventry show, we heard on very good authority that the noted Crestbred, 1st at Clapham and also winner of CAGE BIRDS diploma and cash special, the property of Mr. T. Gilbert, has left the "Town of Many Spires," the figure paid being a stiff one.

Entries Extended.

Cowdenbeath to Nov. 3, last post, R. Smith, jun., 43, Foulford Place; Southend to Nov. 1 last post, Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Av., Westcliff; Dover to Nov. 3, Abbot and Austen, 13, Eric Rd.; Cheltenham to Nov. 3, A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.; Dulwich and Peckham to last post Nov. 1, L. J. Richardson, 91, Union Rd., Rotherhithe.

Rotherham's New Trophy.

Now that one of the members' cups of the Rotherham Society has been won outright, who is the fancier contemplating filling the vacancy with another trophy? Maybe the gift will very shortly be offered for competition amongst the members; once won to become the absolute property of the winner, we hear.

Corrections in Show Reports.

In Wimbledon report 2, 3 and c. Nov. Buff Bord. should read Simmonds, not Summers; Burton show 1st Meal should read 1st Neal; at Handley, J. R. Spiby won 1st in unflighted nov., not T. Walker, as in catalogue; Coventry Godiva, 3rd in nov. unflighted Yks. was A. Groom, not Green, as in catalogue; in Llandilo report 1st Yks. was won by T. M. Phillips, not Williams, as reported; in the seed-eating For. class at Portsmouth, Miss Bousfield won 1st, not Littledale, as in catalogue; at Hanley, G. Lawton was 4th in yell. hens, not Lane; at Halifax, in cl., etc., Buff Nor., Pickup and Son won 4th, not Greaves and Richards.

Liverpool's Splendid Entry.

We have 1,050 entries at Liverpool show, every section well filled, average 16 per class, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon, secs.

Sheffield's £100 Deposit.

We learn that the Sheffield O.S. have deposited £100 with their bankers (to the prize fund account), as a guarantee of the full prize money paid in each class.

A Sad Accident at Annfield.

Fanciers in general, and especially members of the Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S., will be sorry to learn that our treasurer, Mr. George Hankey, is lying in a precarious condition owing to an accident at his work at Louisa Pit, writes Mr. M. Archer, the sec.

Prize Money Paid.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries: Newcastle, Bradford East, Abertillery, Ilkeston, L. and P.O.S., Burton-on-Trent, Longton, Rotherham, Coventry Godiva, Portsmouth (except members), Wimbledon open (members at next meeting, Nov. 3).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES—Continued.

Lowestoft (Suffolk).—Nov. 12, 13, Kirkley Swimming Baths. Judge, W. E. Greeves. 31 classes: Crests 10 (2 Nov.), Nor. 10 (3 Nov.), Cinn. 2, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Gift. 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 3d. Ent. close Nov. 3, to E. A. L. Crow, London Rd.

Leyton (Essex).—Nov. 13, 14, Grange Park Hall. Judges, J. Robson, H. Norman. 57 open classes: Nor. 14 (6 Nov.), Yorks. 13 (6 Nov.), Bord. 6 (2 Nov.), Crests 2 (1 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 13, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 6, to Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Road.

Harlech (Wales).—Nov. 10, Town Hall. Judge, R. E. Griffith. 8 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Unflig. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Ent. close Nov. 5, to T. H. Rice, Clogwyn House.

Abertillery F.F. (Mon.).—Nov. 11-12, Drill Hall. Judge, D. A. S. Longden. 19 classes: Nor. 7 (2 Nov.), Yorks. 7 (2 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 6, to E. Churchill, 29, Tillery St.

Ramsgate (Kent).—Nov. 19-20. Brockman's, Harbour Parade. Judge, G. Gardner. 54 open classes: Nor. 14 (4 Nov.), Yorks. 24 (8 Nov.), Sell. 3, Brit. 7, For. 6. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 12 to Thomas and Brown, 29, Chatham St.

Ilfracombe (Devon).—Nov. 13. Alexandra Hall. Judge, W. G. Elsmore. 22 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 5, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 2, Nat. Col. 1, Gift, 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 7 to F. J. Gibbs, 1, Hermitage Rd.

Arbroath (Scotland).—Nov. 22, White Hart Hall. Judges, J. F. Dewar, W. Mossie. 37 classes: Nor. 14 (2 Sell.), Bord. 10 (2 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 17, to J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.

Have you bought your coupons for next week's shows? Exhibitors: Don't miss your chances.

Australia's Amusing Piping Crow:

This article is No. 41 of the new series entitled "Through a Birdroom Window," being personal birdy experiences

Related by that eminent aviculturist the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

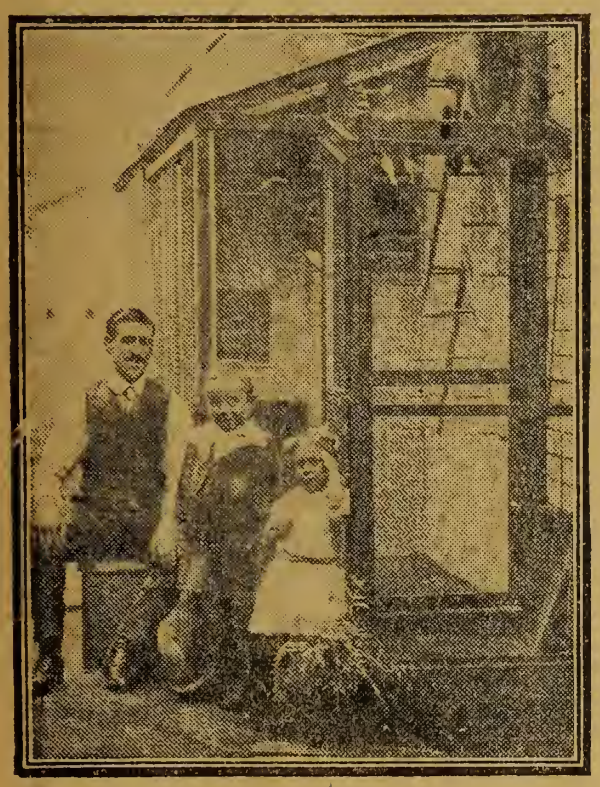
DETERMINATION is one of the qualities which the truly great man shares with the pig; though, in the case of the pig, it is generally described as obstinacy; but the man has this superiority over the pig. The pig, being determined to go his own way, has no better idea than to tug desperately against the rope that is around his leg. He tugs unnecessarily up to the very last moment, but in the end he is beaten, because his master, having at his command stout sticks and other instruments of persuasion, is stronger than he. Man, unlike the pig, when he finds a rope around his ankle that will not break, and a cruelly compelling whip which cuts consumedly, stops tugging, and goes about to outwit the adversary. Pretending to yield to the rope, he gets his own way. This is a little parable.

Some years ago I received strict orders from the "powers that be" that I was not, on any account, to buy any more birds. I knew better than to openly disobey such an injunction, but still I was determined to circumvent the authorities, if possible. I accordingly hit on the ingenious plan of getting a friend to buy me some birds and give them to me as a present. I argued that I must be allowed to accept them, as it would not be right to throw such kindness in anyone's face.

A New Use for Politeness.

Everybody likes being credited with the possession of tact. This is curious, because hardly anybody likes being called a liar, and yet tact is simply a delicate form of lying; so, of course, is politeness, and nobody considers it wrong to aim at being polite. I thought that in the present case I had shown tact of no mean order, for when I read out of a letter one morning that I had been offered a present of some birds, no sort of objection was raised to my accepting them; whereas, had I so much as hinted that I intended to buy some, as many reasons would have been offered, why I should not, and must not, do so, as there are days in the week. The birds offered were Piping Crows from Australia, and being at the time young and inexperienced, I at once cheerfully wrote and accepted them.

Like Artemus Ward, I did not particularly hanker after Crows, but, "quand on n'a pas ce qu'on aime, il faut aimer ce qu'on a." These carnivorous birds are a nuisance in many ways. In the first place, they are very strong and mischievous, and, therefore, they require a big and strong enclosure to keep them in. Ordinary wire netting is no good, as they take a devilish delight in unwinding it with their massive beaks; only fairly strong iron rods can puzzle them. They can even chisel through a good thick plank in time. Then, like all meat-eating birds, they are very smelly; no matter how clean one may keep them; and, lastly, they are exceedingly noisy. The way in which a pair of Piping Crows will greet the rising sun is really interesting for a morning or two, but after a time it gets monotonous and irritating to a degree.



The "happy family" depicted is that of Mr. E. Taylor. He erected the aviary himself, and has it stocked with Yorkshire Canaries. He has hopes of a good season outdoors next year.

When, one morning, there arrived a big hamper from the station, and the laconic message, "Some birds," I foresaw what actors call, "a short scene," especially as I had no change in my pocket. To my surprise, nothing was said, and I hastily carried the basket into the shed. I had prepared a good strong enclosure, with iron rods, in place of wire netting, so I felt that my friends would be fairly safe, and unable, under any ordinary circumstances, to escape.

When I opened the lid of the basket in the enclosure they sidled out, much as, I am sure, Dickens's "Grip" would have done. They were a most disreputable looking pair, and I was not surprised that my friend had been anxious to part with them. I had only so far known the Piping Crow from descriptions in books. There I read, "Amongst those fanciers who affect cage pets the Piping Crow of Australia is a great favourite; his bold and strikingly marked plumage, jaunty self-assertion, and magnificent flute-like song, entitling him to a very prominent position in the rank of feathered songsters."

An Unimpressive First Appearance.

As I read these words, I kept saying to myself, "Piping Crows must one day find a place in my collection." To-day, they were before me, but how unlike the description to the reality. I beheld a pair of very dirty birds, of a thoroughly disreputable cast, with broken flights, and stumpy tails, and with no suspicion of jaunt about them, save a sharp and watchful eye. I must say that I was disappointed on my first view, but, then, I once knew a famous dandy and plunger of his day who used to derive the most intense gratification from the perusal of Miss Yonge's novels.

I concluded that after their long journey (they had come from the South of England), my friends would be hungry; and so, acting on the old Yorkshire saying, "it's a poor rider as starves his nag's belly," I set a heaped-up plate of scraps before them. The way those birds set to work was an eye-opener. In a few minutes nothing was left but the plate, and I believe that only its hardness prevented it from going too. They then hopped up on to the branch of an apple tree I had thoughtfully placed ready for them, and became more or less torpid for some hours.

Towards evening they woke up and became quite vociferous. I concluded they wanted supper, and were calling to me to be sharp about it. I accordingly hurried out with a well-piled plate of soaked dog biscuits, and this likewise swiftly disappeared.

Look out for the Bite.

I think that when the Crows reached me they must have been in their nest feathers, for although they were as dirty as sweeps, I saw that they had nothing about their plumage of the dazzling black and white of which the books told me. I concluded, therefore, that I should have to wait a year to see their full beauties and to gain a nest of little Pipers. By the difference in size I felt fairly sure that they were male and female, so that I felt no fears about a future brood. I believe, but I am open to correction, that in Australia these Crows only have two youngsters at a time, so that in all probability the pairs will be male and female. If ever you have occasion to catch these birds, be sure and put on a good thick pair of leather gloves, as they can bite most confoundedly.

A grass covering to their run is a failure, as no grass will be permitted to grow. Every single blade will be carefully and painfully eliminated. From personal experience I advise dry earth, frequently dug over, as it acts as a perfect deodorizer, while the digging up affords the birds endless amusement, and an occasional worm. If any mice are rash enough to enter the precincts of the crows' aviary they find a short shrift. In a moment they are sharply seized, banged on the ground, tossed up into the air, dexterously caught, and down the red gullet they go, and then Master Piper stands with his head on one side as if nothing had happened.

After a time my Crows got so tame that I thought I would give them their liberty in the orchard. I thought, for one thing, it would save me a lot of trouble, as, instead of my looking after them, they would fend for themselves, as we Yorkshire people say, and that there would be a greatly improved chance of a brood if they had the run of the drive and its tall trees.

The Neighbours' Chickens Disappear!

Accordingly, one morning, I opened the prison doors, and let them go forth. They took things very quietly, and merely moved into a neighbouring apple tree, whence, on the slightest alarm, they at once made for their old home; but, as time went on, they got bolder, and made further and further excursions abroad. In fact, in a few weeks, they would be away for hours, and only came back at feeding time.

From time to time I heard mysterious stories of the disappearance of little chickens, but I never connected the fact with my Piping Crows, and for this reason. I had lots of chickens of my own, but none ever disappeared. The cunning rascals evidently believed in the old proverb, "A shepherd must not skin his own sheep." Occasionally I would find fragments of what had been chicken about, but still it never struck me that the Piping Crows might know about it. I put it down to marauding cats, of which there are any number in my garden. One day, however, one of my friends was caught, not red-handed, but red-beaked, daintily extracting a chicken's brain. There was no possible defence. The verdict was guilty, and I received an intimation that I must keep my friends caged up, or they would have to take the consequence; the consequence, I knew, meant the contents of a shot gun. So once again they found themselves in durance vile. They looked so dejected that I was forcibly reminded of the ruined gambler in a celebrated picture.



MAGPIE ANSWERS BARK OF A DOG.

This remarkable instance of a bird's intelligence may be seen at Kensington Gardens where a lady resident in the district has made friends with a Magpie. She visits the Gardens at about eleven o'clock with her collie. The latter is told to "bark for Joey," and the Magpie appears for its meals.

Being deprived of their liberty, the Crows showed their displeasure by proceeding to dig up all and sundry within their reach, and as their beaks are long and powerful they can do a considerable amount of execution.

Australian Crows are as quarrelsome as the natives of Sumatra in the pepper harvest. They will quarrel about everything and nothing, especially the ladies. Ladies, as Pepys once said, are extraordinary creatures; sometimes they are determined, at all risks, to have the last word, and, at others, nothing can offend them so much and arouse such indignation as to let them have it. This is true of female Crows, as of female other things. If three or four got together it would be a perfect Donnybrook Fair.

Two Gun-shots End the Story.

I had the Crows two seasons. After the chicken-slaying episode was, as I thought, forgotten, I once more liberated my friends, as it was February, and no well-regulated farmer was likely to have any chickens out. They behaved very well, and kept fairly close to the garden, and by the way they examined a tall elm I quite thought they meant to go to nest. They event went to the length of breaking off a few twigs near the top of the tree, as I have seen Rooks do in England, but still nothing happened. One afternoon the Crows did not come back at dinner time, but I did not think much about it, as I thought that very likely they had dined on their own kill. Still when evening fell and they had not arrived I began to feel uneasy. Then I remembered having heard a double-barrelled gun go off during the afternoon. Still I never thought of it in connection with the Crows.

It was only during the next summer that the mystery of their disappearance was made clear. I was up in the woods, and happened to pass the two poles where the keeper displays his trophies. There, among cats I had known and loved, I saw the remains of my poor friends, rapidly going bad, but there could be no mistake that it was they. I dropped a silent tear over their fate, and registered a vow that I would be even with that keeper some day, but, as Rudyard Kipling says, that is another tale. At any rate, all my hopes of breeding Piping Crows were ended. It reminded me of what Chalk said to Edward Tredgold. "You'll never see it," he said, in tones of conviction; "I'll bet you two to one in golden sovereigns that you'll sink into your honoured family vault with your justifiable curiosity still unsatisfied." I think I shall myself.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 249.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

A REMEDY of more recent adoption, yet by no means a new one, is to hold the bird's abdomen and vent over a narrow-topped jug containing hot water, and, in addition to this to soak a long camel hair brush in warmed olive oil and insert it into the vent, gently working it round, using care not to puncture the egg with the stem of the brush.

A safe way of inserting the oil is to use a small glass syringe, first covering the nipple with a piece of cycle valve tubing, allowing this to project about one-eighth of an inch, to prevent the glass from damaging the egg. Also give direct into the beak three drops of equal proportions of best whiskey, or brandy, and glycerine; water may be substituted for the glycerine, but the raw spirit should in no case be given.

To give all the youngsters an equal chance of hatching on the same day and, in consequence, an equal opportunity of being reared, each egg should be removed and a dummy substituted, until the morning when the fourth egg is laid.

If the hen has not made a suitable nest, one should now be made for her; it would have been useless to make one previously, as she would have destroyed it. At the time when she becomes broody she will accept it as a matter of course.

If it is desired to remove the cock, and he is not required immediately for another hen, take him not only out of the breeding room but out of the hearing of the sitting hen until he is required again in the breeding cage. Otherwise his song and shrill calls may have a disquieting effect on the sitting hens, or on others that may have youngsters; this is especially so where the young birds are about two or three weeks old.

The Food for the Sitting Hen.

From the time the hen begins to sit her diet can be either the mixed seed or only plain canary seed, right up to the time of hatching. The latter is usually given, because the use of a mixture of seeds about this time would cause a hen to lay on flesh and fat. A temporary suspension of the mixture at this time also causes the hen to take to it again with a relish when the young birds hatch.



THE BLUE-THROATED FLYCATCHER.

A rare and exquisitely coloured Indian bird, with many of the characteristics of our English Robin, but of much more beautiful plumage. Exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell, Herne Hill.

After a week of incubation has elapsed the hen will have become thoroughly broody, the interior of the nest can then be dusted with insect powder; some hens may resent this being done previously. It will not be necessary to remove the eggs, or interfere with the construction of the nest. Insect powder can be purchased in small perforated tin canisters, or by the ounce. Bellows can also be purchased for spraying the powder; it should be stored in a very dry position, or it will become lumpy, causing it then to be very awkward to use either from the bellows or the canister.

When the Young Birds Should Appear.

As a rule the young birds will hatch in thirteen or fourteen days from the date of replacing the eggs. Whether it will be the thirteenth or the fourteenth day will to a great extent depend upon the temperature prevailing. If warm sunny days prevail the incubation will be forwarded; the way the hen sits will also influence this. Some sit very closely, leaving the nest only for a few moments to obtain food and water. Two other causes may contribute to early hatching, the strength of the germ in the egg and the hen's bodily temperature. The heat will be greater in some hens than in others.

Where the temperature of the atmosphere falls during incubation a small teaspoonful of mixed seed may be given occasionally. This will tend to increase the hen's bodily heat, and counter-balance the lower temperature of the air.

If the hen does not sit very closely during the first few days there will be no need for any anxiety, as great liberties can be taken at this time with the eggs. Some hens are very erratic at first, and many instances could be given, but I think one will suffice. It occurred with an old hen that had previously discharged her duties satisfactorily; then, for no apparent reason, she sat closely for the first three days but only through one of the nights, leaving the eggs on the other two nights, yet all hatched on the fifteenth day.

Various Methods of Egg Testing.

Many of us are anxious to count the chicks before they are hatched; and after about nine days a fairly good opinion can be formed from the colour of the shells. Those containing young birds gradually become of a darker hue, while the clear or unfertile egg will retain its original cast, and will appear so very conspicuous against the rest of the clutch as to be quite apparent even to an inexperienced eye.

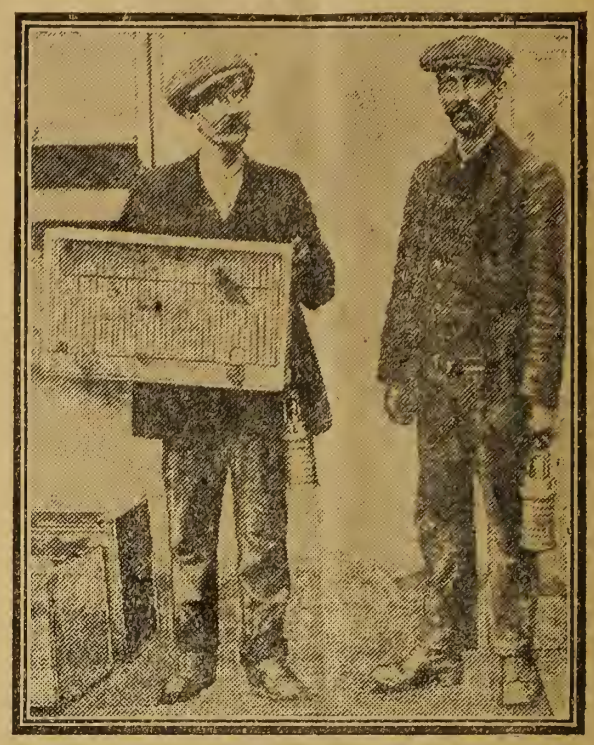
Another test is to take the egg lengthways between thumb and first finger, and hold it up to the light of a window. Still another test is to cut a small hole about the size of the egg in a piece of cardboard, place the egg before the hole, again using the thumb and the tip of the first finger, and hold it up to a lighted gas jet; this latter method will be useful where it is inconvenient to test them in the daylight. After about five days of incubation the unfertile eggs will be transparent, the yellow outline of the yolk being easily discernible, while the fertile egg will be muddy with just the narrow end of the egg showing a light colour. After about eight days the fertile egg will be quite dark.

It will be noticed that when incubation is drawing to a close the interior of some eggs will be black for only about three-quarters of the length, leaving the other portion quite transparent. In some instances where such eggs have failed to hatch I have found them on examination to contain a dead chick, fully formed, and, with the exception of absorbing the yolk, ready to hatch. Other eggs have contained dead youngsters in various stages of incubation; in both cases where proper sitting has taken place the only explanation is that the germ was a weak one.

If the shell be detached from an egg of this description, leaving the inner skin intact it is an interesting sight to see the chick, formed, yet undersized, floating in its little sea of slimy matter—probably the liquescent white of the egg.

A Use for Unfertile Eggs.

It is better to let one unfertile egg remain in the nest until the youngsters are about three days old. It will tend to keep them warm when the hen is off the nest, and also keep their heads up, for young birds invariably lie in a circle in the nest pan, with their heads towards the centre. After the third day, or it may be a little longer, if the youngsters are not very robust, the egg will be found to have been pushed outside the circle, and it can then be removed from the nest. Sometimes a hen will lay a small egg of a peculiar pale sea-green colour, or one of the same peculiar ground colour, and lightly spotted. Invariably these eggs are unfertile, yet it is perplexing why this should be so.



A photograph of miners with one of the Canaries used in rescue work at Senghenydd, on the occasion of the recent terrible colliery disaster. This particular bird, however, failed to give the customary warning, resulting in 20 men almost losing their lives. (See letter in Correspondence columns this week.)

Those hens that have previously been used to having a bath will appreciate one on the 12th or the 13th day of incubation, and while their attention is thus occupied, the opportunity should be taken of placing the eggs in lukewarm water for about thirty seconds. This, together with the moisture adhering to the hen's breast feathers, will have a tendency to soften the skin which envelopes the young bird inside its outer (shell) covering.

(To be continued.)

Redpolls: Their Management, Training and Exhibition.

J. Steel (Dalkeith) tells you all you can wish to know about these desirable pets.

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BY means of limed twigs or esparto grass the amateur may easily accomplish the taking of Redpolls for himself. He should use the toughest lime procurable, as some of the stuff sold as such makes a sorry mess of a Redpoll, and is liable to bring discredit on its proper use. A decoy bird is a valuable ally, as there is no bird which more readily answers to the call of a decoy than this. The twigs should be set up on an adjacent or improvised bush. If the would-be catcher has not a decoy he may have recourse to other methods, the success of which depends greatly on where the birds are located, and on what they are feeding.

"Fishing" for Your Redpolls.

If on the alder or birch trees, and these are not too high, a fishing rod (improvised if necessary) having a limed twig attached may be employed to touch them down, but though I have seen large number of Redpolls and Siskins taken by this method, I find they require to be pretty hungry ere they tolerate a sufficiently near approach.

If they are located near a brook or drinking place the edge of same may be well bestrewed with esparto which should be set up in a manner preclusive of their getting at the water without coming in contact with the limed grass. This is a favourite method of mine, as carrying is reduced to a minimum.

If the birds are located on their favourite feed of nettles, hardheads or sow thistle, they may be approached quietly, and small sheaves of such plants, each of which is decorated with grass or twigs, should be set up as near as possible to where a flock is feeding, and if they have not been "sharped" a detour may be made and the flock gently driven on to the set. It is advisable to let the first caught lie for a few minutes, for I have known a whole flock to be taken when the call of a caught companion aroused their curiosity to know what was up with it, whereas a run to secure the first would have scared the remainder away.

I would also advise the amateur to ascertain whether Siskins have been located in his district, and, if so, to add a decoy of that species to his equipment. These are very similar to the Redpoll in their feeding habits, and likely to be found in conjunction. Being much more desirable and valuable than Redpolls their capture, which may be accomplished in a similar manner, is something more to boast of. Needless to say the professional acts on a more elaborate scale, and brings certain bird-craft into play which only experience can impart.

How to Treat Freshly-Caught Birds.

A newly caught Redpoll, though on the whole easy to induce to partake of dry seed, should be served with a supply of slightly soaked seeds for a few days, gradually diminishing the moisture, as a sudden change on to dry fare is very liable to bring about a derangement, which may cause the loss of a promising specimen. A few slightly damped or fresh gathered nettle heads, in addition to the usual supply of seeds, is an appreciated item, and care should be taken to remove all seed from cage bottom at intervals, or it may become sour and bring on that scouring which is so fatal to newly caught seedeaters.

My menu for Redpolls is, roughly, three parts canary to one each of German rape and teazle, varied with an occasional pinch of maw, inga, hemp (go slow on hemp) and in fact any of the seeds usually procurable in stores, and all the wild (fresh gathered) seeds which I know the species to be fond of—shepherd's purse, dandelion, plantain, nettle, sorrel, sow thistle, mouse-ear, etc.

The Northern or Arctic Redpoll figures as a distinct species from either of the above, and I have on two occasions had specimens brought to me which were in my opinion dissimilar from any Mealies ever I had examined. The fact that there were no instances recorded of the occurrence of Mealies that winter prompted me to request the catcher to visit the National Museum and compare his with the Arctic which has a place in the collection there. He did so, and had no hesitation in declaring that they tallied in every respect. If this were correct, which I regret I had not a chance of verifying, it would prove that we have three species, all of which are eligible to inclusion in the British list



THE BLACKBIRD: MALE AND FEMALE.

"The Merle, in his noontide bower,
Makes woodland echoes ring." —*Burns.*

Our Coloured Plate: The Blackbird and His Mate.

A contribution specially written by that very successful exhibitor, Mr. A. J. A. Marley (Leyton), to accompany the beautiful plate by Mr. Rankin given with this issue.

Admirers of Mr. Rankin's charming painting of Blackbirds will welcome the appended notes from Mr. Marley, whose successes with this species on the show bench last season were little short of phenomenal. Amongst many other wins his birds stood 1st and 2nd at the Horticultural Hall show, and 1st and 3rd (divided by Mr. Bruce's noted Song Thrush, "Border Queen") at the Crystal Palace show. The method of treatment outlined is, therefore, one which has led to the achievement of the highest honours the exhibition world has to offer.—Editor.

IN the first place I should like to tender my warmest appreciation to your artist for his charming coloured plate; it undoubtedly does Mr. Rankin the greatest credit.

The Blackbird in its wild state is of a very shy and nervous disposition, and quickly marks the approach of intruders to its haunts, chiefly copses, hedgerows, thick shrubberies and woodlands. A very peculiar habit of the species is to warn all and sundry when disturbed by secreting itself or "lying low," until the enemy is past; then the Blackie will rise in alarm, with a screaming, nerve-shaking noise, and dart off to take cover in another thicket.

In a wild state the Blackbird's food chiefly consists of slugs, worms, caterpillars, beetles, woodlice, and similar items, and when the orchards are laden with ripe fruit he is the best of customers to the growers—strawberries, plums, cherries, gooseberries, currants, apples, and pears being favourite dishes. When he is a bit "pinched" for richer fruits, he is not at all reluctant to participate in a meal of elderberries, privet, and blackberries. With orchard and garden fruits he is oft-times a perfect nuisance, not because of what he eats, but owing to the enormous amount of damage he does; he is chiefly the cause of many supposed "windfalls," being very destructive and a great annoyance to fruit growers.

Her Ladyship is Unjustly Neglected.

The female Blackbird differs very much from the male, being a very dark brown on head, neck, and back; the breast, throat, abdominal regions, a light rust colour; the bill a yellowish brown, which becomes yellow when matured with years. Hen Blackies are seldom seen on the show bench, but I should imagine a real good one, put down in fine order, would come in for recognition under some of our judges.

Now, as to selecting a cock bird. In the first place I do not believe in nestlings. I find it far better to locate a youngster, kind and tractable of disposition, with all the properties I require, and meat him off and steady him down, rather than be bothered with hand-feeding three or four nests during the season, and then probably not obtaining one decent specimen.

A potential exhibition bird should possess great size, a large, wide, well-rounded head, and bold, wide chest, and be perfectly modelled in contour. He should have a rich orange-coloured bill, devoid of black marks or streaks, and orange-coloured eye ceres, and be finished off with a lustrous rich jet-black jacket, without the slightest tinge of rusty brown, particularly on the wings. He must be steady to a degree, and jaunty in carriage; above all, avoid any bird with a drooping tail, or which is deficient in claws. The latter are the first two points I look into. I prefer a Blackie that "cocks his rudder" like a Robin.

When I have purchased the bird I require, I place him in a large, box-pattern cage, about 3ft. long, 2ft. high, and 18ins. deep, in a very quiet and secluded spot, for quite a month. I give him an abundance of small blood-worms, caterpillars, earwigs, slugs, snails, and mealworms, mixing the lot up together in what is to be his staple food. This latter is composed of 1 part fine biscuit meal, 1 part chicken meal, ¼ part dried flies, ¼ part ants' eggs, ¼ part Brand's fine meat meal, ¼ lb. of grocer's currants, steamed and dried, (sun-dried preferred). The whole I mix together, and when required I moisten the daily portion with grated carrot (raw), or a nice floury potato or a little boiled rice.

I keep a sharp eye on my new purchase for a day or two, as many are very sullen and sulky. It is the same with the Bullfinch; I have had both species on "hunger strike" many times. Then it is essential to forcibly feed them. I catch them up and feed them frequently until they get over their "stage fright" and pick up for themselves, which is usually very soon. If they take on with their food at once I trouble them but little.

After the month is up, and I find the birds are fairly hard in condition, I cage them up in a little smaller cage, something that I can easily handle and carry about. The dimensions are 2ft. long, 18ins. high, and 15ins. deep, box pattern, with sliding door at front, 10ins. long, and 8ins. high; I hang a bath on this door so the bird can bathe ad. lib. I use sawdust for the bottom of this stock cage. Place the perches, about the thickness of a small broom handle, and planed down to oval shape, so the bird can have a perfect grip and jump, about 8ins. apart.

Gaining the Confidence of Your Bird.

The birds will now require handling frequently, that is, so they may gain confidence in you. This must be done with discretion and care. I make it a rule to hang them every morning outside the front of my bird house, and to take them in at night. I always drop a mealworm into the cage before handling it, and I have had Blackies take them from my fingers within three months. On the other hand some seem absolutely hopeless, and knock themselves against the cage front, ruining their appearance if not checked in time. The remedy is to cut up some strips of flannel that is not wanted in the house, about 6ins. longer than the front of the cage, and fold it to 1in. wide. Nail one end outside the top front of the cage; then run the remainder along the front, inside the cage, bringing the spare end outside and drawing it tight and nailing it to the opposite top end, care being taken to have the flannel below the punched bar, this being the spot where all the damage is done. After the top punched bar has been protected repeat with the middle bar, and you will find you will have very few Blackbirds with damaged faces.

When once I have the birds well-behaved, I trouble little with them; neither do I "fuss them about," such as washing them and drying them in front of the fire. When once my birds are clean moulted I never lay a hand on them. I leave the bath on morning and night, and in the summer months they have had their dip hours before myself, being very early risers.

I am happy to say that I have derived much pleasure from the keeping of Blackbirds; they make great pets as well as exhibition birds. It is to Mr. C. Prior I owe my thanks for having taken up these birds. I saw a magnificent specimen exhibited by him, which stood 1st at the Crystal Palace some four or five years' back, and I frankly confess I have never envied or coveted a man of his bird but on this occasion. I felt I could have taken him home straight away, and I went back to the bird in admiration at least a dozen times before I left the show. I was sorry to hear he went to a new owner, for he was not the same bird the next time I saw him.

I do not believe in colour-feeding the Blackbird right through the moult. At the finish of the moult, just when he is "quilly" in head feather, add a teaspoonful of sweet pepper to his food; at the same time take his water and bath away on alternate days, substituting a drinker full of water in which you have placed a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a pea. This enriches the blood, and also has a tendency to tighten him up in feather, beside helping to enrich the colour of bill and eye ceres.

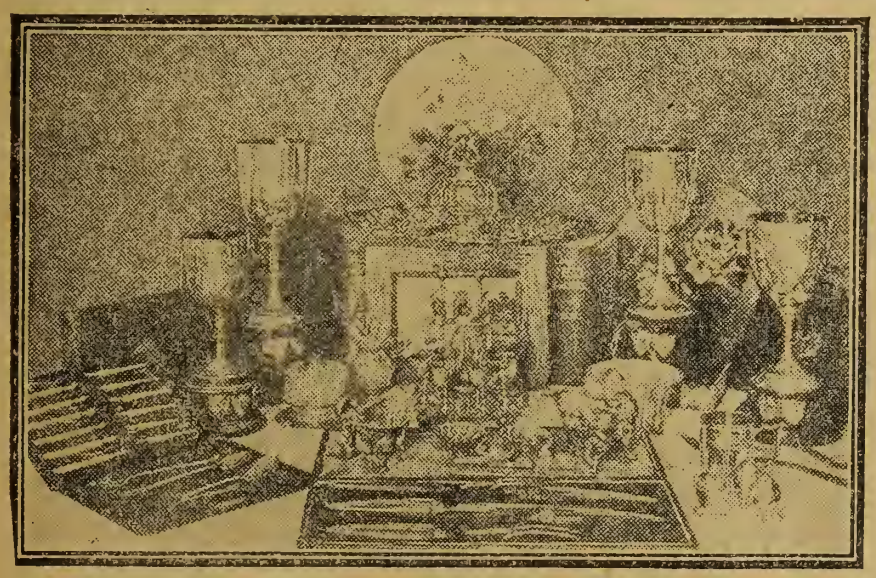
Finally, when putting Mr. Blackie down on the show bench, see to it that he is perfectly steady, and also well staged. The show cage should be box pattern; dimensions 20ins. long, 18ins. high, 10ins. deep; perches oval in shape, and covered with green baize and bossed at the ends, the outside should be enamelled black, the whole of inside and front wires azure blue or turquois blue, either suits the bird immensely. No other colour to my way of thinking, approaches this for showing up a good bird.

In conclusion, I trust that, owing to the short notice I have received, anything I may have omitted will be overlooked; at any time, if readers of CAGE BIRDS are in difficulties with these birds, or any others for that matter, I shall be only too glad to be at their disposal if they care to question me.



THE OCCIPITAL BLUE PIE.

A bird of the Himalayas, which embraces in its plumage the most delightful shades of blue, the whole set off by black and white markings to the tail and secondary wing feathers, a velvety black throat and head, with a snow-white crown, and beautiful coral beak and feet. The bird is 24 inches long, of which the tail feathers measure 16 inches.



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Some of the splendid cups and other specials being offered at the Annual Show of the Hastings and St. Leonards C.B.S., November 18th and 19th.

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A BATTLE BETWEEN BIRDS

How a Wren Defeated Fifteen Sparrows.

In the porch of the house in which I lived, says a writer in the "Cork Free Press," for several years was a box in which a Wren had made her home, and to which she returned with her mate each spring. One spring a pair of Sparrows came to the place, found the box, were well pleased with it, and decided to set up housekeeping in it. They accordingly went to work to build a nest.

A few days later the Wren returned, and was much displeased to find her home occupied. There was much noise, but she evidently decided that force was useless that she must get possession by stratagem. She therefore kept still, and before long was rewarded for her moderation. The Sparrows both flew off. Very soon the Wren took possession, threw out the goods of the Sparrows hastily gathered twigs and sticks, and barricaded the entrance so that there was no way of getting in except by her leave. Her mate remained without.

When the Sparrows returned they found themselves barred out, and on attempting to enter were soon made to understand that they had a difficult and troublesome job on hand, for the Wren's bill was sharp, and she was only too willing to use it. After several vain attempts to dislodge her, the Sparrows departed, and did not appear again for five or six hours, when they came back, not two, as at first, but fifteen or more.

They immediately attacked the Wren, who had improved the opportunity afforded by the departure of the enemy in strengthening her position, and defied their combined forces. For two days did the Sparrows keep up the siege, when seeming to conclude that the position was too strong or too well defended, they gave up the contest and left the Wren in peaceable possession.

THE ESCAPADES OF JENNY.

BY ELSIE F. ALABONE.

An entertaining recital of the disasters and trials brought by a pet Budgerigar upon her fond mistress.

IF you, kind reader, remember anything about my tame Budgerigar, "Jimmie," whose little story appeared in Cage Birds last year, you will know that he was left solitary by the death of his companions. After saying to myself "No more birds," of course I was tempted to have just *one* more, a mate for "Jim." A nurse who was staying in the house at the time volunteered to get it, and to make particular enquiries concerning its health; and a nice, plump, healthy little bird it was that she brought me home. This Budgerigar was quite young, having still her striped forehead. I called her "Jenny," and a more composed, and, at the same time, mischievous young thing I never saw.

I thought to keep her in a cage for the first day; but as Jim flew down on it, and they at once "kissed" each other through the wires, I let her out; and she was speedily "at home" in the room. And what a life she led me! Jimmie had always been a most well-behaved bird, keeping mostly on the table and perches provided for him. His companion evidently thought him "slow," for she at once began to lead him into mischief. After taking a survey of her surroundings she decided that the paper must be stripped from the wall beside a certain picture, also from the ceiling around the electric lamp cord. No sooner thought than done, and Jim, following her lead, the pair of them soon made sure that my room should be adorned with paperless patches.

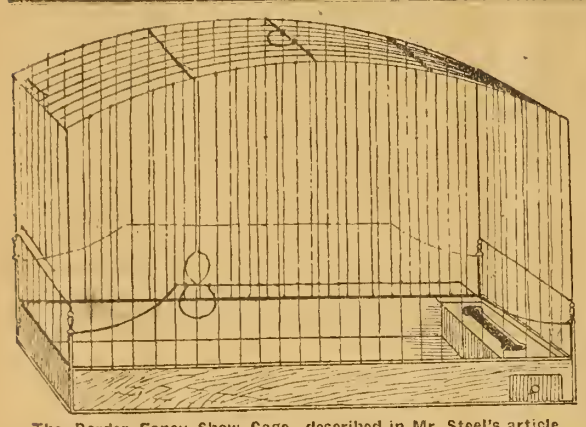
A Little Imp of Mischief.

One afternoon no Jenny was to be found; after searching for her for some time a weak cry from behind a large picture revealed the fact that she was imprisoned there; the picture was raised, and out she flew. But this did not cure her. Oh no! Her tricks became serious, for I found the wire of a hanging lamp nearly bitten through. I cured this habit of nibbling by tying string to the cord for her to play with. Another time I found her hanging to the curtain by one leg, upside down, and congratulated myself on being in time to rescue her from an early death—since seeing more of her, however, I think my fears were groundless! I tried to teach her to "kiss" me, as Jim did.

"I fear thy kisses, gentle maiden,
Thou needest not fear mine,"

I might well have said to her. However, she now no longer thinks it necessary to put her beak through my lip, and enjoys sitting on my finger and gently saluting me.

I believe that Budgerigars seldom bathe; but I have found a way of inducing them to do so. I had a green glass bowl of water on my bureau in which I was keeping some tadpoles for the interest of watching their development, and in it some watercress was floating. Jenny thought this must be looked into; so she perched on the edge of the bowl, and in a moment was in it, looking just like a tiny Duck. Jim cocked his head and watched her, then he, too, ventured in. Another time I happened to be holding a wet lettuce in my hand, and Jim flew down on it, and "rubbed" himself in it with great glee. Putting two and two together I came to the conclusion that a bowl of water with lettuce leaves in it would suit these exacting birds; and so it does. I keep it supplied daily; and they frequently go in and have a fine splash, especially if I am holding the bowl. It is a very pretty sight. They do not seem to have much idea of preening their feathers afterwards, however, just letting themselves dry; so one needs to be careful of cold.



The Border Fancy Show Cage described in Mr. Steel's article.

A Curiosity in House-keeping Tactics.

I have said that Mrs. Budgie liked diving behind pictures. Last February she settled on a small one high up on the wall; and I am sure both she and Mr. Budgie meant to set up housekeeping in earnest, for *she* pecked away half the boarding and paper on the back of it, while *he* sat and warbled to her at the top! She ceased to feed herself, and scolded Mr. Budgie well if he did not supply her quickly with as much food as she wanted. So Jim ate for two, and, what I thought rather curious, took *more* than double his usual supply of cuttlefish-bone—I suppose, for her sake.

"I much sympathised with them; but I thought I really could not have eggs, which would probably be crushed, at the back of the picture! So I removed it and replaced it with a cocoa-nut husk. Alas! they would not look at this husk, or at another I provided. They became depressed; Jim fell into a moult, and they gave up the attempt at domestic life. Nevertheless, as is the case with most troubles, it was got over, and they are once again boisterously healthy and jolly; so much so, indeed, that I cannot stay in my room to write this. Surely I am a long-suffering being!

Are Birds Really Affectionate?

I do not know if birds entertain real affection for people; but they certainly have perfect confidence in some. Jim and Jenny run round my shoulders, pull my hair, "kiss" me, and warble their little song whilst on my hand; they will also go to sleep on my finger. They have good memories, too, for I had to leave them once for twelve weeks, and I was told before my return that they had lost all their pretty ways and had become quite wild. I came back disappointed, but prepared to begin taming them over again. I had nothing of the sort to do. They were a little shy the first few hours, then the same confiding old couple as ever.

One of Mrs. Budgie's latest, though not the least of her performances, was the digging of a hole high up in the wall. She had just worked through the plaster when I found it out, and had it filled up. If she had got between the two walls, I do not like to think what the consequences would have been. But I think nothing she has done quite equals her last escapade, which nearly ended in my losing both of my birds.

A Rum Pair, but Indispensable.

I had just bought them a new cage, and knowing how clever Jenny is in undoing the catches, I tied up the door with tape. When I was ready to have them out next morning, behold! an empty cage, the window of the room wide open at the top and bottom, no wire screen, and the two birds swinging on the cord of the electric lamp in front of it. Such moments are, to say the least, thrilling! But I am thankful to say the window was safely shut without disturbing them, and all ended well. The little imps—on the initiative of Jenny, no doubt—had moved the catches, untied the tape, and let themselves out.

Perhaps if they had the cares of a family on their shoulders, their spirits would be more subdued. I have lately seen Mrs. Budgie on one of my bookshelves reviewing d'Aubigne's "History of the Reformation" with biting criticism, Mr. Budgie solemly looking on the while. This seems as though they have further thoughts of housekeeping. Well! They *are* a pair; still, as I couldn't possibly part with them, it is of no use to grumble.



A TYPICAL BRITISH GOLDFINCH.

This bird won 1st prize at Clapham Show, for Mr. C. T. Maxwell, and its owner was at once offered £4 for it.

EVENING AMUSEMENT FOR BORDER FANCIERS.

How a Show Cage may be Well and Cheaply Made.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

NOW that the long evenings are with us the recruit to the ever-increasing army of fanciers who make the "Wee Gem" their first love, may like to try his hand at making the show cages wherein he will submit his "first fruits" to the inspection of an often much-to-be-pitied judge. The fact that most members' shows are run on a system which allows him to enter as many birds as he chooses with little fee (beyond the annual sub.), combined with the comparative prolificacy of this type of bird, makes the demand for these cages a large one. I have on many occasions known good specimens which had perforce to remain at home, as to stage them would have involved a heavy expenditure on cages, which would only have been required for one occasion yearly. I have, therefore, to explain a method whereby the amateur may make his own cages with the minimum of trouble, and without giving the missus cause for removing the family and Parrot to the seclusion of the cellar during the operation. I fear the recording angel must heave a sigh and reach for his pen when he sees the average amateur make his first essay at cage-making, which, too often, terminates with the consignment of wood in general, and wires in particular, to the "demnition bow-wows."

Strange Things about Border Show Cages.

Let us first consider the desirable features of a Border cage, as, unfortunately, there is no standard size nor shape, yet, strangely enough, the law as to colour (all black) is strictly adhered to. I will make our model of a size proportionate to the type of bird; many are much too large. Any extreme divergence from the ordinary shape is inadvisable. Lightness is a desirable feaature, and rigidity of paramount importance. The difficulty of keeping every wire uniform and tight will be overcome by using a device which makes the slightest error practically impossible, as the wires are, by its use, directed absolutely accurately, and held rigid till secured. Before dealing with this a few words as to tools and materials are necessary.

Many fanciers have, perforce, to confine their operations to the kitchen table, and so are liable to raise the ire of their good lady at the outset. A detachable bench becomes imperative, as planing cannot be dispensed with entirely, even though the wood is procured in a dressed state, and this is advisable, as the amateur kitchen carpenter will find that shavings have a way of attaching themselves to everyone, including cats, and making an awful litter. To make a detachable bench get a piece of three-quarter or one-inch board, letting same be exactly half an inch longer than the table to which it has to be fitted, and nine or ten inches wide. On the underside of this securely fix a strip of old carpet, or felt, with tacks; two pieces of wood, similarly lined, securely fixed to each end with strong screws, will keep it in position, and provide us with a saw end. My one has a long vice attached, which I thought would be useful for holding wood while planing edges, but I find very few occasions for its use.

The tools: A good sharp hand plane, a fine tenon saw, tack hammer, square, foot rule, a few fine brad-awls, a coarse file, soldering iron, and two pairs of pliers, the first being combined flat-nosed and cutting, and the other pair round-nosed for making loops. A block of hard wood about 6 inches by 3½, well squared, will be found useful when fitting up. A supply of fine sandpaper, a piece of absolutely true punched bar, ⅝in. gauge, and 12¾ inches long (21 holes) will be found useful, both as a guide when marking off, and for constructing the mould device I have referred to, and which I will describe later.

Something the Beginners Should Sacrifice.

Materials: The wood for bottoms may be clean white pine, not more than 1-10th of an inch in thickness, but sides and ends should be of either yellow pine, canary-wood, poplar, or similar light wood, which will stand boring without splitting—particularly the posts, as each has four holes, exclusive of the end for insertion of standard, and is thus subjected to a severe strain; a piece of well-seasoned willow or pine should be reserved for these. I have found those beaded strips of wood used for covering electric wires in houses to be unequalled for rails, and the beading adds greatly to the appearance of the cage; but those I have had were too thin (⅛ inch) to make their use advisable in a first attempt, and the amateur would be wise to use a slightly thicker wood, even at the sacrifice of that desirable lightness which he may aspire to when more adept.

Wire should be straight, tinned, and of 17 gauge. A supply of thin wrapping wire (tinned also) similar to that used by florists, is necessary. This may be procured from most ironmongers, and is very cheap. The nails should be what are known as fine square-cut brads, and if finely tapered and having small heads are much less liable to cause splitting than any other.

(*To be continued.*)

NOTES FROM THE WEST COUNTRY.

By TAMAR-SIDE.

The event in Western birdy circles during October was, of course, the W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) show. The financial side of the show, I hear, works out as well as usual, the gate and tickets amounting to something near £25; if Plymouth could only guarantee a gate of £50, my word, the show would be something to talk about, for then a bigger classification would be submitted to exhibitors. The "seven prizes per class" scheme was highly praised, and one result is that out of 170 exhibitors 150 received prize money, an increase of nearly 50 per cent. on previous years.

What has happened to the Devon and Cornwall Yorkshires? It's a long time since they were so conspicuous by their absence in the charmed circle of prize winners as they were at Plymouth this year, Mr. Lashbrook being the one exception. Buck up, Western men; you surely won't take this lying down!

I overheard several local Yorkshire fanciers discussing the number of feathers required to make a perfect Yorkshire's tail, and whether three feathers missing would constitute a lawful objection to a certain winning bird. But accidents will happen; and there the matter ended.

The Norwich, always the tit-bit at Plymouth, appears to me to be getting bigger than formerly, and the judge laid particular stress on the value of head, giving it the full 15 points. Quite right, too; but there's just a bit more than a suspicion of browing on some of the big headed 'uns. Down Cornwall way they appear to have lost head somewhat, many good birds from "down along o' wee" failing in this respect. Mr. Phillips Novice CAGE BIRDS Diploma winner, for instance, had almost a perfect body, but was too small on top. Messrs. Symons Bros., so well-known for years as Crest exhibitors, appear to have deserted their old love and taken up the Plainheads. And what a stormer their winning Clear Yellow is; no weakness in head here. But just fancy such keen and experienced fanciers losing both CAGE BIRDS Champion Coupon 10s. prize and Sandiford's medal because they did not enter for same. Mr. Spillman had somewhat hard lines in Clear and Ticked Buffs, his exhibit managing to get its hind claw fixed around its leg, thereby crippling it, so that it could hardly grasp its perch, which no doubt accounted for its cardless postion.

Cinnamons were the best seen in Plymouth for many years, and I hear of several young fanciers taking up the breed; there is plenty of scope for them, and maybe some other Western shows, with increased support likely, will rescue this variety from the indignity of competing in the A.O.V. class and give them a class of their own. Mr. Dyer's name was missed this year, but I hear that owing to leaving the town last Saturday he sold out, but he is back again now and next year I expect to see him again stage winners.

The Borders were new to Plymouth, so new that I heard several well-known fanciers asking what were the points of the "little beggars," and venturing the opinion that new cage fronts would be necessary in their rooms if they decided to take up the "wee gems." There are many fanciers in the West whom I have heard express a distaste for colour feeding and who say their pocket is not long enough to buy Crests. Now's their chance; keep Borders and join the S.B.F.C.

Mules were very good, but it seems difficut to get a good lot of British at Plymouth; too early say most fanciers. There are lots of good Britishers in Cornwall but they don't show them in any number at Plymouth, and the extended classification given in the past has been a failure.

In conversation with fanciers I heard several express regret that so many Cornish shows confine themselves to that county only; they won't give Plymouth men a chance. Where's your Cornish pluck? I have heard of dog fanciers taking a house at Saltash just across the Tamar in order to qualify for confined shows in Cornwall. What do the Devonshire cage bird men think of this suggestion?

TAMAR-SIDE.

Bird-Keeping "Wholesome and Pleasant": A Well-known Author's Views.

Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

One of the most interesting functions of recent date was the dinner of the Authors' Club, at 2, Whitehall Court, on the 20th inst. The chairman, Mr. S. L. Bensusan, in proposing the toast of the evening, took occasion to allude to the benefits which have accrued to the community as a result of the scientific work of Dr. Mitchell, the distinguished sec. of the Royal Zoological Society. He said that Dr. Mitchell was one who "approached the vexed question of our relations with beast and bird in a fashion that is sane, kindly, and withal free from the excess of illogical sentimentality that has become the vogue of late years."

Mr. Bensusan said he had himself "in a modest fashion made certain attempts to tame beasts and birds, and keep some, chiefly birds, in a captivity that has, I believe, been wholesome and pleasant," and went on to give some entertaining accounts of his tame Ravens and other birds.

Dr. Chalmers Mitchell in his address spoke, among other things, of the enormous number of species of animals and birds known to science. He said that upwards of a million species of living animals had been described; 16,000 different kinds of mammals were known and about 200,000 different kinds of birds.

"If we get animals or birds," said Dr. Mitchell, "sufficiently young, we find that they have not yet acquired the fear of man, and it is perfectly easy to get them to like us and transfer to ourselves the devotion they would naturally give to their own parents . . . . . finding they have safety and protection, we can do what we like with them."

A full report of the proceedings appeared in the daily papers of the 21st inst., and it is to be hoped that many of the subscribers to the sentimentalist journals, which are so free with their unwarranted condemnation of the keeping in captivity of any kind of animal, and birds in particular, will ponder over the sound sense of the remarks made at the function.

A New Local Hon. Sec.

I have this week the pleasure of announcing an addition to our list of local hon. secs. in the person of Mr. C. H. Hill, Wiveliscombe, joint hon. sec. of the Wiveliscombe and Dist. F.A. Mr. Hill has a number of our leaflets setting forth the Aims and Objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and will be pleased to supply them to his fellow members of the Wiveliscombe F.A., or to anyone else making application.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

Leaflets setting forth the aims and objects of the LEAGUE *will be forwarded, post free, to any reader upon application.*

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.—Members under the age of fourteen years at the date of joining shall pay an annual subscription of One Shilling.

VICE PRESIDENTS.—An annual subscription of not less than Half-a-Guinea shall constitute the subscriber a Vice President.

(For full particulars, see our last issue.)

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE,
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

date..... .....1913 .....

DON'T FORGET OUR £200 PRIZES

Exhibitors, Secure Your Share at Once. You Have Only to Stick a Sixpenny Coupon on Your Entry Form.

BY the time this issue is in the hands of our readers, all diplomas of honour won up to and including last Saturday's shows (Oct. 25) will be in the hands of the fortunate winners, with just one or two exceptions, where some question concerning them remains to be cleared up. The secretary's list for Perth show, however, has not come to hand up to time of penning these lines. We shall be glad if anyone who has been overlooked (or those who may think they are entitled to diplomas at one or other of our coupon shows) will write us at once, giving full details of their claims.

In our next issue we hope to be able to publish a complete list to date of winners of our diplomas and 10s. cash specials. Many of the cash specials have now been dispatched, and those remaining over will leave as soon as the official lists of winners reach us from the various secretaries. We shall be glad if the latter will let us have their official lists at once, duly signed by themselves as being correct according to the judges' slips. In a few cases we have received protests that novice winners of our cash specials are not eligible—i.e., that they are not novices under the terms of our published novice definition; in other cases the winners have had to be revised owing to rule 7 having been contravened. In view of these facts, to safeguard ourselves we shall have to make it a rule that the cash specials will not be paid out until 14 days after the winners' names have been published in our columns. This will allow time for protests, if any, to be lodged and duly sifted and decided.

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Nov. 4 & 5.—Southend.—Deer and Cundy, 22, Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff.
Nov. 4-5.—Barnstaple.—J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street.
Nov. 5-6.—Cheltenham.—W. Pounsett, 5, Whitecross Square.
(Any entries for the above must be sent immediately.)
Nov. 7 & 8.—Sheffield.—E. C. Job, 19, Vauxhall Road, Wincobank, Sheffield.
Nov. 7 & 8.—Warrington.—G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Road.
Nov. 7 & 8.—West Stanley.—W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terrace.
Nov. 8.—Hartlepool.—Woodhead and Pyman, West House, West Hartlepool.
Nov. 8.—Kelty and Blairadam.—A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty.
Nov. 11-12.—Bournemouth.—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
Nov. 12.—Alnwick.—R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without.
Nov. 12-13.—Sittingbourne.—W Broadbridge, 34, George Street.
Nov. 12-13.—Swansea.—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.

The Next Coupon Shows.

Entries for the above shows are due to close now, and should be sent on at once. Those who wish to join in CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition should note the paragraph "How Exhibitors May Enter," printed below. Secretaries will be glad to affix the necessary coupons to the entry forms of exhibitors if the conditions of entry are duly observed.

SHEFFIELD has 92 classes, covering Yorks., Nor., Crests, Greens, A.O.V., Hyb., Brit. and For., with special novice sections in Nor., Yorks., and Crests. Prize money 22s. (foreign 26s.); fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 3.

WARRINGTON has 49 classes, covering Yorks., Nor., Bord., Greens (special novices classes in these sections), A.O.V., Hyb. and Brit. Prize money 22s.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 3.

WEST STANLEY has 28 classes, covering Nor., Yorks., Bord., A.O.V., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize money, 20s.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 3.

HARTLEPOOL has 36 classes, covering Yorks., Nor. (novice sections in each of these), A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize money 15s.; entry fee 1s. Entries close Nov. 4.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM has 76 classes, covering Scots Bord., Yorks., Nor., Crests, A.O.V., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize money, 17s. 6d.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 3.

BOURNEMOUTH has 51 classes, covering Nor., Yorks. (nov. sections in both), Crests, A.O.V., Hyb., Brit. and For. Prize money, 17s. 6d. and 18s. 6d.; entry fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 3.

SITTINGBOURNE has 41 classes, covering Nor., Yorks., Crest, Bord., Liz., Scots, Belg., Lancs., A.O.V., Hyb., Brit. and For. Prizes, 17s. 6d.; entry fee, 1s. 9d. Entries close Nov. 5.

SWANSEA has 57 classes, covering Nor., Yorks., Bord., Belg., A.O.V., Hyb., Brit. and For. Prize money, 17s. 6d.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 6.

Of Alnwick show, no schedule seems to have reached us

How Exhibitors May Enter,

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions:—CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.
Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is in progress at over 80 shows (see list appended), which cover every quarter of the United Kingdom.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champion (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWENTY-FOUR DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR, in addition, at each Coupon Show, 12 for Champion exhibitors, and 12 for Novice exhibitors, for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the Loudon and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

A full list of the Coupon Shows appeared in our issue of last week; also the rules of the Competition.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held "King's Head," Shannon Street, Oct. 25, when 14 birds sung. 1, 2, S. Hardcastle; 3, H. Wigfield. Oct. 26, 19 birds sung. 1, B. Gummersal; 2, T. Stead; 3, shared by S. Hardcastle and T. Stead. Judges, A. Jennings, W. Naylor, and J. Mellia.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest at "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, Oct. 26, when there were 27 birds entered. Winners were: 1, W. Nelson; 2, J. Wallace; 3, J. Wainwright. On Oct. 26, there were 15 birds entered. Winners: 1, W. Nelson; 2, J. Wainwright; 3, S. Morley. General meeting on Sunday night next, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.—J. Brindley, Sec. (Please write on one side of paper only.—Ed.)

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet Club meeting, held Butchers' Arms, Union Street, Oct. 26. Officers for forthcoming season: President, J. Syddall; vice-president, J. H. Dixon; chairman, E. Wynn; sec., E. Hickman; assistant sec., J. Hodgkiss; committee, Messrs. E. Rothwell, J. Green, G. Bate, J. Caswell, A. Marshall. New member, Charles Harrison First contest, Nov. 1st; for time; first pair in window at 2.45 prompt. Hoping to see all members present.—E. Hickman, Sec.

PENTONVILLE.

During the last fortnight we have had some very nice singing, both Linnets and Chaffinches. On Oct. 25 two Chaffinches met, the winner doing 12 score 4, and the 2nd 9, score 19. On Oct. 26 there were several trials with Linnets. We are starting Linnet singing Monday nights, which will help fanciers to get their birds ready for the Christmas prizes. Hoping to see as many old fanciers as possible. Timekeeper, F. Hughes.—Tony Moore, Robin Hood, Southampton Street, Pentonville. (Please write only on one side of the paper.—Ed.)

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must comrade with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds **Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SWELLING ON NECK. (W. M.) — Thanks for sketch showing position of swelling. It is hardly possible to be definite even now, as the position is very apt to be the site of an emphysematous air-sac. But judging from the evident pain and discomfiture of this later stage I have no doubt the swelling is an abcess. At the stage it has now reached, the best thing is to prick it and gently press out the contents, and then bathe and cleanse well with warm water, in a saucerful of which you have mixed a teaspoonful of extract of Wych Hazel. Afterwards anoint place daily for a few days with zinc ointment. If the bird is a valuable one, I would advise you to get a veterinary, or your medical man, if friendly disposed, to open and cleanse the abcess in the first instance.

THE MYSTERY OF SEX. (Ignorance)—(1) Really, the only good or rational method of determining the sex of Canaries is to study and observe closely birds of known sex, and also young growing birds, keeping the latter under observation until they show unmistakable signs of sex. In a word(experience is the only reliable guide, and with the growth of experience the ability to judge the sex of a given bird will develop. Did not you see the multitude of opinions in this matter published in our columns not long ago. For a novice the full, unbroken, lusty singing, and pulsation of the throat, are the best guides to the male sex. The hen

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Buttye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

looks softer, has a less graceful sweep of outline on the under surface, is pale on rump, throat, and wing-butts, and has a more harsh "tweet." All differences are very trivial, and comparative only. (2) Yes, it is just possible for a hen to be a fairly good singer. But as a rule they rarely get beyond a little twittering, and in all cases such hens are the exception to the usual rule. (3) A cock Goldie and hen Canary may agree together in a single breeding cage through the winter. Still, it depends upon the individuals, and only the actual test can settle the point.

BREED FOR PROFIT. (Bee, Leeds.) — Unquestionably, without experience in the breeding and management of high-class stock, the Roller, for breeding songsters, is the most suitable breed you can start with. Get strong, healthy birds, sound in "wind," alert, and active, and the cocks and hens unrelated, or, at least, not closely related, as they may with advantage be of the same strain. Given these qualities it matters nothing whether they are English or German bred. If, however, the room you intend to breed in is a cold one you should endeavour to get only birds which have been bred and kept in a normal temperature. It is not advisable to keep trained Rollers in the same room as Linnets, Goldfinches, and Parrots. In such circumstances the song is very liable to deteriorate.

WHICH ROLLER. (J. C.)—Taken as a whole there is nothing whatever to choose between the St. Andreasberg Roller and the one of which you sent advert. Both are very good, and a well-trained bird of either name should prove very satisfactory as a general songster. It is rather early yet for the best trained birds to be in the market. Wait another month, and then try one of the birds of which you sent advert., by depositing cash with the Editor, and having bird on approval as offered. You will then be able to hear it sing before closing the deal, and should quite satisfy yourself. If you do not like the song of bird sent return it within the specified time, explain what it is you do not like about its song, when the dealer will exchanged it, and doubtless suit your taste with the next.

SLOWLY DYING. (Anxious) I'm afraid your idea that the bird is about joining the great majority is not unfounded. It appears to be in a bad way, but you give no clue whatever to your method of feeding, or where you keep the bird, which might have helped me to discover the cause of its condition, and hence given a probable cure for it. Keep the bird in a box cage in a comfortable and equable temperature, free from cold draughts or the heated fumes from burning lights in the evenings, and do not hang it high up near the ceiling. See that cage is kept free from red mites; give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately a small teaspoonful of scalded rape, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. Give a pinch of mixed seed twice a week, and a spray of watercress four times weekly. Add to the water 20 drops of whiskey and five each of tinctures of calumba and gentian daily for a week. Bathe the eyes daily for a few minutes for a few days in a lukewarm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid in a saucerful of warm water.

WHEEZING AND PANTING. (W. G. G.)—Have you only had these birds lately? If so, it is not unlikely they have hitherto been accustomed to a warmer room than you now keep them in, and in that case it would be advisable to keep them in a room with a fire for a time and acclimatise them gradually. Do not, however, keep them near the fire. A cosy corner some distance away from fireplace will be more equable. If they are not recently acquired see that the situation is free from damp, and rapid extremes of heat and cold, as may be the case if the birds hang near or in a window even though the room has no fires. Also see that they are not exposed to cold draughts when, maybe, the window is opened to air the room. Having attended to these points give each bird in addition to the staple dict a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a spray of green food. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and for a fortnight afterwards give the chlorodyne mixture advised "Crest" in last issue every second day. If not well by that time write again and refer to this reply.

ALMOST BARE. (Geo. Wright)—You have missed any reference to the most important point as to when the bird commenced to lose its feathers. If it is only recently I do not suppose there is anything at all wrong with the bird except that the moult is taking a very rapid course, which is an advantage rather than otherwise, provided you are careful to protect the bird from cold draughts, and throw a light cover over its cage whilst it is so bare. If this is the case the feathers will quickly re-appear, and the plumage will be perfect again a few weeks hence. If the loss has been going on gradually for some time, keep the bird in a fairly warm and equable temperature; allow it to bathe when it desires, and feed as advised to "Anxious" in this issue, but for first fortnight slightly dust the bread and milk with flour of sulphur each time before adding the maw. During this period add to the drinking water on the days which the bread and milk is omitted 20 drops of whiskey, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence.

BARE ON HEAD. (J. McC.)—Possibly the sparsely feathered breast may be a natural defect, which is not uncommon among closely in-bred birds, or birds bred from double-yellows too long. If this is the case nothing yo ucan do will remedy it. You can only try to avoid it in the offspring by mating the bird with a dense profusely feathered buff, preferably one bred from double-buffs, and with lots of feather in its pedigree. It is probable that the bareness on the head was only temporary, and may be disappearing by this time. If there is no sign yet of new feathers appearing treat the bird for a fortnight as advised to "Geo. Wright" in this issue, and slightly moisten the bare skin where feathers should grow twice each week with carbonised vaseline.

AN IMPROVEMENT. (Canadian Reader)—Thanks, glad to hear that the bird has made some progress already under the treatment advised. To completely cure the wheezing, that is, if it is still curable, you should continue the treatment for a fortnight, then omit it for a week, treat again for a fortnight, and omit it for another week, and so on until the wheeziness is entirely eliminated. You should always repeat particulars when writing. I have forgotten whether this bird had moulted previously this season or not. If it has not, encourage this moult by warmth, and get it through as quickly and completely as you can. I am also doubtful what you refer to as Dr. Bowe's paste, as I have not "Our Canaries" handy to look it up. If it is the paste advised to "Novice" last week I must plead guilty to inventing it myself. It would help to bring the bird in full song, but would also tend to check the moult, so if you want to moult the bird quickly you should cease giving it until the moult is finished.

VARIOUS ("Guy Mannering").—(1) A staple diet of plain canary is best for regular use. Supplement this with half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second or third day, giving any other extras on the intervening days. For a seed mixture for occasional use and to bring bird in high condition for show, mix together two parts each of hemp and niger, one part each millet, teazle, and black rape, half part each linseed and broken groats, and a quarter part each maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. All parts are by measure. (2) To tighten up plumage, give a little egg food every second day for, say, a week, on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of the above mixture, and add five drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid to the water for a day or two. Allow bird to bathe freely. (3) If birds are in normal healthy condition, a staple of plain canary with a pinch of rape every second day, is quite sufficient to keep them up to show form. If necessary, treat as in No. 2 for a week or so prior to being shown. (4) To pull this hen together for an early show, keep her in a comfortable temperature, but do not overdo it; free from draughts and impure air; feed as in No. 2; and add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water for three consecutive days. After this give 20 drops of whisky, five each of ipecac. wine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, every second day for a week. Shake well together. On the alternate days give the gentian mixture named in No. 2. Offer the bath for a few minutes on nice mild days, but do not try to force it upon her.

PLAIN OR MIXED (Paul).—For regular use a plain canary seed diet, or at most a mixture of three parts canary to one part rape is undoubtedly the best for Canaries. It is also more economical, because the birds are not induced to scatter it about to find the seeds they are most fond of. See reply No. 1 to "Guy Mannering," and for staple diet either give the canary and rape separately as therein advised, or, if more convenient, give these two seeds mixed as mentioned above. In either case give, in addition, half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture named in that reply twice a week; on one other day each week a morsel of bread and milk or a small teaspoonful of egg and biscuit food; and a spray of green food three or four times a week. In winter, when green salads are not up for use, substitute a morsel of sweet fruit of some kind. See British Bird replies for answer to other query, which should have been written on a separate piece of paper.

AN OUTSIDE AVIARY (Mrs. Lamb).—I really cannot tell whether your outside aviary will require warming during the winter without some idea of its size, structure, and position. I can only say that given Canaries which have been bred and kept in a normal temperature, they are quite capable of living outdoors all the year round without any artificial heat whatever. You had better let the appearance of the birds be your guide. As regards feeding in such circumstances, give an unlimited supply of Canary and rape in separate vessels, and in addition give a little of the seed mixture mentioned in reply to "Guy Mannering," No. 1, every second day, and twice a week a little egg food, allowing a small teaspoonful per bird in each case. Should the weather be severe you may give the mixed seed daily for the time being, and also double the proportion of broken groats in it. Do not give green food when saturated with moisture from rain, snow, etc., nor when frost is about. Substitute a little sweet fruit at such times, or omit the item altogether. There is no necessity for giving warm food or water.

A DAMAGED EYE (W. M.).—Make a decoction of poppy heads, which you can get at any chemist's, by breaking up one or two heads, according to size, in a breakfast cup, filling with boiling water, and allowing to stand, covered, beside the fire for an hour or so. When cold, strain, and stir in until dissolved a small teaspoonful of boracic acid. Bathe the eye with this morning and evening for a few minutes until all inflammation has disappeared. Use a little fresh liquor each time of bathing. After bathing, gently dry off the surplus moisture and smear the tiniest scrap of boracic ointment over the eyelid. The sight may be there all right and resume its functions when the inflammation is removed, but even if the sight is destroyed, there is no reason why you should not breed with the bird next season if she is otherwise in good health and condition.

SWOLLEN FEET (W. E.).—I fancy your bird is troubled with a complaint which is rather rare in this country, though common enough in some places abroad. Try the following for two or three weeks, and then report result, and if necessary I will advise you further:—Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible, but do not grease the perches. Catch the bird and bathe the feet for a few minutes each day in a lukewarm solution of wych hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract of wych hazel mixed in a saucerful of warm water. Whilst bathing, use a small camel hair pencil and cleanse the toes as clean as possible. Dry gently and anoint the feet all over with Lanocyllin. If there is now any festering spot, touch it with a drop of the strong extract after bathing, and allow it to dry on before anointing. Do not leave surplus grease about the feet, as it will only collect dirt and cause it to adhere to them.

BREED FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY (R. G. R.).—It depends entirely upon the structure and position of your aviary and bird room whether, or what variety of Canary, you could keep for pleasure and profit. The place is a very nice size, and if it is substantially built, so that it is not subject to excessive fluctuation of heat and cold; is properly ventilated; and in a fairly sheltered position, you could successfully keep practically any variety you choose, provided only you took the precaution to stock in the first instance with birds bred and kept under normal conditions. If you have not had experience in breeding pure-bred varieties, the best bird for you to begin with is the Roller, as you will generally find a ready sale for the young cocks as songsters, and the hens you should clear out as feeders—that is, those you do not want to breed with yourself—and thereby reduce your expenses, and increase your chances of making a fair profit. You do not say whether you want to breed in cages or with birds flying loose, so I cannot say how many you should start with. It will be best not to turn out the birds until spring, and meantime, if you will write again and give full particulars about your aviary, and how you want to breed with the birds, I will give you a more definite reply.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

COLOUR FOR SHOW CAGES (A. Williams).—There is no colour so suitable as green for the inside of show cages for the majority of British birds. This colour is used in various shades to suit the taste of the many exhibitors. If you get a nice fresh laurel leaf and match it in tone, as near as you possibly can, you will find it will suit the Finches you mention admirably. Paint the interior of the cage with it, also the front bars. Do not make the mistake of having them black, they cut too sharply against the bird.

BRITISH BIRDS DYING OFF (Keadeen).—I am exceedingly sorry to hear of your losses, but I fancy if you had thought the matter out carefully you would have been able to do better with them. You say: "The only specimens to recover were those willing to feed on teasel seed alone." This should have given you the clue as to what suited freshly-caught birds. This seed is a very valuable one, and for freshly-caught birds cannot be dispensed with. Send your next consignment in the following manner. Procure some good sound hemp, pay a good price for it, and see that you have the best; many birds are lost through neglecting this precaution. Give them some of this, also canary, teasel, linseed, niger, and sunflower. Crush them all, giving the hemp fresh daily. In a separate vessel give some soaked teasel. Keep them well supplied with this at first, gradually diminishing it. Do the same with the niger until you feel you are safe in withholding it almost entirely. Watch your birds carefully, and if they prefer any particular seed let them have it, especially at first. Your object should be to keep them alive, and gradually wean them on to what one might call a rational diet. Let the drinking water be boiled before giving it to the birds. When they have been caged about a week, if looking fairly well, give them four drops of dandelion juice in the water. This will regulate the bowels, and correct any irregularity caused through change of diet.

HYBRID BREEDING WITH BULLFINCH (John D. Crawford.—The reason the Bullfinch cock is not used for hybrid breeding is because he is practically useless when in a state of captivity. He has been known to breed with a hen Bullie, but the occasions have been so rare that hybrid breeders, who have so much to contend with, will not persevere with him. They prefer to use the hen, which is, without doubt, one of our most valuable assets in hybrid production. Of course, if you could manage to get fertile eggs from, say, a cock Bullie and hen Linnet or Goldie, you would probably have young hybrids that would "lick creation," and make a name for yourself, besides filling your pockets with golden coins of the realm. The Bullfinch cock has never been used successfully for hybrid breeding, although, I believe, it was reported some years ago that one had bred with a Canary, but the evidence was not strong enough to confirm it.

MOULTING HYBRID (M. J. C.).—I gather from your letter that your Goldie-Canary is quite healthy but moulting rather slowly. Unless you require him for exhibition, why hurry him? You can do so by covering his cage almost entirely with paper or cloth and dissolving a little saltron in brandy or whisky, and giving him twenty drops of it in the drinking water; this should keep him going, but be careful when you uncover him that he does not take cold, uncover a little at a time. You say nothing about colour food, so I presume you are allowing him to moult out his natural colour, consequently the blaze will be yellow; this will deepen in tint, but never become so rich as it would do if properly colour-fed. The yellow feathers you mention as now just showing on the head are the commencement of the blaze; these will be a bit richer by the time he is quite through with the moult. Give him a spoonful of hemp, maw, and teazel seeds twice a week, and a few sunflower seeds every day.

TROUBLE WITH NIGHTINGALE (Enquirer).—There cannot be very much the matter with your Gale if he is in song, as these birds are not very general singers when in captivity. I think he is suffering from indigestion, and possibly the mealworms are the cause of it. The skins of these are

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3, "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11, "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

very indigestible, and if a bird is allowed too many of them or has been at all improperly fed, they are very likely to upset him. Your insectile mixture should be the very best obtainable, and it should be mixed with scraped raw carrot; this will correct the constipation. Reduce the number of mealworms, and, if obtainable, give gentles, flies, spiders, or any soft skinned insects you can lay your hands on. Failing these, try him with a little scraped raw lean beef or mutton. See that it is properly fresh, and not the slightest bit tainted to the smell. Let him bathe frequently, and put him in the very largest cage you possess. With this treatment he should improve, and be fit for exhibition.

AVIARY MATTERS (A. M.).—With careful feeding and attention in cleaning there is no reason why you should not keep in your 18ft. aviary all the birds you mention, but you would only be able to keep them as pets, to be looked at; it would be too crowded to expect any success in breeding. You might, even with all these birds in, have a pair or two go to nest, build, and lay; they may even commence incubation, but some fine morning the eggs would probably be thrown to the ground, and the nest pulled to pieces by some of the other inmates. This will sometimes happen even in fairly large aviaries with just a few pairs in it, but, as a rule, the less birds you have the more hope of success. If you are anxious that some of them should nest I would advise you to reduce the numbers. You might, for instance, leave out the Siskins, as being exceptionally mischievous, the Chaffinches, the cock Bramble, and the cock Yellow Bunting. Unattached birds in an aviary are a nuisance, for ever interfering with the quiet orderly ones. A good deal also depends upon your management. Let the cock and hen fly together in an ordinary breeding cage for two or three weeks before introducing them into the aviary. When first put in the place will be strange to them, so will the old inmates, and, consequently, they will most likely seek each others company, which is the very thing you want. When the spring comes round, if you notice any bird that is rather too fond of his own company, and takes no notice of his intended partner, you had better remove him, or catch him up and cage him with the lady until there is some sign of them being "chummy," and it is as well to follow out this method if you see two cock birds constantly chasing a hen. The most likely breeders would be the Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Goldfinches, and the hen Bullfinch, the cock Bird would no doubt mate with her, and be very attentive, but it would be doubtful if the eggs would be fertile, as cock Bullies are notoriously bad breeders in captivity, but I should feel very much inclined to try this pair, because it is just possible that one of the other Finches would mate with her without deserting his proper partner. For nesting, hang up German Canary cages and ordinary square

nesting boxes, as used by some Canary breeders. You could also nail up some pieces of Virginia cork, in the shape of pockets; stuff these with heather, and fasten a few branches of it round them so as to partly conceal them. The same could be done round the boxes and old cages. Birds like to be secluded and quiet when nesting, and are less likely to be interfered with by other birds than when the nest is fully exposed. Your feeding appears to be about correct for a mixed aviary, but I think you should double the amount of rape seed; this is a most valuable seed for Finches, especially when in an aviary or large flight. There are several well-known firms that put up a good collection of seeds for Finches; the main thing is to see that it is clean, and does not smell at all musty. For green food collect bunches of wild plants with seeding tops; see that they are quite free from frost before hanging up in the aviary. If you are particularly gone on Softbills you could include a pair or two, but I think you would be wise to keep to the Finches. Softbills would require insectile food mixed fresh daily; the Finches would soon sample it, and you would probably find, after a time, that you were keeping all the birds on an expensive food, or they would waste more than they would consume. Your Pied Rook requires rather better treatment. The Hound meal is all right as a staple food, but he should have an occasional dish of insectile food, a little scraped raw lean meat, cockroaches, half a dozen mealworms, and a dead Sparrow or mouse. This treatment would improve his condition immensely, and if you felt inclined you could exhibit him in a show where there is a class for Pied or rare-feathered birds.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHAT WEAVER? (B.K.G.).—This is evidently the Madagascar Weaver (*Foudia madagascariensis*). (2) The Red-billed or Red-beaked Weaver (*Quelea quelea*). (3). This is most probably a female, and these are practically impossible to name, apart from seeing the bird and skin comparison. Weavers have shown a greater inclination to nest in captivity these last few years, and young Weavers have been reared in more than one aviary this year—and though they have not been fully reared, several kinds of Hybrid Weavers have been hatched out.

TO KEEP WITH ROLLER CANARIES (H.J.A.).—There are several species of Mannikins whose song is almost inaudible to human ears, and these would be least likely to mar the song of your Roller Canaries. I do not consider Lovebirds or any kind of Parrakeets suitable. The worst feature of the Mannikins is that under the conditions of cage-life they are somewhat lethargic, and their claws need frequent trimming. They are, however, quite different to Canaries, and, if not gorgeous, the contrast of their colours is striking and pleasing. In a roomy cage, in which one or two millet sprays are always hanging, to keep them occupied, pairs of Spice Birds, Three-coloured, Black-headed, White-headed, Magpie and Bronze Mannikins and Bib Finches might be kept, or they would do in separate cages, but give them room, or you'll find them dull. The song of many other species does not amount to much, but sufficient, I fear, to make them unsuitable company for Roller Canaries. (2) I always use paraffin for the purpose, and finish up with crude carbons and a final swilling of cold water, then with 24 hours in the open there is no odour left; but if you require it for fixed cages, then petrol should help you to keep it within limits. I need not warn you against its inflammable nature.

FREE BREEDERS (J. S. Bingley).—During the winter months, or, say, from November to end of April, put some temporary covering over another side of your cage, leaving only the front open, and this should be kept facing due South, and in a sheltered position. For general night use a glazed shutter (provision must be made for ventilation) to close over the front, would keep the birds more comfortable in the winter, and save them from many cat-scares during spring and summer nights. You must not mix Parrakeets or Lovebirds with Finches in such a cage. Here are two alternative groups: (1) 1 pair Grey-headed Lovebirds, 2 pairs Budgerigars, and 1 pair Passerine Parrakects (Blue-winged Lovebirds). Budgies need no nesting materials; for the others simply straws, strips of natural bark and leaves; husks and small barrels for nest receptacles. (2) Pairs of Silverbills, Avadavats, Zebra Finches, and Long-tailed Grassfinches. Supply rush nests for them to build in, and hay and a little moss as nesting material. You must not put any birds out at this time of year; the first week in May is the time to do this, and they can then remain out altogether unless you are in the far North.

PEKIN ROBIN (L.W.).—Not much use buying the booklet unless you follow its directions. Stop the crushed hemp at once, and diet as advised in the booklet. There is practically no difference in the winter and summer plumage of these birds. The dark plumage may endure till the next moult, when it is probable it will become natural again. I should put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, once a week, in the drinking water of this bird for about a couple of months, and let the supply of fruit and soft food be ad lib., also give it a couple of mealworms daily, and any odd spider, earwig, beetle, etc., you can pick up.

WHAT PARROT? (C. E. Mitchell).—It is a Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo. Its diet consists of seed mixture, ripe fruit (any kind it will take), apple and banana are very good, nuts (Spanish, Brazil, walnut, monkey). It can also have dry crusts or pieces of plain biscuit, and such green food as it will take. Grit, cuttlebone and water must be regularly supplied. A good seed mixture for these birds consists of one quart each canary, white millet and oats, one pint each wheat, hemp, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds, and a gill of chillies—well mix, and store in dust-proof receptacle, in some dry place. I have known several very talented birds of this species, but the majority of them are not gifted this way; however, if you patiently train your bird there is no reason why it should not talk, to some extent, at any rate. If it does not prove a screamer, you'll find it a droll, acrobatic and chummy bird, even if it does not make a talker, but it should speak a word or two, if no more.

YOUNG BLUE-FRONT (Algernon).—Only let this bird have a drink twice a day (tepid water), with one sdrop of laudanum mixed in it two or three times a day, and do not let it over-drink—do not leave the water in cage till the inordinate thirst has passed. You must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. Give every fourth day half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking-water, omitting the laudanum on the particular day. Give him about one tablespoonful of boiled maize daily—it only keeps fresh one day—boil till soft, drain off all water, lightly dust with flowers (flour) of sulphur, and supply to the bird. I should soak into the boiled maize half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil, or c.l.o. emulsion, before dusting with sulphur. If the mouth is furred and slimy, put a little honey and borax (it will take it from the end of a stick) till it becomes quite clean. Let it have some ripe fruit, any kind it will take, also some shelled nuts. Report progress a fortnight hence. Any ailement used must be well cleansed for each occasion.

PARROT WITH LICE (Polly). I should spray this bird with quassia solution (tepid) and when dry blow some insecticide (Keating's will do), under the wings and at root of tail feathers—use the ordinary bellows or bulb to distribute the powder. As the bird is tame you will have no difficulty in getting it to lift its wing by the aid of a stick or your hand. Avoid getting either the solution or the powder in the bird's eyes. You will, of course, take care that the bird does not get a chill while the plumage is moist. You must also give the cage, perches and hoppers an occasional cleansing with boiling water till the parasites are finally got rid of. Keep the bird's bowels moving freely (not watery loose) with an occasional laxative, and put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day, so as to keep the bird toned up.

BLOSSOM-HEADED PARRAKEETS (T.W.C.).—Diet these birds as follows: Seed mixture; one quart each canary, white millet, and oats; one pint each paddy rice and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed), ripe fruit (any kind they will take); I should stop the soaked bread as soon as possible, but they must not want for food; if they will take plain biscuits soaked instead of bread, give them this at once—after moistening the bread or biscuit (do not saturate it), soak into it half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates. Give every fourth day in the drinking water one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, if the bowels become too loose, then only give the laxative once a week. They have not been very common of late, though recently a fair number have come to hand, and young newly-imported specimens are quite cheap. A really good specimen (in good feather and condition) should be worth 40s.

AILING GREY PARROT (Mrs. G. C.-G.).—You give me no idea how you have fed it, and as in such cases a sudden change of diet is very harmful, I can only say that the diet should consist of seed mixture, fruit, nuts, dry crusts, biscuits, and a piece of plain cake occasionally. Of course, grit, cuttlebone and water must be always supplied. If this bird will take it I should supply a little boiled maize daily, say about one teaspoonful—boil till soft, drain off all water, soak into it half a teaspoonful of cod-liver oil, and then dust lightly with flowers (flour) of sulphur. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water for a month, in any case, then once a week may be sufficient, but the bowels must work freely without the voidings being watery-loose. On other days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. I fear you have applied to me too late, you have let the matter go very far. You must keep it warm and out of all draught, at the same time not in a stuffy atmosphere. If there are any skin parasites you must spray with a tepid (quite warm) quassia solution, and, of course, clear them from cage as well. It has gone so far that recovery cannot be rapid, and you must persevere with the treatment. I take it the bird is tame, do not permit it to mope overmuch, fuss about with it and pet it as much as you can without teasing it or worrying it. You were not entitled to a reply per post, as no fee was enclosed (see rules), but the case being urgent, one has been sent. Please report progress.

SLEEPING OUT (King).—Of course, up to the present time it has not mattered whether the birds have used the shelter at night or not. If it is well lighted they should certainly do so; if it is not light, the remedy is, put in another window. Now the nights are cold, if the arrangement of your aviary permits it, I should drive them in at night and shut them in till morning. I should also advise putting all the food vessels inside, this will accustom them to its occupation more—a light would be risky, and they are really better in the dark at night; far better to increase your window accommodation, if necessary, but if the shelter is really light you need not trouble further—the driving in should be done as soon as it begins to get dusk, and the probability is it will not have to be continued long, as the foreign species will soon find the comfort of it—the trouble may lie with the indigenous species.

AILING AMAZON (J.G.).—I am pleased indeed to note your bird is picking up so rapidly; continue the treatment for some time longer yet. It is quite all right about the way it is taking to the new diet, and it will ultimately take this from choice, but during the initial stages you must not let it want for food while it is getting accustomed to the changed dietary. Do not let it get a scare, but quietly pet it, and take such notice of it as the bird will permit—this will tend to keep *ennui* at bay, and help the bird along greatly. It it does not bathe, give it an occasional light spraying with tepid water, but guard against a chill now the cold weather is near at hand.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

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C. Harrison.—Impaction of the bowels, setting up inflammation of same.

Rex.—Cock Whitethroat succumbed to pneumonia. The bird was in splendid condition, but a little too gross. I can find no fault whatever with the treatment of your bird, unless, perhaps, the diet is a little too liberal.

W. Brown.—I believe death to have occurred from septic fever. The remains had undergone rapid decomposition that excluded a really through examination. Perhaps you will send me another, should you lose any more.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. A.; Miss Wood; A.C.K.; and Others. Thanks for the newspaper cuttings you kindly send us.

G. Lawton. Shall be pleased to have the promised photos.

G. Millicent.—We think unpleasant incidents such as the one you relate are best left out of print; the society officials, or the "man in line," can deal with the offender.

J. H. Toplin.—We would prefer you to send a postcard direct to the cage-maker in question.

J. McHolme.—At the present stage of the case we would rather not publish your letter, preferring to leave matters to the parties chiefly concerned.

W. Williams.—You have misread the conditions. We only give a diploma to the best bird in each section, not in each class.

R. T. King.—Thanks for photograph; which shall be utilised in due course.

G. Rostron.—Awfully sorry we are unable to print your verses, but our printer simply can't stand poetry—had an overdose of nursery rhymes in his early days, we fancy, which has soured his disposition towards poets and their masterpieces.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Nov. 4, St. Thomas School, 8 p.m. Bird washing competition; commence 8.15 prompt.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.S.—Nov. 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Annual show bus.—J. Whitehead.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. To take entries for annual show.—W. Hall.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' show. Balance-sheet for society's dance.—F. Gelder.

Barnet F. and F.S.—Nov. 5, headquarters, 8.30. Presentation of certificates and medals.—W. J. Cartwright.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Social Club, 7. Final arrangements for annual show; bus. import., members please attend.—D. Reavley.

Birtley C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Station Hotel, 7. Paying out members' prize-money.—S. Lindsay.

Birmingham City C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. Open show business.—J. H. Jones.

Birmingham South O.S.—Nov. 1, new quarters, Marlboro' Hotel, Small Heath. Young stock show, birds staged 4 p.m.; entries up to that time. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.

Bishop Auckland C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 7.30. Final arrangements for open show. All members be present.—Elliott and Nattrass.

Bolton C.B.S.—Nov. 4, headquarters, 8.30.—J. Gerrard.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 4, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Members' show; judges, P. Mason, Esq., and M. Broadley, Esq. (Windhill). Birds to be staged by 7.15 prompt. Entries Monday and Tuesday night at schools. Show in meeting room upstairs.—H. Hill.

Bristol C.B.S.—Nov. 5, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Final arrangements for show. Schedules now ready.—B. L. Pool.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Clearing up show business.—A. Wood.

Bootle C.B.S.—Nov. 4, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, L.-Lane, 8. Final business for annual show.—L. S. Hamilton.

Bradford City O.S.—Nov. 1, Flying Dutchman Hotel. 2nd old bird show; birds staged 2.30. Judges, Mr. A. W. Hartley, Yorks.; and Mr. J. S. Clarkson, Nor. Nov. 22, 33rd annual open show in Feversham Street Council Schools, Leeds Road, Bradford. Judges, H. W. Walsh, Esq. (Halifax) and H. J. Chittenden, Esq. (Bradford). Entries close Nov. 18.—P. N. Jenkinson.

Burslem C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Barnfield's Inn, 8. Washing exhibition and competition; all bird-lovers invited.—L. James.

Consett, Blackhill P., Etc., S.—Nov. 1, Co-operative Buildings, Consett, 7.30. Show arrangements.—J. H. Coupland.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 5, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Open show arrangements.—A. J. Barratt.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Arcade Temperance Hotel, 7. Table show for Yorkshire cocks; entry fee 3d.; Mr. J. Reid judge.—J. W. Holms.

Crewe O.S.—Nov. 4, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Closing entries for show; no entry accepted after 9 p.m.—E. Jaycott.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Finish arrangements in connection with the open show. Important bus. All please attend.—E. Thomas.

Chorley C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Shepherd's Hall, 7.30. Prize-money paid.—J. H. Welch.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Club Hall, 6.30. Members, prize-money, etc.—W. Tomlinson.

Clapham C.B.A.—Nov. 4, 8.45. Distribution of prizes to members. Members who have not paid subs. must now do so; also tickets and specials.—T. J. Hose.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8; committee, 7.30.—J. Southworth.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Show bus.; good attendance desired.—L. Barker.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Special business.—G. S. Lynn.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Fountain Inn, 8. Very urgent business; arranging Mr. P. Illingworth's cup, etc.—S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Nov. 3, Free Gardeners Hall, Abbeymount. Final arrangements for show.—R. S. Spence.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—Nov. 6, 142, High Street, 8. Final arrangements for show; entries taken at this meeting.—J. Stormont.

Erith F.S.—Nov. 6, West Street Schools, Erith, 8. Members are requested to bring advertisements and specials, and help make final arangements annual show.—G. A. Rickett.

Garston B.B.A.—Nov. 6, Baptist Schoolroom, 8. Special meeting for arranging old show. Will members kindly pay their subs. at this meeting, so we can get to work.—A. T. Mullock.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 1, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting and washing exhibition by Mr. F. Townsend; also novice washing competition for gold centre medal. Members note, place supper altered to Nov. 13.—H. Clegg.

Hornsey, Wood Green, C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green, 8. Arrangement for annual show.—P. Brooks.

Hyson Green C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Cricket Players, 8. Please note change of meeting night.—W. Cottingham.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Crown Inn, 7. Classification and final arrangements for annual show, squaring up accounts, when all members must be clear on books.—A. J. Nolley.

Idle C.B.A.—Nov. 5, White Hart, 8. Members' show Nov. 8; judge, Mr. F. Self. Birds staged at 3 p.m.—T. Elsegood.

Islington F.A.—Nov. 3, Congregational Schoolroom, Holloway Rd., Warliters Rd., N., 8.30 sharp. Arrange about annual show, Dec. 13th. Ladies' string band on show day, and other import. bus.—H. A. Brown.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. A.O.V. Can., unflighted; Mules or Hybrids, Goldies, Bullies. Judging competition for British. Postponed washing exhibition.—J. Cook.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Nov. 1, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Masons' Arms, 7.30. Balance-sheet, payment of prize-money, election of office-bearers. Motion by J. Steel to put show date back.—W. B. Smart.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Nov. 1, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8. Distribution of prizes for autumn show.—G. G. Stubbs.

Loughborough C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Charnwood Coffee House, 3. Table show, Brit. Goldie or Bullie, Yorks. hens and Nor. hens; also for making new members.—J. A. Walker.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Lockharts, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Questions and answers. Members please return unsold tickets.—W. A. Wilson.

Longton C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Roebuck Hotel, 8. To select and give specials; settle up show and other important business.—P. Barker.

Manchester Amalgamated S.—Nov. 6, Mr. Robinson's, Carruthers Street, 9. General show business in connection with Amalgamated Show, Dec. 20.—H. Clayton.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Nov. 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. January show business, etc.; important.—W. H. Tansey.

Manningham C.B.A.—Nov. 1, Headquarters, 8. Open show.—H. Grange.

New Cross C.B.S.—Nov. 6, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford. Annual show, admission 3d.; open at 2. Stewards please be in attendance on Wednesday by 6.30 p.m., to receive exhibits and erect staging.—Burton Bros.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Nov. 3, Pillar's Cafe, 7.30. Table show, four classes champ., four nov.—M. S. Potts.

Nelson, Colne C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Mr. Fulton's, 7.30. Show.—J. Speak.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Nov. 6, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Members' specials will be on hand; receive money for tickets for admission to show, etc.—J. W. Reed.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Nov. 4, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Final show arrangements.—J. G. Royce.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Special meeting. Entries for table show close.—F. Washbourne.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Church House, 8. Show bus.—T. H. Tiffen.

Oxford C.B.S.—Nov. 6, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. Late show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Oldham C.B.A.—Nov. 4, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for show and general business.—J. Cope.

Preston O.S.—Nov. 4, Tokio Cafe, 8. Show matters, etc.—T. Barton.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Fleece Hotel, 8. General bus.—H. Raistrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Granby Hotel, 7. Members' show and meeting; judge, Mr. R. E. Helliwell, Halifax.—H. Myers.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Show bus., etc.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Final show arrangements; all members please attend.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Parish Church Schools. Staging birds for show by 10 p.m.; also stewards, etc., for same. Rose bowl on view.—W. Adams.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Nov. 7, headquarters, Cocoa Rooms, 7.30. Show bus.—E. Rone.

Redhill C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Watkins Hotel, High Street, 8.—A. W. Bacon.

Sale C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Excelsior Club, Tatton Road, Sale, 8. Important show business.—H. Whitney.

S. Shields C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Cyprus, 7.30. Draw for specials.—W. L. Smith.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Nov. 4, Victoria Hotel, 8. Import. bus.—F. Drake.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Nov. 3, headquarters, 7.45. Final arrangements for annual show. Members who have not yet obtained coupons for CAGE BIRDS competition are requested to do so at once.—W. Broadbridge.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Distribution of ballot papers. Table show young birds. Members please bring in ticket, advert., etc. money, so that open show accounts may be paid.—A. Hobson.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Nov. 3, headquarters, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, etc.—J. T. Chgetham.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Thatto Heath and Dis. O.S.—Nov. 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Arrangements for show.—H. Cuttler.

Universal Social Club C.B.S.—Nov. 1, 7.30. Special meeting, last before show; very import. business.—J. Smith.

Walkden Roller S.—Nov. 4, Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Bus. import.—H. Howard.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Stewards for annual show and draw for specials.—W. Elliott.

West of Scotland O.S.—Nov. 1, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Final show business. Annual subscription now due.—W. Hutchison.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.30. Show bus.—Ed. Ball.

Walsall C.B.S.—Nov. 5, White Hart Hotel, 8.30. Very important show business.—F. Price.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.30. Receive schedules open show.—W. G. Andrews.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 6. Members' show and supper; judge, Mr. J. Chippendale.—H. C. Crossley.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Nov. 3, 6, The Broadway, 8. Report of show; presentation of specials. Judging competition of Yorks.; final judge, Mr. Jeffrey, Jeffreys.—H. Smith.

Correspondence.

Specials from Australia for the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir, I have again had the pleasure of receiving three guineas from the Victorian Canary Society, and Mr. F. White, to be used as special prizes at the next National Show; and am asked to acknowledge the receipt of same in CAGE BIRDS.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

The Norwich Plainhead Club and Sheffield Show.

Sir,—Allow me to draw the attention of the amateur members of the Norwich Plainhead Club to the fact that through an oversight Sheffield Society have, instead of putting on amateur classes for Norwich, put on novice Norwich classes, £5 5s. limit. I have been in communication with the society, and they have decided to alter the classes to amateur classes, without limit as to price, so that all amateur members eligible by our rules to show in amateur classes can show in classes 45 to 50, inclusive, without any danger of being disqualified or having their birds claimed for £5 5s. I trust all members will support the show as much as possible.

JNO. HOPKINS.

A New Rose Bowl for the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.

Sir,—By holding two successful whist drives, etc., we had a surplus of about £6, and it was unanimously agreed that a committee be formed for buying a good bowl. They have been successful in getting a solid silver one on an oak plinth. It is a beauty, and whoever is the winner will also receive an extra good special. From reports I think the competition will be keen on the occasion of our show to-day, Nov. 1st, at Parish Church Schools. I only wish we had something for the novices to compete for; if only a few more would join us, it would give us a bit of encouragement to cater for them. There are a lot of local fanciers not connected with any society, and they would benefit by joining us. We have made seven new members this year, but we have plenty of room for many more, and they will be helped in any way they desire as regards information.

WM. ADAMS, hon. sec.

A Gramophone Record of the Roller's Song.

Sir,—It is most excusable that any reference to the "needle-scrape" of gramophones should suggest that instrument of torture, a cheap common machine and its usual accompaniments. But it is only fair to say that it is not this type of machine I meant when I referred to "needle-scrape," as I had it on the authority of a recognised expert and critic in the gramophone world that "needle-scrape" is always present, even in the most favourable of circumstances. The quality of machine is, I believe, unimportant in comparison with the quality of the needle used, and the condition of the record. I think I must have heard the sound at the very minimum that can be attained, and still to my ear it has marred the softest passages of certain instrumental solos, and would, in my opinion, suffice to mar some of the most delicate tours of the Roller's song.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sir,—I have naturally been much interested in this correspondence, and I do not believe there is such a record on the market at present. My own experience is limited to an Edison Gem phonograph, and on my records the intervening portion of a bird's song is a mechanical production, or one made by a human whistler. Phonograph records will vary in their clearness of tone, while some will produce undesirable sounds, especially so when they are somewhat worn. I do not anticipate much difficulty in producing the song of an ordinary Roller on a record, simply from an amusement point of view, because the majority of birds will be capable of singing for such. To make such a record as I believe your South African correspondent and others require, that is, one to aid in the tutoring of young Roller Canaries, would be a more difficult matter. It would require a singer with a connected range of song tours, as it is not desirable that the young should constantly hear a song with the sequence of the tours disconnected. I should term such a bird a "classical singer," and they are not numerous, so it may be correctly assumed they are highly valued by their owners. There are more difficulties in the way of making a record at an exhibition than your S.A. correspondent is probably aware, even though an exhibitor was willing to allow his bird to be used for the purpose. Viewing the proposed record from a utility point of view, I believe such a one as I have described would be the next best to the living tutor, in schooling young tours that have been suitably bred, to produce that particular style of song (I have touched upon a similar subject in one instalment of my articles, which will appear later). Of course, I am assuming that the "scrape" is reduced to a minimum, and that the voice of the bird comes out sounding as natural in tone as that of the human voice in our present records. The phonograph could be placed at the opposite end, or side of the room, as the song tone would be brought louder from a record than when produced by a bird's voice, and in moderating the tone by lessening the revolutions of the phonograph barrel, it would tend to moderate any unnatural noise. I believe that such a record (given suitably bred youngsters) would be conspicuously superior to those Roller organs that I have had the pleasure of hearing, for they were lacking in being dis-similar in tone to the bird. I have no experience in the making of records. If any of your readers would give me the necessary information, I will endeavour to produce such a record as soon as my best old bird is singing again, after the moult.

J. TOMLINSON.

A Season of Plenty.

Sir,—I have bred this season 45 Canaries and 6 Linnet Mules from 5 hens and 3 cocks, and have not overworked the stock. Accept my thanks for a good deal of excellent advice from CAGE BIRDS, which I am always looking forward to.

S. DOWLING.

A Revival of the Accrington and District C.B.S.

Sir,—A meeting of fanciers was held at the "Crown Hotel," Blackburn Rd., on Oct. 23, for the purpose of reviving the Accrington and Dist. C.B.S. The following gentlemen were elected officials: Chairman, Mr. A. Hirst; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Rooney; secretary, Mr. D. Harwood; treasurer, Mr. W. Crawshaw; all the members to form a committee. Subscription 6d. per month, with an entrance fee of 1s. The meetings will be held at the "Crown Hotel," on the first Thursday in each month. At the next meeting our chairman will open a discussion on "How to keep birds in show condition." A hearty invitation is given to all fanciers to come and make this society an active one. Start at 8 o'clock.

D. HARWOOD.

The Staging of the Border Fancies at Clapham Show.

Sir,—I read the letter from Mr. Williams, and although it was certainly very sarcastic, I think that it only expressed (although perhaps in rather a drastic form) the thoughts of many visitors to the show. The Borders certainly were badly staged, and it would take more than Mr. Askew's letter to persuade me that boards placed across chairs standing on a table is an ideal staging for birds. When I visited the show on Wednesday evening, it was impossible to see the lower tier of birds without handling the cages, a process that is objectionable from the exhibitor's point, and which should not be necessary at a show which claims to rank as one of London's leading shows. I have every confidence in Mr. Norman's judgment, and if he suggested them being placed in the room, I have no doubt that he considered that the best place for them, but I cannot believe that he approved of the way they were staged. I think that Mr. Moore is rather too placid in the matter and allows his satisfaction at the great turn out of birds for the first patronage show to rather blind him. The Borders have had to fight for every inch of the ground they have gained, and it behoves show secretaries to remember that anything is no longer good enough for this variety. Might I suggest that Clapham have for the past three years treated the Borders far from well. They charge 2s. for entry fee, and in spite of the fact that in 1911 the entries numbered 23 and 25 in the two classes, and in 1912 29 in the unflighted, this is the first year they have been so generous (?) as to offer an extra third for classes of 20 or over. The special list has also been very meagre, a 2s. 6d. tin of patent food being the only special offered over the six classes this year by the show executive. I do not wish to hurt anybody's feelings by this letter, but would only warn the Clapham officials that if they wish to retain the generous support that Border fanciers have extended to them in past years, they must treat them generously in return.

F. W. BURTON.

[We have received one or two more letters on this subject, but cannot spare space to publish them, as the matter has now been thoroughly discussed.—Editor.]

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THE DISQUALIFIED YORKSHIRE AT HALIFAX SHOW.

What the Exhibitors Concerned Have to Say on the Matter.

Sir,—On reading the straightforward and impartial report of Mr. Hill, the Yorkshire Union Secretary, re the disqualification of one of our birds at the Halifax show by Mr. House for alleged trimming, my first intention was to respect Mr. Hill's strongly expressed desire that the matter should be allowed to drop, but the publication of your full page report on the matter, which almost creates the impression that the same was a verbatim report of what actually transpired at the Yorkshire Union Council meeting—an impression, by the way, which is altogether false and misleading—leaves us no alternative but to reply. The said report, evidently prepared by, or on behalf of Mr. House, is so manifestly biassed, evasive and one-sided that public sentiment and our own private interests demand that the other side of the question should be granted equal treatment and publicity through the medium of your columns.

Messrs. Ogden's View of Our Report.

To our minds the report in question casts such damaging reflections upon the intelligence and fair-mindedness of those persons constituting the Council of the Yorkshire Union (at any rate such as were present at the meeting), such a dire lack of everything pertaining to good management on the part of the Halifax Society, and such disgrace and dishonour upon ourselves as prominent exhibitors, that were such report allowed to go unchallenged the public would have every justification for believing that none of the aforesaid interested parties were worthy of the slightest consideration, trust, or confidence—in fact, had forfeited all claims to the possession, in any degree, of a sense of justice, integrity, and honour. And now for the "extraordinary disqualification incidents"—the "show sensation."

For the information of fanciers outside Yorkshire, we will first state how the class is worded:—"Even, Uneven, or Heavily Variegated." Had it been specially for "Even-marked birds," possibly there may have been a temptation to make the eye-marks more perfect, but in such a class as provided it would be the last thought of any exhibitor to try and make an uneven-marked bird even, as there would be no advantage in so doing.

The first intimation received by us was a telephone message on Friday afternoon to the effect that one of our birds had been disqualified by the judge. In entire ignorance of which bird was suspected, or the nature of or parts of the bird affected by such alleged trimming, we made the journey to Halifax, a distance of ten or twelve miles, on Friday night, perfectly confident in our minds that there had been an error in judgment, and that such methods could be easily adopted as would prove beyond all doubt that such was the case. Arriving at the show room, we can assure you, Mr. Editor, that we and our movements seemed of far more interest to the many persons assembled there than the exhibits, or anything else in connection with the show. As things have turned out, I am glad it was so. We quickly ascertained the class and number of the bird disqualified, and having merely satisfied ourselves that the exhibit was ours, we took no further notice of same.

Charge That Caused Consternation.

We found the Halifax officials very courteous, but at the same time very reticent (perhaps wisely so) in the matter of giving information as to the nature of the disqualification, prefering, no doubt, that such details be first dealt with at the meeting of the Yorkshire Union Council, which was called on the following day. In order to establish our innocence and prove that the bird had not been trimmed in any way whatever, we had decided to ask the Council to hand over the bird to some independent party, who should keep it six weeks or six months or as much longer as they thought necessary, and if, in the meantime, it showed signs of having been tampered with, we would forfeit £10 to a well-known charity. One of us attended the meeting and actually informed the delegates what steps we were prepared to take, but we little knew how completely the ground had been removed from under our feet, and in such a manner as staggered the whole of the members of the Council, and has undoubtedly caused a flutter in the Fancy from one end of the country to the other. Evidently Mr. House had come to the conclusion that he must either "admit that he had made a mistake," or, otherwise, "that the bird was not the same that he judged." He decided on the latter course, and consternation ruled supreme.

We wish to say here, Mr. Editor, that we are prepared to swear before any tribunal on earth or in heaven that the bird produced and examined at the Yorkshire Union Council meeting, and still in the possession of the Yorkshire Union President, is the identical bird which Mr. House judged and disqualified as exhibit No. 3 in class No. 12.

It would not be out of the way to point out here the seeming inconsistency of the judge in saying that his attention was first drawn to the bird by its apparent beautifully-finished markings, and subsequently going on to say that the bird disqualified was marked on one side in front of the eye, up to the beak, on the other side the marking did not extend in that manner.

Evidence Alleged to be Weak.

Most people will agree that the evidence of the witnesses was painfully weak, in so far as the changing of the bird is concerned. The majority would not commit themselves to any further statement than that on the previous day, they were able to see a bare patch exhibited to them by Mr. House after having carefully subjected the bird to certain treatment. Our firm conviction is, he could have exhibited the same on Saturday under the same treatment had he so desired. One witness was bold enough to say it was not the same bird, because the one judged had a white tip on an otherwise dark feather. By reading Mr. Hill's report we find that attention was drawn to the fact that the bird before the Council possessed just such a feather. The witness could only say it was not the same feather. We can easily mention names of persons, including a capable and well-known judge, who saw the disqualified bird on Friday, and who, without any qualifications whatever, maintain that the one examined by the Council is the same bird. So, for the present, we will dismiss the question of witnesses, and ask Mr. House how it would be possible for the bird to have been changed.

So far as we can see, it could only be done either by ourselves or some official of the Halifax Society having access to the room in the absence of others. So far as we are concerned, let the following facts speak for themselves: We visited the show on Friday night at 8.30 o'clock, and left at 9.50. On Saturday one of us arrived at 2.30, and left when the show closed. During the whole of the time a good muster of visitors and officials were present, and, as you would naturally expect, all eyes were turned upon him, and practically no movement of his passed unobserved by someone or other of those present.

An Offer of Fifty Pounds.

Need we ask, is there any sane person who would believe for a single moment that it would be possible for us to take a bird from its cage on the show bench and substitute another without being detected? The idea is nothing removed from the monstrous and ridiculous. So far as the alternative is concerned, it is perhaps more a matter for the Halifax Society, but we are prepared to offer a reward of £50 to any person (official or otherwise) who will come forward and prove that we, or either of us, changed or caused to be changed (or even attempted to do so) any exhibit we sent to the Halifax show.

Apologising for the necessary length of this letter, and confidently leaving the case to the judgment of your readers, we remain,

OGDEN BROS.

New Departure at Nottingham

Sir,—The Nottingham and Notts. O.S., whose annual exhibition is to be held on the 14th and 15th Nov., desire to call special attention to the fact that they have, at considerably increased expense, arranged for the show to be held in the New Lecture Hall, Mechanics' Institute, the entrance to which is immediately opposite the Victoria (G.C. and G.N.) Station. This hall, which has recently been erected, is one of the finest of its kind in the kingdom, is splendidly lighted, well ventilated, and heated by hot water. It is larger than the hall connected with the same Institution, in which the previous shows have been held, and has the advantage also of being on the ground floor. Exhibitors should please note that the exhibition will be held on Friday and Saturday, and not on Saturday and Monday, as heretofore. Special attention is called to the fact that, unless instructions be received to the contrary, all exhibits will be delivered to the railway company on Saturday night in time to catch the main line trains. Fanciers desirous of having them kept over until Monday morning may do so, upon making a written request to that effect on their entry form. J. E. ROYCE, asst. sec.

To Exhibitors at Harlech Show.

Sir,—Re Harlech show, I wish to inform fanciers who will be unable to dispatch their exhibits early enough to reach the show in time on the Monday (show day), that I shall be most pleased to keep them over Sunday in my bird room, if addressed to me. We can assure all that the best care will be taken of exhibits. I might say that the Town Hall, where the show will be held, is an ideal place, free from draughts, and with good light. I trust we shall have an entry different to that we have had in shows around here lately. Will Llanberis, Denbigh, and Bethesda fanciers give us a hand, as I find they have a show in the near future? Mr. C. S. Maidment is giving a silver cup for best bird in show, and not E.P. cup, as stated in schedule.

J. E. Jones.

Vaynol House, Harlech.

The Southern Norwich P.C. Cup Classification.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Pope's letter, I must say that he has not quite clearly understood our rules about the extra classes at Plymouth. It would be impossible to accept these classes in counting points with other shows, as Rule 10 states only Mr. Spillman's classes, and if I gave points at the end of the season from others, I am sure I should have some members calling the attention of our committee to my gross carelessness in doing so. That was the only reason why I would not include them in our patronage. In keeping strictly to our rules I know I must offend somebody, and perhaps, as at other shows, act on my own discretion if time will not allow for calling a committee meeting. In stating to Mr. Pope that those classes would not stand, I hope he will see the position I took in the matter as secretary of the club, but personally I see no reason to stop any club from putting in classes besides the eight that we state in our classification.

F. S. Matthes.

Among the "Chubby Ones" in and Around Plymouth.

Sir,—I recently returned from my annual holiday, having spent it in and around Plymouth. A holiday in those parts is very nice, and when one is able to visit a few of the birdy men and have a look at their stock, it makes the holiday still more enjoyable. The first fancier I was able to call on was that well-known breeder and exhibitor, Mr. Spillman. We were soon in the breeding-room admiring his stock of Plain heads. This fancier has a very cosy room in his house for the birds, plenty of roomy breeding-cages, and good flights for the young stock and hens to fly in during the winter. He has had a good year in breeding, and at the time of my visit one could spot many very promising youngsters coming along. One, a buff unflighted hen, I admired very much, also a saddle-marked yellow which looked like making a topper. The next fancier I called on was the well-known breeder of the Norwich Plainheads, Mr. W. Collings. This fancier has bred some of the best Plainheads that have ever graced the show bench. He has captured the diploma for the best Plainhead at the Crystal Palace, and was also the breeder of the famous "Hero." Mr. Collings' house is built in the garden, roomy and warm, well ventilated, and nicely stocked with cages. I am sorry he has not had the best of luck this year or two in breeding in respect of numbers, but somehow he generally manages to breed a few good ones which do some winning. This year he bred some very nice youngsters, several very promising, and several of his last year birds are looking well, having improved very much in their moult, especially a yellow hen, a grand Norwich, one of those birds it seems you cannot get away from. With Mr. Collings I went to St. Budeaux to visit Mr. Pethick, of Gill and Pethick, the well-known fanciers. I received a very hearty welcome. Mr. Gill and Mr. Pethick were in their bird house, which is built in the garden, when we got there, no doubt just sorting out some of the future winners. They have a good many to choose from, as these fanciers have bred a grand lot of youngsters, a few "chips off the old winners." The ticked buff winner of first at the last Palace Show and a host of other first prizes, looked grand, but I noticed another ticked buff (bred 1912) which looks as if it will make the old ticked buff go for all he is worth on the show bench. Then there was the winning variegated yellow which took first and special best unflighted at the last Palace Show; he was looking "hot stuff." Mr. Pethick is a sticker for colour. I don't think he will ever get a bird hot enough to suit himself. I noticed one of the best buffs I have seen bred this season, of good size, short, and cobby, a real Norwich. But there were many others which took one's eye, and well might these two fanciers be proud of their stock. My next visit was to the genial secretary of the W.C.O.S., Mr. Pope. I received a right good welcome, and, as it was getting dark, we were soon looking at the stock. This good fancier and judge has not had one of the best of seasons, but has bred a few good young birds which, when moulted, will give, I hope, a good account of themselves. This fancier has a few fine Cinnamons, as well as Norwich. I also called on Mr. Brown, but was sorry to find him out. My last call was on Mr. Parish, of St. Budeaux; this fancier has not had the best of luck the last year or two in his breeding room, but this year has several birds that look very promising, and which, I hope, will give him a little encouragement to plod on in the Fancy. His room is outside, and is well stocked with good cages. There were several other fanciers I should like to have visited, but it could not be arranged as some were away from home most of the day, and time was short. Any fancier who goes down Plymouth way will be well repaid, for they will receive a good hearty welcome, and see something worth looking at.

G. W. Saunders.

How to Make Shows Attractive.

A Well-known Show Manager's Sporting Idea for Next Season.

Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the letters that have appeared in your columns on this subject, also the letters re the payment of half prize-money, and the alleged ungenerous treatment of exhibitors at certain shows. Further, from private correspondence and from information given me by club secretaries, I learn that many retire from the Fancy when they cease to be eligible to compete in the novice classes, finding it impossible to compete with champion exhibitors in open classes in these days of keen competition. This loss could, I think, be prevented by the introduction of open amateur classes at the leading shows, such classes being a stepping-stone from the novice to the open sections. I have noted the demands made by exhibitors, and heard the statements made by show secretaries that these demands could not be met without the serious risk of heavy financial loss. Chiefly from the desire to keep as many fanciers in the Fancy as possible, and partly to make a sporting experiment, I have decided, unless prevented by unforseen circumstances, to run a show next autumn, at which the desires of your correspondents shall be met. At this show I will give a liberal classification for champions, amateurs, and novices, with specialist judges for each section, and the prize-money shall be on a liberal scale, while full prize-money will be guaranteed in every class. That bugbear, "half prize-money," will be conspicuous by its absence. Twenty-one days after the show I will, with the Editor's permission, publish a balance sheet of the show in Cage Birds. It will be interesting reading to both exhibitors and show secs. and will prove if a show run on liberal and up-to-date lines can be made to pay. If there is a loss, I will cheerfully bear it. If a profit, I will halve it with the exhibitors, taking half to compensate for the risk run in holding the show, the other half to be offered in the form of special prizes at the following National (Crystal Palace) show, to be competed for solely by the exhibitors at my autumn show; or I will give it in any other form the exhibitors prefer.

J. W. Ramsden.

What is the Matter with Members' Shows?

Sir,—I am very pleased that we fanciers who live by the banks of the good old Ship Canal are waking up to the fact that we have been dreaming that all was very well with us, and the Fancy too, if meddlers would only leave it alone. At last we awake to the fact that things might be a heap better than they are, especially in regard to members' shows. Since the last amalgamated show I have advocated that at the next show all prints, specials, trophies, etc., in connection with each society taking part should be competed for; also that a reasonably-priced trophy be bought by the societies to be competed for by the whole show, with starred birds, based on the number of members on the books of the society with the lowest membership. This, I think, would buck up the entries considerably, and help to make the show a success, with liberal classification, coupled with a low entrance fee. I think one big drawback to members' shows during my time in the Fancy has been amateurs and novices (also professionals and amateurs) showing together—two sections instead of four. What chance does this give the average beginner in the amateur and novice sections? Many of them soon find out that they are simply finding prize-money, and making advertisement for the men in the section above them. If we had all our members' shows co-operative, professional, amateur and novice could at every show have sections to themselves. I would even go farther than this by giving specials in each section to be competed for by first year amateur and ditto novice. It would give them something to fight for among themselves. With regard to all our Manchester societies joining hands and forming one big society, that would never do, but simply be putting the clock back. Let each society in our midst be always on the look out for new ideas as to how they can make things better for their members.

W. Downing.

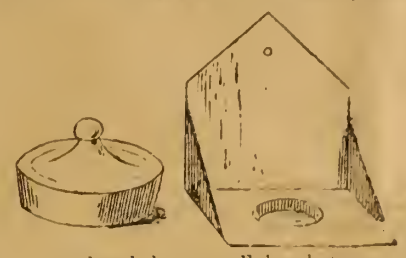
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and fivpence.

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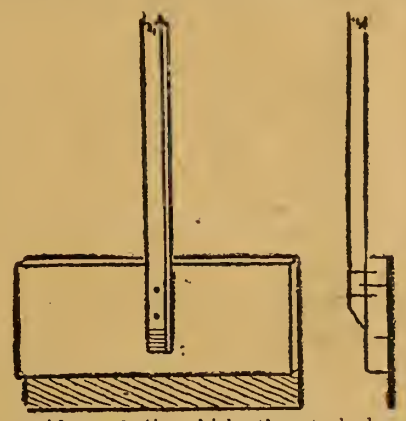


they are placed in a small bracket you will have good seed, drinking, or nesting pots.

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Better than a Broom for Feathers.

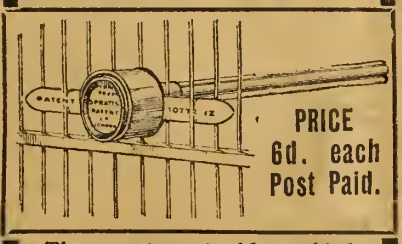
Sent by W. Southgate, Hardy Road, Parkstone.

Being troubled with feathers all over my floor, I tried to brush them up, and I found I had a peculiar job, so I set out and made a gummed scraper. It has a slight handle, made of a plasterer's ordinary lath, 3ft. long. I took a piece of light wood about 1ft. long



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Sir,—Will any one of your readers oblige by telling me, through the medium of your valuable paper, where I can, in or near, Gateshead, catch a few Linnets or Redpolls for my own keeping. I may say I am an absolute stranger to Gateshead, so that any information will be greatly esteemed.

British Lover.

A New Cage Bird Society for Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sir,—I have been requested by several prominent fanciers to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a new cage-bird society in the East end of the city. The idea has been under consideration for some time, and I think the time is now ripe for action. A meeting will be held at 7.30, on Nov. 12, at Foster's Café, Shields Rd., Byker (opposite Brinkburn St.). All fanciers are given a cordial invitation to attend, and already there are plenty of willing hands ready to form the new society, besides, ample support is promised in the East End of the city should the society be formed. I hope to see a good muster of fanciers present.

J. W. Coutts.

122, Brinkburn St.

The Forthcoming Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show.

Sir,—Once again the L.C.B.A. show comes round, and I venture to ask your kind assistance in our efforts to make it a success. The classification covers 201 classes, giving splendid opportunities to exhibitors of every variety for showing their stock. With regard to the management, Mr. F. Knight, of Wembley, has been associated with me, as joint show managers, and all communications should be sent to us at 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith, W. It is hoped that design prize cards will be sent to exhibitors with their birds. Prize-money will be sent out as soon as possible, but not later than a fortnight after show, and diplomas and awards will be placed in the writer's hands directly judging is finished, and posted as soon as returned. We have our usual band of experienced helpers, and every possible care will be exercised in regard to the birds. The show managers ask that if any cause of complaint arises—which they guarantee will not—a letter should first be addressed to them and then, failing any satisfactory settlement, they grant full permission for the grievance to be made public. Schedules will be issued early next week, and exhibitors are requested to wait until then before applying. We are issuing 2,500 to begin with.

James Bray, Junr., hon. sec.

An Appeal for the Sufferers in the Welsh Colliery Disaster.

(See Photo on page 310.)

Sir,—Readers of Cage Birds will be aware of the terrible disaster which took place on Oct. 14 at the Universal Colliery, Senghenydd, eight miles from Cardiff, when over 400 men perished in the fire which broke out, besides the large number rescued with terrible injuries. I am sure the dependents left have the deepest sympathy of all cage-bird fanciers. Could you not, sir, open a subscription list to Cage Birds readers and send the proceeds to our Cardiff Lord Mayor's Fund? Enclosed you will find photo of one of our feathered pets, which was taken down the mine to test the air. I am sorry to say that the result was not satisfactory in this case. Members of the rescue party were watching the bird for any signs of gas. He kept on "calling" and hopping about, however, with the result that the party went on and on until they dropped down "gassed," without receiving any warning from the bird. This almost caused twenty brave men's names to be added to the already long list of missing. I trust you will give above your consideration and that fanciers will help in this terrible calamity which has befallen gallant little Wales.

Alf. Shellam.

[We shall be pleased to receive whatever subscriptions sympathetic readers care to send, and to forward them in due course to the Cardiff Fund.—Editor.]

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KIDWELLY.

Held Oct. 8. Unfortunately this year the cage bird section at the Welsh Natures are gaining an unenviable reputation for cancelled classes and short entries, due primarily to the dates clashing, and it seems a great pity that some arrangement cannot be arrived at whereby this can be avoided. Kidwelly also suffered through a recognised cage bird judge not being appointed; fanciers generally nowadays will not exhibit unless a specialist is adjudicating, and the society should see to this next year. Our section was well looked after by Messrs. Chas. Price and B. Morgan. The secretary, Mr. Jas. Morgan, is a very courteous and obliging official. Mr. T. H. Furness judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (8): 1, Bevan, yell., fair size and shape, rough in feather; 2, Bevan, good size and shape, again out of cond.; 3, Davies, cl. buff, easily the best in class, lovely qual. and col., good shape, neat wings and tail; vhc, Davies. HEN: Cancelled. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, sp., Steers, cl. yell., good length, neat wings and tail, nice style; 2, 3, Bevan, cl. yell., well up on leg, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Owen, Morgan, Harry; hc, Francis. HEN: Cancelled. FNELLG.: Cancelled. HEN (5): 1, Morgan, cl. yell., very nice length, good col. and qual., well up on leg; 2, Owen, grizzle mkd. yell., good length, very nervy, nice col. and qual., trifle loose in feather; 3, vhc, Harry, var. buff, grand col. and qual., lovely length, well up on leg, could have won and nobody grumble; hc, Davies. BORD.: Cancelled. MULE: Cancelled. GOLDF. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Price, leader good col., blaze, nice size, good tans and buttons, had lost one side of flights when we saw him, latter neat blaze, good tans, bars and buttons; 2, Ray, good size, col. and qual., hardly so forward in blaze col. as leader; absent, Lloyd James. BULLF. OR GREENF. (10): 1, sp., Gregory, Bullie, good size and shape, grand cap and bars, nice col.; 2, Ford, Greenie, very stylish, nice rich col., good qual., staged to perfection; 3, Nicholas, Bullie, good size and shape, probably best breast col. in class; vhc, T. J. Gregory; hc, Hughes (2), W. Cole. LINNET (7): 1, Jenkin Bros., fair size, nice col. and qual., rather blurred in markings; 2, Gregory, excellent size and shape, trifle open in breast, otherwise very good; 3, Nicholas, many thought best in class, good size, shape and col., wealth of lacing; vhc, Harry; hc, Price. SISK., ETC.: Cancelled. A.V. HARDBILL (5): 1, Ray, Hawfinch, staged to perfection, wonderful col. and qual., nice size and shape, romps home; 2, Ford, Yellowhammer, good hot-fed one, neat V., nice col. and qual.; 3, Hughes, non-fed hen Yellowhammer, good size, shape, markings, and qual.; vhc, Francis; absent, Lloyd James. HEN: Cancelled. BLACKBIRD ETC. (7): 1, 2, W. Cole, jun., both Song Thrushes, good size and col., very shapely, spangling blurred; 3, vhc, Price, really good Blackbird and Song Thrush, latter easily best Song Thrush in class; vhc, Mrs. Longden, Fieldfare, real beauty, could have won; vhc, c, Price. SELLING (7): 1, Mrs. Longden; 2, H. S. Davies; 3, W. Hughes; vhc, Harries, Harry; hc, Jones, Owen. FOR.: Cancelled.

WITHAM.

A nice little show was that of the Witham F.O., held in the Public Hall, Oct. 29. Some excellent exhibits were brought together, especially in the Norwich section. Mr. A. Mondy was most courteous and energetic in the discharge of the secretarial duties, and his efforts were most admirably seconded by the following committee: Mr. John Taylor (chairman), Miss M. MacLaren, Mrs. Mondy, Messrs. L. Bradshaw, J. Croxall, F. Docle, E. Fuller, G. Dewsett, — Fitzwater, C. W. Hodges, H. H. Pratt, and J. Porter; Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, res., spl., Rippon, lovely bodied clear, not the richest of col. but all type and qual.; 3, head tkd., more col., not so close in feather; 2, vhc, Collicott, capital shape and col., good style; 4, Outten, good qual. and col. BUFF (6): 1, Linn, lovely body shape and feather, good col. and qual; 2, 4, Rippon, better shape, nice feather, but patchy; 3, Cutten, nice qual. and col., smart carr.; res., Collicott; vhc, Farling. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, sp., Reynolds, very neat head, capital wings and tail, grand shape and carriage; 2, Spurgeon, green, full of qual. and style, grand wings and tail; 3, Linn, good shape and length, not so tight in chest; 4, hc, Crow, shapely and nice length; res., Goodchild. BUFF: Cancelled. A.O.V., BRED 1913 (8): 1, 2, vhc, Rippon, eye and wing mkd. yell., and cl. buff Nor., two lovely birds, magnificent col. and qual., full of style and grandly staged; 3, vc, Linn, saddle mkd. crest, nice centre, droop, and radiation; 4, Collicott, good buff Nor.; hc, Smith. NOV. (10): 1, sp., Linn, very handsome even mkd. Crest, grandly centred and droop, a gem; 2, 4, Smith, smart, stylish, well-feathered yell. Nor., and a good buff, not quite so neat in head; 3, res., hc, Springett, good-bodied buff Nor. hen, lovely silky feather, very smart indeed; vhc, Pedder; c, Sayward and Monk. BRIT., GOLD (7): 1, Hasler, rich, clr. cut blaze, capital cheeks and collar, nice buttons; 2, Sarling, very nice body col. and bars, not finished in blaze; 3, Britton, shapely and nice feather; 4, Outten, good, but wild; res., Smith, vhc, hc, Springett. A.O.V. (11): 1, Sayward and Monk, rich plumaged, well mkd. Yellow Bunting, in grand form; 2, Oliver, very handsome Starling, not a feather out of place, grand spangle; 3, Goodchild, big, well-mkd. Hawfinch, nicely shown; 4, Robinson, smart, well-mkd. Bullie, grandly feathered; res., Outten; vhc, Sarling; hc, Darby; 709, Fuller, pied Bullie; 714, Hasler, pied Linnet, not eligible in this classification. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Goodchild, very handsome pair of Black-headed Gouldians, splendid feather and mks., rich in col.; 2, bonnie Diamond Sparrow, grandly mkd., capital feather; 3, Dowsett, good Grey Parrot, but moulting; 4, res., Mrs. Willink.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Eleventh annual show held Oct. 25 in Cyprus Hotel, the members staging 200 birds. J. Risborough (Sunderland) judged. NOR.: J. Richardson, R. Winter, and J. W. Watson. YORKS.: H. Hutler, R. Addison and A. Addison, and W. Duke. BORD.: W. Duke. CINN.: R. Armstrong, R. Winter and W. Duke. CRESTS: R. Armstrong, A. Widdowfield, W. Duke. A.O.V.: J. Watson. PAIRS: J. Richardson, R. Winter, W. Duke. MULES: M. Woodhouse, Curry and Ridley, and J. Greaves. GOLDF.: M. Woodhouse, Smith and Thompson, and Curry and Ridley. LINNET: M. Woodhouse, A. Addison, and W. J. Howden. GREENF.: Curry and Ridley, W. Duke, and W. J. Howden. SISKIN: J. Greaves, R. Fail, and W. Duke. SOFTBILL: Woodhouse and Smith and Thompson. NOVICE SECTION: R. Barnes, J. Greaves, R. Fail, and J. Wilkinson. Sandiford's medal, R. Winter. Hyde's, J. Richardson.—W. L. Smith, Hon Sec.

WINDSOR.

The Windsor C.B.A. one-day show, held Oct. 29, was an undoubted success. Entries were some fifty odd up from last year, and quality far in advance of anything the Association has ever had before. The Guildhall is one of the most comfortable halls in the Kingdom for a bird show, and it would scarcely be obtainable for the purpose, but for the fact that A. E. Stickland, the popular sec., is surveyor of the Borough. As a sec. he is a complete success, his management being well up to date, and every item that goes for success he personally attends to. In the work of the show he received splendid help from his committee, Messrs. King (chairman), Clark, Bryce, Belcher, Montgomery, Barker, Simms, Wilkins, and the Treas., Mr. A. Turner.

The Foreign section contained some beautiful and uncommon exhibits, in the forefront of which we must place Dr. Amsler's exquisite pair of Blue-wing Sivas, another uncommon exhibit was Mr. Watts' pair of Pectoral Quail Finches, which have only once previously appeared on the show bench, while the same owner's exquisite trio—Black-faced Waxbills, Queen Whydah and Melba Finch—were beyond praise, and if the Foreign section was not very large, it contained many very interesting species, and was a centre of attraction to all visitors. Three open classes and one members' class brought together thirty-four exhibits, all of merit, and including several quite rare species. Unfortunately a pair of Pectoral Quail Finches were entered in the Common Seed-eater class and were marked wrong class, but this may be a controversial point.

Every section was well represented, the popular Yorks, making a bold show. Novice classes did not fill quite so well, the best being the unflighted class, the winner, a topper, was put down by Mr. A. Tuplin. In Norwich, Messrs. Kilby, Rippon, Saunders, Dearlove, etc., sent in some of their well-known exhibits, Mr. Rippar's marked yell. cock adding one more leaf to his wreath of laurels. Borders were not many, but of good quality. The Hybrid class brought out Mr. Lamb's team, Mr. Howick's Canary-Bullie and others. Some good British and Foreign birds made up a capital gathering. Many visitors viewed the birds during the day, and the show was a huge success.

As usual, the members made a fine entry, mostly Yorks, as this is the variety they favour. Here one could find birds quite equal to those in the open. Special for best bird bred by a member went to Mr. Simms, for his unflighted buff, a bird of wonderful Norwich properties. Mr. H. Norman judged Canaries, Hybrids and British, and Mr. Westly Page the Foreign, and the awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS, YELL. (11): 1, Rogers, wonderful length and style, well up on leg, good type, clean cut, nice shoulders and wings, A1 col.; 2, Lockett, hardly so rich in col, but perfect type, neat head, shoulders and back, grand length of wing, neat tail, in tip-top condition; 3, Buckingham, scarcely so large, but very typical, nervy, stands well, nicely cut away, grand feather; 4, Silk, smart typical bird; vhc, Heath; hc, Bousfield; c, Clark. BUFF (8): 1, Rayner, smart and upstanding, beautifully moulded, grand shoulders and wings, A1 qual., well put down; 2, Holliday, similar, very little between them, lovely type and qual., smooth as a bottle, rich col.; 3, Owen and Son, grand length, very straight and typical, neat head and neck, good back, well braced wings, lovely qual.; 4, Nichols, paler in col., but grand type and length; vhc, Heath; hc, Buckingham; c, Fairman. MKD. OR VAR. (6): 1, Rayner, head and wings mkd., wonderful type, straight and nice shoulders, rich sound col., and perfect qual.; 2, Fairman, var. buff, grand length, beautifully modelled, neat head, good shoulders and wing, neat tail; 3, Heath, grizzled, fine size and length, A1 type, stands well, nicely moulded, good wings; 4, Mudd, var. yell., full of life, nice clean cut, capital col.; vhc, Bousfield. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Holliday, gem for type and style, neat full head, beautifully moulded body, capital shoulders and wings, perfect qual.; 2, Heath, very smart grizzle wing yell., lovely type, nicely drawn on good legs, neat tail; 3, White, grand buff, wonderful length and type, good shoulders, well-rounded front, perfect wings; 4, Clark; vhc, Fairman; hc, Owen and Son; c, Clark. HEN (6): 1, Bousfield, smart, well up on leg, nicely drawn, perfect wings and tail, grand shoulders, a lovely exhibit; 2, Holliday, another beauty for type, nicely rounded, neat head, shoulders and wings, sound rich qual; 3, Rayner, smart breedy bird, not so large as winner, but beautifully modelled, tight wings, sound condition; 4, Maidment, very neat and typical; vhc, Heath. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Rogers, grand length, perfect head, smoothly rounded body, good shoulders, well filled back, capital wings and tail, faultless condition; 2, Clark, not over-large, but lovely type and qual., well drawn, on good legs, neat tail; 3, Bousfield, grand size and length, bit open in front, stands well, nicely braced wings, neat tail; 4, Lockett, cap mkd. bird, fine type and style; vhc, Rayner; hc, Buckingham; c, Silk. NOV. YELL. (7): 1, Mudd, beautifully drawn, rare length of wing, good shoulders and back, sound rich col.; 2, Cooper, bonny bold bird, fine length, typical and smart, good head and shoulders, neat, well braced wings, sound col.; 3, Tuplin, neck mkd., fine stamp, good wings, shade slack in feather, but very nervy; 4, Simms; vhc, Whitting; hc, Phileox. BUFF (5): 1, Simms, stylish, slim type, neat head and neck, nicely rounded neat tail, good qual. feather; 2, Mrs. Inglis, smart and typical, grand shoulders and wings, A1 quality, but wild; 3, Tuplin, grand col. and qual. of feather, shade stout in body, but still good type, capital length of wing; 4, Whitting; vhc, Dyer. VAR. (2): 1, Cooper, grizzled, fine length, lovely well-filled back, perfect fitting wings, neat tail, sound rich col.; 2, Simms, head and wing mkd. buff, grand length, stands well, good legs. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Tuplin, very smart buff, stylish, grand length, good head and shoulders, perfect wings, A1 qual.; 2, Whitting, cap mkd. yell., grand type and style, good legs, neatly piped tail; 3, Harris, neck and wing mkd., wonderful length and style, grand legs; 4, Cooper, smart bird, neat head, good shoulders, well braced wings; vhc, Glenwalker; hc, Mudd; c, Maidment. HEN (7): 1, Harris, buff, grand length of body, perfect head and shoulders, smart wings, neat pipe tail, A1 qual.; 2, 3, Maidment, breedy yell., good style, capital well-filled shoulders, good wings, sound condition; 3, rare pos., good type, stands well, very smooth front, sound rich col., A1 qual.; 4, Simms, grand length, rare stock bird, fine qual.; vhc, Mudd; hc, Baldwin; c, Dyer. NOR., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Rippon, wonderful subs., grand head and neck, good wings and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Fox, beauty, well-formed head, good bold front, sound col. and qual., neat well braced wings; 3, Silk, scarcely so big, but a beauty for type, sound rich col., grand wings, well carried tail; 4, Lovegrove, gem for type, bold front, neat full head, good wings, A1 col. and qual.; vhc, Dearlove; hc, Nichols; c, Kilby. BUFF (5): 1, Kilby, perfect type, short thick-set, grand head set well into body, neat wings and tail, lovely qual. of feather; 2, Rippon, shade longer in body, but wonderfully bold looking, stands well, with good front, capital head and wings; 3, Dearlove, shorter, thicker, good head, nicely tapered body to a good tail, hardly the silky qual. of second; 4, Lovegrove, smaller, but beauty for type, sound rich col., perfect condition; hc, Saunders; hc, Silk; c, Nichols. VAR. (9): 1, Rippon, well-known var. bird, looking as fit as ever, gem for type and subs.; 2, Saunders, very close up, wonderful qual. of feather, beautifully burnished, lovely type; 3, Rogers, wing mkd., rare sub., shade fat, but still good sound exhibit, rich col.; 4, Nichols, neat var., very typical, good head and well-filled back, grand qual.; vhc, Andrews Bros.; hc, Silk; c, Lovegrove. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Saunders, faultless type, perfect wedge-shape, neat head, grand wings, neat well carried tail, sound cond.; 2, Rippon, grand yell., big bold fronted bird, rare head and neck, good close-fitting wings, sound rich col.; 3, Fox, grand buff, bold full type, good head, Bullfinch neck, neat tail, capital cond.; 4, hc, Dearlove, big bold yell., scarcely so full in head as second, but grand subs. of body; vhc, Lovegrove. YELL HEN (6): 1, Saunders, lovely typical yell., gem for qual., and cond., perfect head and neck, rare depth of body, good wings; 2, Dearlove, grizzled bird of fine size, good wedge shape body, bold full front, neat wings; 3, 4, Lovegrove, another capital yell., neat head, good substance, sound rich col. and qual.; 4, very fine typical yell., lovely full head, grand depth of body, with good shoulders; vhc, Rippon; hc, Silk. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Dearlove, lovely buff, full bold type, neat head, full neck and shoulders, well braced wings, sound rich qual.; 2, Rippon, another lovely buff, similar stamp, well across perch, grand qual.; 3, Fox, hardly the full subs. of winners, neat full head, good wings, nice condition; 4, Bowler, shade larger in body, grand condition; vhc, Lovegrove. NOV. NOR. CK. (10): 1, Phillips, smart buff, capital size and type, neat head, good shoulders and back, sound qual.; 2, Simms, head mkd. yell. of grand size, good depth of body, well rounded front, sound rich condition; 3, 4, vhc, Burt, another bold buff, was bit larger in body, but grand size, nice qual.; 4th, smart and typical, lovely neat head, good shoulders and back, rich col.; hc, Page; c, Sears. HEN (3): 1, Simms, fine bold buff, grand full head and front, neat well-fitting wing, good tail; 2, Page, var. bold head, thick full neck, plenty of subs., capital wings; 3, Sears, shade smaller, but nice type, sound rich qual., well put down. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Sears, real beauty for type, capital size, full head and neck, good wings, sound rich col.; 2, Simms, good bold buff, very shapely, rare depth of body, plenty of substance, hardly so full in head as winner; 3, Phillips, good yell., clean cut, good wings and tail 4, vhc, Emmerson smart bold buff, rare type. BORDER YELL. CK. (2): 1, Burton Bros., beauty for type and style, well modelled, neat wings, A1 condition; 2, Pope, capital jaunty type, neat head, well braced wings. BUFF (6): 1, Pope, typical, nice jaunty style, neat head, wings and tail, like box; 2, Burton Bros., similar, very free, closely fitting wings, sound condition; 3, Saunders, smart stylish bird, travels well, neat head, nice wings and tail, good qual.; 4, Rogers, good bird, scarcely good in wing carr., but nice type; vhc, Edward. HENS: 1, Saunders, smart lady, stands well, capital back and wings, good qual.; 2, 4, Pope, beauties for type and style, leader beautifully rounded; 3, Edwards, very smart yell., nicely drawn, good pos., sound wings and tail, A1 qual.; vhc, Burton; hc, Claydon. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Andrews Bros., two rattling good Cinns., fine type and subs., leader rich col., yell., both grand qual. feather; 2, Holliday, good Scotch Fancy, capital position, very nervy, good depth of body; 4, vhc, Mrs. Phileox, capital pair of Crests. CAN.-MULE (9): 1, 2, Lamb, leader nearly cl. Goldie, a gem, followed by a rattling good, dark, sound, rich col. and fine qual. feather; 3, Buckingham, lovely 4-pointed bird of grand size and type, good rich col., capital qual.; 4, Miss Bousfield, lovely dark Twite-Can., typical, densely mkd., good qual. and condition. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, 3, Lamb, Green.-Chaff., 1st Clapham, etc., looking fit; 3, Siskin-Greenie; 2, Howick, well-known Can.-Bullie, cage is hardly rich enough in col. to show him off; 4, Rose, nice Goldie-Bullie, capital size and col. GOLDF. (7): 1, Herbert, real gentleman, beautifully proportioned, good bold face, nicely tanned, A1 condition; 2, Bowler, good bird, capital depth of blaze, good wings, nicely tanned, fine fettle; 3, Dell, fine size and shape, hardly as rich in col., although larger blaze, will improve; 4, Francis, good one, neat, shapely, sound, rich blaze of good depth, capital qual.; vhc, Drowley; hc, Rose; c, White. BULLF. (2): 1, Pool, real beauty, grand size and subs., fine bold head, good cap, rare neck, A1 col.; 2, Drowley, beauty for subs., well-filled, capital rich cap, good breast col., sound condition. LINNET (5): 1, Francis, rare size, grandly pencilled, sound col., in the pink; 2, Offord, beauty, hardly the subs. of winner, but nicely mkd., in fine fettle; 3, Drowley, good bold bird nicely pencilled, capitally proportioned, hardly so tight in feather; 4, Buckingham, well laced bird, warts time; vhc, Dell. GREENF. (5): 1, Francis, bonny size and shape, capitally proportioned, bit shy, but lovely condition; 2, Drowley, grand bold bird, rare subs., hardly finished yet, will win later; 3, Poole, shapely, good hen, sound condition, beaten size; 4, Clark; vhc, Wilkins. SISKIN, &c. (9): 1, Sexton, lovely Siskin, real beauty for size and shape, grandly laced, tight as wax, wins; 2, c, Francis, grand Mealy, rare size and shape, tightly feathered and beautifully laced; 3, Miss Bousfield, lovely Lesser Redpoll, good size, col. and markings, A1 qual.; 4, Offord, good Siskin, shapely, nice qual., hardly so richly laced as winner; vhc, Drawley; hc, Dell. A.O. HARDBILL (11): 1, Poole, grand Hawfinch, wonderful size, well filled throughout, good broad skull, grand condition; 2, Francis, well-known Corn Bunting, in the pink; 3, Oliver, grand Hawfinch, tight as wax, hardly the skull of winner, apparently lost a wing feather; 4, Buckingham, capital Bramble, good size, richly spangled, fine cond. SOFTBILL: 1, Andrews Bros., lovely pair of Bearded Tits, well put down, in the pink; 2, vhc, Dell, perfect Starling, beautifully spangled, rare col. and qual.; 3, Francis, good Wheatear, capital size and shape, good col., well put down; 4, Notley, bold Blackbird, nice depth of col. MEMBERS.—YORKS, YELL. CK.: 1, 2, King; 3, 4, Montgomery; vhc, Baker; hc, Turner; c, Avis. HEN: 1, vhc, King; 3, 4, Montgomery; hc, c, Turner; 2, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2, King; 3, Wilkins; 4, c, Montgomery; vhc, Cooper; hc, Avis. HEN: 1, 3, Ayis; 2, 4, Montgomery; vhc, King; hc, c, Turner. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, King; 4, Cooper; vhc, Avis; hc, Clark; c, King. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Avis; 4, Montgomery; vhc, Frisby; hc, Turner; c, King. A.O.V.: 1, Montgomery; 2, 3, Baker; 4, Wilkins. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Simms; 2, Montgomery; 4, Turner. BUFF: 1, 2, Simms. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Simms. A.O.V.: 1, Montgomery. NOV. YORKS CK.: 1, Frisby; 2, Belcher; 3, Clark. HEN: 1, 2, Frisby; 3, 4, Belcher A.O.V. YORKS: 1, hc, Clark; 2, 3, Belcher; 4, Frisby. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Belcher. GOLDF.: 1, 2, 3, Montgomery; 4, Wilkins; vhc, Lilly; hc, Clark. BULLF.: 1, Lilly; 2, Simms; 3, Wilkins. A.O.V.: 1, Whitlaw; 2, 3, Montgomery; 4, hc, Lilly; vhc, c, Simms. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Turner; 3, Simms. HYB.: 1, Montgomery; 2, 4, King; 3, Frisby; vhc, Clark; hc, Wilkins.

COMMON SEED-EATERS (16): 1, 2, 3, R. J. Watts, Gold-breasted Waxbills, exquisite col. and condition, Cordon Bleus and Green Avadavats, a trio of exquisites, not a feather out of place; 4, Andrews Bros., very fine pair of White Javas; hc, Bainbridge, Green Avadavats; c, Mrs. Phileox, Grey Java Sparrows; a pair of Lavender Finches were also staged. A good class of the "Freely Imported Species," among which are some of the most exquisite species of imported birds. WHYDAHS, etc. (12): 1, 2, 3, R. J. Watts, Black-faced Waxbills, Queen Whydah and Melba Finch, a grand trio, all in perfect condition and rich in col.; 4, hc, Andrews Bros., Pufficanda Finches, beautiful plumage, rich col., very tight, and Red-headed Finches, these a wee bit soft; hc, Amsler, Scaly-crowned Finches, uncommon but not tight; c, Bainbridge, B.H. Gouldian Finch, Miss Bousfield, Pintail Nonpariels. An exquisite Black-headed Gouldian Finch (one of the best we have seen) had to be passed owing to a missing claw; good class, but some of the exhibits suffered from not having yet completed the moult. INSECTIV. (7): 1, vhc, Dr. Amsler, 1 grand pair of Blue-wing Sivas, an uncommon exhibit, in beautiful feather and condition, easy first, hc Flame-shouldered Troupials, condition appeared to be excellent, but were too wild to allow themselves to be properly judged; 2, vhc, Miss Bousfield, Ornate or White-capped Tanager, a fine exhibit, and Festive Tanager, the latter a beautiful bird, not yet through the moult; 3, Bainbridge, Indian White-eye (Zosterops), very sleek and tight, a beautiful and minute species; 4, Andrews Bros., Shama, in good feather and very steady; c, Miss Whitlaw, Pekin Robins, rich col., very tight. MEMBERS'. A.V. (5): 1, Dr. Amsler, Hooded Siskins, uncommon, rich col.; 2, 3, 4, Miss Whitlow, Fire Finches, Paradise Whydah and St. Helena Waxbills; c, Tilly, Grey Javas.

EVESHAM.

Held Oct. 29th in the Public Hall, in connection with the annual Chrysanthemum Show, and made a nice attraction. The exhibits were well staged and had the best of attention at the hands of Miss Burlinghaun and Mr. G. Walton. The quality all round was excellent, and the entries in the Local class came up well, no less than 22 putting in an appearance. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. (5): 1, 3, Richards, leader yell., grand feather and qual., nice length and style, wings well braced and neat tail, stands well, 3 yell., good col. and qual., not quite so slim built; 2, Gough, lovely feather and col., nicely drawn out, good flights and tail, well on leg; vhc, Turley; hc, Bailey. NOR. (8): 1, Lees, lightly tkd. on wing, yell., capital shape, col. and qual., good head and neck, wings well braced, tail well packed, in nice order; 2, Brown, cap. and wing mkd. yell., well up in col., nice shape and good head, not quite so chubby; 3, Marsh, buff, mkd. cheeks, head and wings, capital feather, good head and nicely rounded chest, bit down in col.; vhc, New; hc, Hall; c, Griffin, Gough. A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, 3, Fifield, brace of good buff Dutch Frills, capital mantles and frills, close together; 2, Brown, Jonque cinn., good shape, feather and sound col., nice skull; vhc, hc, Hall; c (2), March. GOLDF. or BULLF. (6): 1, Castle, Bullie, rich breast col., nice dense cap and wing bars, steady; 2, vhc, Elston, nice Goldie, fine bars and buttons, good tanning; 3, Witts, F.M. Goldie, nice square-cut blaze, good col. and qual., steady; hc, Poole; c, Penny. LOCAL (22): 1, 3, vhc, Gough, winner the second prize Yorkshire, 3 good shaped and hot col. varieg. buff Nor., nice wings and tail; 2, Marsh, foul yell. Scots, nice depression of head, good drive, gets tail well under; vhc, Hall; hc, Clarke; c, New, Griffin. HYB. (8): 1, Gough, tightly mkd. Linnet-Can., lovely feather and col., nice shape, put down in the pink; 2, vhc, Poole, six-pointed buff Goldf.-Can., nice shape, grand feather, in nice trim; 3, Lees, four-pointed buff Goldf.-Can., hot col., nice shape; hc, Andrews; c, Witts.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

First old bird show held Oct. 25, at Fountain Inn. 70 birds were staged, and competition was very keen. Mr. F. Wharton judged. J. Chippendale won most points champion section, and W. Sparks nov. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Lee; 4, vhc, hc, Wilcock. BUFF: 1, vhc, Chippendale; 2, 3, vhc, J. Wilcock; 4, Lee. MKD. BUFF: 1, J. Wilcock; 2, Stebbings; 3, S. Wilcock. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, hc, J. Wilcock; 4, Stebbings; vhc, Lee; c, S. Wilcock. BUFF: 1, 2, Chippendale; 3, Lee; 4, S. Wilcock; vhc, hc, Stebbings; c, J. Wilcock. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Sparks; 3, Simonett; 4, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Sparks; 2, Close; 3, vhc, Pearson; 4, Shaw. MKD. YELL.: 1, Close; 2, 3, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Simonett; 4, Sparks. YELL. HENS: 1, Sparks; 2, Simonett; 3, Pearson; 4, Shaw. BUFF: 1, 3, Sparks; 2, Palmer; 4, Simonett; vhc, Clark; hc, Shaw; c, Close. NOR. CK.: 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Simonett; 4, vhc, Palmer. HENS: 1, Simonett; 2, 3, Pearson.—S. Wilcock, Sec.

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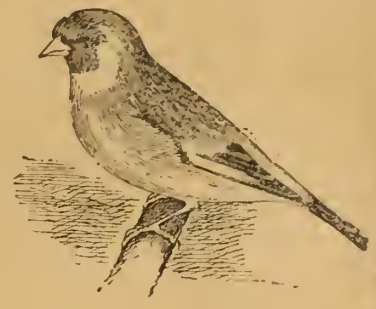
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grand exhibit, splendid size and type, good head and neck, nice wings, very chubby front, stylish, a credit to owner; 2, Mitchell, another good one, grand front, good wings and tail, good col. and type; 3, Kerr, Aberdeen, good cl., grand size, nice round front, splendid head and neck, good col., well shown; 4, Adams, good size and type; 5, Hutton; 6, Mrs. J. Banks. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Allison, City of Glasgow winner in new hands, nice size and type, grand head and front, beautiful qual. feather, wins; 2, W. C. Smith, grand qual., good size and subs., good head and neck, well moulded front; 3, McLeod, good type, nice head and neck, stands well up; 4, Mitchell, nice size and col., good back and wings; 5, Collier; 6, Adams. BUFF (11): 1, Mitchell, good size and col., nice head and front, very showy; 2, Crawford, good size, nice head and neck, nice round front, well put down; 3, Kerr, Aberdeen, nice round front, grand wings and tail, good size, beautiful qual.; 4, Smillie, nice for size and subs., fine wings, well carried; 5, Kerr, Perth; 6, Blyth. YELL. HEN (8): 1, McLeod, cobby, nice size and type, good head and neck, nicely filled in back, wins; 2, Smeaton, fine size and col., capital head and wings, nice qual. of feather, well shown; 3, Pirie, good for size and qual., nice head and wings, nicely folded, good front, in fine order; 4, Kerr, Aberdeen, good size and col., beautiful qual., nice head and wings; 5, Mitchell; 6, Blyth. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Kerr, Perth, leader good one for size, fine head and neck, nice wings and tail, typical; 4th, similar, not quite so heavily built; 2, Grewar, fine size and type, nice chubby shape, nice head and neck, fine qual.; 3, Pirie, good size, nice head and neck, nicely mealed; 5, 6, Forrest. SELL., CK. (8): 1, Sharp; 2, 3, Crawford; 4, Forrest; 5, Paterson; 6, Blyth. HEN (6): 1, Forrest, nice yell., quickly claimed; 2, Kerr; 3, Adams; 4, Crawford; 5, Cant; 6, Stewart.

Mr. Craig's Classes.

BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Baxter, rare type and col., nice compact shape, nicely finished; 2, Hyslop, rare bloom, good size and col., good wings and tail, hard up; 3, Patterson, good one for size and type, rare good col., in the pink; 4, Crabb and Finlayson, good head and wings, very typical; 5, Munro; 6, Duncan. BUFF (12): 1, Halliday, grand size, closely clothed with fine qual. feather, capital head and nicely folded wings, a model; 2, Patterson, grand exhibit, in the very best order, presses closely; 3, Baxter, still a good one for type and qual., nice head and wings, well put down; 4, Robertson, stylish, nice close feather; 5, Dalgety and Weston; 6, Carstairs. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Paterson, grand cl., sound col., fine front, nicely cut away, beautiful head and wings, well put down; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, nice eye and wing mark, good type and col., nicely staged; 3, Halliday, good cl., nice style and col., fine head and wings, lovely cond.; 4, Robertson, nice size and col.; 5, Duncan; 6, Russell. BUFF (14): 1, Halliday, a beauty, nice shape, fine wings and tail, good head, rare qual., tight as wax; 2, Irvine, grand type, fine wings, nicely put on, rare good head, in beautiful order; 3, Patterson, beauty for type and qual., splendid wing carr., grand shape and col.; 4, Irons, good size and type, nice head and wings, well shown; 5, Allison; 6, Crabb and Finlayson. VAR. OR GR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Halliday, nice for type and qual., fine size and col.; 2, Hampton, good head and wings, beautiful qual., fine size and col., very typical; 3, Dalgety and Wilson, good style, nice front, capital head and wings; 4, Hastings, fine type and qual., good col., stylish; 5, Lumsden; 6, Patterson. BUFF (11): 1, Patterson, fine shape and style, good qual. of feather, nice col., very typical; 2, Munro, good for type and qual., fine head and front, good style, well put down; 3, Fairweather, shapely, good head and neck, fine jaunty carr.; 4, Lumsden, good head and front, nice wings and tail; 5, Stewart; 6, Irvine. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Hislop, nice cl. yell., fine size and qual., grand head and neck, nice wings, well put on; 2, Bruce, cl. yellow, beautiful qual. and style, nice shape; 3, S. Clark, cl. buff, nice size and qual., good head and wings, well staged; 4, Crabb and Finlayson, good one for size and qual., well shown; 5, McDonald; 6, Borrie. HEN (7): 1, 2, Crabb and Finlayson, both cls., grand type and qual., not much between, stylish; 3, Robertson, nice wing mark, good type, nice level col., in grand bloom; 4, McBeth, nice type, good size and col., in fine order; 5, Kerr; 6, Borrie. SELL., CK. (7): 1, Irons; 2, Russel; 3, Campbell; 4, Irvine; 5, Borrie; 6, Bruce. HEN, 7s. 6d. (6): 1, Lumsden; 2, Duncan; 3, Robertson; 4, Spence; 5, Irvine; 6, Campbell. A.O.V. (15): 1, J. L. Smith, Scotch Fancy yell. cock, good size and type; 2, Gray, yell. Yorks., very straight, nicely folded wings; 3, Keill, Scotch Fancy, not so well built as winner; 4, Thomson, splendid Gold Lizard, might have won; 5, Keill; 6, Campbell.

Mr. Watson's Classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Wallace, Greenf.-Bullf., great size, good col., nice bold head, shows parentage well; 2, Jamieson Light Goldie-Can., not very big, good qual.; 3, McLean, grand Goldie-Bullie, great size and subs., very good col., many thought ought to have won; 4, Jamieson, Linnet-Bullie, good size and col., well shown; 5, Baxter, Goldie-Greenie, good size and qual.; 6, Cranna, Goldie-Siskin, a wee beauty, could have gone up a bit, size evidently led, a grand class all over. DK. GOLD. OR LINNET MULE (17): 1, 3, 4, Dewar Cup, Inch's Cup, best in section, Roy, grand team, Goldie-Can. leading as usual, well followed by a young Linnet-Mule of great promise; 4th, nice young Goldie, looking well; 2, Jamieson, nice Linnet, good size and col., hardly finished; 5, Parker; 6, Nicoll; No. 3, Strachan, wrong classed, we expect for having light feathers, a good bird. A.O. DARK MULE (10): 1, 2, Roy, both Greenies, grand birds, which will carry their owner well in the running for S.B.B. and M.C. cups this season; 3, Jamieson, Greenie, grand size and col., nicely finished; 4, Coleman, nice bird, well shown; 5, Roll; 6, Leitch. GOLDF. (10): 1, Allan, nice size and shape, clean and well cut blaze of good col., fine head and well buttoned wings; 2, Christie, fine head and wings, nice rich blaze, good tannings; 3, Cranna, not biggest, but good one, nice head and face, capital col.; 4, Messer, good for size and col., nice wings and tail; 5, Reid; 6, Watson. BULLF. (8): 1, Baxter, great size, beautiful breast col., fine massive head, well capped and clean cut; 2, Cranna, another beauty, fine breast col., good head, scarcely size of winner; 3, Halley, good size and col, good wings and back; 4, Combe; 5, Christie; 6, Falconer. GREENF. (15): Grand class, some good birds left out of tickets; 1, Stuart and Dalling, big one, rare bold head, fine wings, rich col., in grand order; 2, Sykes, nice size, rare rich qual. of feather, very typical; 3, Messer, nice size, fine wings, beautiful col.; 4, Cranna, good head, fine wings, not so stout as leaders; 5, Parker; 6, Finnie. SISKIN (12): 1, Jas. Brown, beauty for size and col., grand wing bars, very nice cap, clearly defined; 2, W. C. Smith, grand one, rich col., good head, nicely mkd. on wings and flanks; 3, Robertson, fine size and col., nice wing bars, well shown; 4, Sykes, very typical, nice col., good head and wings; 5, W. Robertson; 6, R. Irvine. LINNET (13): 1, W. C. Smith, good size, nice warm tone of col., nicely pencilled; 2, McArdle, nice head and wings, shows whites well, in good order; 3, Cranna, fine size and col., good wings, very nice markings; 4, Samson, capital head and wings, in beautiful order; 5, Fraser; 6, Messer. LESSER REDPOLL (6): 1, Fox and Milne, a wee beauty, rich col., beautiful head and clear cut bib, rich chest and flank markings, very steady, a winner; 2, Gardiner, another dandy wee chap, in rare bloom, well shown; 3, Greig, nice size and col., very silky feather; 4, Roy; 5, Howie; 6, Livingston. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (4): 1, Messer, Mealy Poll, great size, good head and bib, clearly cut, good flank markings; 2, Gardiner, good Twite, fine size, nicely pencilled; 3, Finnie, good Twite, fair size; 4, Greig, Twite, well shown. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (7): 1, 2, Sykes, well-known Bramble and Chaffie, both in the pink; 3, Reid, an old winning Bramble, still standing up well; 4, Ed. Taylor, Chaffie, good one; 5, Fox and Milne, nice Bramble; 6, Chalmers. BUNTING (7): 1, Stewart and Dalling, capital yellow, in grand bloom, grand size, very rich col., distinct V-marks; 2, Allison, fine Ortolan, good size and nice col.; 3, McCall and Henderson, an old winner in good company; 4, Hyslop, another Yellowhammer; 5, Duncan; 6, Finnie. A.O. BRIT. (6): 1, 4, 5, Ed. Taylor, Redstart, Lesser Whitethroat and Grey Wagtail respectively, often described and looking as well as ever; 2, Sykes, Hawfinch, a topper in grand condition, well up; 3, Adams, one of the finest Blackbirds we have seen for some time, unlucky to meet such company; 6, Arnott. HEN (6): 1, 3, Ed. Taylor, Black Redstart and Bramble, good ones, well shown; 2, Cranna, Bullf., good size, nice back and wings; 4, Brown, Bullie hen; 5, Roy; 6, Halley. SELL. (5): 1, Jamieson; 2, D. Brown; 3, McCall and Henderson; 4, Forrest; 5, Halley. FOR., GOLD. OR BULL. (2): 1, Cranna, good Bullie hen; 2, Adams, nice Goldie, in fine bloom. SMALL FOR. (5): 1, 2, Arnott, nice Sugar Bird and Tanager, in grand order; 3, McFarlane, beautiful Redhead Gouldian; 4, 5, Colville and Son, Paradise Whydah and Yellow Budgerigar. LARGE FOR. (1): Carstairs.

TONG C.B.S.

Members' show held Oct. 18, at Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, when 93 birds were judged to the satisfaction of all by Mr. T. Bennett, of Bradford. CHAMP., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Casey; 2, Dawson; 3, Denton. BUFF (8): 1, Padgett; 2, Atkinson and Firth; 3, Hodgson, jun.; 4, Casey. MKD. (10): 1, Gledhill; 2, Casey; 3, 4, Hodgson, jun. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Nichol; 2, Atkinson and Firth; 3, Casey; 4, Hodgson, sen. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Hodgson, sen.; 4, Gledhill. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Hodgson, jun.; 2, Casey; 3, McLaughlin; 4, Hodgson, sen. MKD. HEN (6): 1, Padgett; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Atkinson and Firth. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Ramsbottom; 2, Gutridge; 3, Jennings; 4, Baker. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Ramsbottom; 2, Baker; 3, Casey. MKD.: 1, F. Wright. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Pells; 2, Baker; 3, Ramsbottom; 4, Jennings. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Baker; 2, Crabtree; 3, Pells; 4, Casey. BUFF HEN (9): 1, 4, Ramsbottom; 2, Wright; 3, Crabtree. MKD. HEN: 1, Jennings; 2, Preston.—W. Walker, Sec.

EDINBURGH (Western) O.S.

Twenty-eighth annual show held in Grindley-st. Hall, Oct. 25. Entries exceeded last year's total by 120, and some capital exhibits were staged in every section. Scotch Fancies contained a few really good birds, the cup for best going to a Yellow cock belonging to Mr. P. M. Niven, a real good one of nice size and substance. Border Fancies were a real treat, being the backbone of the show, and some bonny wee gems were staged, especially in the variegated classes. Special for best wash won by a buff hen belonging to Mr. J. Napier, of Colinton, put down in faultless order. Norwich were a choice lot; sp for best was won by Mr. C. Grant, the sec., with a typical yellow cock. The show was one of the best ever held by the society; the management was in very capable hands, and everything passed off well. The President is Mr. F. Ballantine, while Mr. C. Grant discharged the duties of sec. in a very creditable manner.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (7): 1, 6, McNiven; 2, 4, Rodger; 3, no name; 5, Bowman. YELL. PIED (7): 1, 2 Burgess; 3, D. Burgess; 4, 5, Campbell. FOUL OR GR. (1): 1, Brown. BUFF (11): 1, Stewart; 2, 6, McNiven; 3, Rodger; 4, Bowman; 5, Lile; 7, Muir; 8, Burgess. BUFF PIED (9): 1, 5, 6, McNiven; 2, 8, Muir; 3, 4, Rodger; 7, W. Muir. FOUL OR GR. BUFF (7): 1, 5, Muir; 2, Reid; 3, J. Rodger; 4, Bowman. YELL. HENS (4): 1, McNiven; 2, Burgess. YELL. PIED (4): 1, McNiven; 2, Bowman; 3, Rodger. FOUL YELL. OR GR. (7): 1, McNiven; 2, 3, Brown; 4, 5, Bowman; 6, Reid. BUFF (9): 1, Lill; 2, 3, McNiven; 4, 5, 6, Bowman; 7, Burgess; 8, Muir. BUFF PIED (5): 1, 4, James Rodger; 2, Bowman; 3, Rodger. FOUL OR GR. BUFF (4): 1, Burgess; 2, Reid; 3, Rodger; 4, Bowman. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (25): 1, Aitchison; 2, Spittal; 3, J. Aitchison; 4, 6, Andrews; 5, 7, Rodger; 8, Napier. VARIEG. (11): 1, 2, Andrews; 3, ——; 4, W. Aitchison; 5, 8, Napier; 6, Spittal; 7, J. Aitchison. CL. OR TKD. BUFF (34): 1, 6, Aitchison; 2, 4, 5, 7, Spittal; 3, Muir; 8, Crabbe. VARIEG. (17): 1, Napier; 2, 3, W. Aitchison; 4, J. Aitchison; 5, 6, 8, Spittal; 7, Rodger. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (23): 1, 3, J. Aitchison; 2, 4, Spittal; 5, Andrews; 6, Aitchison; 7, Rodger; 8, Brown. VARIEG. (6): 1, Rodger; 2, Napier; 3, Aitchison; 4, Andrews; 5, Campbell. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (22): 1, Napier; 2, 6, 8, Spittal; 3, 4, Andrew; 5, 7, Rodger. VARIEG. (17): 1, 3, Rodger; 2, 8, Spittal; 4, Audrew; 5, Cockburn; 6, Reid; 7, Aitchison. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, 3, Aitchison; 2, Sill; 4, 5, Reid. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 2, Grant; 3, McGenty; 4, Ballantine; 5, N. Grant; 6, C. Grant; 7, Dick; 8, Wishart. GR. OR VAR. (6): 1, McGenty; 2, 5, McGenty; 3, Brown; 4, 6, Grant. CL. OR TKD. BUFF (12): 1, Grant; 2, Napier; 3, Ballantine; 4, Bowman; 5, Wishart; 6, N. Grant; 7, 8, Dick. GRN. OR VARIEG. (6): 1, 5, Bowman; 2, Grant; 3, Sill; 4, Brown. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Wishart; 2, 4, 7, Grant; 5, Bowman. GR. OR VARIEG. (4): 1, 3, Wishart; 2, Grant; 4, Brown. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Wishart; 2, Grant; 3, Ballantine; 4, McGenty. GR. OR VARIEG. (9): 1, McGenty; 2, Grant; 3, 7, 8, Wishart; 4, 6, Bowman; 5, Brown. NON-FED NOR. (3): 1, Wishart; 2, Robertson; 3, Bowman. CREST (7): 1, 5, 6, Robertson; 2, 4, Wishart; 3, Samuel. C.B. (3): 1, Wishart; 2, 3, Robertson. MULE (1): 1, Thain. BRIT. (10): 1, 6, 8, Dick; 2, Clark; 3, Campbell; 4, Thain; 5, Sill; 7, Muir.

ILKESTON.

If good management, careful attention to detail, a good show room, and a liberal prize list are essential to success, then the Ilkeston and District C.B.S. deserve to succeed. The committee of management of the show held in the Victoria Hall, Oct. 24th and 25th, was composed as follows: Messrs. H. Hunt (chairman), C. H. Martin (vice-chairman), M. Marriott (treasurer), J. H Booth, W. Henshaw, J. Liddown, S. Prince, H. White, E. Eaton, J. Gregory, G. C. Shaw, C. Martin, J. Martin, A. Smith, S. Knightley, W. Bradley, H. Earnshaw, A. Kew, W. Beardsley, and A. Eaton, and a right good lot they proved themselves. They knew their work and did it. Mr. Thomas Smith, the sec., is a host in himself, a rare hard worker, not sparing himself in any way, and as courteous as he is energetic. The total entry was 350, which is some twenty up on last year; two or three of the Norwich and British classes were badly supported, whilst the Foreigners were very poor. Norwich were, as usual in this district, of most excellent quality, and we were pleased to see the veteran Teddy Fox staging one or two of the old stamp. The Novices were strong in numbers, but many of them would have been improved had they been better staged. Just a few had quite the touch of a master hand. Yorks. were a very nice collection indeed, not only in numbers, but also in merit, and many could have held their own at Yorkshire shows. Crests and C.B. were very fair, but the winning Crest of Mr. Memmott was equal to securing the CAGE BIRDS champion prize, the runner-up being Mr. Burt's handsome Blackcap. Borders were a surprise, indeed. The winners were of most excellent type. Mr. Hancock held a strong hand. The winner of the CAGE BIRDS novice prize was Mr. Baker's 3rd prize yell Yorkshire, a bonny bird, which would undoubtedly have won in its class had it not been a bit soft at the time of judging; it improved during the day, and when the specials were awarded looked splendid. The reserve for the novice prize was Mr. Bull's very nicely staged 2nd prize Stonechat, a bonny bird indeed. Many of the exhibits amongst the British Finches were short of full h, but there were a few in magnificent fettle. Mr. Kew's bonny Linnet is the best of its species we have seen for a long time, and was soon claimed at catalogue price. It should have a most successful career. The Chaffies were a bonny lot, indeed, and very little divided them. Mr. Burt's whining Blackcap secured much admiration from visitors. One seldom sees a Blackcap of such lovely colour, and in such perfect plumage. It is a grand exhibit, and was beautifully staged. The Novice Britishers made quite a nice show. There were few visitors before we left, but we hope to hear the gate was a good one. The executive deserved it.

Mr. C. A Howe's Classes

CAN. NOR YELL. (2): 1, White, nice shapely bird, on the small side, lovely col. and qual., in rare form; 2 Wilcox and Son, larger and better shape, but not so level in col. or light in feather, capital head, wings and tail. BUFF (5): 1, Briggs, grizzled on head, fine bold bouncing bird, sound rich col., covered with a very beautiful meal, capital feather, nice carr.; 2, Hattersley, very shapely cl., tight compact feather, lovely gloss, rare col. and style just a trifle browy; 3, Wilcox and Son, magnificent chest and back, rare wings and tail, lovely feather and col., just a bit pinched over beak; 4, vhc, Bescoby and Righton, nice col. and feather, well mealed, longer in flights and tail. VARIEG. (8): 1, 3, Rathbone, cap, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely col., sound and rich right through, very compact and silky in feather, full of style, very fit; 3rd, cap mkd. yell., hardly so chubby, beautiful rich even col., grand body feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Sandiford's medal, Fox, eye, cheek and wing mkd. yell., grand deep chest, good shoulders, lovely col. and feather, not quite so tight in wings; 4, he, Briggs, neck and wing mkd. buff, capital col., nicely mealed, good body feather, rather longer in flights and tail; vhc, Draper; c, White. HEN (7): 1, 2, Briggs, very sweet wing tkd. buff, neat wings and tail, shapely chest, rare qual., lovely col. beautifully frosted; 2nd, lovely headed yell., grand col. and qual., rare chest and back, capital style, shade long in tail; 3, Fox, good bodied yell., grand rich even col., capital chest and back, good flights and tail, not so stout in neck; 4, Bescoby and Righton, cheek mkd. buff, capital shape and style, rare wings and tail; vhc, c, Wilcox and Son; he, Simpson and Vertigan. UNFLG. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Fox, cl., grand head and neck, good round chest, very neat wings and tail, lovely rich col., splendid feather, in grand form; 3rd, eye and wing mkd., qual. right through, but not so stout in head and body, sound and bright in col.; 2, Hathaway, big, bouncing cl., grand head, neck, and chest, rather paler in col., but beautifully feathered; 4, Crane, heavily mkd., grand col. and feather, hardly so shapely in head, but very nice body; vhc, Rathbone; he, Green; c, Beardall. BUFF (6): 1, Simpson and Vertigan, cap and eye mkd., grand Bullfinch chest, neat wings and tail, very compact and silky in feather, rich sound col., very fit; 2, Martin, magnificent cl., full of qual., lovely col., grand head, chest and back, but doesn't show quite so well; 3, Else neck tkd., capital feather, very nice col., nice showy bird, but not the substance of body; 4, Holmes, rattling good wing mkd., a wash would improve it; vhc, Beardall; he, Gilbert. NON-FED (4): 1, 3, Hathaway, big bouncing yell. of good shape and col., very nicely feathered; 3rd, head, eye and wing mkd. yell., short and neat, but not enough of it; 2, Paliser, good shapely buff; 4, Hattersley. SELF, 20s., PAIRS (4): 1, Horwood; 2, Hattersley; 3, 4, Gilbert. 10s. (9): 1, Hathaway; 2, vhc, Martin; 3, Else; 4, Draper; he, Beardall; c, Binks. NOVICE (25): 1, Sheppard, very short, compact, chubby shaped buff, grand wings and tail, beautifully feathered, grandly frosted over rich sound col.; 2, 3, C. H. Martin, heavily mkd. buff, splendid chest, shoulders and back, lovely feather and col., not quite so round in head; 3rd, eye, chest, and wing mkd. buff, lovely col. and feather, rare chest and back, good wings and tail, not so stout in head; 4, Parsons, heavily mkd. yell., grand col. and qual., neat wings and tail, not quite so stout in body; vhc, Fitchett; he, Bradley; c, Holmes. HEN (10): 1, Sheppard, real gem of a yell., full of col., rich, level, sound, and bright, feathered like a Java, grand wings and tail, and full of style; 2, Bradley, beautifully feathered buff, neat head, good shoulders and chest, capital col., and mkd., just a bit long in tail; 3, Fitchett, very nice close-feathered yell., a trifle longer than the winner, and was also unwashed, in condition a good one; 4, Eaton, beautifully feathered buff, grand body, nice col. and meal, not so stout in head; vhc, Bennett; he, Horwood; c, H. White. CREST (6): 1, "Cage Birds" Diploma and Champion Prize, Memmott, large, broad, well-grouped frontal, capital crest, feather splendid, except rare qual., nice body shape and feature; 2, Else, [illegible]; 3, Twigg, pied-tailed green, nice centre and radiation, not so heavily feathered. C.B. (3): 1, Memmott, immense cl., great width of skull, splendid length, width, and density of feather, in grand trim; 2, 3, Woolley, both variegs., 2nd not so wide in frontal, or so stout in body, grand qual. of feather; 3rd, plenty of feather on back of skull, but does not turn so well over the back. SELF., C. OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, Woolley. YORKS, YELL. (10): 1, 4, "Cage Birds" Diploma, Rigg, sleek, slim cl., grand head and neck, good level back, splendid wing and tail carr., rare col. and qual.; 4th, also cl., not quite so slim in body, capital style and nerve, nice col. and feather, good wings and tail; 2, Craig, cheek mkd., grand shape, rare wings and tail, lovely qual., nice col., not quite so steady when handled; 3, Thomas, very smart shapely wing tkd., good head, back, and flights, is inclined to spread tail a bit; vhc, Foster; he, Mountain; c, Beardall. BUFF (9): 1, Mountain, tkd. wing, erect as a soldier, feathered like a Java, grand wings and tail, lovely head lights and tail; 2, Thomas, shade stouter, very stylish and nervy, capital qual., nice col., good wings and tail; 3, 4, Beardall, neat head, splendid shape and carr., lovely feather and col., not quite so long on leg; 4th, very nice shape and style, good wing and tail carr.; vhc, Harriman; he, Parr; c, Craig. HEN (9): 1, Harriman, smart stylish buff, sleek as a mole, very slim and erect, full of nerve, excellent wings and tail; 2, Hymas, typical yell., sweet head, grand wings and tail, nice col., lovely qual., but somewhat slack in feather; 3, Beardall, grand shaped, stylish buff, neat head, good tail carr., trifle open in wings; 4, he, Cockeram, long stylish, good bodied yell., not quite so clever in the use of her flights; vhc, Craig; c, Barton. UNFLG. (8): 1, Cockeram, long, slim, well-feathered buff, sweet head, grand shoulders and back, excellent wing and tail carr., full of qual.; 2, Elkins, rich bright-coloured yell.-green, neat head, grand wings and tail, very stylish and nervy; 3, Thomas, grand-shaped yell., good head, nice style, capital col., and feather, not so neat in tail; 4, Foster, very shapely, stylish yell., nice silky feather, needs tightening up; vhc, Barton; he, Hymas; c, Beardall. SELF (12): 1, 4, Eaton; 2, Foster; 3, Beardall; vhc, Cockeram; he, c, Kew. NOV. (22): 1, Croft, very long slim yell., tapers well away at waist, grand flights and tail, full of qual., very nice col., capital style and nerve; 2, Cratchley, grand-bodied buff, rare feather and style, nice col., very showy and nervy, wings apt to open; 3, "Cage Birds" Diploma and Novice prize, Baker, really fine yell., sweet head, shoulders, grand flights and tail, would have won but was a bit soft; 4, Kew, neck tkd. yell., grand head and back, capital wings and tail, full of style, should do some winning when ready; vhc, Stafford; he, Wall; c, Alton. HEN (5): 1, Ilsley, very sweet buff, feathered like a Java, wonderfully tight and full of lustre, rare shape and style, a little gem; 2, Kew, neat-headed yell., grand back, good wing and tail carr., trifle open in front; 3, Sharpe, very neat and shapely, capital style, needs tightening up on chest; 4, Dickens, good-feathered buff; vhc, Alton. BORD., YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, "Cage Birds" Diploma, Hancock, slim eye and wing mkd., grand head, shoulders, wings, and flights; 2nd, very smart stylish cl., rather better head, but not quite so slim, rare style and feather; 3rd, gr., rare feather and col., grand style and nerve, very taking, not so light in wing; 4, Gwilliam, eye and wing mkd., full of style, nice feather, bit flat in head; vhc, c, Colley; he, "Cage Birds" Diploma, Gamble. BUFF (11): 1, 4, c, Hancock, winner real tip-topper, very neat head, grand shoulders, flights, and tail, grand shape, feathers, and style; 4th, lovely qual., nice shape, grandly feathered, capital wings and tail, just a bit stouter; 2, Gwilliam, wing tkd., grand qual., neat head, good wings and tail, not quite so erect; 3, vhc, Gamble, shapely stylish cl., capital wings and tail, not quite so silky in feather; he, Ferguson. GIFT (11): 1, White; 2, Kew; 3, 4, he, Eaton; vhc, Fox; c, C. H. Martin. MEMBERS, NOR. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, he, H. White; 2, C. H. Martin. UNFLI., YELL. (12): 1, Fox; 2, C. H. Martin; 3, 4, vhc, Briggs; he, Bradley; c, Marriott. BUFF 19): 1, c, Bradley; 2, Fox; 3, 4, C. H. Martin; vhc, Siddoun; he, Briggs; absent, 19, C. H. Martin. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, he, Kew; 3, 4, Eaton; vhc, c, Marriott. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, vhc, H. White; 3, Eaton; 4, he, c, Marriott

Mr. R. J. Howe's Classes.

GOLDF. (10): 1, 4, Tams and Son, lovely rich col., blazer, wide and deep cut, beautiful chestnut, sharp distinct buttons, grand back and bars, lovely feather; 4th, fine bold bouncing Finch, rare shape, size, and feather, grandly mkd., not up in col. yet; 2, 3, Brooks, bright and clear in blaze, wonderful cheeks, rich dark collar, good buttons, bars, and back; 3rd, not quite so clear and bright in blaze, grand cheeks and collar, lovely feather, rich bars, sound buttons; vhc, Allen, takes "Cage Birds" Diploma; he, Davies; c, Evans. BULLF. (4): 1, Brooks, fine bold-chested bird, sound and level col. on breast, large, deep, glossy cap, beautiful back and bars, in the pink; 2, Barker, rich deep breast, grand shaped cap, beautiful back and bars; 3, Fletcher, smart shapely little hen, sound bright col., good bars, nice feather. GREENF. (9): 1, Walsh, big bouncing bird, excellent shape, rich and bright in col., splendid wings and tail, rare cond.; 2, A. Martin, not quite so bright in col., rare wings and tail, very compact in feather, not so steady; 3, Fletcher, good big shapely bird, grand cond., not so tight in feather; 4, Brooks, capital col. and feather, good wings and tail, bit unsteady; vhc, Eaton; he, Henshaw; c, Sharp. LIN. (7): 1, Kew, magnificent in every respect, large skull, bold, deep, broad chest, splendid col., wonderfully distinct in mks., rare pinions and tail; 2, Walsh, rich bright nutty col., grand shape, lovely feather, very nicely mkd.; 3, Hexter, nice shape and style, well mkd., good pinions and tail, steady, nicely shown; 4, Davies, good chesty little bird, grand carr., rich bright col., lovely feather, we liked much; vhc, Tams and Son; he, Smith; c, Bradley. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, Davies, grand rich, bright col., rare head, splendidly laced on chest, grand back, lovely feather condition; 2, Walsh, hardly so chesty, or so bright in col., capital shape and size, nicely mkd., good feather; 3, Eaton, nice shape and style, capital col. and mks., very neat feather, not so large; 4, Brooks, smaller, very tight in feather, nice col., and feather; vhc, A. Martin; he, Henshaw; c, C. H. Martin. No. 5, Evans, W.C. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Walsh, fine bold bouncing Siskin, rare col. and mks., rich bright cap, beautiful feather, very steady, and a good shower; 2, 3, Henshaw, very rich-coloured, Mealy Redpoll, grand shape and style, capital mks., very steady; 3rd, shapely, stylish Twite; 4, Davies, bonnie little Siskin. CHAFF., ETC. (5): 1, Smith, large, grand-shaped Chaffi., rare head and neck, sound rich breast, good back, wings, and tail, well mkd. grand feather; 2, Sharp, hardly so bright on head, sound col. on chest, rare wings and tail, shown in the pink; 3, Brooks, magnificent rich col., lovely silky feather, grandly mkd., not quite

AYR.

The sixth annual show of the Ayr and District C.B.C. was held Oct. 25, in Masonic Hall. The hall is a most comfortable one for a show, being free from draughts. Entries, 415, were in excess of last year. Quality throughout was the best seen here for some years; some of the winners stood clear away in their respective classes. Winners of outstanding merit were: President McClure's, foul green hen, Mr. Walker's Border Club's medal winner, Mr. McQuiston's light Mule, which secured the gold medal for best Mule or British bird in show. Mr. Lyall won cup for most points in British, and Mr. Telfer cup most points in Canaries. The comfort of exhibits and visitors seemed to be the goal of the hard-working committee, who did everything possible to make everyone comfortable. Mr. Aitken came through his first show with flying colours, a more obliging sec. would be hard to find; he was ably backed up by the following officials: President, J. S. McClure; vice-president, J. French; committee, Messrs. Cameron, Murray, Mathieson, Telfer, J. and F. French, Erskine, Hainey, Lovie, Cook, McKay, McLaughlan, Bell, Campbell, Kelly, Lyall, Boyd, and Lindsay. The judges were: Scotch and Borders, Mr. D. Hamilton; Yorkshires, Mr. Girvan; Brit. and For., Mr. Mason; and Norwich, Mr. Cant. The awards seemed to give satisfaction, as no grumbling was heard.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY COCK (13): 1, vhc, he, McClure, 1st, cl. yell., great size, fine action, good drive; 2, 3, Robertson, 2nd, cl. yell., tip-top order, very free action, fails size, 3rd, pied buff, good shoulders, fine size, but slow in action; c, Rodger. HEN (6): 1, McClure, foul green, again in capital order, very quick action, fine depth of shoulder, great drive, easy win; 2, Robertson, cl. yell., fine length and reach, shade thin; 3, Hainey, foul green, grand qual., not same reach as winner, very quick in action, shown in best of order; 4, McClure; vhc, Robertson; he, McLean. CREST: Cancelled. C.B.: Cancelled. NOR. CK., YELL. (9): 1, Maxwell, cl., beauty for size and type, grand dome, good wings and tail, hot col.; 2, R. Jeffrey, neck and wing mkd., chubby, thick set, grand full head, good front; 3, c, McKay, fine type, size, and subs., hardly so fit as leaders; 4, res., McKay; vhc, Devoy; he, Wilson; c, Scott. HEN (5): 1, Calderwood, lovely lady, fine full head, grand shaped body, shown in best of order; 2, Maxwell, very fine variegs., hardly the type of winner, very good head, free from browing, shade lengthy behind; 3, Devoy, all there for type and condition, good short wings, must have pressed; 4, Watson; vhc, Colley. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Devoy, very chubby type, fine full head, good wings and tail, finely frosted, wins; 2, Guthries, bit slimmer, but all there for quality and condition; 3, Kelly, excels in frosting, very short flights and tail, hardly the breadth required; 4, McKay; W.C., Colley. HEN (9): 1, 2, Devoy, staged in great condition, 1st, wing mkd., rare head and body, grand wings and tail, an easy win, 2nd, cl., fine col., type, and size, fails wing car. to leader; 3, Watson, nicely variegs., staged in grand order, shade slimmer than winner, will improve; 4, Murray; vhc, Tannoch; he, Jeffrey; c, McKay. NON-FED (12): 1, Guthries, great size, very typical, grand even col., fine full head and chest; 2, Devoy, cl. buff, splendid type, fails size and head, but good exhibit; 3, McKay, nice size, very fine cl. yell., showing too much feather at thighs; 4, McFadyean; vhc, Dickie; he, Melville; c, Young. NOV. (10): 1, Campbell, jun., good sized yell., shade slim, good col., nice length; 2, McLoughlan, good one, nice type and col., fine size, good full head, will improve; 3, Anderson, cl. buff, splendid type, hardly full enough in ebest, shows fine frosting; 4, Murray; vhc, McLaughlan; he, Bryden; c, Muir. UNFLG. CK. YELL. (12): 1, Colley, very rich col., best of qual. and type, grand subs. and conditiou; 2, Kelly, not a large one, but good type and col., very short tail; 3, Maxwell, largest in class, bit too long in side, good col. and carriage; 4, Watson; vhc, Candlis; he, Brown; c, Calderwood. BUFF (15): Good class. 1, 2, Maxwell, very typical pair, showing fine frosting, leader excels in car.; 3, Alexander, not much between leaders, just a wee shade too long behind, very full head; 4, Melville; vhc, Muir; he, Cairns; c, Watson. HEN (15): 1, Calderwood, rare size and type, good full fronted bird, easy leader; 2, Cairns, hardly the subs. of winner, but fine type and car., wee shade browy; 3, res., Scott, very rich col., bit small, nicely mkd.; 4, Maxwell; vhc, Cairns; he, Candlis; c, Brown. YORKS. CK. YELL., BUFF, HEN YELL., BUFF. A.O.V.. HEN: Cancelled. CK., 1913 (7): 1, A. Gook, wing-mkd., medium length, nice oval head, good wings and tail, good pos.; 2, Gibb, nice length, fails in pos., nice wing car., good col., shade wild; 3, Telfer, very lengthy, grand pos. and col., grand type, just a shade pointed on breast; 4, Telfer; vhc, Cook; he, Cameron; c, Erskine. HEN (5): 1, Cameron, grand cl. yell., very finely drawn, taking exhibit; 2, Telfer, beauty for type, qual. like silk, just beaten pos.; 3, Telfer, typical hen, slimmer built, shade too narrow; 4, Erskine; vhc, Telfer. NON-FED (6): 1, McRobbie, beautiful cl. buff, very finely drawn, correct wedge shape, grand wings; 2, French, yell., nice col., good length, nice wings and tail, fails condition; 3, McQuiston and Paterson, rare length, straight up, fine legs; 4, Sloan; vhc, Dick. NOV. (11): 1, Macready, yell., wing mkd. well rounded shoulders, good col. and qual., finely braced wings; 2, Cameron, Grizzle back, yell., very sweet head, very erect stand, well placed; 3, Cameron, cl. buff, scarcely so well rounded on shoulders, yet a nice one, very leggy, and full of nerve; 4, Telfer; vhc, Lovie; he, Telfer. BORD. CK., YELL. (11): 1, Walker, good one, A1 wings, hard to find fault with, fine jaunty car., wins; 2, Mossie, cl. yell., grand taper and col., nice size and fine mover; 3, Geddes, lovely pos., sweet shape, very rich col., a wee bit large; 4, Welsh; vhc, Nairn; he, Crosbie; c, Allan. HEN (9): 1, Hume, good one all over, nice size; 2, Millan, cl., very nicely drawn, grand jaunty car., good col.; 3, Walker, sweet wee bird, shown in great condition; 4, Findlay; vhc, Laidlaw; he, McGhee; c, Mossie. CK. BUFF (16): 1, Aitken, immaculate condition, grand car., nice size, very good col., easy win; 2, Dods, tip-top qual., inclined to crouch a little, in good order; 3, Broadfoot, grand qual. of feather, not so stylish as winner, good wings; 4, Reid; vhc, Young; he, Wallace; c, Aitken. HEN (19): 1, Walker, wins Border Fancy Club's medal best in show, sweet wee hen, simply perfection; 2, Wallace, good all round, beaten, but not disgraced, in good condition; 3, Broadfoot, lovely pos., splendid col; 4, Mossie; vhc, Gibson; he, Smillie; c, Sprott. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. UNEVEN (14): 1, Findlay, fine jaunty car., wins; 2, Walker, almost four pointed, buff, wonderful con.; 3, Smillie, again in grand order, just a shade heavy in body; 4, Allan; vhc, Millan; he, Geddes; c, Aitken. GR. AND CINN. (13): 1, Findlay, yell. Cinn., grand coloured one, good depth throughout, show lacing well; 2, Robertson, yell. green, fine rich, grassy col., grand pencilling on flanks, very typical, in A1 order; 3, Murray, yell Cinn., not so deep as winner, lacks pencilling on flanks to some degree; 4, Campbell, jun.; vhc, Dods; he, Cunningham; c, Murray. NOV. (17): 1, Reid, very typical Bord., grand car., in best of order; 2, N. Aitken, nice cl. yell., correct size and car., could be in better condition; 3, Reid, sweet Cinn., pencilled to perfection, not so jaunty in car. as leaders, otherwise good; 4, c, Kroezon, four-pointed buff; celled. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, McQuiston and Paterson, two beauties, 1st wins medal, best in section; 2, Mitchell, Redpoll Goldfinch, in grand order, showing parentage well; 4, Cowan, Linnet-Bullf.: vhc, Thomson; c, Sprout. DARK (9): 1, 2, 3, McQuiston and Paterson, great team, all in A1 condition, hard to separate; 4, Doolan; vhc, Lyall; he, Wason; c, Dale. GOLDF. (11): 1, Pringle, gem, standing out by himself, fine flush, well up in col, grand size, splendid buttons and moons; 2, Conkie, not so large in face or body, but a good Goldie, will improve; 3, Stobbs Bros., hardly ready yet, nice sized face, good body col., rich bars, wants time; 4, McGregor; vhc, McCloy; he, Begg and McCreadie; c, Wason. BULLFINCH. CK. (9): 1, Loudon, fine tight order, good col., nice bars; 2, Davidson, fails cap, good size body, bit dark in breast; 3, Scriven, largest cap in class, grand wing bars, shade pale in breast; 4, Sproat; vhc, McCloy; he, Dale; c, Stobbs. HEN (6): 1, Jardine, grand rich col., in lovely order, good glossy cap; 2, Gentleman, larger than winner, but loses in condition and col.; 3, Wyper, good cap, shade rough at thighs, good col.; 4, Robertson, jun.; vhc, Wason; he, Loan. GREENF., FED. (4): 1, Cowan, immense size, fine type, stands clear away, fine even col.; 2, Begg and McCredie, nice size and type, shows fine yell. bars and tail; 3, Morton, all there for col., but beaten size and type; 4, Strachan. NON-FED. (8): 1, Taylor, fine size and col., bold head and front, hard pressed by 2, Irvin, fine, large, chubby type, showing great flights, grand broad front; 3, Herron, scarcely size of leaders, and beaten in finish; 4, Wason; vhc, Davidson; he, Robertson, jun.; c, McCloy. LINNET, MOULTED (7): 1, 3, McQuiston and Paterson, leader excels in size, splendid lacing, shows grand whites, 3rd, not far behind, shade smaller, nice soft col.; 2, Morton, bit open on front, grand size, nice pencilling; 4, Wason; vhc, Conkie; he, McCloy; c, Lyall. F.M. (17): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, good stamp, great mass of pencilling, very full front, steady; 2, Downie, another good one, grand condition, bit darker on breast, nice size, worth its place; 3, Davidson, similar in build, scarcely so bold on front or good in breast work, bit unsteady; 4, McCloy; vhc, Taylor; he, Gentleman; c, Connachan. MEALY 'POLL, ETC. (10): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Twite, well knowu winner, getting up in col., great size, wins; 2, Lyall, Mealy 'Poll, fine size, good bib, nice bold head; 3, Alexander, Siskin, grand col., could carry more lacing, best cap in class; 4, Conkie; vhc, Wason; he, Bell; c, Sproat. LESSER 'POLL (17): Grand class, two sets of winners could have been found here. 1, McQuiston and Paterson, grand bold front, very distinctly laced, grand col. and bib, steady as a rock; 2, Brownlie and Sons, similar, but fails a little in size and steadiness; 3, Lyall, hardly up in col. yet, largest in class, showing grand bib, fine bold head, will improve; 4, Loudon, Glasgow winner, beaten to-day; vhc, Landsburgh and Coltart; he, Robertson; c, Adams. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (7): 1, 2, McQuiston and Paterson, 1st, Hawfinch, great size and col., very distinct, large bib, bold head, some thought unlucky not to take medal for best in section; 2, Bramblefinch; 3, Wash; 4, Lyall; vhc, McCloy; he, Morrison; c, Adams. HEN, BRIT. (14): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Linnet, pencilled from beak to tail, as good in col as a cock, taking exhibit, well placed; 2, Wyper, Greenie, bit pale in col., but showing fine flights for a hen, good size and condition; 3, Stonehaun, Bramblefinch, well up in size and condition, good col.; 4, Lyall; vhc, Wason; he, McCloy; c, Irvine; A.V. SMALL SOFTBILL: Cancelled. A.O. LARGE: Cancelled, NOV., BRIT. (6): 1, A. Conkie; 2, Pirrie; 3, Bell; 4, vhc, he, Saunders. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, Reid; 2, Taylor; 3, Guthrie; 4, Mitchell. SMALL (4): 1, McKinnell and Son, Whydah, shown in full plumage, grand col.; 2, Morrison, Hadynest, well up in col., nice exhibit; 3, McCreadie, white Javas, in good order, well staged; 4, McKinnell and Son, Weaver. LARGE (4): 1, Morrison, Bloodwing, in good order; 2, White, Minah, a great attraction, speaking all day; 3, Sinclair, Rock Parrot; 4, French Rock Parrot.

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so large; 4, Barratt, grand one for col. and mks.; vhc, Twigg. A.O. SEEDEATER (1): 1, Evans, large, good-coloured, nicely-mkd. Yellow Bunting, in grand form. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Bent, takes "Cage Birds" Champion Diploma, one of the handsomest Blackcaps we have seen for a long time, wonderful cap, grand back and chest, lovely col. and feather; 2, Fletcher, very nice, shapely, good-feathered Nightingale, shows well, capital style; 3, Hattersley, charming Lesser Whitethroat, grand head and back, good throat and chest, in rare form; 4, Cox, large, shapely Blackbird, very lustrous plumage, rich bill and eere, in grand fettle; vhc, he, Saywell. NOV. (10): 1, Bull, large, well-mkd. Hawfinch, grand col., very steady, in grand feather, except for a damaged wing; 2, 4, Wood, very handsome Stonechat, rare col. and feather, and as steady as a Crow, in nice fettle, we liked; 4th, very handsome Greater Whitethroat, nice shape and style, grand col. and feather; 3, vhc, he, c, H. White, bonnie little Linnet, capital shape and col., nice feather, shows well. MULES, LIGHT (1): 1, C. H. Martin. DARK (8): 1, Tams and Son; 2, Ferguson; 3, T. White; 4, Wortley; vhc, he, Lees. FOR. WAXBILLS, ETC. (3): 1, Fletcher, very nice pair Grey-headed Mannikins, lovely col. and feather, very nicely shown; 2, Bradbury, beautifully feathered, nicely-mkd. Black-faced Weaver; 3, Hattersley, grandly-mkd. pair of Zebra Waxbills, lovely condition. OTHER SEEDEATERS (1): 1, "Cage Birds" Diploma, Saywell, very handsome Orange-breasted Whydah, lovely rich col., beautiful body plumage, glorious tail. MEMBERS (10): 1, 4, C. H. Martin; 2, Eaton; 3, c, Lees; vhc, Henshaw; he, H. White.

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What memories the name of Belle Vue conjures up! Our first remembrances of it are of annual visits when we were wont to be delighted at the sight of the many curious animals to be found there. A few years later, while we were still young (and more foolish), we still would pay our annual visit, but in search of animals of a different genus. In those days, for a Lancashire man not to visit Belle Vue once a year was for him not to live. He only stagnated. Now, when we have reached years of discretion and consequent sedateness—we still pay our annual visit, but our visits now are connected with—as the Rev. Farrar would say—"the more solid joys and lasting pleasures" of seeing the famous show promoted by the M. and N. C.O.S. When we went outside the showroom for a breather and to—ask the time!—we noticed that history was still repeating itself in the dear old grounds of happy memories among the younger generation.

All Roads Led to Belle Vue.

The show was held in that spacious and lofty room in the centre of the extensive grounds, than which there is no better in the country. Ever since the M. and N. C.O.S., in their wisdom, migrated from places which were undesirable for a show of almost national dimensions, their shows have been better patronised by the visiting public, and this one has proved no exception. As we went down to the show, it seemed as if all roads led to Belle Vue, for the people were teeming towards the show, and we knew them to be fanciers from the fact that many of them wore "Cage Birds League" buttons, and those who didn't were discussing in no uncertain manner the pros and cons of the Halifax sensation. But for that, one would have got the impression that everyone was making for a football match. But to hark back to the show.

The room is a great big structure, yet cosy withal; well lighted top and sides, and heated to any temperature the society thinks may be congenial to the birds. The exhibits are staged on the admirable three-tier system, which allows the maximum number of birds to be staged in the minimum amount of space; thereby allowing visitors to walk about in comfort.

Among the Cream of the Show.

And what birds! Are we exaggerating when we say that the cream of the Fancy were on view—and especially in the Norwich and Yorkshires? Yorkshires did not turn up so well in the champion classes, but were extra for quality. What length some of them were, with quality notwithstanding! Really, we think that the Yorkshire has almost reached perfection. Most of the cracks had teams there. These Yorkshire men generally send a few good ones down to Manchester, just to show us what a really good bird should be. But they will have to look to their laurels. Others are after them, and at a good pace too. A good share of the spoils fell to the lot of the exhibitors from outside Yorkshire. But if the Yorkies were good, what shall we say of the Norwich? It is almost an axiom in the Fancy that if you want to see good Norwich, you must go to Manchester. What colour! What size! What exquisite quality of feather without which a Norwich is not a Norwich! What enormous heads, and what numbers! True, the champions did not turn up as well as we have seen them at Manchester, but the amateurs—the back bone—more than made up the leeway—133 in six classes is going it, and no mistake! They took some sorting out. Borders were good in numbers and quality. The way Border men are going on shows that they are going to push themselves to the front, for at this show they had the best filled champion classes. Something to be proud of. Good luck to them. Belgians were all cancelled; while Scotch numbered the astonishing number of five in two classes.

The Prides of the County.

Lancashires turned up fairly well in numbers. They seem to have taken new life. We notice new aspirants taking a fair share of the honours. Mr. Beattie staged a champion in his yellow Plainhead; it was acknowledged to be about the best bred during the last ten years. Lizards also were a grand lot, but evidently the cold weather had touched a few of them, as some of the "also ran" looked exceedingly well in the afternoon. Here again the spoils were fairly well divided, Messrs. Hamer, Rukin, and Barnes taking the lions' share. Some of the work and lacing was quite a picture, so even in rowing and size. It was noticeable that the legs and toes are not quite so dark as of yore, especially amongst the lower cards. No doubt the judge allowed a few points for the darker specimens.

Greens came up capitally, and some exceptionally fine birds were staged, giving the judge a tough job. Either of the first four birds in each class could have won, so close were they in type and colour. The winning yellow is a smart unflighted, and will come up again. Messrs. Benson and Young had quite a field day with the ladies, capturing first in yellow hens with their old Palace winner, while a smart young buff hen won her heat. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe put down a storming buff cock, which easily accounted for the remaining first. Norwich Greens were an eye-opener. Someone has said they have died out; he should have been here and seen some of the toppers on parade. Mr. John Walker staged a wonderful team, capturing no less than three firsts, and he deserved it. Is the Cup sailing Westminster way this year? The odd chalk was won by a marvel of a yellow hen from the Wellingboro' stable. Messrs. Handley and Lawson put down some romping birds, which will come on later, some of them being quite "penny."

Crests a Complete Failure.

Crests were a complete failure. Where have they gone to? Twenty-three, in six classes, is poor encouragement to the executive. Certainly a few champions were on hand, but we want more of them if these classes are to go on.

Cinnamons were well up and some Any-other-variety had to take a back seat. This variety has been in too few hands, and it is time it was split up. There are plenty of working men keeping Cinnamons, and they would show out if they thought a win would come their way now and again. Type has gone up by leaps and bounds; they are more chubby, border in head and neck, and not so long-sided as they were wont to be. Also the colour has been well retained, showing a beautiful copper hue, with lacing down the waist in proportion. The Rev. B. Nume put down a grand team, closely followed by the noted Billy Dormer, with his crack unflighted. The outstanding bird was a lovely yellow hen, put down by a fair lady enthusiast, Mrs. Tweddle.

The Green Canary Association may feel proud of the Green Borders. A grand lot were staged in numbers and quality, and gave the judge, Mr. Harrison, a hard morning's work. A good few brightened up in the afternoon; no doubt the cold morning interfered with a few of the awards. The type comprises very favourably with that of the clears, and the colour is of a dark grassy green, showing very dark legs and beak. We noticed colour was taken great notice of by the judge.

Entries in Brit. and Foreign did not come up to expectations, most of the classes being half prize money. This is not encouraging for cage bird societies to put in good classifications; it is time for fanciers in the North to wake up and make better entries if they want societies to give them a decent classification. The two classes for Linnets only brought 13, and the Bramblefinches and Chaffinches only brought 10. Four of the foreign classes only brought five entries. We hope in the future that this will be greatly improved upon. Although the number was not so great, there were several good specimens shown in the British. Messrs. Hurst, Brade, Fairhurst, Metcalfe, and Sharples staged some grand specimens. In foreign birds Messrs. Mascott, Watts, Beaty, and Simpson put down excellent specimens.

A Difficult Lot to Beat.

And now, what can we really say of the management, except that it was superb? We are aware—painfully aware—that the expression only inadequately describes it, but for the moment we are simply at a loss for a word that will do adequate justice. Suffice it to say that everything was done, even that the most fastidious fancier could wish for, to make the show a success. It would be difficult to find a more enthusiastic and businesslike body of men to undertake the management of a bird show; and considering the success they have achieved, is it any wonder they possess themselves with a certain amount of pride? No wonder some of them don't wear hats!

Mr. W. A. Bladon is at the head of affairs. His is the guiding hand that regulates the traffic. Go where you will, when you will, you will find the serene countenance of Mr. Bladon. He is just the man for a president. He seems to lend that authority of manner which is a "sine qua non" in a chairman of such a large and influential society. Manchester Show without Mr. Bladon would be like—well, like Mr. Bladon without Manchester Show. Mr. G. H. Fulcher is the permanent sec. to the treasury, and this show will find him something to do. What with a gate of enormous proportions and an inflated sale sheet, he will begin to think himself a regular Jew.

Manchester Men Are "Right Good 'Uns."

Manchester is particularly rich in men with the necessary qualifications to the making of a good secretary, but rarely have we seen one with all the essential qualities combined as in Mr. Boothman. He is the personification of astuteness, gentleness and suavity. These are backed up by a committee of fanciers it is a pleasure to meet. There is Sam Cook, geniality personified; J. Coldbeck, W. Fairhurst, J. W. Jones, G. W. F. Lythgoe, H. Lewis, W. Moorbey, R. J. Metcalfe, W. N. Turner, S. Taylor, and J. A. Vint, while Mr. W. H. Tansey acts as assistant sec. All these worked with a will getting off exhibits that had a long journey. The room was crowded with visitors, with a fair sprinkling of the weaker (?) sex. Sales were brisk in the sale classes, while a few changed hands from the other classes at catalogue price. The 1st prize Cornish Chough changed hands at £5 5s., and the yellow Norwich hen in the amateur classes was claimed at £5 5s. by a well-known exhibitor. This hen is a beauty, and was responsible for annexing the CAGE BIRDS Coupon 10s. cash prize and diploma for best novice. Entries totalled approximately 1,720.

Fanciers we met and recognised were Messrs. Battye, Hirst, Trengove, Haythurst, Sutton, Riley, Fawcett, Baker (Cowes), Waring, Braybrook, Barraclough, Booth, Hunter, Johnson, Tiffen, Dent, Cunliffe, Edmondson, Fildes, Thomas, Linaker and Son, Richards, Hesketh, and a host of others whom it is not our good fortune to know.

CAGE BIRDS stall was in a very prominent position, and appeared to be doing a brisk trade. The Kozy Karrier Co. had on view a selection of their patent carrying boxes, which are very light indeed, and trade appeared very brisk with them. Messrs. Dutton had a stall of seeds and cages on view in great variety, and of their well-known quality.

Novice Diploma Winner Fetches £5 5s.

CAGE BIRDS diplomas and cash specials have seemed to catch on. It is a welcome innovation, and competition was very keen. Mr. H. H. Towers won diploma for Yorks, and annexed the 10s. special for best champion exhibit with a Cinnamon mkd. Buff Yorks cock of great length and quality. The novice cash special we have already mentioned, and was won by Mr. Watson, whose bird was claimed at £5 5s. Other diploma winners were:—Best amateur Yorks, Mr. F. E. Wilson; Nor., W. N. Turner; Lancs., T. H. Collinge; Bord., D. Whitelaw; Green, J. W. Metcalfe; Brit., W. Fairhurst; For., S. Beaty. The sensation of the show was undoubtedly their judging. Just fancy having before you Mr. Beattie's champion yellow Lancashire Plainhead, Mr. Horace Tower's crack Cinnamon mark, Mr. Metcalfe's noted buff Green Yorkshire, Mr. W. N. Turner's celebrated unflig. yellow Norwich, Mr. Millington's crack Lizard, Mr. J. S. Wilson's wonder of a yellow Border Fancy, Mr. H. Thompson's great Hybrid, and Mr. Fairhurst's winning Bramblefinch! Truly a sight for the gods! Every fancier at the show crowded round to see which would come out on top. The stewards had to form a barrier to keep the enthusiasts back; a few bets were made, each one to his fancy. After a lot of criticism by the various judges Mr. H. H. Towers gained the coveted first prize; it was a unanimous verdict.

We were in conversation with a fancier in the show who seemed to have got some information first hand, and he seemed to think that the M. and N. C.O.S. were striking out on new lines for their show in 1914. To counteract the shortage of entries in some of the classes, they intended to give smaller prizes for the 1st prize and more small prizes for the tail end of the class, much on the lines of Plymouth. We cannot vouch for the truth of this information, but we can promise the society it is a consummation greatly to be desired.

The judges were:—Lancs., Lizards, and Selling, Mr. Garner; Yorks, Mr. Cowgill; Norwich, Mr. Hirst; Crests, Cinnamons, Scotch, Belgians, etc., Mr. Roe; Bords., Mr. Harrison; Hybrids, Brit., and Foreign, Mr. Beswick.

The Lancashire and Lizards.

LANCS. COPPY YELL. (7): 1, Beattie, very neat coppy, comes well over from centre, tremendous size, rap and tail feather, long sided, staged to perfection; 2, Barrass, grizzle coppy, larger radiated, but breaks at side, full of cob, not quite the quality of winner; 3, Hordern, full of pens, otherwise might go up, great length and subs.; 4, c, Fitton, grizzle (6): 1, Barrass, wonder for size, subs., and length, faulty wings, vhc, Kaye; hc, Ridgard. CL. BUFF (6): 1, Barass, wonder for size, subs., and length, a crown fit for a king, should want stopping; 2, Hardy, wealth of feather, rare width, capital back, coppy, breaks down at sides, 3, Fitton, monster for feather and thickness, coppy in pen, will improve; 4, Swalwell, not subs. of above; vhc, Stansfield; hc, Kaye. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, Jameson, grizzle coppy, falls well from centre, wonder for size, as broad as a crest; 2, Lowe, grizzle neck, rare good length, narrow coppy, but perfect shape, glorious feather; 3, Hardy, neat coppy, bit narrow at back, not so deep though as above; 4, Hordern, grizzle coppy, not so neatly formed, abundance of silky feather; vhc, Collinge; hc, Broadhurst. DO., 1913 (8): 1, Fitton, cl. yell., marvel of a baby, extra thick and lengthy, perfect roppy; 2, Ridgard, yell. grizzle coppy, amazing subs., beaten qual., coppy bit thin; 3, Barrass, again a yell. coppy, trifle thin, wants time, feather of silky texture; 4, Fitton, grizzle, buff, fair subs., leafy feather, might have split 2 and 3; vhc, Stansfield; hc, Beattie; c, Jameson. DO., P.H., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, sp., Beattie, giant, true Lancs. properties, great skull, immense length, perfect wings, lovely feather, besieged by fanciers; 2, Lowe, grizzle neck, grand skull, rare length of side, fair feather, on bad perches; 3, Hardy, another giant, very deep through shoulders well lashed, abundance of feather; 4, Lowe, not length of above, or so good in feather, but very good head properties; vhc, Fitton; hc, Broadhurst; c, Stansfield. BUFF (9): 1, Barrass, wonderful skull and lashings, extra thick through shoulder, carries a mantle of exquisite texture; 2, Fitton, another of giant proportions, wonderful width, good frontal, well staged; 3, Collinge, good subs., nice top, capital feather, beaten skull; 4, Fitton, wealth of silky feather, long sided and deep through shoulder; vhc, Hordern; hc, Kaye; c, Swalwell. DO., 1913 (6): 1, 2, Fitton, storming youngster, well lashed, great length of side, clothes of the right qual., 2nd very much down when taking notes, looks a good one when moved; 3, Ridgard, grizzle skull, fair side, plenty of silky feather, in good cond.; 4, Hordern, rare length, but narrow, capital qual.; vhc, Beattie; hc, Lowe. HENS (6): 1, Hardy, cl. yell., coppy well set on skull, long sided, and full of life; 2, 3, Collinge, grizzle, buff, shapely, very neat coppy, wealth of feather, good breeding hen, 3rd yell. P.H., lengthy and fair thickness, put down in form; 4, hc, Broadhurst, yell P.H., mkd. cap, on the small side, silky feather; vhc, Ridgard. LIZ., CL. CAP. GOLD (7): 1, Barnes, red hot, rare work, full of spangle, clean cut cap, bit wild; 2, Bradley, very even rows of clean spangle, laced well down to vent, very fit; 3, Hampshire, not quite so big, but nice rowing, good legs and toes; 4, Ollerenshaw, splendid work, running well to neck, but small; vhc, Bosworth; hc, Hambleton; c, Hamer. SILVER (8): 1, 3, Rukin, exceptionally rowed, very even spangle, carries silvery appearance, 3rd a good one, but down, head under wings; 2, hc, Hamer, smarter appearance, capital rows of work, laced to perfection, narrow cap; 4, Bradley, work runs in a little, cap not so clear cut as above; vhc, c, Ollerenshaw. BROKEN CAP GOLD (11): 1, 4, Hamer, broken over beak, well laced, neat and even spangle, runs well to neck, 4th smarter appearance, capital spangle, fair lacing; 2, Barnes, wonderful qual., extra good work, finely defined, must have pressed; 3, Bradley, bit soft, larger working, runs in a little, shapely cap, light legs; vhc, hc, Rukin; c, Ollerenshaw. SILVER (11): 1, 3, Hamer, broken over eye, wealth of spangle, just blurrs a bit, rare good col., 3rd shines like silver, spangle, runs well down, fails lacing to those above it; 2, hc, Rukin, slight break over beak, rowing more even, smart mover, nice size; 4, Ollerenshaw, smaller, good lacing, spangle not so well defined, lighter legs; vhc, Barnes; c, Bradley. HENS, GOLD (12): 1, Hamer, lovely lady, spangled and laced to adoration, good legs and toes, capital win; 2, Bradley, larger, nice shape, good lacing, back well figured, good carr.; 3, Bradley, in rare form, good legs and toes, back work good, fails down waist; 4, hc, Rukin, a mass of work, but not so even as above, capital lady though; vhc, Hampshire; c, Lord. SILVER (10): 1, Barnes, broken cap, carries nice frosting, neat even spangle, bit soft; 2, 3, Ollerenshaw, cl. cap, runs very close, in good form, well laced, brilliant rowing, bit slack at vent, 3rd broken cap, smaller, but smarter, small spangle, but well worked well down to end of back; 4, vhc, hc, Rukin, not so shapely, open at breast, good spangle, but wants time; c, Lord.

The Yorkshire Section.

CHAMP CL. OR TKD. YELL (10): 1, Broughton, sweet oval head, lovely col. and type, grand feather, good legs, just the length; 2, Ogden Bros., not quite so long, exquisite head, bit paler col., lovely wing and tail; 3, Knowles, trifle stouter and not the length of leaders, grand feather, head and neck, down in cond.; 4, Wilkinson, very slim, high col., rare qual. feather, nice pair legs, not quite the nice oval head; vhc, Binns; hc, Potts; c, Kearns. BUFF (9): 1, Potts, nice length and qual., lovely oval head, rare legs, nice col.; 2, 4, Broughton, sweet expression, rare qual., stands like a guardsman, nice neck and back, long length of tail, neck, not quite so long, exquisite feather and type, very taking bird, must have pressed; 3, Kearns, mark neck, good length, rare head, neck, wings and tail; vhc, Weedall; hc, Knowles; c, Binns. MKD YELL. (7): 1, 3, Chittenden, beauty and no mistake, mkd. wings, eyes and neck, lovely length, slim as an eel, straight as a pencil, 3rd var., very slim type, nice shape, rare legs, nice oval head, good col.; 2, Dykes, similar markings and shape, rare legs, nice round head, only beaten length; 4, Myers and Lumb, mkd. eyes and neck, loose qual., quite but crossed in feather at breast; vhc, Hall; hc, Edey; c, Weedall. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Morrison, eyes and one wing, lovely length and qual., rare type, grand wing carr., taking bird, 4th longer than 3rd, but stouter, bigger head, not far behind, mark wing and head; 2, Hall, mkd. wing and cap, nice oval head, good neck and qual., rare legs, beaten back; 3, Dykes, same length as 1st rare back and qual., nice round head, very straight set and wing carriage; vhc, Ogden Bros., Chittenden; c, Wagstaff. CL. OR TKD YELL. HEN (5): 1, Casey, good length, sweet head and neck but crossed in feather at breast; 2, Dean, bit shorter, but very sweet hen, exquisite qual. of feather, nice legs; 3, Knowles, longer, rare back and qual., nice oval head and good neck, we preferred for 2nd, unflighted; 4, Potts, tkd. head, very sweet hen, neat head and neck, beautiful qual. and col. for a hen; vhc, Ogden Bros., hc, Broughton, c, Atkinson. BUFF (4): 1, Potts, lovely hen, straight as a gun barrel, nice medium length, rare head, bit down in cond., 2, Abbott, not the same expression of head, beaten feather and tail; 3, Hinson, medium length, nice qual. feather; 4, Atkinson, longer, nice oval head, good shoulders. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Dykes, even mark, nice medium length, straight as a pencil, taking exhibit, moulty; 2, Ogdens, bigger, variegated, not quite so upright. BUFF (7): 1, Ogden Bros., var., nice length and type, good qual., rare wing carr., gets well up, 2, Dykes, but unsteady, mark eyes and wing, loose qual., paler; 3, vhc, Morrison, mkd. neck and wings, beauty for type and feather, sweet oval head, nice neck, crosses wings; 4, Hall, longer hen and stands well up, nice head and neck, beaten qual.; hc, Myers and Lumb; c, Spencer. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Knowles, grand length, stands like a guardsman, lovely carr. of wings and tail, nice head and neck, exquisite qual.; 2, Potts, longer if anything, not the sweet expression of head, beaten qual. of feather, both clears; 3, Binns, tick eye, not quite so long, but lovely type, feather like silk, rare head and neck, straight as a pencil; 4, c, Linaker, mark wing, long slim bird, rare legs and qual., good wings and tail; vhc, hc, Caley. BUFF (11): 1, Wilkinson, cap mark, eye-opener for type and qual., beautiful head and neck, lovely back and breast, wings meet well on back, grand tail; 2, Potts, lengthy cl., another beauty for type and qual., condition A1, nice tail, rare head, little to choose; 3, hc, Binns, longer but stouter, not bad qual. for a big one, good pair of legs; 4, Hickson, mark neck, another big one, on the stout side, rare feather and legs, crosses wings a bit, which put it back; vhc, Mitchell; c, Caley. CINN. MARK YELL. (2): 1, Morrison, mkd. wings, beauty for length, exquisite feather and type, had a rare dose of hot stuff; 2, Myers and Lumb, mark breast, not quite so long, feather like silk, not drawn out so well behind. BUFF (4): 1, hc, Towers, eyes, neck and one wing, sweet head and neck, big bird, lovely qual., rare legs, sweet expression, takes C.B. cash sp; 2, Morrison, mark back and wings, not the length, silky feather, not drawn so well behind; 3, Chittenden, eyes, neck and wing, another big one, exquisite feather, lovely head and neck, crosses wings a bit, but must have pressed; 4, Ogdens, mkd. head and wings, good long bird, rare feather, beaten tail. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 3, Towers, eyes, neck and wing, sweet head and neck, medium length, nicely cut off behind, unflig.; 3rd bead, eyes and wings, rare length, exquisite feather, neat head and neck, a wee bit pointed on breast; 2, Morrison, wings and eyes, longer hen, better if anything in head, well drawn, we preferred; 4, Ogdens, head, neck and wing, another lengthy hen, gets well up, we preferred for 3rd. BUFF (6): 1, Morrison, eyes and wing, nice length and qual., neat bead and neck, crossed on breast; 2, Casey, eyes and wing, straight up, nice feather and qual., not so well drawn behind; 3, H. Towers, heavy mark, rare lengthy hen, lovely head, exquisite feather, crossed on breast; 4, Ogdens, eyes and wing, another rare lengthy hen, nice feather, trifle stout; vhc, Myers and Lumb. AMAT. CL. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Williams and Roberts, lengthy bird, good legs and back, not quite the oval head we like, moulty; 2, Evans, should have been wrong classed, tick on wing; 3rd not so long, neat type and qual., nice legs and cond., Jackson; 4, Bird, cl., big one, nice head and neck, rich feather, down in cond.; hc, Booth; c, Hubbard. BUFF (11): 1, Jackson, lovely bird, fit for open, nice medium length, rare head and neck, grand qual. and wing carr.; 2, Redfern, not no lengthy, exquisite feather and type, lovely head, neck and legs, not so well drawn; 3, Appleton, neat head and neck, trifle stouter and bit moulty, might have given way to 4, Hird, perhaps not so big, but lovely head, neck and type, silky feather; vhc, Crossley; hc, Rothwell; c, Gill. MKD. (13): 1, Hallworth, mkd. yell., nice medium length, good qual., neat head and neck, good tail; 2, Wood, neck mkd. Buff, good 2nd, nice length, rare qual., neat head, coapy in neck; 3, Livesey, cl. yell., sweet head and neck, very slim, beaten length; 4, Wilson, cl. buff, neat head and neck, qual. of feather, extra lively; vhc, Williams; hc, Pickering; c, Rothwell. HENS (16): 1, hc, Gill, cl. yell., nice medium length, neat head, neck and back, nice legs; 2, Rothwell, cl. Buff, neat head and neck, rare qual., beaten length and breast; 3, Evans, Yell., neat head and qual. feather, on short side, been bathing; 4, Wilson, cl. Buff, nice hen, stands like a suffragette, rare head, very slim, few short feathers in tail; vhc, Jackson; c, Hallworth. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Darlington Bros., mark Yell., nice medium length, good qual. feather, oval head, nice neck; 2, Collier, neck mark Buff, nice length, rare qual., neat head, twist in neck; 3, c, Spilby, cl. Yell., sweet head and neck, very slim, beaten length; 4, Booth, cl. Buff, neat bead, neck and shoulders, good qual. of feather, crosses wings a bit, lively; vhc, Rothwell; hc, Currie.

The Norwich Plainheads.

CL. YELL. (6): 1, Davies, said to be the Burnley 2nd; if so, improved beyond recognition, beautiful feather, big wide head, very symmetrical, wins; 2, Wrigley, Burnley 1st, bigger bird, good wide head and breast, rare Nor. type, beaten qual. today; 3, McConaghey, not so big, good deep chest, rare col., loses bead and neck; 4, Hargreaves, bit longer in barrel, trifle pinched in head, good back and qual.; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Turner. BUFF (16): 1, Davies, Tue Wonder, heaps of subs., great wide head, free from lashing, sweet expression of face, thick neck, opening out to wide shoulders, expansive chest, grand wings and short tail, clean,

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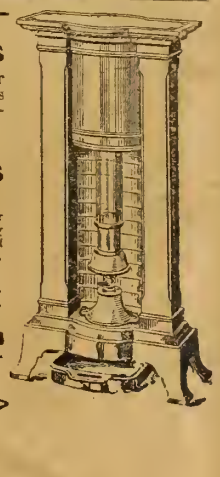
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underneath and well cut away, the most exquisite feather imaginable, unfortunately a bit out of work; 2, Cook, same position last week, grand qual. and col., good head and neck, not the chest; 3, Hayhurst, lovely short type and feather, neat head and neck, grand chest, clean under, not a "relght bad 'un"; 4, McConaghey, longer in barrel, nice feather, beaten head and neck, lively; vhc, Granger; hc, c, Rev. Moore. VAR. YELL (7): 1, Davies, well known cap and wing mark, wonder for size, col. and qual., very good shape and head; 2, Marsh, cap mark, big head, trifle lashed, pale in col., rare stock bird; 3, Cook, looks like last year's winning ondlg., trifle smaller, rare colour and quality, loses head; 4, Felton, heavy marked, great size, rare body and feather, nice and short for a big one, a bit browy; vhc, McConaghey; hc, Wrigley; c, Johnson. BUFF (11): 1, Wilson and Howarth, Burnley 2nd, rare size and col., silky feather, good head and neck this wing; 2, Vardy, Burnley winner, beauty for real type, rare wide head and shoulders, expansive chest, beautiful wings and tail, not quite so big, many preferred; 3, Bulse, a Midland champion, good Nor. properties, nice col. and qual., loses head and size; 4, Bleasse and Son, a Burnley amat. amongst the upper ten, holds his own comfortably; vhc, Midgley; hc, Millward; c, McConaghey. YELL. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Thomas, rare colour for a hen, great size, nice qual., neat head, long in barrel and too slim; 2, Smith, lovely var., great domed head, nice feather, wide back and chest, clean under, tail well carried, a knockout, easy winner; 3, Wrigley, cl., smaller in body, neat head, neck, etc., grand qual.; 4, Granger, beauty, the nubeaten beaten, rare head, type and qual., very symmetrical, good second; hc, Turner; c, Marlow. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Thomas, winner smaller, but closer feather, neat type, etc., latter a big cl., similar type, two good hens; 3, Vardy, var., a beauty, nice feather, neat head and neck; 4, Granger, medium size, lovely qual., beaten head; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, Marsh; c, Young. HENS, UNFLIG. (18): 1, vhc, Cook, var., big Buff, rare head and neck, nice silky feather; 2, Granger, Burnley winner, cl. Yell., medium size, exquisite head, neck and feather, clean cut away; 3, Braybrook, cl. Buff, neat head, neck and body, beaten qual.; 4, Midgley, Midland crack, grand body, type and feather, loses size and head properties; hc, Bulse; c, Bowe. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Thomas, neck mark, great size, knockout for head and neck, rare qual. and type for a big one, absolutely great; 2, Turner, cl., great size, rare head, only beaten qual., hard to meet such a good one; 3, Vardy, lkd. eye, not so big as leaders, lovely head, neck and qual., exquisite type; 4, Braybrook, smaller, cl., lovely short body and tail, good wings, nice feather, wide chest; vhc, McConaghey; hc, Bixter; c, Heywood. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Thomas, the Burnley winner reversed, winner biggest, good head and neck, 2nd back mark, very short body, wide chest and back beaten col. and head; 3, Hayhurst, good feather, medium size, beaten head; 4, Millward, mkd. wing, nice type, rare short body and nice qual.; vhc, Vardy; hc, Dent; c, Heywood. NAT. COL. (3): 1, Blease, big Buff, nice col. and feather, not the head; 2, Hargreaves, var. Yell., neater type, not so big, rare col., still lively; 3, Shofield, cl. Buff, large size, nice type, pinched in head. HEN (4): 1, Hargreaves, mark Buff, beauty, rare head and neck, silky feather, Nor. type; 2, Davis, cl. Yell., bigger, rare good col., neat head and neck, longer in barrel; 3, Bixter, cl. Buff, sweet type and feather, loses head. AMAT. YELL. CK. (28): 1, vhc, Williams, cl., good one, nice feather, type and size; 2, Hitchens, grizzle tail, better head, not so deep in chest, rare col.; 3, Cambridge, cl., good size, neat head and neck, drops tail; 4, Nickson, tkd. head, best head, neck and body in class, grand short type, unlucky; hc, Marshall; c, Huggins. BUFF (29): 1, Williams, almost even mark, nice qual. feather, neat head and neck, good type, well cut away; 2, Hitchins, heavy mark, better in head, loses quality of feather and colour, crouches; 3, McAndrews, heavy mark, rare head and neck, grand feather and col.; 4, Warburton, mark head and wings, rare col., neat head, nice type; vhc, Summerton; hc, Swaine; c, Broadhurst. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Peters, cl., good col. and size, nice type and qual., pinched in head; 2, Huggins, better head and neck, good deep wide chest, nice wing and tail, we preferred; 3, Crabtree, tkd. wing, better still in head and neck, bit longer in barrel, else a champion; 4, Taylor Bros., heavy mark, neat in head and neck, rare col. and feather, nice type, well scooped out; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Cottam; c, Hunt. BUFF (30): 1, Fildes, medium sized cl., neat head, neck and qual., cage shy; 2, Davies, bigger, tkd. head and wing, nice qual. feather; 3, Nickson, monster, thick body, neat feather for a big one, a bit too thick at waist; 4, Hawthornthwaite, slimmer and longer in barrel; vhc, Stonier, Marsland; c, Hughes. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Watson, rare bodied cl., nice feather and col., clean cut away, good head, wins 10s. special, claimed, fit for open, beauty; 2, Potts, cl. again, neat head and neck, rare body, nice qual., clean cut. BUFF (20): 1, Hawthornthwaite, rare bodied hen, nice feather and col., mkd. head and wing, neat type; 2, Collis, short thick typical hen, good head and neck, nicely mealed, var.; 3, Watson, var., exquisite feather and type, neat head and neck; 4, Vardy, cl., big hen, good head, neck and body, nice feather; vhc, hc, Andrew; hc, Fildes; c, Summerton.

The Green Canaries.

YORKS. GR., SELF or FOUL YELL. (12): 1, Morement, straight as a rush, very nice col., grand pencilling, shade on the small side; 2, W. Jones, self, big one, capital col., well shaped, staged to perfection; 3, Metcalfe, self, stands like a guardsman brilliant col and pencilling, plenty of leg; 4, Handley, self, neat, full of swank, even wings, topping col.; vhc, McDermott; hc, Benson and Young; c, Postlethwaite. BUFF (10): 1, sp, C.B. diploma, 4, Metcalfe, self, a show specimen throughout, well braced wings, feathered like boxwood, glorious col.; 4th, self, marvel for size and qual., wants a bit more time; 2, 3, Handley, self, runs winner close, full of Yorkie properties, well laced down waist, erect and fearless; 3rd, self, good big one, long sided, fine head and neck, grand style; vhc, hc, Benson and Young; c, Riley. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Benson and Young, self, rare col., fine shape, good wings and tail, bit soft to-day, looks like the old Palace winner; 2, vhc, c, Robinson, foul waist and tail, last year's topper in new hands, a perfect Yorkie, well put down, might have won, staged to win; 3, Morement, self, stylish, rare col. and pencilling, plenty of leg, feathered to perfection; 4, Metcalfe, smart appearance, best of col., shade flat on head, will improve; hc, McDermott. BUFF (16): 1, Benson and Young, self, wonder for type and quality, bit small, but really grand feather, well put down; 2nd, self, similar lines, even better col., shade thicker at waist, clean cut; 3, McDermott, foul tail, col. bit on light side or would have gone up, very sweet; 4, Riley, self, very racy, long sided, bit behind in col.; vhc, Handley; hc, Abbott; c, Hickson. NOR. SELF or FOUL YELL. (11): 1, 2, Walker, foul throat, back and tail, wonder for type, capital head and neck, rich col., well tapered, good win; 2, foul cheek, longer than winner, splendid col. and markings, bit down; 3, Handley, self, very shapely, sweet head and neck, full of grassy col., tail not finished; 4, Murray, foul tail, very wild, topping col. and pencilling; vhc, c, Harding; hc, Woods. BUFF (17): not bt: 1, Walker, foul lashing and tail, magnificent type, all front, very broad, and pencilled to perfection, quite a flier; 2, 4, Lawson self a great bouncing baby, hardly finished, extraordinary col., wants a bit more time; 4th, topper for type and col., put down in rare trim; 3, Tomlinson, foul tail, very flat head, crosses wings, might have given way to 4th; vhc, Harding; hc, Woods; c, Ball. YELL. HEN (6): 1, hc, Harding, self, great subs., capital col. and pencilling, shows to perfection, easy win; 2, 4, Pike, self, not size of winner, darker shade of green and very wild; 4th, self, baby, very sweet lady, compact; 3, Handley, foul waist and tail, rare Norwich type, full of style, might have gone up; vhc Walker. BUFF (7): 1, Walker, foul cheek and waist, wonder for type, boat shape, bold head and neck, bathed herself as soon as judged; 2, Harding, self, bonny shape, plenty in front, but fails in col.; 3, Abbott, self, nice size and col., bold head and neck, shows too much feather at waist; 4, Ball, self, very smart, full of col. and qual., bit small; vhc, hc, Pipe; c, Handley. BORD., SELF or FOUL YEL. CK. (16): 1, Campbell, real good col., sweet head and lovely contour, moves well, capital type; 2, 4, Middleton, similar built, might be even cleaner cut, grand tone of rich grass green; 4th, swagger of a chap, only just beaten col.; 3, Little, full of the right col., exceptionally well pencilled, close up; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Bixter; c, Allick. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Churnside, extra good in col., shapely, sweet cut and taper, very jaunty, takes perches to perfection; 2, Allick, carries a glorious sage frost throughout, darker in pencilling, not quite so good behind; 3, hc, Little, quite a treat as a worker, well moulded head, just shows a bit of shoulder; 4, Montgomery, marble head, real good col. and markings; vhc, Johnson. SELF or FOUL YELL. HEN (9): 1, Middleton, lovely type and qual., moves well, might be a bit brighter in col.; 2, Campbell, sweet head and neck, lovely back markings, well tapered, close up; 3, vhc, Montgomery, clean cut, shows nice leg, charming feather, bit dark on back; 4, Johnson, best col. in class, finely moulded, felt the cold or might have won: hc, Bayley; c, Afflick. BUFF (9): 1, Campbell, finely clothed as could be, none so jaunty, you could not miss her; 2, Middleton, sweet mouldings, neat all through, capital col. and pencilling; 3, Johnstone, charming, grand col., mould and type, sweet all through, any of above could win; 4, Little, bit stronger, even in col., bit blurred in pencilling, only fault; vhc, Whitelaw; hc, Allick; c, Montgomery.

The Border Section.

CL. OR TKD. YELL (15): 1, Bayley, rare col., neat type, bit too big; 2, Wilson, sweet little neck mark, lovely oval head, grand carr., wings and tail, lovely qual., we preferred; 3, Egerton, grizzle tail, exquisite feather, nice natty type, loses to 2nd in col.; 4, Hudson, cl., another beauty, nice round body and lovely feather, not quite the nice oval head; vhc, Simpson; hc, Moore and Son; c, Ayre, W. C. Newton. BUFF (17): 1, Bennett, cl., beauty for feather and type, perfect head, wins; 2, Green, cl. again, not the oval head we like, rare feather, little peach; 3, Wilson, cap and eye mark, sweet bird, nice round body, rare feather, loses neck; 4, Ayre, cl., nice type, lovely feather, sweet head, not the col. of leaders; vhc, Egerton; hc, Ireland. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Bayley, cl., a beauty, marvellous silky feather, lovely head, grand carr. of wings and tail; 2, Wilson, cl. again, another beauty, neat head and type, not the colour; 3, Moore and Son, cl., nice feather and type, lovely col.; 4, no name, tkd. neck, nice qual., type, and oval head; vhc, Large; c, Drinkwater. BUFF (12): 1, Bennett, cl., lovely type, feather and col., rare carr. of wings and tail, nice back; 2, Shackley, again cl., sweet oval head, trifle too upright for our liking; 3, Hudson, cl., nice type, lovely silky feather, sweet head, not the col.; 4, Drinkwater, nice feather and qual., drops tail; vhc, Egerton; hc, Large; c, Moore and Son; wc, Young. EVEN (2): 1, Dixon, Buff, grand feather and type, sweet head, grand carr. of wings and tail; 2, Higham, Yell., bit longer, not the qual., extra good col. UNEVEN (16): 1, Wilson, lovely Yell., almost a candidate for even marked class; 2, Dixon, Buff, exquisite feather and col., bit stouter in build, otherwise perfect; 3, Bayley, eye and one wing, Buff, grand feather, trifle slim; 4, Green, Yell., sweet oval head, lovely type, quality perfect, must have pressed; vhc, Moore and Son; hc, McFarlane; c, Chackley. CINN. (12): 1, vhc, Ireland, clean cut, full of col., lovely sheen; 2, 4, c, Wilson, similar type, grand col. and lacing, not so well tapered; 4th, full of swank, well cut, cap head and wings, might have moved up; 3, Whitelaw, lovely head, well-braced wings and tail, not quite the col; hc, Middleton.

All Other Canary Classes.

CREST CK. (8): 1, Stevens, D.C., wealth of good feather, crest of good size, well radiated, neat win; 2, Collinge, almost green, expansive crest, but not so densely packed, will improve later on; 3, Dr. Twigg, similar markings, but not so good at top, leafy feather throughout; 4, Brotherton, grizzle crest, grand col., shapely crest, but thin in web of feather; vhc, Guy; hc, Armistead; c, Broadhead. HEN (3): 1, Brotherton, grizzle crest, monster, abundance of broad and silky feather, a real "good 'un"; 2, 3, Guy, D.C., not the subs. or quality of winner, shows a few pens yet, 3rd, D.C. and wings, well radiated crest, silky feather, good hen to breed from. 1913 (4): 1, sp, Dr. Twigg, D.C. and wings, a real marvel, expansive crest, well drooped from centre, quite a knock-out, well staged; 2, 3, Guy, D.C. and wings, nice subs., leafy feather, comes well down, will improve, 3rd almost green, glorious feather, neat crest, but not size of above; 4, Laithwaite, D.C., small neat crest, but wants more subs., silky feather. C.B. CK. A.V. (5): 1, Stevens, varieg., great skull and lashings, good entrance, nice qual.; 2, Collinge, green, good cushion, broad skull, fairly well lashed; 3, Guy, eyes and wings, capital head properties, feather a bit thin; 4, Brotherton, green, very broad and leafy feather, well lashed; vhc, Dr. Twigg. HEN (3): 1, Brotherton, fine, beauty, capital cushion and rise, broad in entrance and plenty of her; 2, Guy, cap and wings, good properties, well lashed, but falls subs.; 3, Dr. Twigg, cl., small but very neat, hardly enough front. 1913: Cancelled. NOR. CINN. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, Rev. B. Nume, rare size, cap. head and neck, even wing carr., teeming with rich bronze col., put down in form, 2nd wonder for col., shone like burnished copper, grand shaped body, close up; 3, Proctor, good shape, rich tone of cinny col., well tapered away; 4, Godley, grand head and neck, bold front, just beaten col.; vhc, Dormer; hc, Smalley; c, Mrs. Tweddle. BUFF (8): 1, Dormer, monster, qual. of the best, shone like a mirror, put down in form, should take some whacking; 2, 3, 4, Rev. B. Nume, shade smaller, but full of rich col., bold front, well braced wings, well mkd. down waist, 3rd more shapely and again rich in true cinn. col., moves freely, 4th just a bit longer, capital tone of col; vhc, Godley; hc, Proctor; c, Mrs. Tweddle. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Dormer, yell, rare size, marvel for col., good head and neck, shows plenty of style, should hold its own, 2nd buff, full of col., right good shape, clean at waist and put down in form; 3, vhc, Mrs. Tweddle, yell., shows brilliant gloss, rare col. and type; 4, Roberts, buff, good long one, just behind in col; hc, c, Bentley. HEN (11): 1, Mrs. Tweddle, yell., good one, charming lady, even col., on a silky surface, put down to win; 2, Proctor, yell., lovely damsel, dressed in her best, teeming with col.; 3, 4, Dormer, buff, lovely type and qual., very even chocolate throughout, 4th yell., nice col., grand shape, not qual. of above; vhc, Proctor; hc, Bentley; c, Roberts. NOV. CINN. CK. (2): 1, Allardyce, big strong bonny buff, wants a deeper copper col., grand shape, well staged; 2, Roberts, Bord., surely a mistake as Border classes were provided, neat head and neck, very jaunty, takes perches well. HEN (1): 1, Allardyce, smart yell., on its own, nice tone of col. for a hen, silky feather. BELGIANS, YELL., DITTO BUFF: Cancelled. SCOTCH FANCY CK. (4): 1, Kelsey, cl. yell., nice circle, tail well under perches, moves freely and gets well set; 2, Willison, well up on leg, not circle of winner; 3, Kelsey, foul, nice top; 4, Kelsey, small, but soon gets into position. HEN: 1, Willison, works well, lovely top, gets well down.

Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

CL. CAN. HYB., ETC. (2): 1, Martin and Archer, the noted cl. Linnet, beauty, lovely cond., rare col.; 2, Hughes Bros., even marked Goldie, Buff, nice feather and cond., nicely staged. UNEVEN (15): 1, 2, Tams and Son, almost cl. Jonque Greenie, lovely col. and cond.; 2nd almost cl. Linnet, not the size, still lovely exhibit, staged to perfection; 3, 4, Martin and Archer, another almost cl., not the size of leader, but a great Hybrid; 4th almost cl. Buff Goldie, grand feather and cond.; vhc, Thompson; hc, c, Inman; wc, Morgan. DARK GOLDF. AND LINNET (11): 1, Martin and Archer, Jonque Linnet, great size and col., nice thick body, rare cond., wins; 2, Dixon, Jonque Goldie, rare col. and feather, good face, but on slim side; 3, Dr. Wilson, Jonque Linnet, smaller in build than winner, rare feather and cond.; 4, Fairhurst, Jonque Goldie, good size, col. and feather, we preferred for 2nd place; vhc, Middleton; hc, Walsh; c, Whalley. DARK YELL. CAN.: 1, vhc, Helm and Ashall, 1st Siskin, rare size, col. and cond., staged to perfection; 2, Sokell, Greenie, whopper, rare col. and feather, good head, put down well; 3, Fairhurst, Siskin, nice size and col., beautiful feather; 4, Hemmings and Broxton, Buff Redpoll, rather slim, nice col. and feather. BUFF (10): 1, Griffith, Welsh Prince, neat head, type, good col. for a bull; 2, Morgan, Greenie, monster, nice feather and col., great head; 3, Middleton, Siskin, bigger and better col., loses in head properties; 4, Richards another Siskin, a nice exhibit, good col., etc.; vhc, Whalley; hc, Wilson; c, Helm and Ashall. BULLF. HYB. (11): 1, Griffith, Goldie-Bullie, grand col. and cond., staged well, not the size we have seen; 2, 3, Walsh (Accrington), Greenie-Bullie, nice col. and cond., getting on in years; 3rd Redpoll-Bullie, Burnley winner, we preferred for 1st, nice size and col., staged to perfection; 4, Johnson, Can.-Bullie, rare col. and type, nice feather; vhc, Martin and Archer, big Greenie-Bullie; hc, Alexandra, Linnet-Bullie, will improve; c, R. J. Metcalfe. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (4): 1, Martin and Archer, noted Greenie-Chaffie, looking well; 2, Muscott, looked like Redpoll-Siskin hen, nice exhibit; 3, Smith and Chadwick, Greenie-Goldie, big bird, nice col. and blaze, too lively; 4, Whalley, Goldie-Siskin hen probably, sweet little thing.

GOLDF. (10): 1, Hurst, grand size, lovely shape, rare face, well cut blaze, rich col., nicely tanned, real polish, wins; 2, Fairhurst, nice size and shape, good blaze, well shown; 3, Wilson, nice size, rich col., nicely tanned, wants little time, will improve in blaze; 4, Sharples, rich body col., nicely buttened, pea throat, some thought should not have been in money; vhc, Inman; hc, Mort; c, Miller. BULLF. (5): 1, Woods, grand size and subs., dense cap, good breast col., staged to perfection, wins; 2, Griffiths, grand shape and col., hardly so big; 3, Wilson, nice size, good cap, fails breast to winners; 4, Jones; vhc, Forrester. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, 3, Brade, leader grand size and shape, rich nutty col, clear and distinctly mkd., shows whites well; 3rd similar, hardly so well in colour as winner, a nice pair; 2, hc, Fairhurst, nice size, distinctly marked, rather wild; 4, Inman, grand shape, beautifully pencilled, nicely staged, our choice for 2nd; vhc, Jones; c, Hughes. LINNET, F.M. (5): 1, Curry, grand size and shape, clear and distinctly mkd., shows whites well, staged perfectly; 2, 4, Hughes, leader good size and shape, nicely mkd., grand back, 4th good size and col., rather wild; 3, Dent; vhc, Morgan. LESSER REDPOLL (10): 1, Clare, H.M., nice size, good chubby shape, richly laced flanks, lovely bronze colour, distinct bib and bars; 2, Handley, F.M., grand size, nice chubby shape, beautifully mkd.; 3, Richards, nice size, good col., well laced, fails bib to winners; 4, Chittenden, nice size and shape, neat bib, hardly the col. of winners; vhc, Heap; hc, Whitney and Sons; c, White. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Fairhurst, good Sisk., lovely type, nice broad cap, good bars, nicely laced, staged perfectly; 2, Helm and Ashall, Twite, nice size, rich col., well mkd., neat back, must have pressed; 3 Middleton, Mealy Redpoll, grand size and subs., bold head, nicely mealed, well laced flanks; 4, Chittenden, Siskin, nice size, grand col., nicely laced, fails bib to winner; vhc, Wilson; hc, Holt; c, Austin. GREENF. (6): 1, Metcalfe, grand size and subs., nice head and neck, rich coloured flights, nice qual. and sheen, wins; 2, Hurst, good one, grand size, good head, lovely col.; 3, Johnston, nice size and shape, rich col., nicely staged; 4, Forrester, good size, very neat; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Marsland. BRAMBLEF. (6): 1, 2, Fairhurst, leader grand size and shape, finely spangled back and head, distinct thigh markings, rich depth of col., in fine fettle; 2nd good colour, nicely spangled, hardly the subs., grand pair; 3, Macpherson, grand col., nicely spangled, very neat; 4, Metcalfe, nice size and shape and spangling, hardly so well staged; vhc Hurst; hc, Holt. CHAFF. (4): 1, Barnett, good size and shape, nice head, rich bronze col., well defined bars, pure in whites, in rare bloom; 2, Metcalfe, grand size, rare col., very little behind; 3, Jennings, rich col., grand bars, inclined to be wild; 4, Wilson, beautifully staged, rich col., rather slimmer. A.O. SEEDEATER (8): 1, Bostock, Yellow Bunting, grand size, very shapely, good V-marked head and cheeks, lovely col., very steady, perfectly staged, wins; 2, Hurst, Hawfinch, grand size, nice shape, clear cut bib, well defined bars, rich col., a good one; 3, Whitney and Sons, Reed Bunting, good size and shape, rich col., nicely staged; 4, Macpherson, Snow Bunting, good size, nice shape, very steady, well staged; vhc, c, Johnson; hc, Jones. INSECTIV. (12), a grand class; large and small together; these must have been bad to judge, and should be separated: 1, 4, Sharples, leader Clough, grand size and shape, rich and glossy, rare coloured legs and beak, perfectly staged, 4th Redstart, nice size, nicely mealed, perfect plumage, in grand condition, might have been 2nd; 2, Blackcap, neat cap, beautifully staged, rather lucky in this competition; 3, Walsh, Song Thrush, good size, nicely mkd., tail frayed and a flight feather displaced when we took our notes, again lucky in such strong competition; vhc, hc, Blincoe. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (2): 1, Beaty, Blue-headed Lorrikeet, staged in perfect condition; 2, Muskett, pair Black-faced Love Birds, grand condition and nicely staged. PARROTS, ETC (2): 1, Muskett, Eclectus hen, grand col., staged to perfection; 2, Ditchfield, Blue-fronted Amazon, nice size, very tame, in perfect condition. COMMON SEEDEATERS (12): 1, 4, hc, Watts, Diamond Sparrows, Green Avadavats, and Golden-breasted Waxbills, leaders grand size, very neat, beautifully staged; the hc Waxbills a beautiful pair, rich col., exceedingly well marked, in perfect condition, our choice for 1st; 2, Griffiths, grand pair Spice Birds, rich colour, exceedingly well marked; 3, vhc, Stubbard, Orange Bishop, very clean cut, beautifully staged; vhc, White Javas, in perfect condition, nicely staged; a good class; c, Beaty. A.O. SEEDEATERS (11): 1, 3, Watts, Queen Whydah and Melba Finch, both grand specimens, perfectly staged, a credit to their owner; 2, c, Beaty, leader Pintail Whydah, another beautiful specimen, rich colour, must have pressed winner, nicely staged; 4, Simpson, Pintail Whydah, another beautiful specimen, hardly so rich in colour; vhc, hc, Hubbard. TANAGERS cancelled. A.O. FOR. (1): 1, Hubbard, Pekin Robin, grand size and shape, rich col. and nicely staged

Members' Classes.

The birds in members' classes were of good qual. and many of them would have done themselves and their owners justice in the open. Mr. Vint won CAGE BIRDS volume for best Norwich, and Mr. Appleton sp best Yorks hen. Mr. Tansey sp most points by an amateur, and sp most points in Yorks; 2nd most points, Mr. Brown; 3rd, Mr. Taylor. Most in novice, Taylor; 2, Tansey; 3, Thorpe.

AMAT. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Tansey; 2, Self; 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, S. Taylor; hc, Evans. TKD.: 1, Taylor; 2, Self; 3, Dunn; 4, hc, Evans; vhc, Jones; c, Barlow. CL. BUFF: 1, Tansey; 2, Taylor; 3, Barlow; 4, Evans; vhc, Dunn; 4, hc, Taylor. BUFF 1, Dunn; 2, Brown; 3, Evans; 4, vhc, c, Taylor; vhc, Self; hc, Barlow. HENS: 1, 3, Brown; 2, Wilson; 4, hc, Tansey; vhc, Jones. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Brown; 2, Tansey; 3, Taylor; 4, Evans; hc, Whittaker. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, vhc, Tansey; 2, Barlow; 3, hc, Brown; 4, vhc, c, Whittaker. NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, Vint; 2, Bruce; 3, Rev. Gaul; 4, vhc, Booth; hc, Rev. Wragg. BUFF: 1, Bowden; 2, Buckley; 3, Sykes; 4, vhc, Rev. Wragg; hc, Rev. Gaul. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Bruce; 2, Bowden; 3, Wragg; 4, Gaul; vhc, Kirk; hc, Vint. BUFF: 1, Vint; 2, vhc, Rev. Wragg; 3, Rev. Gaul; 4, Rhodes; hc, Coldbeck; c, Bowden. YELL. HEN: 1, Coldbeck; 2, Jones; 3 Bowden; 4, Sykes. BUFF: 1, hc, Rev. Gaul; 2, Spencer; 3, Booth; 4, Fulcher; vhc, Rhodes; c, Wragg. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, hc, Vint; 2, Bruce; 3, vhc, Bowden; 4, Rev. Gaul; c, Heywood. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Moorby; 2, Bruce; 4, Barlow. NOV. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1 2, Whittle; 3, Wilkinson; wc, Sheehan and Massey. BUFF: 1, Oates; 2, 4, Riley; 3, Whittle. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Whittle; 3, Wilkinson; 4, vhc, Cheetham and Massey. BUFF: 1, 2, Whittle; 3, Oates. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Whittle; 3, Cheetham and Massey; 4, Riley. BUFF: 1, Whittle; 2, Oates; 3, Wilkinson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Thorpe; 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Thorpe; 2, vhc, James; 3, Land; 4, Whittle; hc, Raper. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Raper. BUFF: 1, Thorpe; 2, Williams. YELL. HEN: 1, Land; 2, Raper; 3, Thorpe. BUFF: 1, Raper; 2, Thorpe; 3, Riley; 4, Robinson; vhc, Land. A.O.V.: 1, Thorpe. HYB.: 1, 2, Shaw. DARK. CAN. HYB.: 1, Whalley; 2, 4, Oldham; 3, Welsh. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1 2, 3, Holden; 4, Raper. LINNET: 1, 2, Holden. GREENIE: 1, Lewis; 2, Holden. REDPOLL: 1, Oldham; 2, Holden; 3, Whalley. SISKIN OR TWITE: 1, Oldham; 2, Whalley; 3, Lewis; 4, Holden. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 4, Holden; 3, Whittaker. HENS: 1, Welch; 2, Holden.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Table show held Oct. 9 at Horse and Jockey. Mr. Perris judged Yorks, Mr. Richinson Nor., and Mr. Bagnall Brit.

YORKS YELL. (5): 1, 4, Blunt; 2, 3, Webster. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Webster; 2, 4, Blunt. NOV. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 4, Merrill; 3, vhc, hc, Exton. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, hc, Dyett; 3, Merrill; 4, vhc, Exton. NOR. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Grainger. GREENF. (5): 1, 2, Hailstone; 3, 4, vhc, Green. LINNET (4): 1, Hailstone; 2, 3, Bearder; 4, Ritson. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Bearder; 2, Hailstone; 3, Ritson; 4, vhc, Green. A.O.V. (3): 1, Bearder; 2, Hailstone; 3, Ritson. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, Darlow; 3, 4, vhc, Ritson.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Eighth annual autumn show held Oct. 25 at headquarters, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road. Judge, Mr. T. Wright. The entry was splendid, being nearly double that of last show, and would have been better still but for birds being backward in the moult. Quality has increased wonderfully since last year. Winner of Cuthcart Cup was Mr. H. Bell with grand Norwich Plainheads of splendid colour and in fine condition, well shown. Mr. Green followed very closely with his Yorkshire, only two points behind, and secured the gold-centre medal for novice most points in Y.B.S. and autumn show combined. Mr. Cullers won silver-centre medal for runner-up with Norwich Plainhead novice. An important feature which caused some excitement was the special of a Norwich Plainhead given by Mr. Bell to best bird in show other than his own; this was awarded to Mr. R. J. Pretty for his Cinnamon, a real topper. Other cps were won by Messrs. Bell and A. Emery.

YELL. NOR: 1, 2, 3, Bell; BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bell. HENS: 1, 2, Bell. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Cullers. HENS: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Ayris. YELL. YORKS: 1, Green; 2, Emery; 3, T. Stubbs. BUFF: 1, Braham; 2, 3, Green. HENS: 1, 2, Green; 3, T. Stubbs. CREST: 1, 2, 3, E. Pretty. C.B.: 1, E. Pretty CINN.: 1, 2, 3, R. J. Pretty. LANCS.: 1, 2, E. Pretty. ROLLERS: 1, 2, A. Emery. LINNET-CAN. MULE: 1, H. Bell. GOLDF. DITTO; 2, Ayris. GREENF. DITTO: 1, R. J. Pretty. GOLDF.: 1, Green. LINNET: 1, Ayris; 2, Green; 3, Emery. GREENF.: 1, Harrison. SISKIN, REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Harrison, Redpoll; 2, Cullers, Siskin; 3, Braham, Redpoll.—G. G. Stubbs, Hon. Sec.

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KIRKCALDY.

Great Show; An English Invasion of Scotland.

Kirkcaldy C.B.S. held its 7th show on Oct. 25, and it proved a great success, entries being well over 100 up from last year. Scotch, as usual, opened the programme, and although not strong in numbers, quality was A1. We were pleased to see some new exhibitors in this section, and it looks that the S. Fancy is still to maintain its position at the various fixtures. The section was carefully handled by a well-known breeder and exhibitor, Mr. J. Stenhouse, and his awards were well received.

Norwich Plainheads were a choice lot, a goodly number of the City of Glasgow winners being forward, and the judge in many cases had a difficult task, to separate them, but utter his selection grumbling was conspicuous by its absence. Mr. A. Chalmers judged this variety. Yorkshires were a feature of the show, an English invasion taking place, and doing havoc among the 1st prize cards. Messrs. Ogden Bros. and Dykes each sent up one of their best teams, and they fairly scooped the pool. However, the fanciers present were not downhearted, as from the comments we heard they will take something out of them the next show season. Mr. R. Hegie, one of Scotland's foremost breeders and exhibitors, judged, and his awards were well received. Borders were a great show, and here, also, many English breeders had teams forward and accounted for a good number of the prizes. The yell. cock, well shown by Mr. Nicholson, Haltwhistle, won the B.F.C. medal, while an ideal buff hen, shown by Mr. Beveridge, Methil, easily accounted for the novice B.F.C. medal. The classes were keenly contested, condition in many cases just turning the scales. British were a choice lot, all the big exhibitors having a few forward, the Linnet and Siskin classes being great, and taking the judge some time to separate. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged these varieties, and his awards were well received.

The management of Kirkcaldy has always been of the best, and this year it was no exception, everything in apple-pie order, a good hall, comfortable and well lighted, an enthusiastic committee, and an ideal sec. in the person of Mr. J. Arnott, made it a pleasure to visit. The show was well patronised, the gate when we left being better than in former years, and we hope to hear of a financial success.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Archibald, sweet style, good top end, very fair subs.; 2, Leslie, good action, shade slimmer, nice length; 3, Gray, good position, bit slower, nice reach. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Thomson, two nice ones, leader the better in size, good top end and reach, and very stylish; 2nd, fails a shade in front; 3, Archibald, good quality, not so massive, still very stylish; vhc, Hutchison. PIE. or GR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Cook, good subs., very nice top end and reach, A1 size, well put down; 2, Watson, good qual., hardly so massive on shoulder, good length; 3, Gibson, nice shape, a shade thin across, good position. BUFF (5): 1, Anderson, good one, plenty subs., fine top end and reach, and rare action, well put down; 2, vhc, Watson, close up, not so prominent in shoulder, but nervy, fine length of side; 3, Gibson, fails in length, nice shape and style; hc, Gray. CL. or FOUL YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Anderson, leader all there, good qual. and grand subs. for a lady, nice top end and reach, rare style; 2nd, equal in size, but wants the style, a shade slower; 3, Cook, good all round, shade plainer, fine length; vhc, hc, Gibson. BUFF (2): 1, sp. best S.F., Cowan, good one, fine top end and rare reach, very showy and plenty of subs., in fine trim, worthy of keener competition; 2, Cook, another good one, plenty subs., but not so free, fine sided bird. PIE. or GR. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Leslie, sweet shape, grand free action, grand droop, nice length; 2, Cook, must have pressed, fine top end and grand subs., very taking; 3, Watson, all there for qual., a shade slimmer in build; vhc, Archibald; hc, Gilmour. BUFF (5): 1, Thomson, good stamp, well up in shoulders and nice length, very well put down; 2, Cowan, equal size, but lacks the style, sweet qual. throughout; 3, Archibald, good one, very well put down, fails a shade in subs.; vhc, Watson; hc, Gibson. SELL. (6): 1, Anderson; 2, Cowan; 3, Gilmour; vhc, Watson; hc, Hutton; c, Thomson. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, B.F.C. medal, Nicholson, good one, rare shape, splendid size and weight, and well rounded, grand head, very neat wing carr. in full bloom, wins; 2, Gentleman, nice body, grand front, sweet head, extra good finish, scarcely so well drawn; 3, Fotheringham, good shape, very sweet make, fails a little in taper to winners; vhc, Patterson; hc, Hay; c, Bennet. HEN (15): 1, Hay, grand foul. mkd. on head, rare style and pos., well drawn, shade thin in neck, pale in col.; 2, H. Bennet, lovely qual. of feather, well moulded, not so stylish, a shade slimmer got up, will improve; 3, Easter, grand stamp, fine head and front, extra good taper, beaten finish; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Smart; c, Rintoul. CL. or TKD. BUFF CK. (15): 1, G. Bennet, good one, grand bloom, fine head and A1 qual. throughout, nice weight, well put down; 2, Arnott, good stamp, shade stronger, nice head and front, and well drawn, lacks the finish of winner; 3, Smart, noted winner, looking A1, shade slow in action, but all there for mould, good head and front; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Little; c, Duncan. HEN (12): 1, novice B.F.C. medal, Beveridge, good one and no mistake, correct weight, lovely head and front, splendidly drawn, nice wing carr., staged in lovely bloom, wins; 2, H. Bennet, good stamp, extra good bloom, grand head, fine body, well tapered off, close up, well placed; 3, Gilchrist, rare position, lovely style, finely drawn, not so well rounded in front, grand wing carr; vhc, Little; hc, J. Bennet; c, Hutchison. UNEV. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Brown, rare style, lovely head, splendid front and well drawn, shown in tip-top order, rather too warm in col.; 2, Nicholson, noted Cinn. mark, grand shape and lovely order, fails in head and front to winner, looks like wanting a rest; 3, Arnott, good one, splendid shape and pos., not ready yet, beaten finish only; vhc, Bogie; hc, Spence; c, Denholm. HEN (9): 1, Spence, grand shape, sweet head and front, nicely drawn, in A1 order; 2, Arnott, good stamp, sweet shape, grand head, well drawn, just beaten in finish; 3, Grubb, fine size and good qual. of feather, a shade plain in appearance, rare wing carr.; vhc, Welsh; hc, Denholm; c, Easter. UNEV. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Duncan, good one, gem for shape, grand qual. of feather, shade heavy in markings, wins on type, well staged; 2, G. Bennet, good one, extra fine qual. of feather, not so good in pose, well drawn; 3, Johnstone, sweet shape, nice style, good stamp throughout, fails in finish only; vhc, Rintoul; hc, Henderson; c, Welsh. HEN (16): 1, Walker, a clinker, Newcastle winner, tip-top order, grandly moulded, fine round head, rare body, grandly drawn, real gem, well put down; 2, Denholm, close up, lovely bird, fine size and shape, A1 qual., hard lines to meet winner; 3, H. Bennet, another good one, grand shape, and A1 qual. of feather, a hot lot, hard to separate; vhc, Murray; hc, Hutchinson; c, Thomson; w.c., Baird. EVEN-MKD. (6): 1, Gilchrist, model for markings, rare eye and wing markings, good order, shade thin in build, old winner, 2, Hamilton, grand type, full size and well made, nice eye markings, shade broken in places, lovely wings, a good one; 3, Aitchison, a sweet made one, fails a little in markings, good stamp; vhc, Lambie; hc, Peters; absent, H. Bennet. GREEN (10): 1, c, Johnston, tip-top buff, grand stamp, lovely pencilling, extra good in type, real good one, well put down; 2, Wilson, yell., grand tone of col., A1 markings, fine type, well pencilled on flank, good one; 3, Thomson, lovely yell., extra deep in col. and well laced, grand tone, beaten in type; vhc, R. Lambie; hc, W. Lambie; c, Johnston. CINN. (11): 1, Gentleman, good buff, grand shape, lovely order, fine pencilling, good ground col., in rattling bloom; 2, R. Lambie, close up, buff, tip top lacing and good ground col., fails a shade in finish; c, vhc, Wilson, two good yellows, inclined to run in lacing, but pure in col.; hc, Johnston; c, Greenwell. SELL. (12): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Rintoul; 3, Grubb; vhc, Easter; hc, Bennet; c, Murray. COM. CAN. (9): 1, Bell; 2, vhc, Morgan; 3, Thomson; hc, Hodge and Haxton; c, Duncan.

YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., rare length and tip-top feather, lovely position, extra good on legs, hard up, well staged; 2, Bell, splendid feather, grand qual. throughout, hard up on legs, sweet head and wing carr., shade drawn in front; 3, Dykes, paler a shade in col., and lacks the bloom, grand shape and style, inclined to be open in wings, sweet size; vhc, Johnstone; hc, McLellan; c, Martin. HEN (12): 1, Ogden Bros., hot one, lovely lady, grand style, boxy feathered, sweet size, grand qual. throughout, rare col., staged to win; 2, Pinnock, equal in shape, fine length, good head and front, fails in finish to winner; 3, McRobbie, head tick, fine length, very nicely drawn, shade open in front, good col.; vhc, Cochrane; hc, Peters; c, Clayton. CL. or TKD. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Dykes, el., extra good, rare length, grand pos., sweet head and front, finely drawn, staged to perfection, greatly admired; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., hard up on legs, but rather inclined to lie over perch, grand length, qual. A1; 3, hc, Pinnock, tkd. on head, grand qual. of feather, scarcely so hard on legs, and fails a shade in length behind; vhc, Steele; c, Jeffrey. HEN (13): 1, Ogden Bros., a gem, grand length, extra good in feather, sweetly drawn, lovely head and front, tip-top wing carr., rare action, handles well; 2, Martin, lovely feather, grand head and wing carr., extra good, shade plainer in front, and not so well tapered as winner, still close up; 3, Gray, sweet pos., broken a little in col., not so well finished off, finely drawn, shows well; vhc, Holms; hc, McLean; c, Laird. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, Dykes, Yell. var., grand length, rare col., good head and front, shade inclined to be restless; 2, Ogden Bros., Buff, A1 feather, grand finish, lovely head and front, shade thin on neck, well up on legs, showy; 3, Gray, extra well up in bloom, good qual., nice shape, not so lengthy as winners; vhc, Park; hc, Girvan; c, Cochrane. HEN (5): 1, Dykes, sweet Yell., extra good qual. and finish; rare pos., shade on small side; 2, Ogden Bros., Buff, nicely mkd., fine length, fails in wing carr., and beaten in finish, but good 2nd; 3, Clayton, lovely stamp, tight as wax, sweetly made, beaten in length; vhc, McQueen; hc, Bell. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Ogden Bros., topping Yell., grand style, lovely taper, good head and wing carr., sweetly put down; 2, Cochrane, shade stronger, but well made, grand taper, scarcely so good in finish; 3, Jeffrey, sweet Yell., grand length and size, rare shape, not finished yet; vhc, Kinnear; hc, Clayton; c, Reilly. BUFF (6): 1, Dykes, extra good in style, grand swagger, fine length, very nicely drawn, faultless bloom; 2, Reilly, sweet Buff, teeming with qual., lovely head and wing carr., not so well drawn as winner; 3, Christie, grand col., nice size and shape, fine bloom, well placed; vhc, Clayton; hc, Crichton; c, Park. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, and best Buff Nor. rung bird, Gray, cl., grand length, lovely qual. and finish, extra good head and front, very sweetly drawn, nice qual., well put down, wins; 2, Dykes, good stamp, grand length, A1 quality of feather, rather unsteady; 3, Ogden Bros., Buff, tip-top qual., lovely wing carr., good pos., nice one, well staged; vhc, Steele; hc, Martin; c, Park. SELL., 15s. (6): 1, Priest; 2, Crichton; 3, c, McQueen; vhc, McLellan; hc, Low. C.B. (1): 1, Summers, good one, fine size and substance, grand head and well lashed. C.B. 1913 (2): 1, Findlay, good size, nicely lashed, bold entrance and back, skull fine order; 2, Summers, plenty lash and size, shade narrow at entrance. SELL., £1 (3): 1, Stuart; 2, Lindsay; 3, Arnott.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, McCue, good one, plenty subs., grand chest, well rounded, bold head, A1 wing carr., well staged, in full bloom; 2, Martin, nice size, grand col. and cond., sweet shape, beaten in depth of front; 3, Thomson, good type, lovely qual. of feather, shade on the small side; vhc, Barron; hc, Makins; c, Finnie. BUFF (8): 1, Harris, extra good, grand subs., rare head and front, lovely wing carr., finely drawn, extra good order; 2, Martin, shade smaller in size, but equal shape and qual., good head and front; 3, Ross, nice one, cobby shape, grand feather, shade smaller than winner; vhc, Wildridge; hc, Henderson; c, Harker. VAR. OR GR. CK. (13): 1, Martin, City winner, Buff var., sweet shape, grand hold head and front, extra good cut, rare size, teeming with qual., good one; 2, Barron, well placed sweet Yell., good subs., grand col. and qual., well moulded; 3, Thomson, var. Buff, close up, nice stamp, good carr., fails in qual. of feather, well placed; vhc, Martin; hc, Gibson; c, Noble. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Gardiner, hot one, great size, a demon for col., lovely head and front, grandly moulded, wins easily; 2, Wildridge, fine size, good head and front, scarcely so warm in col., lacks finish; 3, Harris, plenty size, good subs., shade long behind, lacks chubbiness of winner, good all round; vhc, Martin; hc, Kirk; c, Sharp. BUFF (8): 1, Martin, rare style, grand qual., lovely upstanding bird, bold head and front, good one; 2, Strachan, close up, not much to choose, rare front and head, well cut, fine wing carr.; 3, Steele, cobby shape, good in head, fails a little in size; vhc, Spence; hc, Smith; c, Cummings. VAR. OR GR. HEN (11): 1, Mowbray, heavily var., grand subs., lovely mould, plenty chest, well cut, fine head and neck, good wing carr.; 2, Thomson, good Buff, well up in size, bold head, fails in subs. of body; 3, Gardiner, nice Yell., good head and neck, finely drawn, in rare trim, well worth its place; vhc, Gibson; hc, Patterson; c, Harris. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Taylor, cl., nice one, fine bold head and front, warm tone, grandly finished off a hot one, well placed; 2, Barrow, cl., plenty subs., short and chubby, fails a shade in wing carr., nicely drawn; 3, Noble, variegated, fine size, correct type, beaten in bloom; vhc, Gardiner; hc, McCue; c, Laird and Matthew. HEN (16): 1, Finnie, hot one, grand size, plenty of subs., sweet head, lovely back and wing carr., in full bloom, well staged; 2, Smith, var., well up in size and subs., shade plainer in appearance, still good; 3, Grewar, cl., full of col. and qual., fine head, rare front, not so steady, will improve; vhc, Martin; hc, c, Strachan. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Martin, good size, well shaped, lovely head and front, and nicely balanced, in grand order; 2, Noble, cobby shape, well rounded, nice stamp, extra good qual. of feather, again in good trim; 3, Spence, almost a Green, good one, fine full front, shade narrow in head and not so good in wing carriage; vhc, Grewar; hc, Harper; c, Harris. HEN (13): 1, Harris, plenty subs., grand qual., bold head and front, nicely drawn, good shape and style; 2, Gardiner, var., well up in subs., sweet head and front, A1 qual. of feather, extra bloom; 3, Barron, lovely shape and qual., gem for roundness, beaten a little in size, will improve; vhc, Wildridge; hc, Rossiff; c, Cummings. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Grewar, almost Green, grand size and subs., A1 qual. throughout, lovely front and taper; 2, Kirk, sweet shape, var., grand subs. and well cut, scarcely the head and neck of winner; 3, Wildridge, close up, again plenty subs., sweet head and front, A1 wing carr., well placed; vhc, McLaren; hc, McLeod; c, Thomson. HEN (8): 1, Martin, var. Buff, extra good in head and neck, fine weight, well drawn, very sweetly put down; 2, McLeod, cl., good stamp, fine size, grand qual. of feather, neat one, rare bloom; 3, Taylor, Buff, nicely moulded, shade weak in head, but grand front and taper, well placed; vhc, Thomson; hc, Peters; c, Henderson.

The British Birds.

BULLF. (9): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, good one, fine depth of col., good cap and bib, lovely bars, steady, well shown; 2, Palmer, close up, similar type, grand finish, not so bold in head, shade weaker in breast col.; 3, Craig, good stamp, fine skulled bird, bit loose in thighs, but grand cap and ground col., nicely put down; vhc, Thomson; hc, Grewar; c, Dewar. LINNET (16): 1, Muir and Heenan, gem, lovely order, grand shape, very pure and distinct in markings, grand wing flights, staged to win; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, monster for size, great body, bold in head, lovely nut brown col., not so clear nor so well pencilled as winner, good 2nd; 3, Leitch, nice bird a shade smaller, but all there for markings, good flights, rare bloom; vhc, Grewar; hc, Hodge and Harton; c, Robson. GREENF. (10): 1, Sykes, nat. col., immense front and good bold head, lovely wing bars, shown in tip-top order, wine; 2, Craig, bold made, splendid shape and head, nice order, shade blurred on eye, and could be improved in staging; 3, McGregor and Boyd, non fed Yell., lovely qual. of feather, good flights, a bit weak in head and neck; vhc, Adamson; hc, Dewar; c, Grewar. SISKIN (21): 1, Calder, a stunner, near perfection, lovely flank markings, grand wing bars, neat cap and bib, staged in marvellous order, nicely fed; 2, Craig, romper for size, great cap, lovely wing bars, neat bib, beaten in finish; 3, Arnott, shade small, but gem for markings, dense cap, very neat bib, sweet colour, tip-top order; vhc, McQuiston and Patterson; hc, Barclay; c, Laird and Matthew. REDPOLL OR TWITE (14): 1, Leitch, lovely Twite, grand shape, nice pencilling, good flights, rare size, A1 quality throughout, greatly admired; 2, Campbell, romping mealy grand cap and bib, A1 flank markings, in grand trim; 3, Lister, sweet wee Lesser, fine cap and bib, well laced, staged in grand order; a good class all over; vhc, Muir and Hernan; hc, Poulter; c, Adamson. BUNTING, ETC. (15): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, nice Corn Bunting, grand col., well mkd., steady and well shown; 2, Sykes, tip-top Bramble, grand size, good lacing, fine shape, lovely qual. of feather, well placed; 3, Barclay, large Chaffie, good one, fine cap and wing bars, steady, well shown; vhc, Henderson; hc, Hodge and Harton; c, Lister. A.O. LARGE (7): 1, vhc, Bissett, good Song Thrush, very nicely mkd. and well staged; 2, Lister, grand Starling, profusely laced, shown in grand order; 3, Nicoll, Thrush, good size and lovely order scarcely so well mooned as winner; vhc, Malcolm; hc, Bissett; c, Storrar. HEN (11): 1, Mackie, good Bullie, lovely cap and bib, grand size, col. and qual., well shown, a gem; 2, Gentleman, good Yellowhammer, sweet size, A1 markings, steady, well put down; 3, McQuiston and Patterson, nice Corn Bunting, rather thin in get up, but well mkd. and steady, nicely staged; vhc, Ross; hc, Johnston; c, Craig. GOLDF. ETC. MULE (9): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, grand Jonque Linnet, rare size and qual., lovely col., well staged; 2, Storrar, tip-top Jonque Siskin, lovely col. and markings, grand size, well staged; 3, Craig, extra good Yell. Greenie, plenty of size, bold head, grand wing, splendid col., scarcely ready yet; vhc, Steven; hc, Dewar; c, Hogg. CL. OR VAR. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Heggie, clinker, cl. Greenf. Mule, grand size, in lovely order, nice col., shows cross very nicely; 2, Beattie, Linnet-Bullie, well up in size, good col., nicely staged; 3, Whitbrook, Redpoll-Greenie, grand size, very sweetly mkd., fine tone of col.; vhc, Adamson; hc, Weir; c, Williams. FOR., GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, Wilson, lovely Bullie, grand size, rare col. and cond., shining like silk, will take some stopping; 2, Arnott, Goldf., fine flush face, well buttoned, good size, in nice order; 3, Poulter, sweet Bullie hen, fine size, grand col., rare cap and bars; vhc, Johnston; c, Barclay. A.O.V. FOR. (2): 1, Storrar, Indian Mynah, now showing signs of age, good exhibit; 2, Colville and Son, sweet Nonpareil in fine order, grand size and col., nicely staged.

KIRKCALDY SHOW—Continued.

1, Rayner, we made a cl. Yell., grand Yorks, beautiful qual., good head and neck, correct type, 2, Harvey, var. Yell., right stamp, good carr., grand qual. of feather; 3, best members, Hinkley, good Green Yorks. YORKS UNFLIG.: 1, Olive, head and wing mkd. Buff, nice youngster, good type and position, neat head, well packed wings, good leather; 2, Rayner, tkd. Yell., another real Yorkie, hard to choose, some preferred, 3, members' best, Covington, Yell., nice neat specimen, not quite the qual. of leaders, could do with more length. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Rink, all marked Norwich, vhc, Hobbs and Rink. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Smith, neat Siskin-Can. Mule, nice col. and cond., wins; 2, Ackland, good Greenf.-Can., rich col., could be a little larger; 3, Pankhurst, Goldf. Mule. LINNET: 1, Pankhurst, grand rich coloured Linnet, outstanding specimen, easy win; 2, Covington, neat, not the col. nor size of winner; 3, Smith, very neat, vhc, Dell. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Ackland, grand Bullfinch, rich col., good cap and wing bars, splendid size, wins; 2, Dell, nice Goldf., not yet fit; 3, Crust, very similar. MEMBERS' A.V.: 1, sp., Wray; 2, Wray; 3, Hinkley; vhc, Pankhurst. SELL., 10s.: 1, Woodcock; 2, Monday, 3, Smith.

MUMBLES.

Held October 23rd in Pier Pavilion, acknowledged by all as the finest place in Wales for an exhibition. Unfortunately owing to the fixture clashing with the CAGE BIRDS Coupon show at Abertillery entries did not come up to expectations. It seems a great pity that this clashing of shows cannot be avoided. Our section was very ably looked after by Messrs. E. M. Evans and J. Schropper, who did everything possible for the comfort of the exhibits. Mr. W. D. Lley, Sec., is a very obliging official, who has the interest of the Society at heart. We are pleased to state that the gate was a record one for the Society and there should be a good balance on the right side as a result of the exertions of the officials. Mr. D. A. S. Longden judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Lewis, cl. leading, grand type and qual., nice size, latter var., good col. and qual. hardly subs. of leader; 3, Jenkins, grizzle mkd., nice size and shape, loses trifle head to leaders; 4, Slee, cl., grand size and shape, neat wings and tails, trifle browy; vhc, George; hc, Steer. YORKS., YELL., CK. (11): 1, W. J. Mock, cl., lovely qual., grand length, well up on leg; 2, Bevan, wing mkd., good col. and qual., very nervy, nice length, close up; 3, Webster, wing mkd., grand length, neat head and neck, good pos.; 4, vhc, J. Mock, cl., neat exhibit, good head and neck, nice straight back, shows slight frill on breast; hc, Wilkins; c, Russell; wrong class, Watkins, cl. buff. BUFF (13): 1, Wooton, wing mkd., Swansea winner, real topper, grand length, good straight back, well braced wings and tail, very nervy; 2, Bevan, var., good length, lovely qual. and cond., stands well; 3, W. J. Mock, cl., grand length, nice position, good nerve, A1 order; 4, Richards, close up, nice length, good qual. and con.; vhc, J. Mock; hc, W. J. Mock; c, Schropper. HEN (10): 1, J. Mock, Swansea winner, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., nice straight back, good wings and tail and full of nerve; 2, W. J. Mock, tkd buff, neat head and neck, good back, wings and tail, well up on leg; 3, c, Webster, tkd, ycll., good size and shape, stands well, nice qual.; 4, J. Mock, cl. buff, lovely feather, nice position, grand length; vhc, Russell; hc, Richards. BORD. (6): 1, 4, D. Jenkins, brace of toppers, lovely qual. and cond., staged to perfection; 2, 3, Hocking, cinn. and green, two neat exhibits; teeming with qual., very jaunty; vhc, Mitchell; abs., Richards. GOLDF. (7): 1, Rees, Swansea winner, not looking as well to-day, still a good finch; 2, Jeffries, nice col., bars, tans and buttons, hardly ready yet; 3, Rees, good blaze, bars and buttons, loses size; 4, Lewis, hardly the expanse blaze of leaders, good qual. and col.; vhc, hc, Evans. BULLF. (9): 1, Jeffreys, hen, very chubby, lovely qual. and col., wins; 2, 4, Gregory, cock, former grand size, shape and col., loses wing carr., latter lovely col. and qual., has claws missing, which kept it back; 3, Groom, lovely type and qual., trifle pale breast col.; vhc, c, Nicholas; hc, Lucas Bros. LINNET (8): 1, Jeffreys, nice size and shape, well pencilled, trifle thick when we saw him; 2, 3, Nicholas, good size and qual., lose markings; 4, Davies F.M., nice col. and qual., should make a good one with a moult; vhc, Gregory; hc, Hall; c, Williams. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, Bancroft, Bramble, Swansea winner grand col. and qual., nice size and shape; 2, Heal, another Bramble, close up, trifle larger, loses col. at present; 3, Groom, Chaffinch, neat exhibit, trifle unsteady; 4, Heal, Greenie, good size, shape, col. and qual.; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Girle; c, Reynolds.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Table show held Oct. 13. The judges were: Yorks., Messrs. Gledhill and Radley; Norwich, Mr. F. J. Sykes. 80 birds were staged. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, Cawthrey and Son; 2, Rhodes; 3, Sykes; vhc, Moss; hc, Shanks; c, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, vhc, Cawthrey and Son; 2, 3, Radley; hc, Townsend; c, Moss. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, c, Cawthrey and Son; 2, Rhodes; vhc, Fountain; hc, Sykes. BUFF: 1, Buttle; 2, vhc, Cawthrey and Son; 3, Moss; hc, Sykes; c, Rhodes. CINN. CK.; 1, 2, 3, Rhodes; vhc hc, Fountain. HEN: 1, Buttle; 2, 4, Rhodes; 3, Sykes. NOR. YELL.: 1, Rhodes; 2, Cawthray and Son. BUFF: 1, Moss; 2, 3, vhc, Cawthray and Son; hc, c, Rhodes. YELL. HEN: 1, Moss; 2, vhc, Rhodes; 3, Cawthray and Son. BUFF: 1, Rhodes; 2, Cawthray and Son.—A. Lawford, Sec.

HYSON GREEN C.B.S.

Show at headquarters, "Cricket Players," Lindsay Street, Oct. 11. A fair number of birds were on view, though most of the fanciers complain of birds not yet fine. Many of the exhibits were of more than average quality. Unfortunately, Crests were short in number, though not in feather; perhaps Mr. White is getting too hot! Mr. Hayter sent a fine team, but had his classes to himself; hard luck for this sterling fancier. Mr. A. Cooper placed the awards.

CL. ETC. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Sharpe; 3, hc, Hill; vhc, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Bown; 2, Willis; 3, Hill; vhc, Boaler; hc, Sharpe; c, Drinkwater. VARIEG.: 1, 2, vhc, Hill; 3, Moult; hc, Willis; c, Sharpe. YELL. HEN: 1, Boaler; 2, Sharpe; 3, Ward. BUFF: 1, Bown; 2, Drinkwater; 3, Royce. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Boaler; 2, Bown; 3, Ward. BUFF: 1, Boaler; 2, own; 3, Sharpe; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Royce; c, Willis. HEN: 1, Sharpe; 2, Boaler; 3, Royce; vhc, Hill. PAIRS, NOR.: 1, Sharpe; 2, Barnes; 2, Bown. YELL. CREST: 1, White. BUFF: 1, White; 2, Wolfe. C.B.: 1, White; 2, Wolfe. C.B. HEN: 1, 2, White. UNFLIG. CREST: 1, White; 2, Wolfe. UNFLIG. C.B.: 1, Wolfe; 2, White.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

MIDDLESBRO'.

Middlesbrough (Tees-side) C.B.S. held its eighth annual show in the Victoria Hall, Oct. 25, a splendid hall for a show, having ample space and a good light. Entries totalled just on 600, in 44 classes, considerably in excess of previous shows. Sec. Wake, as usual, had everything in perfect order, and with the assistance of Messrs. Swinsco, assist-sec.; Hauson, chairman; Watson, vice-chair; J. Carr, and other members of the committee, got through a vast amount of work in a very quiet and efficient manner. Competition was keen in all sections, and although judging was started in good time, the judges were kept busy till well on in the afternoon. There was a good attendance of visitors, including many well-known exhibitors. This, coupled with the increased entries, should make the show the financial success which the enthusiastic Tees-side fanciers so well deserve. The judges were:—T. Bennett, Yorks, A.O.V., and Sell. Can.; A. Brown, Norwich and Crests; J. Maddison, Mules, Brit., and Foreign, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

Mr. Bennett's Classes.

CL. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, 2, E. Pyman, good length, well up on leg, long well carried wings, nice round back, rich level col., close and compact feather, 2nd similar length and pos., good in feather, but scarcely the col. and flukn of leader; 3, G. Taylor, nice length, well carried wings, good col. and feather; 4, Pyman, good type and qual., a little less length; vhc, Barker, hc, Vale; c, Simeson. BUFF (16): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, plenty of length, well tapered body, neat head, well filled neck, good position; 2, Clegg, good type, well up on leg, good in feather, scarcely the length of leader; 3, Simeson, good length, well up on leg, well tapered body, good wings; 4, Rand, bit less length, fine type and qual.; vhc, Prentice; hc, Ridley Bros.; c, Pyman. TKD. OR UNEVEN (19): 1, Simeson, yell., long, slim, well tapered body, rich level col., good length of leg, nice pos.; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, Buff, plenty size, good type, grand wings and tail, close tight-fitting feather, shows well; 3, Wilson, Yell., bit less length, finely drawn, very good qual., close fitting feather, neat head, good wings; 4, Chesworth and Mason, Yell., good head and neck, nicely rounded back, good length of wing, well up on leg; vhc, E. Pyman; hc, Crawhall; c, Cook and Hood. HEN (17): 1, Clegg, Yell., long, slim made, well set up, neat in head and neck, well rounded back and front, good feather and qual.; 2, E. Pyman, Buff, fine size, good pos. and wing carr., good feather, in grand cond.; 3, Clegg, Buff, good type, well up on leg, long wedge-shaped body, close fitting wings; 4, Crawhall, Buff, all there for type and qual., well set up on legs, good size, and grand qual. of feather; vhc, Prentice; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Helliwell. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Taylor, good length, well set up, wings well carried, well tapered body, good col. and feather; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, little less length, otherwise very similar to leader; 3, E. Pyman, nice size, type and qual., looks a little open in front; 4, Simeson, good length, nicely tapered, neat head, well fitting wings; vhc, Thurston; hc, Cook and Hood; c, Cattell. BUFF (23): 1, Simeson, fine length, neat head, well filled neck, nicely rounded back, good length of leg, close compact feather; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, plenty size, good pos., close feather, scarcely so tidy in wings; 3, Rand, less length, good type and qual., not so well up on leg; 4, Barker, nice size, well tapered body, good legs, rather open at neck; vhc, c, E. Pyman; hc, Harvey. UNFLIG. HEN (21): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, Yell., grand length, well set up on leg, long slim body, nicely fitting wings, close feather; 2, Clegg, Yell., again plenty size, good legs, wing and feather, scarcely so finely drawn as leader; 3, Crawhall, Buff, good in size, nice wedge-shaped body, well rounded back and front, good legs, close-fitting feather; 4, Archbold and Lascelles, Buff, good type and qual., fine wing carr., good length of leg; vhc, E. Pyman; c, Graham. SELL., 15s. (12): 1, Wilson; 2, Helliwell; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Chesworth and Mason; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Helliwell; c, Campling. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Summers, very nice even mkd. Buff Nor.; 2, Wilson, head and wing mkd. Border, very neat and stylish; 3, T. Dixon, four-pointed Buff Norwich, good type, a little loose in feather; 4, Cook and Hood, Green Yorks, fine size and type, good grassy green col.

Mr. Brown's Classes.

CL. ETC. YELL. (15): 1, McGirn, rich level col., close silky feather, good round head, full neck, well rounded chest, shown in grand order; 2, Wilson, good size, type and qual., beaten in col. and finish; 3, Carr, grand type and qual., good head, full chest, good wing carr.; 4, Angell, good head and colour, fine qual. of feather, little faulty in wings; vhc, Chambers; hc, Tweddle; c, Wilson. BUFF (13): 1, Wilson, good size and type, close feather, well mealed, good head and neck; 2, Peirson, good colour and qual., well carried wings, grand cond.; 3, Barnes, good size, bit longer in wing and tail, fine col.; 4, Chambers, good col. and qual., well filled neck, good front; vhc, Wilson; c, May and Allinson. VARIEG. (15): 1, Barnes, Yell., big upstanding bird, hot col., good head and neck, round chest, silky feather; 2, Pickles, thick-set Buff, good col., well mealed; 3, Bennett, Yell., good type and feather, rather faulty wings; 4, Briggs, rare big Buff, good subs., grand col. and feather, perhaps a shade long behind; vhc, hc, Smith; c, Papple. HEN (26): 1, Briggs, Yell., good size, col. and qual., full neck, well rounded front; 2, Burdett, Yell., nice type and size, scarcely so cobby as winner; 3, Barnes, Yell., good col. and type, less size; 4, Hope, Buff, grand type and qual., close feather, nice col.; vhc, Watson; hc, Carr; c, Wright. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Wright, fine big bird, good head and neck, full chest, level wings, good col.; 2, Stephenson, cobby shape, good col., little untidy in wings; 3, Butler, good size, col., and feather, scarcely the subs; 4, Barnes, good col., size and type, little slack in feather; vhc, Dawson; hc, Swinsco; c, Wilson. BUFF (28): 1, Archbold and Lascelles, rare size and subs., boxy feather, well mealed over a good ground col.; 2, Cook and Hood, not so cobby as leader, otherwise very similar; 3, May and Allinson, good head, neck and chest, little slack in feather; 4, Russell and Teasdale, nice cobby shape, hot col., smaller; vhc, Carr; hc, Watson; c, Cook and Hood. UNFLIG. HEN (20): 1, Burdett, Buff, plenty of size, full head, neck and front, good wings; 2, Butler, Yell., nice size, type, col., and feather; 3, Wilson, Yell., bigger, not so good in type and feather; 4, Wilson, Buff, plenty size, nice col. and feather, rather long; vhc, W. A. Wilson; hc, Carr; c, Watson. SELL., 15s. (21): 1, Chambers, 2, Wright; 3, Walker; 4, Cook and Hood. CREST (8): 1, J. Taylor, dense crest, well over beak, nice shape, good centre; 2, J. Bewick, well groomed crest, scarcely so large as winner; 3, 4, looks like hen, nice veiny well-shaped crest; 4th G.C., plenty of feather, not quite so neat; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Gibson. C.B. (8): 1, J. Taylor, big heavily feathered bird, eyes well banded; 2, T. Bewick, plenty of size, good width of head, not so much feather; 3, Gibson, Green, lots of feather, beaten in head; 4, Tait, lightly mkd., less subs., fairly good feather; vhc, Bewick; hc, Gibson; c, Hutchinson. CINN. (12): 1, Riding, Yell., good in size and subs., rich, level col.; 2, T. Dixon, Buff, fine big bird, good col., type and qual.; grand cond.; 3, Mrs. Tweddle, Yell., nice type, col., and feather, bit smaller; 4, Calvert and Robinson, Buff, less subs. than 2nd, but good col. and qual.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Butler, cl. Gold-finch, good size, Norwich shape, in excellent feather and cond.; 2, Todd, nice size and shape, good head and body col., scarcely ready. DARK (12): 1, Carr, Yellow Green, cobby shape, good size and colour; 2, Husband, Yellow Linnet, nice size, shape and col., wants polish; 3, Hall Bros., Yellow Siskin, fair size, good col. and qual.; 4, Husband, Yell. Linnet, less size and subs. than 2nd; vhc, Butler; hc, Porritt; c, Moir. LINNET (22): 1, Davidson, good size, level col., grand front, well mkd. from throat to tail; 2, Boyd, fine size, Nor. type, steady, not so well mkd.; 3, J. Carr, nice col., smaller, well mkd., wants time; 4, Wilson, nice type, size and col., fairly well mkd., scarcely ready; vhc, Rutherford; hc, Meadley; c, Henderson. GOLDF. (7): 1, 4, Almond, good sized blaze of very rich col., well tanned breast, rare good wings, steady; 2, 3, Nicholson, 2nd cobby made Finch, good sized blaze, nice wings and tanning; 3rd slimmer shape, but coming well up in col.; 4th good size and shape, wants time; vhc, Davidson; hc, Robinson; c, Jones. BULLF. (10): 1, Junco, house-moulted, not over large, but grand type, good in cap, wing bars, and breast col.; 2, Watson, rather more size, good cap and breast, not the shape and finish of winner; 3, Clayton and Smith, nice size and col., not so steady; 4, Taylor, good cap and wings; vhc, Wood; hc, Taylor; c, Cuss. GREENF. (9): 1, Cuss, real Nor. type, rich level col., steady; 2, Robinson, good size, but slimmer, nice col., steady; 3, Nicholson and Son, very rich coloured non-fed Yell., good wing bars, less size, rather unsteady; 4, Henderson, good size and shape, not so forward in condition; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Henderson. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Nicholson and Son, big upstanding Twite, good subs., well mkd., in good order, a little pale in colour; 2, 3, Boyd, Lesser Redpoll, good cap, bib, and wings, good breast col., steady; 3rd Siskin, cobby shape, good in col., cap, bib, and flank markings; 4, Riding, nice col. and markings, not so steady; vhc, hc, c, Briscoe and Son. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Nicholson and Son, good Chaffinch and Hawfinch in fine condition; 3, Bousfield, Meadow Bunting, steady and good col., pen feather on top of head; 4, Taylor, Chaffinch, good col. and shape, not the size and bloom of winner; vhc, Robinson. THRUSH, ETC. (11): 1, Wilkinson and Danby, Song Thrush, big and shapely, well spangled breast, shown in grand order; 2, Parnaby, really good Redwing, good colours and excellent feather; 3, Swann, Starling, big, upstanding, covered with fine and distinct spangling, in shining condition; 4, Briscoe, Thrush, nice shape and spangling, not the size and condition of winner; vhc, Briscoe; hc, Clarkson; c, Cunningham. A.O. SOFTBILL: 1, Scott, Chough, well forward in condition, rich coloured beak and legs, glossy feather; 2, Nicholson and Son, Blackcap, good size and col., steady, in perfect feather; 3, Bousfield, Redstart, in good condition and feather, coming well up in col.; 4, Parnaby, Missel Thrush, good feather and spangling. FOR.: 1, Nicholson and Son, Scarlet Tanager, well up in col. and good condition; 2, 3, 4, Diamond Sparrows, Ruficauda, and Firefinch, all in good order; vhc, Fruish. NOV. CAN CK.: 1, vhc, Harrison; 2, c, Bryan; 3, hc, Ronald; 4, Sanderson. HEN: 1, 4, Carlisle; 2, Ronald; 3, vhc, Bibby. NOV. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Wiggins and Harrison; 3, Wesen. MEMBERS' YORKS., 1, 3, Rand; 2, 4, Swinsco; vhc, hc, Fox; c, Cook. NOR.: 1, 4, Wake; 2, Dodsworth; 3, Thompson; vhc, Carr. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Gibson. HEN: 1, Watson; 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Wake; 4, Cooke; vhc Swinsco. MULE: 1, Wake; 2, Gibson; 3, Wiggins and Harrison; 4, Smurthwaite; vhc, hc, c, Wells. LINNET: 1, 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Dodsworth; 4, Carr; vhc, Gibson. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 4, Carr; 2, Gibson; 3, Smurthwaite; vhc, Wiggins and Harrison.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Second show of season, when 82 birds were staged. Mr. H. Sutcliffe placed the cards, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. L. Varley spl best bird, also spl for best Yorks cock, Mr. H. Graham spl best Yorks hen. CLASS 1: 1, Varley; 2, Huddleston; 3, Powell; 4, hc, Neeson; vhc, Lunn. CLASS 2: 1, Powell; 2, Huddleston; 3, Neeson; 4, Darwent; vhc, Pearson; hc, Ward; c, Lunn. CLASS 3: 1, hc, Powell; 2, Ward; 3, Pearson; 4, Husey; vhc, c, Terry. CLASS 4: 1, vhc, Goodwin; 2, Varley; 3, 4, Neeson; hc, Leather. CLASS 5: 1, J. Ward. CLASS 6: 1, Grange; 2, Leather; 3, Neeson; 4, Darwent. CLASS 7: 1, 3, Lunn; 2, Pearson; 4, Terry; vhc, hc, Neeson; c, Husey. CLASS 8: 1, c, Graham; 2, Brown; 3, Neeson; 4, Varley; vhc, hc, Goodwin.—H. Grange, Sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held St. Philip's Mission Room, Oct. 9, and table show in conjunction. Decided to open show at 1 o'clock, close 9 o'clock. Dr. Jones, hon. pres., will be approached to open show as usual. Stewards were arranged, and doorkeepers provided. Don't forget it's the cup show, members; bring us your best. Several specials were promised and allotted. Meeting, Nov. 13; bring draw books in. Table show.—YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Furniss; 3, 4, Tomlinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Tomlinson; 3, 4, Furniss. NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, vhc, Cowley; 2, 3, Woolhouse. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Cowley; 2, 4, Woolhouse. NOV. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Carr; 4, Wilson; vhc, Latimer; hc, Hadfield; c, Kelsey. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Carr; 3, Wilson; 4, Kelsey; hc, Wingfield; c, Thompson. NOVICE NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Matthews; 2, Sisson; vhc, Abbott. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, c, Matthews; 2, 4, Abbott; vhc, Sisson. Omitted on schedule for show cup rule: Payment of 1s. entitles members to complete; 4 highest awards; in case of tie rejudged. —C. Tomlinson, Sec.

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COVENTRY.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. open venture, took place on October 25th. The spacious assembly room, attached to the Plough Hotel, in the very heart of the "town of many spires," is capitally lighted, and cosy in the extreme. Norwich were the feature of the show, being both numerous and meritorious. Mr. W. Whetstone benched a magnificent team, his leading light being his noted Clear buff cock, the best we have seen in the Midlands up to date. Yorks. were not great, but neat, the plums of the section being Mr. Snead's Cl. yell. cock, and unflighted yell. Crests were few, but contained toppers. Mr. A. J. Smith's buff Cl. body D.C. won well, and secured CAGE BIRDS champion coupon spl, and diploma; the best cl. body dark living, we think. Messrs. G. Lawrance and T. Gilbert (the local enthusiasts) had on view some tip-top Mules, and with British they were well to the fore.

The officials are a most energetic and enthusiastic lot of fanciers, ably led by chairman, Mr. A. Howe, who has as his right hand man, Mr. A. Green, one who can control admirably. Auditors are Messrs. H. Mann and S. Follows, a brace of useful members. Committee consists of Messrs. W. Rowley, H. Adkins, E. Roycroft, A. Groom, R. Miles, W. Prescott, and R. Symonds. Each to his utmost ability gave most untiring and willing help, a band of both capable and efficient workers, who seemed to revel in the task set them. The show stewards worked with methodical precision, and kept top side with their efforts all through. Every praise is due to Messrs. A. Wright, J. Blackshaw, A. Payne, J. Houghton, W. Slaymaker, C. Cox, G. Shirley, A. T. Wright, C. Richards, and F. Buckley. Show Manager Mr. W. Rowley steers judiciously, and fills this role admirably. Mr. R. Symonds, treas., is a fancier of the right metal. Last, but by no means least, comes the worthy sec., Mr. H. Saunders, courteous to the highest degree, and a great helper, truly a fine holder of the reins. His able assistant was Mr. F. Green.

Councillor S. G. Poole officiated at the opening ceremony, his speech being of a very appropriate character, complimenting the officials, commenting on the capital exhibition, and promising to do whatever he could to assist the society, financially and otherwise. The flowers that decorated the various benches added greatly and effectively to the function.

Some Points Fanciers Should Remember.

Prize money and specials were paid out to all successful exhibitors present. Such promptitude should not be forgotten by fanciers when the next show comes around. Another item we must not overlook was the disappointment that cropped up over the award slips not being printed. This was no fault of the society. The catalogues from the printers had been forwarded to the secretary's address, and to the show room, as on previous occasions. When the judges' slips were taken down to the printers, all the men had left work, a curious error, as naturally the printer should have known prize slips would be required, as before Any fanciers put to inconvenience by this mishap are asked to accept the apology of the members.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon scheme once again had a capital entry, and keen battles were fought for the valuable cash prizes and diplomas of honour. The victorious "gladiator" for the champion special and diploma was the majestic Crest, belonging to Mr. A. J. Smith. The novice coupon cash spl. and diploma went to an unflighted yell. Nor. cock, staged by Mr. W. H. Thompson, a real bargain, at catalogue price, £3. If not claimed, take care of him, Mr. T., he is a "right 'un." Diplomas of honour were captured as follows: Champ. Yorks., G. Snead: novice, W. J. Dimmock; Norwich champ., J. M. Williams; noviee C. or C.B., A. Green; nov. Greens, A. Groom: A.O.V., R. Symonds; champ. Mules, G. Lawrence; Softbill, E. J. Labraham. Sandiford's special for hottest fed, went to a red hot marked yell. Nor. cock, the property of Mr. H. Leng. Members', best 1913 Nor. hen, G. Cox; best Yorkie, A. Groom. The staging was on the tier principle, and everything was in capital order, and birds well cared for. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Norwich Classes.

YELL. (7): 1, Williams, short and thick set Cl., rare subs., full of col., superior texture of feather, grand carriage; 2, Wright, var., cobby, A1 qual., plenty of size, not the col., yet good specimen; 3, Corrall, red hot Cl., fine subs., capital feather, neat head and neck, longer in barrel, wings and tail; vhc, Green; hc, Leng; c, Saunders. BUFF (11): 1, sp., Whetstone, Cl., wonderful shape, teeming with qual., and col., rare size and car., smooth as wax, shone like a mirror, well-known winner; 2, Leng, superbly clothed Cl., lovely col. and mealing, grand head and neck, not the thickness through of 1st, good in wing car., clean cut; 3, Corrall, shapely Cl., typical, A1 feather, hardly so large or so rich in col., but worth its place; vhc, Williams; hc, Rowley; c, Wright. HEN (7): 1, Whetstone, yell., grizzled tail, extraordinary qual. and col., well up in subs., lovely shape and car., the Burton winner, a gem; 2, Blower, Cl. buff, round as a ball, exquisite qual. and col., well up in size, dainty ear., bewitching; 3, hc, Cooper Bros., yell. tkd. eye, smooth as wax, richly fed, beautifully gowned, not so deep fronted, yet a picture; vhc, Wright; c, Bott. YELL. 1913 (6): 1, Whetstone, mkd. neck, warmest fed in show, grand shape, feather and car., most promising, will do some winning; 2, Rowley, lightly var., sweetly moulded, capital feather and car., fails somewhat in col., but one we liked; 3, hc, Roycroft, neck mkd., good in qual. and col., nice type and wing car., very neat; vhc, Green; No. 6, Saunders, ab. BUFF (6): 1, Whetstone, mkd. head and neck, short and thick set, teeming with qual. and col., well up in size, best of action; 2, Blower, capitally fed and clothed Cl., rare shape, body, fine car. of flights and tail, not yet ready about head; 3, Green, warmly fed Cl., good subs., nice head, neck and chest, longer in wings and tail, clean under; vhc, Wright; hc, Saunders; c, Green. HEN, 1913 (7): 1, Cox, smartly feathered and highly coloured. Cl. yell., true type, delightful car., should make up into a tip topper; 2, Bott, Cl. buff, for shape, feather and col., all one need desire, good size, moves gracefully, of the right stamp; 3, Growdridge and Son, Cl. yell, superb qual., rich tone of col., grand body wings and tail, hardly so neat in expression of head; vhc, A. Green; hc, F. Green; c, Symonds. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Growdridge and Son, yell. mkd. wings and head, fine subs. and shape, lovely feather, tight as wax, best of car., wins; 2, Barratt, buff mkd. wings and head, chubby, good size, A1 qual., clean cut away; 3, Slaymaker, Cl. yell., capital col. and feather, nice head points; vhc, Rowley; hc, Slaymaker; Nor. green-yell., vold. BUFF (1): 1, Turrall, foul tail, beautiful shape, lovely colour and feather. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Wright, yell. self, plenty of subs., exquisite col. and qual., grand type, jaunty car.; 2, Cox, yell., foul, shapely, good size, lovely col., little removed from winner; 3, Stubbs, buff, foul tail, nice col., silky texture; vhc, Roycroft. CINN. (4): 1, Wright, yell., rattling shape and size, fine depth of col., well burnished, good car.; 2, Roycroft, buff, capital qual. and col., nice shape and subs., jaunty car.; 3, Rowley, buff, superior feather, good shape; vhc, Symonds. 1913 (4): 1, 2, 3, Rowley, nice team, leader yell., superb col. and feather, shone like satin, grand shape, 3, buff, shapely, A1 col., neat car., 2, buff, good type and feather, rattling tone of col; vhc, Green. NOR. £3 (13): 1, Muddiman, Cl. yell., magnificent shape, delightful qual. and col., fine size, lovely car., clean cut away; 2, Mitchell, buff, mkd. wings and head, smooth as a bottle, grand shape, A1 col., and frosting, moves well, pressed hard; 3, Bell, yell., mkd. wing, cobby, nice subs., superior feather and col.; vhc, Gears; hc, Buckley; c, Groom. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Thompson, CAGE BIRDS coupon cash spl. winner, yell. mkd. tail, round as a ball, hot as a stove, magnificently clothed, rare size and car., gem; 2, Muddiman, very cobby Cl. buff, tight as a Java, rich col. and qual.; 3, Follows, buff mkd. head, shapely, capital feather, nice size and car.; vhc, Cox; hc, Bell; c, Bailey.

Yorkshires, Crests and A.O.V.

CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, CAGE BIRDS diploma, Snead, Cl., straight, smooth, rare back and wing car., clever legs, gem; 2, 3, Richards, very lengthy Cl., 3, mkd. neck, good qual. BUFF (3): 1, Snead, stylish Cl., plenty of length, stands like a Guardsman, tight as wax, clever legs, in the pink; 2, Pass, Cinn. mkd. wing and neck, lovely col. and feather; 3, Richards, Cl., length, capital feather and col. HEN (6): 1, Snead, Cl. yell., exquisite qual. and col., neat and narrow, lengthy and full of nerve; 2, Gilbert, buff, mkd. head, feathered to perfection, stands well, good length; 3, vhc, Symonds, self Cinn., slim and upstanding, superb feather, nice length, and well on leg; hc, Richards; c, Green. YELL. 1913 (4): 1, 2, Snead, cl., slashing feather and col., true type; 2, mkd. wing and neck, red hot, lengthy; 3, Pass, cl., boxey feather, stylish; vhc, Wright. BUFF (2): 1, Snead, Cl., capital col., and feather, nice position and length, well on leg; 2, Symonds, Cl., richly fed, smooth as box. YELL., GREEN: 1, Groom, fine length, lovely qual. and col., grand legs, well staged; 2, Green, foul tail, nice col. BUFF: Void. UNFLIG (3): 1, Groom, yell. self, nice texture of feather, rich col., good length and pos., well on leg; 2, 3, Green yell foul, good in feather and col. 3, buff, foul tail, nice col. NOV., YORKS., £3 (5): 1, Dimmock, Cl. yell., ablaze with col., silky texture of feather, stands finely; 2, vhc, Dakin, buff, grizzled tail, well clothed, nice col. and stand, well on leg; 3, Spann, yell. mkd. wings and eyes, good qual. and col., wild; hc, Prescott. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Dimmock, beautifully fed Cl. buff, nice stand and style, neat legs; 2, yell., mkd. wing, good col. and feather, not yet ready; 3, Green, Cl. yell., erect, nice qual., rich col., neat wings and tail; vhc, hc, Saunders. CRESTS (3): 1, 2, Smith, leader takes CAGE BIRDS coupon cash spl. and diploma, buff, Cl., body D.C., wealth of superb feather, wonderful subs., Crest of immense size, thickly thatched, lovely radiation and droop, centre correctly placed, gem of the first water, 2, buff, marked wings, D.C., plenty of A1 quality feather; 3, Green, buff, var., D.C., heaps of feather, Crest, veiny, and of sweet formation. C.B. (3): 1, 3, Smith, leader very massive built var., marvellous subs., tremendous feather, of A1 qual., 3, buff, heavy mkd., good subs., not ready; 2, Green, buff var., shapely, nice size, capital width and rise of skull, neat lash. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, March, brace of choice "Scotchmen,", 1, Cl. buff, grand qual., fine set shoulders, rare drive, works well, 2nd, buff, heavy mkd., more length, not the width of shoulders, not far behind; former takes CAGE BIRDS diploma; 3, vhc, Tyler, buff gr. Bord., tight as wax, neat contour, good shape, free in action; hc, Richards; c, Symonds.

Mules, British and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE (3): 1, CAGE BIRDS diploma, Lawrance, buff, tkd., head, Gold.-Can, fine size and shape, delightful qual. and col., wins well, the Burton winner; 2, 3, Gilbert, mkd. wing, slashing shape and feather, clinking col., good size and con., 3rd, mkd. wings, neat shape, A1 qual. and col., shows parentage distinctly. DARK (1): 1, Lawrance, very smart Cinn.-Linn. HYB. (3): 1, 3, Gilbert, Bramble-Chaff., nice size, shape, qual. and col., and Gold.-Bullie, rattling shape, good size and feather; 2, Lawrance, Can.-Bullie, lovely col. and feather, shapely, pressed hard. GOLDF.: Cancelled. BULLF. (1): 1, Tyler, shapely. GREENF. (2): 1, Lawrance, well up in subs., capital shape, lovely col. and bloom, Burton winner; 2, Barclay, good size and shape. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Gilbert, superb Bramble, wonderful size and shape, delightful col. and markings; 2, Lawrance, Chaff., well up in subs., capital shape, col., and feather, not yet up in form; 3, Tyler, Bramble, nice shape and qual., shows well; vhc, Baseley. LINNET (2): 1, Gilbert, shapely, good col., nice feather, neatly pencilled, bit wild. HEN HARDBILL (3): 1, Lawrance, Bramble, capital shape and symmetry, A1 col. and markings; 2, Baseley, smart Bullie, fine size and shape, good feather and col.; 3, Gilbert, Bramble, good subs., shapely. A.O.V. (1): 1, Lawrance, very nice Corn Bunting, rich in feather and col. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Bull, lovely coloured 'Gale, nice shape and size, shown for all it was worth, wins; 2, Labraham, Waxwing, fine shape and subs., good col., in pen, around eyes or might have won; 3, Garratt, Magpie; vhc, Rowley. FOR. (2): 1, Coates, Nonpariel, nice plumage, staged finely; 2, Coates, Pintailed Whydah.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held Oct. 18, Butchers' Arms. 81 birds were staged in 12 classes. Mr. F. Alleu, of Cleckheaton judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Self; 2, Midgley; 3, Fieldhouse; 4, vhc, Shackleton; hc, Lister; c, Snead. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, Midgley; 3, Snead; 4, Lister; vhc, Robinson Bros.; hc, Peace; c, Fieldhouse. TKD. YELL.: 1, Snead; 2, hc, Fieldhouse; 3, Lister; 4, Peace; vhc, Ormonroyd. BUFF: 1, Midgley; 2, Self; 3, 4, Lister; vhc, Fieldhouse. GR. OR CINN. MKD. YELL: 1, 2, Midgley; 3, Snead; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Hainsworth and Son; hc, Ormonroyd. BUFF: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Hunter. GR. OR CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, Collins Bros.; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Snead. BUFF: 1, 3, Lister; 2, Hainsworth and Son. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, Self; 3, Hunter; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Ormonroyd; hc, Midgley; c, Fieldhouse. HEN: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, Shackleton; 3, Collins Bros.; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Self; hc, Lister, c, Ormonroyd. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Lister; 2, Helliwell; 3, Peace; 4, Midgley; vhc, Hainsworth and Son; hc, Robinson Bros. BUFF: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, Lister; 3, Self; 4, Midgley; vhc, Peace, hc, Shackleton; c, Midgley. J. Holroyd, Sec.

FALMOUTH.

Falmouth C.B.A. held its eighth annual show Oct. 22 in the Unionist Club, an ideal place, free from draught and well lighted. The birds looked very comfortable, and were well staged in the middle of the room, the committee looking well after their charges. Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Medlin, the hon. sec., who thoroughly understands his work, and had everything well in hand, leaving nothing to chance. Norwich were a good level lot, the winning yellow being a gem, we think Plymouth winner. The buff class was great, many a good one having to be left out of the cards, the non-flight class also was exceptionally good, three sets of winners could have been found. Yorks turned up in good force, and made a record entry. The hen class was extra good, the winner being a lovely dunnel, feathered like wax, good length and position. We were sorry to see British classes cancelled. Norwich cup for most points was won by Messrs. Cook and Son, Camborne; Yorks. cup, J. Thomas, Bugle. Shield for best bird bred by a member 1913, was again won by Mr. Medlin. Mr. J. Davies, St. Austell, judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (20): 1, sp., Symons Bros., real topper for size and type, good head and neck, fine qual., and cond.; 2, Howard, close up, nicely balanced wings and tail, not so hot in col.; 3, c, Cock and Son, good size and type, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 4, Pascoe, nice type and qual., grand neck and wings, lovely col., hardly ready; vhc, Hobla and Son; hc, Sherman. BUFF (7): 1, Collins, lovely size, good bold type, correct wings and tail, mealed to perfection; 2, Uren, good shape, nice qual., nicely balanced wings and tail; 3, Hill, very shapely, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, 4, Andrews, nice colour and qual., good flights, fails head a little; vhc, Kemp, good type and qual., nice col., hurt its wing, which put it down; hc, Cock and Son; c, Howard. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, sp., hc, Cock and Son, variegated col., bit slim for a Nor.; might have given way to 2, Hill, grizzle, head, hull, bold bird, grand full head, nice back and wings, good col., claimed; 3, Andrew, yell., variegated, capital head and neck, not quite ready; 4, Pascoe, tkd. eye buff, bold bird, neat head, nicely rounded, lovely qual.; vhc, Stephens; c, Howard. HEN (16): 1, Pascoe, yell., mkd. wings and tail, neat and typical, correct wings and tail, good col.; 2, Hill, buff, mkd., wing, grand size and shape, good wings and tail, nice col.; 3, Martin, cl., yell., lovely qual., shape and col., nicely balanced wings; 4, Andrew, buff, shapely, neat head and neck, good wing carr.; No. 16, Pascoe, unnoticed, buff, mkd. tail, grand type and qual., Plymouth 2nd; vhc, Cock and Son; hc, Howard; c, Symonds Bros., grand class. UNFLIG. (20): 1, sp., Keen, mkd. head, yell., neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Howard, buff, too thin and patchy in colour, ought to have stood down; 3, Stephens, yell., typical, neat head, capital, bold front, good wings and tail; 4, Kemp, buff, nice type and qual., good head and neck, nicely moulded, correct wing carr.; vhc, Collins; hc, Hobla and Son; c, Curnow. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, sp., Andrew, nice back and shoulders, not the best of col., and might have given way to 2, Peters, blaze of col., good head, wings well braced, nice piped tail, very nervy; 3, Julian, tkd. head, good back and wings, nice pos., and full of qual.; 4, Allen, lovely qual. and col., good head, nice pipe tail, very stylish; vhc, Thomas; hc, Richards; c, Patey. BUFF (11): 1, Peters, gem, lovely quality, well on leg, grand wings and tail; 2, 4, Julian, tkd. head, very stylish, good wing carr., nice feather, 4th grand length, neat head, well filled neck; 3, hc, Allen, good length, nice wings and colour, rather rough; vhc, Andrew; c, Cock and Son. MARKED (8): 1, Hosken Bros., yell., mkd. wings, nicely balanced wings and tail, neat head, good length; 2, vhc, Patey, varieg. yell., nice col. and qual., nicely braced wings, neat tail; 3, 4, c, Thomas, buff, mkd. wings and head, nice length, col., and qual., well up on leg, 4th var., yell., lovely col. and qual., neat tail, very nervy; hc, Allen. HEN (10): 1, sp., Peters, tkd. wings yell., rich col., feathered like glass, neat head, grand wings and tail, A1 pos.; 2, Richards, buff, lovely qual., grand wings and tail; 3, 4, Allen, buff, tkd. neck, not so long as winners, lovely feather and pos., 4th yell. mkd. back, very stylish, lovely qual.; vhc, hc, Thomas; c, Cock and Son. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 3, Thomas, yell., lovely col. and qual., nicely braced wings, neat tail, well up on leg, 3rd yell., neat head and neck, nice length, good legs; 2, Julian, yell., lovely qual. and type, good head and neck, nice wings; 4, Richards, nicely braced wings, good col. and qual.; vhc, Hosken Bros.; hc, c, Patey. CINN. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Medlin, leader yell., good size and subs., neat head and front, sound rich col., 4th buff, nice size and col., very loose at thighs; 2, 3, Collins, yell., good qual. and col., nice type, good cond., 3rd buff, grand size, good head and front, Plymouth winner. A.O.V. CAN (10): 1, sp., c, Rabey, varieg., D.C., good centre and droop, nice frontal; 2, Symons Bros., cl., D.C., well formed headpiece, good centre, nice feather; 3, Kelynack, mkd., wing, nice droop, good centre, nice leafy feather; 4, Whetter, green C.B., good size and shape, nice entrance and skull; vhc, Unwin; hc, Shermau; c, Rabey. SELL (9): 1, Uren; 2, Symons Bros.; 3, c, Collins; 4, Hobla and Son; vhc, Howard; hc, Sherman. MEMBERS' NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Medlin; 3, Tiddy and Son. BUFF (5): 1, Medlin; 2, vhc, Tiddy and Son; 3, Johnson. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Medlin; 2, vhc, Johnson; 3, Tiddy and Son. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Tiddy and Son; 2, 3, Medlin. YORKS., YELL., CL. OR TKD. (4): BUFF (4); MKD. (3): All Tiddy and Son. CINN. YELL. (3): BUFF (3): All Medlin. HEN, A.V. (4): 1, Tiddy and Son; 2, Medlin; 3, vhc, Painter. SHIELD CLASS (2): 1, Medlin; 2, Tiddy and Son. GOLF. (2): 1, Cooper; 2, Painter. BRIT. SMALL (4): All Cooper.

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BRADFORD EAST: Sixty-seven Unflighted Birds in two classes!

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Bradford East O.S. held its annual exhibition Oct. 25 in Park Chapel Schools. Entries numbered 487 423 Yorks. in 25 classes and 64 Norwich in 8 classes. The rose bowl classes were a great attraction to exhibitors, entries in these two classes numbering 67 in yellows and 27 in buffs. The winner was a clear yell. belonging to Mr. J. Hirst, of Skelmanthorpe, a wonderful bird. Champion classes, with the exception of the cinnamon marks, were exceedingly well filled. The winner of the CAGE BIRDS Conpon Competition turned up in buff hen class, shown by Messrs. Ogden Bros., slightly ticked on neck, a perfect hen, able to beat the best amongst cocks. CAGE BIRDS winner in Norwich was a clear buff shown by Mr. J. Thomas, a bird that will hold its own amongst the best. Winner in the novice section was a spointed mkd. yell., put down in fine style by Mr. J. Northrop, the markings, col. and condition of this bird are really magnificent. The best classes of the show were the unflig. classes, several good birds in each class being out of the cards. The management was excellent and the staging the best we have seen this season; everyone could examine the birds without lifting them a great consideration. Mr. Hill had charge of the show, and everything was got through in a business like manner. He was well assisted by the following: Assist. Sec., Mr. W. Cruise. Stewards, Messrs. Rushworth, Stables, Walker, Priestley, Wilkinson Bros., White and Farrar. The Judges, Messrs. H. Sutcliffe and J. Trengove, got through their duties in good time, and everything seemed to go through satisfactory.

Mr. H. Sutcliffe's Classes.

YORKS YELL. (13): 1, Pickup and Son, grand length, well up on legs, good wings and tail, plenty of nerve, good head and shoulders, sound col., very stylish; 2, Lndbrook, hot col., neat wings and tail, nice head and neck, shade less than 1st; 3, Burdekin Bros., beautiful qual., good col., nice shape, very steady; 4, Bailey, big bird, nice col. and shape, stands well up, fine stock bird; vhc, Morrison; hc, Towers; c, Beaumont. BUFF (13): 1, Mason, splendid length, good head, nice filled-up neck, sound col., feathered like glass, good wings and tail, a gem, wins every time; 2, Chittenden, wonderful length, good col. and qual., nice wings and tail, good stock bird; 3, Naylor, very round and stylish, shade stronger, nice col., on good legs; 4, Saville, straight, extra qual., nice col. and pos., rather less; vhc, Bailey; hc, Hodgson; c, Thomas. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Dykes, mkd. head, good length, hot col., nice head and shoulders, well up on legs, neat wings and tail; 2, Snead, eye and neck mkd., beautiful qual., sound col., stands well up, good shape, very stylish; only beaten in col., some preferred for 1st; 3, 4, Towers, both wing tkd., 3rd fine qual., nice col., well up on legs, very racy, bad tail, 4th nice qual., pale in col., good bird, not quite ready; vhc, Bailey; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Helliwell. BUFF (17): 1, Chittenden, eye tkd., beautiful condition, extra qual., sound col., nice head and shoulders, good wings and tail, well up on good legs and teet; 2, Bennett, beauty, splendid feather, good col. and position, neat wings, pipe tail, just a shade less, well benched; 3, Dyson, neck tkd., lovely qual., nice col. and shape, very stylish, rather less; 4, Ogden Bros., wing tkd., good shape, stands well up, neat wings and tail, pale in col., not ready; vhc, Thomas; hc, Fowle; c, Lister. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Hirst, cl., beautiful shape, correct style, hot col., nice head and shoulders, on good legs, lovely qual., just a bit slack at waist, very steady, this bird won rose bowl; 2, cl., very much like the 1st in shape, stylish, not quite so long, inclined to open tail; 3, Priestley, cl., wonderful length, hot col., nice qual., shade stronger, good stock bird; 4, Fowle, cl., long slim bird, lovely col., nice style, good qual., inclined to cross wings; ex 4, Dykes, cl. hot col., beautiful wings, stands well up, nice qual., bad tail; vhc, ex vhc, Shackleton, very nice slim bird, good col. and qual., good bird to breed with, ex vhc shade stronger, lovely qual., nice col., neat wings and tail; hc, c, Dykes. BUFF (27): 1, 3, Shackleton, cl., wonderful length, lovely qual., good col., well up on legs, nice wings and tail, fine stock hird; 3rd cl., grand qual and col., plenty of nerve, nice head and shoulders, good wings and tail, only fails in length; 2, Briggs, cl., beautiful qual., well filled, good round body, lovely col., neat wings and tail, some preferred this to winner; 4, Stobart, cl., rather coarse, not ready, lucky to get the position; vhc, Bailey; hc, Firth; c, Dykes; some very good birds out of the cards. UNFLIG. HENS (23): 1, Hirst, cl. yell., a beautiful hen, good sound col., very slim, good wings and tail, lovely qual., well up on good legs and feet, well shown; 2, Thomas, cl. buff, beauty, extra qual., well filled-up neck, good shoulders and wings, nice pipe tail, a real good one for a buff; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., cl. buff, another good one, plenty of nerve, grand qual. and col., very smart and stylish; 4, Casey, cl. yell., nice stylish hen, good shoulders, capital wings and tail, nice qual.; hc, Briggs; c, Dykes. CL. OR TKD., HENS (15): 1, Thomas, slightly grizzled on head, lovely qual, plenty of nerve, nice shaped head and good shoulders, A1 wings and tail, good size; 2, Casey, cl., not so hig as 1st, but nice stylish hen, good qual. and colour, good shape; 3, Briggs, cl., beautiful col., nice qual., very shapely, rather unsteady; 4, Cruise, neck tkd., nicely feathered, good qual. and style, not quite as tight; vhc, Pickup and Son; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Helliwell. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., slightly tkd. on neck, wonderful hen, feathered like glass, beautiful head, well-filled neck, nice shoulders, lovely wings and tail, well up on good legs and feet, winner of CAGE BIRDS Champion Diploma, 4th slightly tkd. on wing, nice hen, good shape and position, but not quite dried up; 2, Tidswell, tkd. neck, grand qual., beautiful wings and tail, stands well up; 3, Beaumont, cl., lovely shape, very stylish, good head and shoulders, rather less; vhc, Ellis; hc, Brown and Son; c, Whitley. MKD. (19): 1, 4, Clegg, even mkd. yell., very smart stylish bird, hot in col., feathered like glass, lovely wings and tail, very straight and typical; 4th even mkd. buff, lovely col., stands well up on good legs, good wings and tail; 2, Ogden Bros., even mkd. yell., wonderful length, extra col., fails in wing carriage; 3, Hall, uneven mkd. yell., long slim bird, good qual. and col., not so good wings; vhc, Morrison; hc, Towers; c, Hailey. HENS (12): 1, Thomas, even mkd. yell., beautiful markings, lovely qual. and shape, good head and shoulders, nice wings and tail, a gem; 2, Mason, even mkd. buff, another beauty, well filled-up neck, good head, grand qual., stands up well, pipe tail; 3, Stobart, unven mkd. yell., nice stylish hen, grand qual. and col., not quite as long; 4, Iown end, even mkd. yell., nice shape, very stylish, good wings and tail, not as full in neck, vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Priestley; c, Thornton. CINN. MKD. (9): 1, Binns, yell. mkd. eyes and wings, wonderful length, very racy, grand col., stands well up, good stock bird, 2, 3, Brown and Son, yell. mkd. on head and wings, not as long as 1st, stands well up, neat wings and tail, sound col.; 3rd heavy mkd. yell., nice bird, good col., rather less, 4, Thornton, buff mkd. eyes and wing well filled neck, good head and shoulders, good col. and qual.; vhc, Atkinson and Firth. HENS (7): 1, Shaw Bros., yell., mkd. head and wings, beautiful qual., well braced wings and tail, good length, nice round head and chest, 2, Bennett, uneven mkd. yell., lovely position, grand qual. and col., stands up well; 3, Simonett, uneven mkd. buff, mkd. on head, cheek and wings, lovely qual., very stylish; 4, Pickup and Son, buff mkd. both eyes and neck, A1 qual., nice wings and tail, well up, vhc, Towers; hc, Whitwham; c, Binns. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Myers, cl., very straight and slim, lovely col. and qual., well drawn, stands on good legs; 2, Pedder, cl., lovely col., grand qual., very breedy, leggy and typical; 3, Ahot, tkd. wing, A1 qual., good legs, sound col., make a good stock bird; 4, Powell, cl., hot col., lovely position, neat wing and tail, looking bit down; vhc, Holgate and Aldridge; hc, Child; c, Ellis. BUFF (19): 1, Swaine, cl., beautiful condition, sound col., well up on legs, nice wings and tail, nicely drawn, very stylish, correct size; 2, Powell, cl., nice mealy col., lovely feather, good shape and style; 3, Radley, tkd., A1 qual., nicely braced wings and tail, very close up; 4, Mann, cl., wonderful length, nice col. and style, but on strong side; vhc, Taylor; hc, Dibb; c, Smith Bros. MKD. (20): 1, Northrop, winner in CAGE BIRDS Conpon Competition, 5-pointed, both eyes, wings, one side of tail, very rich col., beautiful position, well braced wings and tail, lovely qual., stands well up on good legs, a real gem; 2, Bushby, mkd. eyes and wings, hot col., wonderful length, but not as straight as 1st; 3, Ellis, mkd. eyes and wings, grand qual. and col., very stylish, short flighted; 4, Hudson, Cinn. mkd. eyes and wings, lovely qual., stands well up, good col., very stylish; vhc, Long; hc, Mosley; c, Child. HENS (14): 1, Hainsworth and Son, mkd. eyes, cheek and wings, yell., feathered like glass, stands well up, well braced wings and tail, very clean made, a gem; 2, Bedforth, longer than 1st, nice head and wings, good col., not as good in qual.; 3, Ellis, buff mkd. head, eyes, wing, shade less, extra qual., grand position, stands well up; 4, McLaughlin, huff, mkd. head, breast, and tkd. shoulder, nice stylish hen, lovely qual. and col.; vhc, Allot; hc, Firth; c, Hodgson. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Seager, cl., wonderful length, sound col., stands well up, grand wings and tail, nice head and shoulders, claimed; 2, Ratcliffe, cl., long, slim, and typical bird, well-fitting wings and tail, nice col.; 3, Swaine, cl., very stylish, lovely qual., neat wings and tail, well on leg; 4, Fountain, wing tkd., beautiful col., nice qual., rather shorter; vhc, Mosley; he, Bedforth; c, Pedder. BUFF (19): 1, Seager, cl., wonderful shape, nice head and shoulders, well-filled neck, grand wings and tail, very steady, good col. and qual., well shown; 2, Mosley, cl., very racy, good length, nice qual., not as clean as could be; 3, Sykes, cl., nice meal and lovely col., grand wings and tail, stands up well; 4, Hudson, cl., grand shape and stylish, nice back, rather slack in front; vhc, Bedforth; hc, Hardaker; c, Rushworth. HENS (19): 1, Bower, cl. buff, a little gem, feathered like glass, nice shape, good wings and tail, very stylish, well put down; 2, Hudson, Cinn. tkd. on wing, yell., well up on leg, grand col. and qual., very racy; 3, Powell, Cinn. tkd. yell., very long hen, good shoulders, wings and tail, nice col.; 4, Taylor, cl. buff, beautiful qual., nice shape, but on strong side; vhc, Northrop; hc, Seager; c, Hardaker. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Hamlyn, cl., very breedy, grand col., nice qual., well-fitting wings and tail, stands well on legs, nicely benched; 2, Fretwell, tkd. neck and wing, good lengthy hen, nice qual., unsteady; 3, Hudson, thigh tkd., very slim, stands correctly, good qual. and style; 4, Beaumont and Marsden, thigh tkd., sound col., well filled up, grand qual., very stylish; vhc, Smith; hc, Kirkbright; c, Hodgson. BUFF (12): 1, Rhodes, cl., lovely qual., well up on leg, nice stylish hen, room for improvement; 2, Hodgson, cl., beautiful feather, good col., nice wings and tail, very close up; 3, Smith, cl., very breedy hen, nice style and qual., not quite through moult; 4, Sutcliffe, cl., very straight, lovely qual., stands well up, shade less; vhc, Kirkbright; hc, Ellis; c, Ratcliffe. SELL., 15s. (10): 1, Townsend; 2, Atkinson; 3, Ludbrook; 4, Priestley; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Clark; c, Atkinson and Firth. 12s. 6d. (23): 1, Ellis; 2, Myers; c, Clark; 4, Self: vhc, Marsh; hc, Mosley; c, Riley Bros. HENS, 12s. 6d. (18): 1, hc, Laycock; 2, Haggis; 3, Midgley; 4, Bower; vhc, Fortnan; c, Riley Bros.

Mr. J. Trengove's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Harland, very smart, wonderful col., good breast, lovely wings and tail, stands well on perch; 2, 4, Thomas, neck tkd. and cl., rather paler, but beautiful qual., nice wings and tail; 4th big strong bird, inclined to cross its wings; 3, vhc, Simonett, cl., very hot in col., plenty of substance stands wel. BUFF (10): 1, CAGE BIRDS Diploma, Thomas, cl., rich, sound col., very good breast, good wings and tail, nice head, good winner; 2, Hirst, grand shape, uneven mkd., rather stout, not as good in head as 1st; 3, Ball, lovely col., plenty of chest, nice wings, this will improve; 4, vhc, Heap, cl., nice bird, very good shape, but not quite through; hc, Pickup and Son; c, Chittenden. HENS, YELL. (4): 1, Hirst, uneven mkd., beautiful head and breast, sound col., stands well; 2, 4, Thomas, cl., nice shaped body, rich col., not quite as good head: 4, cl., good head and qual., but fails in breast, also rather pale in col.; 3, Harland, cl., very nice shape and col., rather too much feather on head. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Heap, wing tkd., beautiful shape, head and chest of the best, nice wings and tail, rich col., 2nd slightly grizzled on both wings, very hot col., good brace; 3, Sykes, cl., very hot col., good head, but fails in breast, has not the subs. of the first two; 4, Hirst, even mkd., good col., nice wings, but does not carry its tail right; vhc, c, Ball; hc, Jackson. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 3, Mason, cl. yell., rich sound col., beautiful head, good breast, plenty of substance, good wings and tail, 3rd cl. buff, very hot col., nice bird, fails in head; 2, hc, Thomas, eye tkd. yell, rich col., plenty of subs., not quite as good head; 4, c, Jackson, cl. buff, grand head and wings, pale in col., unsteady; vhc, Simonett. UNFLIG. HENS (7): 1, c, Inman, cl. yell., rich sound col., splendid head and wings, stands well, 2, Thomas, cl. buff, grand col., lovely head and breast, good shape and position, 3, Simonett, yell. mkd. tail, grand shape and position, beautiful col and qual., rather strong, 4, vhc, Pickup and Son, cl. yell., beautiful head, rich col., nice type, rather faulty wings; hc, Harland. NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Alston, cl. yell., grand shape, very hot col., good head and breast, stands well across perch, well shown, 3rd cl. buff, nice col., beautiful head, rather coarser, not as good at breast; 2, Naylor, yell. head and wing mkd., very good head, rich col., rather coarse; 4, Riley Bros., cl. buff, good head and breast, A1 feather, pale in col., hc, c, Pedder. HENS (9): 1, 2, 1, Alston, cl. yell., wonderful head and breast, neat wing and tail, rich sound col, stands well, 2nd yell. mkd. on head, good bird, but rather coarser, will improve, 4th cl. buff, nice shape, good head and breast, only fails in col.; 3, vhc, hc, Lord, cl. buff, bouncing bird, good head and neck, nice breast, good shape, well shown, c, Bonnett.

RICHMOND (Surrey).

First annual show held in St. John's Hall, Richmond, Oct. 25. A very fine collection of Norwich and Yorks. were on view about 300 exhibits in all. Quality was really good, some very fine Norwich and York birds were put down by Messrs. Nichols, Bevington, Phipps, Cripps, Withers, Huxley, Bamber, Chance and Harriss. The trio of hybrids shown by Mr. Lamb were worth going a long way to see. Mr. W. Nichols won up for best Canary with his clear yellow, a true Norwich in every respect. A special feature of the show was a large aviary in the centre of the hall containing some hundreds of foreign birds, exhibited by Cottingbourne and Co., East Sheen, Surrey, this added greatly to the interest of visitors. The president, G. Cave, Esq., K.C., M.P., took a deep interest in the show, and seemed very pleased with the exhibits. Mr. W. Nichols, the genial sec., and other officials, worked very hard to make the venture a success. Mr. J. Holder judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2 sps., 3, vhc, c, Nichols, leader a grand cl. yell., nice round head, short compact body, sound col. and grand qual. of feather, wins; 3rd, neck and wing mkd., good type, fine feather; 2, Withers, nice head, close feather, hardly so thick-set as leader; hc, Phipps. BUFF (6): 1, 3, hc, Nichols, leader massive bird with big round head, good qual. and type; 3rd, head mkd., fine type, rich col., not so large; 2, Phipps, good bird, lovely shape, deserves its place. BUFF, VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Nichols, varieg., Nor. all over, lovely col. and fine feather; 2nd, similar, clean cut away, hardly so thick-set; 3, Withers, grand Nor. properties, hardly so good in head. HEN, CL. (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Nichols, buff, wonderful size for a hen, feather of finest qual; 2nd, smart lady, not so large, but good one; 3, Withers, nice head, splendid type, good bird. MKD. (6): 1, 3, Phipps, head tkd. yell., close, compact feather on beautifully shaped body, fine hen, wins; 3rd, splendid type, best of qual., not so large; 2, vhc, c, Nichols, variey. buff, short compact body, well carried wings and tail, not the size of winner. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Withers, smart bird, tight as Java, silky feather; 2, Huxley, stylish, good head and neck, hardly so stout as winner; 3, hc, Nichols, another sweet bird, true to type, not quite so deep-chested; vhc, hc, Phipps. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Nichols, chubby, nice head, well carried wings and tail; 3rd, close feather, splendid cond., lovely type; 2, Phipps, nice head and neck, good back, silky feather, hardly so large as leader; vhc, Huxley; hc, Withers. NOV. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Beavington, cl. yell., rich col., qual. of the best; 2nd, good bird, hardly so large; 3rd, ticked yell., nice head, neck and wings. BUFF, CL., ETC. (11): 1, 2, Beavington, large head, good back and wings, nice qual. and col.; 2nd, nice bird, hardly so well fined down; 3, Cripps, wonderful size, silky feather, hardly so short as leaders; vhc, hc, c, Buck. MKD. (5): 1, 2, Beavington, wonderful col., grand type and qual.; 2nd, close up, hardly so chubby; 3, Cripps, smart bird, true Nor. properties, a good 3rd; hc, Birch; c, Springett. HEN (11): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Beavington, yell., fine large bird, good head and wings, nice qual. and type; 3rd, cobby, not quite size; 2, Cripps, nicely moulded body, close fitting feather, smart hen; c, Phipps. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 2, 3, Beavington, tkd., nice neat head, fine shape and qual.; 2nd, 3rd, similar, beaten size; vhc, hc, Phipps; c, Buck. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, Beavington, trio of good Norwich, nice heads and necks, wing and tail carriage of the best; vhc, Cripps; hc, Phipps; c, Birch. NOVICE YORKS. (9): 1, Bamber, neck mkd., grand length, fine pos., close feather; 2, Phipps, slim build, stands well, smart; 3, Huxley, nice neat head, good back, straight one; vhc, hc, T. Harriss; c, Lallan. BUFF (12): 1, Miss Wright, feathered like wax, nice head, stands well, a real good Yorkie, quickly claimed at 20s., cheap; 2, Harriss, lengthy, true Yorkie; 3, C. Huxley, very smart, straight as rush, plenty swagger; hc, Chance; c, Keary. YELL. VAR. (2): 1, White, var. yell., stands erect, nice bird; 2, Carr, cl., another good one. BUFF (4): 1, Harriss, nice neat head, good style, straight one; 2, Bamber, cap and wing mkd., splendid Yorkie, grand reach, silky texture of feather, close up; 3, W. Phipps, good bird, hardly the length. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, E. Chance, slim in build, put down in fine form, wins; 2, Huxley, beautifully drawn, good reach, hardly the length; 3, c, Harriss, wing tkd., sweet hird, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Bamber, nice Yorkie; hc, Huxley. BUFF (13): 1, Harriss, grand hen, fine reach, straight as rush; 2, E. Chance, cl., well shown, very steady, good length bird; 3, c, Bamber, feather of the best, smart bird; vhc, Huxley; hc, H. White. HEN, VARIEG. (13): 1, Harriss, lightly varieg., good Yorks. properties; 2, H. White, cinn. mkd., short beak, neat head, good position, close up; 3, Bamber, another smart Yorkie, useful hen. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Harriss, finely drawn, straight up, good bird; 3rd, similar, not so long or fine; 2, c, Huxley, typical Yorkie, tight as Java; vhc, Miss Wright; hc, White, a good class all through. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Harriss, neat head, close fitting coat, compact wings, stands erect, good bird; 2, Huxley, close compact feather, true Yorkie, close up; 3, Chance, beautifully moulded, smooth as glass; c, White. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Withers, buff and yell. Lancs.; 3, Huxley, buff green Yorks.; vhc, hc, c, Best. NON-FED: 1, 2, hc, Perrett; 3, vhc, Parmiter; c, Snow. GOLDF., ETC. (8): 1, Sallem, Goldie, nice square cut blaze, well tanned, very steady; 2, Beavington, nice Chaffinch; 3, Buck, Bullfinch, good cap, sound back and breast col.; vhc, Huxley; hc, c, Beavington. A.O.V. (7): 1, Gibson, Linnet, nicely pencilled, well shown; 2, 3, Beavington, nice Redpoll and Greenf.; vhc, Sallem; hc, Foster; c, Birch. LIGHT CAN. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Lamb, grand hybrids, fit for any competition; vhc, Birch. DARK: 1, Lamb; 2, Beavington; 3, Birch; vhc, Keary; hc, Parmiter. FOR.: 1, 2, hc, Sallem; 3, Birch; vhc, Whalley; c, Bamber. SELL.: 1, Bamber; 2, Phipps.

STAMFORD.

Sixth annual exhibition of the Stamford and Dis. C.B.S. held Oct. 23 in the Corn Exchange, one of the very best halls for a show, large and well lighted, free from draughts, and with every comfort for birds. Cage health was good, 40 classes being provided, and two judges, Messrs. H. Battye and A. Silver, were appointed. The schedule was certainly deserving of better support than it received. The committee and Sec., Mr. Grimes, are all real hard workers, and need every effort to make the whole show a success; and the hanging was of the very best. In the Norwich were some splendid exhibits. Yorks, though not in great numbers, were all there for quality. Britain were a fine collection. Mules and Hybrids were quite a show, some splendid birds putting in an appearance. Foreign were quite up to average. Mr. Lawrence won cup for British and Mr. Wright for Canaries.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Handley and Son, cl., grand size and colour, lovely type, but rather coarse in feather; 2, Pepper, nice size and col., loses to winner in type and wings; 3, Harding, rather pale in col., nice type and feather, not so massive; res, Woods, hot fed cl. yell.; vhc, Godley; hc, Judd; c, Moore. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Keech and Son, cl., charming bird, lovely type and col., grand head and neck, beautiful flights and tail, wins; 2, Watts, larger, grand shape and type, good head and neck, not so good in flights and col.; 3, Moore, nice shape, size and col., good type, fails head; res, Bishop and Son, good size and col., winners all clears; vhc, Judd; vhc, Brown; c, Clark. EVEN, ETC. (9): 1, Keech and Son, head and neck mkd. Buff, grand size and type, nice feather and compact wings and tail; 2, Godley, neck and wing mkd. yell., very good col., nice size and feather, not so compact; 3, Grimes, var. Buff, good size and type; res, Moore, neat var. Buff. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Pepper, cl. Yell., lovely size and shape, excellent flights and tail, grand type and col.; 2, Grimes, cl. yell., not so compact in body, good type and feather, loses in col.; 3, Irons, nicely feathered Yell., good size, nice type, not so good as leaders in flights and tail; res, Moore, cl. Yell.; vhc, Murrel; hc, Rodgers. BUFF (9): 1, Handley and son, massive var., wonderful shape and type, charming flights and tail; 2, Welsh, cl., grand size and type, nice col., not so fine in feather, and not so well staged; 3, Judd, nice type and feather, not quite so massive or so good in wings and tail; res, Moore, head and neck mkd., nice type and size; vhc, Bishop and Son; vhc, Hulse; c, Irons. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Handley and Son, lovely cl., charming type and feather, grand qual. and col.; 2, Hulse, grand size, col. and type, not so compact as winner; 3, Judd, nice col., feather, and type, shade smaller than winners; res, Irons, massive cl., nice col.; vhc, Harding; hc Bateman; c, Moore. BUFF (11): 1, Pepper, cl., rare size, good col. and shape, nice feather; 2, Hulse, very compact cl., good type and feather, nice wings and tail, loses in head; 3 Rogers, rare qual. cl., beautiful feather and type; res, Handley and Son, good type and col.; vhc, Irons; hc, Moore; c, Bishop and Son. SELL., 30s. (7): 1, Brown, very cheap cl. Buff; 2, Hulse; 3, Grimes; res, Spriggs; vhc, Wright; hc, Godley; c, Fancourt and Harrison. 1913. 30s. (7): 1, Rogers, tkd. Yell.; 2, Welsh; 3, Godley; res, Ratcliffe; vhc, Wright; hc, Tebbitt; c, Sisson. NOR. NOV., £3 (6): 1, Sissons, grand head mkd. Buff, lovely size and shape, good type and col.; 2, Woods, cl. Yell., good size and colour, not so compact as winner; 3, Ratcliffe, neck and wing mkd. Buff, rare size and shape; res, Wright, very neat cl. Buff; vhc, Grimes; hc, Foley. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Wilkinson Bros., lovely cl., well up on leg, beautifully drawn out, grand back and qual.; 2, Beaumont, lovely qual. and style, nice length and col.; 3, Fancourt and Harrison, nice type and qual., good back, but shorter than winners; res, Sharp and Hibbitt, neck mkd., good length and col.; vhc, Fancourt and Harrison. BUFF (6): 1, Wilkinson Bros., head tkd., nice length and col., grand neck and back, good legs, well cut away behind; 2, Hedworth, lovely cl., nice col. and feather, good back, wings and tail, not so good in neck as winner; 3, Bishop and Son, good length and style, nice back, not so fine feather, tkd. eyes and wings; res, Beaumont, nice qual. cl.; vhc, Auton Bros. CL. ETC. HEN (7): 1, Wilkinson Bros., cl. yell., lovely length, well drawn out, nice back, wings and tail; 2, Hedworth, var. Yell., rare qual., nice style, loses in head and length to winner; 3, Auton Bros., var. Buff, grand length, shade stouter; res, Bishop and Son, Cinn. mkd., nice length and qual.; vhc, Fancourt and Harrison; hc, Beaumont; c, Lenton. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, sp best Yorks, Wilkinson Bros., grand cl., good length and col., nice back, wings and tail; 2, Sharp and Hibbitt, good yell., good length and qual., nice legs and well cut away, grand back and neck; 3, Bishop and Son, wing mkd., nice length, good pos. and qual., good legs, lacks head and neck; res, Clarke, neat tkd. yell.; vhc, Auton Bros.; hc, Fancourt and Harrison. BUFF (5): 1, Lenton, cl. Buff, good length, lovely style, grand back and neck; 2, Wright, tkd. Buff, good col., nice length, not quite the qual. of winner; 3, Fancourt and Harrison, nice qual. cl.; res, Beaumont; vhc, Clarke. SELL., 30s. (13): 1, Harriman, very cheap cl. Buff, good pos. and feather; 2, c, Wright, var. Yell., good length and style; 3, Auton Bros., very neat cl. Buff; res, Giles, nice qual. Yell.; vhc, Laughton and Son; hc, Twilley and Mann. NOV., £3 (7): 1, 3, Sayles, winner cl. Buff, nice length and style, 3rd cl. Yell., good length and col.; 2, Giles, good qual. cl. Buff; res, Lenton, neat tkd. Buff; hc, Laughton and Son. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Godley, rare bracc yell. Cinns., grand size and col., well laced markings; 3, Barnes, very nice gold, cl. capped Lizard, good col., well mkd.; res, Hart, neat Buff Cinn.

Mr. Silver's Classes.

CL. ETC. CAN. MULES, EXCEPT CAN.-BULLF. (4): 1, 2, 3, Lawrance, grand Goldf.-Can., leading, grand size and col., true Goldf. head; 2nd another good Goldf.-Can., but lacks the col.; 3rd very nice Linnet-Can., true Linnet character, good bird, wants a wash. DARK ETC. (12): 1, 2, 3, res, hc, Lawrance, rare team, winner a lovely Linnet-Can., good size and colour; 2nd another good Linnet-Can., larger, but somewhat darker in colour; 3rd Goldf.-Can., rare size, good blaze; res very good col. Siskin-Can.; vhc, Brewin; c, Wilson. BULLF. HYB. AND INCLUDING CAN.-BULLF. (7): 1, vhc, Lawrence, grand col. Can.-Bullf., good Bullfinch head and back col.; 2, Hart, good Goldie-Bullic, rare size, grand col., true characters of parentage; 3, Wilson, Can.-Bullf., larger than winner, but not so good in col.; res, Fancourt and Harrison, Greenie-Bullie, good col.; hc, Baker. HYB., TWO BRIT. BIRDS (9): 1, vhc, hc Lawrance, winner Goldf.-Greenf., grand size and col., good Greenfinch head; 2, 3, Meek, 2nd rare Hybrid Twite-Greenf., very good size, nice col., good Greenf. wings; 3rd very nice Siskin-Redpoll; res, Judd, Linnet-Redpoll, good size and col. GOLDF. (7): 1, Fancourt and Harrison, rare body, grand col., deep coloured blaze, might be a bit more square; 2, Atkins, good size, shade lighter in body col., nice wings and buttons; 3, Foley, nice blaze, not quite so large or so good in body col., clahned; res, Tupholme; vhc, Mays; hc, Gotobed. BULLF. (11): 1, res, Mays, winner grand size and col., nice cap and bars; res, good size, not so tight; 2, Belcher, nice size, good cap and col.; 3, Naylor, larger, good shape and cap, not so bright in col; vhc, Fancourt and Harrison; hc, Meek; c, Wilson. GREENF. (5): 1, Lawrance, rare size, good col., nice head and beak; 2, Brown and Lock, massive size, very chubby, not so good in col. as winner; 3, Willson, nice shape and col., not so massive; res, Belcher, good size, very steady; vhc, Gotobed. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Mays, winner grand size, good col., nicely pencilled; 2nd larger, nicely laced, not so bright in col.; 3, Terry, nice col. and lacing, shade smaller; res, Lawrance, good size and lacing; vhc, Lee. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF. (9): 1, sp, Brotherhood, winner grand Bramble, excellent size and col., well spangled back and head; 2, Wilson, another nice Bramble, good size and nicely spangled, not so good in col.; 3, Mays, nice Chaffinch, good size and col., markings very clear on wings; res, Lawrance, Chaffinch, nice col., rough in feather. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Belcher, winner grand Siskin, good col., nice cap, well laced thighs; 2, Mays, Lesser Redpoll, good col., well laced; 3, Dr. Wilson, Twite, good size and col., well defined lacing; res, Lee, Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Brown and Locke. HARDBILL HEN (7): 1, Mays, winner a massive Hawfinch, nice head and bib, good col.; 2, hc, Baker, rare good Bullfinch, fine size and col., grand cap; 3, Lawrance, Bramble, rare size, good col., nicely spangled; res, Atkins, Siskin, nice size and col.; vhc, Fancourt and Harrison. A.O.S. LARGE (5): 1, vhc, Mays, winner Blackbird, rare size and col., good bill; 2, res, Lawrance, fine Corn Bunting, good size, col. and lacing; res, good Hawfinch; 3, Nayler, grandly marked Thrush, nice size; vhc, Mays, Shrike, an easy winner only for a broken feather in tail. SMALL (6): 1, 2, hc, Mays, good Tree Creeper, in grand form; 2nd a very nice Wryneck; 3, Lewis, nice Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, nice markings; res, Burrows, very good Redstart; vhc, Bent. PIED ALBINO, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Mays, nice coloured Hedge Sparrow; 2, Cinnamon Reed Bunting. FOR. SMALL (7): 1, sp, Saywell, grand col. Necklace Tanager; 2, 3, Howe, 2nd very nice Melba Finch; 3rd good Rock Bunting; res, vhc, hc, Bowman. LARGE (7): 1, Greenham, very good col. Ringneck; 2, Teear, nice Indian Rock Parrot; 3, no name, good Grey Parrot; res, Bell; vhc, Potter. SELL., 15s. (7): 1, Rogers; 2, Harriman; 3, Wright; res, Grimes; vhc, Spriggs; hc, Fancourt and Harrison. 20s. (6): 1, Barnes; 2, Spriggs; 3, res, Fancourt and Harrison; vhc, Gotobed; hc, Wright. PET CAN. AND CAGE (6): 1, Miss Kendall; 2, Mrs. Terry; 3, Mrs. Pick; res, Mrs. Boyden; hc, J. W. Exton.

BRAINTREE.

Show held at the Corn Exchange, Oct. 25. The birds were nicely staged in a good light. Judging was over and cards up in good time. Mr. F. A. Hunnable, the courteous and obliging hon. sec., supported by a good working committee, having everything well in hand. Mr. T. S. Ward judged. Classes were not well filled owing no doubt to the somewhat meagre classification, and £5 limit. Silver challenge cups and three specials were won by Messrs. Sayward and Monk, with a grand Magpie, shown in splendid trim. Silver cup for runner up by Mr. P. Linn, a nice D.C.

NOR. (8): 1, Clayden, fine large cl. buff, good chest and head, bit slack in feather, good col.; 2, res, Rippon; 2, yell., grizzled on head, short and cobby, good col.; 3, Outten, cl. buff, plenty of size, good neck, nice wings, slack at thighs, fails in col. to winner; vhc, Collicott; hc, Sim; c, Shepplherd. CREST. (4): 1, sp, cup for runner up, Linn, fine variog. D.C., nice droop and centre, hardly ready, will improve; 2, 3, Hayden; 2, cl. body D.C., not so dense in crest as winner; 3, var. C.B., good skull, plenty of feather. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Linn, winner, nice cl. yell., takes the perch well, good length, nice qual., good col., and feather, wins well; 2, tkd. buff, good pos. and length, not quite such qual. as winner; 3, Strutt, loses in length to winner, nicely packed wings; res, Clayden; vhc, Britton. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Linn, variog. D.C., nice centre and size, bit open on side, will improve; 2, 3, Rippon, Nor. Leader, cl. yell., good col. and type, well packed wings, med. size; 3, cl. buff, short tail, good wings and col.; res, Outten; vhc, Clayden; hc, Smith; c, Sayward and Monk. PAIRS, SELL. (6): 1, Collicott, Nor. cheap pair; 2, Strutt, Yorks; 3, Sayward and Monk; hc, Strutt, Yorks. SELL., 20s. (4): 1, Collicott, good col. Buff Nor., good type and condition; 2, Clayden, cl. yell, Nor., good front, nice wings and col.; 3, res, Rippon, 3, buff Nor. 10s. (4): 1, 2, res, Sayward and Monk; 3, Pepper. NOV., A.V. (14): A real good class, some of them could hold their own in the open classes: 1, vhc, Smith, splendid cl. buff Nor., good col., grand qual., good wings and short tail, A1 type, wins easily; 2, Stanley, nice length Yorks., good wings and pos., rather poor in col.: 3, res, Springett, cl. Buff Nor., good type and Col., rare quality and good wings, fails head to winner; res, good cl. yell. Nor.; vhc, Linn; vhc, c, Pepper. MULE or HYB. (4): 1, 2, res, Sayward and Monk, leader, Goldf.-Can. or Linuet-Can.: res, Goldf.-Linn.: 3, Sibley, Siskin-Goldf. GOLDF. (4): 1, Sayward and Monk, good blaze, nice exhibit: 2, Britton, neat, but very wild; 3, Clayden, in good trim, nicely shown. BULLF. (4): 1, Britton, nice col., and steady, well shown; 2, 3, res, Sayward and Monk, second smaller than winner; 3, loses in col. A.O. HARDBILL (4): 1, 3, Sayward and Monk, first Yellowhammer, splendid bird, in fine trim; 3, Siskin; res, Outter, Siskin. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, Sayward and Monk, splendid Magpie, in grand feather and condition, 2 Missel Thrush, topper for col. and marking. Members' classes were well filled and contained some good Canaries, and a nice collection of Brit., Mules, and Hyb., making quite a show of their own.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Enterprise Ill Rewarded: Grand Novice Yorks. classes; But where were the Champions?

The seventh annual show of the Wolverhampton C.B.S. was held Oct. 21-25, in the Co-operative Hall, a room of great size, free from all draughts, with windows all round and lighted by electricity at night, many of the visitors declaring it to be the best hall in the Midlands for a cage bird show. Although the society was stretching a point by giving cash to every card, fanciers failed to support it, yet some thought the clashing with Coventry Godiva had a good deal to do with it. Norwich came up very poor compared with last year, being only 74 in 8 classes, but though members were small, the quality was absolutely fine. The clear yellow staged by Mr. G. V. Williams was simply a treat, no wonder he won the C.B. 10s. spl. and diploma for best champion bird. He deserves both honours. The winning buff put down by S. Cook is a stormer, splendid texture of feather and downed to the minute. Novice Norwich were not so good as last year, an average of 9 per class. The unlighted buff mkd. staged by Messrs. Gough and Loach was a real beauty, and would have given the upper class a shock; he captured "C.B." 10s. cash special and diploma, and Hyde's spl. Yorks turned up better than Norwich, averaging 59 in six classes, but this was nothing considering it was a M.C.Y.C.C. show. Diploma fell to Mr. P. Lane, with a ticked yell., a fine upstanding bird of grand length and position. Novices in this section were out for blood, 74 birds being staged in 4 classes, some grand birds having to stand down. The "C.B." diploma fell to the lot of A. Philpott's fine Yorks, which was beaten in class by three extra fine birds, which would have won in championship classes.

A Treat to Look at.

Cage Birds Coupon scheme brought together the finest birds of the show, and when they were all brought on to the tables—champions on one and novices on another—they were a treat to look at. Cash spl. and diploma for best Norwich, P. V. Williams; Yorks, P. Lane; Brit. Hardbill, G. Potter; Foreign, F. Price, with his champion Siberian Goldie looking quite in his Scottish National form; Softbill, P. V. Williams; Novice cash spl. and diploma, Gough and Loach; Yorks, A. Philpott. A.O.V., F. Proctor. Other specials were: Best bird in open, J. Gibbons' unflig. breast marked yellow Yorks, which also won spl. for best members' Yorks. Best Nor., Gough and Loach. Best Brit. or Mule, J. A. Yonks, who also won "C.B." diploma for best Mule. Sandiford's, Messrs. Crundell and Rowley.

Members' classes turned up grandly, especially the Nor. and British; spls. in these were won by F. J. Weaver, Nor.; E. Hall, Yorks; G. Raby, Brit. The society is to be congratulated upon its band of workers. Every exhibit at the show had the best of attention. At the head is Mr. F. J. Weaver, chairman, and Mr. F. Garfield turned out again at the right moment, and with his well-known ability soon got the Norwich on their tiers. The society have another fine helper in Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury), who deputised as show manager in the absence of the secretary, who had to leave the show-room for a few hours. The staging was splendidly arranged by W. Harrison in 3 tiers. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, "C.B." spl, Williams, great size, beauty for type, qual., etc., for a big 'un, wide head and chest, looks like last year's winning unflighted; 2, Hathaway, good col., size and condition, not quite so good in head or body; 3, Garfield, well up in size, rare width and depth of chest, short wings and tail, good qual., loses to winners in head; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Broadhurst; c, Collier. BUFF (9): 1, Cook, grand cl., good head, good col., qual., and size, not so deep from shoulder to chest; 2, Williams, fine size and shape, nice subs. and qual., not quite so tight as leader; 3, Eckersley, grand col. and qual., not at its best to-day; vhc, Proctor; hc, Crundell and Rowley; c, Willoughby. UNEVEN (13): 1, Hathaway, mkd. head and wing, nice size, lovely type, col. and qual., short and compact, grand bloom; 2, hc, Willoughby, good head and neck, grand subs.; 3, Weaver, grand front, well packed wings and tail, tight as a Java; vhc, Garfield; c, Proctor. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Eckersley, variog., grand size, good head and neck, deep through; 2, vhc, Garfield, good size and type, rare quality; 3, Robinson, good head and chest, nice qual., fails in size to winners; hc, Bastock. BUFF (10): 1, c, Eckersley, grand size, col., and qual., tight as wax, well deserves its place; 2, Wood, fine size, good head and back, shade thicker behind; 3, Collier, good head and neck, grand texture of feather; vhc, Robinson; hc, Garfield. YELL. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Williams, cl., excellent shape, fine depth of chest, well cleaned out, short wings, and tail well carried; 2, Hathaway, bonny cl., nice head, short and compact in build, good col.; 3, A. C. Brotherhood, good size, well cut away, very shapely, not so hot in col.; vhc, Broadhurst; hc, Proctor; c, Willoughby. BUFF (7): 1, Eckersley, real bonny type, round as a ball, rare full head and neck, short wings and tail, in lovely bloom; 2, Hathaway, hardly so shapely or thick through as winner, still fine type, nice type and qual.; 3, Crundell and Rowley, var., good col. and qual.; vhc, Weaver; hc, Garfield; c, Willoughby. HEN UNFLIG. (12): 1, Willoughby, grand cl., fine head and neck and subs.; 2, Garfield, fine head and neck and subs., tight as wax; 3, Broadhurst, wonderful qual., good head and neck, nice size and shape; vhc, Cook; hc, Eckersley; c, Robinson.

NOV. YELL. (4): 1, Barnsley, grand size and shape, nice col. and qual.; 2, Ford, very warm col., good head, rare shape; loses a bit in size; 3, Parker, nice size, col., and qual.; vhc, Gough and Loach. BUFF (7): 1, Fitchett, bonny size and shape, grand head and subs.; 2, Walker, good size and warm col., rare good head; 3, Barnsley, good size and shape, fine col. and qual.; vhc, Hyde; hc, F. W. Martin; c, Woodbine. HEN (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gough and Loach, 1st mkd. Buff, grand head and subs., rare size; 2nd mkd. back Buff, grand feather, qual., and size; 3rd mkd yell., nice head and subs., fails under beak; hc, no name; c, J. Hampton. UNFLIG. (15): 1, C.B. cash and dipl, Gough and Loach, grand mkd. Buff, good subs., nice head and back, round as a ball; 2, Fitchett, smaller than winner, still fine shape, col., and cond.; 3, Hampton, Yell., good subs. and col., fails in head; vhc, Ford; hc, J. H. Barrett; c, Woodbine. CREST (1): 1, Groves, C.B. (1): 1, Groves, hard lines to have no competition. YORKS CL. OR TKD. (9): 1, sp, dipl., Lane, fine length, grand shape, good shoulders and back, long sided, neat style and pos.; 2, Williams, cl., grand length, fine head, neat shoulders, good col. and shape; 3, hc, Wells and Clempson, fine length and shape, not fined down yet; vhc, Andrews; c, J. Clay. BUFF (9): 1, Atkinson and Firth, grand cl., splendid pos., worth its place, good head and length, narrow shoulders and good col.; 2, Williams, cl., of rare length and col., straight as a rush and nice shape; 3, Hirst, grand length, bit stronger in build, good wedge shape, nice style and position; vhc, J. Clay; hc, Wells and Clempson; c, Gibbons. MKD. OR VARIEG. (8): 1, P. Lane, head and wing mkd. Yell., nice length, well cut away, needs no comment, wins; 2, Atkinson and Firth, rare length, slim in build, neat shoulders, good back and style, close up; 3, c, Wells and Clempson, mkd. head and wings, rare length, good col. and qual.; vhc, Williams; hc, Raybould. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Williams, cl., nice length, good pos., col., and qual., wins to-day on cond.; 2, sp, Gibbons, yell., mkd. breast, rare length, nice head and neck, on a good pair of legs, bit dirty; 3, Lane, hardly the length, but lovely style, col., and qual.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Wells and Clempson; c, Atkinson and Firth. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Lane, 1st grand damsel, upstanding, grand length and style; 2nd good length, well up on leg, neat head nice qual.; 3, Wells and Clempson, down in cond., nice head, neat shoulders, good back and carr.; vhc, Williams; hc, Andrews; c, Hirst. BUFF (8): 1, Williams, fine length, well drawn, good head and back, well braced wings and tail, nice style and qual.; 2, Wells and Clempson, cl., rare length, nice head, hardly so long as winner, gets up well, grand qual.; 3, Lane, shade shorter, good qual.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Gibbons; c, J. Clay. NOV. YELL. CK. (22): 1, G. A. Smith, entered in novice Nor. classes, lucky in not being disqualified, looks like a noted winner in new hands, grand length, nice position; 2, Austin, variog. yell., stands on a nice pair of legs, hardly the length; 3, E. Hall, cl., nice round head, lovely qual. of feather; vhc, C.B. diplo., Philpott; hc, Salt, Ratcliffe. BUFF (18): 1, Beckett, fine length and shape, neat head, good shoulders and back, nice style and pos., good qual.; 2, A. G. Farrell, splendid length, col., qual., loses in carr. to winner; 3, Hinton, grand big bird, nice length, col., and qual.; vhc, Salt; hc, Weekes; c, F. Walker. UNFLIG. (21): 1, 2, Swindon, 1st lovely length and shape, neat at waist, good head, stylish, rare col. and qual.; 2nd very fine length, well compact wings and tail, hardly so stylish; 3, T. Walker, grand length, neat head, good back and wings, fine quality; vhc, c, Bayliss; hc, Lawton. YORKS HEN: 1, Austin, fine length, neat in head, nice wedge shape, well up on leg, carries herself well; 2, 3, Salt, nice length and shape, shade open on back, splendid wing carr.; 3rd grand length, col., and qual., shows well; vhc, c, Hinton; hc, Ratcliffe. A.O.V. (11): 1, Proctor, Cinn., grand col. and marking, good head and qual.; 2, vhc, Green, leader another Cinn., good head, rare col., hardly the subs. of winner; 3, c, Baker, still another Cinn., not the quality of winner, but a grand bird; hc, Hartup. SELL., £1 (8): 1, Brotherhood; 2, Wood; 3, F. Martin; vhc, Hampton; hc, Windsor; c, Bicker and Dagg. 10s. 6d. (10): 1, Meeson; 2, vhc, Windsor; 3, Taylor; hc, Wilson; c, Hathaway. DK. MULE (4): 1, vhc, Tonks, leader wins C.B. diploma, grand Linnet Mule, good size, hot col.; 2, Poole, grand Goldie Mule, well up in face and col., makes a good fight with winner; 3, Raby, nat. col. Siskin Mule, nicely pencilled. CL. MULE (2) 1, Poole, grand cl. yell. Goldie, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Raby, another Goldie Mule, bit pale in col., nice cond. GOLDF. (8): 1, Davies, good size and col., nice width of face, rich tanning, in rare fettle; 2, Potter, wins C.B. diploma, hardly the size of winner, nice shape, square cut face, nice moons and bars; 3, Palmer, nice size, square cut face, bit black in face; vhc, c, Lovatt and Mason; hc, Tonks. No. 6 had hard lines in being put into freshly painted cage and getting paint on back of head, or would have been among the leaders. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Davies, 1st rare size and shape, plenty of work on breast, good body col.; 3rd hardly so stout in build, well pencilled, runs light from throat; 2, Tonks, grand Nor. type, well pencilled, in delightful fettle, paler than leader; vhc, c, Tonks; hc, Osborne and Welch. GREENF. (5): 1, W. Poole, good size, shape, col., and cond., rare head; 2, Harris, nice yell. body col. and cond., not the size of winner; 3, Lines, nice chubby bird, not the col. of leaders; vhc, Tonks; hc, Potter. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, J. Davies, splendid Lesser, fine size and shape, excellent lacing, fine bib, col., and cond.; 2, Raby, sweet Siskin with good bib, nice size; 3, Williams, another Poll, fine size and shape; vhc, Taylor; hc, Tonks, should have been higher up; c, E. Hall. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, Potter, excellent Hawfinch, fine col. and marking, good bib, to the time of taking notes was minus a few flight feathers; 2, Osborne and Welch, grand Bullie, grand breast col., fine cap and bars, in splendid cond.; 3, Tonks, smashing big Chaffinch, excellent col. and markings, shows whites to perfection; vhc, Williams; hc, Welch; c, F. Bembow. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, C.B. dipl, Williams, Chough and Magpie put down as usual in fine condition. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, C.B. dipl for best For., Price, grand Siberian Goldie, looking grand, easy win; 2, 3, Dr. Morris, fine brace, put down in excellent condition. LARGE: 1, Williams, grand Toucan, quite himself again, magnificent specimen. MEMBERS' NOR. CK. (11): 1, Gough and Loach; 2, Robinson; 3, Hampton; vhc, Weaver; hc, c, Gibbons. HEN (11): 1, sp, Weaver; 2, Garfield; 3, Robinson; vhc, Crundell, Rowley; hc, Gough and Loach; c, Hampton. UNFLI. (20): 1, 3, Gibbons; 2, Hampton; vhc, c, Garfield; hc, Weaver. YORKS CK. (4): 1, sp, E. Hall; 2, vhc, Gibbons; 3, Harrison. HEN (3): 1, Hall; 2, 3, Gibbons. UNFLIG (6): 1, 2, vhc, Gibbons; 3, Hall; hc, c, Harris. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Weaver; 2, vhc, hc c Harrison. MULES (5): 1, 3, Raby; 2, hc, Weaver; vhc, Harrison. BRIT. (10): 1, vhc, Price; 2, 3, Weaver, hc, c, Harrison. BRIT. F.M. (6): 1, hc, c, Price; 2, vhc, Raby; 3, Hall.

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LONDON & P.O.S.

L. and P.O.S. Annual Members' Show, Oct. 2nd and 3rd. A more suitable room than the beautiful Holborn Hall would be difficult to find. Notwithstanding the membership limitation, birds came from Yorkshire, Hampshire, Devon, Herts, Essex, Lincolnshire, Dorset, etc., for the members of the L. and P.O.S. live far and near. In fact, in many respects the competition was as keen, and the competitors as widely separated in residence as is the case at any open show. Entries numbered between 300 and 400, and this number would undoubtedly have been largely increased had it not been that Wimbledon Show was being held on the same dates, for most of the L. and P.O.S. members supported both shows. Mr. Thos. Heath judged Canaries and Mules, and Mr. Frostick British and Foreign; Mr. C. W. Law, the popular Hon. sec., left no stone unturned to make the show a success, giving attention to every detail. His efforts were ably backed up by Messrs. Geo. Crabb (the universally respected chairman), J. W. Ramsden (the estate manager of the Great Crystal Palace Show), Matthew, Hodder, Butler, Percival, Harris, Shakespeare, and Madame Madewell, who was most assiduous in her attentions at the entrance. One of the special features was a very fine water colour announcement poster, designed by Mr. F. J. Day, a member of the committee. Six silver challenge cups were in competition, and specials numbered nearly 60. Mr. G. Crabb's special for best Norwich was won by Mr. L. J. Richardson with a bouncing ticked buff, Mr. Fulford taking Mr. Crabb's sp. for best Yorks. Mr. Marley's magnificent Blackbird won sp., best British; and Miss Bousfield's white-capped Tanager, best Foreign. Champion Norwich were a classy lot, combining type, quality, and colour, in a marked degree. Yorkshires were a splendid collection, and Mr. Fulford may be congratulated upon distancing such exhibits as came from the rooms of Messrs. Wilcock, Ogden Bros., Dykes, Anton, etc. Crests and C.B. were a good display for quality; and Borders, although not numerous, were good. In Novices some splendid Norwich graced the benches, Nov. Yorks. were a graceful stylish, superior collection, Borders few, but neat. In Mules and Hybrids there were some charming specimens of the Goldie-Can., Redpoll-Can., and Siskin-Can. crosses. British were a treat; Mr. Marley sending a splendid team. Foreign came up well, and the delightful plumage of these natives of far-off climes gave colour and finish to the show.

Mr. Heath's Classes.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. (11): 1, sp, Silk, jun., yell., full of qual., deep col., nice body, just a trifle weak in head and neck, but a nice one; 2, Hodder, buff, grand body shape, rare tone of feather, nice head, beautifully mealed; 3, Baker, yell., lovely feather, level col., hardly at its best yet; vhc, Baker; hc, Fox; c, Buckingham, Kilby. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, 2 spls., Richardson, a bouncer, tkd. buff, grand feather for such a large bodied bird, good head, carr., etc.; 2, Spillman, grizzled wings and tail, rare shape and silky in feather; 3, Baker, tkd. yell., fine bold head, stout in body, not quite tightened up; vhc, hc, Hodder; Ramsden's spl., Kilby. HENS (13): 1, Baker, bonny yell., grand head, short wings and tail, rare col.; 2, Fox, buff, very sweet hen, rare type, full of qual.; 3, Silk., jun., yell., silky feather, good shape; vhc, hc, Richardson; c, Baker. UNFLIG. (13): 1, sp, Hodder, buff, bonny shape, full of qual.; 2, 3, Baker, grand bodied, short winged yell., rich and deep in col., silky in feather; 2nd, sweet buff, of rare qual.; vhc, Spillman; hc, Richardson; c, Crawford. YORKS., CL. (13): 1, 2 spls, Fulford, upstanding, quick nerved bird, excellent qual.; 2, sp, Ogden Bros., buff, very sweet, well on the leg, fine taper, well folded wings and tail; 3, Anton, yell., fine length and well braced up, nice action, well on leg; vhc, c, Buckingham; hc, Wilcock. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, sp, 2, Wilcock, two charming birds, of nice length, full of fire, beautifully posted; 3, Dykes, yell., very stylish, grand qual., well on leg; vhc, Clarke; hc, Dykes; c, Shakespeare. HENS (9): 1, Fulford, buff, very sprightly, sweet feather, well tapered, stands well; 2, 3, Dykes, yell. and buff in order named, both typical and stylish, well after the winner; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Ogden Bros; c, Calter. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 3, Wilcock, leader, gem of a buff, fine whip, nice length, free from any sign of coarseness; 2, Dykes, very stylish yell., gets up like a soldier, full of nerve; vhc, hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Buckingham. CRESTS (7): 1, sp, 2, Campbell, two variegateds, winner, fine girth of crest, rare frontal, good droop and vein, full, stout in body; 2nd not quite so massive either in body or crest; 3, Mrs. Litchfield, grizzle, good frontal, drop, and centre, nice body; vhc, sp, Day; hc, c, Oldaker. C.B. (5): 1, sp, 3, Day, leader, a variegated, nice skull, rare length of feather on head, good entrance; 2, Mrs. Litchfield, rare bodied yell., good skull, and nice length of head feather; vhc, hc, Oldaker. BORD. (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Salter, very fine team, four jaunty birds, full of qual., well posted; hc, Newley; c, Shakespeare. NOV., NOR. CL. (7): 1, vhc, sp, Fleet, fine shape and qual., good head, short legs, and flights; 2, Percival, buff, chubby, rare silky feather, full of col. under; 3, Harris, yell., rattling col. and qual., hardly so stout as some; hc, Cooper; c, Percival. HEN (10): 1, sp, vhc, Kerr, nice bodied yell., silky feather, neat head; 2, Harris, buff, nice shape, neat head, just a trifle feathery, but a good one; 3, c, Percival, yell., fine qual., good head and body, just a wee bit long in tail. UNFLIG. (12): 1, sp, c, Harris, buff, short wings and tail, silky feather, only slight fault, just a wee bit short of col.; 2, Cooper, buff, very sweet, fine silky feather; 3, Fleet, very nice feather, neat shape, head, and wings; hc, c, Fairman. YORKS., TKD., ETC. (8): 1, sp, Fairman, buff, nice length, travels prettily, beautiful feather, nicely tapered, a good one; 2, sp, Fleet, yell., very taking bird, hard lines to meet one so good as 1st; 3, c, Nicholls, yell., scarcely so long or so nice in taper, but rare qual. and col.; vhc, Huggins; hc, Milsom. HENS (8): 1, sp, 2, Fairman, two smart Yorkies, a varieg. buff and a yell., stand well, rare feather, a credit; 3, Milsom, yell., very smart hen, of rattling position, nice feather; vhc, Ward; hc, c, Bamber. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, hc, c, Huggins, very nice team, winner, smart and typical; 3, Ward, again very stylish and well shown; vhc, sp, Fairman. BORD. (5): 1, sp, Warner, very jaunty green, sweet feather; 2, Ward, yell, sweetly pretty, must have run leader closely; 3, hc, Ward. LIMIT (10): 1, Richardson, nice buff Nor.; 2, Lilley, green crest; 3, Withers, neat buff Yorks.; vhc, Hodder (2), Ramsden; hc, Oldaker; c, Clarke. LIGHT CAN.-HYBRID (8): 1, sp., Lamb, grand, nearly cl. Goldie.-Can., beautifully shown; 2, Ramsden, large, grand feathered mkd. mule, same cross; 3, Buckingham, very smart mule; vhc, Nicholls; c, Allison. DARK (6): 1, sp, Buckingham, Redpoll-Can., very tight feathered, grand shape and markings; 2, sp, Miss Bousfield, Redpoll-Can., sweet bird, grand col.; 3, Crabb, rich col., well mkd. Sis.-Can.; vhc, hc, Ramsden; c, Madewell.

Mr. Frostick's Classes.

GOLDF. and BULLF. (8): 1, Pitchford, fine, large bird, good square blaze, but like the rest in the class, not yet up in col., nice condition, wins; 2, hc, c, Marley, good C.M. Bullie, rather pale, but beautiful condition; 3, vhc, Stephens, more forward in col., just falls in bloom and high condition. LINNET, ETC. (12), fine class: 1, 3, vhc, c, Marley, nice team, leader, really fine Linnet, grandly mkd., beautiful style and shape, chest like a guardsman; 2, rich col. Twite; 2, Stephens, very large Mealy Redpoll, good col. and marks; hc, Pitchford, the Clapham winning Linnet, richer in col. than first, but not equal in shape or style. GREENF., ETC. (11): 1, ?, 3, vhc, hc, Marley, a clean sweep with a clinking team, well known Hawfinch in grand form, rich col. Bramble, equally good Chaffinch, perfect Greenf., and an excellent Cirl Bunting, all staged to perfection in the order named; c, Pitchford, nice Bramble, hardly the col. of leader; No. 7, Marley, Lapland Bunting, left out for being blind in one eye. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (6): all the cards to Marley, with his noted team Blackbird, Fieldfare, Missel Thrush, Blackbird, and Song Thrush, in the order named, every bird a winner in its own class in any competition, a credit to their owner. A.O. INSECT. (8): 1, Marley, Great Grey Shrike, well shown; 2, and vhc, Puck, one of the best Black caps, living, absolutely perfection, and a nice Lesser, Whitethroat; 3, Miss Smyth, well shown pair of bearded Tits; hc, Stephens. FOREIGN INSECTIVOROUS, ETC. (5): 1, 3, spls., Miss Bousfield, white-capped Tanager, well-known winner, in better condition than ever, now a rare species, a beautiful exhibit; 2, 3, vhc, Puck, pied Rock Thrush, the very best of its kind ever staged, wonderful col.; 3, fine Shama, but rather slack in flights, in full song, a charming cage bird; vhc, delightful blue-throated Warbler, showing signs of very careful management; hc, Miss Smyth, beautiful Baltimore Oriole. AVADAVATS, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, c, Newley, lovely pair of Fire Finches, in grand trim, good pair of pink cheeks and golden-breasted Waxbills, nicely staged; 2, Buckingham, charming pair of golden-breasts, fine col., and condition; 3, Miss Bousfield, extra choice pair Ribbon Finches, in wonderful condition; hc, Mdme. Madewell, white-headed Mannikins. WAXBILLS, ETC. (8): 1, hc, c, Miss Smyth, genuine true pair Pileated Finches, hens of this species not often seen, nicely staged, grand cock, red-headed Finch, beautifully marked, and uncommon red-headed Weaver, in tip-top order; 2, 3, vhc, Miss Bousfield, excellent black-headed Gouldian cock, choice pair masked Grassfinches, and good pair Rufous-Tails, well shown. NOV. BULLF. or GOLDF. (5): 1, Tapper; 2, Milsom; 3, Allison; vhc, hc, Stephens. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Mdme. Madewell; 2, 3, Cullers; hc, Allison. A.O. FINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Stephens; 2, 3, vhc, Mdme. Madewell.

NORTHAMPTON.

The 42nd annual show of the Northampton Good Intent O.S., held Oct. 22 in the Corn Exchange. The hall is in every way suitable for such a function, being well lighted and free from sudden changes of temperature. The secs., Messrs. Cox and Barrett, had everything well in hand, and anything that could tend to the comfort of the exhibits was exceedingly well looked to. The executive committee is a strong one, headed by Chairman Mr. G. Barrett; vice-chairs, J. Fisher and G. Hobbs; treas., F. Cox; and committee, Messrs. J. Mason, sen., J. Hill, A. Dickens, L. J. Bellham, C. Gayton, E. H. Woodman, F. Lette, W. F. Love, and W. Laundon; and all did their very best to make the show a success.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, res, Irons, good thick-set bird, nice even wings, level col.; 2, Goosey, good type, nice col., rather patchy, or might have won; 3, Griffin, lovely qual., not quite the type of leaders; vhc, Wood; he, Austin. HEN YELL. (7): 1, Hall, Black-cap Yell., good type, nice qual., splendid col.; 2, Bounds, eye and wing mkd. Buff, good type, nice qual.; 3, Woods, Yell. tkd. wing, nice qual., fails head and neck; res, Packer; vhc, Boeton; hc, c, Austin. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Irons, good type, nice even col., good qual., followed by bird with good head and neck, a little wild; 2, Goosey, nice type, good col.; res Packer; vhc, Wood; hc, no name; c, Austin. UNFLIG. BUFF (9): 1, Jeyes, wiug mkd. grizzle head, grand type, good head and neck, rather down in col.; 2, Bounds, cl., lovely qual., fails wing carr.; 3 res, Irons, tkd. wing lovely qual. loose at thighs; vhc, hc, Wood; c, Griffin. UNFLIG. HEN (8): 1 Hall, cl. Buff, nice type, good wings; 2, Martin good qual., on the small side; 3, no name, heavily varieg. Buff, good col. and qual.; res, Wood; vhc, hc, Jeyes; c, Packer. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Mills, C.B., good skull, nicely lashed, followed by good Grey Crest well formed and nice droop; 3, Jeyes, splendid Green Nor., full of col., nice type; res, hc, Packer; vhc, Claydon. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Hicks, Goldf.-Greenf., nice feather, in lovely condition; 2, Claydon, even mkd. Goldf. and Can., nice quality; 3, Reid, Goldf.-Bullf. on the small side; res, vhc, hc, Andrews; c, Smith. NOR. YELL. £3 LIMIT (8): 1, Packer, good col. and qual., neat wings; 2, Wood, varieg., nice col. and qual.; 3, Griffin, cl., good col., nice feather; res, no name; vhc, Brotherhood; hc, Stockwin; c, Wilmot. BUFF (7): 1, Brotherhood, cl. Buff, nice qual., good wing carr.; 2, Watson, tkd. Buff, nice feathered bird; 3, Griffin, eye and wing mkd. lovely qual.; res, Wilmot; vhc, Wood; hc, Searborough; c, Packer. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Hobbs, even-mkd. Buff, lovely qual.; 2, Wilmot, cl. Buff, good type and qual.; 3, Waite, varieg. Buff. NOV. BUFF (7): 1, Boswell, cl Buff unflig., good col. and qual.; 2, res, Tansley, cl. Buff, nice head, good qual.; 3, Smith, nice type fails qual. to winner; vhc, Stockwin; hc, Smith; c, Searborough. SMALL, BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Bull, Nightingale and Redstart, both in superb condition; 3, res, vhc Andrews; 3rd Lesser Redpoll, nicely mkd. and in the pink. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Watson, lovely type and qual., a bit pinched in head, still wins; 2, vhc, Paine, good type, nice wing carr.; 3, c, Bounds, nice qual., grand col.; res, Isom: hc, Gayton. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Watson, lovely col. and qual., nice head and neck; 3rd good type and qual.; 2, vhc, Paine, unflig., grand col. and qual., bit wild; res, c, Isom; hc, Nason. UNEVEN MKD. OR VARIEG. (10): 1, 3, Bounds, heavily varieg. Buff, grand type, good head and neck, nice wing carr., followed by another varieg. of good qual.; 2, c, Nason, varieg. Yell. of nice type and qual.; res, Isom; vhc, Gayton; hc, Watson. HEN (13): 1, res, Watson, cl. Yell., good type and qual.; 2, vhc, Bounds, cl. Buff, grand qual., nice type, bit small; 3, Mason cl. Yell., grand col. and qual.; hc, c, Isom. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Gayton, cl. Yell, good type, nice qual.; 2, res, Hobbs, tkd. Buff, lovely qual.; 3, Mason, large Buff minus tail feathers. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, hc, Paine, even mkd. Buff Nor., grand col., nicely mkd., also wins sp for best in members' classes; 2, vhc, Hobbs, nat. col. Nor. Gr.; 3, res, Mason, cl. body Dk. C. BRIT. (4): 1, Nobles, nicely mkd. Thrush; 2, Hobbs, nice feather Greenf.; 3, Wilson, nicely mkd. Reed Bunting; res, Fisher.

ROTHERHAM.

The thirteenth annual exhibition of the Rotherham C.B.S. was held on Oct. 24 and 25, in the Central Hall, Coronation Bridge, Masbro', a hall with a splendid light (electric by night), situated near to the Sections, and on the tram route. The entry was down again in the open section, producing only 213 exhibits, an average of scarcely 8 per class. Our Rotherham friends are a jovial and enthusiastic lot of fanciers, and were worthy of far greater response being accorded them. Specimens under their care are in safe hands, and are well cared for. They look to more liberal support next time. In the members' section upwards of 100 birds were on view, and many were of a most meritorious order. The two outstanding were the ticked yell. Yorkie cock, and the ticked buff Norwich cock, owned respectively by Messrs. W. Brotherton and A. Hunt, each winning members' cup for best unflighted bird in its section. The Yorks. cup has now been won outright (5 times in all, as per rule) by Mr. W. Brotherton. We congratulate Mr. B. on his achievement.

The committee, Messrs. B. Wall, G. Stringer, G. Ridler and G. Stafford, all worked with a will, and are full worthy of kind words being spoken of them. Mr. W. Brotherton, show manager, is a capital controller, and is a great asset to the society. That long-standing and genuine fancier, Mr. W. Bagnall, is the keeper of the "shekels." Secs. Bailey and Turner are a brace of the right sort. Both are real workers, courteous to the extreme, always on the move, and are responsible for many great efforts put forth on behalf of the Society. Stewards, who worked willingly and gave of their best assistance were Messrs. W. Bagnall and P. J. Smith. Staging was of a very neat order, and every specimen could be seen at a glance. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and his awards were well received. Special winners were: Most entries, R. D. Parlett; Ramsden's, Mr. W. Brotherton; Sandiford's, Smith and Son; best in class 33, Mr. Turner.

The Critique.

YELL YORKS (7): 1, Dr. Craig, mkd. wing, delightful feather and col., wedge shaped, fine length, excellent outline, a gem, looks like Sheffield winner; 2, Thomas, cl., wonderful length, superb qual., best of backs, perfect wing carr., closely folded tail, inclined to be shade strong; 3, Norton, mkd. neck, slim and upstanding, A1 col. and feather, fine length, clever legs, beaten a little in character; 4, Dyson, very lengthy thigh tick, neat and narrow, stands well, but has a habit of crossing wings; vhc, McDade; hc, Moss; c, Brotherton. BUFF (11): 1, A. Radley, cl., straight as a gun barrel, smooth as wax, neat expression, lovely wing carr., not of the biggest but of the best, in the pink; 2, 3, Thomas, fine brace of clears; 2nd, erect, clinking contour, not a feather misplaced, nice length, full of style; 3rd, slightly more length, stands like a guardsman, tight as a Java, hardly so rich in texture of feather, yet a wonderful specimen and close up; 4, McDade, mkd. wings and head, rare length, A1 qual. and pos., not the neatness of waist of others, still one we liked; vhc, Norton; hc, Dr. Craig; c, Walsh. HEN (14): 1, A. Radley, exquisitely gowned cl. yell., shone like polished marble, straight as a rush, lengthy and well on leg; 2, 3, Norton, grand couple, leader a superb qual. cl. buff, true outline, smooth as box, full of swagger, rattling back and wing carr.; 3rd, rich fed cl. yell., slim, upstanding and stylish, superior qual., well on leg, very close up; 4, Thomas, cl. buff, lengthy, and A1 pos., lovely head points, neat and narrow, bit penny around cheeks, will look well shortly; vhc, Moss; hc, Sampson; c, Walsh. YELL. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Norton, beautifully feathered and grandly fed cl., slim and upstanding, fine length and style, well filled back, neat wings and tail, exceedingly promising; 2, Brotherton, cl., very shooty and nervy, A1 qual. and col., shows for all he is worth, not far away; 3, A. Radley, thigh tkd., superior feather, fine length, straight as a pencil, clever legs, worth its place; 4, Wilkinson Bros., thigh tkd., slashing qual., neat and narrow, true type, not of the longest but of the smartest, in the pink; vhc, Stringer. BUFF (5): 1, Norton, typical cl., smooth as a bottle, capital back flights and tail, clever legs, good length and cond., wins; 2, Thomas, cl., shade better col., hardly the qual., good length and position, well on leg, very close up; 3, Radley, shooty cl., neat head and neck, nice back and wing carr., well clothed, appearing to feel the nippy weather that was prevailing; 4, Wilkinson Bros., mkd. bead, lovely col., nice mealing, good qual. and length; vhc, Brotherton. HEN UNFLIG. (5): 1,, 2, Radley, both charming maidens, yell. mkd. cheek, delightfully dressed, A1 col., true shape, full of style, a picture; 2nd, buff mkd. cheek, smooth as marble, slashing symmetry, lengthy and well on leg, greatly admired, and staged to the moment; 3, Walsh, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, wonderful length, capital col. and feather, good front, not the pos. or style of those above; 4, vhc, Dr. Craig, cl. buff, rich col. and feather, shapely and well up, on the short side, yet very neat. SELF or FOUL GR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Eason, yell., pied tail, magnificent depth of col., like satin, slim and upstanding, plenty of length, clever legs, gem; 2, 3, c, Henfrey, buff, pied tail, tight as wax, stands well, capital back flights and tail, shows for all it is worth; 3rd, yell. self, for col., qual. and cond., all one need desire; not so lengthy as winner, and is bit wild; 4, Dyett, yell. self, A1 col. and qual., nice pos. and style, not so lengthy; hc, Peace. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Hutchinson, cl. yell., wedge shaped, delightful qual., rich col, rare pos, and well on leg, good enough to compete in the "upper circle"; 2, Gill, cl., capital feather, neat and narrow, stands nicely, not quite so rich in col. or finish, yet one we liked; 3, Graham, red hot cl., shooty neat head and neck, grand back, flights and tail, little low on leg, and wee bit open on front; 4, J. Radley, cl., A1 qual. and col., stands like a soldier, nice length, raw on butts spoiling his finish; vhc, Storey; hc, Toulson; c, Hampshire. BUFF (7): 1, Graham, cl., marvellous length, lovely feather, rattling back and wing carr., neatly folded tail, in the pink; 2, Prior, mkd. wings and head, magnificent feather and col., when taking notes sat thick and would not show, panting very much, lucky we thought; 3, Hutchinson mkd. eye, slim and upstanding, good in feather, rattling length, well on leg, good one; 4, Storey, cl., well clothed, very shapely, neat back and wings, on small side; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Naylor; No. 3, Dyett, w.c., a yellow-mkd., extremely choice. UNFLIG. (19) nice class: 1, F. Radley, buff, mkd. head, superb feather and col., rattling pos. and length, full of style; 2, c, Hutchinson, very lengthy cl. yell., slim and upstanding, capital feather and col., leggy, must have pressed; 3, Hampshire, yell., mkd. head, nice feather, good pos., well filled back, A1 wings and tail, beaten in length; 4, Sealman, nicely feathered cl. buff, rare length, good col., bit on strong side; vhc, J. Radley; hc, Smith and Son. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Waters, cl., ablaze with col., rare shape and subs., grandly cut up, best of carr., beauty, 2, 3, Parlett, cl., very shapely, well up in size, grand type, close-like action, besides the depth of col.; 3rd, cl., unflig., good in col., shape and feather, nice carr., should make up well; 4, Thomas. BUFF (7): 1, Hemmings, bonnier cl. cl., capital feather, standing shape and carr., not of the hottest, yet a choice exhibit; 2, Harland, mkd. wings and head, closer in feather, better in col., equal in shape, hardly so narrow, must have pressed strenuously; 3, Dunford, cl., cobby, superior feather, nicely mealed, very shapely and of fine carr., not the substance; 4, Waters, cl., superb col. and feather, good size, nice shape, close up; vhc, Parlett, hc, Al Millan, c, Thomas. HEN (9): 1, Harland, cl. yell, wonderful subs., capital feather and col., nice shape and carr., shows well, beauty; 2, 3, McMillan, very shapely cl. buff, superbly gowned, fine size and carr., nice col., top top cond.; 3rd, rare sized cl. yell., A1 shape, grand head and neck, good broad bold front, well cut up behind, bit free in feather; 4, Thomas, cl. buff, rich in qual. and col., rattling shaped body, clean cut away, too small in head properties; vhc, Parlett, hc, Poulter, c, Rapson. YELL UNFLIG. (5): 1, vhc, Waters, cl., a ball of fire, rich texture of feather, nice head and neck, wee bit long in body and flight, still very promising, may thicken out; 2, Harland, cobby cl. yell, A1 qual., hardly col. of winner, but nicer shape, good in carr., we liked; 3, Dunford, grizzled root of tail, red hot, capital qual., backs good size, put down in style; 4, Thomas, well fed cl., shapely, superb qual., not of the biggest, should improve. BUFF (5): 1, Dunford, var., standing feather and col., neat head and neck, grand shaped body, short wings and tail, gem; 2, McMillan, cl., rare size, superior feather, grand head, neck and chest, crosses wings, which tells against it; 3, Parlett, cl., lovely feather and col., very shapely, nice size, not quite ready; 4, Harland, mkd. wings and eyes, A1 qual., nice body shape and col.; vhc, Waters; hc, Thomas; c, Brotherton. HEN UNFLIG. (9): 1, Thomas, bull, mkd. wings and head, sweetly moulded, superior feather and col., well up in size, dainty carr.; 2, McMillan, yell., mkd. wing, delightful feather and col., fine subs. and shape, clean cut away, must have pressed; 3, Parlett, yell mkd. wings, short and thick set, nice feather, neat carr., not of the biggest, still sweet specimen; 4, hc, Webster, yell. thigh tick, unbeatable for qual., shapely, tight as wax, again on the small side; vhc, Mallinson; c, Bailey. NOV. YELL. (3): 1, Howe and Senior, lightly var., silky texture of feather, well up in size, fine body shape, bit weak in head character, good carr. and cond. 2, Wilson, cl., finely feathered and well clothed, capital head and neck, not quite so thick through, yet most charming; 3, Mallinson, mkd. wing and eye, capital shape. BUFF: 1, Stallord, monster of a cl., shone like silk, grand shape and carr., nice col. and frosting, greatly admired; 2, Poulter, mkd. wings and head, full of fire, teeming with qual., shapely, beaten in subs. only; 3, Green, cl., lovely feather, round as a ball, capital col., nice size, bit down in cond.; 4, Smith and Son, mkd. head, A1 feather, good size and shape, moves gracefully, not yet ready, in pen on head; vhc, Mallinson; hc, Howe and Senior; c, Griffiths. UNFLIG. (14): 1, vhc, Howe and Senior, buff, cl., shone like a mirror, tight as a Java, lovely col., grand shape and carr., most promising; 2, Smith and Son, yell., lightly var., A1 col. and quality, nice size and shape, jaunty carr., clean cut away; 3, c, Moore, buff, mkd. root of tail, rare head and neck, capital chest, good feather, paler in col.; 4, Hobson, well fed cl. buff, A1 qual., neat shaped body, bit open on front; hc, Poulter. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Parlett, very choice team, Twite leading, fine size and shape, magnificent col., profusely and distinctly mkd., steady as a top, gem; 2nd, Linnet, well up in subs., capital qual. and col., neatly pencilled, well staged; 3rd, Siskin, lovely col. and feather, grand cap, nicely mkd., in fine order; 4, c, Toulson, Redpoll, shapely, lovely col., shows well; vhc, Fallding; hc, Milne. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, vhc, Parlett, magnificent Bramble, wonderful size, rattling shape, delightful col. and cond., steady as a top; vhc, noted Hawfinch, our choice for premier honours; 2, 4, Fallding, Corn Bunting and Yell. Bunting, lovely shape col. and feather, well mkd., good subs., one we liked; 4th, capital size and shape, superior col., grand head and character; 3, Milne, Hawfinch, bird of beautiful shape and cond., neat bib, put down in style; hc, Scott; c, Carter. SOFT-BILL (7): 1, 2, Fallding, Chough, delightful trim, large and A1 shape, dense and delightfully polished, capital bill and legs, a topper; 2nd, Waxwing, Sheffield winner, again looking his best, truly a picture, grandly staged; 3, Milne, Nightingale, nice size and shape good col., not a feather misplaced, worth its place; 4, Buckley, Whitethroat, delightful bloom, pretty as paint, shown in great style; vhc, Darlow; hc, Bingley, c, Darlow. MULE or HYB. (8): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Parlett, noted yell. Greenie-Can., so often described as a "Knockout," needs no further comment; 2nd, yell. Goldie-Can., rattling shape and size, teeming with qual., magnificent col., grand face, gem of gems; 3, Carter, very smart Goldie-Bullie, good in shape, qual. and col., nice size, neat face, worth its place; 4, Simpson, well known buff Goldie-Can., bordering on six-pointed, better col. than ever, treat to observe, has won at many shows; hc, Scott; c, Jones. SELL., 15s. (16): 1, F. Radley; 2, Parlett; 3, Gill; 4, Ridley; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Bailey; c, Hemmings. 18s. 6d. (10): 1, Gill 2, McMillan; 3, C. W. Hobson; 4, B. Radley; vhc, Lealand; hc, Parlett; c, Turner. MEMBERS', CL. YELL. YORKS., 1913 (5): 1, 2, 3, Brotherton, smart and stylish cl., very promising; 4, vhc, Stringer. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 4, Brotherton, shooty cl., grand all through; 3, Bagnall; vhc, Stringer; hc, Wall. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Brotherton, mkd. head and neck, magnificent feather, position and length; 3, 4, Stringer; vhc, Bagnall hc, Wall. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Brotherton, thigh tkd., feathered to perfection, delightful symmetry; 3, hc, Stringer 4, Bagnall; vhc, Bailey. VAR. GREEN (4): 1, sp, 2, Brotherton, yell, lightly var., red hot, slim and upstanding, full of nerve; 3, Bagnall; 4, Stringer. NOV. CL. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, 3, Brotherton, cl., superb feather and col., beautiful shape; 2, c, Turner; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Wall; hc, Bailey. BUFF (10): 1, Brotherton; 2, Hunt; 3, Stringer 4, vhc, Wall; hc, Turner; c, Bagnall. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Stafford; 2, Brotherton; 3, Jones; 4, Turner; vhc, Bailey; hc, Wall. BUFF (10): 1, Hunt 2, hc, Turner; 3, Stringer; 4, Bagnall; hc, Wall; c, Taylor. VAR. GREEN (5): 1, sp., Turner 2, Ridler; 3, Bagnall; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hunt. OLD BIRDS, YORKS. (5): 1, vhc, Brotherton, cl. yell., grand all through; 2, Bagnall; 3, Wall; 4, Stringer. HEN (4): 1, Stringer; 2, 4, Brotherton; 3, Bailey. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Turner, mkd. wing, cobby, A1 feather and colour; 2, 3, Brotherton; 4, Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Brotherton; 2, Turner; 3, Ridler; 4, Stafford; hc, Hunt; c, Wall. HEN (13): 1, Wall; 2 Hunt; 3, hc, Turner; 4, Stafford; vhc, c, Brotherton. BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, Wall; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc Jones.

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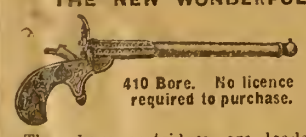
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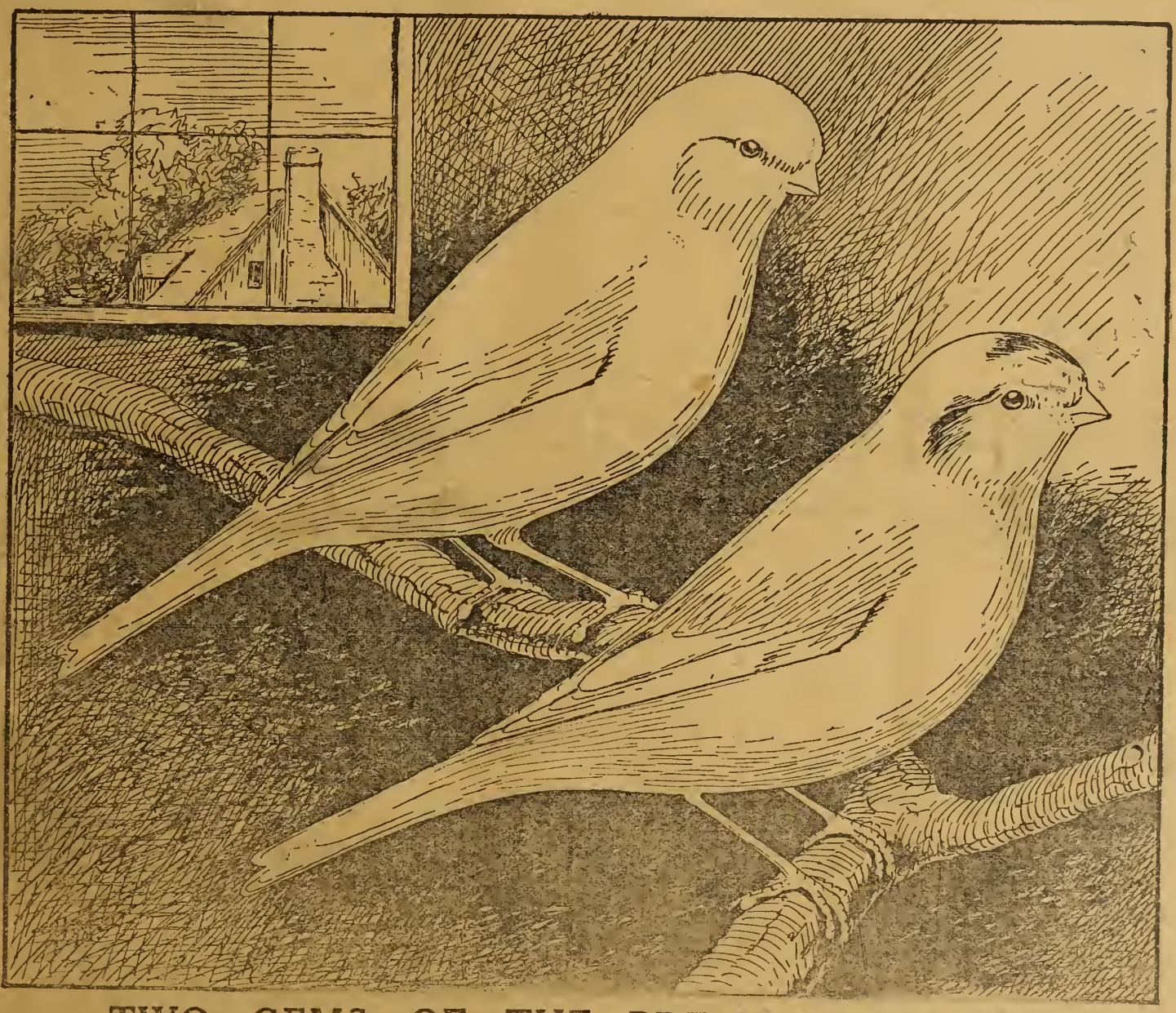
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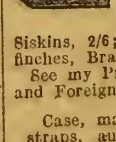
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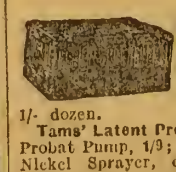


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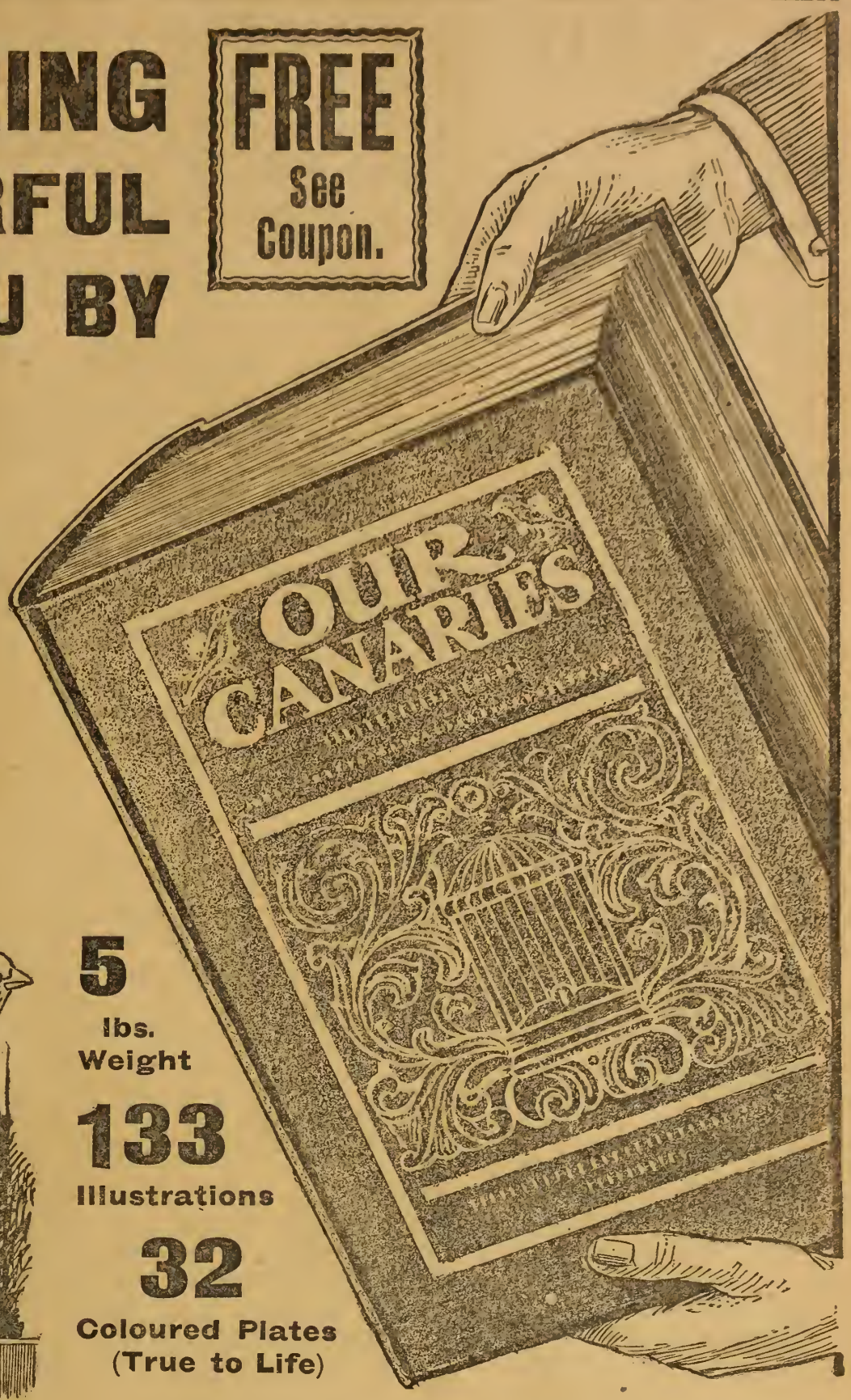
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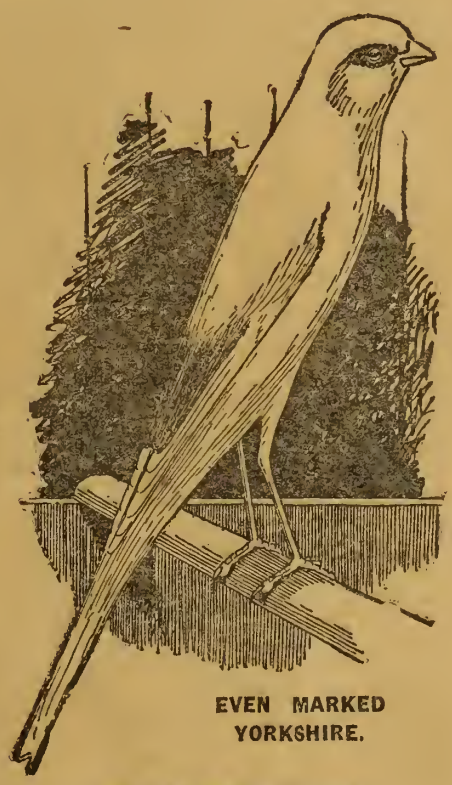
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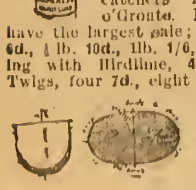
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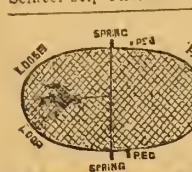
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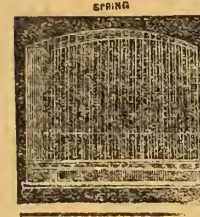
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ANOTHER large consignment of Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches and Siskins; over 300 arrive this week; I am the only direct importer of the genuine Siberians in Hull, so beware of the small Russians offered as Siberians; cock Goldfinches, real giants, feathered like wax, 5/6, 6/6, and a few that can win, 7/6 each; monster Siberian hen Bullfinches, biggest ever seen in England, for show or muling, 5/6, 6/6 and 7/6 each; five extra large aviary moulted hens, finger tame, 10/6 each; cocks 6/6, 7/6 each; also five extra large yellow cock Siskins, grand caps and bibs, nicely laced, sure winners, 6/6, 7/6 each, and one Siberian yellow cock Greenfinch, big as a Thrush, only 3/6, approval with pleasure; cash or deposit: John Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (996)

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Am picking likely specimens for moulting out winners. Have picked thousands of winners this last 30 years. Goldfinches or Bullfinches, and grand Siskins, also for muling and singing, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each. Cock Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-; any on approval; sure to please you. Show cages, 2/-, three 5/6; order at once. Established 50 years. Editor of this journal has seen scores of original testimonials where I have supplied scores of winners, including Crystal Palace, Scottish National, one received this morning. Mr. Addison, High Shield.. Sir,—Please send Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet for 16/- enclosed. Hoping they are as good as last year. Bullfinch won open and members' show. Linnet won twice, S. Shields and Jarrow: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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CLEAN healthy birds; cock Linnets, 6d., 1/- each; cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; hens, 1/-; Chaffinches, Yellow Buntings, 1/- pair; Greenfinches, Redpolls, 8d. and 1/- pair; cock Blackbirds and Thrushes, 1/- each. Following picked birds for exhibition: Chaffinch, 2/6; Lesser Redpoll, 2/-; Greenfinch, 2/6; cock Grey Wagtail, 5/-; Robin, 2/-; cock Meadow Pipit, 2/6; hen Willechat, 1/6; A. I. Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (990)

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Red breasted cock Linnets, 3/- dozen; cock Larks, 3/- dozen; selected cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Pipits, Yellowhammers, Twites, Reed Buntings, two 1/3; cock Blackbirds, Thrushes, two 1/6; cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; pairs for aviaries, 9d.: Littleport, Cambs. (997)

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W. GORE, 131, COOCH ST., BIRMINGHAM

HARRY ALLEN, THE ORIGINAL LINNET KING
The Crystal Palace & Scottish National

Gentlemen who have bought birds from me have won at the above shows. I have also sold the following winners at all the leading open shows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd York, two winners at Morley with Linnet and Bullfinch, 1st and 3rd Leeds, 1st and 2nd Bramley, beating the champions, 1st prize at Gateshead, 1st prize two years in succession Peterborough, 1st prize at Glanhaughton in a class of 17, 1st prize Rochdale, 1st prize at Northallerton in a very strong class of 10, all champions, first prize at Newcastle and Dis. Cage Birds Society, in a class of 31, all champions. I picked and sold the above birds to my customers, and I glory to send winners out. Please read what others say: 11, Kynie St., York.—"Dear Sir,—I received bird quite safe, and is quite satisfactory. You lost no time in sending—just 24 hours from writing my letter to receiving the bird.—Yours truly, H. Taylor to H. Allen." "174, Evesham Rd., Headless Cross, Redditch. Dear Sir,—I received Linnet quite safe, and in good condition. I am quite satisfied with him, and consider him good value for the money.—E. Wall to H. Allen." "Tunnery, Maryport, Cumberland.—Dear Sir, The bird you sent me is the best Linnet ever seen at such a price. I have had the best of satisfaction with it. Many of my friends have seen it, and say the same. I have dealt with a few dealers now, but if wanting any more I will send to you.—J. Clark to H. Allen." "18, North Hamilton St., Kilmarnock.—Dear Sir,—Birds duly received; very satisfactory. Goldfinch special, also the Linnet, Greenfinch, and Siskin. I may state this, that they are the best lot I ever received from any dealer, and I will get from you again, and also recommend you.—E. Metcalfe to H. Allen." Real Siberian cock Goldfinches, the largest in the world, with deep square cut scarlet blaze, well tanned, beautiful wing bars, and nicely buttoned, 5/6, 6/6; and real champions, can win on the bench under any judge, 7/6 and 10/-; real English Peartree cock Goldfinches, the largest in England, with deep square cut scarlet blaze, with good, broad heads, well tanned and nicely buttoned, 2/6, 3/6; and real prizewiuners for the bench, 4/6 and 5/-; these Finches cannot be beat; try one; 500 in stock; very large cock Bullfinches, with beautiful cap and bib, double rich colour on breasts, splendid wings bars, 3/-; sure prizewinners for the bench, 4/6 and 5/-; Linnets, the largest Linnets in England, my A1 specials can beat the world for steadiness, size, colour, and markings, 2/6, 3/6; and extra specials, 5/-; over 500 yellow cock Siskins in stock, very large birds, beautiful colour, like paint, teaming with quality, with beautiful black cap and perfect bib, sure prizewinners for the bench, 4/6; and one cannot be beaten, 5/6. I have sent 200 Siskins out this week. Very large yellow cock Greenfinches, sure prizewinners, 2/-; and one, a real champion, cannot be beaten, best out, 3/6; Yellowhammers, Redpolls, and Chaffinches, sure prizewiuners, 2/- each; Linnets, taught by the champion Linnet of the world, with new cage, and my book of secrets, 8/6; they are singing, hard, and are right for catching some quality notes, will sing indoors or out, 5/-; these are good birds, and I give a box of birdlime with each bird and cage Linnets from the same place as the champion Linnet of the World; they can run like Germans, 1/6 each; everybody delighted with them. Larks, singing daylight and gaslight, treat to hear, 1/6 and 2/-; a few hand-reared ones, as straight as arrows, and finger-tame, 3/6; one with quality notes, will sing indoors or out, right for contest singing, 4/6, he is a champion; pure Seifert Rollers, I have the finest strain of quality singing in the world. I sold hundreds of winners last year, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-. Over 2,000 birds in stock; everybody welcome to see and hear what they are buying. Trippers cordially invited; no waiting; postcard before birds. Only honest dealing done with me. Please order early: Harry Allen, British Bird Champion, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds. (1004)

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Linnets, Larks, Redpolls. 1913 English cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each, three 4/-; large, selected, for muling, singing, 2/-, 2/6, three 4/6, six 8/6; extra large selected for showing, 3/-, 4/- each; hens 1/-, three 2/6; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, three 4/-; selected for showing, 3/-, 4/- each; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; cock Linnets, not hens, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/3, 4/- doz.; large, selected for showing, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, three 5/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; selected, for showing, 3/-, 4/- each; large cock Larks, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/3, 4/- dozen; Redpolls, 6d., six 1/6, 2/6 dozen; red-breasted cock Redpoll, 1/-: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. East. 1895. (996)

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FOR SALE, six pairs of Borders, of prize strain, 7/6 pair; yours: James Scott, Cooper, Gordonsburgh, Buckie. (950)

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TEN high-class Border cocks, good songsters; 6 hens, young and healthy, 59/- lot, worth £5; approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater. (992)

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C.B. cock, 1st Haddington, £3; few Crest and C.B. cocks and hens, 20/-, 30/- each: Turnbull, Lochend, Dunbar. (994)

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GRAND stock of high-class Crests and Crest-breds, hens and cocks, all on approval; please state requirements: A. J. Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (990)

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HIGH CLASS Crests: Have some of the best in the fancy to part with, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (978)

LARGE feathery stock Crests and Crestbreds, off winners, from 15/-; inspection invited: Smart, South Carmyle-avenue, Carmyle, Glasgow. (1000)

FORTY Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/- each, best blood in the world, like Manchester winner: Laithwaite, Rigby Lane, Bradshaw, Bolton. (1003)

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CREST and Crestbreds from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood Avenue, Plymouth. (976)

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LARGE yellow variegated Norwich Crested cock, win at small shows, 12/6; ditto, buff Crestbred hen, 5/6; approval; bargains: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (1003)

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SELL buff Plainhead cock, big, good bird, 15/-; also a good buff Lancashire coppy hen, 20/-; would exchange pair for good buff Norwich hen; approval: H. M. Taylor, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs. (993)

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DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France. (953)

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CINNAMONS, single or pairs, not colour fed: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

FIVE Norwich cinnamons and show cages cheap; also clears; cocks from 6/-: Abrams, 28, Oval-rd., Regent's Park. (1000)

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CINNAMONS and Plainhead Norwich for sale; pairs from 20/-; single cocks or hens from 10/-; approval: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (952)

A FEW good cinnamons for sale, bred same way as my birds now winning, also a few good Norwich and greens; inspection invited; approval, stamp: Mrs. Tweddle, Wimberley-st., Blackburn. (998)

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CHAMPION Cinnamons for sale, buff yellow cocks, 15/- upwards; buff yellow hens, 10/6 upwards; yellow hen, third Morpeth, 25/-; also few good Green Norwich; three day's approval, stamp: L. Roberts, 4, Balfour-st., Blackburn. (975)

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Have purchased this noted stock entire, so can spare some good birds at reasonable prices, unequalled chance for novices; approval; winners for sale; state wants: Rev. Nume, Harrington, Cumberland. (976)

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GOOD Norwich Greens for disposal, cocks from 6/-; cold-room; approval: Shepherd, 15, Robin Hood-st., Castleford. (999)

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NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens of type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 24." "The Green Canary," 1½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

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Norwich.

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HIGH-class Norwich, 1912 birds; yellow cock, 10/-; do., wing marked, 12/6; two buff hens and one yellow, 6/- each: Thomas, 387, High-st., Leyton.

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FOR SALE, 30 unflighted Norwich, same strain that I took 1st and 2 specials for best bird in classes of 42 at Bedford; prices moderate; approval: Mrs. Somerfield, 71, Coventry rd., Bedford. (996)

BIG yellow cock, winner, massive buff hen, £1 pair; breed winners; big buff cock, 10/6; big yellow cock, 12/6; buff hen, 5/-; all healthy; approval: Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport. (988)

MISS A. SCOTT, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, has some grand birds for sale, a few well matched pairs for Novices; satisfaction guaranteed: 68, Market st., Lancaster. (996)

HIGH-CLASS yellow hens, for mulling, extra large variegated, 15/-; yellow green, 7/6; variegated, 10/6; cinnamon, 10/-; buff hens from 5/- to 15/-; approval: Struth, Bonnybridge, Scotland. (989)

EXHIBITION and stock birds; almost perfect marked even buff hen, also a yellow uneven cock, 4th City of Glasgow, and other prizes, cheap to clear: Robert Aitchison, Siller Knowe, Biggar. (993)

C. H. GOODMAN has some splendid Norwich, with size, colour and quality, fit for winning at big shows; write requirements; all letters answered; approval: 24, Bedford-rd., Kempton, Bedford. (926)

WELLSBURY, winner of the N.C.N.C.C. cup 1912. Show and stock birds for sale. See Morpeth and Newcastle show reports for latest results. Stamp reply: 173 Dunsmuir-grove, Gateshead-on-Tyne. (951)

POWICK'S champion Norwich, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6, sure winners 15/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury.

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F. W. HORNE has a fine lot of Norwich for sale, feathers like silk, good size and typical; buff hen, winner of silver cup and medal at Aylesbury, see this week's CAGE BIRDS, 35/-: variegated yellow cock, winner 1st and special, 30/-; splendid lot of cocks and hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- each; must clear: 27, High-st., Aylesbury. (990)

MESSRS. Gough and Loach, 32, Humber-rd., Wolverhampton, have a few birds left, viz., three buff clear, six yellow marked hens, 10/- and 20/- each; two yellow cocks, 15/- and 20/-; see last week's "Cage Birds" for wins at Wolverhampton; "Cage Birds" Special and Diploma, Hyde's Special, three 1sts, one 2nd, one 3rd, vhc, two hc's. (999)

CHAMPION Norwich, first, second, third, and cup, last week; ten prizes O.C.B.S. See Oxford reports; grand typical buff cock winner, 12/6, yellow cock ditto, 12/6; variegated yellow cock, 12/6; variegated buff cock, 10/6; good stock birds, unflighted, choice hen from 7/6; approval receipt P.O.: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford. (996)

FEW real good colour-fed exhibition Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buffs, now ready for immediate exhibition, rare size, type, colour and quality, cocks from 8/6 to £3 each: hens from 5/6 to £2 each, all cold room bred, Palace winning strains, grand value, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1001)

THROUGH an unfortunate accident to my wife, I am compelled to sell my whole stock of Norwich and Yorkshires; good chance for novices, either for stock or exhibition; no reasonable offer refused; view, Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning; approval. Over 25 years a breeder and exhibitor: Peverall, 40, Mendora-rd., Fulham. (996)

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MONSTER exhibition clear yellow cock, rare type and quality, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 21s., honestly worth £2; also massive exhibition buff cock, rare head and neck, immense size, winner several prizes, only 17/6, cheap at 40/-; also grand yellow hen, grand size, type, and quality, feathered like silk, only 10/6, recently cost 25/-; also very choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, sure winner, only 10/6, honestly worth double; also few grand yellow and buff cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and necks, rare type and quality, cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; hens, 5/-, 7/6 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1001)

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THE most up-to-date manual on this popular breed is "Norwich Canaries: How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit," by C. A. House. It contains a beautiful coloured plate, and many black and white illustrations. In it will be found fullest hints and instructions on all the various points which go to make up a champion Norwich. It deals in a most practical manner with all the various stages of the life of a Norwich from the egg to the show bench, explains fully how to pair up the stock birds, how to feed the young, the art of colour feeding, and the way to wash and prepare birds for show. Do not be without it, post free 1/1½, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

MR. HAWKES has a few exceptionally fine exhibition deep colour-fed Norwich for disposal, having no time for exhibiting myself, will offer the following specimens at a great sacrifice. Clear yellow 1913 cock, very massive framed, large headed, deep chest, short neck, flights and tail, rare substance, shape and style, £2 2/-; another yellow cock, 1913, a gem all over, already won 1st and 2nd only times out, young stock shows, 21/-; 1913 buff cock, massive big bouncing bird, his equal will be hard to find, 35/-; also another buff cock of rare size, shape and style, now fit for showing against leading exhibitors of the day, 20/-; approval: 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1001)

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Clinking good stock pair, buff cock, yellow hen, tip-top for size and quality, price, 80/-; pairs from 25/-, hens from 12/6; approval, deposit: Dalzell, Ormrod-st., off Morton-st., Oldham. (1002)

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Have you been waiting to see my prices? Well, here am I. Better late than never, and better songsters late. It is to give you satisfaction that I have been attending. My long experience as breeder and importer enables me to give you the right birds at the right time of the year; do not be misled with common half-bred rubbish—there is no need. I have good, reliable, well bred birds to suit all pockets. My German trained St. Andreasberg Rollers are second to none; high quality of birds without any fancy prices. Cock birds, trained day and gaslight songsters, with water-bubble runs, soft roulades, harp, bell, gong, flute, piccolo, bass, and double-rolls, etc., etc., 6/9, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each according to quality of song. Genuine St. Andreasberg hens 2/6, 3/- each. The cheapest songsters in England are my Hartz cocks, they are loud free singers, birds that sing by day and gaslight, making plenty of noise. The real working-man's friend, cocks 4/9, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3 each; matched breeding pairs, cock and hen, for breeding songsters, 6/9, 7/6, 8/6. Owing to the great demand for my singing Canaries, I only stock St. Andreasberg, Seifert, Hartz, Rollers. Thus keeping all birds with their pure delightful song. All birds sent on seven day's approval at my sole risk. Cash or deposit. Neat travelling cages 3d. each. The old firm, with 18 years' reputation behind it: E. I. Storey, Roller Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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the real merit of a Roller's song unless you have heard a Weber's Leipzig Roller, as imported by me. Instead of having one or two long drawn-out railway-whistle rolls, same as the ordinary Roller, their song consists of a splendid variety of musical changes entirely free from harshness and monotony. I have on hand a very large stock of cocks picked from first round of young, all are in free song, day and gaslight, with hollow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, waterbubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, bell, harp, gong and flute notes, and jug-jug of Nightingale, etc., price 6/6 and 7/6 each; hens, guaranteed same strain, 1/9 each, 3/- couple. I also have a splendid lot of perfectly trained Bandmasters in perfect song; these birds have exceptionally soft mellow notes, and excel in the deep bass and hollow tours; price, 10/6 and 12/6 each. For those who like a loud, noisy singer, I have a grand lot of Hartz cocks, all guaranteed in loud, free, vigorous song, just the thing for public bar or coffee house, where plenty of loud, noisy song is required; price 5/- each; seven for 29/9; singing box cages, 1/6 each; special Roller singing-cabinets, with loose fronts and folding doors, 2/6 and 4/- each; special travelling cages 3d. All birds are safely and warmly packed with food and water for 48-hour journey, and sent on full week's trial at my risk during whole time, either on receipt of cash, or same is deposited with Editor, and unless bird gives fullest satisfaction and realises your every expectation, the whole of the money is promptly returned. Please note following few unsolicited testimonials: "Jarrow, Oct. 9. Sir,—Received bird all right. He's a beauty, and if he turns out as good as he looks I shall be more than satisfied. Yours, Fred Bell." "Holly Bush, Maxwell Road, Bournemouth. Oct. 10th. Sir,—Birds arrived in splendid condition. I am delighted with them and shall remember you when ordering again. Yours, J. Stead." "7, Church Street, Gowerton, Oct. 10th. Sir,—Please send price list. I was in Gowerton Station on 8th, and there was a Canary in a cage sent from you to Mr. Thomas, of Waunarllwydd. He was singing beautiful, even shut up in the dark. I couldn't see him, but knew it was a Roller.—Yours, W. Lloyd." "188 Rectory Road, Gateshead, Oct. 10th. Sir,—Bird arrived safe on 7th inst., and gives every satisfaction. Yours, C. Rust." "12, Brockwell Street, Quebec, Co. Durham, Oct. 11th. Sir,—Bird arrived in good health, and I am highly satisfied with him. Thanking you for honest dealing. Yours, G. Johnson." All birds are stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and I am only importer of this strain so send your orders to the fountain head if you would ensure getting a genuine Leipzig Roller. (961)

Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, young birds, all colours: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow. (973)

SCOTCH Fancy cocks, 10/- each; matched pairs reasonable: James, Strachan, 30, Maule-st., Arbroath.

PRIZE bred Scotch Fancies, buff and bull piebald cocks and hens, reasonable prices: Renwick, 126, Ingleby Drive, Glasgow (1003)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens, all colours, clean, pied, and greens; good stock birds: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead. (994)

SCOTCH Fancies: 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff pied cocks, 1 yellow pied cock, 2 buff pied hens; good stock, cheap: Grahame, 1, Hermitage-ter., Leith. (996)

20 SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cheap to clear; approval: L. Jackson, Woodview, Kirkmuirhill. (973)

SCOTCH Fancy for sale, young birds bred from winners, both sex, cheap: Keddie, 35, Market-st., St. Andrews. (979)

EIGHT birds from my well-known strain, cocks and hens, reasonable for quick sale: McIlwain, School, Mount Florida, Glasgow. (974)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Scotch Fancy, for show or stock, prices reasonable, easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, The Yorkshire Specialists, have some wonderful good birds for sale. Birds, matched to breed champions, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; single birds, proportionate; these are extra length and type, and feathered like box; also winners for hot company, £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 each, real gems, can soon win cost; Amblers' Yorkshires need no swaulk; see our winnings of thousands of prizes and championships at leading shows for over 30 years, three times championship Palace. Note.—We are not keeping back the best; all are for sale, as we cannot follow the shows; approval, cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresboro', Yorkshire.

J. C. BARNES, Specialist, upwards of 20 years' study. Well-known strain. Few choice specimens to spare. Cocks, 20/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; special pairs, £3 to £5; approval; inspection invited: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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WANTED, Yorkshires: Pearson, Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (925)

CANARIES, three 1913 Yorkshires, two cocks, singing, lot 6/-: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (991)

MACROBBIE, 11, India-st., Partick, has a few clinking birds left, show or stock; approval; state wants. (1002)

FEW good Yorkshires for sale, cocks, 8/6 upwards, hens 3/6 upwards: Major, 78, Grafton, St. Mile End-rd. (996)

PURE Yorkshires, fine length cocks, 5/6, 7/6; hens 3/6, 4/6; healthy and reliable: Pastell, 24, Vicarage-rd., Watford. (990)

GRAND long high-class Yorkshires for show or stock, bred from my winners; sell cheap: Barfe, Pateley Bridge. (935)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 16 cocks, from 7/6 upwards; few hens from 5/-; approval: J. B. Lenton, Market Deeping. (988)

BUSINESS and ill-health compels giving up Fancy; 20 prize-bred Yorkshires for sale: Davis, 4, Church-rd., Bedminster. (995)

FINE Yorkshire cocks, singing, 10/6, hens 3/-, from good stock, approval, deposit: Moore, 11, Lupus-st., Pimlico, London. (1004)

SALE, large foul green Yorks. cock, 1912, over moult, 6s., or exchange British; E. Slinger, 149, Union-st., Shipley. (997)

TRY James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall, for smart Yorkshire cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-; approval; won hundreds of prizes. (996)

TWO pairs of good stock Yorkshires, 15/- pair; also one pair, £1; approval: Randall, 228, Chichester-rd., Portsmouth. (990)

YORKSHIRES, colour-fed cocks, 6/6, 7/6; unfed, 6/- each upwards; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (982)

YELLOW cock, winner, Wolverhampton, nest feather show, only time out, 20/-; approval: George Harris, Codsall, Wolverhampton. (995)

PRIZE-BRED colour-fed Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; a few fit for showing, 12/6: E. W. Webb, 114, High-st., Lewisham, Kent, S.E. (990)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Yorkshires, song or show, some winners, prices low, easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

YORKSHIRES, few good cocks for sale, Thomas's strain, 10/6 each; approval, deposit, or exchange: Percival, 46, Burgess-st., Great Grimsby. (997)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and second cross Belgian Yorkshires for sale; inspection invited: E. Porritt, 757, Knutsford-rd., Warrington. (994)

YELLOW wing-marked Yorkshire cock, 2nd prize Ilkeston memb. class, 10/-, also a few cocks from 6/- upwards. A. Kew, 53, Breach-rd., Langley, Heanor.

YORKSHIRES. A few pairs, own breeding, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; selected pair, good birds (unrelated) 10/6 pair: W. Fogarty, 49, Berners-st., London, W.

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BROADBENT'S Yorkshire cocks, 3/9, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 1/6, 2/6; pairs, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; all guaranteed; price list; stamp: 355, Loudon-rd., Sheffield.

R. E. HELLIWELL'S, high-class Yorkshires, hens from 5/-, cocks 6/-, pairs 12/6; approval, deposit; best blood obtainable: 149, Claremont-rd., Boothtown, Halifax. (994)

THREE exceptionally long buff cocks, bred from my winners, grand stock birds, 20/- each; others from 15/- pair: Hannaford, 65, St. Quintin Avenue, North Kensington. (977)

PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; cash or deposit; inspection invited: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (969)

LIGHTLY wing-marked buff Yorkshire cock, rare type and length, 8/6; yellow hen, clear, fine head, type, and colour, 5/6; approval; cages, 3d.: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (1003)

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6/6 7/6 8/6 9/6 10/6 12/6 15/- Above are a few of my YORKSHIRES per pr



But to test the real value and cheapness, it is necessary to have on approval. For quality is the only real test of **cheapness. Few other prices: Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Hens, 2/-, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6. 6/6, 8/6. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Detailed list free.**

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

TYPICAL, clean moulted, colour-fed Yorkshires; cocks from 7/6, hens from 2/6; sent on approval, deposit, or seen by appointment: Avery, 136, Birch-anger-rd., S. Norwood, S.E. (991)

ALL my splendid Yorkshires cheap, exhibition, and several bred from same, single breeding and show cages, travelling cases, and all requisites for a bird room: Park, Newton-ter., Millom. (997)

GRAND, well-bred Yorkshires, buffs and yellows, cocks 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval deposit or cash: Lloyd Greenwood, 15, Lee Mell-rd., Hebden Bridge. (993)

WINNING Yorkshires (unflighted); self yellow green cock, 1st Coventry, 12/6; clear yellow cock, 3rd Coventry, 10/6; hens related to both above, 4/- upwards: Groom, 76, Bristol-rd., Coventry. (995)

TO you that have fancies for dogs as well as birds look up Kennel Column; wanted good unflighted buff Yorkshire hen for one good Irish bitch: M. Winn, Bootmaker, Aldcliffe-rd., Lancaster. (998)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, bred from winners, some really good unflighted cocks and hens for disposal, full of type and quality, price very reasonable; state wants: L. Yates, 74, Rushes-rd., Petersfield. (969)

YORKSHIRES, bred from my winners, cocks, £1 upwards, hens 15/- upwards; cash or deposit; on approval. See reports Leeds, Sheffield, Rotheram, Liverpool: Hutchinson, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

POWICK'S champion Yorkshires, the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire)

G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for disposal from my winning strain, reasonable prices; approval; see reports Leeds, Harrogate, Middlesbrough, etc.: 63, Beaconsfield-st, Acomb, York.

1913 TYPICAL Yorkshires, hens, clears, ticked, and variegated, from 3/- each, very smart and lengthy birds, single, polished feeders, complete 2/6 each, nearly new: Peters, Stallard-st., Trowbridge.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, grand typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (972)

WINNING unflighted colour-fed buff Yorkshire cock, won two 2nds young stock shows during last month, 12/6; also 1913 rich colour-fed yellow hen, vhc, Stratford, 10/-: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1002)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality; cocks 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1003)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, unflighted yellow and buffs, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, also unflig. challenge cup, 1913, N.W.C.B. Society. I have very nice birds for sale, 7/6 and upwards: James Jones, 3, Balaclava-rd., Carnarvon. (993)

A FEW Yorkshire Canaries for sale, straight from the breeder. No middlemen's profits; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each: Harry Beaumont, 14, Grove-st., Slaithwait, Huddersfield. (995)

GOOD selection of high-class Yorkshires, long stylish yellow or buff cocks, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, good typical yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 8/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (993)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, good lengthy typical cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 and 15/6 each; grand slim racy yellow or buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: William Clough, Lcegreen, Mirfield, Yorkshire. (997)

CLEAR Yorks. yellow cock, 1913, red-hot colour, grand length, can win, only 17/6; clear buff hen, certain winner, 10/-; pair, 25/-; a bargain; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder, 447, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1003)

CHAMPION exhibition Yorkshires, large unflighted buff cock, 30/-; unflighted yellow uneven marked cock, 40/-; few cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1002)

YORKSHIRES, bred from my noted winners, cocks 7/6 upwards, hens 5/- upwards; approval, deposit; see show report, Liverpool; 3 firsts, 2 seconds, with birds bred in my own room: Allen Radley, 205, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1004)

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Yorkshires, yellow cock, 7ins., can win, 25/-; buff cocks and yellow hens, standard length, 5/-, 7/6, 12/6 each, from winners; useful exchange; two double breeders, 2/- each: Livesey, Square-rd., Walsden, Todmorden, Yorks.

WINNING unflighted colour-fed buff Yorkshire cock, won twice during last month, young stock shows, 15/-; also rich colour-fed yellow 1913 hen, vhc mixed class, Stratford, 10/-; great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, some A1 birds, ready for either stock or exhibition; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/6 upwards; exhibition specimens according to merit; four days' approval; 29 years breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. (950)

MR. HAWKES, 26, Pretoria rd, Leytonstone, not having the accommodation to stock so many at his new address, will sacrifice several high-class colour-fed buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks at 10/-; perfect trim for immediate exhibition; late of Grove Green-rd. (1002)

MR. JOHN THOMAS BROWN has for disposal 50 Yorkshires of the highest pedigree, all bred from birds which have cost pounds. Upstanding yellow and buff cocks, from 12/6 upwards; some typical yellow hens, from 8/6 upwards; a grand unflighted buff cock, feathered like a Java, can win, 21/-; inspection invited: 23, Crossclliffe-st., Moss Side, Manchester. (1001)



YORKSHIRES
For Exhibition, Stock, or Songsters

Read following testimonials, which are only a sample from scores received lately: From 6, Findhater St., Glasthule, Kingstown, Oct. 26, 1913: "The Buff Yorkshire cock I purchased early in the season won 3rd prize last week in a very strong class. More orders to follow." M. Reilly to J. Taylor. Another from 14, Albert Place, Armagh, Ireland, Oct. 26, 1913: "Exhibition bird arrived safe, and looks in the pink of condition and health. I am sure he will do well for me in showing."—J. Webster to J. Taylor. Another from 57, Irish St., Enniscorthy, Oct. 25, 1913: "Bird arrived here on Thursday night in grand condition, and pleases me in all respects."—W. Batterton to J. Taylor. Grand yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, on song, and standard length, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. In clears, green-marked, cinnamon-marked, and clear pink eyed. Pairs matched to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- 25/-, 30/- per pair. Grand racy yellow or buff hens, feathered like wax, and large birds at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6 each. Colour-fed or natural colour, and every bird cold-room bred. Exhibition cocks and hens, that can win in keen company, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each upwards. Also a large selection of Norwich Plainheads at same prices as Yorkshires. EASY TERMS.—Birds sent off at once on receiving first instalment. Full particulars and illustrated price list post free. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All on 7 days' approval at my risk to any part. Only and old address:—

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WINNING Yorkshires; I have the finest strain in the Fancy; see report Gt Horton; matched pairs, same strain as my winners, from 10/6 pair; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; also several winners, reasonable; state wants. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1000)

BENNETT'S champion Yorkshire, over 100 to select from; fine long upstanding cocks, fit to win anywhere, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; grand show birds from 15/-, bred from my winners this season; inspection invited and arranged any evening; approval: 17, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (1000)

SPENCER'S high-class Yorkshires, unflighted buff cock, 2nd prize winner at Burnley, with yellow hen, who at Burnley, an ideal pair, £4; also few cocks, from 6/- upwards; hens from 4/-; feather like pot, standard length; approval, cash or deposit: 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1002)

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The strain that breeds winners, good quality show and stock birds, from 15/- pair; grand shoulder and length; approval; inspection by appointment: 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow. (990)

WILKINSON BROS.

We have some clinking Yorkshires for sale at reasonable prices, cocks from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens from 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, upwards; all bred from our winners at Burnley, Stamford, Liverpool, etc; state wants to 123, Parkside-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (998)

BEN WOOD, SADDLER, CLECKHEATON

Winner of Yorks. Union novice medal, 2nd in green marked and cinnamon marked Yorks. Canary Club competitions. Has a few Yorks. cocks for sale, yellows and buffs, clears or marked, from 7/6 to 25/-; approval, deposit. (979)

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To past purchasing clients and others: My new season's stock of Yorkshire Canaries, in all varieties, are now about finishing moult, and in the pink of condition and health; cold room bred, reared, and kept; selected unrelated pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; single birds proportionately; also few fit for exhibition, full price list post free from Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

SHAW FOR VALUE

NOW ready, first-class Yorkshires, real good ones, in song, 10/- to 15/- each: Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., London. (985)

YOU HAVE MR. TREAT

If you have not got Bennett's champion winning strain of Yorkshires in your rooms, they are again "bang at the top." See reports leading shows, every bird his own breeding, and bred from the oldest, purest, and finest winner producing strain in the Fancy. Winners or stock birds on approval at nominal prices: Thos. Bennett, 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. (993)

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in Yorkshires at Edwin North's; clear buff 1913 bred, 7in. long, can win, only 20/-; 2 1913 bred yell. hens to match, 10/- each, guaranteed to breed winners; green-marked buff cock, can win members, 12/6; yellow hen to match, 5/-; green-marked yell. cock, make big winner, 15/-; clear buff hen to match, 5/6; cinnamon-marked buff hen, can win, 10/-; other stock at the lowest prices possible, cocks in full song, at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; hens at 3/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; all guaranteed in every way, and colour-fed to perfection, and sent at my risk on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit "Cage Birds": Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1003)



8 FIRSTS. 10 Seconds.

The above is the record of my birds on Saturday, Oct. 25, in addition to specials and other prizes. See reports of Manchester, Bradford East, and Rotherham, etc., in this issue. Surely, no further comment as to the quality of my stock is required. I am now offering the following: Lengths Yorkshire Cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards; grand Yorkshire Hens, feather to perfection, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each upwards; pairs properly matched to give best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; large thick-set Norwich, at same prices as Yorkshires; pure Seifert Rollers, in full rolling song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/, 20/- each. Also Lancashires, Crests, Crest-breds, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Songsters, etc., etc., all at reasonable prices.

EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES AND NORWICH.

Real good birds, ready for immediate benching; can win their cost in prize-money. Yorkshires (cocks or hens), 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each upwards Champion Norwich, the Bull-dog strain, at same prices as Yorkshires. Any of my winners for sale. Kindly write, stating wants. Every bird sent on 7 days' approval at my sole risk. Send a P.C. for my New Free Illustrated Catalogues. (See also other advert. under Roller).

JOE THOMAS Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter,
AMBLER THORN HALIFAX.
Over 35 years same address.

OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. Atkins has retired from the Fancy; all his winners in open championship classes for sale; winners in cocks and hens at ridiculous prices, as they must all be cleared; unflighted cocks and hens, clean moulted, and ready to win in the best competition, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; full particulars on application; on approval, and satisfaction guaranteed: Avis, Wedgewood, Camberley. (993)

YORKSHIRE BREEDERS' SOCIETY

Have now ready some real gems, bred in their own rooms, from reliable strains; no fabulous prices; cocks from 5/-, hens from 4/-; cash or deposit; seven days' approval: Secretary, 15, Dalton-ter., Manningham, Bradford. (980)

PURE YORKSHIRES

1913 Crystal Palace first prize strain, guaranteed; some lovely specimens, clean moulted cocks, yellows or buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; any on approval: I guarantee to please you, as soon as you see them. Cages, 2/- each. Breeder 30 years: Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

30 Firsts 27 Seconds

Last week I again won 10 firsts, 7 seconds, etc., making my wins during Oct., 30 firsts, 27 seconds, 17 thirds, over 20 specials at all the leading shows in the country, and remember with Yorkshires only, not all varieties. My wins for years have surpassed all others, what better proof can I give of the value of my strain. I have over 300 bred from and related to above winners, all in the pink of condition; matched pairs, right sort to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- per pair; odd cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; exhibition cocks or hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each. Colour-fed to perfection, and all cold rooms, bred and kept; travelling boxes 3d. extra. All on seven days' approval, my risk. Price list post free, and remember I have sold hundreds of winners to my customers during the last few years. Inspection invited at any time, or state wants; I guarantee to please you: L. Dykes, 16, Shann-st., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

Various Canaries.

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Shoreditch, London, Luer's Wholesale and Retail Branch. St. Helena Waxbills, 2/6 pair; Grey Waxbills, 2/6 pair; White-headed Love Birds, 2/6 pair; Whydahs, long tails, 5/- pair; Napoleon and Orange Weavers, 2/- pair; Tiger Finches, cocks, 2/- each; 2/6 pair; Rufous-neck Weavers, 5/- each; White Java Sparrows, 6/6 pair; Bengalese, 8/- pair; Zebra Finches, 7/6 pair; Fire-tailed Finches, 25/- pair; Indigo Buntings, 20/- each; White Java Doves, 7/6 pair; Masked Senegal Doves, 7/6 pair; Cutthroats, 2/6 pair; Grey Java Sparrows, young, 2/- pair; Green Budgerigars, 5/- pair; Steel Finches, 2/6 pair; Jamaica Troupials, 20/- each; Blue-fronted Amazon Parrots, 25/- each; Yellow Budgerigars, 7/6 pair; double-fronted Amazon Parrots, 30/- each; Marmozet Monkeys, 20/- each; Jerboas, 7/6 each; White Rats, 1/- each; tame Mice, 3d. and 6d. each; wheel cages for same, 6d., 9d., 1/- and 1/6 each; Rhesus Monkeys, 25/- each; Ravens, 30/- each; Cavies, 1/- each; Cardinals, 5/- each; Tricoloured Mannikins, 2/6 pair; Avadavats in colour, 2/6 pair; all kinds of cages in stock, 6d. to 20/- each; all birds and animals sent entirely at my risk on approval; deposit Editor; telephone 7501 Central and 6594 Avenue. Note address: C. A. Luer, 87, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, and 32, East-st., Walworth-rd., London.

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I am receiving on or about Saturday a consignment of birds from South Africa Melbas, 60/6 pair, 32/6 each; Violet-eared Waxbills, 60/6 pair, 32/6 each; Quail Finches, 30/6 pair; Blue-breasted Waxbills, 12/6 pair, 7/6 each; Dufresnes, 40/6 pair; Black-cheeked Waxbills, 50/6 pair; Taha Weavers, 15/6 pair; also a few Ruddy Waxbills, Red-collared, Giant, and Yellow-backed Whydahs, White-checked Larks. Preference will be given to those clients who send cash with order. West African Touracou, rare, £5; pair Demoiselle Cranes, £6; Quaker Parrakeet, 7/6; genuine pair magnificent Moustache Parrakeets, 30/6; 1 Rosella, 16/6; 1 Toucanette, 30/6; Peruvian Jay, 25/6; Chestnut Finches, 15/6 pair; Cockatiels, 15/6; Taha Weavers, 15/6 pair; Bib Finches, 3/6; Zebras, 7/6; Avadavats 2/6; Madagascar Lovebirds, 3/6 pair; Green Budgerigars, 5/6; Yellow Budgerigars, 6/6; White Javas, 6/-; beautiful Crested Cardinal, 6/6; pair Diamond Doves, 20/6; pair very rare Black-necked Grackles, 40/6; pair Sikkim Siskins, 35/6; cock Long-tailed Paradise Whydah, 7/6; cock Crimson Bishop, show colour, 7/6; hen American Nonpareil, 12/6; Yellow Sparrow, 7/6, Cape Siskins, 7/6; 100 mixed African Finches, 50/6; 12 mixed for 9/6. Every care and attention shown to the despatch of all orders. Telephone 3311 Avenue. Telegrams, Hamlyn, London Docks, London. Letters, John Hamlyn, 221, St. George's-st., London, East.

FOREIGNERS
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SISKIN Mule, 5th Lochgelly, 13 in class, 7/6; grand buff Norwich cock, 7/6: Peter Martin, 118, Thistle-st., Camelon, Falkirk. (1000)

FOR sale, three cocks and eight hen Canaries, two cock Linnets, two hen Chaffinches: Clifton, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent. (999)

PAIR Canaries (good breeders) 5/6; Greenfinch (muler) 1/6; colour-fed Redpoll, 1/-; two mules 6/-, 4, Ironmonger-st., Stamford. (993)

A. C. BANHAM, Aviaries, East Lexham, Swaffham, cock Siskins 3/-, hens 9d., cock Bullfinches 1/3, Redpolls 1/3 pair, Canaries 6/3 pair; room wanted.

SELECTED 1913 Welsh Goldies, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; foul-marked 1913 Yorkshire Green, fit for immediate shows, show cage and case: Roberts, Tap Room, Llanrwst, Denbighshire. (991)

WANTED offers for twelve h.m. Linnets, some fit for show; also twice h.m. Thrush, singing day and gaslight; exchange large Goldfinches, or anything useful: Lockett, 74, Peel-st., Dresden, Staff. (999)

GENUINE bargains.—1913 Goldfinch-Canary Mule, champion songster, 10/-; Yellow Yorkshire hen, fine stock bird, 4/-; Goldfinch, 2/6; Linnet, 2/-; or 17/6 lot: Coward, Royal Oak Stables, Bettws-y-Coed. (991)

COCK and hen Canaries, rabbits, pups, and all kinds of livestock, bought and sold at Porter's wholesale and retail birdshop, 10, Wordsworth Parade, Green Lanes, Harringay and Stonely-rd., Tottenham.

GIVING up aviary, for disposal about 28 Canaries, 6 Green Budgerigars, 1 pair Madagascar Lovebirds, 1 pair Java Sparrows: what offers; appointment to view by letter: The Butler, Warfield Hall, Bracknell. (1003)

YORKSHIRES, 6/6 pair; nine Border Fancy, genuine cocks, £2 or nearest offer; Woodlarks 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; Skylarks, 1/-; aviary, all wire, 4½ yards square, 2ft. 6in. high, detachable, 8/6: S. Martin, 24 Ct., 1 House, Bromsgrove-st., Birmingham. (991)

FROM outdoor aviary, pair St. Helena Seedeaters, 5/6; two grand cock Goldfinches, 2/6 each, 4/6 two; pair Brambles 1/6; Redbreasted Redpoll, 1/; two grand cock Linnets, 1/- each; pair Budgerigars, breeding, 6/-: Morter, 8, Stanley-st., Lowestoft. (992)

DALE'S noted Sibs; best light muling strain in existence; one Yellow cock, one Buff cock, 20/- each; larger than Lancashire, feathered like silk; choice hens, 7/6 and 10/-; nearly clear Buff cock Goldfinch Mule, £3; light var. Yellow, 30/-; stamp: Barnard, Back-lane, Barking. (992)

GIVING up breeding, three Crested cocks, three Crestbred hens, good strain, three cock Goldfinch Canary muler, 2 hens, one three-compartment and one double, three single breeding cages; in one lot or separate; no reasonable offer refused: A. J. Marshall, 99, Corporation-st., Stafford. (998)

FOR SALE, 3 Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrids, 2 cocks, 1 hen, prize winner, 50/-; 2 hen Greenfinches, mother of above, 7/6; 1 Redpoll-Goldfinch Hybrid, also winner £1; 1 Redpoll, show bird, father of above, 10/-; 1 Siskin, cock, H.M., 6/-, 1 Lancashire cock, Plainhead, buff, £1, also 20 high-class Canary cocks, from 7/6 to £1; hens 5/- to 15/-; all birds guaranteed; approval on deposit: Charles Sherriff, Nashy-road, Leicester. (990)

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Shoreditch, London, Luer's Wholesale and Retail Branch. Sole agent in the United Kingdon for Gebrulder Bringmann, Bilshausen, Hanover, Germany. German hen Bullfinches, 3/6 each; Siberian cock Goldfinches, 4/6 each; arrival Friday; Hartz Roller cocks, 1,000 already sold on a week's approval, 4/6 and 5/- each; hens, 1/6 each; Seifert Roller cocks, 7/6, 10/6, and 12/6, on a week's approval, deposit Editor; hens, same strain, 2/6 each; Russian C. Goldfinches, 3/6, hens 1/6 each; cock Siskins, 2/6; hens, 1/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, hens 3d.; Redpolls, 6d. and 1/- each; Moustache Parrakeets, 3/6 each; all birds sent at my risk on approval. Note address: C. A. Luer, 87, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, and 32, East-st. Walworth-rd., London.

WANTED.
WANTED Canaries and British, cheap for cash: 34, Beechfield-rd, Doncaster. (993)

WANTED, Canaries and British birds, state prices: James Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (1000)

WANTED, any quantity of all kinds of cage birds for export: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (991)

WANTED, best cash offers, 10 cocks, 12 hens, grand strain, Yorkshires, colour fed: Dicks, Newcastle, Emlyn. (991)

WANTED, any quantity of good bred Norwich, good prices given; stamp reply: Jackson, 10, Cardigan-avenue, Leeds. (993)

NOTICE; will give 4/6 each for Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries in song. Thorn, 37, Plumstead rd, Woolwich. (992)

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich, also Cinnamons and Crests, fair price given: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (996)

WANTED six cock Canaries, or offers, exchange new oak bureau, as sold £2 10s.: Williams, 13, Garner-st., Hackney. (989)

WANTED, offers in Crests, Cinnamons, or Crestbred hens, in exchange for gent's. suit: Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles. (997)

WANTED hen Canaries, exchange singing cock Skylarks, grand birds, like Thrushes, worth 5/- each: Dutton, Dunstable. (992)

WANTED, any quantity of hen Canaries, cheap for cash; stating price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford. (971)

WANTED, cock Canary, singing; exchange picked cock Siskin; yours first; sell 6/-: Andrew Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (994)

WANTED Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfies, all kinds, best price in England paid: Marsh, Bird dealer, 47, Dean Crescent, Bedminster. (997)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (717)

WANTED, from catchers, large or small quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, etc.; write for price; prompt cash: Thomas Hughes, bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham (998)

WANTED, Monkeys, Parrots, Mice, Rabbits, Dogs, Pigeons, Poultry, Birds, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1001)

WANTED, Linnets, Larks, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Mules, all kinds of British birds, prompt cash: Manager, Bird Stores, Ossett. (1001)

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., state price for prompt cash: C. Palmer and Sons, Bird Dept., 68, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

WANTED, cock Canaries on song, for resale, honourable dealings only: Andrews, 19, Liddle-terr., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. (998)

WANTED, good winning Norwich cock, also typical unlighted yellow, fit to win in keen competition; approval: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster. (996)

CHARLOCK seed, 4/- bushel; 2 Goldfinches, 1912, mulers, used catching, 6/- each; exchange Linnet Mule: Moulder, Eynsham, Oxfordshire. (996)

WILL give 15/- doz. for coloured cock Goldfinches, 6/- doz. hens; wanting Bullfinches: Geo. Osborne, Naturalist, Dudley-rd., Wolverhampton. (1000)

CASH offers for bound volume of "Cage Birds," Nos. 1 and 2, 1902, including index and birthday number: Peters, 29, Coundon-rd., Coventry. (992)

WANTED, Crest and Crestbred, also Norwich Plainheads; large birds; send lowest prices to: E. Hughes, 162, London-rd., Bridgeton, Glasgow. (1000)

WANTED, either mule or two Goldies, or Norwich; exchange pewter salt-sellar, scuttle, copper basin, dark coat, birds wings: F. H. Cook, Pembridge. (997)

WANTED for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, either sex, state lowest price, if colour fed: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London. (1000)

CANARIES, for rugs or lino; exchange phonograph, large trumpet and stand, 65 records, new; sell 50/-: Bromford, 273, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham (992)

WANTED, Canaries, exchange medium size meat mincer, two lots of accessories; extra large turning wheel, for sausage or sauce: 51, Hempshill lane, Bulwell, Nottingham. (992)

WANTED, surplus stocks Canaries, all breeds, state particulars and price, prompt cash paid, and strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1002)

WANTED for cash, 50 pairs colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted, Scotch Fancy, Crests, and Mules; highest prices given: Martin, Bird Specialist, Castle Douglas. (973)

WANTED, common Rollers, exchange beautiful Collie dog (15 months' old), thoroughly trained (value 30/-); other offers considered: Bennett, Lanehead Farm, Broadclough, Bacup. (998)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich wanted, colour fed, give 5/6 to 7/- pair: good price, cocks singing, no crossed cheques sent; cash deposited; send particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (990)

NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires, colour-fed preferred; also wanted Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Borders, any number, cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas. (990)

WANTED moleskins, cats, foxes, otters, horsehair, pheasant tails, marabout and egret feathers, white geese and duck feathers: Steels, Taxidermist and Furrier, Manchester-st., Liverpool. Bankers: London City and Midland. (859)

EXHIBITORS: a splendid cock Chaffinch, colour fed, winner, 7/6, cards sent; large hand-reared hen Hawfinch, finger tame, 5/-; exchange either for large house moulted muling Goldfinch or Siskin; approval, deposit if required: J. Lees, Thompson-st, Langley Mill, Derbyshire. (995)

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Shoreditch, and 32, East-st., Walworth. Note number and name over the shop. C. A. Luer wants Rats, Mice, Squirrels, Tame Animals, any variety of Canaries except Rollers; cash or exchange.

Wanted for Export.
Large, healthy Norwich. **Will give 7/- per pair for large colour-fed birds, 6/- per pair for large natural colour birds. Will give 10/- per pair for good Crests and Crestbreds. I also require Greens, Cinnamons, Lancashires, Lizards.** Also any quantity Goldfinch or Linnet Mule cocks. **Will deposit cash with Editor. Send full particulars and stamp for reply.**
H. GLEDHILL,
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SALE or EXCHANGE.
Mainly British.
EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinches, for left-off clothing or Canaries; stamp reply: Swift, 12, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1000)

EXCHANGE Dark Linnet Mule for good housemoulted cock Goldfinch: approval: George Mitchell, 40, Broad-st., Alloa, N.B. (986)

EXCHANGE, 2 small gramophones and cylinder records, for 6 cock Goldfinches or Siskins, or Canaries: Dodd, Victoria, Southwold. (1003)

WILL exchange cock Goldfinches or cock Linnets for Goldfinch Mules or Linnet Mules: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (959)

EIGHTEEN cock Linnets, Chaffinches, Redpolls, caught six weeks, healthy, 1/- each; offers exchange: Croom, 12, Ash-st., Gateshead. (993)

FOUR good British cocks: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, 6 - lot; approval, deposit; offers: W. Conlo, Newtown, Raunds, Wellingborough. (1002)

EXCHANGE two cock Linnets (red breasted) and two hen Goldfinches, for a good cock Siskin, mutual approval Jones, Sup, Pentrepoeth, Llanelly (994)

EXCHANGE 12 cock Linnets, 2 Goldfinches, 2 Greenfinches, 2 Redpolls, caged months, for Lark net or Canaries: Harper, 45, Denmark-rd., Beeston.

WANTED, two large unlighted Yellow-Green or Foul Yellow Norwich hens; exchange six cock Siskins or sell 1/-: Ryan, Templehouse, Ballymote, Sligo.

WANTED offers cash or exchange for selected British birds for showing; softbills and hardbills; stamp, particulars: Vernum, 298, Lillie-rd, Fulham.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch, two Linnets, house-moulted, for large Buff Norwich cock Canary: Strachan, Draper, Woodside, Aberdeen.

LINNET, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Redpoll, Corn bunting, Yellow-bunting (selected), 2/- each; exchange clothes, records, anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1001)

EXCHANGE grand house-moulted, white legged cock Goldfinch, muler, songster, for light mule, pure Goldie song; yours first, letters: J. Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury. (1002)

COCK Linnets, caged two months, 1/; cock Yellowhammer, 1/; cock Twite 1/; Greenfinches, 6d., 3 1/; exchange live stock, yours first: H. Dale, 68, Kingston-st., Cambridge. (1000)

PAIR prize-bred Dragoon Pigeons, rung 1913, parents winners of first and special prizes; sure winners, sell 1/; exchange selected cock Goldfinch: C. Barrie, 32, Willington-terrace, Keith. (998)

GRAND pen 1912 Modern Pile Game Bantams from big winners; good melodeon, ivory keys, like new; exchange good Norwich or British for exhibition: Weedall 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1002)

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Bullfinch, hen Goldfinch, Mule, good Norwich hen, for boy's strong school boots, size 11, or good birdcatcher's outfit; no rubbish, yours first: Ayres, 35, Tower-st., Peterborough. (997)

FOR sale, Goldfinch cock, cage bred; Greenfinch cock, winner; three Norwich Canaries, hens; Bullfinch hen, sure nesters, 10/ lot, or exchange for yellow variegated Norwich hen value: Streets, 49, Central-ave., Basford, Nottingham. (991)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules; all sent out on approval both ways; state wants at once to Hollinghead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (983)

Mainly Canaries.

PAIR Norwich 10/-, H.M. Greenfinch 2/-, exchange Budgerigars; offers: Hicking, Whitegates, Codnor, Derby. (995)

EXCHANGE Canaries, breeding cages, and heating apparatus for pullets: Palmer, 128, Church-rd., Battersea. (1000)

EXCHANGE a large buff var. hen and a few show cages for singing Canaries: D. McDonald, 152b, High-st., Forres. (1001)

MONSTER Siberian cock Goldie, perfect specimen, 8/6; exchange hot-fed Yorks. cock: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham. (1001)

WHAT offers in Canaries for about 50 "Cage Birds" coloured plates: F. Hilleard, 55, Gt. Blandford-st., London, S.E. (998)

EXCHANGE pair Border Fancies for typical 1913 yellow Norwich hen, for show: Thos. McNeill, 84, New Row, Tranent. (990)

EXCHANGE Crested cock for Crestbred cock, for change of blood, or sell £2; approval; Calam, 59, Baxtergate, Whitby. (999)

EXCHANGE a winning pair of Norwich, Hodder's strain, for winning Yorkshire cock: 61, St. Dunstan's-rd., Worthing. (1002)

TWO pairs of good Yorkshires; exchange Roller cocks on song: Rocherry, 37, Evelyn-rd., West Silvertown, London, E. (994)

EXCHANGE Norwich for pair good 1913 Crests or two singing Roller cocks: Write, E. Blake, 24, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts. (999)

WILL exchange few large Cinnamon Canaries for British birds and Siberian Goldies; yours first: Sharp, Mid-st., Bathgate. (1003)

EXCHANGE young Yorkshire cocks for field-moulted exhibition British; yours first: Hatton, 24, Abernethy-st., Horwich, Lancs. (998)

EXCHANGE Norwich songsters, cocks 5/-, hens 2/-, for good watch, mandoline, or pullets: David Gillott, 36, Thorpes-rd., Heanor. (989)

YELLOW variegated and cinnamon Border hens, 4/-, or exchange; also Norwich greens: Woods, 125, Pelgrave-rd., Great Yarmouth. (993)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire cock, 15/-, exchange house-moulted Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, Mules; approval: 36, Walcot-st., Bath. (1003)

GOOD class pair Yorkshires, Binns' strain, for good big Linnet and Goldfinch; no rubbish wanted: Whalley, Leonardgate, Lancaster. (996)

WANTED, gramophone, exchange high-class Norwich, or part cash; write particulars, letters only: A. Bonsall, 3, Barngate-st., Leek. (997)

EXCHANGE Yorkshires, cock and hen, for Roller Schoolmaster; mutual approval; yours first: Jas. Brierley, 94, Newchurch-rd., Bacup. (998)

GOOD Yorkshire Canaries for sale, cheap or exchange good gramophone disc records: Bottomley, Bookmaker, Oakworth-rd., Keighley. (995)

YELLOW Norwich cock, vhc Harrogate open, with good buff hen, £1, or exchange small Foreign: Bousfield, Saddler, Briggate, Knaresbro'. (995)

ONE cock, two hens, small Norwich, 10/-; exchange for acclimatised common foreign seedeaters: Hurley, 87, Sydney-st., Burton-on-Trent. (997)

WANTED, good gent's bicycle for high-class Yorkshires and Norwich, approval both ways: Edwards, Charnwood-rd., Shepshed, Leicestershire. (992)

PRIZE bred Norwich and Yorkshires, exchange cock Mules, Goldfinches, or Rollers, songsters: Lea, 57, Waterloo-square, Camberwell, London. (990)

GENT.'S English lever, by John Jones, Strand; exchange pair of unflighted Norwich, winners, or fit to win; approval: Thomas, 287, High-rd., Leyton.

EXCHANGE unflighted buff Yorkshire cock, ticked both eyes, for first-class yellow Yorkshire hen; approval both ways: Payne, Emwell-st., Warminster.

HEAVILY feathered Crested cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; grand pair, £3; large Norwich, 7/6 each; exchange really good pair Cinnamons: A. March, Evesham.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, 4 cocks and 10 hens, cold room bred (Bailey's strain), what offers, cash or exchange; yours first: 28, Fruit-st., Village, Keighley. (998)

WANTED Roller Schoolmaster, exchange high-class Yorkshire, Amblers; approval both ways to value: Phillips: Donnington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. (993)

WANTED good rabbiting dog, Whippet cross, preferred for pair of high-class Yorkshire Canaries, or sell 15/-; approval: Dean, Highgate, Crosshills, Keighley. (985)

WANTED, exhibition British or Roller cock, or anything useful, for three hens which have bred Mules this year, or sell 10/-: 121, Cannock-rd., Chadmore. (996)

LIGHT Goldfinch Mule, £1; pair clear Borders, 12/6; exchange exhibition British and show cages, Hawfinch preferred; offers: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (1003)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc., carriage paid: W. Whiteley, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, Ashfield-rd., Idle, Yorks. (993)

EXCHANGE pair Borders, Bailey's strain, for winning Greenfinch, or pair field glasses: sell 10/-; few odd cocks, 7/6 each; approval: Johnson, Greetby-hill, Ormskirk. (995)

BORDERS for disposal, cocks from 6/6, hens 2/6, or will exchange for foreign or colonial stamps; send stamps registered for my best offer: Joplin, 7a, Wisteria, Lewisham. (992)

FOR SALE, a quantity of Norwich Plainheads, at 12/6 per pair, or exchange for lathe, Primus stove, bootmakers' tools, 28in. by 1¼in., Dunlop tyres, Brooke's cycle saddle, anything useful: Staples, 41, New Provident-place, Bridgwater, Somerset. (995)

LANCASHIRES, exchange two massive 1912 yellow cocks, coppy and Plainhead, for Yorks or Norwich, good birds wanted; Turner, 36, St. Albans-avenue, East Ham. (991)

EXCHANGE 1913 Selfert Roller cock, Gluckc strain, double breeder, complete, nickel sprayer with bell, for cock Goldfinches, or offers: Gray, 263, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (990)

YELLOW Norwich cock, 1st Filey, 1912, with good buff hen, £1, or exchange good British birds, also a few good cocks and hens: Bousfield, Saddler, Briggate, Knaresbro'. (995)

EXCHANGE three Silc-bred muling hens, 2 cock Goldfinches, young, good, for large feathery Crest bred hen, approval both ways; yours first: Tams, Churchyark, Tavistock. (987)

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries, Klitc cameras for enlarging lantern without lens, small breast plate, drill, acetylene gas lamp; offer: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Clapton. (994)

WANTED offers in Canaries, singing cocks and large clear hens, for pair new Scotch blankets, all wool, 27/6, or suit length, 25/-, approval: McNairn, merchants, Castle Douglas. (1000)

EXCHANGE eight Norwich cocks, 2 Border cocks, 1913 birds, for a genuine talking Parrot, no rubbish offered, none wanted; sell £3 10/-; approval: 17, Nantgwyn-st., Penygraig. (991)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks. or Norwich Canaries for scrap brass, copper, block tin, old artificial teeth; see advcrts. Yorks., Norwich: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1003)

EIGHT high-class Walton strain Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung 1912, 1913, 3/- each; five Roller show cages, 8/6; quantity utensils; offers in pullets, cash, anything: Blythe, Plane-st., Bacup. (1002)

WANTED, Roller Canaries, or British in exchange for gas stove with fire coker and fittings; latest style, recently cost 30/-; suit Lancier or private: Wilcockson, 40, Bickerton-rd., Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair of Lancashires, Plainhead cock and coppy hen, value 25/-, for a good large Siberian Goldfinch, cock, house-moulted bird; approval both ways: H. M. Taylor, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

FOR sale or exchange, 20 high-class Yorkshire Canaries, cages, and all utensils; wanted offers, Persian kitten, Grey Parrot, camera, or anything useful: Apply Round, 23, Windsor-rd., Maindee, Newport, Mon. (1002)

EXCHANGE 12 large young Norwich, 9 cocks, 3 hens, colour fed; 6 Yorkshire cocks, 3 hens, 2 cross-bred cocks, for suit and overcoat to measure, anything useful; approval; cash £5 10/-: Crawshaw, Epworth, Doncaster. (993)

FOR sale or exchange, 3 Canaries, 2 Yorkshires, 1 Norwich, 2 prize Yorkshires, also pair of gent.'s dumb-bells (Sandow's), 7 springs, grip, sell the lot £2, or exchange to the value: Bergen House, Satchwell-st., Leamington Spa. (989)

EXCHANGE 12 unflighted Norwich, as bred, anything useful for metal lathe; also 29 prize-bred Norwich, outdoors, exceptionally good birds, all colours, 7/6; room wanted, owner not showing.—F. Smith, 29, Vernon-st., Newark, Notts. (996)

BARGAIN pair prize-bred Norwich, pair prize-bred Yorkshires, two house-moulted Linnets, cock Goldfinch Mule, four-compartment breeding cage, joiner made; exchange good gent's free wheel cycle; offers: Wood, 2, Butterfield-st., Leeds. (991)

WANTED, marble clock, gent's bike, 22in. frame, carpets and rugs, or anything useful in exchange for Yorkshires (Bailey's strain) or sell, also breeding cages and Yorkshire, Norwich show cages and cases: A. J. Wagstaff, 30, Queen-st., Middleton, near Manchester. (994)

BEAUTIFUL 1912 Yellow Yorkshire cock, can win, grand bird, 50/-; good 1912 yellow cock, brother, plenty length, nice feather, 40/-; two good stock buff hens, 15/- each; four Yorkshire show cages and case, 12/6; splendid condition; exchange Norwich; approval: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1002)

Mainly Foreign.

PAIR Golden Owls, hand-reared, also pair Green Budgerigars; best offer or exchange: R. Graham, Ballybrack, Dublin. (918)

ONE pair breeding Zebra Finches, pair Cutthroats, pair Weavers, acclimatised, 15/-; offers, anything useful: 51, Greenfield-st., Bargoed. (998)

EXCHANGE pair yellow and green Budgerigars, aviary bred, for foreign seedeaters, or sell 6/-: Mrs. Stowe, Cornwell, Chipping Norton. (993)

PAIR adult Cockatiels, outdoors; exchange two Goldie Mules; offers; pair Java Doves, exchange cock Bullfinch: Locke, Glencoe-cottage, Honiton.

FOR sale, a beautiful talking and whistling African Grey Parrot and cage, a real lady's pet; or exchange for high-class Canaries, gold albert, watch; sell £8: Whaley, 6, Vickers-bldgs., Newton-st., Lincoln. (993)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, everything alive: Pearson's Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (945)

GRAND accordian, also concertina, cheap, 6/- lot: Roberts, Tap Room, Llanrwst, Denbighshire. (991)

WHAT offers for 60 "Cage Birds" coloured plates: J. H. Graham, 19, Harraby Green-rd., Carlisle. (991)

GRAMOPHONE records, 10in., double, cost 2/6 each; exchange birds: Uttley, Hope-pl., Liverpool. (994)

TWELVE 5/- briars and 109 6d. cigars; offer wanted, or exchange: Smith, 5a, Chapel-st., Edgware-rd.

WELL-BRED rough-haired Whippet dog pup, four months, 12/6; exchange: S. Hammond, Hoibeach.

WANTED six cock Canaries, or offers, exchange oak bureau, as sold £2 10s.: Williams, 13, Garner-st., Hackney, London. (989)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, for lady's silver watch, new, or sell £1: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1000)

COCK, three hens, Black-red Old English Game Bantams, 10/-; or exchange British Hardbills: Pobgee, Maple-rd., Penge. (992)

EXCHANGE Columbia graphophone, splendid condition, 30 records, for Canaries or sell 27/6: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (972)

SQUIRREL, tame pet, clean and healthy: exchange good singing Mule; sell 6/-: John Williams, Adoveacottage, Menai Bridge. (993)

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange indigo blue all wool serge suit length, sell 30/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (944)

SOLID leather cornet case, new, cost £1, sell cheap; exchange Norwich or Crests: Johnson, 113, Heysham-rd., Southport. (986)

WANTED two singing Yorkshire or Norwich, for handsome pair English earthenware vases: Julian, 34, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (909)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for splendid pair opera glasses, or sell 15/-: Henry Blamires, Little Royd Cottages, Earlsheaton. (991)

FULL-bred Welsh Terrier dog; exchange Parrot and cage, or offers: McKirdy, 83, Alexander-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (994)

WHAT offers in exchange for 3 books on pigeons, etc., cost 8/6, all in best condition: F. Hilleard, 55, Gt. Bland-st., London, S.E. (999)

WHAT offers for 3 Ring Boxes, Dutch doe, English dog (winner), and pedigree black spaniel puppy: Mann, Lancaster, Matthay Tydfil. (988)

WANTED, pair Canaries, exchange rolled gold watch (new), good timekeeper; sell 15/-: Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow. (973)

GENT'S cycle, 24in. frame, perfect running order, sell 15/-, or exchange cock Mules: Lyons, 18, Albert-sq., Henry-st., Nottingham. (992)

WILL exchange 18-compartment cage, in good condition, for good gramophone, or sell 20/-: John Abery, 5, Bush-st. West, Southsea. (992)

1912 NORWICH cock, 6/-; German hen, 2/; will exchange cutlery, wallpapers, for poultry, puppies, rabbits: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (1003)

EDISON Standard phonograph, large and small horn, 26 records; exchange birds, part cash: Perrins, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. (998)

EXCHANGE six racing pigeons, 80 to 200 miles, for Yorkshires or Norwich; particulars to senders: Bacon, 51, Cemetery-rd., Doncaster. (993)

EXCHANGE, set carvers, or six table knives, good quality, ivorine handles, for good cock Canary, or Mule: Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Shelfield. (1000)

WANTED, two pairs Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; exchange valuable Persian male kitten; approval: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (924)

EXCHANGE book, new, value 25/-, "Canaries, Hybrids, British Birds," for gramophone and record; offers: Ritchie, 3, Main-st., Lochgelly. (998)

QUACKENBUSH rifle, cost 25/-, sell 15/-; pair opera glasses, 10/6; exchange Canaries, anything: Royce 173, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (993)

WANTED, young Roller cock or pair 1913 Norwich in exchange for new "Ensign" camera, value 10/6: Palmer, 46, Walpole-rd., Gt. Yarmouth. (991)

TWO cocks or six hens, Spangle Game Bantams (Babcock's), 2/6 each; exchange birds, anything useful: Fox, Ludgvan, Longrock, Cornwall. (974)

WILL exchange good ¼-plate camera for good Plainhead Norwich Canaries; or sell £1 1/-: Apply S. Stratton, 12, Tresuant-st., Pontypool. (990)

GREYHOUND puppies, best blood, by Chilli, vol. 98, dam Mignonette, vol. 32; overstocked, sell cheap: Kenworthy, Long Bennington, Grantham. (1001)

FOR sale, or exchange, hand-made clapnets, all sizes, new, for Canaries, left-off clothing; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1000)

HAND lockstitch sewing machine, perfect stitch, equal new, 30/-, cost £4, exchange Canaries or Mules: Fenn, 421, Portobello-rd., London. (990)

WANTED, singing Canary or Mule or two call Linnets; exchange Budgerigar breeding husks: Harper, Husk Importer, Norton, Stourbridge. (991)

EXCHANGE two pairs short flyers, very best strain, for Rollers or good Yorkshires; no rubbish: Bradshaw, Near Farm, Winsford, Cheshire. (991)

PAIR B.S.A. reversible handle bars, large cycle saddle, 2/- each; cock Goldfinch, steady, 3/-; exchange anything: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach. (992)

DINNER, tea, toilet, trinket sets, vases, flower stands, etc.; offers, Canaries, British, foreign, anything: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (998)

WANTED, offers in exchange for Genz Auto knitting machine, new, cost £8: violin and case, £1: Dimmock, Market Square, Leighton Buzzard. (1002)

EXCHANGE two breeding, two single cages, two hen Canaries, for 10in. disc records, anything useful: Copp, 3, Hunte's Grove, Swindon, Wilts. (988)

EXCHANGE one dozen new gramophone records for Goldfinch Mule, Finch note; on approval; value 12/-; or anything to value: D. R. Jones, Talsarnau.

SALE, exchange, Liliput Model A typewriting machine, absolutely new; cost when bought £2 10/-; sell 30/-: Kinzell, 50, Hope-st., Wrexham, Wales.

FOR sale, high-class Yorkshire Terrier dog pup, 8 months old, £1, or exchange Canaries to value, yours first: J. McCartney, 12, Newhouse, Stirling.

WHAT offers in hen Canaries or double breeding cage, for 24 7d. unbound parts Harmsworth History of the World: King, 90, High-st., Walthamstow

EXCHANGE trio O.E.S.G. Bantams, cockerel and two pullets (Hey's strain) for pair of good Yorkshire Canaries: Cornthwaite, Lane Bank, Lancaster.

BIRDS of any description taken in exchange for cages or loose fronts; any size made; state offers and what wanted: Leigh, 51, Netherfield-rd., S., Liverpool. (1000)

VICTORIA flat knitting machine, cost £16, wants cleaning, offers, exchange 50/-; 16 hole double-sided seed hopper, 5/-: Hall, 31, Fountain-st., Macclesfield. (1001)

WHAT offers in singing Yorkshire or Norwich for pair new waterproof boots, size 8, screwed and sewn, chrome uppers, Julian, 34, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (1000)

EXCHANGE handsome pen six Old English Spangle Game Bantams, winners, for anything useful, or sale, cheap: Jefferies, 27, Sherbourne-st., St. George, Bristol. (994)

PEDIGREE fox terrier bitch puppy, make winner, £2; wire bitch, £1; smooth dogs, £1; exchange Parrots, Canaries: Hodges, Saffron-rd., High Wycombe. (1003)

COCK Yorks., 3/-; hen, 1/-; cinematograph and film, 2/9; sewing machine, 2/9; violin, bow, and case, 2/9, carriage paid: Malley, 50, Bridgend, Dumbarton. (997)

ROLLER Pigeons, high flyers, grand performers, all colours; exchange Canaries, Linnets, Goldfinches, Budgerigars: Richard Andrew, Monument-st., Peterborough. (993)

TWO grand show Homers and working Homer cock; exchange for Canaries or cages; will breed winners: Chris. Bibby, 16, Hallfold, Whitworth, nr. Rochdale. (998)

OFFERS wanted in Rollers, or anything useful, for 16½ lbs. of poultry feather and three cocks, Goldfinch and Canary Mules: J. Gittins, Tan-y-vron, Wrexham. (994)

EXCHANGE pair racing pigeons, 1913 rung, parents flown Newcastle, for Roller or Yorkshire cock; approval; yours first: Kent, Holmwood Stables, Hendon, N.W. (1003)

TO catchers, will give gent's new 8-day solid silver watch for 1½ doz. clean cock Goldfinches, or sell £1, perfect timekeeper. Hayes, Robert-st., Thornaby-on-Tees. (992)

FREE, two full-size tins of our washable cage enamel, any colour, to all enclosing 6d. for postage and packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (898)

FOR sale, No. 1 Brownie camera and all accessories and two Yorkshire show cages and case; 10/- or best offer: Bayes, Rosedale, Cowper-rd., Harpenden, Herts. (991)

WAINFORD, Postman, Benges, Hertford, offers on approval Yorkshire cocks (1913) from 5/-; hens from 3/-; wanted, British, new cages, fronts, appliances, seed, or offers. (991)

THREE Spaniel Retriever pups, 9 weeks; one Airedale Spaniel, 10 weeks; exchange discarded clothing, ferrets, cages, birds, anything useful; wanted, Yorkshire pup: English, 33, Warne-st., Pleurdelis, Mon. (991)

WHAT offers exchange a lady's 9ct. gold watch, gent.'s stop watch, and roulcau watch, a gent's gold shell band ring: Matthew Hatton, 15, Bonchurch-gdns., Brighton (991)

EXCHANGE tele-cope, maker Lynch Dublin, cost £2 10/-, for two good Yorkshire hens or four cocks, Bird first approval: Russell, 4 Malvern-bldgs., Lalr held Park, Bath. (999)

HIGHLAND Toy Yorkshire Terrier dog, 7 months, rich golden tan, champion Merry Marcot pedigree, price 30/-, or exchange Canaries: J. Cameron, 51, Johnet-s., Stirling (995)

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handled knives, and 6 tea spoons, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, or 3 Norwich show cages, approval Herbert Marsden, 175, St Philip-rd., Sheffield (1002)

WANTED, brass, copper or pewter, or bed of clothing, give good exchange Canaries, cage, pigeons or poultry, puppies: Percy Hempshall-lane, Bulwell, Nottingham (992)

EXCHANGE splendid Irish terrier, bitch, in exchange for cock Linnet Mule Goldfinch, Mule or roller: Mr. Starkie, 27, Back Scarlet-lane, Lanington Colliery, Co. Durham (1002)

CHOCOLATE Pomeranian, male, two years old, 7lbs weight, good stud dog or companion, sell 20/-, or exchange birds, or offers, offer first: Coward, 2 Trinity-st., Blackburn. (990)

RIPPINGILL'S pipe stove oil heating, cost 30/-, sell 15/-, new condition; or exchange good unflighted Crest cock, Roller, anything: Shipley, 61 Victoria-rd., Longeaton. (991)

EXCHANGE prize-winning Fox terrier (rough) dog for show birds, (Norwich preferred), or collection Mules; yours first; to value £3 10/-: D. R. Jones, Talsarnau, North Wales. (995)

SELL or exchange, book of Canaries, Hybrids, and British birds, 26 coloured plates and other illustrations, cost 25/-; what offers in Canaries: Scott, 71, Dudley-rd., Ilford, Essex. (990)

WINCHESTER Repeater, Gem air-gun, lamper, travelling case for six, Homers, parents flown Bordeaux; exchange Canaries, Ferrets: L. Brodribent, 21, Carlton-rd., Dewsbury. (994)

PEDIGREE chocolate Pom. bitch, 2½ years, grand breeder, 30/-; lovely plumaged Indian Green Parrot, commencing to talk, 25/-; exchange Canaries: Swann, 219, Falkner-st., Liverpool. (994)

EXCHANGE pure-bred brown curly Retriever bitch, 2½ years old; birds, musical instruments, or anything: J. Turner, 16, Reading Roome-row, East Hetley, Hope Tow-Lane, Durham. (992)

CHANGE a good gunmetal watch, two good razors, and a bicycle lamp, and good overcoat, nearly new; what offers in birds; yours first: Polfe, 35, Shepherd's-lane, Beacon's-field, Bucks. (996)

WANTED, York-hire carrying case to hold two or three cages, with cages or without them, give good value in Old English Spangle Bantams: L. Watson, High Etherley, nr. Bishop Auckland. (992)

GRAND Collie St. Bernard cross male dog, six months, orange and white; also black Spaniel bitch; cheap, or exchange birds; offers; wanted pair yellow Budgerigars: Hall, 65, Manuel-st., Goole. (995)

WANTED, large good Blackbird cage, or Norwich cock, in exchange for Auto Safety Razor, nearly new, cost 21/-; or eagle claw meerschaum pipe, case, cost £1: Guyton, Club, Cliff-avenue, Cromer.

SINGER'S boot machine, 50/- cash, or exchange Canaries to value £3; cornet and case, 12/-; Lachenal concertina, £2, for good breeding Schoolmasters; approval, deposit: Gibbons, 25, Sansom-st., Camberwell. (1005)

TYPEWRITER, wants repairing, 20/-; seven-string banjo, wants new strings, 10/6; mandoline and case, 10/6; new hornless gramophone, 30/-; exchange any of above for Canaries: William Price, 69, Marlboro'-st., Burnley. (998)

AIREDALES, not rubbish; ideal specimens, 2 bitches, one 15 months, due in season; other 3½ months; prize bred; part exchange: 35/- and 21/-: Henry Mathers, 21, Hemmons-rd., Crowcroft Park, Longsight, Manchester. (1000)

WANTED, offers in cage birds for Whippet dog, 14 weeks, sell 7/6: Wilson, 4, New-st., Keswick. (997)

EXCHANGE: Artist will give fine pair oil paintings, in massive frames, for Norwich Canaries: 22, Fullerton-pl., Gateshead. (997)

EXCHANGE a first-class 1913 black fairy Swallow, bred from Anderson's Palace cup winner, also some of our big winning Jacobins and show homers, for gramophone, Canaries or foreigner: Dingwall and McDonald, Pigeon Fanciers, 152b, High-st., Forres.

WHAT offers, or will exchange microscope to value, for 1 breeding hen Alexandrine, 1 breeding pair of yellow and green Budgerigars and Cockatiels, 1 cock Zebra Dove, 1 yellow cock Budgerigar: Ward, Higham Mount, Gee Cross, Hyde, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE pure white prize-bred bull terrier dog, splendid guard, game till death, grand dog for stud purpose, for three Water Glucke Rollers, must be perfect songsters: birds first; stamp reply: L. McDermott, 80, Greenfield-st., Glancynon, Aberaynon, S. Wales. (995)

FOR sale, 30/-, or exchange for Canaries, brindle Aberdeen terrier bitch, coming 2 years, splendid watch; sire, King of the Macks, out of a good dam; pedigree to purchaser; also 2 pairs of racing homers, 8/-: J. W. Flavell, Woodgate, P.O., Quinton, nr. Birmingham. (1004)

HAVING decided to retire from Fancy through increasing pressure of business, entire stock of Norwich and cages, will sell, or exchange piano, household effects, and cash: stamp: Eccles, Skip and Basket Manufacturer, 32, Kay-st., Ardwick Green, Manchester. (992)

EXCHANGE silver Lever watch, 15/-; gent's new partridge cane walking stick, 10/6; gent's new seal-back brown leather-lined gloves, 12/6: organ-tone accordion, new, cost 15/-, 10/6; for Norwich or Crested Canaries, stock birds; first: approval: Juniper, 22, Springfield, Gatley, Cheshire. (997)

GENT.'S cycle, in perfect running order, lamp, tools, two brakes, tubes and covers, as new, 30/-; silver English Lever watch, splendid timekeeper, guaranteed, 20/-; nine healthy Canaries, four cocks, 5 hens, 15/-; or exchange poultry, any breed: J. Darlington, Court-st., Madeley, Salop. (999)

51 PARTS Harmsworth's History of the World, 39 Harmsworth's Natural History, 17 Cassell's British Birds and their Nests, 25 Cassell's Wild Flowers as They Grow, clean and complete, and in good condition; exchange for Canaries, or anything useful: Hallett, Sbrublands, Smithybridge, Rochdale. (992)

FOR sale or exchange, very fast Whippet bitch, min. age about 3½ years, height 16in., broken to ferrets, hunt, and a silent chaser, and a good killer, 15/-, or exchange for a good air gun, one to shoot shot; all those only inquiring please save stamps: J. Coates, Coulson's-rd., Draycott, nr. Derby.

CLAP nets, pair, secondhand, next to new, 18 yards long, 7 feet high; pair, same as above, 10½ yards long, 6 feet 6 inches high; second-hand Lark net, 26 years long, 16 feet wide; talking Rosey Parrot, finger tame, three years old, bird and cage: will exchange any of above for cock and hen Canaries or cock and hen Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brigbton. (999)

HIGH-CLASS cocks, two large buff Norwich, 2 large yellow Yorkshires, 5/- each; 1 double breeding cage, 1 small flight, both 3 -; pair Zebra Finches, reared 15 young this season, 6s. 6d.; 2 bound volumes Living Animals of the World, cost 30/-, sell 8/-; Familiar Wild Birds, cost 25/-, sell 6/-; exchange cutlery, anything: Minikin, Naturalist, Keighley. (1000)

WE can give you value for value, any of following new goods for Canaries, cages, British, etc.: China tea and dinner sets, electro-plated tea, coffee service, teapots, cruets, carvers, cutlery, joiners' tools, overcoats, mackintoshes, suits, costumes, boots, blankets, sheets, curtains, carpets, furniture, wallpaper, etc.; stamp reply: Exchange Co., 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (1000)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

2 WORDS 1d. THROUGHOUT

is the rate charged for all advertisements not relating to birdkeeping. The following headings are available: Aquarium; Cats; Clothing; Cycles; Garden; Household; Kennel; Mice; Musical Instruments; Natural History; Photography; Pigeons; Rabbits; Sport; and Various.

Aquarium.

GOLD Fish, 9d. doz.; medium, 2/- doz.; large, 6/- to 12/- doz.; fish cans, 3d. and 6d. each; trade supplied: R. Kremmer, 101, Tib-st., Manchester.

GOLDFISH, aquariums, fish globes, grottoes, water lilies, and weeds; stamp for price list: British Goldfish and Aquarium Co., 61-3, St. George's-rd., Elephant and Castle, London. (1004)

GOLDFISH, all sizes, rare fish of many species, reptiles, amphibia, plants, snails; list free; catalogue, Aquaria and Vivaria, 1d.: L. Cura and Sons, Vine-st., Clerkenwell-rd., London, E.C. Fisheries: Carmiano, Piacenza, Italy. Established 1859. (962)

VERY large breeding Goldfinch, 5/- pair; White Oxolote, 2/6 each; Vallisneria, in pots, 6d.; Goldfish, 9d. dozen, medium, 2/-, large 6/- and 12/-; Gudgeon, 2d.; Roach, 3d.; Paradise Fish, small, 9d. each; Dogfish, 6d. each; Sunfish, 6d.; Bitterling, 4d.; Golded Orife, 6d.; Minnows, 5d. dozen; Catfish, 6d.; plants, snails, globes, aquariums, etc.; trade supplied; price lists: De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

Clothing, etc.

WE are selling champion box calf boots newly soled and heeled; ladies', 2/6; gents', 3/6; girls,, 2/3; boys', 2/9; all sizes, carriage paid: Fred Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester. (217)

Cycles.

CYCLE agents and repairers, send for wholesale catalogue of cycles, cycle and motor tyres and accessories: Hulme and Co., 65, John Bright-st., Birmingham. (601)

EXTENSION. Help to extend your business by buying from Smart's, the business which extends daily. Your money back every time if you don't get a bargain. Start to-day and buy from the firm which offers these terms. Send for Sale List, post free: Smart's, Ltd., Cycle Factory, Birmingham. (970)

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Ferrets.

SPLENDID ferrets, good workers, guaranteed, 5/- each, ten days' approval; cash or deposit: Thos. Wannop, Short-st., Carlisle. (995)

SPORTSMEN: Six remarkably quick greyhound ferrets, exceedingly quick, clean, healthy, only 4/6 each, 9/- brace: Keeper, Zoological Emporium, Erdington, Birmingham. (997)

Garden

ROSES! Roses!! Roses!!! Best sorts, extra strong, true to name; price list free: Davis, Dunaskin, Dartford. (1000)

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Destructive Garden Birds.

Country gardens are almost deserted by the common House Sparrow, but the Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Tits remain, especially where a few apples and pears are still left upon the fruit trees. The Tits are terribly destructive, pecking little round holes in the choicest specimens, and they are not content to confine their attention to one specimen, but in half an hour will sample a dozen or so, quite spoiling them for dessert. Where Thrushes and Blackbirds are plentiful it is a good plan to have one or two apples and pears lying upon the ground under the trees. The birds will frequently make a meal off these in preference to the sound fruit upon the trees.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet sing, Nov. 1, at headquarters, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, when 31 birds entered. Winners: 1, W. Nelson, 71; 2, J. Liversedge, 56; 3, J. Williams, 45. On Nov. 2 there were 18 birds entered. Winners: 1, J. Wainwright, 73; 2, W. Nelson, 64; 3, S. Morley, 42. General meeting, Nov. 8, after the contest.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Nov. 2. We had friends from Castleford, Pontefract, and Gluss Houghton to hear a grand contest. The singing was to the enjoyment of a crowded room; 33 birds competed. 1, Buttry; 2, Blackburn; 3, Ward; 4, King. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Granger, J. Sellars. A contest will be held Nov. 8, 3 o'clock prompt.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Nov. 1. 14 birds sang. 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, 3, W. Sissons. Judges, D. Madden, and W. Naylor. Also Nov. 2, 19 birds sang. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, S. Hardcastle; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, A. Jerrings, W. Naylor, J. Mellia.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

[BLACKWOOD (Mon). F.S.

General meeting held at club rooms, Nov. 22, to form a new society, when 12 new members were made. Decided to run a show of cage birds, etc., date to be fixed next meeting, Nov. 4. Officers elected for coming year: Chairman, H. Palmer; Vice-Chair, D. Johns; Treas., G. Neill; Sec., W. H. Coleman. Advert. of cage bird section will appear later in CAGE BIRDS.—W. H. Coleman, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Mr. E. Butterfield will give an exhibition of cage-making at the headquarters, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, to commence at 7.30 p.m., on Nov. 8, and it is hoped there will be a good turn-up of members and friends to hear Mr. Butterfield explain this interesting subject. There will be other important business to discuss as regards old show, etc.—A. Cooper, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Oct. 28, "Boot Inn." Mr. F. C. Parker presided over a good attendance. Six new members were elected. Mrs. C. E. Way kindly promised to again present the Yorkshire cup for competition at the annual show, to be won outright. Decided to hold next meeting Nov. 18, to make final arrangements and transact necessary business for show, Nov. 22. There is still time for those who intend joining to do so. Don't forget the four cups are to be won outright. Full particulars from hon. sec., R. L. G. Simpson, 35, Clare Avenue, Chester.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Committee meetiug held Oct. 28, the President in the chair. New members elected: Mr. J. H. Smith (Wakefield), and confirmation as a member of Mr. C. W. Wilson (Grimsby). The patronage was given to the City of Birmingham and Walsall societies. The club show will not be held this year in connection with the L.C.B.A. show; the Roller classes are being run by the L.C.B.A. under the patronage of the club. Judges, Messrs. Fisher and Wareing. The 2nd International Roller Show will be held Feb. 6 and 7, 1914. Decided to print 500 of the present judging standard for use during the present show season. As there appears to be a feeling that the present judging standard should be altered, the committee are anxious to find out if this feeling is general. They therefore invite secretaries of Roller clubs to call a meeting of members to disuses this matter, asking those members who act as judges to give their views on the subject, as to what would be the best tours to add, or take away as the case may be. The judges are in a better position to explain to members if it should be altered, as no doubt they have heard birds who have brought the tours for which it is proposed to alter the standard. A suggestion was made that there be a conference of the judges. Whether this will come to pass is doubtful, owing to the expense of getting them together.—J. W. Norris, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, 6, The Broadway, on Nov. 3, ladies numbering nearly one-half of those present. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided. The chief business was the reading by the secretary of an extremely interesting report of the annual show, which stated that the decrease in the number of entries was chiefly in the members' classes, which dropped from 235 to 160, while the open exhibits had only decreased 67, more than accounted for by the absence of the Roller section. In other respects the show was a success in every way and compared very favourably with any show previously held. Not a single complaint had been received, a fact which spoke volumes for those who willingly laboured in unpacking and repacking the birds and in other ways, to one and all of whom thanks were heartily given. A rough estimate of the accounts showed a balance to the bad of £2 16s. 2d., which will probably be reduced when the accounts are finally made up. The Chairman said that considering all the difficulties they had had to face and the terrible weather they experienced on the first day of the show, the result was very encouraging and gratifying. He spoke of the great assistance they had received in the show arrangements, especially from several lady members, and passed a high compliment on Mr. Smith for his indefatigable labours, and mentioning the great assistance given him by Mrs. Smith, all of whom were later on accorded very hearty votes of thanks. A large number of letters were read from exhibitors expressing the highest gratification at the grand condition in which their birds were returned to them, the excellent way in which the show was managed, and the promptness with which their birds were returned and prize money paid. Some of the cups and other specials won at the show were presented, Mr. G. Saunders getting the "Warley," "Whittome" and "Thynne" cups, two of which he won outright. Messrs. Easterling and Carson the "Liversage" cup, Rev. H. A. Soames the "Soames" cup, Messrs. Owen and Son the chairman's prize for most points with 97 (Mr. H. Smith and Mrs. Thynne being 2nd and 3rd with 77 and 74 respectively), and Mrs. Thynne got a silver spoon for the best bird shown by a lady, and Mr. J. A. Clarke a medal as runner-up for the "Liversage" cup with 28 points as against 29 gained by the winners. A judging competition of Yorks. followed, Mr. Jeffery Jefferis acting as final judge. Some 24 members took part. The awards were 1 and 2, Mr. Carson; 3, Mr. Wright; vhc, he, Mr. Bailey; c, Mr. Smith. Mr. Jefferis was accorded thanks. There were two nominations for membership, and one new member was elected.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 1 at Colliery Inn, Burnhope, Mr. H. Burron in chair, with a good turn-up of members, 20 being enrolled—not bad for a new society. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. W. Rushton; Sec., Mr. J. W. Robson; Treasurer, Mr. J. Dixon; Committee, Messrs. G. Dawson, T. Usher, W. Johnston, T. Blackburn, C. Hogg, J. Robson, H. Barron, J. Anderson; Auditors, J. Robson, T. Blackburn.—J. W. Robson, Sec., Mordues Buildings, Burnhope, nr. Lanchester.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held Oct. 30, at the Star Inn, Church-st., Mr. Barwise in chair. There was a good turn-up of members. New members: Mr. H. Catlow, Mr. F. Berry, Mr. Pattison, and Mr. Atkinson. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) was elected to judge our members' show, Dec. 20. The following classes were fixed:—Norwich Champ., 5; Novice, 5; Yorkshires, 6; Novice, 4; Brit., 2; A.O.V. of Canary or Mules, 1; Selling class, 12/6, 1; Gift, 1. We have some good specials promised. Next meeting on Nov. 13, when there will be a washing competition for novice members. Mr. Barwise will give a special prize for the best washed bird. Competitors to provide their own bird, etc. Fanciers wishing to join can do so by applying to the Sec., G. Whittaker, 18, Sandhurst-st., Burnley.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Annual show meeting held Nov. 1, at 2, St. James' Street, Mr. Robert Neil (Pres.), chair, and a large turnout of members and friends. A few songs having been rendered, a most pleasing duty fell to the Chairman in presenting Mr. A. Ferguson with society's cup and gold badge, which he had won with a buff hen, also being runner-up with a buff cock. The same birds also won 1st and 3rd in Amalgamation, this being Mr. Ferguson's second year, and the fourth year in succession that Tannahill Society has had the honour of best bird in hall. Prize money and specials were paid out during the evening. A most enjoyable evening was spent with songs from the following members and friends:—Messrs. Donaldson, Fleming, Fernie, Forsyth, Hamilton, Neil, Meikle, etc. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a most harmonious evening. —John Stewart, Sec.

NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held Oct. 29, Mr. R. Topping in the chair, before a good attendance. Two new members were elected: Mr. J. Lumley (Newcastle), and Mr. J. W. Nicholson (Carlisle), and a table show and judging competition was held (2 classes), Mr. T. C. Crawhall acting as master judge and giving entire satisfaction. YELLOW: 1, R. W. Smith; 2, R. Topping; 3, c, F. W. Laidlow; vhc, he, A. Holden. BUFF: 1, 3, Holden; 2, Topping; vhc, c, Laidlow; hc, Smith. The judging competition caused a deal of interest, all present taking part, but Mr. R. W. Smith gave the same results of Class 1 as Mr. Crawhall did, and was the winner; 2, Mr. Hodgson; 3, Mr. Holden. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Crawhall. Next meeting, Nov. 26, to hold a table show, 4 classes: 1, Yell. or Buff Cock; 2, Ditto Hen (old birds); 3, Yell. or Buff Cock; 4, Ditto Hen (unflighted), and to ask Mr. Gillespie, of Gateshead, to judge. Fanciers remember next meeting and let us have a good turn-up.—F. W. Laidlow, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Spencer Hall, Oct. 27, Mr. P. Johnston in the chair. We had a washing competition, 3 washing in champion and 5 in novice section. Mr. W. Shakespeare officiated, and awarded the medals to Mr. J. Hyde (champ.) and Mr. W. Withers (novice). Mr. Shakespeare also washed a bird, making a few remarks on how to handle them; this was much enjoyed by a large number of members and friends. Votes of thanks to Mr. Shakespeare for his services as judge, also to Mr. P. Johnston for so ably taking the chair were passed unanimously, bringing a most enjoyable and instructive evening to a close. A special committee meeting was held Oct. 29, to make arrangements for annual show. A grand lot of specials were allotted for competition. Stewards, etc., were nominated. Mr. C. W. Law kindly promised to make arrangements for social in connection with distribution of prizes on Nov. 24. We were sorry to hear of the ill-health of Mr. R. T. Dann and Mr. J. Kent, the committee passing a resolution of condolence, and wishing them a speedy recovery to health again.—J. Hyde, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show held Oct. 29, in the Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, there being an excellent turn-out of members. Nearly 60 birds, all Norwich, faced the judge, Mr. E. Barron, who had some difficulty in separating the winners, and his awards were well received. YELL.: 1, Munro; 2, J. Naismith; 3, Cairns; vhc, Findlay; he, Philip; c, A. Naismith. BUFF: 1, Stewart; 2, J. Naismith; vhc, A. Naismith; he, Morgan; c, Holliday. YELL. HEN: 1, Jeffrey; 2, Stewart; 3, Philip; vhc, A. Naismith; he, Fulton; c, Holliday. BUFF: 1, Munro; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Edward; vhc, Stewart; he, Cairns; c, Munro. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Morgan; 2, Edward; 3, Cairns; vhc, A. Naismith; he, Robertson; c, Holliday. HEN: 1, Cairns; 2, Morgan; 3, Robertson; vhc, c, A. Naismith; he, Fulton. Mr. M. Stewart won special for most points. During the judging of the table show the members were entertained to a washing exhibition by Mr. J. A. Stewart, of Scotch Fancy fame, who washed two birds and dried same with a specially prepared powder of his own. The members watched this process very closely, and no doubt benefited largely by the exhibition. One or two members present took some of the powder to give it a trial. Mr. Stewart was warmly thanked for his kindness in coming and giving his services, and likewise Mr. Burron was thanked for judging the show. Next meeting, Nov. 26, table show for Borders and Yorks will be held, Mr. Jeffrey judging. Final arrangements for annual show will be made. Will all members do their best to attend?—R. Heggie, Sec.

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In the Courts.

Dealers Fined for Overcrowding Skylarks

Two bird dealers named William Cookson and William Wright were summoned in the Liverpool Police Court on Oct. 30 for causing unnecessary suffering to a number of Larks.

The evidence of a local bird fancier was to the effect that on the 11th inst. he was at the back of the market, when he noticed about 200 birds in a four-decker cage. They had not even standing-room, and there was neither food nor water for them.

An Inspector of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals deposed to having his attention drawn to the birds, about fifty of which were in each compartment. They were standing one on top of another in many instances, and he considered that what he saw would be injurious to the birds. He gave them some water, and they showed great anxiety to get to it. Several of the birds were allowed to fly away, and others were sold at 1d. each.

The defendants declared that they had a very much smaller number than the prosecution had stated. The birds had had water before they left home at Tarleton, near Preston, and they had been supplied with food.

The Bench imposed a fine of 20s. and costs upon each defendant.—"Daily Post and Mercury."

THE BRACING OF DECOY LARKS.

A Fine for Cruelty.

At Formby Police Court on Oct. 1, Henry Hall (77), Ralph's Wife's Lane, Banks, was summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to wild birds on Banks Common on Sept. 24. Mr. C. P. Greenwood defended.

Inspector Willcox, R.S.P.C.A., said at half-past ten on the morning in question he saw the defendant on Banks Common, bird snaring. He had net laid down for the purpose of catching the birds, and also "flirting" sticks, attached to lines, and loops. He had two Larks fastened by string attached to both legs. He saw him put the string so that first one Lark was up in the air and then the other. The motion caused each Lark to utter a low note when it was up, and continue to flutter. Witness went over to defendant and said: "You are bird catching?" He replied: "Yes." Witness said: "You know who I am?" and defendant nodded his head. Witness went to defendant's watch rods, and found one of the birds in a thoroughly exhausted condition. He took it out of the slip and found that both legs were chafed and lacerated. He took the other bird, and both its legs were in a similar state. He told defendant he was committing an offence by causing the birds unnecessary suffering. He waited while defendant packed up his apparatus, but defendant refused to come to Banks Police Station. Witness found the officer there was away for the day, and proceeded to Southport. He met P.C. Hall, and the latter examined the birds, after which they were destroyed. The legs of the birds were not broken. Not having come in contact with defendant before, he had never warned him.

Mr. Greenwood: You don't complain of his decoying birds, but of the manner in which he did it?—Yes.

In what other way could they be braced?—They could be braced by the body.

If the defendant tells you he does not know such a way of bracing, and he would be only too glad to know, would you be prepared to show him?—No. Witness further stated that they never did brace Larks on the body. He did not say it was not possible, but it was not generally done. It was always done by one leg?

You would not be prepared to tell him the proper way to do it?—No; I should not.

P.C. Hall corroborated as to the condition in which the birds were after the alleged offence.—Cross-examined: He did not know how far the Inspector had carried the birds. He had them in his coat pocket. Witness did not think that would have frightened them and caused them to become more exhausted than they were previously.

Mr. Greenwood said the Inspector did not complain of defendant snaring wild birds. This was a legitimate occupation, and one a man was entitled to follow. The Act to which the Inspector referred recognised the fact that birds might be braced or otherwise secured, and all defendant had been guilty of was bracing them in the wrong way. He was not running down the Society; it was doing a good and beneficent work, but he suggested it was in a sense cruelty to bring an old man of 77 there for such conduct as had been described. Until two years ago he worked as a labourer on the Scarisbrick Estate. At that time he had to give up his employment owing to being so afflicted with rheumatism that he was no longer able to work. He had the old-age pension, and his wife also, and that was all they had to keep them. Defendant had been catching birds for sixty years. He had always caught Larks in the same way, and did not know there was anything wrong with it. If there was, he regretted it. He only got a penny each for the Larks when they were caught. He suggested that having regard to the defendant's age and position, and the fact that he had never been warned, they should dismiss the case on payment of costs.

Inspector Willcox: How many birds have died in the loops?—Defendant: None. I change them as soon as possible, not to do them any hurt. One of these had not been in above a minute.—Didn't I show you the birds chafed?—No, that was not done then.—Didn't I ask you to come to the police station and have them examined?—That was never put to me.

The Chairman: You will be fined 2s. 6d. and costs, and we are taking into consideration your position and your record heretofore.—"Southport Guardian."

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TAUNTON O.S.

Show held Oct. 30, in the Parade Assembly Rooms, a most suitable place for such a fixture, being well lighted and free from draughts. A large, well-lighted, sunny ante-room was utilised for judging purposes, which commenced at 9 a.m. prompt, with the result that catalogues with awards were on sale early in the afternoon. Owing to the unfortunate clashing of dates with Windsor and Paignton, entries were not so numerous as had been hoped for, still far a first effort the executive had every reason to congratulate themselves upon what was undoubtedly a very fine exhibition. Much of this success was due to the untiring efforts of the energetic and enthusiastic hon. sec., Mr. W. G. Elsmore, who was backed up by the following able committee, Messrs. Turner (chairman), Bryant, Fear, Fawle, Gardner, Mockridge, and Spranklin. Norwich did not come up over well; British were really good, and contained many specimens of great merit; Foreigners were quite a nice display, and a great attraction to visitors, the local class brought forth a very remarkable lot of good Parrots. The show was exceedingly well advertised in the town, and it is hoped that a good gate resulted. The judges were: Canaries, Mr. J. W. Rennie, Rev. G. W. Joyce; Hybrids, British and Foreign, Mr. J. Frostick.

Yorkshires were the feature of the show, the Society having the full patronage of the Southern Y.C.C., consequently the best in the South were on view, and in addition some from Bradford. Several good birds were passed through having bad wing carriage; breeders should note this, as it is a very bad fault. Several birds stood out far in front of the others, viz., Mr. Crisp's buff, also the same exhibitor's marked birds, which were very much admired. Messrs. Hawes Bros. staged a wonderfully good yellow hen. Norwich did not turn up so well in numbers, but the leaders were very good birds, and some very good Crests were also staged. Mr. J. W. Rennie judged Yorks and Norwich, making his debut as a judge, with credit to himself and satisfaction to exhibitors.

The Critique.

YORKS., CHAMP., YELL.: Very even class, and no doubt the leaders will change through the season. 1, Pattrick, good size, excellent quality, high on leg, well put down, condition told; 2, Hawes Bros., typical, rather too much feather; 3, Elsmore, very nervy, might be longer; 4, Hawes Bros., good col., pressed third hard; vhc, Boundy; he, Ayres; c, Wilcock; No. 1, Easterling and Carson, evidently one of the best birds in the class, but very soft. BUFF (17), some splendid birds in this class: 1, Crisp, Plymouth and Wimbledon winner, a model, high on leg, neat head, good flights, extra good feather, wins easily; 2, Pattrick, good size, lacks the winner's grand qual.; 3, 4, Hawes Bros., not so long on leg as leaders, more feather; 4th, wing tkd., plenty of shoulder, short on leg; vhc, Wilcock; he, Knight; c, Halliday. MKD. (12): 1, 2, Crisp, mkd. buff, typical, splendid length good shoulder, grand qual. of feather, well drawn; 2nd, pressed winner hard, mkd. yell., long, plenty of shoulder, high on leg, good col., these two stand right out by themselves; 3, Hawes, mkd. eyes and wings, neat bird, but not the length of winners; 4, Easterling and Carson, mkd. eyes and wings, good length, not the quality of leader; vhc, Rorke; he, Ball; c, Lushbrooke. HEN, YELL. (17): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., 1st exceptional size, true Yorks. type, plenty of shoulder, leg, etc., rather too much feather; 3rd not the size of leaders; 2, Crisp, grand type, good shoulder flights and tail, wants a little more time to fine down; 4, Knight, grand little hen, good flights, but does not tighten herself up enough; vhc, Wilcock; he, Ball; c, Rorke. BUFF (22): 1, Crisp, one that every novice should note, one of the largest, yet has not a feather out of place, best qual. of feather, good shoulder flights and pipe tail, full of nerve, wins easily; 2, 4, Hawes Bros., another good hen, cap and wing mkd., does not show off so well as winner; 4th, real good hen, shows too much feather, which put her back, cap mkd.; 3, Bousfield, little stouter, good position, neat flights and tail; vhc, Boundy; he, Ball; c, Mabey. UNFLIG., YELL. (18): 1, Crisp, good size, neat flights and tail; 2, Knight, perhaps the best in the class, but soft, which put him back, grand shoulder, good qual. of feather, high on leg; 3, Elsmore, good qual., wants more size; 4, he, Hawes Bros., good bird, a little wild, not so good in pos. as leaders, lacks shoulder; vhc, Easterling and Carson; c, Ball. BUFF (15): 1, Crisp, variegated, grand feather, flights and pipe tail, good head, wins well; 2, Wilcock, good qual. of feather, good size, nice flights, pipe tail, well on leg; 3, 4, Hawes Bros., 3rd, variegated, good size shoulder, wants a little more leg; vhc, Hill; he, Lakeman and Elston; c, Elsmore. NOV., YELL. (10): 1, Plumb, extra good bird for a novice, plenty of nerve, shoulder, good feather; 2, Nicholls, not so large, good qual., tail not so piped as winners; 3, Gardner, little rough in front, good pos., little short on leg; 4, Oddy; vhc, Hall and Milson; he, Oddy; c, Cooper and Milson. Buff (10): 1, Shadder, good size, pos., flights, and tail; 2, Nicholls, large, lacks winner's qual.; 3, Johnston, good flights, tail, and head, little short on leg; 4, Oddy; vhc, Cooper and Milson; he, Fawles; c, Hall. MKD. (8): 1, Plumb, variegated, buff, lovely qual., nice flights and tail; 2, Bishop, check mkd. yell., not the qual. of winner; 3, Mellows, tips flights not so good in feather; vhc, Parker; he, Taylor; c, Fawle. YELL., HEN (10): Parker wins well, nice head, grand qual. flights and tail; 2, Mellows, breedy, not so good in feather; 3, Gardner, lacks size, but very good qual.; 4, Scudder; vhc, Johnston; he, Hall; c, Oddy. BUFF (12): Parker, mkd. buff, lovely qual. of feather, plenty of leg, nice flights and tail, wins easily; 2, Corbin, not so large; 3, Plumb, good size, lacks qual. of feather; 4, Fawle; vhc, Hall; he, c, Gardner. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Taylor, eye mkd. yell., good flights, and tail well on leg, nice bird; 2, Gardner, buff, not so good in wing carr.; 3, Nicholls, yell., not so well filled in, lovely qual. of feather; 4, Fawle; vhc, Hiscox; he, Payne; c, Johnston. NOR., YELL. (6): 1, Banbury, wins well, good col., good chest, fine size; 2, Cook, not so large; 3, Tristem, longer flights, not so good in feather; 4, Banbury; vhc, Matthews; he, Turner. BUFF (6): 1, Cook, good bird, nice chest, flights, etc.; 2, Brown, extra large bird, beaten wing carr.; 3, Turner, lacks col. and size; 4, Palmer; vhc, Richardson; he, Matthews. MKD. (6): 1, Folwell, buff, good subs., head and neck; 2, Pope, varieg. yell., good col., longer flights than winner; 3, Cook, varieg. yell., not so large nor clean cut, and drops tail; 4, Richardson; vhc, Tristem; he, Matthews. YELL., HEN (5): 1, Folwell, a beauty, short body, tail clean cut, a wonderful stock hen; 2, Banbury, pressed close, not so large as winner; 3, Allsopp, longer, good quality; 4, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Campbell, a topper, extra short good head, fine qual. of feather; 2, Banbury, beaten for size, excellent qual.; 3, Richardson, longer than leaders; 4, vhc, Matthews; he, Turner; c, Tristem. UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, Tristem, very short, tkd. eye, short flights and tail; 2, Banbury, good head, not so good in subs.; 3, Allsopp, variegated, good qual., bit longer; 4, Tribstem; vhc, Rowley; he, Folwell. BUFF: 1, Banbury, grand qual., very short, 2, Tristem, mkd. head, longer than winner, bit brown; 3, Allsopp, grand qual., a little chesty, which told against it; 4, Rowley; vhc, Brown. GOLDF. (15): 1, Cheney, very large square blaze, well cut underneath, rich trimming, well shown; 2, Hobden, excels in richness of col., fine chestnut breast, blaze not so large or well cut as leader, lovely bloom, a close race; 3, Prior, bonny bird, "in the pink," a trifle on the small side, beautifully staged; 4, Edwards, bigger, just falls in finish; vhc, Simmonds; he, Rogers; c, Pool. BULLF. (7): 1, Prior, Clapham winner, typical Britisher, shown in this exhibitor's well-known style; 2, Cheney, another beautiful specimen; 3, Sam Jones, junr., charming hen, nice shape, well put down; 4, Edwards, rich col., nice wing bars; vhc, Cheney; he, Potter; c, Bitton. LINNET (10): 1, Nicholas, well-known winner, could do with a little more chest and breast work, but a bird of marvellous qual., beautifully mkd. wings; 2, Francis, nice shape, good col., well mkd., wants training to show cage; 3, Sam Jones, junr., good bird, but pale; 4, Davis, trifle light on breast; vhc, Cheney; he, Hobden; c, Davis. GREENF. (4): 1, Francis, large shapely bird, good col.; 2, Hobden, good yell., hardly the size; 3, Prior, fails in high condition. SISKIN, ETC. (10), a really fine class, best lot of Siskins we have seen this season: 1, Sam Jones, jun., Siskin, nicely fed, good cap and thigh mkgs.; 2, Lewis, gem of a Redpoll, fine col., tip-top condition; 3, Prior, excellent Twite, staged to perfection; 4, Francis, another Siskin, close up, hardly the col.; vhc, Ford, Twite; he, Olford, Redpoll; c, Lewis, Siskin. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Brotherhood, noted Bramblefinch, often described, great winner; 2, 3, Francis, Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, also well-known winners, beautifully staged; 4, Prior, fine Chaffinch, hardly the size of second; vhc Miss Bousfield, Bramble; he, Olford, Bramble; c, Hall, Chaffinch. A.O.S. (4): 1, Francis, fine massive Hawfinch, nice col. and steady; 2, Sam Jones, junr., Yellow Bunting, Clapham winner, nicely fed, fine head markings; 3, Lugg, good hen Hawfinch; 4, Ford, Yellow Bunting, defective hind claw. INSECTIV. (2): 1, Lomer, magnificent Gale, steady as a rock, very rich col.; 2, Edmunds and Smith, very nice Blackcap. CAN., HY. (16), a fine class, difficult to handle, light and dark competing together, another year will be divided: 1, 3, Collins, grand size, cl. buff Goldf., leader topping exhibit, 3rd grizzle mkd. yell. Greenf., splendid condition; 2, vhc., Lamb, dark Jonque Goldf., blaze of col.; vhc, buff Goldf., not the size of winner, hen we think; 4, Edmunds and Smith, really good variegated Jonque Goldf.; he, Corbin, dark Linnet; c, Edwards, eye-mkd. buff Goldf. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (6): 1, Lamb, delightful Redpoll-Bullie, teeming with col., a charming hybrid; 2, Edwards, magnificent Greenf.-Bullie; 3, vhc, Collins, Goldf.-Greenf., fine size, distinctive markings, good col. and very pretty Goldf.-Redpoll, nice blaze; he, Edmunds and Smith, Greenf.-Redpoll. FOR., SMALL (13): 1, Miss Bousfield, fine col. cock Melba; 2, Miss Boyd, really good Paradise Whydah, in fine feather; 3, 4, Spranklin, grand pair Masked Grassfinches and an excellent pair Diamond Sparrow; vhc, Mrs. Sage, fine pair of Yellow Budgerigars, nice col.; he, Miss Boyd, Orange Bishop; c, Southcombe, Half-masked Weaver. INSECTIV. (2): 1, Edmunds and Smith, good Tri-col. Tanager cock, well shown; 2, Miss Bousfield, pair of same not equal in condition. A.O.S. (4): 1, Mrs. Sage, Senegal Parrot, one of the finest col. specimens of its kind living; 2, Southcombe, good Blue-bonnet Parrakeet, in nice order; 3, 4, Edmonds, Lineolated Parrot and Madagascar Lovebird. LOCAL, FOR. (10): 1, Mrs. Page, very large Grey Parrot, beautifully silvered plumage, well shown, capital talker, with a tendency to politics, his pet aversion being the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "Down with Lloyd George" was frequently repeated with emphasis; 2, Gill, uncommon Salvin's Amazon, a good bird; 3, vhc, Mrs. Culverwell, very fine Alexandrine and a good Parrot; 4, Miss Dunn, excellent Blue-fronted Amazon; he, Bryant, Grey; c, Adlin, Ten Ringneck.

DOVER.

Thirteenth annual show held Nov. 5 and 6 in the Market Hall, Dover. The building is a fine one for a show and capable of comfortably holding many hundreds of exhibits. The birds were beautifully staged and were well looked after by the stewards, Messrs. Raynor and Wood. The entry was about the same as usual. Spl. for best bird went to a lovely buff Norwich put down by Mr. Pilcher. In Yorks. the local fanciers were well in the running, Mr. Lockett especially doing well, his young yell. cock taking the spl. for best members exhibit. The management was excellent, Messrs. Abbott and Austin being well up to the work, and they had everything in good order, Judging finished early and catalogues were quickly on sale. Stewards were carefully allotted for each section, so that there was no confusion. The Society has a fine Committee, consisting of Messrs. Kennett (chairman), Rayner, Lewis, Coleman, Campany, Goodwin Gardner, Hunt, Holmans, Johncock, King, R. Kennett, Olifent, Reeve, Saville, Whiting, Wood and Yates. The show was opened by Alderman W. G. Lewis, who has performed the office for twelve years in succession, and takes great interest in all live stock. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., YELL. (4): 1, Taylor, typical, fine subs., good bold head and front, well filled back, nice col. and qual.; 2, Pilcher, hardly so big, but good type and carr.; 3, Easton, big bird, grand type and subs.; 4, Silk. BUFF: 1, Kilby, a beauty for type and subs., good head, looking somewhat seedy, but still wins; 2, Taylor, plenty of size, grand qual. of feather, hardly the head of winner; 3, Wood, non-fed, nice type, stands well, nice qual. MKD. (7): 1, Greenaway, very fine bold exhibit, yet cleanly made, beautifully rounded and finished, grand bold head, sound col., A1 qual.; 2, Taylor, heavily mkd., good stamp and subs., not the finish of winner, 4th shade larger in body, good head, capital quality; 3, Silk, good one, stands well, neat full head, sound rich col.; vhc, Kilby; he, Pilcher; c, Ward. Hen (7): 1, Pilcher, grizzle tailed, grand full type, neat head, nice wide shoulders and front, good back and wings, A1 cond.; 2, Silk, bonny size and qual., stands well, capital wing carr., nicely cut away; 3, 4, Taylor, head tkd., shade longer, but grand qual., nice wing carr., 4th lovely buff; vhc, he, Wickham; c, Pilcher. UNFLIG.: 1, Pilcher, beauty for type and qual., nicely rounded, plenty of subs., neat head, grand wings; 2, Kilby, hardly subs. of winner, still capital qual.; 3, 4, Taylor, wee-shade longer, capital head and neck, and all there for qual., 4th Similar type, nicely braced wings; vhc, Wickham; c, Pilcher. YORKS., CL. YELL. Ck. (7): 1, Johnson, grand length and style, good, well braced wings, nicely cut away, rich col., full of qual. and bloom; 2, Pink, grand position, well up on leg, neat shapely head, nice shoulders, sound condition; 3, Lockett, fine length, good legs and wings, lovely qual. of feather; 4, Austen, grand length, good shoulders, back and wings; vhc, Lockett; he, Evans; c, Rayner. BUFF (6): 1, Johnson, length, on good legs, well formed head and fine neck, good shoulder and back, A1 qual.; 2, 4, Rayner, beauty for size and type, well up on legs, A1 qual., 4th hardly the length, but lovely qual.; 3, Rev. Sales, grand length, good closely fitting wings, wonderful pos., perfect feather; vhc, he, Lockett. MKD.: 1, 3, Rayner, mkd., wonderful length, neat head, good shoulder and back, in the pink of condition, Windsor winner, 3rd lightly tkd. yell., sweet type, beautifully drawn, hardly so fit as last year; 2, Austen, neck mkd. buff, grand length, nicely cut away, close fitting wings, A1 qual.; 4, Johnson, wing mkd., grand length, nice type; vhc, Pink; he, Vine; c, Abbott; nice class of good ones. HEN (10): 1, 3, Lockett, two lovely bulls, winner a grand bird for style, and length, beautifully tapered, 3rd equally typical cap mkd., stylish, full of swagger, grand qual.; 2, Rev. Sales, bonny yell., grand length, beautifully tapered, well carried wings and tail, very rich qual.; 4, Leaver, pale col., but fine type, and style; vhc, c, Rayner; he Johnson. UNFLIGH. (17): 1, 3, sp., vhc, Lockett, magnificent bird for length, beautifully tapered, good head, well up in shoulder, very fine quality, capitally staged; 2, Rayner, smart buff, capital pos., neat head, full of swagger, beautifully rounded, fine qual.; 3, 4, Johnson, cap mkd. yell., grand size, rare shoulders, nice length of wing, neat, close tail, 4th, bonny, cl., grand stamp, rare style, in the pink; he, Morris and Son; c, Pink. HEN (7): 1, 3, Rayner, sweet exhibit, not over large, but very stylish, beautifully cut away, good wing car., grand fettle; 3rd, Clun. mkd., wonderful qual., nicely tapered, tight as wax; 2, Lockett, bigger, grand stamp, hardly so nicely cut away, lovely head and shoulders, close fitting wings, A1 qual.; 4, Austen, grand yell., neat type, style and pos.; vhc, he, Johnson; c, Vine. BORD. (8): 1, 3, Rev. Soames, grand size, yell., typical, beautifully filled, sweet head, splendidly tapered, 3, good yell. gr.; 2, 4, Burton Bros., capital col. and qual., beauties for type and finish, leader a topping bull, full of swagger, grand con.; 4, very fine mkd. yell., lovely type and style; vhc, he, c, Wood. UNFLIGH. (8): 1, 3, he, Wood, fine type and style, neat heads, well carried wings, and put down in the pink; 2, 4, Rev. Soames, very fine quality of feather, neat, typical, and nice style, 4th, hardly so tight in feather, but still a good Border; vhc, c, Mrs. Aitken. LIZARDS (4): 1, 2, Wood, lovely exhibits, charming Silver, almost faultless in spangling, good wings, nice col., beautifully frosted, a real topper, 2nd, a good Gold, beautifully mkd. but not the tightness; 3, 4, Mrs. Grant, two very nice Silvers, capitally mkd. HYB.

Owing to the enormous number of show reports which have again reached us this week, we have been compelled to hold several over until our next issue.—Editor.

(7): 1, Smith, lovely Siskin-Can., grand size, very shapely, densely mkd., full of col. and quality; 2, 3, Casemore, a grand Greenie-Can., nicely proportioned, capital size, in fine fettle, 3rd, good buff Goldie, fine size and qual.; 4, Acland Greenfi.-Can., grand size, not the compactness of feather; vhc, Reeve; he, c, Mrs. Soames. BRIT. (4): 1, Wickham, capital, compactly built Bullie, nice size, good depth of col., broad cap, full of polish, wins; 2, Acland, good Bullie, hardly so nicely finished, still, a good exhibit; 3, Wood, capital Greenfi., good size and col.; 4, Caston. GOLDFI. (5): 1, Rayner, good face, well spread out blaze, capital tanning and wings, A1 qual.; 2, 4, Wood, nice size, good rich col. blaze, capital shape, rich body col., well buttoned wings, 4th, similar, hardly so good in face; 3, vhc, Casemore, not quite ready. LINNET (7): 1, Pankhurst, bonny size, good shape, beautifully packed, well laced, in the pink of con.; 2, Wickham, shade smaller, but equally good on points, lovely qual. and con.; 3, Smith, fine size and shape, full of work, hardly the finish; 4, Acland, good bird, but wild; vhc, c, Wood; he, Rayner. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Austen, lovely Siskin, grand size, good wings, beautifully laced, in the pink; 2, 4, Wood, lovely Twite leading, grand size and shape, beautifully pencilled throughout, capital col., 4th, good Siskin, beaten size; vhc, Pankhurst. SOFTBILL, LARGE (3): 1, 3, Austen, leader a very fine Missel Thrush, wonderful size and grandly mkd., in very fine con., 3, good bold Jay; 2, Webb, another good Missel, grand size, also in good order. A.O.S. (4): 1, Acland, capital Hawfinch, very shapely, good bold head and neck, nice bib, fine col. and qual.; 2, 3, Austen, Hawfinch, hardly so nicely put down as winner, 3rd, lovely Bramble, smart bird, fine col. and richly spangled. PARROT (6): 1, Tee, Ring-necked Parrakeet, perfect feather, real gem for col. and qual., wins; 2, Mrs. Brown, very fine Sulphur Crest, grand size, good condition; 3, Parker, lovely Grey, tight as wax, fine size and shape; 4, Hunt, fine White Cockatoo, grand size.

BARNSTAPLE.

Twenty-sixth annual exhibition, Nov. 4 and 5. As usual, the cage birds were staged in an annexe of the large Market Hall, which was considered by many fanciers present an ideal place, with plenty of top light, free from draughts, and snug and cosy. Belgians are the centre of attraction at this fixture, and some good birds were on view. Yorks and Nor., too, were quite a show in themselves, and grand quality throughout. Crest and C.-B.'s were small in numbers, but quality was all there. Mules and Hybrids were simply grand. The committee consists of very hard-working fanciers, who looked well after the interests of the birds entrusted to their charge. Mr. E. Collins is the enthusiastic chairman. Mr. J. D. Horrill, capable and always courteous, makes an ideal secretary. Mr. T. Heath judged.

The Critique.

BELGIAN, YELL.: 1, G. S. Baker, his old warrior, fought many a battle and still looking fit; 2, Dart, larger in size, good top end, not quite so stylish; 3, F. C. Baker, nice cond., very good shoulder and neck, bit free in tail; 4, Dix, good shoulder, about the best top end in class, fails somewhat in subs.; 5, Horrill, nice; he, c, F. Hunt. BUFF: 1, spl. G. S. Baker, with his champion again, monster in size, wins; 2, Dart, nice condition, good pose, very heavy, shows well; 3, Dix, good heavy shoulders, head carried right down, very fair exhibit; 4, 5, Harrill, very nice birds, not steady enough to show to best advantage; he, A. Baker. HEN: 1, Butt, yellow, fine subs., mother of the bowl winner; 2, 4, Horrill, nice stylish birds, hardly the subs. of winner; 3, W. Robertson (of Troon), good large buff, short of neck to winners. BRED 1913 (14): 1, and novice CAGE BIRDS spl., and bowl for best young Belgian, Butt, yell., tkd. head, very fine subs. for a yell., good back, nice shoulder, grand top, wins; 2, A. Baker, buff, nice exhibit, good shoulder and brings head nicely away; 3, Horrill, yell. hen, beauty, very large, hardly ready yet, will get higher up later; 4, he, G. S. Baker, nice birds, good qual.; 5, c, Hunt, late hatched, not ready yet; class contained some good birds. No. 10, yell., very nice exhibit, from Mr. Robertson, of Troon, very soft 1st day, in my opinion when well will want some stopping. YORKS (14): 1, Fullord, sweet head and lovely col., grand pos., smooth as glass, wins; 2, 3, Lashbrook, two more beautiful exhibits, put down in A1 style; 4, Pitt, grand feather, nice pos., fails just in length; 5, Craven, nice; he, Bishop; c, Hill. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, T. Richards, grand qual., rare length, beautifully drawn, feathered to perfection, about best Yorkie in show; 3rd same qual., fails only in length; 2, 4, Lashbrook, two more grand exhibits, put down in his masterly style; 5, Clift; he, c, Craven. HEN (12): 1, 2, Fullord, two beautiful hens, put down in grand style, win; 3, Pitt, beautiful feathered, close as a Java; 4, he, c, Richards, grand yell., hardly at her best today; 5, Lashbrook. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Fullord, cl. buff, regular beauty, grand length, lovely quality, wins; 2, spl, Richards, another beautiful bird, almost equal, fails wee bit in length; 3, Hill, tkd. neck buff, nice body and finish; 4, c, Craven, cl. yell., good exhibit; 5, Reynolds, good feather; he, Gallop. NORWICH, YELL. (8): 1, spl, Jones, about best Nor. in show, nice head, grand body, feather, right texture, wins; 2, Noyce, another real fine exhibit, perhaps hardly the quality of feather; 3, Pope, eye and wing mkd., very hot col., beautiful bird, nice chubby body; 4, Mrs. Scholes; 5, Redwood; he, Capp; c, Richards. BUFF (14): 1, Davies, shapely, not over large, nice qual., feathered like a Java; 2, R. Taylor, good head, chubby body; 3, Redwood, wing and neck mkd., bouncer for size, grand feather, lovely head and body, many thought should have won, better luck next time; 4, Noyce, another nice bird, not quite so chubby as above; 5, Norman; he, spl, Jones; c, Lemon. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Davies, beautiful bird, tkd. wing, wins; 2, Redwood, another grand hen, splendid head and body; 3, Follwell, a beauty, almost as good as above, hard to part them; 4, Howard; 5, Capp; he, Richards; c, West. BUFF HEN: 1, Redwood, cl., nice head and body, lovely type, wins; 2, Turner, grand shape, not quite so large, but a charming lady; 3, Mrs. Scholes, also a nice hen, well worth her place; 4, Noyce; 5, Richards; he, Capp; c, Casley. YELL., UNFLIG. (12): 1, Rowley, grand cl., nice head and body, shown in faultless cond.; 2, Noyce, another good one, very shapely, grand qual.; 3, Follwell, grand one, beautiful feather, nice head and body, the choice of some for 1st place; 4, Thorne, nice qual. and size; 5, Casley; he, Mrs. S. Challes. BUFF, UNFLIG. (11): 1, Noyce, fine, typical bird, grand qual.; 2, Rowley, mkd. neck, real topper, equal to 1st, if anything better col.; 3, Pope, nice qual., good subs. and type; 4, spl., Jones, very good exhibit; 5, Richards; he, Howard; c, Lemon. CREST.: 1, spl., Davie, lovely bird, with an immense crest, we heard cost £20, grand exhibit; 2, and "Cage Birds" champion diploma, F. G. Bale, grand one, crest, better qual. feather, but not quite so large; 3, Davey, another good crest; 4, Piper, nice one and cheap, too, owner giving up through ill health; 5, Evins Bros. CREST, HEN: 1st F. G. Bale, wing mkd. D.C., real beauty, like all his exhibits; 2, Evins Bros., very nice all over; 3, Piper, good feather, nice head; 4, W. H. Ball, also a fine hen. CREST-BRED: 1, sp., F. G. Bale, monster green, grand head, large domed skull, abundance of feather, wins; 2, 4, Davey, nice fine skulls; 3, Lanc. C.B. HEN: 1, Davey, nice head, plenty of feather; 2, spl., F. G. Bale, another fine hen, plenty of feather; 3, Evins Bros.; 4, Lane; all good hens of the best possible class. CREST (1913): 1, F. G. Bale, green, large crest, very promising, still in pipe; 2, Davey, another nice bird, large, fine crest, not quite so large as 1st; 3, Evins Bros., not much to choose between either. CREST-BRED (1913): 1, spl., Bale; 2, Lane; 3, Evins Bros.; all three rattling good young birds. CLASS 21 (9): 1, 2, 3, bc, c, A. J. Pratt, Borders, grand team, put down in A1 style; 4, 5, G. H. Pratt, also Borders, grand exhibits. A.O.V.: 1, Pope, grand cinnamon wins; 2, 4, Minty, Lanca., 2nd coppy, very nice feather; 3, spl., Richards, another cinn., nice bird; 5, Taylor, yet another good cinn.; c, Turner. PAIRS: 1, spl., Ball; 2, Davey; 3, Howard; 4, Lane; 5, West; bc, Farrow. NOVICE: 1, 2, Miss Onslow, two grand Crests, good enough for open; 3, spl., 4, Bowen, two more very nice Crests, fail only in size to above; 5, Mrs. Richards; he, Hammett; c, Shaddick. LIGHT, ETC., HYBRID: 1, Lambe, Canary-Bullie, grand bird, in lovely feather, wins; 2, 3, F. Collins, Linnet-Can., very light, a beauty, 3rd good clear; 4, he, E. Collins, noted Goldf.-Redpoll, still looking well; 5, Voysey, nice Can.-Bullie. DARK: 1, Lamb, Goldf.-Can., Jonque, grand size and lovely feather, wins; 2, F. Collins, very good Linn.-Can.; 3, Popplestone; 4, Southcombe; 5, Ball; all very nice Goldf.-Cans. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Garnish, small but in very nice condition; 2, Mrs. B. James, large Goldie, not quite ready; 3, Evans, Bullf., nice cap, breast, not good col. yet; 4, Collins; 5, Potter; c, Taylor. GREENF., ETC.: 1, he, F. Collins, Chaffinch, a beauty; 2, spl., E. Collins, fine Redpoll, in the pink; 3, Evans, very nice Greenfinch; 4, Lewis; c, Goodman. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, E. Collins, grand Starling, spangling beautiful; 2, Bowden, Starling, also nicely spangled, not quite so well defined; 3, Blake, good Thrush; 4, Westacott, Thrush. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, F. Collins, Yellow Wagtail, shown in faultless condition, 2nd Hawfinch, real beauty; 3, E. Collins, Hawf., damaged his head feather, otherwise very good. FOREIGN, LARGE: 1, Pent, nice Cockatoo; 2, Station, good Grey Parrot; 3, Adams. SMALL: 1, Lee, Gouldian, lovely exhibit; 2, spl., Huxtable; 3, Huxtable, Java Sparrow. GROUP: 1, Miss Boyd; 2, Huxtable; 3, Miss Boyd. LOCAL: 1, spl., R. Taylor, Norwich; 2, Dart, Belgian; 3, Hammen, Crest; 4, May, Belgian; 5, Bowen; he, Turner; c, West.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 1, in the large club room at headquarters, the Clarence Hotel, 57 birds being staged. Mr. B. Clegg (Dewsbury) officiated as judge in place of Mr. J. Overend, owing to his ill-health. Mr. Clegg's awards give entire satisfaction. The winning number of the Canary was 50. Most points winners are Yorks., E. Toulson, 19; W. Atherton, 16; J. W. Charlesworth, 6; F. Race, 7; J. Hinchcliffe, 9; H. Pilkington, 12. Norwich: E. Thorpe, 17; G. Hall, 13; C. H. Heeley, 2. BRITISH: T. Toulson, 21; C. H. Heeley, 9; W. Rapson, 8; Illingworth, 4.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Atherton; 2, E. Toulson; vhc, Charlesworth. BUFF: 1, Charlesworth; 2, Atherton; 3, Race; vhc, Toulson. HENS: 1, 3, Toulson; 3, c, Atherton; vhc, he, Race. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Toulson; 2, Atherton. BUFF: 1, Toulton; 2, Charlesworth. HENS: 1, Toulson. YELL. NOR.: 2, 3, vhc, Thorpe; 2, he, Hall. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hall; 2, 3, Thorpe. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Thorpe; 2, Hall. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, Heeley. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 2, c, Pilkington; 3, vhc, he, Hinchcliffe. NOR. NOVICE: 1, Heeley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Heeley; 2, 3, he, Toulson; vhc, c, Illingworth. F.M. LINNET: 1, 2, Toulson; 3, Rapson. HARD-BILL: 1, Toulson, 2, vhc, he, Rapson; 3, Heeley.—F. C. Sims, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BAINES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

C. EDWARDS, 15, West-st., Leominster. Judge of Cage Birds, specialist Crests, Mules, Norwich. Terms moderate. 30 years' experience.

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R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

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J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

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BONSALL, MATLOCK BATH, NOV. 13th

31st Open Show, Cage Birds, etc. Not one entry. Will fanciers help us? Genuine appeal. Compelled to accept Tuesday's post. Schedules from: S. W. Bateman, Hon. Sec.

Here We are Again.

ILFRACOMBE NOV. 13th.

Entries don't average 2 in a class. This is a genuine appeal. Entries extended to Monday, Nov. 10. Schedules: F. J. Gibbs, Sec., Ilfracombe.

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November 12th & 13th.

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Wed. and Thurs., Nov, 12 and 13.

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In Museum Hall, 2 minutes' walk from Station. 7 Classes Yorks., 7 Nor., 7 Brit., 8 Novxice. Additional Specials in catalogue, including a watch for best Norwich. Entrance fee 1/6. Entries extended to Tues. morn. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.—John Hy. Dixon, Sec., 72, Brook Street, Selby.

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November 14th and 15th.

Patronage of C.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., L. and L.F.A., and L.C.A. Judges: Thos. Heath, W. Vardy, E. Fuller, and Chas. Houlton. Entries close Nov. 10.—Hon. Assist. Sec., J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St., Nottingham.

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HASTINGS November 18th & 19th.

15th Annual Open Show. Cups and Specials, value of £50, will be competed for. Will be held in Lower Public Hall. Judge, W. R. Miles, Esq. Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 11. Schedules of the Hon. Sec., Miss Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings.

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CRAMLINGTON

C.B.S. 5th Ann. Show, in Co-operative Hall, on Saturday, November 22nd.

17 Open Classes. Prize Money Guaranteed as per rule in Schedule. This is now one of the established shows of the North. Exhibitors, please send entries. Entries close Nov. 15. Judges: Mr. A. Hay will judge Bord., also classes 14, 15, 16, 27, 35, and 36; Mr. A. Holden, the Nor., also 13 and 34; Mr. R. Tindale, the Yorks., also class 17. See previous year's reports in "Cage Birds" of success of this show. Schedule from: J. R. Chestney, Sec.

UDDINGSTON & Dis. C.B.S. An. Show on 22nd Nov. 1913

Classification: Sc. Fcy., 6 classes; Yorks., 6 classes; Bor. Fcy., 9 classes. Judge, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Nor. (Crests and Plainheads), 16 classes; Judge, W. C. Muir, Kilmarnock. Brit., 22 classes; For., 3 classes; Judges, R. V. Raine, Glasgow, and A. McGillivray, Bo'ness. Numerous Specials, also a gold medal, a silver cup, and silver rose bowl to be won outright, of which particulars will appear in schedules. Entries close on morning of show. Entry money, 1/6 each bird. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. James Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.

If too late to obtain a schedule for

ALNWICK

Coupon Show

Wed. (First), NOV. 12th, Enter from this.

Nor. 1, Cl. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell. Ck.; 2, Cl. Tkd. or Mkd. Buff Cock; 3, Cl. Tkd. or Mkd. Yell. or Buff Hen; 4, Yell. Cock or Hen, 1913; 5, Buff Cock or Hen, 1913. Bord. Fcy.—6, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Cock; 7, Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen; 8, Cl. or Tkd. Buff Cock; 9, Cl. or Tkd. Buff Hen; 10, Evenly Mkd. Yell. or Buff Cock or Hen; 11, Unevenly Mkd. Yell. or Buff Cock or Hen; 12, Green or Cinn. Yell. or Buff Cock or Hen; 13, Yorks. Ck., Any Colour; 14, Yorks. Hen, Any olour; 15, A.O.V. Can. Brit.—16, Lin.; 17, Goldie; 18, Bullie; 19, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; 20, Greenie; 21, Chaffie or Bramble; 22, A.O.V. Finch or Bunting; 23, A.V. Soft.; 24, Light Mule; 25, Dark Mule; 26, For. (Seed), Cardinal or Larger; 27, For. (Seed) less than Cardinal; 28, Selling, 15s. Judges, A. Hay and J. Maddison. 3 Money Prizes and Special each class, also Extra Specials. Entrance fee, 1/-. Entries close first post Monday.—R. Forster, Sec., 42, Bondgate (Without).

SITTINGBOURNE

C.B.S. November 12th and 13th, 1913. Open to all England. Judge, Geo. Gardner, Esq. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/9 per exhibit. Classes: Canaries, 9 Nor., 9 Yorks., 2 Crests, 2 Borders, 1 Lizard, 1 Scotch Fancies or Belgians, 1 Lancashire, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule or Hybrid; British, 6 classes, 1 Hard., 1 Soft., 2 For., 3 Selling, 1 Gift. At this fixture "Cage Birds" Coupon Competition will be in progress. Entries close Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 1913. Schedules of—W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street, Sittingbourne, Kent.

OLD SHILDON Workmen's Club C.B.S. Open Show, Nov. 14th and 15th. 25 Classes; 4 money prizes and specials. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules—J. H. Elwell, 10, Church Street, Shildon.

City and Suburban

18th Annual Show will take place on Fri. and Sat., Nov. 14 and 15, at the Church Institute, 20, Paddington St., Baker St., W. Admission 6d.—Hon. Sec., V. Wynn, 22, Park Lane, W.

Help! Fanciers. Help!

COVENTRY O.S.

37th Annual Open Show, Nov. 15. No cancelling; no amalgamation. Open Champion and Novice Classes. Prize Money Guaranteed. Judge, John Robson, Esq. Note return of exhibits. All exhibits will be packed and forwarded by rail on Sunday night (only), so that exhibitors may receive them on Monday morn. Don't let this good old fixture be a failure. Entries extended to Wed., Nov. 12, 1st post. Schedules: A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven St., Coventry.

WALKLEY & DIS.

C.B.S. SHEFFIELD.

Ann. Show of Canaries, etc., Sat., Nov. 15., Mission Hall, Westmorland St. Open 1 o'clock; admission, 3d.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

4th Ann. Show of Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds in Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, on Sat., Nov. 15. Judges, J. McLay, G. Hislop, R. V. Raine. —Wm. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

Galashiels

Show, Nov. 15th, of Scotch and Bor. Fancy, Nor., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds. Judges: Scotch Fcy., 12 classes, A. Paterson and Jas. Carson; Bor., 10 (double judging), J. Tait and Jas. Alexander; Nor., R. G. Cameron; Mules, Brit., and For. Birds, 10, Jas. Mason. Entries close Nov. 10th. Schedules—J. Brown, 153, Croft Street, Galashiels.

INVERNESS

Ornithological Association. The 33rd Annual Show of Can., Brit. Birds, Mules and Hybrids. Pig., and Bantams will be held in Music Hall, on Wed., 19th Nov. next. 104 Classes, and over 120 Special Prizes, including three handsome silver cups, also "Cage Birds" Special Coupon Prizes. Judges: Can., Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Brit. and For. Birds, Mules

RAMSGATE

Nov. 19 & 20

Entries close 12th. Coupon Show. 54 Open Classes. Many Specials. G. Gardner, Esq., judge. Schedules waiting for you; send address.—Frank Thomas, 29, Chatham St.

WIVELISCOMBE

(SOM.)

Great Cage Bird Show, on Nov. 20th. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and Specials. Fee, 1/6. Splendid Showroom. Judge, J. H. Payne. Entries must close Nov. 15. Schedules: Hill and Dascombe, Secs.

BLAENAVON Nov. 20, Great Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. Prize Money, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Judges, C. T. Hodge, Esq., W. Hawkins, Esq. Entries close Nov. 15th. Numerous specials. Schedules from F. D. Willis, 17, Ton Mawr Road, Blaenavon, Mon.

BISHOP AUCKLAND

Cage Bird Show.

November 19th.

Entries Close Nov. 10th.

Judge: H. W. Battyo, Esq.

"Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Medals, including Sandiford's for Hottest, Royal Red, and other valuable Specials.

Schedules from: Nattrass and Elliott, Hon. Secs., Raby Avenue, Bishop Auckland.

PENZANCE

NOV. 19th & 20th.

33 Classes. Numerous Specials. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2 -. Entry fee 1/6. Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon. Entries close Nov. 13. Schedules, etc., from: W. C. Bodinnar, Hon. Sec., 18, Leskinnick Terrace, Penzance.

WINDERMERE

Open Show, £7 10 - Limit. Pig. and Cage Birds., Thurs., Nov. 20th. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 2/6. Specials every class. Judge, A. J. Gladwin.—Scc., Frank S. Hunter, Windermere. Class 83 should read: A.V. Mule.

DARLEY DALE

Show, Nov. 20. Open Classes, £5 Limit. Judge, Mr. Chas. Ward. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6, members, 1/3. 62.—Yorks., C. or H. 63.—Nor. Plainhead, C. or H. 64.—Nor., A.V. Col., C or H. 65.—A.O.V., Can., C. or H. 66.—A.V. Mule or Hybrid. 67.—A.V. Finch (Hawfinch barred). 68.—Any. Sell. (including cages). Enter from this; no other schedules. Entries close Nov. 13: Vernon Hall, The Poplars, Hackney, nr. Matlock.

LURGAN

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Good Classification and valuable Specials.

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Hon. Secty.,

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GLASGOW and DIST. C.B.A.

Great Open Show, Fri. and Sat., Nov. 21 and 22, Drill Hall, Grendyke Street. Nor. 22 classes, Crests 10 classes, Bord. 10 classes, Yorks. 10 classes, Mules, Brit., and For., 29 classes. Under patronage of S.P.C., S.C.C.C., B.F.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scotland, and S.B.B. and M.B.C. Specialist judges. 30/- per class. Cup, Medals, and Specials galore. Schedules, Nov. 1.—W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St., Glasgow.

L. C. B. A.

25th Great International Show,

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THE BRISTOL Nov. 26 & 27.

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WEST BROMWICH

Staffordshire, Nov. 21, and 22. Judge, J. H. Roe. 7th Ann. Show. Entry fee, 1/6, for 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and Specials. Schedules sent out to known exhibitors; others apply: W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St., West Bromwich.

Buckhaven

& DIS.

C.B.S. Show, to be held on

NOV. 22nd.

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Entries close on 17th.

Wm. Foster, Scc., 105, Randolph St., Buckhaven, Fife.

ARBROATH C.B.S.

Annual Show to be held on Sat., Nov. 22nd. Judges, James F. Dewars and W. Mossie. 39 classes for Nor. Borders, Brit., and For. £1 Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Entry fee only 1/6. Under the patronage of the B.F.C. Club and F.C.B. Union; and Coupon Show. Model cards only 6d. each. Fanciers, note this: Numerous Specials. Entries close Nov. 17. Schedules from: John Gray, 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.

BOLDON COLLIERY F. and F.S.

Sat. Nov. 22nd.

Third Annual Open Show of Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds (Rabbits and Cavies), to be held in Miners' Hall. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/. Entry fee, 1/- per exhibit. Classes: 2 Nor. Novice, 2 Yorks. Novice, 2 Bord., 1 For., A.V. smaller than a Cardinal, guaranteed, 1 Selling, 1 Gift. Prize Money, 8-/, 4/-, 2/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entry fee 2/6. Specials in classes 1, 2, 3, 4. Prize money paid same day to exhibitors present on producing removal ticket. Splendid hall, free from draught, and heated. Give us your entries early, and plenty of them. Schedules: Hirons and Scott, Secs., 119, Charles St., Boldon Colliery, Durham.

BLAIRGOWRIE

NOV. 22nd.

26 Classes.

Crest and Crestbred 3, Nor. 5, Bord. 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mules and Hybrids 2, Brit. 5, For. 3, Selling 2, Local 1. Good Specials. No Model Cards. Entries close Nov. 17. Prize Money, 10/, 5/-, 2/-. Entry, 1/6. Judge, Mr. J. Goodfellow. Schedules: M. Irvine, Brown St., Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Nov. 22nd.

42 Classes, 4 Money Prizes, Specials every class. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Maddison. Entries close Nov. 15. Schedules ready.—J. W. Lowes, Sec., 17, Canning St., Stockton-on-Tees.

CHESTER-LE-STREET

Coupon Show, Nov. 22, in the Mechanics' Institute Hall. 29 Open Classes (5 Novices). Judges, T. Dixon, Can., J. Hands, Brit., etc. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; 1/- entry fee. Special in every class. Entries close Nov. 17. No cancelling. No amalgamating. Schedules: R. Ward, Sec., 16, Wark Street, Chester-le-Street, Durham.

HADDINGTON SHOW NOVEMBER 22nd

Under patronage B.F.C.C. Judge, Mr. Thos. Arnott, Kirkcaldy. 23 Classes: 10 Bor., 4 Nor., 7 Brit., 1 For., 1 Mule or Hybrid. No Model Cards. Schedules: R. Stewart, St. Martin's Gate, Haddington.

Fanciers, Remember!

HETTON-LE-HOLE Show, Nov 22. The show that looks after you. Three parts of prize money paid by 4 o'clock last show day. Help us to do better this time. Schedules: Notley, 1, Minor St., Hetton Downs, Durham.

BIGGAR & DIS. Poul. A. Show (open). Poul., Pig., Cage Birds, Rab., Sat., Nov. 22. Judges: Bord. Mr. P. Mackenzie, Nor. and Brit. Mr. J. Winter, Edinburgh. Entries close Nov. 15. Schedules: J. B. Cameron, Sec., Westend, Biggar.

INVERURIE N.B. Nov. 22nd, C.B. Show. 42 classes. 2 Cups. Numerous specials. Good money. Judge, W. D. Milne, Montrose. Sched.: J. Simpson, 68, Market Place.

TIDESWELL

C.B.I.S. ANN. SHOW

NOV. 25th.

Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq. Good Classification and Specials. C.B. Coupon Competition. Schedules: W. F. Swarbrick, High St., Tideswell.

BUCKIE, N.B. Show of Cage Birds, etc., held Nov. 26. Judge, J. Garrow, Esq., Edinburgh. Entries close Nov. 19. Schedules: M. Bunyan, 43, West Church St.

PONTYPRIDD

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SEVENOAKS

(Kent) OPEN SHOW,

Nov. 26th. Poul., Pg., Cage Birds, Rab., Cavies. Judges: Messrs. Clem Watson and Geo. Gardner. Cups and Specials. Entries close Nov. 19th. For schedules apply—A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage, Sevenoaks.

READING C. B.S.

NOVEMBER 26th.

J. Robson, Esq. 5 Nor., 5 Yorks., 1 A.O.V., 4 Brit., 1 Hyb., 2 Sell., 4 For., 38 Members. Entry, 1/6 for prompt prize money, 10/, 5/-, 2/6. Cash Specials. Free prize cards. 3 Railways. Schedules ready from: Hon. Sec., W. H. Pyke, 102, Radstock Rd., Reading.

Dunbar Poul., Pig., and C.B.S. will hold their 9th Ann. Show on Wed., Nov. 26. Cage Birds judge, Mr. R. Lambie, Whitburn. Numerous cups and specials. Sched.: G. A. Scott, Hon. Sec., 97, High St.

WHITBY Fancs. Show, Wednesday Nov. 26. Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Cage Birds, etc.—Hon. Sec., J. G. Tomlinson, Central Chambers, Whitby, Yorks.

SITTINGBOURNE

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The Old Original F. and F.S. (Open to Kent). 13th Annual Show, NOV. 26 and 27. 30 Classes. Best Hall in Kent for cage birds. Entrise close Nov. 19. Judge, Mr. Jeffrey Jeffries (Southall). Schedules of: C. Minter, 8, Terrace Rd., Sittingbourne.

SOUTH CO. DUBLIN KINGSTOWN

Under the Patronage of the Y.C. and C.B.S. Ireland. Nov. 26th and 27th. Judge, H. Norman, Esq. 56 Classes. Entries close Sat., Nov. 23rd. Write for schedule.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec., 14, Tivoli Terrace N., Kingstown.

SALE

C.B.S. OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, BRITISH, and FOREIGN

Birds will be held on Fri. and Sat., Nov. 28th and 29th, in the Technical Schools, Sale. Judges: Thos. Harrison and J. W. Metealfe. 52 classes, including 10 Novice, 5 for Nor., and 5 for Yorks. Plenty of specials. Schedules—G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross Street, Sale.

CITY OF

DUNDEE C. B. S.

Ann. Open Show, Nov. 29. Judges, Jas. F. Dewar, Jas. Black, D. Black, John Craig, and J. Lyon. Entries close Nov. 24. Schedules: Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.

IRVINE

and Dis. C.B.S. Annual Open Show Nov. 29, Masonic Hall, Bank Street. Up-to-date Classification. Three popular judges. Entries till Nov. 24th, 1/6. H. M. Ferguson, Goldfields, Irvine.

PENTREBACH

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FORRES

and Northern O.A. 27th Annual Show of Cage Birds only, on Wed., Dec. 3. 2 Handsome Cups. Numerous Medals. Specials in every class. Judge, J. Strachan, Aberdeen. Entries close Nov. 26. Schedules: Wm. Cumming, 28, North Road, Forres.

KEITH

The Old Keith Cage Bird Show, Dec. 3. Judge, Thomas Arnott, Kirkcaldy. Entries close Nov. 26. Schedules: C. Ralley, Keith.

Newtownards

and Dist. Cage Bird Show, held Town Hall, Dec 5 and 6, 1913. 33 open classes. 9 members' classes. Judge, Jacob Carson, Belfast. Entries close Monday, Dec. 1. Schedules from: Wm. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street, Newtownard.

MUSSELBURGH

O.S. 2nd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Town Hall, Dec. 6, 1913. Four specialist judges, J. Carson, Dalkeith, J. Winter, Edinburgh, T. Hislop, Stirling, L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C., S.B.B., and M.C. Numerous specials —A. Hoyle, 3, Parsonage Cottages, Musselburgh.

CONSETT (Co. Durham)

6th Dec., 1913.

Cage Birds, 35 classes. Judge, Mr. Thos. Dixon Schedules, ready early in Nov., will be sent to al last year's exhibitors.—J. Hedworth Coupland, Secretary, Leadgate, Co. Durham.

THRUMS, Kirriemuir

C. and C.B.A. will hold their Annual Open Show on 6th Dec. "C.B." Coupon Show. Under patronage of the B.F.C.C. and F.C.B.U. Grand classification for 1/6 entry, money including specials. Judges: Wm. Bishop, Esq., Stirling, for Nor. and Wild Birds; Wm. Dods, Esq., Edinburgh, for Borders. Entries close on Monday, 1st Dec. Schedules —Joe Stevenson, 6, Muir Street, Kirriemuir.

BRIGHTON

And Hove C.B.A. 4th Open

December 9 & 10

Coupon Show. Judges, J. Robson and H. Norman. 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. 6 Cash Prizes in British. 1/6 Entry. Close Dec. 1. Model Cards. Schedules: Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.

Tredegar (Mon.)

Annual Open Show ("C.B." Coupons and W.C.B.C. Patronage), Town Hall, Dec. 11. Judge, R. Halliday, Esq. 34 Open Classes; numerous Specials. Schedules: W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.

LARNE

and Dis. C.B. and Pig. Ass. 5th Ann. Show of Cage Birds and Pig. will be held in McGarel Town Hall, Larne, on Thursday and Fri., Dec. 11 and 12. Under pat. of Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entries close Dec. 6. Schedules: Thos. Mayne, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

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Twitterings.

The special issue of Cage Birds this week is champion.—J. Cole (Ipswich).

Class 34 in our schedule is for Border hens, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Cardiff Show.

Entries posted on Saturday will be accepted, writes Mr. A. E. Jago, hon. sec. Bodmin Show.

Entries are very scarce and will extend closing date till Monday, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec. Old Shildon Show.

Entries are still coming in for Bournemouth show, writes secretary Crawshaw. We have a splendid foreign class.

Entries are so short we are compelled to extend closing to Saturday, Nov. 8, writes Mr. J. Lashbrook, sec. Sidmouth Show.

At Portsmouth show, our Diploma of Honour in the British Hardbill section was won by Mr. H. W. Carrier, of Portsmouth.

Haltwhistle Show schedules will be posted this week. Will any one not receiving same kindly drop card to W. Tallantyre, South View.

Will members of York C.B.S. please note that any entry received after Nov. 10 will not be accepted, writes Mr. H. Sayles, the hon. sec.

Mr. Job, secretary Sheffield O.S., informs us that he received a postcard from Manchester on Oct. 31 with address only, no matter on at all.

Schedules for Bishop Auckland show have been sent out; will anyone missed apply to secretaries, Messrs. Elliott and Nattrass, Raby Avenue, Bishop Auckland.

Owing to the ill-health of Mr. Meades I have taken over the secretaryship of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., writes Mr. J. W. Thorne, 109, Raglan Road, Plumstead.

Up to the present, writes Mr. W. Broadbridge, hon. sec. Sittingbourne C.B.S., I have only received 12 entries for open classes. I will accept those bearing Friday's postmark.

Please note printer's error in schedule of Nottingham show, writes Mr. Royce; Crest Club specials Nos. 5 and 6 should read 1913 buff, Crest; 1913, Crest-bred, instead of 1912.

We have a large entry, and fanciers will be well repaid for paying us a visit, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec. Metropolitan C.B.A. Buses from all parts pass the road. (See Advert.)

At Pontypridd Show there is a comfortable long show room set apart for cage birds only, writes the secretary, Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas, secretary, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed.

Entries for Abertillery Show, November 11 and 12, are very poor indeed, and I do hope fanciers will rally round and send some at once, writes Mr. E. Churchill, the sec. (20, Tillery Street.)

Since the printing of Coventry O.S. show schedules, two specials have come in—10s. most points and a pair of boots 2nd most points in class 20, A.O.V. Canary, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt.

I have sent out some seven hundred schedules, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, sec. Blaydon-on-Tyne Show, and if any fancier would like one I will forward one on application. We are expecting a record show.

Those who receive our gifts at Bo'ness show, writes Mr. T. Cameron, the sec., are: 1st, Gift, 348, (2nd) 347, (3rd) 805, (4th) 39, (5th) 227, (6th) 31, (7th) 238, (8th) 624, (9th) 331, (10) 36, (11) 621, (12) 813.

On opening this week's Cage Birds I was delighted to see such a beautiful plate of the Blackbird, by Mr. Rankin, and also the splendid contribution written by Mr. Marley; it is most interesting.—S. White (Southampton).

An exhibitor has sent us six entries, two in class 11, and one each in 12, 14, 23, and 29, without putting any name on his entry form, writes Messrs. Woodhead and Pyman, hon. secs. Hartlepool Show. If he will send the birds on we will put on the class tickets. The post mark on the envelope appears to be Seaham Harbour.

We have made an error in our schedule, writes Mr. J. R. Chestney, hon. sec. Cramlington C.B.S., as to the additional classes which have been apportioned to our judges. It should read: Mr. Hay will judge Borders and classes 14, 15, 16, 27, 35 and 36; Mr. Holden, Norwich and classes 13 and 34; Mr. Tindale, Yorkshires and class 17.

I should just like to say that the Torbay O.S. (Paignton) are to be congratulated on the prompt manner in which they despatched birds after the show; also prize money, while the prize cards are well worth keeping.—Reginald Taylor (Bideford).

I should be extremely glad if intending exhibitors at Hastings and St. Leonards Show would apply at once for schedules, writes Miss Kirk-Bullock, the hon. sec. (44, Cornwallis Gardens, Hastings), and return their entry forms early. Entries close Tuesday, November 11.

Up to now we have not received a single entry, write Messrs. Hill and Dascombe, hon. secs. Wiveliscombe show. Fanciers, please help us. We have a splendid showroom, and good prize-money and specials. Mr. J. H. Payne judges. Last year we paid prize-money seven days after show.

Accept my thanks for the framed coloured plate which I won at Burton show. It arrived quite safe this morning, and is a very nice special. I wish Cage Birds every success; I have taken it for seven years, and have gained a lot of very useful information from it.—A. Ford (Burton).

I have been forced to extend entries to Tuesday morning, which will give exhibitors a chance to send for schedules, writes Mr. J. H. Dixon, sec. Selby Show (72, Brook Street). If any exhibitor wants his birds sending to any other show I will give personal attention on receipt of numbers and labels.

OBITUARY.

I very much regret to say that one of our oldest members, Mr. W. Wood, has had the great misfortune to lose his wife during the past week, writes Mr. J. W. Thorne, hon. sec. Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

Dr. Dale (Scalby).

We very much regret to learn of the demise of Dr. F. Dale, who expired suddenly on November 1st, at the age of 56. Mr. F. J. Smith, of Scarborough, writes: Dr. Dale some few years ago exhibited Crests and Crestbreds with some success. He also, I think, contributed some letters to Cage Birds on blindness in Crests; also on bird fever. I am quite sure the sympathy of the Fancy will be with Mrs. Dale and her family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. G. A. Hankey (Annfield)!

I am deeply sorry to inform you that our treasurer, Mr. Geo. A. Hankey, passed away on Oct. 28, as the result of injuries received on Oct. 24, writes Mr. M. Archer, sec. Annfield Plain C.B.S. We have lost one of our best workers; he was only 22 years of age, a very quiet, sensible young fellow, and a genuine fancier. There were nine members of Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S. at the funeral which was very largely attended. All fanciers will join us in giving his mother and two brothers our deepest sympathy.

Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A. have sent out to fanciers 1,300 schedules for their show, writes Mr. Wm. Hutchinson (163, Hospital Street). A post card will bring one to any fancier overlooked. Valuable specials are offered.

The Great Eastern Railway Company have made special arrangements, we hear, for the show at Leyton for delivering promptly and carefully. Will exhibitors kindly send via G.E.R. if possible, write Messrs. Forse and Son, the secs.

I wish to call the attention of members to the necessity of putting M.C.Y.C.C. after each entry. Some societies are only paying half-prize money on classes of eight, whereas those accepting our patronage are bound by rule 11 to pay our members full prize-money; but how will the secretaries know who are members unless M.C.Y.C.C. is put on the entry forms?—W. Wells, Hon. Sec. Midland Counties Yorks. C.C.

In Review of Schedules last week, writes Mr. W. Hutchinson, hon. sec., you give last year's judges for Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A.; they should be:—Crests, J. McLay; Plainheads, J. G. Cameron; Borders, T. Arnott (Hawick); Yorkshires, L. Dykes (Bradford); British and Foreign, A. W. Watson and L. J. Arrighi.

[The mistake arose through last year's schedule having been sent for review. The particulars we gave were taken as sent.—Ed.]

A Record Special Prize List.

Surely the list of special prizes offered at the annual show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. held Nov. 14 and 15, must constitute a record for a purely members' fixture. There are no fewer than 137 of them, and all of real value! The silver cups alone total over £50. Such a happy state of affairs speaks well for the enthusiasm of the members, and the ability and popularity of the hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn (22, Park Lane, London, W.), who is always anxious to hear from fanciers desirous of becoming members of his association.

Sheffield O.S. Record Entry.

Kindly announce we have a record entry, over 1,200 birds, writes Mr. J. A. T. Woodall.

Entries Extended.

Bodmin, to Saturday's post Nov. 8; Coventry O.S., 1st post Nov. 12; Bonsall, Nov. 13; Ilfracombe, Nov. 10; Selby, Nov. 11; Leyton, Nov. 10; Swansea, Nov. 10; Bristol, first post Nov. 10.

Hartlepool Beats Record.

Pleased to say that our society has a record entry—not only for our society, but, we believe, for the North, in a one-day show. The entries total over 650.—Woodhead and Pyman, hon. secs.

Prize-money Paid.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries: Hayle, Ulster O.A., Ayr, Gt. Horton, Perth, Torbay, Leinster O.S., Broughty Ferry.

A Regrettable Omission.

We regret that in our report of the L. and P.O.S. recent show, the name of that very hard-working committeeman, Mr. F. J. Day, was omitted from the list of helpers. Mr. Day, as a matter of fact, did a great deal of work, assisting to erect the staging, also during the show, and when the exhibits were being packed and the staging removed.

Liverpool's Great Show.

Will exhibitors, supporters, and helpers at Liverpool Show kindly accept our most sincere thanks for making the exhibition so great a success, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon, the secs. All railway birds left the hall before 6 p.m., so if any were late it's the railway company's fault. All prize money is paid; anyone overlooked should apply at once.

For Juveniles in Woolwich District.

The Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. are adding to their annual show a class for juveniles, open to Plumstead, Erith, and Dartford, at an entry fee of 3d., and entries will be accepted till Friday night, writes Mr. J. W. Thorne, the sec. Another feature is a class for decorated cages. Will members please note there is a special for most points in British.

Parrot Warns Family of Fire.

Awakened by the screeching of a Parrot at five o'clock on Nov. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Bonsor, who live in Green Lanes, Harringay, where they occupy rooms over a tobacconist's shop, found the house on fire and their means of escape by ordinary methods cut off. Mrs. Bonsor, on being roused, attracted the attention of a passing cyclist, who gave the alarm. All the occupants of the house escaped injury, and the Parrot was also saved.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Llandrindod Wells 2nd in Yorks. ck. should be Phillips (T. M.), not Morgan, as reported, and Mr. F. Heal won 2nd with a Twite, not a Linnet; at London and P.O.S. in Light Canary Hybrids, vhe Nichols should be vhe Tapper (T.G.). At Windsor 1st in Yorks Yell. and 1st in Buff Hen should be Frost and Rogers, not Rogers; at Perth, Mr. R. Watson was 2nd in Siskin class, not Smith; at Kirkcaldy, Mr. McLean won in unfligh. Yorks. hen, not Gray; at Braintree, Mr. S. E. Avery won 2nd in novice class, not Stanley, as reported, and also took vhe in Pairs selling class.

A Treat in Store.

The London and Provincial O.S. works hard to deserve its proud name of "Premier Society" of London, and its membership is steadily increasing. The society has made some records in catering for the instruction and pleasure of its members by providing, from time to time, lectures of unusual merit, and at the meeting, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m., Miss Durham has kindly consented to give a lecture on "General principles of heredity, with special reference to Canary breeding." Miss Durham will probably give a brief sketch of Mendel's laws, and illustrate their various workings, and as often as possible quote from her results in Canary breeding. Miss Durham will also refer to the conditions which affect the sex of offspring, and will make special mention of what she believes to be the cause of the value of sib-breeding in producing light Hybrids. This is the first time Miss Durham has given before a London society the results of her invaluable knowledge and experience of the general principles of heredity, and, more especially the results of her scientific breeding of various varieties of Canaries, including Cinnamons, Crests, and others. We may remind readers that Miss Durham is a scientist, collaborating with Prof. Bateson and with Prof. Punnett, of Cambridge, both great authorities, and the results of her experiments ought to be of much value to breeders. Breeders are all familiar with the expressions "a sport," "throw back," etc., but "surprises" in breeding are probably the result of want of scientific information as to the laws of heredity, and a breeder well posted up in these laws has certainly the advantage. Miss Durham's lecture, therefore, will be of much interest to breeders of every variety of Canary or Hybrid, and the L. and P.O.S., who extend a hearty invitation to members of other societies as well as their own, and a special invitation to ladies to hear a lady lecturer, anticipate a bumper attendance at this lecture. Miss Durham is anxious to have discussion after the lecture, as she is of the opinion that the practical breeder can assist the scientist by recounting the results of his experiments in breeding, and also by eliciting valuable scientific information on points which may not have been touched in the lecture.

Hawk Attacks School Teacher.

A hawk dashed against one of the windows of a school at Llanelly, and, breaking one of the panes, flew inside. It attacked one of the women teachers, and clung to her blouse until caught by one of the masters. The hawk is now in a cage in one of the classrooms.

Grand Foreign Display at Deal.

At the Deal, Walmer and Dist. F.A. annual show, write Messrs. Thompson and Lacy, hon. secs., we had 40 different specimens of foreign birds on view, most of them not for competition, shown by R. C. Roe, Esq. We congratulate ourselves on having this gentleman in our town and think this breaks all records for any show ever held in Kent.

The Latest Travelling Cases.

A leading feature of many of the shows of this season has been the display of travelling cases made by Messrs. W. Baron and Co., Ltd. (Yorkshire Street Mill, Bacup). Their speciality—well-named the "Kozy Karrier"—has created quite a sensation amongst exhibitors, and must assuredly have a big future, for it is so remarkably light that a case saves its own cost in one season by reducing the railway charges for carriage, and yet so tremendously tough as to stand any amount of rough usage with impunity. The material of which the "Kozy Karrier" is made is black vulcanised fibre, and the finished case is very neat and handsome, brass bound, and fitted with strong straps and handle, and with a natty arrangement for fixing the address card. The case, in appearance and utility, is all that any exhibitor could wish for. We advise all exhibitors to turn to Messrs. Baron's announcement under "Appliances," and to write for a quotation. Their "Kozy Karriers" have come to stay; they are reasonable in price and deserve to be very widely known, their many points of merit being indisputable.

THE HORTICULTURAL HALL (L.C.B.A.) SHOW.

A Magnificent Schedule Issued.

A magnificent schedule has just been issued for the forthcoming great show held under the auspices of the London Cage Bird Association in the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on Nov. 27, 28 and 29. The classification is very extensive, and presents one or two quite unique features, while the prize-money is liberal and the list of special prizes very good. The hall itself is a lovely place—nothing could be better for the purposes of a bird show—and is engaged only at great expense, so that it it to be hoped the enterprise of the society will be deservedly rewarded by a generous response in the matter of entries.

CANARY Section: Yorkshires have 7 champion, 6 novice and 1 limit (30s.) classes; judge, Mr. P. Mason. Lancashires 4, Belgians 3, Whites 1, Lizards 5, Cinnamons 1, Any Other Variety 1; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Borders, 7 champion and 2 novice; judge, Mr. Robson. Norwich Plainheads, 8 champion, 6 novice and 1 limit (30s.) classes; judge, Mr. J. E. Davies. Crests and C.B., 9 champion, 2 novice and 2 limit (Crest £3, C.B. £2) classes; judges, Messrs. J. Tyson and Robson. Greens have 6 classes (Yorks. 2, judge Mr. Mason; Borders 2, Mr. Robson; Norwich 2, judge Mr. Davies). Rollers have 5 classes; judges Messrs. F. E. Fisher and G. Wareing.

HYBRID Section: 9 classes, including 1 for breeding pairs; judge Mr. D. A. S. Longden.

BRITISH Section, 25 champion classes, divided (roughly) into 12 for hardbills, 10 for softbills, 1 hens, 1 albinos and 1 birds of prey (Hawks, Owls, etc.); also there are 2 classes for Continental birds. Judges, Messrs. C. Prior and Longden. There are 4 novice classes, judge Mr. A. J. Marley.

FOREIGN section: 31 classes, the finest classification ever offered, with 7 money prizes per class (12s., 6s. 6d., 4s., 3s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. and 1s.) and 2s. added to the 2nd prize in classes of over 12 entries. All classes guaranteed full prize money, irrespective of entries, by the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League. Judges, Messrs. D. Seth Smith, F.Z.S., and Frank Finn, F.Z.S.

There are also 3 "Perseverance" classes (1 Can., 1 Hyb. and 1 Brit) solely for exhibitors who have never won a prize; and 2 Pet classes, for the exhibits of children under 16 years of age. The selling classes are 2: prizes 10s., 6s., 3s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., fee 1s. 6d. single birds, 2s. pairs. Extra stock classes (birds for sale) 1, fee 6d., no prize money.

The prize money in the majority of the classes is: 1st 10s., 2nd 6s., 3rd 3s., 4th 2s. 6d., 5th 2s., 6th 1s. 6d., 7th 1s., and the entry fee is 2s. per bird. In the Roller section it is 12s., 7s., 4s., 2s.; fee 1s. 6d. In the Pet classes 3s., 2s., 1s.; fee 6d.

Exhibitors in all sections should note that this is a Cage Birds Coupon Show. It is also under the patronage of the S.Y.C.C., L. and L.F.A., U.K.B.-C.A., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., S.B.F.C., C.C.C., S.N.P.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.F.L., and F.B.C.

Entries close Nov. 18, and should be made to Messrs. Bray and Knight, 67, St. Dunstan's rd., Hammersmith, London, who are the show managers. They will be pleased to forward a copy of the schedule to any intending exhibitor.

The Breeding of Champion Norwich.

Some very Uncommon and Intensely Interesting Views advanced by one of our Leading Breeders. (See birds depicted on our Frontispiece).

Notes by Mr. E. J. Rippon (Chelmsford).

THE marked Yellow Norwich cock was bred from a medium sized variegated buff hen and a clear yellow cock. As an unlighted bird he was only shown once, taking 4th against old birds. Last year he won 2nd Norwich, 1st Wimbledon, 1st and sp best Norwich Leyton, 1st L. and P.O.S., 1st and sp best Norwich Chelmsford. This season he has won 1st Clapham, 1st Wimbledon, 1st Bedford, 1st Windsor, only times shown.

I am a great lover of Norwich, and have been ever since I was a boy. Four years ago I lost all my stock (except eight yellow hens, one buff cock, and one yellow cock) through gas failure, but I am glad to say I am now getting my strain together again. I am a great believer in pedigree breeding, and have always kept a record of my birds. I may say I used rings for Canaries before any were advertised, taking the idea from pigeon rings. I got a firm in Birmingham to make me some, which I used with success. Before that I used to clip a flight feather, which was not quite as successful, as sometimes the feather came out through different causes. I am not one who is afraid to breed with a fresh bird, because keeping a record you can easily see how it throws and thus find out what is best to do with it.

A Believer in the Old Methods.

I feed on the old methods, i.e., plain food: Canary seed all the winter, with a little rape given on the bottom of the cages when I go into the birdroom. During breeding I use egg and tea biscuits, and for green food watercress and chickweed. I only take two nests from a pair as a general rule. I usually pair up about the middle of March, but do not "feed up" much before pairing, as I think feeding up birds over much beforehand leads to non-feeding hens, as they get out of condition if fed on too rich food.

When colour feeding I do not give it too strong, as I find too much food does not produce as good a colour as a reasonable amount. I also breed for colour, as I am certain you cannot feed a good colour, if colour is not in the blood. In conclusion, I thank CAGE BIRDS for its reports, which are always a source of interest to me. I have a scrap book with all reports on shows that I have exhibited at for the last twenty years; when time permits they are most interesting to look over, and recall old shows and old friends.

Notes by Mr. E. Allsopp (Cardiff).

BEFORE actually proceeding with this little chat I think it well an understanding should be arrived at that what I may have to say, either in relation to certain accomplished facts, or to any impressions I may have to offer, is based solely upon eleven years' experience in the breeding of Plainheads only. Be it also understood that where I do offer my impressions or opinions, I merely throw them out for what they are worth, as I fully realise that I am still capable of making mistakes and forming wrong impressions. Above all, however, where I refer to certain things accomplished, I beg of you to accept such references as a necessary evil in recounting my experiences, and not as having been penned by me in any spirit of braggadocio.

Stud books, other books, and heaps of papers which I have accumulated during the past eleven years, all relating to Plainhead breeding, conclusively prove that the usual pairing, yellow to buff, or, as some will have it, buff to yellow, has served exceptionally well, for I find that not only have some reliable stock birds been manufactured that way, but also several show birds noted in their day, amongst which are "Old Gold," "Moonraker," "The Temptress," all winners in keen competition at Plymouth and other shows of that stamp. That it has served me well, however, I do not accept as being positive proof that this method of pairing is the only, the right, or even the most reliable road to pursue in the endeavour to breed a champion bird. I have, though, with a few rare occasions, not departed from this method of pairing—but more upon this point later.

The Choice of Satisfactory Stock Birds.

In trying to explain to you my ideas of a satisfactory pair of stock birds, I realise that I am entering upon a debatable subject, and should like to cut the question by simply stating that in my opinion a satisfactory pair of stock birds is that which will with a degree of certainty produce in the progeny some improvement, no matter how slight, in the direction you desire. It is my experience that the gradual accumulation of the necessary good features will prove your most reliable foundation in the long run. Pairs which ought to produce a champion "bang off the reel," so to speak, very rarely do so; such pairs I fear are a delusion and a snare, and have been the downfall of many budding enthusiasts.

In selecting a pair, I must have some assurance that I have plenty of feather, at least on one side. I do not care whether paternal or maternal, but it must be present, visible or latent, for in my opinion you are not going to breed those short, full-chested, wide-backed, chubby exhibition Plainheads that we all like to see, without plenty of "padding," which is, of course, feather. I have a weakness in being an admirer of a really good yellow cock. Some degree of success I feel sure has been obtained through the pairing of a snort, heavily feathered buff hen, to a medium sized, neat in every way, rich coloured yellow cock. On the one hand it is a bag of feathers which I supply, and on the other a beautiful "comb"; with these I hope to breed a youngster or so which will not only have the mother's characteristic of plenty of feather, but will have the same nicely arranged through the influence of the father.

"Old Gold," "Moonraker," and other yellow cocks have been bred by such methods, but here again, of course, I do not say that it is *the* way, or even the most reliable way, of breeding exhibition yellow hens or cocks. In looking round your room for such a pair, the chances are that you will nearly always find some stock birds suitable for the purpose, as these heavily feathered buff hens, even if the feather is not neatly carried, are practically sure to be of beautiful quality. So much do I find this so, that you have a wider scope in selecting a yellow cock, and it is surprising to what extent you may also go as regards the actual type of cock bird, as this method of pairing will admit of your using yellow cocks which otherwise would be considered a wee bit too lengthy, or devoid of substance, as they would appear to be if mated to a close short-feathered buff hen. For my own part I must say that I have been influenced in such pairings by the fact that I have had to record so very rarely an actual blend of the two parents (as shown in any



Mr. Austin L. Burgess of Watton, Norfolk, who is a keen fancier, British Birds being his especial favourites.

one of their youngsters) for I find that more often the progeny of any given pair closely resemble either the father or the mother. Probably there are present minor improvements more or less important, but the fact remains that at the end of the moulting season, when carefully scrutinising the youngsters and having their parents in mind, you can say, "How like the father," or "How like the mother." The chances are that having selected a pair such as I have just described, should you breed a yellow cock which fortunately has taken upon itself the mother's characteristics of being short and chubby, with the necessary padding of feathers, and the latter has been neatly arranged by the influence of the father, then you are likely to have produced (of course, if other necessary points have not been omitted) a facsimile of certain cock-birds which you have admired at shows, and which have caught the judge's eye.

How Plenty of Feather is an Advantage.

There are some, I know, who denounce the freedom of feather which is evident in the breed to-day, and I do myself where this is seen in slackness at the thighs, or openness at chest, as sometimes found on the show bench. What is actually required is a good solid padding of feather, which is carried neatly everywhere, not a feather out of place, and moreover, tightly carried, giving the bird a solid, "carved out of wax," appearance. If you are to closely adhere to the standard of perfection, which it is desirable that you should do, then taking into consideration the actual contour of the Plainhead's carcase (devoid of feathers) I am sure you will agree with me that you cannot hope to reach that degree of perfection if you endeavour to do so by mating your birds to produce progeny which have sufficient feather only to cover their nakedness.

Some degree of success has also been mine when choosing a heavily feathered buff cock and a neat short-feathered yellow hen as partners. In many ways this method of pairing I regard with some favour, especially when anticipating some large useful buff stock birds. And it certainly is a more reliable method of pairing when the duties of the hen are considered; the heavily feathered buff hens not being nearly so reliable in their duties during the breeding season as the yellow hens, who usually are active, attentive, "motherly" hens in every way. I may say that any difficulties in this direction I meet during the season by retaining two or three pairs as "feeders," etc.

A singular fact stands out in my records, inasmuch as I cannot trace having produced from any pair both a champion yellow and a champion buff, for in reviewing the accomplishments of certain stock birds I find that where they may have been good in the one respect, in the other they have produced what have practically amounted to wasters. Such experience forces me to the conclusion that with the keen competition which exists to-day, and the constant advancement of the variety which we as breeders are accomplishing, it is too much to endeavour to breed champion yellows and buffs from a comparatively small stud of stock birds at one and the same time. I throw it out for what it is worth that a breeder is more likely to reach the goal at which he is aiming if he steers his course either in the direction of breeding first class yellows, or buffs, as he may choose. In forming such an opinion, I am no doubt affected by the fact that from the very first my mind has been influenced in the direction of producing good yellow exhibition cocks, and as my stud of birds has perhaps been led in the direction desired, as I find that I have produced during the past eleven years more yellow cocks worthy of special notice than anything else. This is an age of specialism, and the matter is well worth turning over in one's mind.

Specialists in Yellows or Buffs.

Where a breeder sets out to specialise in yellows or buffs, he, of course, will still be dependent to a very large degree upon the usual method of pairing, yellow to buff, but I do think that if about to specialise in yellows the breeder will more nearly reach a degree of success through the method of double yellow pairing, and in buffs through the medium of double pairing, which at the moment are methods of pairing described as "special," or "unusual." Regarding the former, I cannot speak from experience, having never so mated a pair of birds, but only because I have always considered that I did not possess the necessary material so to do. I quite think that if a breeder would encourage yellow stock birds with a superabundance of feather, of broad character (very similar, in fact, to buffs), it would help him to a wonderful degree in establishing a foundation for a yellow line of breeding, and when I have the opportunity of selecting such a pair of my own breeding, I can assure readers that I am going to embrace the opportunity, as I know full well that more than one good yellow Plainhead seen upon the show bench has been bred by such a method of pairing.

Regarding double buffing, I can speak with some certainty, as I have found during my experience that it has been a most useful servant on three occasions, the only times that I have resorted to this method of pairing. If a breeder intends to follow my suggestion of assuring himself plenty of feather, he will find that he is almost bound to resort to a little double buffing at intervals, as occasionally, especially following the introduction of green blood into the stock, there is a tendency for the feather to become a little harsh, or hairy, and far removed from that silky texture which is desirable, and I speak with confidence when I say that I know of no more sure method of improving the feather properties in this respect than through the medium of double buffing, care, of course, being exercised that one of the parents is excelling in the good features desired. You need not fear that you will produce more lengthy feather, because you will not do so. A softer, closer, and much finer webbed feather is the result, and, strange to say, there is no great loss of colour in such a method of pairing, as one might expect, or, as some breeders go so far as to assert, must follow this method of pairing.

Double-Buffing Produces the "Queen."

Exactly what double-buffing has accomplished for me on two former occasions, would, I fear, take up too much of the Editor's valuable space to narrate, and is in a measure now ancient history. What it has done for me this season, however, is proved by the fact that having selected a large heavily feathered 1912 ticked buff cock and paired him to a medium sized neat feathered 1912 clear buff hen, as a pair likely to afford some improvement in feather properties, which I found was necessary when pairing this season, they not only produced some exceptional stock birds, excelling in feather qualities, etc., but also produced "Welsh Queen," the hen which has been already described (vide Plymouth Show report) as "one of the best buffs seen out for years," and "excelling in true Norwich properties." Her success and reception by the fanciers of the West provide about the best answer to those who have openly declared in my hearing that an outstanding bird cannot be bred by this method of pairing. How good she is in all round characteristics needs no further proof, I am sure, than my mentioning that a few days after Plymouth Show I received, amongst others, a letter from Mr. W. Spillman, of Devonport, congratulating me upon having produced such a gem. Perhaps he and other Plymouth "cracks" will be surprised to learn that the "Welsh Queen" was double buff bred. I assure readers that were I about to specialise in breeding exhibition buffs, I should make double-buffing my sheet anchor, as if followed on really rational, reasonable lines, it is an exceptionally good servant, but, like fire, it won't stand a lot of fooling with.

A Record Price and a Sad Loss.

As the breeder of "Welsh Queen" I naturally was proud to be able to view the best result of my labours for many years past, and which will serve the purpose of encouraging me to still further efforts. Having received the assurance not only of the judge of Plymouth Show (by placing her at the head of a strong class of hens), but also of your reporter and prominent fanciers, that I had without any mistake produced an exceptional bird, I felt quite justified in at once deciding to exchange the bird for hard cash, and quickly found a buyer in Mr. W. H. Howe, of Wellingborough. The cheque was probably a record one for a Plainhead so young, and which had accomplished so little upon the show bench, and it is a matter of keen regret to me that within a week of receiving Mr. Howe's letter telling me how pleased he was with "Welsh Queen" in every way, I received his further communication that the bird had been taken ill at the recent Manchester Show. On her return it was found to be a severe attack of inflammation of the bowels, to which she eventually succumbed.

How plucky Mr. Howe is only those who have had experience of him can truly know, but if ever I have received a letter during my lifetime which laid bare the inner character of any individual, it was the communication I received from him advising me of the death of "Welsh Queen." A philosophical acceptance of the situation does not adequately express it, for I can assure you that I have gathered, without any mistake, that Mr. Howe has a superabundance of that faculty of accepting the inevitable, i.e., grit, which has been the backbone of the Fancy since it has been a fancy. I am sure my readers will extend to Mr. Howe a sympathetic thought in his misfortune. The disappointment to myself I do not wish to enter into. In conclusion, I trust we shall all progress in the Fancy and endeavour to produce a better bird even than "Welsh Queen."

Questions and Answers.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THE BEST ROLLER (A.T.).—It is not possible to single out any so-called variety of the Roller family as the best songster. It is far more a question of training than variety, and but little value is to be set upon the multifarious names attached to the breed. If you ask for a highly-trained Roller of the St. Andreasberg type, and one with a good variety in its song, and no bad notes, you should get what you want. It matters nothing whether it is called a St. Andreasberg, Seifert, Leipzig, or anything else. Deposit the money with our Editor and have the bird on approval, and hear it sing before closing the deal, and you should then be sure of getting satisfaction. You should get a very decent singer for 21s. upwards, and at the price you name should have an excellent songster.

A TRIO (F. S. D.).—(1) Undoubtedly, hemp is a warming food to give a Roller, or any other Canary for that matter, during the winter months, but that does not alter the fact that it is very unwise to do so. As an occasional tit-bit it is very useful, but should not form an appreciable part of a bird's regular diet. It is best given in a seed mixture for occasional use. See the No. 6 Nutshell booklet for full details about feeding Rollers. The sample of hemp you sent is a good all-round quality. (2) By the term sweet fruit I mean any kind of dessert fruit that may be in season which has a sweet flavour—banana, or apple, are the most frequently used, but grapes, ripe orange, or pear may also be given. Pears, however, are relaxing and should not be used when diarrhœa is present. As a rule I do not care for groundsel during the winter months, watercress is much preferable. (2) Two perches on the middle cross bar of your cage would be quite sufficient in addition to the feeding perches. I should say too many perches are worse than too few, as they only impede the bird's freedom of movement.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Buttye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

LOSING SIGHT (J. Bull).—Sorry, but the bird is suffering from cataract, and no treatment whatever will be of any use. The bird will live, and apparently enjoy life, but you should upon no account whatever breed with it any more. You might make the diet a little more generous by giving, in addition to the staple seed diet a pinch of mixed seed, as you will see advised to another querist this week, twice a week, and once or twice a morsel of egg food, bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake.

GOING BLIND (Miss A. L. C.).—The bird's age is probably at the root of the trouble, and I seriously doubt the utility of any kind of treatment. You may try the following for, say, three weeks, and if there is not a considerable improvement in that time you may just as well cease further treatment, and leave the bird in peace. It will continue to live and apparently enjoy life even though it becomes totally blind. Get a chemist to mix you 15 grains of sulphate of zinc, 30 grains of boracic acid, one ounce of rose water, and two ounces of distilled water. Also an ointment of a quarter ounce of spermaceti, and two grains of red oxide of mercury. Bathe the eyes once daily with the lotion for a few minutes, using a little fresh lotion each time, then dry gently by absorbing moisture with small wad of wool, and place a tiny scrap of the ointment about size of ordinary pin's head on each eye, and hold the bird until it has worked its way around and under the eyelids.

FEEDING AND PLUMAGE (Jack, Watford).—(1) Mix together two parts each, by measure, of hemp and niger, one part each of millet, teazle, and black rape, half part each of linseed and broken groats, and a quarter part each of maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. Give half a teaspoonful per bird of this mixture twice a week, in addition to the staple diet of plain canary. (2) If the bird is naturally close-feathered it should remain tight in feather as long as it is in sound robust health. If it becomes loose and puffy the proper course is to discover and remove the cause. If due to some temporary slight indisposition a mild aperient for one day, followed next day by six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water, may be all that is required. Regular free bathing is a great aid towards keeping the plumage close and tight. (3) The biscuit food you name is a very good substitute for egg-food for ordinary use. Give a small teaspoonful per bird once a week, or three times in a fortnight.

A QUESTION OF FOOD, ETC. (A.M., Willesden Green).—(1) It is quite possible for symptoms such as you describe to arise from an over-fed and congested condition. In order to avoid the same trouble this season, feed the birds on a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition to this give separately every second day half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week, on the intervening days, a similar quantity of the seed mixture which you will see mentioned in reply to another querist this week, or see reply to "Guy Mannering" last week. Give a little fruit or watercress two or three times a week. Keep birds in a comfortable temperature to expedite the moult, and allow them to bathe two or three times a week in mild weather, and always offer the bath early in the day. If they appear to be getting sluggish, add 12 drops of syrup of huckthorn to the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food for a few days. Stop all other tit-bits, and under this treatment you should find the birds thrive well. (2) Saffron is not, properly speaking, a dye, though it has slight colouring properties if it were given in sufficient quantity through the moult, which is, to say the least, inadvisable. Its principal use for cage birds is to assist them to throw off their old feathers more freely when they seem to have any difficulty in doing so. The petty quarrels over the seed pots will do no harm, they rarely do any serious damage.

TUTORING AND FEEDING ROLLER (R.T.S., Birmingham).—(1) I am afraid it is much too late now to teach your young Rollers a good song. As you say they are only moderate singers I take it they are now in song after moulting, which is only what might be expected, and, in consequence, they have already a certain fixed type of song of their own, which the importation of a really good trained singer may not be able to alter to any material extent. The most you can now expect is that a good tutor will improve your birds, but he will not eradicate any fixed faults which they now possess. You ought to have had them under tuition many weeks ago, before they started to moult. To make the best of them now you should, in case you get a good trained bird for tutor, keep them in closed boxes for a few weeks to keep their own song at a minimum, and hang them beside the tutor, the latter in an open cage. Open the song boxes for an hour or so in the evenings after the first fortnight to give the birds a chance to show how they are progressing, but close them again immediately either bird begins to sing badly. By this means you may save the tutor from being corrupted, and may make a material improvement in the young birds' song. (2) The dietary given in Nutshell No. 10 will serve your purpose very well, but for the sake of convenience you might make a seed mixture as advised to "Jack, Watford" in this issue, and use this instead of giving pinches of separate seeds.

HUSKY COUGH (Umsia).—You should first of all see that the birds do not hang in a position exposed to extremes of heat and cold, such as near the fireplace, or near or over burning lights in the evening, or in a window. Keep them where the air is as pure and fresh as possible, and free from dust and heated fumes, but still fairly equable, and void of cold draughts. Having done so, give each bird, in addition to its staple seed diet, a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the intervening days give a pinch of the seed mixture advised to "Jack, Watford," twice each week. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days. After this give 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, in water every second day for a fortnight. Mixtures: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecac. wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

FEEDING STOCK BIRDS DURING WINTER (H. Lee).—Keep the birds as far as possible in roomy flights, where they can have a fair amount of exercise. The sexes should be kept separate, but may be in groups varying in number according to size of flight, viz.: a group of several hens may be kept together in one flight, and a group of cocks ditto; but both sexes should not be mixed together in the same flight. If however, you want to get a fair amount of song out of the cocks you must cage them up separately in smaller cages. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately a little summer rape, allowing half a teaspoonful for each bird—and once a week on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niga, teazle, millet, and broken groats, and once a week a similar quantity of egg-food, or any of the usual substitutes you may prefer. In fine, mild weather give a little watercress, or any green salad that may be available, two or three times a week, but when frost and snow are about give instead a little of any sweet ripe fruit. Also offer a bath two or three times a week in mild weather, and always early in the day. The proper time to start mating-up is the last week in March or first week in April.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

STRANGE BIRDS (A. F. G.).—The bird you describe as resembling the Redstart in size and shape, with tail and rump rufous, would be the Black-start or more properly the Black Redstart. It is a winter visitor to our shores, coming from central and Southern Europe. It is particularly common in the valleys of the Swiss mountains, where it is as familiar with the inhabitants as our Robin is with us. A few come over here every autumn, they are much more numerous in some years than others. No doubt, like all other birds, their movements are greatly regulated by climatic conditions. The description of the other bird that you saw "resembling a Redshank, black or nearly so, with a broad white bar across the back" should make identification fairly easy, providing you have not been deceived by the bird's movements or uncertain light. Several marsh birds have the white patch, but they are not black; one, for instance, the Bar-tailed Godwit is mostly brown and considerably larger than the Redshank; Sandpipers have a good deal of white about them, but are very much smaller than the Redshanks. I am inclined to think your bird was a Redshank in winter plumage, or a young bird of the year in its first moult. I have seen these quite dark in plumage and if you do not use a field glass you could easily imagine the bird you are looking at to be nearly black; out in the open colour is very deceptive.

FIELD-MOULTED LINNET (George Butler).—You could exhibit your Linnet at almost any show where there is a class for them. If there is a class provided for field-moulted birds he would of course be quite eligible, in this class one can see birds of all colours, light ones, dark, some with a little tinge of red on the breast, others, with a considerable patch. If you enter him in the ordinary Linnet class, for which he would be eligible (unless the schedule read "House Moulted"), you would run the risk of having him put back by the judge, as most judges give house-moulted birds the preference. This you can easily understand, as when a man has taken care of a bird for say twelve months, and taken the trouble to moult him out so that he is fit for exhibition, it would be very disappointing to him to be beaten by one only recently caught. Your letter was stamped with only a halfpenny stamp, consequently we were surcharged an extra penny. Kindly note that letters require a penny stamp.

GOLDFINCH IN LIVING ROOM ("Memo.").—As a rule British birds should not be kept in a heated apartment, although I know that thousands of Finches live in the living room of their owners. If you must keep your bird in the room with you, I would advise you to put him as far from the fire and gas as possible, and be sure to have him as low as the table, during the evening, when the air in the upper part of the living room is not always so pure as it might be. If you keep him healthy and well during the winter under such conditions, there is no reason why he should not be a successfull breeding bird next spring. Respecting birds recovering their song after the moult, it is all a question of condition and health. I have had some Linnets sing all through the moult, while others do not open until the turn of the year. I would advise you to feed him fairly well, but on no account to force him; you want him to be in the pink of condition when required, and not in fine breeding form before the hen is ready. Keeping him in a warm room is likely to hasten matters.

SWELLING ON GOLDFINCH (R.E.).—Catch your bird and carefully examine the swelling; if it is fairly soft and likely to come to a head when ripe, bathe it with fairly hot water for a day or two until it is ripe enough to prick, and then squeeze all the pus out you can. When it is quite clear you can heal it by dusting with boracic powder or ointment. If on the other hand the swelling is very hard and firm paint it with iodine, just put enough on to wet it, and allow three days to elapse before doing it again. Take all the perches out of the cage, thoroughly scrub them, and return when dry, this you should do every day, or have a duplicate set to change with them. This is very necessary because the bird is sure to rub its head on the perch, and any offensive matter on the bare sore might cause you no end of trouble.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Variety).—You could keep thirty birds in an aviary the size you mention, and it would make a capital flight for young Canaries. In making it, be careful to make facilities for easily getting in and cleaning it out, etc. You do not say what birds you would like to keep in it, but I presume you would prefer British birds. If so, I would advise Finches. You could put all or any of them in, and they could be fed on a good brand of Finch mixture, or you could make a mixture of your own if you thought fit. When your young Canaries are weaned you could turn them in for a few weeks; the Finches would not interfere with them. They are generally afraid of each other when first introduced, but soon settle down. I have never tried any of the plants you mention in an aviary, but have found the common box to be as good as any. They will grow in big pots or tubs, and if you had a couple of spare ones to stand in the garden, and exchange with those inside, you would be able to keep them in fairly good condition. Respecting your water arrangement, you had better confine yourself to just vessels for drinking purposes and one for bathing, the latter to be put in and taken out when used. The less dampness you have in the room the better, especially in the winter months.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3, "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11, "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (C. E. J.).—Providing the dampness is not too pronounced, the birds should winter all right in the greenhouse, but keep them in the coolest, least draughty, and most dry position obtainable. I am doubtful of the success of housing Zebra Finches and Budgerigars in the same cage. I fear the former may get a leg or wing broken; such frequently occurs, though sometimes there is immunity from accidents, and you must decide whether you take the risk or not. Neither of the species referred to need heat, but the most hardy of species cannot endure draught or excessive damp.

GREY PARROT MOULTING (E. M. S.).—Though you may not have moulted it, the bird must have moulted during that period; what is happening now is that the bird is plucking itself, and by eating the pen feathers prevents the growth of the plumage. Possibly there are minute insects afflicting it. Spray it with a tepid quassia solution twice weekly, guarding carefully against draught till it is dry. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on other days (when not giving the magnesia) put half a teaspoonful of hypophosphates in the drinking water. Keep the bird in some warm position that is free from draught, yet it must have light and air. Such cases take some time to cure, and you must persevere with the treatment. Give daily a piece of biscuit that has been slightly moistened and dipped in flowers of sulphur, and otherwise continue your present dietary. Report progress a few weeks hence.

PLUM-HEADED PARRAKEETS (H. Jordison).—Full colour is not assumed at the first moult, and for several seasons the colour will become darker and richer with each succeeding moult. Some species of Parrakeets mature rather slowly, and this is one of them, but they are hardy and robust, and are really beautiful in each phase till the full brilliance of the adult bird is attained.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (W. H.).—Please try the treatment advised for another month, and then report. In addition give a little honey and borax daily. Few Parrots refuse this; the simplest way to give it, is to put a little on to the end of a stick and put it against the bird's beak, when the bird usually commences to nibble the stick and takes the preparation on the end. If I remember rightly, you are giving a little boiled maize daily; if so, soak into it, after you have drained off all water, a few drops of some make of cod liver oil emulsion. If the bird does not take the maize, then soak a few drops of the cod liver oil emulsion into a piece of biscuit, plain cake, or anything similar the bird will take; give this daily for a month at least. Unless there is something wrong with your bird which is not revealed in your letter, the above treatment should ultimately prove successful. The alternative is, consult some local vet. who is accustomed to birds, who can diagnose the case from a personal inspection.

WILL IT BE SUITABLE? (J. M. Martin).—(1) If the atmosphere of the greenhouse is not too moist the birds will do well in it. It is really only a roomy cage, and I should only advise putting in two pairs of Budgerigars. They should ultimately breed when they have settled down, but I should not encourage them to do so till spring. The Green and Yellow varieties can be kept together in the same cage or aviary. (2) Half a dozen pairs of the smaller species, such as Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Bib Finches, Zebra Finches, Orange-cheeked and Grey Waxbills. (3) Bird seed is a decided draw for mice if there are any in the vicinity, but unless these pests are somewhere near at hand, there should be no trouble from them.

SENEGAL PARROTS (T. H.).—I do not recollect any instance of this species having reared young in Great Britain, but there is no reason why they should not, if given a roomy aviary; furnish with boughs, log nest, or a small barrel. They are quite hardy, and can be kept out of doors all the year providing there is a shelter attached to the aviary to which they can retire at will. It is probable they may take one or even two years to settle down, but if you can give accommodation as above, success should ultimately come your way. Results in aviculture are most attained by "sticking at it," and profiting by the lessons gleaned from failure and partial success. They are very difficult to sex, and the price varies from 30s. to 60s. each, according to number on the market.

UNHEATED ROOM FOR BUDGERIGARS (W. D. Kenshole).—So long as they have room for exercise, these hardy birds need no artificial heat, either indoors or out. In spite of their hardiness, however, they of all species are liable to go wrong quickest if they get no wing exercise. If you have a spare room put in a good sized branch and lit up a food table, and they should be in the best of condition for next spring, but if you can give them such accommodation there is no occasion to separate the sexes. If you are going to keep them in cages, then according to size of same you can keep any number of either cocks or hens together (of course I mean each sex) in a separate cage. If the sexes are separated they should be kept out of sight of each other, but neither sex need be brought in if you have outdoor accommodation for them.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Robert Holmes.—Acute broncho-pneumonia, following on chill contracted at show, was the cause of death. There is no infectious disease, and I

should any your several losses occurred in the same manner. Perhaps they were in a draughty situation. This is one of the risks of showing, but strange that all should occur at same time. It is a very fatal form of pneumonia, scarcely any surviving.

R.K.B.—There was present old standing disease of the lungs, and it is a wonder to me the bird survived as long as it did. Necrosis was the nature of the disease—that is, local death due to invasion by the bacillus of Necrosis, inhaled or ingested at some time. It is only slightly contagious in this region, whilst that form attacking the bowels is very contagious. The diseased centres in the lungs were encapsuled; there is very little risk of your other birds contracting it. However, under the circumstances, it is better dead, as the disease would have extended with time, and have become a source of infection.

V. A. Spong. Goldfinch died of cuteritis, i.e., inflammation of the bowels.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. H. G. Franks.—In our opinion, as the Green Canary is considered a distinct variety of the Norwich, the proper class for it would be the A.O.V. class (No. 17).

C. Westcott.—We think your coloured drawing is quite promising.

A. H. Ilkeston.—(1) A man who shows when in partnership, and wins as a champion, cannot afterwards exhibit by himself as a novice. (2) Wins at first feather shows and wins in members' classes do not affect a fancier's novice status at open shows.

W. Hopwood.—Will have sketches made and then publish your letter. Many thanks.

A. W. Elkin.—Thanks for photograph, which shall be utilised in due course.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Anfield, Everton Dis. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Priory Grove, Mission Room, 8.30. General meeting.—Redpath and Walker.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Mr. Hannighan's, 7.30. Schedules and other important bus.—R. Peart.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Commercial Hotel, Stanley, 8 p.m. Show and other very important bus.; subs. d'ue.—M. Archer.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Horse and Jockey, 8 p.m. 2nd table show of Canaries and Brit.—W. Hailstone.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Red Lion Hotel, 7 p.m. Members' show; judge, Mr. T. Ogden.—F. Gelder.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Members' show; selection of judges; please attend.—F. C. Sims.

Birmingham South O.S.—Nov. 12, Marlboro' Hotel, at 8.30. Members' show, most important. All please attend.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Nov. 11, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8 p.m. Show bus.—Jos. Kitshaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. General bus.—H. Bryant.

British Roller C.C.—Nov. 11, "The Royal Mail," Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand. Monthly meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Nov. 12, Headquarters, 7.30. Committee meeting, table show, 8.30. Classes as in Oct. Judge, Mr. W. Swaysland. All members asked to show.—W. H. Gibb.

Chester-le-Street and Dis.—Nov. 10, Dun Cow Hotel, 7 p.m. Special meeting re printing catalogue. Stewards for open show. All subs. due. Staging for show.—R. Ward.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 10, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Washing competition. Judge, Mr. H. E. Tringham.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 8, Flying Dutchman, 8 p.m. Final arrangements for open show.—W. Helliwell.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Nov. 15, Drill Hill, Juniper Green, 8 p.m. Financial report; fixing of prize money.—J. Napier.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 12, Sydenham Palace, 8.30 p.m. Final entries for open show; show bus.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 12, George Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for show; subs. are due to compete for specials.—Todd and Walker.

Darvel C.B.C.—Nov. 12, Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. Entries for club show; specials.—J. Robertson, jun.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Headquarters, 7 p.m. Prize money paid.—E. Jameson and Johnson.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Final arrangements for annual show. All members kindly attend.—Geo. T. Lynn.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Black Bull, 7.30. Printing for open show, and other important business, washing exhibition by Mr. G. Thornhill.—G. Hunt.

Edmonton F.A.—Nov. 13, Charity School, Church Street, Edmonton, 8.30. Arrangements for annual show, etc. Fanciers heartily welcomed.—W. H. Jackson.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Church House, Church Road, 7.30 p.m. Final show bus., schedules, etc., ready; members please attend.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. and F.S.—Nov. 8, "Blue Bell" Hotel, 7 p.m. All members please attend; very important bus. in connection with show.—G. Garbutt, Sec.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Important bus., specials, etc.—W. Curry.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Nov. 8, Wesley Place School, 7.30 p.m. Report of open show, and other important bus.—W. A. Brown.

Great Horton O.S.—Nov. 8, Butchers' Arms, Gt. Horton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Guisboro' Priory C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Wear's Room, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, etc.—Wm. Waraker.

Hackney, Stoke Newington F.A.—Nov. 11, Headquarters, Amethyst Club, 8.30 p.m.—R. W. Ford, jun.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 13, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Pie supper. 1s. each. Members or friends not having notified secretary, please do so by Tuesday's post.—H. Clegg.

Haltwhistle and Dis. C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Mr. Nicholson's, 8 p.m. Final arrangements for show.—Wm. Tallantyre.

Hastings and St. Leonard's C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Royal Oak Hotel, 8. Open to all members.—I. Kirk-Bullock.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 8, White Lion Hotel, 7.30 p.m.—E. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 10, White Hart Hotel, 8. Last monthly table show of season; Mr. H. Mallinson, judge. 6 Yorks. and 4 Norwich classes.—A. Lawford.

Hyde C.B.S.—Nov. 10, St. George's School, 8. Annual show business. T. Allsop.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30 prompt. Show business.—H. Ayers.

Knighley C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Selection of stewards for show. C. W. Town.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Nov. 9, Volunteer Inn, George Street, Oldham, 6. Specials for patronage show.—A. Martin.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Coffee House, 8. Show business. Schedules ready, posters, etc. H. Woodhead.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 8, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary). Members' show; birds staged 2.30 p.m.; open 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford). Entries accepted to last post Friday.—W. A. Wilson.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Schedules and entry forms and open discussion. R. Charleson.

London C.B.A.—Nov. 11, The El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Mr. R. L. Crisp will open a discussion on "Are Canaries Losing Stamina?" Visitors welcome.—J. Bray, jun.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Nov. 15, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8. Important meeting. "Diploma" question. H. G. Stubbs.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Arrangement of schedule and other bus.—H. Webster.

Middleton C.B.S.—Nov. 10 Old Boar's Head 8. Important bus. re specials for show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—Nov. 13, Pied Bull Hotel, 8. Annual show, judges, etc. H. A. Waddington.

North Staffs. R.C.C.—Nov. 8, Evans' Cafe, 7. Urgent bus. Please attend.—J. Tomlinson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Nov. 11, Mechanics' Institute, 8.30. Statement of entries and final show arrangement.—J. G. Royce.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Nov. 8, headquarters. Annual members' show. Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Kindly note change of secretary owing to ill-health of Mr. Meades.—J. W. Thorne.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 10, Crumpsall Hotel, 8.30 p.m. General bus.—H. Clayton.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Temperance Club, 8. Postponed meeting; show, etc., bus.; most important; attendance most earnestly requested.—W. Adams.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Nov. 13, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting. Important bus.—J. R. Meikle.

Skipton C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Friendly Society Hall, 7.30. To receive entries for show and ordinary business.—E. Gill.

South London C. and F.A.—Nov. 13, headquarters, 8 sharp. General meeting; discussion re annual show and election of stewards for same.—Geo. F. Crawford.

South-West London C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8.30. Washing competition. Members will please bring own birds.—H. Freeman.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Wharf Hotel. Show, cock birds only; staged 7 p.m. Judge, Mr. S. Haigh (Halifax).—A. Sutcliffe.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Members' show, Nov. 8; stage birds at 3 o'clock.—J. Bamford.

Stanley Victoria Club.—Nov. 9, Vic. Club, 6.30. Schedules and other important bus.—R. Peart.

Tong C.B.S.—Nov. 11, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Bus. very important.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Nov. 10, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Returning sheets and balloting specials.—A. H. McLean.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Nov. 10, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—H. Roebuck.

Walkley C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Mission Rooms, Westmorland Street, 8. Washing exhibition by Messrs. J. Thorpe and J. Woolhouse. Issue of ballot papers.—A. Lawton.

Welsh Yorkshire C.C.—Nov. 13, Swansea Show (second day), 5 p.m. Election of officers and formation of rules, etc. All Yorkshire fanciers invited.—Hy. Webster.

York C.B.S.—Nov. 12, All Saints' School, 6.30 prompt. Members' show; birds staged at 6.30 p.m. Entries close Monday, Nov. 10. Judge, Mr. G. Harland (Hull).—H. Sayles.

EAST BOWLING B.F.A.

First old bird show held in St. John's School, Oct. 25, with a fairly good entry considering that Bradford East Society was holding its open show. 71 birds were staged. Mr. Wilson, Sandy Lane, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Casey; 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, Padgett; 4, Robinson. YELL. HEN: 1, Padgett; 2, 4, Bleazard; 3, vhc, Gledhill; hc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Robinson; 3, Casey. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Helliwell; 3, 4, vhc, Bleazard. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, vhc, Gledhill; 2, 4, Padgett; 3, Helliwell; hc, c, Robinson. HEN: 1, 2, Padgett; 3, vhc, Gledhill; 4, Helliwell; hc, c, Robinsen. CINN. CK.: 1, 2, Helliwell. HEN: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Helliwell. NOV. CL., TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Nicholl; 2, 4, Dawson; 3, Hodgson; vhc, Sharp; hc, Hudson; c, H. Hodgson. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Nicholl; 2, hc, Pacey; 4, Hudson; c, Dawson. YELL. HEN: 1, Pacey; 2, Nicholl. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Sharp; 3, Nicholl; 4, Dawson; vhc, Pacey. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Pacey. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Hudson. CINN. CK.: 1, Hudson. HEN: 1, Hudson.—L. Booth, Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY, AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third members' show of the season held Oct. 25, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. The entry was not as large as is usual for an old bird show, but what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality. 56 birds faced the judge, Mr. S. Wilcock, of Bradford, and he got through his work in a very able manner. Most points were gained by: W. Richmond 23, E. Marsh 20, H. Raistrick 19, W. Ackroyd 18, Towler and Hargreaves 15. Novice points: A. Noble and Son 8, and C. Noble 8 points, all with four starred birds.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, Richmond; 2, Towler and Hargreaves; 3, Marsh; 4, vhc, Page; hc, Winn; c, Taylor. BUFF (9): 1, Marsh; 2, Raistrick; 3, Noble and Son; 4, Page; vhc, Towler and Hargreaves; hc, Allott; c, Winn. MKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 4, Ackroyd; 2, Noble and Son; 3, c, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, hc, Page. BUFF (8): 1, Richmond; 2, 4, Raistrick; 3, vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Allott; c, Forrest. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Noble and Son; 2, Marsh; 3, Richmond; 4, Taylor; vhc, Towler and Hargreaves. BUFF (5): 1, Taylor; 2, Marsh; 3, 4, Page; vhc, Ackroyd. MKD HEN (6): 1, Richmond; 2, Noble and Son; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Raistrick; vhc, Forrest; hc, Towler and Hargreaves. NOV. CAN. CK. (4): 1, Wood; 2, c, Noble; 3, 4, Noble and Son. HEN: 1, 4, c, Noble; 2, 3, Noble and Son. Mr. W. Winn won Mr. Booth's special.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

THE DISASTER AT SENGHENYDD.

Notes by the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

I hope that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members have noticed the letter from Mr. A. Shellam, published in last week's issue, asking for help in assisting the families and dependants of the 400 brave men who perished in the appalling disaster of Oct. 14.

In the neighbourhood of the disaster there are hundreds of humble bird lovers, and many of these have met their death and have left helpless children penniless. Members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE should be among the first to help their brother fanciers in such a terrible misfortune.

On previous occasions members of the LEAGUE have given practical proof of the existence of the goodwill and fellowship among bird lovers the establishment of which has been one of the main objects of our organisation, but nothing of such magnitude has ever before appealed to their sympathy, and I think they will not be backward in sending whatever they may be able to afford in aid of such a worthy object.

As though the explosion had not already caused immeasurable misfortune, the same district was almost immediately afterwards visited by a tornado which, like the explosion itself, was by far the most terrible ever experienced in our country, and in the daily papers of Wednesday, the 5th instant, there appears a letter from the M.P. for East Glamorganshire, Mr. Clement Edwards, which gives some idea of the devastation wrought by this extraordinary visitation of nature. In this Mr. Edwards says that, though by a miracle only six people have been killed and about 100 injured, yet many hundreds of houses have been ruinously damaged, and over 200 families have lost, beyond repair, most of their furniture, and all their bedding and bed-clothes and wearing-apparel.

I think I need say nothing further in an appeal to members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and readers of CAGE BIRDS generally, and any sums, large or small, which may be sent to CAGE BIRDS offices, will be acknowledged in these columns, and forwarded to the proper quarter.

Referring to the petition to Members of Parliament published in our issue of Sept. 20, Mr. G. H. Peck writes that he has already sent to the local member two foolscap sheets of signatures, and he is still going on. There is no wonder that the show recently organised by Mr. Peck was such a success; anything undertaken by this enthusiastic member is bound to succeed. I have received a beautiful photographic group of the children and their prizes, and I regret very much that the faces are so small as to render satisfactory reproduction impossible in an ordinary issue.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

Leaflets setting forth the aims and objects of the LEAGUE will be forwarded, post free, to any reader upon application

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HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Stoke-on-Trent (Staffs).—Nov. 13, Sutherland Assembly Room. Judge, J. H. Roe. 42 open classes: Nor. 15 (7 Nov.), Yorks. 15 (7 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 10, to J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.

Cramlington (Northumb.).—Nov. 22, Co-operative Hall. Judges, A. Hay, A. Holden, R. Tindale. 17 open classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 4, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Ent. close Nov. 15, to J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage.

Galashiels (Scotland).—Nov. 15, Volunteer Hall. Judges, A. Paterson, J. Carson, J. Tait, J. Alexander, A. G. Cameron, J. Mason. 40 classes: Scotch Fancy 12, Bord. 10, Nor. 5, A.O.V. 1, Pet Bird 1, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 10, to J. Brown, 153, Croft St.

Hastings (Sussex).—Nov. 18, 19, Lower Public Hall. Judge, W. R. Miles. 12 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Brit. 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 11, to Mrs. Kirk-Bullock, 44, Cornwallis Gardens.

Cowdenbeath (Fife).—Nov. 15, Drill Hall. Judges, J. Stenhouse, W. Mossie, J. Bailey, W. Paul, A. Sloan, R. Bald. 84 classes: Scotch Fancy 10, Bord. 11, Yorks. 10, Crests 11, Nor. 16, A.O.V. 1, Comm. 1, Mules 5, Brit. 16, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 10, to J. W. Holms, South Hill St.

Blairgowrie (Perthshire).—Nov. 22, Public Hall. Judge, J. Goodfellow. 25 classes: Crests 3, Nor. 5, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 5, For. 3, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 17, to M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.

Alnwick (Northumb.).—Nov. 12, Century Hall. Judges, A. Hay, J. Maddison. 28 open classes: Nor. 5, Bord 7, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Ent. close Nov. 8, to R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without.

Whitley (Yorks).—Nov. 26, Market Hall. Judge, F. Marwood. 10 classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Ent. close Nov 20, to J. G. Tomlinson, Central Chambers, Baxtergate, Whitby.

Blaenavon (Mon.).—Nov. 20, Assembly Rooms. Judge, O. E. Hodge. 12 classes: Nor. 4 (1 Nov.), Yorks. 4 (1 Nov.), Unflig. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 15, to F. D. Willis, 17, Ton Mawr Road.

Reading (Berks.).—Nov. 26, Palmer Hall. Judge, J. Robson. 22 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 1, Sell. 2, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 19, to W. H. Pyke, 102, Radstock Rd.

Boldon Colliery (Durham).—Nov. 22, Miners' Hall. Judge, J. Robson. 9 open classes: Nor. Nov. 2, Yorks. Nov. 2, Bord. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 17, to A. Hirons and G. Scott, 119, Charles St.

Windermere (Westm.).—Nov. 20, Institute. Judge, A. J. Gladwin. 19 classes: Nor. 4, Yks. 4, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Cinn. 1, Brit. 3, Mules 1, For. 1, Local 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, if 9 entries. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 15, to F. S. Hunter, St Martin's Sq.

Coventry O.S. (Warw.).—Nov. 15, Sydenham Palace. Judge, J. Robson. 38 classes: Nor. 12 (3 Nov.), Crests 3, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 3 (1 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1, Stock 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 10, to A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven St.

Bristol C.B.S. (Som.).—Nov. 12, 13, Kingsley Hall. Judge, J. H. Payne. 30 open classes: Crests 3, Nor. 6 (1 Nov.), Cinn. 2, Yorks. 7 (1 Nov.), Bord. 2 (1 Nov.), Sell. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 8, to Mrs. B. L. Pool, 37, Manor Rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

Bristol F.A. (Som.).—Nov. 26-27, Colsenm. Judges: H. W. Battye, D. A. S. Longden. 36 open classes: Crests 4, Cinn. 1, Nor. 5 (1 Nov.), Yorks. 9 (2 Nov.), Bord. 3, For. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 7, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 10, to G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.

Nottingham.—Nov. 14-15, Mechanics' Lecture Hall. Judges: T. Heath, W. Vardy, C. Houlton, E. Fuller. 73 classes: Crests 15 (2 Sell., 2 Nov.), Nor. 18 (7 Amat.), Yorks. 10 (4 Nov.), Lancs. 4, Liz. 4, Brit. 11 (1 Nov.), Mules 3, For. 7, Gift 1. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 10, to G. E. Wilkinson, 29, Tennyson St.

Cardiff (Glam.).—Nov. 19-20, St. Andrew's Hall. Judges: J. H. Payne, J. Robson. 58 open classes: Nor. 14 (4 Nov.), Yorks. 15 (5 Nov.), Scots Fancy 1, Bord. 6 (1 Nov.), Sell. 3, Mules 6, Brit. 11, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 12, to E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.

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BELOW we give a list of the winners of the 10s. cash specials at coupon shows held up to and including Oct. 30, with the exception of Upper Rhondda, from the secretary of which no list of awards has reached us. Several other secretaries, too, have failed to supply full lists of the diploma and cash special winners, despite application for the same, thus rendering it impossible for us to promptly despatch the diplomas. Will those who have not yet sent us official lists of the judges' awards in our competition at their shows, please do so at once.

As notified in our last issue, one or two objections have been lodged in certain cases, and to allow of these and any future objections being gone into, we have had to make it a rule that the cash specials will not be paid out until 14 days after the publication of the winners' names in our columns. The majority of the specials in the list below, however, have already been despatched to the fortunate winners.

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Nov. 11-12.—Bournemouth.—J. A. Crawshaw, 28, Gerald Road.
Nov. 12.—Alnwick.—R. Forsier, 42, Bondgate Without.
Nov. 12-13.—Sittingbourne.—W. Broadbridge, 34, George Street.
Nov. 12-13.—Swansea.—S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street.
(Any entries for the above must be sent immediately.)
Nov. 13.—Stoke-on-Trent.—J. Pitchford, 218, London Road.
Nov. 13 & 14.—Leyton.—Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Road.
Nov. 14 & 15.—Nottingham.—J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson St.
Nov. 15.—Cowdenbeath.—J. W. Holms, South Hill St.
Nov. 19.—Bishop Auckland.—R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, Co. Durham.
Nov. 19.—Inverness.—J. Connochie, Craigielea, Perceval Rd.
Nov. 19-20.—Cardiff.—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.
Nov. 19.-20.—Ramsgate.—F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.

WINNERS OF 10s. CASH SPECIALS AT COUPON SHOWS.

[C: indicates champion; N: novice. Objections to these awards, if any, must be sent in to us within seven days.—Ed.]

Longton.—C.—Tams and Son, Church Street, Longton. N.—F. W. Alcock, 7, Clarence Street, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent.

Gt. Horton.—C.—A. Lister, 40, Lawrence Street, Princeville, Bradford. N.—W. H. Hamlyn, 3, Leeds Road, Harrogate.

Clapham.—C.—T. Gilbert, 37, Craven Street, Coventry. N.—C. Hume, 61, Milton Street, Southend-on-Sea.

Gillingham.—C.—F. J. Wickham, 28, Irene Terrace, Rainham Road, Chatham. N.—C. R. Bullen, 5, Walpole Road, Bromley.

Leeds.—C.—Martin and Archer, 92, Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield. N.—J. Wilford, 138, Hyde Park Road, Leeds.

Morpeth.—C.—C. Snowden, 26, Plessey Terrace, Newsham, nr. Morpeth. N.—S. Lindsay, Avon Rath, Birtley, Durham.

Plymouth.—C.—W. Collings, 21, Clyde Street, Ford, Devonport. N.—Miss V. Onslow, 6, Wimborne Road, Bournemouth.

Hanley.—C.—W. Whetstone, 3, Parker Street, Leek. N.—R. Parker, 53, Garnett Road, Wolstanton.

Norwich.—C.—A. Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich. N.—E. F. Linder, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad.

Glasgow.—C.—J. McLay, High Street, Kirkintilloch. N.—Not settled.

Halifax.—C.—J. E. Priestley, 258, Hanson Lane, Halifax. N.—A. Mann, 76, Hartley Street, Battinson Road, Halifax.

Newcastle.—C.—W. H. Butler, Rose Bank, Tyne Road, Stanley, S.O. N.—J. McGuire, 16, Heatherdale Terrace, Wrekenton.

Broughty Ferry.—C.—R. Whitton, Churchill Place, Broughty Ferry. N.—J. L. Smith, 120, High Street, Perth.

Burton-on-Trent.—C.—E. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street, Burton. N.—J. Fitchett, 121, Long Street, Stapenhill, Burton.

Harrogate.—C.—A. Veitch, 46, Dragon Road, Harrogate. N.—J. Graham, 9, Glenthorpe Terrace, Leeds.

Sheffield.—C.—W. Radley and Son, Paradise Square, Skelmanthorpe. N.—G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent Balby Road, Doncaster.

Artillery.—C.—A. Ball, 73, Hamilton Street, Cardiff. N.—Not settled.

Portsmouth.—C.—H. Howick, St. Ann's Hill, Midhurst, Sussex. N.—R. W. Clayton, Oatlands Drive, near Post Office, Weybridge.

Wolverhampton.—C.—P. Victor Williams, Hinstock Hall, Market Drayton, Salop. N.—Gough and Loach (full address wanted).

Manchester.—C.—H. H. Towers, 8, Colne Road, Glasburn, Crosshills, Keighley. N.—W. Watson, 12, King Street, Glossop.

Ilkeston.—C.—J. Memmott, 55, Meersbrook Road, Heeley, Sheffield. N.—F. S. Baker, 76, Curzon Street, Long Eaton.

Bradford East.—C.—Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford. N.—J. Northrop, 1, Gaythorne Road, Bradford.

Perth.—C.—D. Roy, Armoury Cottage, Auchterarder. N.—R. Crawford, Perth (full address wanted).

Coventry Godiva.—C.—A. J. Smith, "St. Ives," Chester Road, Erdington, Birmingham. N.—H. W. Thompson, 113, Humber Avenue, Coventry.

Paignton (Torbay O.S.).—C.—W. Buckingham, 211, St. Alban's Road, Watford. (No competition for the novice 10s. special.)

Llandrindod Wells.—C.—G. T. Jones, 18, Castle Street, Brecon. N.—C. Miller, Culmington Manor, Craven Arms.

Matlock.—C.—R. D. Parlett, 17, Coombe Road, Crookes, Sheffield. N.—W. Bull, 20, South Street, Derby.

The Next Coupon Shows.

Entries for the above shows are due to close now, and should be sent on at once. Those who wish to join in Cage Birds Coupon Competition should note the paragraph "How Exhibitors May Enter," printed below. Secretaries will be glad to affix the necessary coupons to the entry forms of exhibitors if the conditions of entry are duly observed.

STOKE has 42 classes, covering Nor., Yorks. (with novice sections in both), A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit. and For. Prize money 17s. 6d.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 10.

LEYTON has 57 classes, covering Nor., Yorks., Bords., Crests (with novice sections in each), A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize money, 17s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 8.

NOTTINGHAM has 73 classes, covering Crests, Nor., Yorks. (with novice classes in each), Lancs., Liz., Hyb., Brit. (1 novice class), and For. Prize money 22s. (in Foreign 26s); fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 10.

COWDENBEATH has 84 classes, covering Scots, Bord., Yorks., Nor., Crests, A.O.V. Can., Common Can., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize money, 17s. 6d.; fee, 1s 6d. Entries close Nov. 10.

BISHOP AUCKLAND has 30 classes, covering Yorks., Nor. (one novice class in each), Bord., Crest. Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize money, 16s.; fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 10.

RAMSGATE has 52 classes covering Nor., Yorks., A.O.V. Can., Pairs, Hyb., Brit. and For. (with novice classes in Nor., Yorks., Brit. and For.). Prize money, 14s.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 12.

CARDIFF has 58 classes, covering Nor., Yorks., Bord. (with novice classes in each), Scots, Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize money, 17s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 12.

A schedule of Inverness show does not seem to have reached us.

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10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
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Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of Cage Birds Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at Cage Birds offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in Cage Birds Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in Cage Birds are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A full list of the Coupon Shows, also the rules of the Competition and a Brief Outline of the Scheme appeared in our last issue.

A Partridge's Wedding Ring.

A Partridge shot by a sportsman in Germany was (according to the "Daily Sketch") wearing a gold wedding ring round its neck. Inside the ring are engraved the letters "M.M." and the date 17/7/97. It is assumed that the ring had been dropped on a road or in a field, and that the bird put its head through it while seeking food (!), and was then unable to get rid of it.

THE DISQUALIFIED YORKSHIRE AT HALIFAX SHOW.

The Judge, Mr. House, replies to Messrs. Ogden Bros.' letter published last week.

Sir,—Messrs. Ogden Bros. complain of the report which you published concerning the Yorkshire Union inquiry as "biassed, evasive, and one-sided," but produce no evidence in proof thereof. In fact their letter really endorses the accuracy of your report. Mr. Hill's official report certainly is all that Messrs. Ogden say it is, and in all essentials it agrees with the report which you published: Firstly, that I declared the bird before the Council was not the one I disqualified. Secondly, that myself and four officials of the show, examined separately, and not before each other, all told the same tale about the bare patch. Thirdly: That one (Mr. Macpherson) agreed with me the bird was not the same. Fourthly: That Mr. L. Ogden said the bird was their property, and had not been handled before being brought to the show. Fifthly: In the wording of the three resolutions. Therefore, if Mr. Hill's official report be correct, and Messrs. Ogden say it is, then your report must also be correct, and not as Messrs. Ogden describe it "biassed, evasive, and one-sided."

Your report gives the evidence of myself and the Halifax officials, not verbatim, as Messrs. Ogden would lead readers to suppose, but summarised. Mr. Luther Ogden's evidence summarised is also given. There is nothing one-sided about this, so far as I can see. "Evasive" would lead one to suppose that material points had been suppressed, but Messrs. Ogden give no proof of such. Everyone knows that in a meeting which lasted over two hours much more would be said than appeared in Cage Birds' report of the proceedings, but I say that the report is correct, and the proof is the similarity between the two reports. "Biassed": I have read the two reports carefully, and I fail to see any bias.

Messrs. Ogden take upon themselves not only their own defence, but also that of the Yorkshire Council and the Halifax Society. Why? Messrs. Ogden go on to describe their movements after hearing of the disqualification, and so far as I can read these agree with your report. As to what they say about forfeiting £10 if the bird changed its appearance in independent hands in six weeks; they should also have said that I told the Council that the bird before them could be kept twelve months and it would not change, but that the one I disqualified would change in a week. I have not said Messrs. Ogden trimmed this bird. I have not said they changed it. But I maintained before the Y.U. Council that the bird I disqualified had been trimmed, that it was seen by Mr. J. Trengove, my co-judge, and by the Halifax officials. Mr. Trengove was not present at the meeting, but the Halifax officials, all unknown to each other, bore out one by one the statement that I had made to the Council about the bare patch. That bare patch was to be seen on the bird I disqualified. It could not be found on the bird in the Council meeting on the following day. With regard to what Messrs. Ogden Bros. say about the eye markings, the finish I spoke of was, as I explained, behind the eye.

Messrs. Ogden ask me to state how it would be possible for the bird to have been changed? It is not for me to say how it could be done, or how it was done. The bird was not guarded in any way; it stood in its class with the rest.

There is one very peculiar remark made by Messrs. Ogden in their letter. After speaking of the witnesses saying they saw the bare patch, Messrs. Ogden go on to say: "Our firm conviction is that he (myself) could have exhibited the same on Saturday under the same treatment, had he so desired." There was no question of "desire" in the matter. I was asked by the Council to explain why I disqualified the bird. Confident that it would be easily done, I proceeded to catch the bird and examine it, but I could not find the bare patch. I turned the head feather over and over with a quill, but no bare patch was there. The feather was turned by the request of the Council as each witness was brought into the room, but no bare patch was to be seen. So staggered was Mr. Robertshaw that he said "Turn the feather up again, Mr. House," and I did. He then made his statement about swearing to what he had seen.

As to "desire," I had none, either one way or the other: I had no knowledge of the ownership of the bird. In fact, when I disqualified it I did not even know its number, because, owing to the system prevalent at Yorkshire Union shows, the number had not been uncovered.

Messrs. Ogden say the evidence was "painfully weak." It would be interesting to know what they would call strong evidence. On this point of evidence I told the Council that if they were not satisfied with my evidence and that of Messrs. Clegg, Ross, Robertshaw and Macpherson, they could communicate with my co-judge, Mr. Trengove, and Mr. Robert Sutcliffe, each of whom saw the bird on the Friday. I may say here that Mr. Fowle, of Queensbury, also saw it.

It is not a pleasant thing to disqualify, but I am not the man to be deterred from doing my duty because of fear that the results may be unpleasant to myself. I have been judging All-England shows since 1887, and in my twenty-six years' experience I never felt more sure I had sound reasons for disqualifying than when I disqualified No. 3, Class 12, at the Halifax show. The gentlemen I have named, and those who gave evidence can bear me out in this.

The decision of the Council having gone in their favour, Messrs. Ogden naturally praise its "intelligence and fair-mindedness." As one who knows the value of evidence, I cannot understand how any body of men could reject the statement of their own appointed judge, supported by four officials of the show. The Council decided against the corroborated testimony of five men. I say nothing about the two other resolutions. The Council did not secure the evidence of Messrs. Trengove and Sutcliffe. I know not what evidence they would have given, but I do know that they saw the bird on the Friday.

Judging from what members of the Council said to me after the meeting, the position of the judge in this unfortunate matter was never considered. The decision not only stamps me as an incompetent judge, but a liar as well. From the inception of the Yorkshire Union, I have been one of its judges. No other judge has held the confidence of the Union for such a length of time, and no judge has officiated at Union shows so continuously. I believe even yet I have the confidence of the hundreds of fanciers who comprise the Union, but it is evident that confidence is not shared by the Council.

Had I appeared before the Council not as a witness, but as a prosecutor, I should have taken strong exception to certain remarks and questions by some of the councillors, as they were not in accord with ordinary judicial procedure. I drew the attention of Mr. Hill, at the time, to the leading questions which one councillor in particular put to Mr. Ogden.

My connection with the Yorkshire Union has been a long and pleasant one, but it is ended. I have judged my last Yorkshire Union show, unless the Council remove in some manner the stigma of incompetency and untruthfulness which they have cast upon me. I have not come to this decision in any spirit of pique or anger, but I feel that both my ability and integrity have been impugned by the Y.U. Council, and therefore I cannot, as a man of honour, allow myself to risk such another rebuff. I have no feeling towards the members of the Council.

No man regrets more than myself the necessity which caused me to disqualify No. 3, in Class 12, whilst words cannot express the regret I felt in being compelled to state to the Council that the birds had been changed. Those who know me will realise that I did not act unthinkingly in this matter.

C. A. House.

Mesrs. Ogden Bros. Return Thanks.

Sir,—Thanks very much for publishing our letter. We have received dozens of letters congratulating us on our victory, from all over the country. We shall esteem it another favour if you will thank the writers, as they are too numerous for us to answer.

Ogden Bros.

Five Pounds Reward.

Winning Hen Stolen en Route from Belfast Show.

Sir,—On arrival in Dublin from Belfast show of my case of birds which should have contained three, one was missing, viz., a wing ticked buff unflighted hen (closed ring) which stood first in her class. Mr. Trimble writes assuring me there is ample proof that when the case was handed to the railway officials the three birds were safely packed. It is quite evident that the missing bird was stolen from the train. It is a warning to all exhibitors to have their travelling cases locked. I will give £5 reward to anyone giving information leading up to recovery of the missing bird. C. A. O'Reilly.

A Norwich Plainhead Stolen at the City of Glasgow Show.

Sir,—Will the party who stole my buff variegated hen, class 29, No. 4, return same to my address and save further trouble.

A. Harris.

10, Union Street, Kirkcaldy.

A Manningham Fancier's Views.

Sir,—I take pleasure in acknowledging one of your bound volumes which I won at the Bradford East Show for most points gained by a member in the novice section. I am also a member of the Manningham C.B.S., and last year I only lost the cup by one point; this year I am well in front for same and should like to win. I also wish to say that I have been a reader of Cage Birds for nine years, and the knowledge I have got about breeding and exhibiting Canaries I can put down with confidence to reading carefully the notes which have appeared from time to time in your valuable paper. I consider Cage Birds the best paper ever put before fanciers.

J. Powell.

The Effect of Vibration Upon Hatching Eggs.

Sir,—Some while ago you had several letters on the effect of vibration on eggs and young Canaries. I have waited till the end of the season before giving my experience. About seven years ago I had several pairs of Canaries, which I put in the top room (on the 3rd floor), south aspect, dry, and sunny, front of house. The noise and traffic have increased very much, till now, when standing in the room, one can feel the vibration of things going past. For the first year or so all went well, but since then the number of chicks dead in shell and dying before 10 days old has increased year by year, till I determined to do something. I wrote to several specialists, and was told the stock was weakly, food not right, etc., etc., all of which I felt was incorrect. I bought birds, good and bad ones, to test with, paired strangers together, cocks and hens to my cocks and hens; results the same. So, during the season 1912 I put several pairs that were not of much consequence out of doors, in a back entrance sort of place, such as London houses often have, walled all round, and below the level of the garden. This place I partly roofed, leaving the rest open to all weathers, roof partly glass and partly felt. I kept them in the same cages, and fed in exactly the same manner, and the result was, all chicks hatched and reared. So that proving satisfactory, this (1913) season I put all my birds out there, eleven pairs in all. I put them out in March, and they are still there. I used cages open wire all round, same as they were in indoors, fed on same food, and in every way treated them the same. The result has been highly satisfactory. Being on the ground there is no vibration, noise hardly heard at back. I will not mention the variety, as I am not seeking a free advertisement; but I will say that many people consider the variety a weakly one. It is one of the oldest varieties, certainly. I will not admit they are weakly. Funciers I've sold birds to have had better success than I have, and they have kept theirs in outdoor aviaries. I'm certain the noise and vibration were the causes. A bootmaker near here lost his in the same way as soon as they had machinery put in. Through the season I have not seen one red mite, though carefully searched for.

Fag.

The Late Receipt of Cage Labels from Longton.

Sir,—Seeing in Cage Birds that the Longton C.B.S. had paid out all prize money I should like to know if any exhibitor is in the same position as myself and Mr. Girle. We both forwarded on to the show secretary five clear days before the show 3s. 10d., being 1s. 6d. entry fee for my Light Mule, 6d. for Cage Birds Coupon Prize Scheme, 4d. for marked catalogue, and 1s. 6d. for Mr. Girle's entry, a Bullfinch. I did not receive labels for my entries until Saturday morning, so therefore was unable to send my bird, or Mr. Girle's to the show. The secretary wrote to me to say he would return my money, but up to the time of writing we have not received it. One can only make showing pay by winning a fair amount of prize money, but more often it is a balance on the losing side, and if we cannot get a run for our money and cannot get our money returned, it is almost time to leave the Fancy. I know in some cases the secretaries of shows are hard working and very obliging, but the exhibitor does not have much of the benefit of the doubt on his side, so I think that one ought to get one's money back when there is no chance to show the birds.

Groom & Girle.

The Rescued Starlings.

How One of them Fell in Love with his Rescuer.

Sir,—Some years ago I resided in a place called Estcourt, in Natal, South Africa. Every morning I used to go bathing at a certain spot in the river. One morning, after a very heavy rain, the river had risen considerably. On the opposite bank in a hole was a Starling's nest with young ones. I swam across and rescued four of them. Three I gave away to friends, and the fourth I kept. I have never seen a tamer bird in my life. It was never caged, and always accompanied me to my bathing place every morning, often flying away for some minutes out of sight, but always returning to escort me up to the house. Every evening at dusk it used to fly on my shoulder and chatter away, wanting to be put to its usual sleeping place on a saddle rack. Every morning when I came to fetch him he used to chatter incessantly, and then go for a fly. He was very fond of flying in at the window, and helping himself to the delicacies on the table, and we then had to shut him out, but he always pecked at the window, wanting to be let in. He would pick me out of a dozen men on horseback and come on to my shoulder and accompany me for hours, either flying or sitting. Ultimately I left the country for England, and I gave the bird to a German friend, who was very fond of him, but I heard the bird died within a fortnight of my departure—I think of a broken heart.

E. H. Lyons.



OUR SMALLEST BRITISH BIRD.
This charming Golden-crested Wren was exhibited at Portsmouth Show by Mr. R. C. Tout (the chairman of the society), and won 1st and special prizes.

Mealworm Breeding.

Sir,—Could any reader kindly tell me what is the time of the breeding process, so that my box may be cleaned out—that is to say, the waste matter sifted out? I find that there is a lot of dust left from the eating of the contents of the box, but I do not wish to disturb the mealworms during the breeding process.

Amateur.

Gramaphone Records and the Roller's Song.

Sir,—Mr. Tomlinson's letter converts this question into one of phonograph records—a different thing from gramaphone records. The latter term is frequently, but erroneously applied to the phonograph. Judging from my knowledge of four different makes of phonograph, I should say the sound analogous to "needle-scrape" in gramaphones is less pronounced, as might be expected from the wax-faced cylinders. Possibly this is the reason phonograph records are employed in teaching foreign languages. Consequently, they may, perhaps, be more successful in recording the Roller's song. If Mr. Tomlinson will write the Edison Phonograph Company, City Road, E.C., they will send him full particulars for making phonograph records. I am not sure whether he can make records on the Gem machine, and in any case he will require a special attachment—a Recorder—for this purpose, and a specially shaped horn. The latter may, however, be improvised out of thin cardboard or thick brown paper. A wax record making is placed by the company on a par with amateur attempts at photography, so one must not expect too much from first attempts. One point that must not be overlooked is that when a record is being made any undesirable extraneous sounds, such as talking, moving about, etc., may be recorded, as well as the sound desired, and should be strictly avoided whilst a record is being made. If Mr. Tomlinson makes the effort I trust he will succeed, and shall be interested in hearing the result.

Claude St. John.

For Visitors to Leyton Show.

Sir,—Visitors to Leyton Show can book to Leyton (Midland Railway) or Leyton (Great Eastern). On alighting at either station a halfpenny fare on car or 'bus will take them to Grange Park Road. Fast trains from Liverpool Street do the journey in eleven minutes. The fare is sixpence return. The show may also be reached by car or 'bus from all parts of London, but those visitors who come via Lea Bridge Road should alight at Manor Road, Leyton.

A. W. Farmer
Hon. Assist. Sec.

The Secretary of Belfast Show's Great Loss.

Sir,—I am sure the sympathy of all true fanciers will go to Mr. R. Trimble in the great loss he sustained at the above show, finding on the second morning of the show his fine young Yellow Scotch Fancy cock dead in its cage. He was a good winner at this show, and with a little time I believe he would have been the best yellow cock in Ireland, England, or Scotland. He was bred, I understand of Mr. Trimble's yellow pied, which was the champion young cock last year of Ireland. It is believed inflammation killed him. We wish Mr. Trimble better luck next time, knowing that he is a good sportsman and a genuine fancier. He has been secretary of the above show for a number of years, and is the right man in the right place.

William Dunlop, Senr.

A Yorkshire Canary Club for Wales.

Sir,—A meeting of this newly-formed club will be held at Swansea Show, November 13th (second day), at 5 p.m., when all fanciers of this variety who are interested are cordially invited. For the benefit of those who cannot attend Mr. H. Webster, who is acting as sec. pro tem. will be pleased to hear from any one wishing to join. The entry fee is fixed at 1s., payable on joining, and annual subscription 2s. 6d., due on the 31st March, 1914. It is open to receive members in North and South Wales, and the county of Monmouthshire. It is to be hoped that Yorkshire fanciers will not fail to respond, as this is the first specialist club to be formed in Wales for one variety. I shall be pleased to give any further information that is required.

H. Webster

6, Upper Park Street, Llanelly.

Popularising the Norwich Plainhead Club.

Sir,—At the N.P.C. annual meeting held at Manchester show, comment was made at the paucity of entries in some of the classes at patronage shows, and a few suggestions were forthcoming as an antidote to the apathy of the members. Never was the Biblical axiom "To him that hath shall be given" more true than in the case of these specialist clubs. Generally, a cup or some large money prize is given over a certain number of shows for the most points gained, and it is generally won by the member who has won most 1st prizes, while the members who have been getting the 4th and vhc's get nothing. Now if the N.P.C. really want to popularise their shows, and to make societies fall over one another in their scramble for their patronage, let them do away with points specials and cups, and add two more small money prizes—in addition to those already given by the society—in each class which their patronage covers. Societies can't afford to give six money prizes, so let the N.P.C. guarantee the two extra ones. It will both popularise the shows, increase entries and membership, and make their patronage something that will be desirable to societies, because of the increased entries. Of course, the two extra prizes would only be competed for by N.P.C. members. If that sugestion were adopted, some of the rank and file—those members who consistently come in for the "codding" cards—would benefit occasionally. It is worth considering (I say it with all modesty), and the increased number of money prizes need only take effect in classes which are well filled, that is, the club could arrange it that small classes of six or eight wouldn't benefit by the addition. But there would soon be no small classes under that scheme. I should like to hear what others say about it.

Sub Rosa.

HOW THE CUCKOO EJECTS EGGS FROM A NEST.

Also Some Notes on the Problem of Migration.

Sir,—In my opinion birds are guided in their migration from this country to Africa by knowing the position of the sun. They know where the heat is coming from, and direct their course accordingly. At one time I had a lot of Canaries which I kept in the kitchen, and I often let them out of their cages for a fly; they would then perch on the rack in front of the fire to warm themselves. They turned round their back to the fire, and spread out their wings and tail, and when it became too hot for them they would move a little to the side, but they sometimes got their tails singed. Now, these birds found their way to the fire by feeling the heat. I do not think that birds find their way from this country to Africa by instinct. A blind bird has just as much instinct as one that can see, but it would never find its way from this country to Africa. But I think birds do know where to fly, as old birds, in the spring migration, generally return to the same locality year after year, so they must have a good knowledge of the country. An adult Cuckoo has been in the habit of frequenting some gardens in Beith for several years. This year it was last seen or heard on June 27. Another was heard about a mile from Beith on June 29, but was not heard or seen afterwards. Now, July and August were the warmest months this year, and in 1911 May and June were very warm months; in fact, May was said to be a record, and in that year the latest date the Cuckoo was seen or heard was June 15. There can be no doubt about this, as a postman whom I know goes with the letters round the country where Cuckoos abound, and I asked him (which I do every year) when he heard the Cuckoo last. He could not give me a definite date, as they had left so early, but he thought it was about the middle of June, which confirms my observations. The earliest date for the Cuckoo arriving here (Beith) is April 20, and the latest date for departing is July 4, which is ten weeks and six days—a very short stay, indeed. Even although birds started from this country with a north wind, it is no guarantee whatever that they will reach Africa, for the wind might change before the birds were far on their journey, and there is no saying where they would land if they were guided by the wind. Birds can direct their course southwards without a north wind. I may say it is rare for the wind to blow from due north here (Beith), but it often blows from the north-east. Perhaps "Sub Rosa" will send some notes to Cage Birds saying in what direction the birds are coming before they reach the observatory, and what direction they take when leaving it, also what kind of birds they are, and where the wind is blowing from; this might throw some more light on the subject. I think it was Mr. E. Kay Robinson who said that the young Cuckoo, when ejecting eggs and young birds from the nest, found out the open space by the sun shining on its unopened eyelids. It finds out the open space by experience, as I can prove. In 1897 I saw a Meadow Pipit's nest with a young Cuckoo in it about three days old. The nest was on a flat surface, which was covered all round with grass, except for about one and a half inches, which was the only place where an egg could be ejected. I put two Canaries' eggs into the nest, and the young Cuckoo, while still blind, hoisted one of them on its back and climbed up the side of the nest backwards, but it was at the wrong place. It then climbed round the nest, but before it reached the open space the egg rolled off its back into the nest again. I visited the nest the following day, when the two eggs were lying outside the nest, and I put them into the nest again. The young Cuckoo hoisted one of them on its back, and climbed up the side of the nest, but it was again at the wrong place. It then climbed round the nest, but before it reached the open space the egg rolled off its back into the nest again. It repeated the operation this time with success. I put the eggs into the nest again, and it suffered them to remain. In 1899 I saw another Meadow Pipit's nest with three of the owner's eggs and a Cuckoo's. The nest was on the face of a hill. The Cuckoo hatched in due course. The young Cuckoo had one of the Pipit's eggs out before it was twenty-four hours old. I again visited the nest the two following days, when all the Pipit's eggs were lying outside the nest. I put one of the Pipit's eggs into the nest again, and the young Cuckoo hoisted it on its back and climbed up the side of the nest backwards, while still blind, but it was at the wrong place. It then climbed round the nest, still keeping the egg on its back till it reached the open space and sent it over the side of the nest. The above shows that the young Cuckoo finds out the open space by trial and experience, as any person who wants to be fair must agree.

John Craig.

CHELTENHAM.

A Splendid All-round Display.

We are pleased to chronicle another success by the Society at the show held Nov. 5 and 6 in the Montpelier Rotunda, a roomy place quite free from draughts, but not the best of light on a dull day. The exhibits were well staged, and we need hardly say they had the best of care and attention from a committee of keen and enthusiastic fanciers. Entries were well up to the average, and quality was splendidly maintained. Crests and Crestbreds, always a strong feature at Cheltenham shows, were again a hot lot, probably the best collection yet seen here. From these sprang the best bird in the show in Mr. Dobson's buff Crested cock. The yellows were a good lot about the best we have seen here. Mr. Bale did a big thing when he annexed both the C.A.C. cups for best Crest and Crest-bred, bred 1913, and he is to be heartily congratulated on his fine performance. Yorkshires and Norwich were not so strong numerically, but many high class birds were staged. In the latter section two grand hens headed their respective classes. The yellow of Mr. Collings is a real charmer, such shape, size and quality are rarely seen; she is indeed one hard to find fault with. Mr. Houghton's buff is another grand one, and she did a smart performance when she captured the CAGE BIRDS Champion Diploma. The diploma for the best novice bird went to Mr. Bavage with his fine Crest. The Borders were a strong and representative lot, the local enthusiast, Mr. Madagan, putting down a nice team and doing well, capturing the special for best with the winning yellow cock. British and foreign were good, amongst the latter being many charming exhibits.

The stewards—Messrs. Child, Hayling, Hiles, Hamblin, Stevens, Williams, Hope, Brown, Elston, A. Smith, R. Smith, Short, Hands, Holloway, White and Mitchell—worked with a will and with every gate. The hon. sec., Mr. A. S. Treasure, and the show manager, Mr. W. Pounsett, both worked grandly, and did all in their power to make everything pass off as smoothly as possible, and the Society are distinctly fortunate in having such a pair of capable and popular officials. Mr. Robson judged Crests, Nor., and For.; Mr. Battye, Yorks., Lord., and A.O.V.; Mr. Longden, Brit. and Hybs.

The Canary Section.

BUFF CREST (15): 1, Dobson, dense feathered, heavily fronted, well formed crest of grand droop and radiation, neat centre and good shaped body; 2, Allen, good back crest, nice droop, not the width of frontal; 3, Wallace, grand droop and well radiated frontal well to beak end, light feather in crest; 4, , King, nice back crest and leafy feather, not so wide in frontal, has a slip claw; vhc, Routh; hc, Evins Bros. CLEAR BODY (8): 1, Greenwood and Burson, nice droop and radiation, good back crest, good width of frontal and nice quality feather; 2, Smith, large spreading crest of good formation, dense frontal and nice centre, grand back crest, must have pressed hard; 3, Bale, Grizzle, nice spread, good body and capital feather; 4, Lister, clear, long frontal of good droop, not quite the width; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Brotherton; c, Peters. HEN (14): , Broad, long dense frontal, coming well to beak end, good back crest, nice leafy feather; 2, Greenwood and Burson, dark wings and tail, nice droop, good frontal and dip; 3, Hamlin, nice frontal crest of good droop and radiation, nice back crest; 4, King, nicely formed crest of good droop, beaten in density and centre; vhc, Ley; hc, Dobson; c, Bale. BUFF C.B. (14): 1, Bale, rare length of head feather, nice entrance and good back skull, rare made body; 2, Routh, grand shaped skull, good entrance and width, hardly so long in head feather, rare body; 3, Evins Bros., well lashed, nice rise to entrance of good width, not quite so wide in back skull, long and wide head feather; 4, Norwood Bros., another heavily lashed bird, rare length of feather, not quite so wide in entrance; vhc, Broad; hc, Smith; c, Colledge. BUFF, GREEN, ETC., C.B. (5): 1, Bale, rare cushion-shaped skull, good width of entrance, nice length and quality of feather, drops right wing; 2, Evins Bros., good entrance and back skull, nice wide feather and good body; 3, Barker, long in feather, nice entrance, but hardly the width of back skull, well lashed; 4, Brotherton, rare length of head feather, well browed, not quite the rise of skull or so heavy in body; vhc, Coath. Hen (13): 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Allen; 3, Wallace; 4, Bale; vhc, Franz; hc, Ley; c, King. Three of the winners in this class were very wet from washing, so we could not take notes. YELL. CREST (8): 1, Franz, grand crest for a yellow, comes well over, nice width back and front, well filled centre, good sized body, a gem; 2, 3, 4, King, 2nd good width of frontal, grand circular crest of good droop, good back crest, not in the form of the leader; 3rd nearly green, large well formed crest, well filled in, nice centre and droop; 4th pied tail, neat close fitting crest of good qual., not so expansive; vhc, Evins Bros., hc, Ley; c, White. YELL. C.B. (14): 1, Evins Bros., wonderful skull, rare rise and entrance, grand back, skull, good length of feather, good size; 2, Smith, grand width of entrance, nice shaped skull, good length of head feather, another good one; 3, c, Mole, nice shaped skull, but hardly so big, plenty of feather; 4, Mrs. Litchfield, lovely quality cl., rare shaped skull of good width and rise, nice feather, in fine form; vhc, hc, King. BUFF CREST, bred 1913 (18): 1, Bale, wonderful width of frontal, coming well to beak end, beautiful droop and well radiated, nice leafy feather; 2, Norwood Bros., good droop and length of frontal crest, nice width and radiation; 3, Mills, heavy frontal and well filled in all round, nice centre and droop, close run; 4, Evins Bros., green, grand droop, nice centre and well radiated; vhc, Colledge; hc, Coath; c, Hamlin. C.B. (bred 1913) (18): 1, 2, hc, Bale, 1st capital skull, of good shape and long head feather, nice back, skull, good shaped body, 2nd cl., grand clear, nice shaped skull, good entrance, lovely quality of feather and romping body; 3, Mills, not quite the width of entrance, but capital back skull, good length of head feather; 4, King, nice length of head feather, not so good in rise and entrance; vhc, Norwood Bros.; c, Evins Bros. YELL. CREST (bred 1913) (7): 1, Greenwood and Burson, even wings, etc., nice round crest, good droop and radiation, rare width of back crest, nice centre; 2, Smith, nice frontal, coming well to beak end, not quite the spread; 3, Ley, had been washing when we took notes; 4, Brotherton, dark grizzle, neat crest, good droop and well radiated, loses in size of crest; vhc, King; hc, Mrs. Litchfield. YELL. C.B. (bred 1913) (6): 1, Brotherton, nice shaped skull, well feathered, good back and entrance; 2, Smith, yell., capital shaped skull, nice width of entrance and good shaped body, hardly so long in feather; 2, King, rare length of feather on skull, nice width back and front, [illegible] good length of feather on head, not the rise of skull; vhc, Evins Bros. CINN. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, King, nice frontal crest for this variety, good droop; 2, Routh, C.B., good shaped skull and body, nice quality; 3, King, thick frontal crest, but not quite the length of the winner. NOVICE, CREST (8): 1, 2, Bavage, fat nice circular crest of good density and droop, capital back, 2nd neat crest of good formation, well filled in; 3, vhc, c, Mrs. Macqueen, nice back crest and thick frontal, shade open in centre; 4, Hamnett, good droop and well radiated, not quite the length of frontal crest; hc, James. C.B. (2): 1, Bavage, good shaped skull, well lashed, nice entrance and back; 2, Hamnett, nice dome-shaped skull, but not quite so wide, capital feather.

NOR. CL. OR YGT. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Collings, lovely col. and full of qual., good head, neck and back, nice shape and substance, wings well carried, in good trim; 2, Fielding, good shape and well up in colour, nice head and back, not so neat in wings; 3, Hodder, not so hot in colour, rare head and neck, nice quality of feather, clean cut away, good shape; 4, vhc, Houghton, nice shape and feather, good wings and tail, clean cut; hc, c, Routh. BUFF (9): 1, Gill and Pethick, rare colour, nice shape, good back, wings well braced, full neck, just a shade long; 2, hc, Houghton, grand shape and substance, beautiful feather, deep chest and wide level back, not quite so deep in col., must have pressed hard; 3, Hodder, good feather, nice back, plenty of subs., full neck and well packed flights, not quite so round in chest; 4, Rippon, nice shape and quality, good colour, wings well packed, and neat tail, but inclined to drop a bit at times; vhc, Baker; c, Routh. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Gill and Pethick, wing, eye and tail mkd., good shape, col. and qual., nice round head, good wings and tail, full neck and chest; 2, Baker, grizzle shoulder and wing, marvellous qual., rich level colour, nice head and neck, good back, well across perch, neat wings; 3, Rippon, rattling shape, nice round chest, good head and neck, good carriage, mkd. on head; 4, vhc, Houghton, mkd. wings and left eye, grand col. and qual., lovely back and wings, neat tail, nice shape, in nice order; hc, James and Wells. BUFF (8): 1, Maggs, grizzled on head, nice robby body, good head and neck, wings well carried, nice col. and qual.; 2, Houghton, mkd. on back, grand shape and subs., rare head, neck and chest, good wings and tail, lovely col. and full of qual., we liked much; 3, Gill and Pethick, tkd. on neck, capital shape, short and thick-set, with a nice round chest, neat tail, hollow at back of neck; 4, Fielding, eye tkd., nice qual. of feather, full neck, nice back, not quite so chubby; vhc, Collings; hc, c, Tedstone and Jones. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Collings, magnificent shape, plenty of subs., nice head, back and wings, level col., clear cut away behind, and lovely style, a real good one; 2, Gill and Pethick, mkd. head, neck and tail, nice head, neck and back, good feather and col., good flights and tail, nicely finished, not quite so chubby; 3, Fielding, eye tkd., good shape, nice col. and qual., neat head, tail and wings, not quite so clean at waist; 4, Baker, good shape and subs.; nice col., not so neat in wing; vhc, Rippon; hc, Houghton, King; c, Palmer; grand birds, though few. BUFF HEN (18): 1, Houghton, grand shape and size, wings well braced and tail, tight and close, grand back, and nicely rounded chest, well mealed, romps home; 2, Hodder, good colour and feather, nice head and back, not the depth and roundness as the leader; 3, Tedstone and Jones, short and thick set, good head, nice round chest, good col. and mealing, bit slack right wing; 4, Rippon, lovely feather and capital shape, nice round head and full deep chest, not quite the col.; vhc, Fielding; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Maggs. UNFLIG., YELL. (13): 1, Maggs, variegs., hot col., nice shape, feather and quality, good head, neck and back, grand wings and tail, grand carriage; 2, Rippon, eye and wing mkd., rare size and shape, good head, neck and chest, lovely back, not quite so hot in col.; 3, Gill and Pethick, cl., red hot col, grand wings and tail, nice quality of feather, and neat head, beaten in substance; 4, Palmer, good col. and qual., nice shape, good back and flights, beaten in head; vhc, c, Houghton; hc, Baker. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Houghton, right wing mkd., rare size, shape and col., good head, neck and back, wings well braced, a good one; 2, Collings, good col. and quality, nice head and flights, inclined to cross at tips, nice back; 3, Fielding, good col. and shape, nice round chest, full neck, not so tight at waist; 4, Tristem, good shaped head marked, lovely back, and good head, neat tail, well mealed, not quite so bright in col.; vhc, Hodder; c, Routh. NOVICE YELL. (7): 1, Bielby, good shape, clean cut, good head, neck and back, level and rich colour, quite a nice novice exhibit; 2, Phillips, good shape, nice round chest, good head and full neck, nice back, not so silky in feather; 3, Griffin, we could not find; 4, Ireland, nice shape and good head and back, pale colour; vhc, Ingles; hc, James; c, Gears. BUFF (7): 1, Griffin, lovely feather, good shape and col., short flights and tail, neat head, and well filled neck; 2, Phillips, good size and shape, nice feather and quality, neat head, lovely back; 3, Stubbs, nice shape and feather, good colour and mealing, not so tight at waist; 4, Williams (Mrs.), wing marked, lovely col., and well up in colour, nice head and back, beaten in wing carriage; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Dyer; c, James. HEN (8): 1, Herbert, short, cobby, good shaped buff, good head, neck and back, nicely mealed, short flights and tail; 2, Mitchell, yellow, good shape and feather, neat round head, good col. and quality; 3, James, buff, nice shape, well mealed, good back, bit slack left side; 4, Phillips, nice shaped variegated buff, neat head and wings, good shape; vhc, c, Griffin; hc, Mrs. Williams.

YORKS., CLR. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Owen and Son, nice position, well braced wings and neat tail, well on leg, good feather, pale colour; 2, Bale, rare length and position, good col. and nice back well on leg, not quite so smooth on breast; 3, Owen, ticked on head, good position, nice pipe tail, nice quality, not quite so narrow in shoulders; 4, Routh, nice position, neat tail and head, not quite so tight in feather; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Hillman; c, Casey. BUFF (10): 1, Easterling and Carson, nicely drawn out, grand feather, neat head good long flights and tail, narrow shoulders and stands well on a good pair of legs; 2, Mrs. Garland, nice length, nice head, neck and back, good position, not quite so clean at thighs as the leader; 3, Thomas, lovely feather, nice back and shoulders, good flights and tail, good length, hardly the position; 4, Pritchard, nice boxy feather, good position, nice wings and tail, good stand and style, not quite the length; vhc, Truman; hc, Elsmore; c, Routh. MKD. (6): 1, Hugmore, buff, mkd. wings, cheek and eye, grand col., feather and quality, stands well on a good pair of legs, nice flights and tail, in good form; 2, Bale, mkd. back, wings and eyes, good feather, well drawn out, well on leg nice pipe tail, clean waist, smooth as a glass bottle, buff; 3, Pritchard, buff, eyes and left wing mkd., nice qual. of feather, pipe tail, nice backs, not quite the length; 4, Hillman, buff, marked eyes and wings, beautifully tapered, nice stand, and narrow well filled shoulders; vhc, Lane; hc, Bousefield. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Easterling and Carson, long, raking, well drawn out, mkd., nice col and feather, long flights and tail, stands well; 2, Gregory, clear, nice col. and feather, good position, well on leg, not the length; 3, Casey, hot coloured, clear, nicely drawn out, pipe tail, good position, neat head, not quite the quality of feather; 4, Bale, slim built, clear, of good colour, stands well, good wings, nice back and well filled neck; vhc, Mrs. Gill; hc, Trueman; c, Dugmore. BUFF (13): 1, Easterling and Carson, clear, straight as a gun barrel, lovely feather, well drawn out, clean at waist, well braced wings and pipe tail, nice narrow shoulders; 2, Gregory, ticked on shoulder, grand feather and col., rare wings and tail, good length, neat head, not quite so slim built; 3, Pritchard, variegated, lovely feather, nice position, good wings and tail, grand back, shade strong; 4, vhc, Mrs. Gill, wing and neck mkd., nice col. and feather, neat wings and tail, not the length; hc, Casey; c, Elsmore. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hillman, slim built, grand position and style, nice wings and pipe tail, stands well on a clever pair of legs, good feather; 2, Easterling and Carson, nice position and feather, well on leg, neat head and well braced wings, not quite so slim built; 3, Owen and Son, nice style and position, pipe tail, and good flights, well on leg, not quite so fine in feather; 4, Elsmore, red hot colour, straight as a rush, pipe tail, good feather and position, neat head; vhc, Dugmore; hc, Gibbons; c, Casey. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Bousefield, 1, straight and full of style, good feather, nice back, well on leg, neat head and nice neck, 2nd, slim built, grand position, nice narrow shoulders, pipe tail, and good flights, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Easterling and Carson, good feather and position, nice flights and tail, neat head and close feather; 4, c, Truman, capital position, nice pipe tail, slim built, straight, narrow shoulders, and neat head; vhc Hillman; hc, Griffiths. NOVICE, CL. or TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Fawle, hot coloured, grand position, feather and style, well on leg; 2, Glanville, slim built, nice feather and position, not quite so neat in tail; 3, Russell, good length, and stands well up, long flights and neat tail, good colour; 4, Glanville, good colour, feather and position, beaten in length; vhc, Hall; hc, Nicholas; c, Plumb. BUFF (7): 1, Glanville, grand position, feather and colour, wings well braced, lovely back, clean thighs, very smart; 2, Nicholls, shade more length, not quite so boxy in feather, nice head and back, good position; 3, Russell, rare length and style, plenty of side, nice back, not quite so clean at thighs; 4, Gardner, good feather and slim built, neat head, wings and tail, capital position, very neat; vhc, Langley; hc, Fawle; c, Moule. MKD. (9): 1, Moule, buff, grand feather and stands well, smooth on breast, well braced wings and neat tail; 2, Hall, buff, nice feather, good back, well on leg, beaten in length; 3, hc, Plumb, heavily mkd. yell., nice position, good feather, beaten wing carriage; 4, Glanville, hot coloured buff, stands well, nice feather, good back and piped tail; vhc, Goldsmith; c, Nicholls. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Langley, long raking yell., slim built, well on leg, good feather and colour; 2, Gardner, grand feathered buff, pipe tail, good position, not quite so long; 3, c, Nicholls, hot coloured yell., stands to perfection, slim built, well on leg, good feather and quality; 4, Glanville, grand feathered buff, nicely drawn out, good flights and pipe tail; vhc, hc, Huggins. YELL HEN (10): 1, Langley, nice length and style, good feather and position; 2, Nicholls, good length and stands well, well on leg, neat head and pipe tail; 3, Parker, good position, nice feather, neat tail and flights, bit pale in colour, we liked; 4, hc, Glanville, slim built and stands well, not quite so long; vhc, Gooding; c, Gardner. BUFF (5): 1, Parker, variegated, a gem for feather, nice stand, well braced wings and neat tail, in grand form; 2, Plumb, clear, slim built and very nervy, well on leg, neat head, beaten condition and wing carriage; 3, Hall, nice feather, good back, stands well, not the length; 4, Glanville, grand position, straight as a rush, well braced wings, well on leg, must have pressed hard; vhc, Fawle.

BORDERS, CL. or TKD. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Madagan, lovely feather, sweet shape, jaunty carriage, neat wings and tail, neat head, in nice form; 2, Claydon, nice shape and feather, neat wings and tail, good head and well filled neck, nice colour; 3, c, Pratt, grand feather, good shape and carriage, well braced wings and tail, clean cut; 4, Harry, good colour, neat tail and wings, good carriage, not quite the feather; hc, Edwards. BUFF (16): 1, hc, Madagan, lovely feather, nice back, head, wings and tail, good shape and full of style; 2, Tedstone and Jones, beautiful shape, grand feather and action, lovely wings and tail, another gem; 3, Jenkins, grand quality, nice shape, neat head, wings and tail; 4, c, Pratt, grand shape and feather, nice head, capital flights; vhc, Edwards. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Madagan, sweet shape, close fitting jacket, lovely wings and tail, jaunty carriage, a gem; 2, Pratt, another sweet shaped one, clean cut, nice head, capital wings and tail, tight feather; 3, Tedstone and Jones, good shape, nice wings and tail, jaunty action; 4, c, Brain, well up in colour, nice shape, just beaten in feather; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Allen. BUFF (12): 1, Pratt, regular little lady, in very best attire, close as a Java in feather, lovely shape, neat wings and tail, nice head, in the pink; 2, hc, Madagan, neat head, good shape and feather, wings well packed, and neat tail; 3, Pratt, sweet shape, capital carriage, nice feather, neat tail; 4, Jenkins, good shape and col., nice carr., full of qual.; vhc, Harry; c, Pratt. EVENLY MKD. (2): 1, Sallis, Buff, little model, lovely feather, grand action, neat; 2, Edwards, yell., good col. and shape. UNEVEN MKD. (11): 1, vhc, c, Pratt, 1st, eyes, wings and rump mkd. buff, good shape, feather and action, capital wings and neat tail; 2, Lawrie, yell., nice shape and feather, neat flights and tail; 3, Pratt, buff, neck and wing mkd., tight as boxwood, nice round head, full of style; 4, Jenkins, Cinn. wing mkd. yellow, good shape and feather, nice style; hc, Gwilliam. GREEN OR CINN. (17): 1, Wiseman, buff Cinn., grand shape and feather, nice carriage, wings and tail, sound colour; 2, 3, Hocking, yellow Green, nice shape, feather and style, sound colour; 3rd, buff Green, grand colour feather, nice shape and style; 4, Lawrie, yell Cinn., good colour, neat wings and tail, shapely; vhc, Short; hc, Edwards; c, Middleton. NOVICE YELL. (15): 1, Philpot, good shaped one, nice feather; 2, Saunders, good shape and feather, rare carr., good wings and tail, neat head; 3, Hope, nice shape, wings and tail, not so tight in feather; 4, hc, Martin, nice carriage, neat shape; vhc, Bolsworth; c, Marriott. BUFF (10): 1, Saunders, sweet shape, nice feather, neat head, good style, in the pink; 2, Bolsworth, ticked on head, good shape and feather; 3, Philpot, nice feather, shape and style; 4, Beard, also a good one, close up; vhc, Wiseman; hc, c, Marriott. A.O.V. CAN. (15): 1, March, buff Scots, good shoulders, length and turn, nice depression of head; 2, vhc, Medlin, buff cinn., sound colour, good size and shape; 3, c, Elfield, Dutch Frill, good frill and mantle, well up in size; 4, Ind, buff Goldf., lovely feather and shape, ticked eyes buff coppy, nice length and neat coppy; hc, Willison.

Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds.

BRIT. GOLDF. (15): 1, 2, Routh, grand tanning on chest, rich blaze, well cut, nice bars and buttons, good cheeks and feather; 2nd nice square-cut blaze, good col.; 3, Winstone, lovely feather, good face, bars and buttons; 4, Cheney, nice, beaten col. of blaze; vhc, Raby; hc, Pearce; c, Shelcott. BULLF. (14): 1, Cheney, lovely feather, good cap, back and bars, clean at thighs, nice back, in good order; 2, Poole, good breast col., rare cap and wing bars, nice feather; 3, Carrier, rare shape and feather, good size; 4, Edwards, good cap and col., nice feather; vhc, Wren; hc, Mays; c, Davis. GREENF. (11): 1, Parlett, yell., hot fed, lovely feather, good head and nice shape; 2, Nicholas, non-fed yell., lovely feather, good shape, but bit on the small side; 3, Edwards, yell., fed, good shape, feather and cond., again on the small side; 4, Heal, nice coloured yell.; vhc, Lloyd James; hc, Winstow; c, Poole. LINNET (9): 1, Bancroft, grand pencilling and feather, lovely col., good form; 2, Parlett, good size and shape, not quite so good in pencilling; 3, Nicholas, grand shape and feather, nice whites, lovely style; 4, Jeffreys, nice col., does not show well; vhc, Routh; hc, Davis; c, Mays. LES. REDPOLL (11): 1, hc, Nicholas, grand bib, well mkd. flanks, lovely shape and feather; 2, Bousefield, rare size and shape, beaten in bib and markings; 3, Heal, grand col. and feather, well marked, shines like satin; 4, Lewis, nice shape and feather, well marked, loses polish; vhc, Mays; c, Jeffreys. SISKIN (8): 1, Heal, Twite, grand markings and colour, in lovely feather, well known; 2, Tonks, yell. Siskin, grandly laced cap, nice flank markings, good feather; 3, Heal, lovely mealy Redpoll, grand markings, nice size and shape; 4, Sexton, non-fed Siskin, lovely cap, nice feather and markings; vhc, Poole; hc, Lloyd James; c, Raby. CHAFF., &c. (7): 1, Brotherhood, Bramble, grand col., feather and spangling, rare work on flanks, in lovely order; 2, Jeffreys, Chaff., lovely feather, nice cap and colour, good size; 3, Bancroft, Bramble, good size and shape, not the breast colour of the winner; 4, Heal, good feathered Bramble, fair breast col.; vhc, Tonks; hc, Mays; c, Routh. A.O. HARD (6): 1, Davis, Hawf., lovely feather and rich deep colour, good bib; 2, Heal, Corn Bunting, grandly marked, rare size, shape and colour.; 3, Bancroft, Yell. Bunting, capital markings and good feather; 4, Poole, Hawf., nice markings, not the colour; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Pearce HEN (12): 1, Lugg, Hawf., rare col., shape, size and feather, nice cut bib; 2, Jeffreys, Reed Bunting, lovely feather and markings, rich col.; 3, Russell, Yell. Bunting, grand col. and feather, nice size, shape and cond.; 4, Lloyd James, Chaff., good feather and shape; vhc, Mays; hc, Davies; c, Wade. SOFTBILL SMALL (2): 1, Mays, Tree Creeper, lovely feather and markings, in good form and well staged; 2, Edmunds and Smith, Blackcap, grand cap and col., nice size and shape A.O.S. (5): 1, Mays, Waxwing, lovely feather and col., nice tippings, steady; 2, Elstone, Redwing, nice shape, feather, and grandly marked; 3, Lewis, Jackdaw, good feather, nice size; 4, vhc, Lawrence, Magpie, good, nice col., not well shown. HYBRIDS, CL., &c. (5): 1, Lamb, buff Gold., lovely feather and shape, ticked eyes and rump, in grand order; 2, Ball, variegated Greenf., rare col. and feather, nice shape; 3, Gough, lightly mkd. Linnet, lovely feather, good shape. DARK. GOLDF. (11): 1, Parfett, wonderful Jonque, rare feather, size and colour, shines like satin, a good one; 2, Lamb, good col. and feather, nice shape, another good one; 3, Poole, rich col. and good feather, beaten wings; 4, Gough, loses col. well up in size; vhc, Davies; c, Portman. DK. LINNET (6): 1, Middleton, lovely feather, nice shape, in grand trim; 2, Edwards, good size and shape, nice colour, bit unsteady; 3, Walker, nice shape, loses in neck; 4, Ford, nice col. and feather, loses in size; vhc, Leavers; hc, Lugg. A.O.V. DK. (9): 1, Parlett, Greenf., wonderful size, rare col., shape and feather, a nailer; 2, Middleton, Siskin, lovely feather, markings, nice size and shape; 3, Bousefield, Twite, good size, shape and feather, well marked; 4, Ford, good Buff Greenie, nice feather and shape; vhc, Peters; hc, Williams; c, Portman. A.O.V. HYB. (4): 1, Lamb, Greenfinch-Siskin, beautiful feather, nice colour and shape, very pretty exhibit; 2, Edwards, Can.-Bullie, good feather and colour; 3, Jones, nice Goldie-Bullie, good col. and feather; vhc, Edmunds and Smith. HEN (5): 1, Lamb, clear Goldie-Can., grand feather; 2, Edwards, eye tkd., nice one; 3, Ball; 4, Ford; vhc, Wade. FOR. BUDGERIGARS (11): 1, vhc, Silver, wonderful size, col., and markings, in grand cond., Greens; 2, hc, Smith, good yellows, lovely feather and cond.; 3, Routh, another grand pair Greens, good col., well marked; 4, Treasure, Greens, nice, not quite the size; c, Sage. PARROTS (10): 1, vhc, Muscott, grand Red-sided Eclectus, lovely col. and cond.; 2, 4, hc, c, Rogerson, Pennant and Stanley, both in fine form, good colour; 3, Routh, Black-cheeked Love Birds, feathered to perfection. AVADAVATS, ETC. (6): 1, Routh, Golden-breasted Waxbills, sweet exhibits in grand condition; 2, Routh, lovely pair of Green Avadavats; 3, Rogerson, grand pair White Javas, pure in col., good feather; 4, hc, Routh, lovely Diamond Sparrows, grand size, markings and feather; vhc, Bousefield. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (9): 1, Routh, Violet-eared Waxbills, lovely exhibits, in the pink; 2, Bousefield, grand coloured Parrot Finch; 3, Routh, good Melba Finch, nice rich coloured face; 4, Bousefield, good pair Black-headed Gouldians; vhc, Routh; c, Muscott. A.O.S. (8): 1, Bousfield, White-capped Tanager in grand trim; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Routh, Golden-fronted Bulbul, lovely feather and colour; 3rd lovely Scarlet Tanager, wonderful colour and feather; 4th Tri-colour in grand feather; hc, Edmunds and Smith; c, Silver.

MEMBERS—CREST (6): 1, King; 2, Hands; 3, Miss McNab; 4, Miss Dent; vhc, Mrs Maconechy; hc, Hamlin. C.B. (7): 1, King; 2, Mrs. Maconechy; 3, vhc, hc, Hayling; 4, Hands; c, Miss McNab. PAIR CRESTS (4): 1, Hands; 2, King; 3, Mrs. Maconechy; 4, Hamlin. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Wasley; 2, Rogerson; 3, Pounsett. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Houghton; 3, Rogerson; 4, Child. MKD. (5): 1, Houghton; 2, Pounsett; 3, Wasley; 4, Rogerson. HEN (5): 1, Houghton; 2, Wasley; 3, Pounsett; 4, Rogerson; vhc, Child. PAIRS (4): 1, Houghton; 2, Rogerson; 3, Wasley; 4, Pounsett. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Madagan; 4, Hands; vhc, Beard; hc, Miss Dent. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Madagan; 4, Hands; vhc, Smith; hc, Beard; c, Miss Dent. GR. OR CINN. (5): 1, 2, 4, Short; 3, vhc, Madagan. ROLLERS (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Short; vhc, Madagan. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, 3, Elstone; 2, 4, Pounsett; vhc, Brown. LINNET (7): 1, Pounsett; 2, vhc, Madagan. HYB. (7): 1, Pounsett; 2, 4, vhc, Elstone; 3, vhc, Mitchell; 4, Rogerson; hc, c, Brown. GREENF. (2): 1, Smith; 2, Madagan. A.O.V. BRIT. (5): 1, 3, Elstone; 2, Smith; 4, Rogerson; Brown; 3, c, Elstone; hc, Rogerson. FOR. (7): 1, 3, 4, Treasure; 2, hc, Rogerson; vhc, Short; c, Mrs. Maconechy. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Mitchell, 2, Miss McNab. BUFF (3): 1, Mitchell; 2, Miss McNab; 3, James. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Miss McNab; 2, James.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM.

Tenth annual open show held at the Conservative Club Hall, Rotherhithe, Nov. 4 & 5; upwards of 100 birds were on view. Amongst Norf and Yorks. some of the cream of the Fancy were put down by many prominent exhibitors. Mr. Richardson's young buff hen claimed a good deal of attention, having won 5 spls. Norwich classes were so strong that two or three lots of winners could have been picked out. Yorks. also were a very fine lot, and so were the novice Norwich, some of which could have won in many open shows. Mr. L. J. Richardson, show manager, and other officials worked hard to ensure success. The exhibits were well staged, and great credit is due to the management for the care and attention given to the birds. Mr. J. Hobson judged. The show was opened the first day by Mr. John Lort Williams, and on the second day by Alderman Harbord.

The Critique.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (16): 1, v, Hodder, nice round head, grand back and chest, splendid shape, fine texture of feather, hot col.; 2, Baker, another grand bird, chubby, nice qual., hardly so tight in feather; 3, Thomas, good head, nice rounded back and chest, good qual. and col.; 4, Silk, junr., big bird, right stamp, hardly so good col. or so compact; hc, Richardson; c, Morris. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Roberts, leader nice neat head, grand qual. of feather, sound col., not best of wing carr. when we saw it, 3rd cap mkd., similar in build, hardly so fine in feather; 2, A. E. Silk, nicely shaped body, good texture of feather, splendid col.; 4, Richardson, right type, well filled back, good chest, best of colour and qual.; vhc, c, Hodder; hc, Spillman, MKD., ETC. (11): 1, Richardson, buff marked head and tail, sweet bird, lovely head, neck and back, richest qual., nicely pencilled, as tight as a Java, Holborn Hall winner; 2, Spillman, another beauty, true Nor. properties, deserves its place; 3, Richardson, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand qual. feather, red-hot col., well carried wings and tail; 4, 2 spls., hc, Hodder, head, neck, and wing mkd. buff, full round head, well filled in back, massive frame, good col. and qual.; vhc, Baker; c, A. E. Silk. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Hazell, big bold bird, nice back and chest, good qual. feather; 2, A. E. Silk, well moulded good round head, hot col., beaten size; 3, Hodder, grand head and neck, smooth as glass, beautiful shape and good col.; 4, Richardson, another grand bird, hot in col. and fine qual.; vhc, Spillman; hc, Morris; c, Hazell. BUFF (20): 1, Spillman, mkd. both wings, nice neat head, best of shape, tight as Java; 2, 3, Howe, larger, cl., cobby build, nice tone, rich under col., 3rd very nice bird, bit slack at thighs when we saw it; 4, c, Morris, large head, best of shape, compact; vhc, Crawford; hc, Steed. HEN, A.V. (23), truly a wonderful class: 1, 5, spls., Richardson, buff, grandly moulded, best of qual., grand under col., gem.; 2, hc, Hodder, another buff, lovely head, feathered like a Java, short and compact, beautiful texture of feather; 3, vhc, Richardson, sweet bird, lovely Norwich all through; 4, Thomas, yell., nice large hen, beautiful qual. and col., beaten shape; c, Morris. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (16): 1, spl., Green, neck tkd., grand upstanding Yorks., splendid col. and finish, wins; 2, Tebbs, loses in length; 3, c, Mabey, well up on leg, neat tail and wing carr.; 4, Jones; vhc, Mrs. Gill; hc, Thomas. BUFF (17): 1, 4, Fairman, many thought lucky win; 2, Thomas, very neat, close compact feather; 3, Jones, lovely col., neat wings, well up on leg, beautifully finished, could have been first; vhc, Salter; hc, Clive; c, Owen and Son. MKD., ETC. (12): 1, 2, Tebbs, winner nice buff, 2nd good yell., rare length of side, grand pair; 3, Mrs. Ingles, lovely cinn., mkd. beautiful feather, smaller; 4, Wraight; vhc, Mndd; hc, Thomas; c, Mabey. UNFLIGH. YELL. (13): 1, Green, good col., rare length, wins; 2, Thomas, fails to winner, size and col.; 3, Salter, not the finish, but very neat; 4, Mabey; vhc, Clive; hc, Fairman; c, Mrs. Gill. BUFF (14): 1, Mabey, grand mk. buff, finished beautifully; 2, Thomas, very neat, cl., good wings; 3, Green, clear, nice length, wants tightening; 4, vhc, hc, Clive; c, Wraight. HEN, A.V. (18): 1, Thomas, lovely cl., teeming with qual.; 2, Green, another cl. yell., fails in col.; 3, Salter, a very good buff; all well placed. NOV., YORKS., CL. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Hall, grand cl., well up on leg, neat wings, nice qual.; 2, Carpenter, not so good in wing carr. or finish; 3, Reynolds, very nervy, not the length or colour of winners; 4, Cooper; vhc, Cant; hc, Keeks. BUFF (7): 1, Bullen, grand bird, nice length and finish; 2, Cooper, upright as a soldier, good length of side; 3, Carpenter, bit shorter, not so close in feather; 4, Pratt; vhc, Hall; hc, Reeks; c, Dyer. UNFLIGH. YELL. (11): 1, Cant, good length, stands well; 2, Hall, lovely finish, very close; 3, Carpenter, thigh tkd., another nice youngster; 4, Poingdestre; vhc, Reeks; hc, Harris; c, Dyer. BUFF (9): 1, Hall, beautiful colour and finish, well up, straight as a pencil; 2, 4, Bullen, both very neat, well placed; 3, Carpenter, fails in wing carr.; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Harris; c, Dyer. HENS, A.V. (14): 1, Baker, grand hen, buff, easy win, shown well; 2, Bullen, another buff, shade longer, but not the shape or as steady as winner; 3, Poingdestre, yell., nice qual., neat lady; 4, Hall; vhc, Reeks; hc, c, Carpenter. CHAMP. BORD. F., YELL (16): 1, Mabey, good shape, lovely qual. and feather, capital wings and tail, wins well; 2, Smith, even mkd., loses only in qual. and finish; 3, Greenwell, uneven. mkd., wants tightening up, fortunate; 4, Mabey, a nice exhibit, tail droops slightly, or must have gone up. BUFF (cancelled). NOV., NOR., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Cole, nice shape and col., well carried wings and tail, nice bird; 2, Hoperoft, right shape, apeared bit fat; 3, Burt, nice head and neck, well filled back, grand texture feather, we preferred; 4, Hodson, neck mkd., good all round Nor. properties; vhc, Thomsett; hc, Miss Ingles; c, Linge. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Burt, Leader massive frame, lovely head, round as a ball, good qual. and colour; 4th sweet bird, tight as wax, we liked very much; 2, Hoperoft, cobby build, good head wings, and tail, tendency to slip one claw; 3, Presland, right stamp, type of the best, hot col.; vhc, sp, Thomsett; hc, Pratt; c, Hodson. MKD. ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Hodson, grand shape, red hot col.; 2, Cole, another nice one, good head and neck; 3, Burt, nearly green, good Nor. points, rich col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Whiffen, eye mkd., nice bold bird; hc, sp, Thomsett; c, Fleetwood. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Mrs. Williams, head mkd., sweetly moulded, feathered like wax; 2, Miss Ingles, nice shape, qual. and col., beaten size; 3, Gardner, good Nor. properties, col. of the best; 4, Hodson, neck mkd., nice bird, hardly size of winners; vhc, Hoperoft; hc, Cole. BUFF (12): 1, Whiffen, nice head, good front, well cut away behind; 2, c, Thomsett, nice wedge-shape, splendid qual. and col.; 3, sp., Hoperoft, nicely rounded, tight fitting jacket; 4, vhc, Mrs. Williams, big bird, hardly so compact; hc, Gardner. HEN, A.V. (13): 1, Mrs. Williams, beautiful bird, right stamp, best of shape, useful; 2, Whiffin, similar, not the size; 3, Presland, nice head, back and wings; 4 Gardner, good size and shape, well cut away; vhc, Thomsett; hc, c, Kerr. NOV., CREST OR CH. (10): 1, 4, Hawkes, C.B. and Pred., both good birds, massive build, good heads, col. and feather; 2, Mayhew, Green Crest, shapely, good feather and cond.; 3, Cant, C.B., good body and feather, fails head furnishing; vhc, Mayhew; hc, Jones; c, Cant. NOV., BORD., YELL. Cancelled. BUFF (13): A nice class; 1, sp., vhc, Snook, winner nice cl., lovely qual. and feather, good head and neck, fine condition; 2, sp., Ford, another cl., similar to last, shade more forward in cond.; 3 (no name), lovely qual. and cond., little stouter and shorter; 4, hc, Shamonds, the former soft; c, Smith, several promising birds left out. BRIT.: All classes cancelled. Specials go begging. FOR., LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (8): 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Blagg, nice team, comprising Masked Weavers, Grey Waxbills, Zebra Finches, Avadavats, Saffron Finches in order named, well shown, all good exhibits; 2, 3, Newley, Zebra Waxbills and Fire Finches, lovely condition. SELL., 35s. (9): 1, Martin; 2, Silk, Jun.; 3, Clark; 4, vhc, Snook; hc, Coombs; c, Reynolds. 20s. (11): 1, Ingles; 2, Coombs; 3, Crawford; 4, Lee; vhc, Cooper; hc, Clark. STOCK (21): 1, 2, 3, hc, Cole; 4, Reynolds; vhc, Thomsett; c, Snook.

MARYHILL O.C.

Thirty seventh annual show held in the Burgh Hall, Nov. 1. Judges, A. McLachlan, Govan, and J. Price, Barrhead; 73 birds entered. Sec. Ferguson and many others of the Association report a bad breeding season; plenty of young birds, in some instances up to 30, but only one left, and others with none, consequently the entries suffered, but quality was good. Considerable speculation was evinced re the probable winner of the cup. It was won by a buff hen belonging to Mr. Andrew Jardine, the runner-up, and very close, being Mr. Thomas Ferguson's yellow hen. The Jardine cup now becomes the property of the winner, who has won it three times. Mr. Andrew Jardine is very popular with his fellow members, and deservedly so; a most enthusiastic Scots Fancy breeder and sportsman, and it is hoped that he will present the club with some other trophy for annual competition. Arrangements were ably carried through by Sec. Ferguson, assisted by his able committee of workers. There was a fair attendance, and we trust the gate will prove a satisfactory one. For the best bird belonging to a member, and best opposite sex, who has never won a first prize, cup and spl. was won by Mr. James Young's buff pied cock, a good all-round bird; this was a very popular win.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (4): 1, R. Taylor, nice size, reach, and droop, good thickness through, and top end, takes spar nicely; 2, Aitkenhead, fails a shade in thickness to first, nice length of side, fine reach and style. YELL. PIE. (8): 1, 2, Usherwood, good size and thickness through, plenty of style, nice erect pose, good droop; 2nd, barely the weight; 4, Blackstock, fails a shade in size, nice reach and pose; 5, 6, Wilson; 7, Young. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Young, good size and length of side, nice pose and reach, good droop; 2nd, very close up, fails in thickness through; 3, Usherwood, nice type, a shade on the small side to those in front. BUFF PIE (7): 1, sp, 5, sp, Young, winner of members' cup, very typical; 2, Blackstock, nice size, fine top end, tail well to spar, takes nice pose; 3, sp, Usherwood, well up, good shoulders and reach, keeps head well down; 4, sp, Wilson, fails only in size, shade light to those in front. GREEN (5): 1, 2, Young, fine droop and reach, takes erect position, tail well under, fair thickness through; 2nd, on equal terms with 1st, little between them; 3, 4, 5, Blackstock, 3rd a very fair bird, shade thin; 4th, nice style, too light to winners. YELL. Hen (5): 1, sp, Ferguson, real gem; 2, Usherwood, another nice one, good style and finish; 3, Wilson, nice size, good top end, fails a shade in weight to others; 4, 5, sp, Blackstock. YELL. PIE. (4): 1, Usherwood, typical, good top and reach, nice droop, well set on spar, tail well under spar; 2, Wilson, fails a shade in size to winner, good style and reach, nice goer; 3, Blackstock, good style, more weight wanted. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Jardine, nice size and reach, grand length of side, nice erect pose, fine position on spar, shade hollow on shoulder; 2, 5, Wilson, not the size of winner, good bird, nice pose and finish; 3, sp, Usherwood, nice buff hen, good size, barely the thickness through of those in front; 4, sp, Blackstock, very close on 3rd. BUFF PIE. (6): 1, 2, Young, fair size, and top end, good style and finish; 2nd, better for size than winner, might have changed places; 3, Aitkenhead, shade thin on top, good style; 4, Blackstock; 5, Pringle. FOUL (3): 1, Wilson, good size, nice style and pose; 2, 3, Blackstock, better for size than winner, not quite the thickness through; 3rd, small to those in front. GREEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Blackstock, leader nice, fair size, rare movement, good top end; 4, Young.

BINGLEY O.S.

Show held Oct. 25, at Assembly Rooms. Mr. J. Hartley, Micklethwaite, judged, and gave satisfaction. 60 birds entered.

CLASS 1: 1, Denby; 2, 3, Shaw; 4, Bailey. CLASS 2: 1, Hardaker; 2, Townley; 3, Smith; 4, Denby. CLASS 3: 1, F. Craven; 2, Denby; 3, A. Craven; 4, Shaw. CLASS 4: 1, 2, 4, A. Craven; 3, Denby. CLASS 5: 1, Townley; 2, F. Craven; 3, Butterworth and Hardy; 4, Shaw. CLASS 6: 1, Townley; 2, F. Craven; 3, A. Craven; 4, Priestley. CLASS 7: 1, 3, Shaw; 2, A. Craven; 4, Smith. Points gained:—A. Craven 18, Shaw 17, Denby 17, Townley 15, F. Craven 14, Hardaker 10, Smith 8, Bailey 6, Butterworth and Hardy 6, Dean 4, Livesay 2, Priestley 5.—H. Shaw, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Wentworth Cafe. Mr. F. Jones (president) chair, and a very good muster of members. A table show of young birds and British was held, and this, with the nominations of officers and other items of business provided a very interesting evening. The fight for Mr. Jones's challenge shield is providing a keen race. Mr. Falding leading with 95, closely followed by J. Woolhouse 92, with several others in the running. Mr. Riddall judged Yorks., Mr. Taylor Nor., and Mr. T. Bishop Brit.

YELL. YORKS: 1, 2, Furness; 3, 4, Tomlinson; vhc, Jones. BUFF: 1, 4, Drabble; 2, 3, Tomlinson; vhc, Jones; hc, Furness; c, Sorsby and Billard. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, J. Woolhouse; 3, 4, Cowley; hc, Falding. BUFF: 1, 2, Cowley; 3, vhc, hc, J. Woolhouse; 4, A. Hobson. NOV., YELL. YORKS: 1, 4, Carr; 2 W. H. Webster; 3, vhc, Fowler; hc, Wardley; c, Blunt. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Carr; 3, Wardley; 4, Chadwick; hc, Wingfield; c, Pickering. YELL. NOR.: 1, Bailey; 2, 4, L. Woodhouse; 3, vhc, Sisson. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Woolhouse; 3, Varley; vhc, Wragg; hc, Sisson; c, H. Hobson. BRIT. HARD-BILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Falding; 4, Richardson; hc, Bailey. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Falding; 3, Bailey; 4, vhc, Richardson. Next meeting distribution of ballot papers and final table show, any fancier welcome. J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

MARKINCH O.S.

Fortieth annual exhibition held in the Town and Masonic Halls, Nov. 1. Entries, 330, were much in excess of former years, but there is still room for improvement in the cage bird section. It behoves fanciers to give this society more support in future. The classification is good and the birds are staged in a separate hall, well lighted and free from draughts, with a first class executive to look after their needs. Norwich and British made a nice show, some grand exhibits being on exhibition. Mr. D. Summers secured the S.C.C. medal, also Hydes' spl. with his C.B. cock. Mr. A. Dewar won spl. for best Mule or Hybrid with a grand Greene Mule; while Mr. J. Nicholson, Bathgate, won the Connelly medal for best British with his champion Goldfinch. Judges were: Scots Fancy, J. Cook, Cowdenbeath; Nor., C. Campbell, Glasgow; Bord., A. W. Thomson, Newtongrange; Brit., Wm. Sharp, Bathgate.

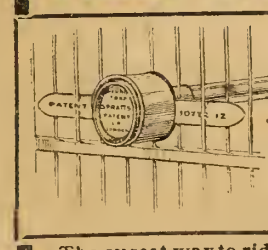
The Critique.

SPOTS FANCY, CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (5): 1, Gilmour, grand top end, nice drive and action, well placed; 2, 4, Leslie, all there for style and action; 3, Ramsay, well up in size and action; 5, Todd. HEN (3): 1, Ramsay, stylish exhibit, with grand action and nerve, good one; 2, Gilmour, close up, only fails in size; 3, Gray. BF. CK. (7): 1, Stewart, fine head and well set, nice shoulders, good one; 2, 3, Thomson, two nice exhibits for style, good circle, sits well on perch; 4, Leslie, close up; 5, Todd. HEN (3): 1, Ramsay, nice one, fine reach and neck, fine drive and nice depth of chest, 2, Danskin, nice length, well filled in back and shoulders; 3, Thomson. YELL. PIED OR GR. CK. (3): 1, Thomson, nice top end and reach, fine subs., nice length of side; 2, Danskin, lacks size of winner, very nervy; 3, McGregor, well up in size, fine depth and in nice order. HEN (3): 1, spl., Gilmour, grand size and subs., good top and reach, nice exhibit; 2, McGregor, grand all round bird, fails a little in depth; 3, Leslie, grand exhibit, good head and shoulders, nice action, might have gone up here. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Ramsay, grand one, in nice order, well rounded on top, good action; 2, Allan, good reach, fine drive, nice shape; 3, spl., 6, Beattie, similar but not so well finished; 4, Gray; 5, Speed. HEN (6): 1, Mitchell, stylish, nice free action, fine pos.; 2, Gilmour, good head and neck, fine free action, well placed; 3, spl., Thomson, fails in depth to winner, nice style and action; 4, Stewart; 5, Leslie; 6, Beattie. SELL. CK., 20s. (4): 1, Thomson; 2, Beattie; 3, T. Thomson; 4, Allan. HEN, 20s. (2): 1, J. Thomson; 2, T. Thomson. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Kerr, nice size, grand col., very typical; 2, T. Thomson, good one, staged in grand order, will improve; 3, spl., Naismith, nice size, good feather, fine condition; 4, no name; 5, J. Thomson. BUFF (8): 1, Ross, nicely frosted, shapely exhibit, could do with more size; 2, Christie, good for size and qual., nice head and wings; 3, Kerr, typical exhibit, rare qual. of feather, we fancied for 2nd place; 4, no name; 5, King. HEN (7): 1, Christie, nice qual., fine head and front, well put down; 2, Taylor, not so heavy in build, nice style and carr.; 3, 4, no name, nice exhibit, much bigger, good qual., rough at thighs; 5, Cummings; 6, Halliday. VARIEG. OR GR. CK. (6): 1, 6, Davidson, stylish exhibit, neat head and wings, in rare order; 2, Sharp, nice varieg., fails a little in chest to winner; 3, 5, Duncan, fine qual. and type, well shown; 4, no name. HEN (7): 1, 4, spl., Dickson, nicely mkd., capital style, good qual. of feather; 2, Mowbray, good head and neck, not so good in col.; 3, 5, 6, no name, all nice exhibits, in good order. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, Kerr, nice col., good size and type, fine qual. feather; 2, Taylor, good size and col., neat type; 3, Christie, nicely mkd., nice head and wings; 4, Dickson, in grand order; 5, Saunders; 6, Thomson. HEN (8): 1, no name, good for type and qual., very silky in feather, wins; 2, Taylor, nice length, not so thick set, fine qual. of feather; 3, Barr, typical exhibit, bit loose in feather; 4, spl., Cummings; 5, Ross; 6, Saunders. NOR. HEN NON-FED (5): 1, Kerr, good size and subs., nice head and wings, well finished; 2, no name, nice stamp, good head and wings, close up here; 3, Ross, good one, all over, very typical; 4, 5, Dryburgh. CREST CK. (7): 1, 2, Todd, heavy varieg. gr. Crest, fine subs., in rare order, 2nd gr. Crest, very neat head, good qual. of feathers, nicely placed; 3, Patterson, nice length of feather, fails in crest to winners; 4, spl, Sneddon; 5, Summers; 6, Anthony. Hen (5): 1, Sneddon, gr. Crest, grand subs. and qual., in rattling order; 2, Patterson, fails a little in head only; 3, Burns, plenty of feather, not so neat as winners; 4, Todd, could have gone up here; 5, Lindsay. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Paul, real topper, teeming with qual., easy win; 2, Todd, nice one, good feather and cond.; 3, Summers, scarcely size of leaders, but all there for qual.; 4, W. Black; 5, J. Black; 6, Burns. C.-B. CK. (6): 1, S.C.C. medal, and Hyde's special, Summers, sweet one, grand subs., nice head, good feather, in lovely order; 2, Sneddon, fine subs., grand head, good length of feather, close up; 3, Burns, grand length, but not so dense; 4, Turnbull; 5, Paul; 6, Scott and Combe. HEN (3): 1, Lindsay, romping hen, in lovely cond., very neat all over; 2, Turnbull, similar build, scarcely so forward; 3, Paul, close on winners. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Lindsay, grand size, nice skull, plenty of long, leafy feather; 2, Black, nice one, rare size, scarcely so well finished as winner; 3, 5, Summers, two nice exhibits, in grand order; 4, Burns, grand shape and subs., a good one. SELL. (4): 1, Sneddon; 2, Turnbull; 3, Burns; 4, Paul. BORD., CL., OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Patterson, full bloom, grand qual. of feather, nicely drawn; 2, Wood, not so good in finish, still a nice one; 3, Peters, nice for size and col., good type and qual., well placed; 4, Vay, good style and qual., nice jaunty carr.; 5, Rose. HEN (7): 1, Hamilton, good feather, grand position, grand wing carr.; 2, Bennet, grand head, extra good in style, sweet all over; 3, Aitchison, rather short behind, sweet finish; 4, spl, Taylor, grand feather and finish, unsteady; 5 no name; 6, Greig. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Hamilton, fine stamp, nice head and back, in grand order; 2, Bennet, good one, nice jaunty carr., close up; 3, Vay, good shape, nice qual., hardly so neat; 4, sp, Peters, grand type, sweet exhibit; 5, Aitchison; 6, Weir. HEN (7): 1, Bennet, charming exhibit, grand style, well shown; 2, Wood, similar in size and style, good one; 3, Taylor, fine shape and qual., well put down; 4, no name, good head, nice wing carr.; 5, Rose; 6, Dodds. EVEN MKD. HEN (1): 1, Hadden. CK. (2): 1, C. Marr, good size, nice style, in grand condition; 2 (W.C.), Johnston. HEN (7): 1, Wood, wee dandy for style and finish, capital condition; 2, Bennet, good size and qual., presses hard on winner; 3, R. Lambie, good size, nice head and wings, very restless; 4, Marr, shade smaller, well placed; 5, Scott and Combe; 6, Peters. A.O.V. CK. (7): 1, R. Lambie, fine style, grand finish, sweet exhibit; 2, 3, Wm. Lambie, two sweet Borders, close up on winner; 4, Wood, nice style and cond.; 5, Hadden; 6, Dodds. HEN (7): 1, Dodds, good head and front, nicely feathered wings, wins; 2, 3, Wm. Lambie, both good ones, border nice style and cond.; 4, Peters, not so nice in front; 5 Hadden; 6, R. Lambie. SELL. (8): 1, H. Bennet; 2, Hamilton; 3, Peters, 4, no name. DK. CAN. MULE (10): 1, spl, Dewar, Greene Mule, lovely condition, nice win; 2, 3, Steven, Goldie and Linnet, both nice and in grand feather, 4, Leitch, Siskin Mule, good size, well pencilled; 5, Klinch; 6, Philip. HYB. (5): 1, Beattie, nice Linnet Bullie, fair size, nice head, good breast col.; 2, Cook, Goldie Bullie, nice one for size, but barely polished; 3, Chalmers, nice Goldie Greenie. LINNET (15): 1, Waugh, grand one, rare size, splendid lacing, nice breast work, easy win here; 2, Stewart and Dalling, grand Linnet, fine nutty brown col., nicely pencilled, falls in size to winner; 3, Leitch, nice tone of col., good shape, nice wings, not the polish of winners; 4, sp, Pringle, good one, close up, 5, no name; 6, Philip. GREENF., COL. FED. (5): 1, Stewart and Dalling, well-known, full of life, big bouncing bird, lovely condition, easy win; 2, 4, G. Thomson, 2nd nice size, falls in col. and cond. to winner, 4th bit small; 3, Gentleman, fine big Finch, nice chest, bit rough in feather; 5, Sharp; 6, Wm. Thomson. NON FED (9): 1, Sykes, grand Finch, beautiful col. and cond., very steady, tight as wax; 2, Adamson, fine, big body, nice qual., bit short of bloom; 3, Gentleman, wee shade heavy at waist, also dull in col., 4, sp, Sharp, nice even col., might have gone up here; 5, 6, Spittal. GOLDF. (5): 1, Connelly medal best Brit., Nicolson, last season's champion, shown to perfection, a popular win; 2, Mackie, nice size, hardly up in col., nice wings, bit dull in face, 3, no name, very neat Finch, wee shade narrow in blaze, unsteady; 4, Barclay, nice size and shape; 5, Drummond. BULLF. (9): 1, Mackie, lovely hen, shown in the pink of condition, needs no comment; 2, 3, G. Thomson, 2nd nice cap and wing bars, in grand condition, nice clean shape, well placed, 3rd similar in shape and condition; 4, Wm. Thomson, close up; 5, Sykes; 6, Summers. SISKIN (10): 1, Wood, Haddington winner, grand one, nicely fed, neat shape, good cap and nice wings, well laced, put down in nice order, faint bib; 2, Barclay, another grand exhibit, nice wings, wee head, close up on winners; 3, Nicolson, fine bird, but hardly finished; 4, spl, Pringle, Dysart winner, well beaten here; 5, Fraser and Ross; 6, Wm. Thomson. REDPOLL (8): 1, Lister, bonny Lesser, well-pencilled flanks, nice head and chest, in grand cond.; 2, no name, big mealy, nice head and bib, shows himself well; 3, 4, Poulter, Lesser, rich col., fails in pencilling to winner, 4th mealy, in good condition; 5, Drummond; 6, Colville. SMALL BRIT. (3): 1, Thomas, Bramble, nice polish and lovely spangling, well laced flanks, shows himself well; 2, Nicolson, Yellowhammer, grand size, nicely mkd. head, shown in the pink, close up; 3, Barclay, nice Chaffie, fails in condition. LARGE (2): 1, Wm. Lister, nice Starling, well spangled, polished like velvet, in the pink; 2, Malcolm, Starling, not so well finished. BRIT. HEN (5): 1, Barclay, hen Bullfinch, grand size and col., shown in lovely order; 2, Nicolson, Corn Bunting, grand size, nice condition, unsteady; 3, Fraser and Ross, hen Redstart, fails in condition to winners; 4, Thomas, Corn Bunting; 5, no name. BULLF. OR GOLDF., FOR. (1): 1, Nicolson, grand sized, beautiful face, grand wing bars, nicely tanned, staged to perfection; 2, Mrs. Cook, another big one, fails in blaze to winner; 3, Poulter, fine big Bullie hen, grand size and nice level col.; 4, David son. COM. CAN. (15): 1, 4, no name; 2, 3, Morgan; 5, Weir and Hutton; 6, Ford.

CLAY CROSS C.B.S.

Members show, held Oct. 11, at Angel Hotel. Mr. A. Wilson judged, and gave satisfaction. Over 100 birds were staged. YELL. NOR. CK., CL. or TICK.: 1, 2, vhc, Smedley; 3, Holmes (Tibs.); hc, Bescoby. BUFF: 1, c, Smedley; 2, Bircumshaw; 3, vhc, Bascoby; hc, Holmes (Holmwood). CK. GR. or MKD.: 1, Beardall. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Smedley; 2, Simpson; vhc, Beardall; hc, Bircumshaw; c, Holmes. BUFF: 1, vhc, Smedley; 2, Bescoby; 3, Holmes (Tibs.); hc, Bircumshaw; c, Holmes (Holmwood). UNFLIG. YELL. CK., CL. or TICK.: 1, Beardall; 2, Smedley; 3, vhc, Bescoby. BUFF: 1, 2, Smedley; 3, c, Beardall; vhc, Nutt; hc, Bescoby. UNFLIG. CK., GR. or MKD.: 1, Bircumshaw; 2, 3, Smedley; vhc, Simpson; hc, Beardall. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Beardall; vhc, Bescoby; hc, Bircumshaw. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, Smedley; 3, Beardall; vhc, c, Beseoby; hc, Harrison. PAIRS: 1, Bircumshaw; 2, Beseoby. NON-FED HEN: 1, 2, Holmes. YELL. YORKS. CK., CL. or TICK.: 1, 2, Lanckham; 3, Beardall. BUFF: 1, Beardall; 2, 3, Lanckham. CK., GR. or MKD.: 1, Lanckham; 2, Simpson. BUFF: 1, 2, Lanckham. UNFLIG. YELL. CK., CL. or TICK.: 1, Lanckham; 2, Beardall. BUFF: 1, Lanckham; 2, Beardall. CK., GR. or MKD.: 1, Beardall. HEN, A.V.: 1, Beardall. PAIRS: 1, 2, Lanckham; 3, Beardall; vhc, Lunn. NON-FED CK.: 1, 2, Lunn. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Beardall. SELL.: 1, Smedley; 2, vhc, Holmes (Holmwood); 3, Bescoby; hc, Harrison; c, Simpson. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, Evens. LINNET: 1, Lunn; 2, Evens; 3, Simpson; vhc, Tooley. REDPOLL, etc.: 1, Evens. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, Evens. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Evens. GIFT: F. Thorpe, J. Hooley, F. Peel, F. Martin, H. Hunt, G. Mather. Specials were won as follows: Biggest entry, most points, buff Nor. hen and yell Nor. hen, Smedley; best Brit., Evens; best Yorks., Lanckham. —J. Griffiths, sec.

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FALKIRK.

Twenty fifth annual show of the Falkirk C.B.S., held Oct. 25, in Oddfellows' Hall, a very suitable venue, being free from draughts and fairly well lighted. The society is fortunate in having the patronage of some gentlemen who take a keen interest in the hobby, particularly Mr. R. M. Sutherland, of Solsgirth, his generosity being greatly appreciated. Mr. Rennie, the genial secretary, has little to learn in the art of show running, and his efforts were ably seconded by a crew of workers whose names are household words in the Fancy. Entries were slightly down in the Canary section, but British were well advanced on previous years, 141 facing Mr. Steel, whose decisions were fairly well received; we only heard one grumbler. The judge spent considerable time over his sections, many exhibits being rather wild, which told against their chances. We should advise the stewards to arrange the classes in a more separate manner; many were mingled to a degree which made location most difficult, and as there were no marked catalogues this was doubly felt. The slip system would suit here. The show was well patronised by the public. In Norwich Mr. Holmes adjudicated, Borders and Crests Mr. K. Lamlae, and their decisions were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. UNFLIG. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, E. S. Woodhouse, a nice trio, leader very cobby and excels in colour; 2nd, tick, hardly so short, good front and head; 3rd, similar type, crosses wings a little; 4, Corbett; 5, Smart; 6, Jeffrey. BUFF (11): 1, Woodhouse, wins, good head and depth; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice one, beaten front; 3, Marshall, rather longer, still good; 4, Clubb. A.O. CK. (11): 1, Corbett, heavy car., in good order, excels front; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, close up, nice head; 3, McNaughton, good body, fails a bit in head and neck; 4, Bishop; 5, Simpson; 6, Leishman; 7, Smart. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Woodhouse, hardly finished, nice short wings and tail; 2, Richardson, similar stamp, beaten col.; 3, Clubb, some preferred, better head; 4, Smart. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Woodhouse, leader wins nicely, nice head and front; 2, Gorrie, better wings, fails texture; 3, Godfrey Bros., we preferred; 5, Clubb; 6, Leishman; 7, Moreland. A.O. HEN (11): 1, 5, Pearson, leader heavy var. of good subs., short; 2, Davie, better head, beaten size; 3, Gorrie, cl., boxy feather, fails subs.; 4, Woodhouse; 5, Pearson; 6, Smart; 7, Clubb. NON FED YELL. (2): 1, Clubb. BUFF (7): 1, Thomson, we liked, very cobby; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, close up, beaten head; 3, Clubb, better head, beaten subs.; 4, Moreland; 5, no name; 6, McGillivray Bros. CREST CK. (3): 1, medal, Davie, nicely radiated and leafy, well groomed; 2, 3, Bishop. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Moreland, winner heavy var., good size, fails a bit in back radiation; 2nd, grizzle ct.; 3, Bishop. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Moreland, fails entrance, and crippled right foot, we preferred 2, Davie, a dark, better lashing; 3, McNaughton. HEN (6): 1, McNaughton, D.C., sp. best C.B., nice leafy head, fails a bit in size; 2, Bishop; 3, 4, Moreland. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Wilson, nice one, good texture, pipe tail and jaunty action; 2, 3, Auld, better head, beaten col. and texture; 3rd, similar stamp, rather slack wings; 4, Reid; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, leader a nice boxy one, jaunty action; 2nd, heavier, rather open wings; 3, 6, Smart; 4, 7, Wilson; 5, Berry. A.O. YELL. (5): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, wing and head Cinn., nice type, jaunty action; 2, 5, Wilson, former 4 point in the best order, must have pressed, nice front, boxy; 3, 4, Berry. BUFF (6): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, var. Cinn., good texture and type; 2, 4, Wilson, nice head and wings, little wild; 3, Reid, nice green for type, fails col. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, best Bord., 2, 6, Wilson, leader a sweet wee lady, nice head, packs well; 2nd, wing tick, nice texture, jaunty, just beaten type; 3rd, no name; 4, Berry; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson. BUFF (8): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, real nice one, very jaunty; 2, Auld, heavier, good feather and wings; 3, 4, Wilson, former beaten roundness; 5, no name; 6, Berry; 7, McWatt. A.O. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Wilson, leader eye and wing Cinn., nice type and col., latter heavier; 2, Reid, presses. BUFF (7): 1, McWatt, nice boxy feather, jaunty action; 2, 6, Auld, better col., fails wings; 3, Reid nice Green, rather heavy; 4, 5, Wilson. NOR. ANY AGE BK. (12): 1, Smart, nice head and neck, wins; 2, 5, Condie, similar stamp, fails front to leader; 5, Clubb, rather longer in barrel; 4, Richardson; 6, Moreland. HEN (13): 1, 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, leader nice subs., good head; 2, Condie, close up, just loses head; 3, Clubb, fails wings; 5, Gorrie; 6, Marshall. UNFED CK. (11): 1, Gorrie, nice cobby one, mkd. back and thigh, excels head; 2, Godfrey Bros., var., good body, fails neck; 3, 6, Baird, head tick, slightly longer barrel; 4, Moreland; 5, Woodhouse; 7, Kemp. HEN (10): 1, 4, Moreland, leader good head and front, fails texture; 2, Corbett, close up; 3, Godfrey Bros, rather longer; 5, 6, no name. CREST CK. (7): 1, Sharp, D.C. and wings, nice centre and cushion; 2, Moreland, grizzle ct., slightly horned; 3, Davie, fails radiation; 4, McNaughton; 5, Binnie; 6, Bishop. HEN (5): 1, Sharp, nice head, well radiated; 2, Smart, presses, just fails back; 3, we could not locate; 4, 5, Binnie (wet). C.B. CK. (7): 1, Moreland, nice entrance, wins; 2, Sharp, fails lashing; 3, McNaughton, similar type; 4, no name; 5, Davie 6, Binnie. HEN (6): 1, Smart, well lashed, bit pinched body; 2, Sharp, similar type, short feather; 3, we could not find; 4, Moreland; 5, McGillivray. BORD. CK. (5): 1, Wilson, nice one, well put down; 2, 3, Auld, little between them, nice feather, jaunty; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson. HEN (6): 1, Auld, wee gem, nice head and contour; 2, Wilson, must have pressed, packs well, remainder of class too much handled to permit taking notes. SELL. (15): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Moreland; 3, Smart; 4, Rennie; 5, Simpson. GOLDF. or BULLF. (12): 1, 4, Bell, leader grand square blaze and rich tans, put down in A1 order; 2, Marshall, another Goldie, rather larger, just beaten in face, will improve yet; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, Bullie, good breast, nice dense cap, clean cut; 5, McGillivray; 6, Thomson; 7, Corbett. BRAMBLE or CHAFF. (13): 1, Robertson, Bramble, nice spangle and depth, good breast col., wins; 2, 3, Rennie, both Chaffies, and good ones, excellent breasts and whites, cobby; 4, Moreland; 5, McGillivray; 6, Bell. LINNET (13): 1, Robertson, good tone of col. and well laced, peg to peg in edge, and shining sheen; 2, Waugh, similar in quality, not beaten whites; 3, Robertson, larger, more lacing and bloom; 4, Moreland; 5, Godfrey Bros; 6, Bell. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, cup and medal, Moreland, a former, nicely fed, and excellent all round bird; 2, McGillivray Bros., good one, but Cup, just a trifle longer body than winner, otherwise alike and head; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, close up, good order, in 1 fails subs., will improve; 4, F. Rennie; 5, Coltfree Bros. MEALY REDPOLL or TWITE (16): 1, 2, Wilson, both Twite, leader excel in bloom, tone, lacing, a good pair; 3rd, just beaten, hard to separate; 3, 4, 7, Bell, former nice Mealy 'Poll, just a little pale, well put down; 5, Waugh; 6, Richardson. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, really good 'Poll, rare tone, expansive bib and bars; 2, Rennie, very similar, hard to separate, just beaten flanks; 3, Thomson, another nice one, scarcely ready, will improve; 4, Sharp; 5, McGillivray Bros.; 6, Bell; 7, Wilson. SISKIN (9): 1, Corbett, gem, nicely fed Jonque, rather faint bib, but excels tone, lacing, wings and cap; 2, McGillivray Bros., Mealy, like suits, better flanks than leader, beaten tone and cap; 3, Simpson, unfed, well laced and clean cut, will improve; 4, 6, McGillivray Bros.; 5, Heard; 7, Bell. BUNTING (except Corn) (4): 1, 4, Rennie, leader splendid Yellow, nice V and cheeks, well fed, steady (runner-up for cup); 2, McGillivray Bros., another Yellowhammer, larger, beaten marks and steadiness; 3, Miller; 4, Rennie. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, Bell, nice Yellow Wagtail, in good order, steady, well staged; 2, Millar, Starling, profusely spotted, shining like glass, steady, a good one; 3, Richardson, Corn Bunting, good size, little rough. VAR. or DK. MULE (8): 1, 2, 3, Bell, leader Goldie, good size, fine flush, and excels in polish; 2nd dk. Linnet, nice col. and shape, hard to separate; 3, McWatt, nice dk. Goldie, just a trifle long, good col., slack at flanks; 4, McGillivray Bros.; 6, no name. FOR. (5): 1, Kirkwood, Lonikeet, in grand order ("wot a row"); 2, Robertson, Goldie, rare blaze, a topper, but no chance here; 3, Waugh, another Goldie, beaten face and moons; 4, 5, Thomson. HYB. PAIRS (3): 1, McGillivray Bros., nice Nor. ck., on good terms with a sweet coloured Bullie; 2, Waugh, Linnet and Can., nice Linnet, but lacks subs.; 3, Moreland, similar pair. LEN BRIT. (6): 1, Millar good Bramble, nicely spangled, shining order; 2, Heard, nice steady Corn Bunting; 3, Wilson, Bullie, nice cap and col.; 4, McGillivray; 5, Rennie; 6, Wilson. BRIT. SELL. (10): 1, 2, Kirkwood; 3, Corbett; 4, McGillivray Bros.; 5, Millar; 6, Rennie. YOUNG MULE (10): 1, 2, McGillivray Bros., leader almost 4-point buff; 2nd, Greenie in grand order; 3, 5, Bell, another Greenie, in shining order, better col.; 6, Heard. MULE or HYB. (3): 1, medal, Moreland, Goldie-Bullie, a youngster yet, but very promising, good col.; 2, Bell, Poll-Siskin in nice order; 3, we could not find.

AYLESBURY F.S.

Fifth annual show, held in the Town Hall, Oct. 30. There was a crowded attendance, many from outlying villages, in the evening. The hon. sec., Mr. F. Rayner, who is an adept in the art of show management, excelled himself if possible this year in his efforts to please. Entries were about the same as last year, and quality was really good. Several other shows clashing somewhat reduced the entries in the open classes, but the members made up fully for this drawback. Dr. J. C. Baker is the president of the society, and the society has amongst its vice-presidents, Lord Rothschild, Lionel de Rothschild, M.P., and A. de Rothschild, Esq. A very strong working committee have the management, and it may be fairly said that one and all of them rendered yeoman service. Cup and silver medal for best member's bird fell to a spanking ticked buff Norwich hen, shown by Mr. F. W. Horne, after keen competition, and this bird also secured special for best in classes 95 and 96. Other specials were won by Messrs. J. W. Hodges, W. J. Dimmock, W. Buckingham, and R. J. E. Fonntain. Mr. Rayner won special for the best colour fed bird. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and had a difficult task.

The Critique.

OPEN NOR. or YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, Kilby, lovely tkd. yell Nor. leading, full of col. and qual.; 3rd, wing tkd. yell.; 2, hc, Grant, buff Yorkie, standing well up, good thigh, quick mover; c, Thorp. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (4): 1, sp, vhc, Thorn, very chubby vgtd., rich col., fine feather; 2, 3, Rayner, the former a cl., just a trifle long, lovely feather qual. and good col.; 3rd, nice type, rather pale, good qual. BUFF (5): 1, Hedges, rare qual. of feather, rich col.; 2, vhc, Rayner, tkd. buff, nice qual. of feather, good shape; 3, Horne, nice shape and qual., trifle full, a neat bird. HEN (4): 1, cup and medal, Horne, tkd. buff, already described; 2, 3, vhc, Rayner, fine team, last year's cup winner amongst them, a real nice one, showing too much freedom of feather to-day, or might have made a bold show for the cup a second time. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Hedges, leader cl., very hot fed, rare qual.; 2nd, variegated, nice type; 3, Rayner, tkd. buff, good shape, hardly so compact; vhc, Horne; hc, Rayner. NOV. NOR. YELL CK. (4): 1, res. for cup, 2, Hedges, both very typical and grand qual.; 3, Cox, variegated, rich col. and good feather; vhc, Todd. BUFF (7): 1, c, Cox, rare shape, nice feather, good head; 2, Barrett, nice type and quality, also good head; 3, Hubbard, very neat; vhc, Gurney; hc, Hedges. HEN (5): 1, Hedges, rare shape, nice feather, just a wee bit soft; 2, Riley, buff, trifle on the long side, but nice; 3, Todd, neat bull, nice shape; vhc, W. H. Todd. YORKS (4): 1, 2, Buckingham, full of qual., grand style, nice length, well posed; 3, Dimmock, well on leg and close after leaders in most points; vhc, Perkins. UNFLIG. (5): 1, sp, Dimmock, very stylish, correct pose, nervy, finely tapered; 2, Buckingham, slashing bird, but for its wing carr. would have won; 3, Horne, nice yell., good pose; vhc, hc, Perkins. YORKS. NOV. (3): 1, 2, Dimmock, neat, but scarcely the length. CREST or C.B. (6): 1, Barrett, rattling green C.B., nice skull and turn back; 2, c, Fountain, griz. crest, neat centre; 3, vhc, Todd. NAT. COL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Riley, team of real quality birds, especially the winner, and well shown; vhc, Fountain; hc, Hedges; c, Miss Gurney. GOLDF. or BULLF. (5): 1, Horne, nice Goldie; 2, hc, Barrett, good coloured Bullie; 3, Perkins, Bullie loses on stockings; vhc, Hedges. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, Buckingham, rattling Chaffinch leading; 2nd, good coloured Redpoll; vhc, Horne. MULE or HYB. (3): 1, sp., Buckingham, variegated Goldie-Can., nice size; 2, Fountain, Greenie-Can.; vhc, Horne. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, Buckingham, leader a nice Black-headed Gouldian; vhc, Hubbard. SELL. (6): 1, sp, Rayner; 2, Horne; 3, vhc, Dimmock; hc, Hedges; c, Buckingham. CHILDREN'S CLASS (7): 1, Molly Hewett; 2, vhc, Jim Weston; 3, Freda Rayner; hc, Eva Hubbard, Humphries.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show held at Halfway House Inn, Oct. 16; 60 birds faced the judge, Mr. F. Townsend. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Blagbrough; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Hudson; 4, Allatt. MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Hudson; 4, Blagbrough. BUFF: 1, 3, Fowle; 2, 4, Hudson. UNFLIG CK.: 1, 2, Fowle; 3, Blagbrough; 4, Ambler. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Kirkbright; 2, 3, Craven; 4, Ambler. BUFF: 1, Craven; 2, Hudson; 3, Fowle; 4, Ambler. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Jowett; 2, Craven; 3, Allatt. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Kirkbright; 3, Jowett; 4, Hudson.—H. Myers, Sec.

SOUTHEND.

Seventh annual show held in the club hall at the "Blue Boar," Prittlewell, Nov. 4 and 5. The hall is an ideal one, roomy, plenty of light and comfortable, and capable of staging five or six hundred birds. It was tastefully decorated for the occasion and looked well with its rows of exhibits. The entry was about the same as last year, but not up to what the Society expected. They gave a good classification, have a splendid hall, and give the birds every attention, yet several of the British Bird classes had to be cancelled, and many of the Canary classes were only moderately filled. Although the number was not excessive no fault could be found with the quality. Many winners at other big shows competed once more. Yorkshires were quite up to present-day form. Mr. A. E. Pattrick sent a grand team and succeeded in winning outright the open Yorks. challenge cup for most points, an achievement that he may well be proud of. He also won the Society's challenge cup for three starred birds. Mr. Kent, Walthamstow, staged a beautiful buff cock and marked bird, both of which were much admired. Novice buff hen class had a good entry, the first half-dozen being hard to separate.

The management was simply perfection, and no one could find fault with the staging, care of exhibits, or serving of judges. Messrs. Pattrick and Nicholls are old stagers and know how to arrange these things as well as any. Messrs. Deer and Cundy attended to the secretarial department and everything went swimmingly. The Committee, Messrs. Askew, Bates, Capp, Hunt, Lockwood, Nicholls, Hume and the Chairman, and Vice (Messrs. Bert Rand and C. Hume) all gave ample assistance. The show was opened by the President, Alderman J. C. Ingram, who takes a great interest in the doings of the Society, and was keenly alive to the beauties of the exhibits. The show was well attended. Mr. H. Norman judged Canaries, and Mr. Dewhurst Hybrids and British, and everyone seemed satisfied.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Pattrick, grand length and type, beautifully tapered, good head and shoulders, in the pink of condition, 3rd grand length, well up on perch, good shoulders, wings and tail, hardly so tight as winners, 4th fine, stylish bird, good shoulders, qual. and col., "Cage Birds" special best champion; 2, Owen and Son, another beauty, hardly so long, but grand type and style, neat well braced wings, whip tail. BUFF (7): 1, Kent, sweetly typical, beautifully drawn out, grand head, nice free neck, perfectly braced wings, in the pink of condition; 2, Owen and Son, beauty for type and style, scarcely so cleanly cut but grand wings and good length of leg; 3, 4, vhc, c, Pattrick, long, stylish bird, good head and shoulders, capital back and wings, stands well, 4th good col., rare length of body, well braced wings, sound condition; hc, Frost and Rogers. UNEVEN MKD. (7): 1, 3, Kent, wing mkd. bird, lovely length, full of swagger, stands well on good legs, grand back and wings, 3rd beautifully drawn, cap mkd., hot rich col., rare length of legs, good wings, very stylish; 2, 4, hc, c, Pattrick, variegated, well known winner, shows himself to perfection, beautifully drawn, grand head and wings, 4th grand, heavily variegated, beautifully tapered body, good legs, good shoulders and wings, A1 qual.; vhc, Owen and Sons. UNFLIGHT. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Pattrick, slim and beautifully tapered, good style, rare length of wing, neat tail, sound rich col., perfect qual., 3rd breedy, grand length, lovely wings and tail, wee bit spare at neck, but still a good bird, 4th scarcely so nicely rounded as winner, but grand length of wing, sound qual.; 2, Dimmock, shapely and typical, hardly the qual. of winner, but still a good bird, nice pos. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 4, vhc, Pattrick, smart, typical hen, beautifully modelled, stands well up on perch, nicely drawn to a good tail, very taking, 4th very typical variegated bird, A1 shoulders and back, well braced wings, smart; 2, Owen and Son, hardly so slim, but a grand bird for style and length, capital shoulders and wing, A1 col. and qual.; 3, Kent, similar, although hardly so nicely rounded, rare qual. of feather and well put down. BUFF (6): 1, Frost and Rogers, real beauty for style and finish, tight as wax and put down to perfection, one of the best headed birds in the show; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Pattrick, another beauty for type, nicely modelled and drawn, well braced wings, slightly soiled, a good hen, 4th typical, good length, nicely drawn beaten wing carr., 3rd wonderful length of body, shade loose at thighs, but grand qual. and condition, smart; c, Dimmock. NOV., YELL., YORKS. (14): 1, Linn, grand length and type, beautifully drawn, good head and shoulders, well filled back, sound length of wing, nice qual.; 2, 3, Tapper, another good one for size and style, stands well, nicely cut away, neat wings, 3rd fine, stylish bird, typical, neat head, good shoulders and back, hardly so tight as winners; 4, c, Hume, fine type and style, well braced wings, sound qual.; vhc, Cundy; hc, Capp. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Cundy, smart upstanding bird, fine length, nicely drawn and moulded, well up on leg, nice length of wing; 2, Tupper, another good one for length and qual., capital shoulders, stands well, neat tail; 3, Wilson, smart, well up on leg, neat head, hardly so nicely rounded as winner, still a good one; 4, Askew, capital length and style, neat, well carried wings, fine qual.; hc, Capp; c, Rand. UNEVEN MKD. (11): 1, 2, Cundy, wing and eye mkd., cinn. mkd., good type and length, grand wings and tail, nice boxy feather, 2nd grand variegated, yell., smart bird, well up on leg, grand qual. and finish; 3, Askew, wonderful length and qual of feather, good head, shoulders and wings; 4, c, Capp, grand variegated, yell., sound rich col., nicely modelled, neat head and wings, capital qual.; vhc, hc, Hume. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Hall, lovely length and grand type, well drawn out, neat shoulders and wings, good head, well filled back, lovely qual.; 2, hc, Cundy, grand, stylish, wing mkd., full of swagger, cleanly cut, on good legs, rich col; 3, 4, Hume, long raking buff, lovely qual. and col., smart, well-braced wings, nicely drawn, 4th grand yell., very typical and smart, neat head and wings, sound col. and qual.; vhc, c, Askew. YELL., HEN (12): 1, Askew, perfect type, beautifully rounded, clean cut, smart, fine col. and con., very stylish; 2, c, Cundy, lovely cap. mkd., grand type and style, nicely moulded, well up on legs, smart wings; 3, vhc, Hume, shade small, but beautiful type and qual., capital shoulders and wings; 4, Deer, head tkd., fine style, beautifully drawn out, grand head, lovely con.; hc, Hall. BUFF (17): 1, Hume, beautiful model, fine length, stylish, rare pos., neat head, nicely cut away, grand qual.; 2, vhc, c, Askew, another smart one, not much between them, full of swagger, staged to perfection; 3, hc, Aulman, rare length and style, beautifully rounded, grand shoulders and back, well braced wings, sound qual.; 4, Hall, beauty for type and qual., perfect head, well braced wings. NOR., YELL (9): 1, Taylor, magnificent type and subs., well across the perch, clean cut, sound rich col., grand qual.; 2, Harding, another beauty, grand bold front, good head, nice wedge shaped body, A1 wings, sound cond.; 3, Whent, fine bold bird, rare subs., full head, stands well, sound col.; 4, Rippon, style and type head, shoulders and back, lovely qual. BUFF (5): 1, Rippon, real gem for type, short, thick set, nice full head and neck, beautifully rounded, grand rich qual.; 2, 4, Harding, beauty, hardly so short, but nicely mealed, grand col., rare wings and tail; 4th, big bold bird, plenty of subs., nice depth of col., good back.; 3, Saunders, typical, hardly so big as winner, but all there for style and finish, in the pink; vhc, Claydon MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Saunders, smart bird, grand type, rare full head and neck, sound subs., grand qual., well burnished; 2, Rippon, grand subs., good head and back, nice full front, beaten polish, but still a good one; 3, Frost and Rogers, very fine wing mkd., grand subs., good bold front, stands well, lovely col.; 4, Whent, grand neck-mkd., rare size, neat head, good back, sound wing and carr.; vhc, Claydon. BUFF (7): 1, Saunders, typical wing-mkd. buff, short, thick-set bird, grand size for a youngster, nice wide shoulders, sound qual.; 2, Rippon, another lovely buff, shade longer, but grand subs., full head, clean cut, sound cond.; 3, Claydon, shoulder mkd., grand size, bold front, good wings, hardly the qual. of winner; 4, Taylor, beautiful type, short all over, beaten size, but still a beauty; vhc, Harding; hc, Whent; c, Farrow. HEN (7): 1, 2, Taylor, smart, cleanly cut bird, wonderful col. for a lady, neat type, good head and wing, in the pink; 2nd, grand bird, wonderful subs., rare width of shoulders, neat head and wings, but soiled in plumage; 3, Rippon, lovely wing mkd., grand type, good head and front, tips wings a bit; 4, Mrs. Litchfield, hardly the size, but lovely qual. of feather, wedge shape; vhc, Whent; hc, c, Farrow. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 2, Saunders, grand massive yell., lovely type, good head and neck, sound rich col., A1 qual.; 2nd, cap-mkd. buff, good type, perfect qual. of feather and well staged; 3, hc, Whent, beauty for type, cleanly cut, good full head, sound rich col.; 4, Taylor, grand subs., good head and back, nice wings, bit slack at thighs; vhc, Rippon; c, Farrow. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, show, grand unl type, beautifully rounded, neat head, capital wing carr., good bold front, sound cond.; 2, Deer, massive, well across the perch, hardly so nicely put down as winner; 3, Cole, beauty for col., shapely, good full head, bold full front; 4, Linn. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Blows, grand type and size, good head, rear, front, nice well filled back, sound wings, put down in the pink; 2, 4, Fleet, hot col. spec., hardly the finish of winner, still good bold exhibit; 4th, hardly so massive, but lovely qual. and nice type; 3, Linn, another good one for type, neat head, nicely mealed, sound rich qual.; vhc, Cundy; hc, Page; c, Deer. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Cooper, variegated of good Norwich type, grand head with good back skull, A1 col. and well put down; 2, Fleet, another variegated, hardly so good in head as winner, but good back and front; 3, Cole, beauty for type, neat head, nice wings and tail, stands well, sound col.; 4, no name, good one, nice full back, good wings and tail, nicely mealed. MKD. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Evans, grand size, very typical, well across the perch, good wings, sound order; 2, Bates, bold, grand shape, neat fitting wings, good tail carr.; 3, Collins, smart and shapely, neat head and neck, sound qual.; 4, Blows, good one, close up, nice qual. feather. HEN (17): 1, 4, Page, not over rich in col., but grand type and qual., well put down; 4th, another good one, hardly so nicely rounded; 2, Marshall, big bold bird, capital head and neck, nice close fitting wings; 3, Deer, capital head and back, nice qual. feather; vhc, Capp; hc, Askew; c, Evans. UNFLIG (12): 1, 3, Cundy, two beauties for size and type, good heads, winner good front, capital wings and tail, nicely rounded; 2, Cooper, bold bird, neat head, fine qual.; 4, hc, Askew, good Nor. type, nicely proportioned, sound qual.; vhc, Page; c, Deer. HYB. (3): 1, 2, Lamb, good Goldie-Bullie, grand size and shape, sound rich col., well spread, good dense marking; 2nd, capital Linnet-Bullie, neat, well formed, stylish, good touch of col., sound cond.; 3, Wade. LIGHT (3): 1, Lamb, grand cl. Goldie, capital size, very shapely, in the best of feather; 2, 3, Botting, two lovely 4-ptd. Goldies, smart and shapely, good size, put down in the pink of condition. GOLDF. (12): 1, Sarling, smart Finch, neat blaze, with nice full under col., capital rich wings, good tanning, nice qual.; 2, Hasler, hardly fit yet, nicely formed blaze, well fitting wings, good buttons; 3, Herbert, fine bold bird, grand expansive blaze, good width top and bottom, sound rich wings, good tanning, full of polish, well put down; Portsmouth winner; 4, Sarling, good bird, but inclined to be wild, nice touch of col., not fit yet; vhc, Brittou; hc, Cundy; c, Harris. BULLF. (4): 1, Rand, grand cap, good breast col., sound wings, full of polish; 2, Harris, another bold one, hardly the col. of winner, but in fine condition; 3, Tapper beauty for shape, nice col., good full neck and front, neat cap; 4, Britton, hardly the finish of winners, capital shape. LINNET (8): 1, Botting, bonny bird, nice subs., well proportioned, good lacing, fine tight plumage; 2, Cundy, good one for size, shapely neat head and wings, fine qual.; 3, Tapper, stylish, capital shape, well up in markings, in rattling good order; 4, Deer, smart, nice size and stylish, hardly so nicely finished as winner; vhc, Hume, bonny bird, grandly laced. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Harris, big bold spec., well proportioned, neat full head, good bold front, capital sound rich col., in fine condition; 2, vhc, Cundy, big, good shape, stands well, neat, well fitting wings, grand order; 3, Sarling, another good one, very shapely, capital col. and qual.; 4, Botting, fine size and shape, hardly so well put down, still a good bird.

WOOD GREEN F. & F.A.

Meeting, table show, cage birds, held Oct. 11. Mr. C. T. Willson presiding. A nice entry of fifty faced the judge, Mr. F. Jones, whose awards gave complete satisfaction. The birds, especially in Yorks., Crests, and Norwich, were of very high quality.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, res, hc, c, Tolfree; vhc, Arch bold. NOR.: 1, sp. best in show; 2, 3, res, vhc, hc, Titchmer. CREST: 1, 2, 3, sp, 2nd best, vhc hc, Pettitt. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, hc, Warner; vhc, c, Stretton. We are anxious to strengthen the cage bird section of our society and invite fanciers to join; subs. 2/6 yearly; sec., G. T. Harris, 35, Brunswick Park Road, New Southgate. The show secretaries make a special appeal for a good entry at annual show to be held Nov. 20.—T. Callegari, Asst. Sec., 17, Gladstone Avenue.

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Not so long ago an article was published asking the question: "Is the Britisher losing his pluck?" If the writer had had the good fortune to pay a visit to the show run by the Liverpool O.S., on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st, had seen the 1,050 birds staged for exhibition, and had been told that exactly twelve good men and true stood the enormous risk of a loss on such a show, he wouldn't have had to ask the question. Just enough men in the society to form an ordinary jury. Who can ask if the Britisher is losing his pluck? A few years ago these few men put heads together and hands in pockets (their own, of course), and said to themselves: "Here is a city like Liverpool, with thousands of fanciers, and the city doesn't run a bird show; it's a blot on its escutcheon"; and these men forthwith commenced to remove the blot. Theirs is now one of the leading shows in the country, and we are looking forward to the time when the St. Martin's Hall will not be big enough for them. With fanciers such as these there is nothing to stop them from aspiring to the Corn Exchange, or even the St. George's Hall; and we believe the time is not far illstunt when the Liverpool O.S. show will be looked upon as of national importance, ranking with Manchester, or even the Scottish National, as an annual rendezvous for fanciers from all parts of the country. A show of only semi-local interest will not satisfy these enthusiasts. They will aspire to a show more in keeping with the brains, courage, and up-to-date management which are the chief assets of this society. The officials all worked with a will in getting off exhibits from a distance, and birds with a long journey were on their way to the station by 5 o'clock.

Exhibitors Implored to Take Their Cash.

The room is a large one, and well held the large army of visitors, amongst whom were a good sprinkling of the gentler sex. Mr. Geo. Green was an efficient show manager. He worked until the sweat poured from the side of his face, and until you had to look twice to see whether there were tears or not. His voice was hoarse from shouting for reluctant fanciers to come and fetch their prize money. We have often seen and heard of persons shouting themselves hoarse pleading for money, but never until to-day did we know how difficult it was to give it away. Mr. Green's was a businesslike method of dealing with the despatch of exhibits. Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon were in charge of the secretarial department and the war chest. They were kept busy all the afternoon attending to sales, and seeing to it that no exhibitors went away with less prize money than they were justly entitled to. Nor must we forget to mention a lady worker. If a catalogue was wanted, there were plenty to be bought from Mrs. P. H. Deacon. If birds required packing, Mrs. Deacon was there to do it. If an exhibitor had to be seen from the room with his birds, Mrs. Deacon was the person to escort him. In short, Mrs. Deacon was just "it."

Our Diploma Scheme Proves Popular.

CAGE BIRDS diploma scheme is fairly taking exhibitors by storm. No fewer than 80 birds competed at this show. Some hot stuff was entered for it, and after a hard tussle, the Redpoll-Bullie Hybrid belonging to Mr. H. Walsh, Accrington, was awarded the diploma, and 10s. special for best champion cup bird. Mr. Walsh bred the bird himself, which makes the honour of more consequence to him. The novice diploma and 10s. special went to the unflighted buff Norwich of Mr. W. H. Cottam's, 1st in a class of 27, a fact which speaks well for the bird itself. Other diploma winners were: Champ. Nor., Mr. Joe Thomas; best hardbill, Mr. W. Blancon; best softbill, Messrs. A. and O. Wellings; best novice Yorks., Mr. T. Green.

Greens, The Chief Dish.

Liverpool Show without the Greens would be like a race-meeting without spectators, and naturally fall flat. This year the "pencillers" came up to expectations, and some glorious specimens were on view. The awards were wonderfully split up, which speaks highly for the many breeders who are trying to get on top. Now that the celebrated stud of Mr. Tom Rowlands is spread about every exhibitor has an equal chance. Quality was very high, in fact the best bird in the show proved to be a yellow green Yorkshire hen, belonging to Mr. W. C. Robinson. We have seen larger classes in the green Yorkshire section, but the late moulting season and the six classes for novice greens robbed the champion classes. This innovation of providing novice classes in Yorks., Norwich, and Border Greens, has proved a great success, and competition for the £5 5s. cup is intensely keen. There will be different winners every week, as many of the birds are of equal merit.

Norwich Greens were simply rotten, to speak out straight. Here's a grand opening for some one, and some one without a big banking account, too. When this variety was in the hands of one man, we had cause to grumble at scanty support, but now it seems there are no Norwich Greens about. Come, you who have them, support the patronage shows, else you'll get your sails trimmed next season.

Border Greens came up well. The Tyne-side stables supported Mr. Geo. Large well; he had a hard morning's work to separate the top birds, so even were they in type and colour. We shall not be satisfied at Liverpool until we see the Scotsmen competing in the Green Border section.

Something Extra Good in Cinnamons.

Yorks. made a great show. Special for best went to Mr. W. R. Knowles with a bird of outstanding merit. Norwich were an admirable lot. Many of the Manchester and Burnley winners were on view, some of the former decisions being reversed, while in some cases the past winners held their own. Cinnamons were extra, as was to be expected when the club gave its patronage. The bird of outstanding merit was the unflighted yellow belonging to Mr. Dormer. We never remember seeing a better Cinnamon. He is a treat, great size combined with quality, rare colour, real Norwich properties, and carrying a good top. Borders were well filled classes, some notable birds being on view, and we were pleased to find a new lady exhibitor in the person of Miss Cooper. Borders are just the birds for the ladies, and it is a wonder why more of them do not take them up instead of pampering snuffling dogs, or scrambling for the vote.

The stewards worked very hard, getting exhibits away, and when we left, comparatively early, the benches were looking decidedly thin. The judges were: Messrs. H. W. Battye, Yorks.; C. Houlton, British and Hybrids; J. Trengove, Norwich; and George Large, Borders. Their awards were well received, and they must have had a hard day's work.

Yorkshires, Norwich and Borders.

YELL. YORKS. (17): 1, W. R. Knowles, grand length and posl., good back and wings, rare col. and head, good legs; 2, Dykes, cl., nice oval head, good tail, med. length, beaten position; 3, Casey, eye tick, grand qual., nice wings and tail, not the length; 4, Snead, lengthy clear, grand legs, nice head and neck, won't stand; vhc, Norton; hc, Westhall; c, Caley. BUFF (16): 1, Radley, cl., big strapping fellow, nice qual., nice legs; 2, Dykes, nicer pos., neater head, lovely qual., not the size; 3, Wilkinson Bros., tkd. neck, nice length, grand qual., good legs; 4, Thomas, cl., sweet head, neck, and back, nice position, very slim, we liked; vhc, Potts; hc, Knowles; c, Snead. YEL. HEN (19): 1, 2, Radley, neck and thigh tkd., lovely hen, rare oval head, beautiful qual., well sliced off, wins, 2nd cl., lovely head, grand pos. and qual.; 3, vhc, Deely, cl., medium length, but a beauty for type, qual., and pos.; 4, Wilkinson Bros., cl., sweet hen, nice head and back, rare qual., grand pos.; hc, Radley; c, Norton. BUFF (16): 1, Chippendale, cl., very slim, good legs and pos., nice qual.; 2, Radley, neck mkd., longer if anything, loses in feather at front; 3, Norton, cl., grand pos., medium length, lovely silky feather, sweet head; 4, Benson and Young, cl., nice medium length, grand qual., lovely head, short in tail; vhc, Hirst; hc, Abbott; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. (36): A wonderful class: 1, Radley, cl., rare length, nice qual. and pos., just trifle thin in neck; 2, Wilkinson Bros., cl., big one, sweeter head, nice type and col, beaten pos.; 3, Casey, rare length, grand legs, nice type and qual., good head, we liked as well as any; ext. 3, Knowles, smart lengthy bird, good pos. and qual; 4, Dykes, lengthy, good legs and qual., beaten in head; vhc, Benson and Young, Shaw Bros.; hc, Caley, Thornton; c, Radley. BUFF (25): 1, Norton, cl., medium length, nice oval head, full neck, grand round back and chest; 2, S. Radley, longer, nice pos., rare back and feather; 3, c, Silcock, lovely head and back, nice legs and qual.; 4, A. Radley, big bird, nice pos., bit rough to-day; vhc, Brooks; hc, Alston. AMAT. YORKS. YELL. (46): The backbone of the Fancy: 1, Hutchison, lengthy cl., grand, upright type and col., well drawn out; 2, Crofts, cl. again, another lengthy bird, rare qual. and type, beaten breast feather; 3, Spilby, good length, lovely oval head, nice neck and qual., wing carr. pegs bim back; ext. 3, Hutchison, lovely type and qual., nice head, bit soiled; 4, Edwards, neck mark, nice length and qual.; ext. 4, Green, grizzle cap, long bird, nice qual. of feather; vhc, Rawsthorne, Roberts; hc, Corbett, Green; c, Miss Eva Kavanagh. BUFF (42): 1, Radley, grizzle cap, lovely silky feather, neat head and neck, slim body, good wing and tail; 2, Walker, cl., nice length, rare wings and qual., neat head; 3, Pomfret, cap mark, big bird, grand feather, beaten pos.; ext. 3, Tansey, mkd. cheek and breast, lovely qual., nice wings and tail, sweet head; 4, Morton, neat head, neck, and pos., beaten wing carr.; ext. 4, Moore, wing tkd., lovely head and neck, grand qual., when taking notes as good as any; vhc, Davidson, Sutton; hc, Mrs. T. A. Redfern, Farrel; c, Wood. YELL. HEN (23): 1, Hutchison, sweet cl., lovely oval head, nice back and qual. of feather, medium length; 2, Crowe, trifle longer, neat head, just beaten qual.; 3, Smith, big hen, rare qual. and col., not quite the pos. of leaders; 4, hc, Southwood, med. length, exquisite type, lovely wing and tail; vhc, Srilling; c, Morton. BUFF (28): 1, Evans, nice length, lovely oval head, nice silky feather, wants washing; 2, Nixon, big cl., lovely qual. feather, well drawn out, neat oval head, bit short in tail and trifle stout; 3, Hutchison, neck mkd., rare head and neck, nice pair legs; 4, Radley, cl., nice head, type and qual., beaten length; vhc, Moore; hc, Edwards; c, Rushton.

CHAMP YELL. NOR. (16): 1, Dormer, cl., neat head and neck, nice chest, good qual. of feather; 2, Thomas, neck and wing mkd., beautiful col. and qual., grand type, good wings and tail, trifle too fat; 3, Parlett, cl., good head and neck, big bird, loses type and qual.; 4, Godley, wing and neck mkd., good head, neck, and back, rare type, lovely feather, we liked; vhc, Heaton; hc, Beswick; c, Marsh. BUFF (27): 1, Hayhurst, big cl., rare body and head, nice carr. of wings and tail, nearly as good as th' owd Silver King; 2, J. Thomas, cl., beauty for type, feather, and col., neat head, well cut off behind; 3, Hirst, variegs., grand head, neck and qual., good body, short tail, pale in col.; 4, he, Rev. Nume, med. size, cl., nice qual. and type, good col., loses head; vhc, Cook; c, Proctor. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Turner, beautiful variegs., lovely head, neck, and feather, clean under, well carried tail; 2, Pepper, cl., bigger hen, nice head and neck, heaten qual. and tail; 3, Hirst, varieg., better head and neck, lovely feather and type, apparently beaten in condition; 4, Beswick, cl., nice qual., neat head, rare col., too slim; vhc, Thompson; hc, Thomas; c, Granger. BUFF (12): 1, Thomas, cl., very sweet, not a big one, but all there for qual., rare chest, neck, and body, wins; 2, Beswick, cl. again, nice qual. and type, beaten head, too fat; 3, Crawshaw, bigger, nice qual., good head and neck, drops tail, wing and neck mkd.; 4, Godley, cl., neat qual., grand type and feather, fat on chest; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, March; c, Miss Scott. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Dormer, Burnley winner, eyes and wing mkd., rare col. and qual. feather neat head, neck, and body, good deep chest; 2, Turner, Manchester 2nd, cl., better in head, big bird, loses in qual.; 3, Granger, medium sized cl., neat type and feather, beaten substance; 4, Proctor, cl., beauty for type, feather, and col., lovely head and neck, beaten size; vhc, Cook; hc, Leigh; c, Marsh. BUFF (20): 1, Thomas, nice qual. and type, neat head and neck, medium size; 2, Cook, a new light, bigger bird, good head, neck, and qual.; 3, Dormer, cl., good size and qual., rare col., beaten head; 4, Crawshaw, best head and neck in class, variegs., lovely qual., beaten size apparently; vhc, Proctor; hc, Dumford; c, Hayhurst. AMAT. NOR. YELL. (22): 1, Crowe, neck mkd., good wide head and chest, nice size and col.; 2, 4, Cottam, variegs. leading, lovely head, neck and body, loses qual., 4th big neck mark, rare qualfor a big one, trifle long; 3, Jones, eyes and nerk mkd., nice col. and qual., wide chest, beaten tail; vhc, Ratcliff; hc, Cutmore. BUFF (19): 1, Walker, big coloured cl., nice qual., good Nor. type; 2, Crowe, variegs., another big one, rare col. and feather, beaten head; 3, Tomlinson, nice cl., good body and feather, nice head and neck; 4, Garbutt, cl., big bird, nice qual. and col. for a big one; vhc, Worthington; hc, Nickols; c, Enever. UNFLIG. (27): 1, Cottam, wins CAGE BIRDS diploma and cash special, sufficient guarantee of quality; 2, Huggins, big one, rare col., feather, beaten head; 3, Metcalfe, buff, nice size, qual. of feather, good col.; 4, Nickols, cl., big bird, nice qual. and col. for a big one, well across; vhc, Cutmore; hc, Jones; c, Dawe. HENS (19): 1, Stalford, cl. buff, good deep body, neat head and qual; 2, D. Metcalfe, cl. yell., big hen, nice head and qual., drops tail; 3, Worthington, variegs. buff, big hen, good body and type, loses entrance; 4, A. Metcalfe, cl. yell., lovely type and qual., grand deep chest; vhc, Thos. Redfern; hc, Cutmore; c, Bixter. CINN. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Rev. Nume, rare col. and feather, great size, best of head and neck, nice Nor. type, 3rd stout bird, good head and type; 2, 4, Dormer, rare col., neat head and neck, beaten substance, 4th rare col. and feather, nice head and neck, trifle pale underneath; vhc, Hales; hc, c, Godley. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Dormer, big bird, deep chest, nice feather, good col., drops tail, 4th grand col. and qual., nice tail and wing, beaten head; 2, 3, Rev. Nume, another big one, neat head, neck, and feather, 3rd not so big, lovely head, neck, and type all through, beautiful wing and tail, must have pressed; vhc, Proctor; hc, Wilson; c, Nume. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 2, 4, Dormer, yellow leading, stormer, beauty for type and qual., lovely col., grand head and neck, lovely tail and wings, one of the best; 2nd buff, nice col., good size, beaten head, 4th buff again, great size, nice col., trifle rough; 3, vhc, Mrs. Tweddle, yell., rare col., size, etc., nice type, bit wild; hc, Wagstaffe; c, Proctor. HENS (11): 1, hc, Proctor, nice yell., rare col., type and qual.; 2, Dormer, big hen, grand cinny col., nice Nor. properties, wing feather broken; 3, vhc, Godley, yell., very big hen, lovely col., nice head and neck; 4, Mrs. Tweddle; c, Wilson. NOV.: 1, vhc, Wagstaffe, buff, neat type, col., and feather; 2, Thompson, buff again, bigger, nice head and neck, beaten col.; 3, 4, Metcalfe, another buff, larger, rare head and col., beaten shape; 4th beauty for type neat head and col., lacks size.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 4, Davies, sweet cl., neat oval head, rare col. and qual.; 2, Hudson, bonny thing, cl., grand type, nice wings and tail; 3, Hancocks, eyes and wing mark, nice qual. and col., beaten head and neck; 4, cl., rare col., grand type, head round as a cherry, bit wild; vhc, Green; hc, Nelson; c, Ireland. BUFF (16): 1, Smith, lovely oval head, grand type, nice wing and tail; 2, Wilson, cl., lovely feather and type, beaten head; 3, vhc, Hudson, cl. again, nice silky feather, too shy; 4, Collier, eyes, neck, and wing mkd., taking bird, neat head, must have pressed; hc, Espie; c, Ireland. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Nelson, lovely cl., sweet round head and neck, exquisite feather and col., beauty; 2, Collier, smaller a trifle, natty bird, nice type, inclined to cross wings; 3, Shackley, cl. again, nice col. and qual., neat head, beaten tail; 4, Ireland, sweet little cl., neat oval head, just a bit bare round eyes; vhc, Royle; hc, Wilson; c, Short and Backhouse. BUFF (17): 1, Green, we couldn't find; 2, Wilson, tkd. on shoulder, beautiful silky feather, lovely type, sweet oval head; 3, Miss Cooper, cl., lovely face, nice col. and qual., good wings; 4, Hudson, nice natty cl., beautiful head, nice wing carr.; vhc, Espie; hc, Green; c, Davies. CINN.: 1, Ireland, yell., beauty for col. and type, sweet head, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Middleton, buff, very neat type, nice col., good head, beaten qual.; 3rd yell., neat head, lovely qual., bit too "greeny"; 4, Collier, buff, lovely type, head and qual., crosses wings trifle, looks like a hen; vhc, Nelson; hc, Johnston; c, Hampson. SELL., PAIRS (30/-) (21): 1, 3, Metcalfe; 2, Dormer; 4, Johnson; vhc, Lowe; hc, Proctor; c, Benson and Young. 20/- (27): 1, Hemmings and Brereton; 2, F. and B. Bennet; 3, Moore; 4, Rawsthorne; vhc, Sykes; hc, Curphey; c, Lowe. 12s. 6d. (18): 1, 3, Metcalfe; 2, Mattinson; 4, Dormer; vhc, Parsons; hc, Parlett; c, Curphey. STOCK: 1, T. and B. Bennet; 2, Rushton; 3, Sykes; 4, Hampson; vhc, Dormer; hc, Lowe; c, Humphreys.

The Green Canary Classes.

YORKS. GR., SELF YELL. (16): 1, McDermott, rare size, if anything over strong, excels in col. and markings, stands on good legs; 2, Hamilton, similar built, very erect, grand col. and pencillings, near thing; 3, McNulty, fine type and qual., correct tone of col., bit short behind; 4, Benson and Young, compact, a Yorkie throughout, well staged; vhc, hc, c, Metcalfe, good ones, but not ready. BUFF (14): Grand lot: 1, 4, Handley, extra length, round as a bottle, tight as wax, often described, 4th smaller, but well up in pos., good shoulders, well put down; 2, McNulty, straight as a rush, brimming over with col., runs close; 3, Benson and Young, good col., extra sweet in pencilling, pos. A.1.; vhc, hc, Metcalfe, Manchester winner; c, Robinson. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Robinson, topper for style, extra qual., like marble, col. A1, excellent condition; 2, McDermot, correct col. sweet top end markings, well defined; 3, Benson and Young, cap. shade of col., charming feather, erect and fearless, runs very close; 4, Handley, looks like a hen, rare shape and qual., good top end; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Stafford, Jackson, C. Jones. BUFF (10): 1, Metcalfe, real flier, will want stopping, only half fit yet, a good one from beak to tail; 2, McNulty, again a hot pot, straight as a rush, well staged, rare length of side; 3, 4, Benson and Young, feather like boxwood, plenty of leg, charming col., close up, 4th rare head and neck, most pronounced in pencilling; vhc, Robinson; hc, c, Handly. YELL., 1913 (27): 1, G. Bell, rare big one, good wings, and tail, shows nice pair of pins, col. of the most correct shade, well put down; 2, McDermott, capital top, feathered to perfection, nice tone of even col.; 3, Moreland, a "Yorkie," looks like Manchester winner, falls in size only, a good one; 4, Murlock, strapping youngster, full of col., just a bit blurred in pencilling; vhc, Robinson; hc, Wellings, c, Riley. BUFF (8): 1, Moreland, very much foul, but built on good lines, full of col., charming feather and condition; 2, Handlton, topper for col. and style, exquisitely clothed, well put down; 3, Riley, really too thin, nothing at top, grand col. and condition, might have given way to 4, Robinson, erect, good col. and pencilling shade small ody, or would take stopping; vhc, c, Benson and Young; hc, Metcalfe. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl. best Green, c, Robinson, the noted hen, looking better than ever, the finest Yorkshire hen seen for years; 2, hc, Metcalfe, self, wonder for col., straight as a rush, pencilled to perfection, just shows slight fcht; 3, 4, Benson and Young, capital brace, full of style and col., shows well up on leg, 4th Manchester winner, looking well, extra good in col. and pencilling; vhc, Moreland. BUFF (12): 1, Moreland, charming big lady, well filled in at top, long sided, pencilling well defined; 2, Hardley, singing lustily, evidently put in by mistake, would hold its own with the unflighted buff cocks; 3, McDermott, shapely wench, full of the correct col., feathered like boxwood, 4, vhc, Benson and Young, Manchester winner, looking well, neat style, son. A1; hc, Mockridge; c, Robinson. NOR. GR., SELF YELL. (3): 1, Hardy, the old warrier, just held up until judged, grand col. and marking, grand size, but much down; 2, Handley, not size of winner, but better col., fair head and neck, might have won; 3, Walker, grand head and neck, even tone of col., very compact. BUFF (12): 1, Barker, round as a ball, lovely napper, grand feather, stout and compact; 2, Walker, rare front, capital wing carr., better col. than winner, very broad back, A1 condition; 3, Handley, just a shade long, capital quality, full of grassy col., close feather; 4, Ball, shapely, even col.; vhc, c, Lawson; hc, Ball. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Walker, wonderful team, put down in form, col. in all of the best, feathered like boxwood, stout and cobby, only differ in head properties; 4, Hardy, rare size and col., but not cond. of above; vhc, Woods; hc, Murry; c, Handley. BUFF (14): 1, Handley, bit over foul, bonny head, clean cut, even tone of col., wins; 2, Proctor, rare size, good head and neck, shade long in flights; 3, 4, vhc, Walker, good team, capital heads, shapely, col. A1, wing carr. good, 4th just behind in size, grand shade of col., hc, Bloor, c, Barker. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN (6): 1, Jos. Pike, very cute, short flights and tail, bouncer for col. and condition, if shade larger would take some beating; 2, Bixter, bit too slim, open in front, many thought a mistake, her beautiful col., however, is certainly a good point; 3, Abbott, a real sweet hen, capital shape, bonny front, charming feather; 4, Handley, full of Nor. type, good skull and wing carr., beaten col.; vhc, Bloor; hc, Lawson. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Walker, all front, well clothed, moves freely, lovely sheen, put down to win, 4th big bigger, good hen, but out of condition to-day; 2, c, Dormer, round as an apple, lovely shape, good wings and tail, shade small; 3, vhc, E. Ball, full of type, thick set, nice shade of col., well staged; hc, Lawson. BORD., GR., SELF OR FOUL YELL. (11): 1, Middleton, wonder for col., moves to perfection, exquisite pencilling, full of swank; 2, Little, just as good in col., pencilling shade blurred, sweet contour, marble head; 3, Hancocks, stylish, plenty of col., even pencilling, just flat on head, or would be a good 'un; 4, Parker, stormer, for col. and marking, well cut away; vhc, Johnston; hc, Handley; c, Montgomery. BUFF (13): 1, hc, Little, bonny chap, sweetly drawn out, lovely sage green col., rare finish; 2, Parker, nice round head, just showing outlines of shoulder, clean cut, well braced wings; 3, Walker, capital style, all go, even wing carr., fails col. of above; 4, Johnson, correct col., shapely, not so well finished; vhc, Benson and Young; c, G. Green. YELL. HEN (14): 1, J. Johnston, charming girl, top notcher for col., and not put on, sweetly made, jaunty and finished to perfection; 2, Montgomery, excellent appearance, shows true Bord. type, all there for style and go; 3, Middleton, full of col., wings well carried, not so sweetly finished behind as winners; 4, Geo. Green, neat round head, well set to neatly moulded body, sage green col.; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Handley; c, Benson and Young. BUFF (13): 1, Montgomery, marvel for shape, neat head, compact in body, grandly tapered away, capital carr.; 2, Johnson, col. very even, pencilling well defined, legs and beak dark, clean cut; 3, Walker, fair tone of col., shapely and stylish, full of swank, well carried tail; 4, Little, correct col., well braced wings, not condition of above; vhc, Middleton; hc, c, Parker. NOV. YORKS. GR., SELF OR FOUL BUFF CK. (21): 1, W. Jones, straight as a guardsman, glorious shade of col., well filled in neck, pipe tail, A1 cond.; 2, vhc, W. Cooper, not quite so lengthy as above, fine pencilling, round as a pencil; 3, W. Bell, grand type, ereet, good legs, pencilling well defined; 4, hc, W. Longmore, topper for type, grand shade of col., but behind in pencilling; c, Porritt. YELL. HEN (21): 1, 4, W. Cooper, grand col., but rather slovenly, would not get into position, rare length of wing and tail, 4th singing for all it was worth, really too bright in col. for a hen; 2, W. Richardson, we thought a good winner, full of style, marvel for col. and pencilling, grand legs; 3, Tom Evans, grand hen, shapely, good wings, col. and pencilling, fine; vhc, c, Longmore, might have, gone up; hc, Bell. NOR. BUFF CK. (15): 1, vhc, S. Woods, marvel for size, bold head and neck, compact wings and tail, grand col.; 2, Higham, lovely shaped head, good wings, broad and thick set, rare pencilling; 3, Hayes, wonder for col., well braced wings, clean cut; 4, Andrews, all there for type and col., but smaller; hc, c, McMahon. YELL. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Lomax, rare size, grand tone of grass green col., short wings and tail; 2, 3, Woods, beauties, grand size,

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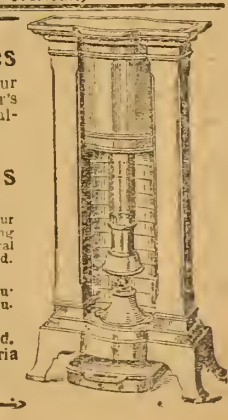
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neat heads, shapely bodies, charming qual.; 2, cleaner cut; 4, Grever, full of type, nice col. and marking, bit longer behind; hc, T. R. Jones; c, Malone. BORD., GR., BUFF CK. (12): 1, Malone, jaunty and full of style, lovely col. and marking, dark legs and beak, capital wings; 2, Croft, equal in col. and pencilling, marble head, not so clean cut, but a good bird; 3, 4, Bratherton, charming pair, full of col., pencilling just a bit blurred, clean cut away; vhc, Bixter; hc, c, Barnett. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Bixter, good lady, full of type, sweet head, lovely contour; 2, 4, Bratherton, capital feather, grand shaped head, just shows a bit of shoulder, 4th charming feather, bit blurred in pencilling; 3, c, Howcroft, best col. in class, shade small, clean cut behind; vhc, Hatchilson; hc, Croft.

Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

There was just one class for any variety Canary Hybrid or British Bird Hybrid, but what a turn-up! The 23 entries comprised eleven or twelve distinct crosses. The winner is a lovely Redpoll Bullfinch Hybrid; it won CAGE BIRDS spl. best Hybrid, and also won CAGE BIRDS champion coupon over all sections. British came up in large numbers and quite surprised everybody. Some of the very best were on view, and competition was of the keenest all through. So heavy were some of the classes that extra cards were awarded. One class for small Foreign birds was headed by a very smart pair of Black-headed Gouldians in fine condition. Staged on the front of the large platform, this section looked very imposing indeed. There was talk of dividing up into more classes the Hybrids next year. If so, fanciers must not forget to respond generously when the time comes. Mr. Blanchon's Goldfinch won CAGE BIRDS coupon for best Hardbill, and Messrs. A. and O. Welling's Thrush that for best Softbill.

HYB. (23): Wonderful class for quality and quantity, and a hot one to judge: 1, two spls., H. Walsh, unique Redpoll-Bullfinch, grand in every respect today, and well deserves his honour of CAGE BIRDS coupon champion at this show; 2, extra hc, Johnson, pretty Can.-Bullf., grand order; 3, extra c, Griffiths, good Goldf.-Bullf., best of its cross in class today; 4, J. R. Metcalfe, fine size and shape Linnet-Bullie, in grand order; vhc, c, Parlett, his champion yell. Greenf.-Can.; hc, Oldham, very neat and pretty Redpoll-Greenf., in faultless feather; several more good Goldie-Bullie and Linnet-Bullies, and var. Linnet-Canaries in class. GOLDF. (13): 1, Capt. Hurst, fine bold bird, big square level-coloured face, deep body col, nice moons and bars, tight cond.; 2, 4, Blanchon; 2nd takes CAGE BIRDS coupon spl. best Hardbill; a grand pair of Finches, good blaze, grand moons and bars, good tanning, and will improve; 3, Tams and Son, good chubby bird, fine expanse of blaze, when quite ready should make a fine bird, face a little pale yet; vhc, Mullock; he, Davies; c, Mort. BULLF. (4): small class, but good birds; 1, 3, Woods, pair of gems, first largest; 2, Griffiths, grand bird, runs very close, only least shade smaller than first; 4, Sharples. LINNET (28): Best class of Linnets for many years at Liverpool, and extra cards given; 1, hc, Joe Davies, typical shaped Linnet, good size, rare head, neck and shoulders, well coned off, niee col., distinct markings and tight, glossy cond.; 2, Tams and Son, well forward, good col., markings, and tight cond.; 3, Pitchford, bit narrower in head and neck, fine body col. and markings, nice cond.; 8, Boyd, very like 3rd, in fine order; vhc, extra vhc, c, Wilsen, good pair of birds, little behind leaders; ex. vhc, Kilner & Son; ex. hc, Brade; c, Boyd; ex. c, Barnett; all close up. GREENF. (11): nice lot; 1, R. J. Metcalfe, rare shape, tight, silky feather, sound level col.; 2, Capt. Hurst, fine buff, grand shape, qual and cond; 3, Johnson, grand medium sized yell., A1 cond.; 4, E. Goode, niee size and shape, will improve; vhc, Barker; hc, Edwards; c, Bodden. SISKIN, Etc. (26): a stiff class; 1, Fairhurst, fine size, good shape Siskin, grand bright yell. body col., neat rather light laced cap, grand markings and cond.; 2, Handley, junr., grand Lesser Redpoll, size, shape, bib, markings, col. and cond. all there; 3, Bostock, nice conditioned Twite, medium size, hardly standard of 1st and 2nd; 4, Barker, Siskin, pretty col. and dense cap, bit smaller than 1st, niee bib, just beaten in side markings; vhc, Oldham; hc, Parlett. BRAMBLE, Etc. (11): 1, Hurst, fine Bramble, good shape, plenty body col., very deep dark points and spangle, just a shade heavy about head and neck, grand glossy cond.; 2, Barnett, very good all-round Chaffinch, size, shape, col., markings and cond. all there; 3, Parlett, good body Bramble, well spangled all through, beaten in head and size a little only; 4, c, R. J. Metcalfe, fine shape Chaffinch, only beaten in head col. by 2nd; vhc, Fairhurst; he, Bond and Son. A.O. HARDBILL (10): 1, Hurst, grand size Hawfinch, in fine tight form; 2, Bousfield, lovely Meadow Bunting, in splendid trim; 3, 4, Johnson, very smart Yell. Bunting and fine Corn Bunting, showing age a little to-day; vhc, Parlett, good Hawfinch, bit behind winner to-day; hc, Silcock, nice Yell. Bunting; c, Enever, nice Hawfinch. SOFTBILL (11): very nice lot; 1, 3, Sharples, fine Redstart leading, and a good Black Redstart, latter a bit on the wild side, good feather and cond.; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Wellings, good quartette; 2nd, grand Blackbird in all respects would show better if woodwork of cage outside was blacked; 4, finely spangled Starling; vhc, well spotted Thrush, wins CAGE BIRDS Softbill special; c, Pinnington; No. 2, Wilkins, Thrush, had a wing flight hanging broken when judged, which spoilt its chance; later it got its wing right, and then looked badly treated. SMALL FOR.: 1, Lomax, good pair of well-conditioned Black-headed Gouldians; 2, 4, vhc, Miss Powell; 2nd, pretty Zebra Waxbill, others two good Orange Bishops; 3, Griffiths, pretty pair of Domino Finches. GIFT: 1, Rohinson; 2, Dorner; 3, J. W. Metcalfe; 4, Wellings; vhc, Handley; hc, Lomax; c, J. Walker.

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MATLOCK.

At Matlock, the "Palace of the Peak," the annual exhibition was held Oct. 30, in the spacious Victoria Hall. The entry was a record one, being practically double that of last year. Our Derbyshire friends were delighted at the capital response recorded them. Norwich were a very fine collection, many notable all-England winners being on view. Yorks. were also a capital lot. In Mules, Mr. Parlett's noted Yell. Greenie-Can. led once again (its 66th first prize—truly a grand record). British were captivating, the Hawfinch (W. Bull) and the Chough and Waxwing (L. Fallding) were a trio of charmers. Foreign were neat and gave an extra touch of tone. Members' classes contained some most useful stuff, Messrs. W. J. Dean, J. W. Buxton, C. W. Lill, J. Else, and T. W. Shaw, putting down quality.

Chairman, Mr. A. H. Slater, and vice-chairman, Mr. T. Boden, are a brace of enthusiastic officials, controlling in a masterly and judicious way. The committee are a band of real workers, and Messrs. Allwood, Mitchell, Cooper, Brookes, Richards, Bannister, G. E. Slater, Shaw, Lill, Searle, and Platts, with hon, treas., Mr. H. Loveday; hon. auctioneer, Mr. E. Hodgkinson; hon. solicitor, Mr. C. Granville Heny, are all great assets to the society. Hon. general sec., Mr. J. W. Buxton, and hon. financial sec., Mr. W. J. Dean, are rare workers, highly courteous to all, ever on the go, and, doing the right thing at the right time; the "Peakites" are admirably served with the best in the way of painstaking officials.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme was in evidence at this fixture, and once again created very heated competition amongst the many entrants for the good things offered. When all the coupon exhibits were grouped together an imposing sight of real gems was to be seen. The winner in the champion section was Mr. R. D. Parlett, his renowned Yell. Greenie-Can. claiming the 10s. sp and diploma of honour. Runner-up was a grand Buff Grizzled Crest, owned by Mr. G. Dodd, truly very close up. The novice 10s. sp and diploma went to Mr. W. Bull with a magnificent Hawfinch in absolutely the pink of condition; runner-up a grand Cl. Buff Nor., put down in style by Mr. W. J. Dean, again close on the heels of winner. Diplomas of honour were won as follows: Champ. Nor., W. Vardy, var. buff hen, Burnley, etc., winner; Novice Nor., W. J. Dean; Champ. Yorks., W. Brotherton; Nov., J. Burton; Champ. Hardbill, C. Nicholson; Nov., W. Bull; Nov., Softbill, A. Ward; Champ., A.O.V., G. Dodd. Members' specials winners were: Dean (5), and Wragg (2). The cup fell into the hands of Mr. W. J. Dean, who also owned the runner-up.

Staging was neatly carried out on the tier principle. Prize cards were quickly put up. The Stewards who rendered most useful and untiring efforts were Messrs. J. Woolley and W. Wherrett. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. (11): 1, 3, Rathbone, bracee of beauties, mkd. wings and head, shapely, good size, silky texture of feather, well up in col., good carriage, Ilkeston winner, 3rd cap mkd., superior clothing, nice subs., fine head, neck, and chest, little longer in barrel, flights, and tail; 2, Parlett, cl., sweetly moulded, good col. nice size and carr., clean cut away, not far behind; vhc, Waters; he, Baker; c, Williams. HEN (7): 1st Withheld; 2, Parlett, cl., short and thick set, lovely head expression, nice size, smooth as wax, good col. and style; 3, Vardy, cl., delightful feather and col., shapely body, hardly so bold in head as might be, yet very choice; vhc, Cowley, big bouncing hen, A1 feather; hc, Dodd; c, Millward. BUFF (9): 1, Dodd, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as a bottle, magnificent shape and col., nice size, delightful carr., gem; 2, Vardy, mkd. eyes, lovely shape, fine subs. and feather, good col., pressed the winner hard, topper; 3, Rathbone, head mkd., teeming with qual. and col., very shapely, capital size and carr., good 3rd; vhc, Millward; he, Dodd; c, Parlett. HEN (6): 1st Withheld; 2, Vardy, mkd. wings and head, for shape, feather, col. and carr., the captious critic would have all on to locate a weak point, truly an eye opener, Burnley winner; 3, Wood, beautifully shaped cl., smooth as polished marble, rare subs., grand hen; vhc, Baker; hc, Flint; c, Millward. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 2, Vardy, brace of most bewitching youngsters, yell. cap mkd., full of col., superb qual., rare shape, size, and carr., one of the very first water, 2nd cl. buff, exquisite feather and col., grand shape, nice subs., graceful mover, should do well; 3, Cowley, yell., mkd. head, shapely, capital feather, not overdone with col., still one we liked immensely; vhc, Millward; hc, Flint; c, Parlett. NOV. (17): 1, vhc, c, sp, Dean, grand team, leader cl. buff, well up in size, rare head, neck, and chest, neat wing carr., A1 feather, good carr.; 2, 3, Sheppard, yell., mkd. wings and head, red hot, good qual. and shape, not a monster but very pleasing, 3rd cl. buff, feathered to perfection, not so full fronted as 1st, yet good col. and carr., in the pink and well shown; hc, Smith. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Snead, mkd. wing, straight as a pencil, tight as a Java, very lengthy and full of style, gem; 2, Brotherton, shooty cl., capital col. and feather, well on leg, not quite so lengthy but close up; 3, Sampson, fine lengthy cl., well clothed, neat expression, good wing carr., drops tail a little; vhc, Lomas; he, Lanckham; c, Dykes. HEN (7): 1, Withheld; 2, Dykes, cl., breedy, lovely outline, delightfully feathered, rich col., neatness all through, wins; 3, Williams, head mkd., good in feather and col., straight as a rush, full of style, beaten in length only; vhc, Snead; he, Lomas; c, Ellis. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, grizzled neck, not a feather misplaced, stands like a guardsman, beautiful expression, grand back and wing carriage, Leeds winner; 2, Brotherton, very shapely cl., boxy feather, delightful stand, clever legs, very close up; 3, Snead, cl., plenty of length, A1 qual. and col., good pos., hardly so stylish, yet very honny; vhc, Cockerham; he, Lomas; c, Lanckham. HEN (8): A niee class: 1, Sampson, mkd. wing, slashing pos., neat and narrow, tight as wax, full of nerve, best of backs and wing carr., most enchanting; 2, Dykes, cl., richly fed, stands well on good legs, neat back and flights, hardly the length, still charmer; 3, Ellis, very lengthy cl., A1 qual. and col., nice head, not the pos. of those above, still worth its place; vhc, Cockerham; he, Robinson; c, Simpson. NOV. (9): 2nd Withheld; 1, Potts, cl. yell., lovely col. and feather, A1 pos. and length, well on leg, exceedingly promising unflighted; 3, vhc, Booth, stylish cl. buff, smooth as glass, lengthy and leggy, 1913 bred, and a good one; hc, Burton; c, Lanckham. MULE (9): 2nd Withheld; 1, 3, Parlett, noted Yell. Greenie-Can. leading, looking as well as ever, if possible in better col. than last year, 3rd dark Yell. Gold-Can., fine size and shape, lovely col., A1 qual., fine face, gem; vhc, Hayter, choice Can.-Bullie, capable of winning at most shows; he, Simpson; c, Swarbrick. SOFTBILL (6): 1st Withheld; 2, 3, Fallding, nice Chough and Waxwing, Rotherham winner and Sheffield winner, both superb, shown for all they were worth; vhc, Saywell; he, Swarbrick; c, Ward. HARDBILL (13): 1, Bull, Hawfinch, delightful shape, slashing col., grand bib, not one of the biggest, but a living picture; 2, c, Parlett, Bramble, nice size and shape, good feather and col., neatly mkd.; 3, Owen, junr., Goldie, shapely and of nice size, large square cut blaze, hardly up in col. yet, neat bars and buttons, worth its place; vhc, Nicholson; he, Hayter. A.O.V. (10): 1, Dodd, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, heaps of rich texture of feather, well up in subs., crest large, good formation, capital droop and centre; 2, Elkins, very lengthy and slim Yell. Green Yorks., rare position, lovely col., well on leg, gem; 3, Bradley, Gold, cl. cap Lizard, magnificent col. and qual., nice shape and size, profuse and clear in rowing, pretty as paint; vhc, Garton; he, Barnes; c, Fox. SELL. (21): 1, Garton, neat Crest, a bargain; 2, Richard; 3, Dodd; vhc, Flint; he, Barnes; c, Brotherton. FOR. (5): 1st Withheld; 2, Saywell; 3, Swarbrick; vhc, Hodgkinson. MEMBERS' YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Dean; 2, Wragg; 3, Woolley. HEN (3): 1, sp, Lill. Wragg; 3, Buxton. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dean; vhc, he, Wragg; No. 1, Lill, absent. HEN (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Dean; 4, Wragg. YORKS. (2): 1, sp, Else; 2, Shaw. HEN (1): 1, sp, Shaw. MULE (2): 1, sp, Wragg; 2, Buxton. BELT. (1): 1, sp, Hodgkinson.

UPPER RHONDDA.

First annual open show held at Cardiff Arms Hotel, Treorchy, Oct. 29. The room was lofty, well lighted, and free from draughts. The exhibits were well staged and every attention was paid to their wants. The show was one of CAGE BIRDS Diploma shows, and a great number of birds were brought out to do battle for the 10s. specials and diplomas.

Yorkshires were a fine lot, and the competition was very keen. Messrs. Richards, Griffiths, and Beaven put down fine teams, and their birds handled well, being very steady and well staged. In the Norwich section also were some good birds, the buff tick unflighted hen of Mr. Lewis taking special for best Norwich in show, winning CAGE BIRDS 10s. special. Borders, though few in number were a fine lot, Mr. D. Jenkins had his birds in rare fettle, and won all the first prizes. In Mules and Hybrids twenty-three birds were benched in the two classes. In Members' classes some grand birds were staged. The Rhondda fanciers are a keen lot, and Mr. Thomas, the sec., never left the show all day, working hard for the benefit of the birds and comfort of the exhibitors. The committee who assisted him were Messrs. Richards, Curtis, Watts, Davies, Hoehardy, Jones, Davies, Gless, Thomas. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, judged, and everybody seemed satisfied.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Thomas, varleg., lovely col., good head, full of qual., grand wing carr., short tail, very cobby, true to type; 2, Jones, good head, net so stout as winner, rich level col., good wings, clean ou breast, boxy feather, short tail; 3, Crowley, nice type, cl., not so rich in col., or would have had a great race for 1st; hc, Richard; c, James. BUFF (5): 1, Thomas, mkd. head, blaze of col., good head and neck, very cobby, bit loose in feather on thighs and at times crosses wings a little; 2, Recs, mkd., very cobby, boxy feather, nice wing, rich colour, fails a little on head, and not well staged as winner; 3, Jones, nice type, boxy feather, rich col, good wings, nice bold head; 4, Greaves and Richards, good head and type, short and cobby, full of qual.; vhc, Morris. HEN (7): 1, 4, Richards, 1st yell., good head, rich level col., full in neck, clean on breast, grand wings, teeming with qual., wins, 4th buff, very short and cobby, boxy feather, good wings, level colour; 2, Thomas, cl. buff, bold head and chest, good neck, rich level col. throughout, boxy feather; 3, Jones, buff, good head, bexy feather, rich col., bit unsteady; vhc, James and Wells; hc, E. James; c, Williams. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Lewis, cl., good head and chest, grand wings, short and chubby, rich level col., full of qual., wins; 2, James and Wells, good head, nice type, rich col., full of qual.; 3, Thomas, cap mkd., good round head, rich level col., boxy feather, good wings, short tail; 4, No. 5, No Name. BUFF (9): 1, Lewis, wins CAGE BIRDS 10s. special, varieg., teeming with qual., rich salmon col. throughout, good head, short and chubby, staged to perfection; 2, Thomas, cl., level col., full of qual., good head, shade on the long side; 3, Crowley, rich col., good head, nice shape, very cobby, fails little in feather; 4, Rowlands, pale in col., and rather on the small side, but full of qual.; vhc, Richards; he, Howell; c, Morris. NOVICE NOR. (4): 1, Williams, cl. yell., rich col., full of qual., chubby, good head; 2, Morris, buff, good head, boxy feather, rich col., nice type; 3, Furze, variег. yell., full of col., grand boxy feather, good head, loses in size; 4, Breeze, true to type, rich col., and boxy feather, fails in size. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 3, Richards, 1st check-mkd., well up on leg, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail, full of qual., level col., 3rd full of qual., long flights, good head, piped tail, rich col., fails little in position, and not as long as winner; 2, James, full of qual., neat head, well braced wings, piped tail, well up on leg, very nervy; 4, Davies, boxy feather, good round head, typical, not so long; vhc, Weeks; he, Breeze; c, Phillips. BUFF (8): 1, Wooton, Swansea winner, lovely qual., grand wing carr., piped tail, neat round head, rare type, very steady, wins; 2, Richards, tkd. neck, lovely level col. throughout, grand wings and piped tail, boxy feather, will do better when tubbed; 3, Brown, varieg., lovely col., boxy feather, neat round head, well braced wings, piped tail, good pos., A1, fails a little on leg; 4, Maidment, nice type and col., good wings, neat head; vhc, Weeks; he, Curtis and Son; c, James. YELL. CL. OR TKD. HEN (4): 1, Richards, pale col., full of qual., niee type, well drawn out, good head, clean on breast, piped tail; 2, Weeks, rich level col., full of qual., very stylish, on the small side; 3, Curtis and Son, varieg., blaze of col., good head, long flights, piped tail, boxy feather, well up on leg; 4, Maidment. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Griffiths, a gem, wins, good head, well up on leg, nicely placed wings, piped tail, rich col., boxy feather; 2, 3, Richards, 2nd full of qual., neat round head, long flights and piped tail, 3rd rich col., full of qual., good pos., piped tail; 4, c, Davies. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 4, vhc, Richards, good head, long flights and piped tail, level col. throughout, boxy feather, on the strong side, will make a good stud bird, 4th check-mkd., full of qual., fine position, boxy feather, well on leg, slim; 2, Beaven, wing mkd., lovely qual. of feather, neat head, piped tail, could do with a wash; 3, James and Wells, uneven mkd., rich col., boxy feather, neat head, grand position, piped tail; hc, Watkins; c, Davies. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Richards, 1st cye, cap, and wing mkd., rich level col., boxy feather, good head, grand pos., very steady, compact wings and piped tail, 2nd on the stout side, showing a little open on breast, good wing carr., piped tail, level col., 3rd very slim, pos. A1, neat head, full of qual., well drawn out, bit unsteady, wants more handling; 4, Thomas, check-mkd., boxy feather, long flights and tail, rich col.; hc, Curtis and Son; c, Phillips. NOV. YORKS. (18): 1, D. E. Clee, cl. yell., rare length, grand wing carr., piped tail, rich level col., full of qual., pos. A1, well put down and very steady; 2, Barrow, buff, nice shape and position, tight in feather, well braced wings, piped tail, good head, rich level col.; 3, 4, Gooding, 3rd yellow, tkd. head, rare condition, fine qual. of feather, pos. A1, neat head, well up on leg; vhc, Weeks; he, Watkins; c, Davies; No. 3, Davies wins CAGE BIRDS Novice 10s. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, Richards, yell., well up on leg, rich level col., good head, very slim, lovely qual. of feather, mkd. eyes and wing, wins; 2, James, cl. buff, boxy feather, well placed wings, piped tail, pos. A1; 3, James and Wells, varieg., fine pos., good head, piped tail, full of qual.; 4, Beaven, buff, nice type and qual., on the small side; vhc, Weeks; hc, Watkins; c, Davies. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Jenkins, very jaunty cl., neat round head, beautiful type, feathered to perfection, grand wings and tail; 2, Wood, varieg., boxy feather, good wings and tail, not so well put down; 3, Richards, nice qual., neat head, very stylish; 4, Saunders. BUFF (4): 1, Jenkins, grand type and lovely feather, neat head, grand wings and tail, very jaunty, in the pink of condition, well put down; 2, Woods, varieg., full of qual., neat head, grand wings and tail, very stylish; 3, Watts, neat head, grand qual. of feather, good wings and tail, bad on feet; 4, Hughes. HEN (7): 1, 3, Jenkins, 1st cinn. mkd., lovely type, feathered to perfection, neat head, grand wing and tail, a little gem, wins, 3rd cl. buff, very stylish, boxy feather, good head, nice wings and tail; 2, Saunders, good head, lovely feather, very jaunty, best of wings, neat tail, well put down; 4, Richards, neat ered to perfection, neat head, grand wings and tail, vhc, Woods; hc, Thomas; No. 5, Absent. BORD. NOR. OR YORKS., NON-FED (12): 1, Curtis and Son, yell. mkd. Yorks., full of qual., well up on leg, neat head, long flights, piped tail, very steady; 2, vhc, hc, Thomas, 2nd cl. yell. Yorks., grand style, full of qual., well drawn out, neat head, piped tail, 3, Beeze, yell. mkd. Yorks., lovely qual. of feather, stands well up, good wing carr., piped tail, little open on breast; 4, Davies, clan. varieg. Yorks., rich col., rare length and pos.; c, Watts. SELF GR. OR CINN. (3): 1, Jenkins, Self Gr. Yell. Bord., lovely type and qual., in the pink of cond.; 2, Curtis and Son, Green Yorks., fine cond.; No. 3, Wrong Class. SELL. (7): 1, Wood; 2, 3, Watkins; 4, Jones; vhc, hc, Richards. LOCAL NOR., YORKS., OR BORD. (7): 1, Curtis and Son, buff varieg. Yorks., nice type and qual.; 2, Beeze, buff Nor., rich col., good head, full of qual.; 3, Thomas, buff Yorks., boxy feather, well up on leg, grand position; 4, Watkins, yell. Yorks.; vhc, Powell; he, James; c, Watts. GOLDF. H.M. (9): 1, 2, Jeffrey, 1st nice bars and buttons, grand cond., good square blaze, 2nd rare blaze, bars and buttons, two good birds and well put down; 3, Lewis, grand cond., good blaze, nice bars and buttons; 4, W. Davies; vhc, E. J. Davies; hc, J. Davies; c, Evans. F.M. (3): 1, Beeze, grand square blaze, good bars and buttons, beautiful cond., very steady, well put down; 2, Jeffreys, nice blaze, bars, and buttons, lovely cond.; 3, Evans, on the small side, and fails in col. BULLF. (4): 1, 2, Jeffreys, 1st cock, good cap, rich breast, nice bars, in the pink of cond., 2nd hen, grand type, good cap, in the pink of cond.; 3, Curtis and Son, on the small side, nice cap, rich col.; 4, Norton. LINNET H.M. (3): 1, 2, Jeffreys, two gems, 1st nice order, lovely col., nicely pencilled, 2nd fine cond., finely pencilled on breast, not so large as winner; 3, Williams, very wild. F.M. (2): 1, Jeffreys, very steady, sound in col., nicely pencilled, grand cond., very steady; 2, E. J. Davies, nice type, pencilled, fails in size. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Jeffreys, Twite, very sound in col., beautifully mkd., in the pink of condition; 2, Heal, Redpoll, grand condition; 3, Jones, Siskin, nice bib and markings, good cap, in fine condition; 4, Nicholson; vhc, W. Davies. A.O.V. (3): 1, Jeffreys, Meadow Bunting, lovely feather, nicely mkd., very steady, well put down; 2, Heal, Corn Bunting, rich col., nicely mkd., very steady; 3, Caddy, Yellowhammer, rich col., very steady. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Curtis and Son, Grey Wagtail, nice condition, very steady. FOR. (3): 1, J. Davies, Grey Parrot, in the pink of condition; 2, Thomas, pair of Yellow Budgerigars, nice plumage; 3, James, pair of Waxbills, nicely put down. MULE OR HYB., LIGHT OR VARIEG. (10): 1, Lewis, buff varieg. Goldie Mule, rare size, in the pink, grand qual. of feather; 2, Ball, Greenie Mule, feathered to perfection, rich col., would do with being a little larger; 3, Jeffreys, Goldie Mule, cap mkd., lovely qual. of feather, on the small side; 4, Greaves and Richards, varieg. Goldie Mule, full of qual.; vhc, hc, Rees; hc, Rowlands. DARK (13): 1, J. Jones, Goldie-Bullie, grand blaze, in the pink; 2, E. J. Davies, Linnet-Bullie, lovely cond., rich breast col.; 3, vhc, W. Davies. Buff Goldie Mule, rare size, grand condition; 4, E. Jones; hc, T. Jones; c, Beeze. MEMBERS' YORKS. CK. (12): 1, Watts; 2, 3, James; 4, hc, Curtis and Son; vhc, J. Davies; c, Thomas. HEN (6): 1, 4, James; 2, Thomas; 3, J. Davies; vhc, Curtis and Son; hc, Watts. A.V. CK. (5): 1, W. Thomas; 2, W. Davies; 3, J. Davies; 4, Hochardy; vhc, No Name. HEN (7): 1, 2, hc, W. Thomas; 3, James; 4, Davies; vhc, W. Davies. BRIT. (3): 1, Curtis and Son; 2, Jones; 3, W. Davies.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First old bird show of the competition for 1913 for the society's specials, cups, etc., held Oct. 4 at headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Bradford, when 135 birds were staged. Mr. W. Mundell, judged Yorkshires, and Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Norwich.

OPEN YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (Green or Cin.) (11): 1, vhc, Ludbrook; 2, he, Elsegood; 3, 4, Helliwell. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Ludbrook; 2, Helliwell; 4, Elsegood; vhc, Clark. A.O.V. YELL. (5): 1, Helliwell; 2, 3, Ludbrook; 4, Elsegood; vhc, Morement. BUFF (8): 1, Helliwell; 2, 4, vhc, Elsegood; 3, Morement; he, Ludbrook, c, Clark. CL. OR TKD. YELL. BEN (Green or Cin.) (4): 1, 4, Helliwell; 2, Birbeck; 3, Rhodes. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Helliwell; 3, vhc, Birbeck; 4, Rhodes. A.O.V. YELL. (2): 1, Morement; 2, Rhodes. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Birbeck. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (Green or Cin.) (7): 1, Pyrah; 2, Rhodes; 3, McEwen; 4, Simonett, vhc, Smith; he, Riley; c, Hunter. BUFF (7): 1, Hunter; 2, 3, vhc, Riley; 4, Kitson, he, Bower; c, Smith. A.O.V. YELL. (1): Jenkinson. BUFF (5): 1, McEwen; 2, Bower; 3, Fletcher; 4, Smith; vhc, Hunter. CL. OR TKD. YELL. BEN (Green or Cin.) (11): 1, hc, Smith; 2, 4, Riley; 3 vhc, Bower; c, Pyrah. BUFF (8): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Pyrah; 4, Bower; vhc, McEwen; he, c, Jenkinson. A.O.V. YELL. (1): 1, Riley. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Smith; 2, Hunter; 3, Simonett. OPEN NOR., CL. OR TKD. CK. (6): 1, 2, Roe; 3, 4, Plowright; vhc, Fortman; he, Birbeck. A.O.V. (2): 1, Clark; 2, Plowright. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Fortman; 2, vhc, Plowright; 3, 4, hc, Roe; c, Birbeck. CL. OR TKD. BEN (2): 1, Fortman; 2, Birbeck. A.O.V. (2): 1, Fortman, 2, Plowright. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Horsfield; 2, c, Roe; 3, Birbeck; 4, Plowright; vhc, he, Jones. NOV., CL. OR TKD. CK. (1): 1, Jenkinson. A.O.V. (1): 1, Airton. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Airton; 2, Lythell; 3, vhc, Hunter; 4, Simonett. CL. OR TKD. YELL. OR BUFF BEN (2): 1, Airton; 2, Hilfiker. A.O.V. (1): 1, Simonett. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Airton; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, Lythell. A.O.V. (1): Clark.—W. Helliwell, sec.

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BO'NESS.

Held November 1. The management was all that could be desired. A good hall, splendid staging, and everything in tip-top order. Mr. Cameron, the worthy sec., was, as usual, at the head of affairs, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, and everything passed off as merry as a marriage bell. The show was well patronised, and we hope to hear of a financial success.

Canaries we expected to see in larger numbers, but what was wanting in numbers was there in quality. Crests and Crest breds were a grand collection, some real good ones being staged, and in many classes difficult to separate. Plainheads were few in numbers, after the splendid classification allotted to them, but there were some good ones among them. These varieties were judged by Mr. A. Chalmers, and his awards were well received. Borders were up to former years, some real good specimens being out, the medal winner being a very sweet buff hen, well shown by Mr. Dunsmore. Yorkshires were also good, Mr. Gray accounting for the two classes with some of his gems. Mr. J. Hamilton judged these classes, and his awards seemed to give complete satisfaction.

A good entry in the British and mules' sections faced the judges, Messrs. Mackie and Steel, the first-named taking even numbers. Their awards were well received, and we were pleased, while conversing with that old and well-known judge Mr. Moreland, of Falkirk, to hear him say that he would not have altered a single award in Mr. Steel's classes. Linnets and Redpolls were out in full strength, over sixty in the various classes took some separating. We notice the judges had an admirable agreement to consult together in deciding any close finish. Special interest was centred on the small insectivorous section, the two leaders, staged by Mr. Taylor, being much admired. The Goodie-Bullie staged by Mr. M'Lean is a marvel for a baby. We hear he bred thirteen of this cross; if there were any more like this among the lot, Mr. McLean must have made a pile, as we know he has had some tempting offers for this one, but wisely prefers to await its maturing. Most of those fanciers who have come to be recognised as the "Nuts," had some of their best birds forward, which provided useful models for the judges.

Delicate Questions of Bona-fides.

Nothing occurred to mar the harmony of the event, though we noticed the judges putting the glass over a few exhibits, and subsequently we overheard one exhibitor getting talked to in a manner which will do him good, but the cordial handshake and a promise of "Never more," which ensued were perhaps better than a more drastic action. We noticed the recently wrong-classed Waxwing among the winners, and ventured to question its bona-fides. Mr. S. assured us that this bird was caught in Fife, but apart from that it would be impossible to draw a line, as this species, like quite a few others, including even the Siskins, is a migrant.

Surely the rule that all sales must be made through the secretary might as well be discarded, or amended to read: "Parties will be stationed at all neighbouring bars to detect offenders." We had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with many veterans of the Fancy, and they were unanimous in declaring that the younger exhibitors had now to be reckoned with, and the picking of British unpolished gems is quite an art with them. For example, Mr. J. Moreland, who, of course, has the benefit of his father's experience, has secured with one bird no less than seven prizes during the past fortnight, including cup and medals, an object-lesson for his brother novices.

Canary and Mule Sections.

CREST CK. (6): 1, Sharp, good one, even mark D.C., fine top piece, grand length of feather, good side and froutal, well put down, sweet all round; 2, Paul, grizzle, lengthy frontal, scarcely so dense, fine side, good body, rare order; 3, Binnie, heavily varieg., plenty top gear, shade short in front, but sweet qual. of feather; 4, Masson, nice one, shade small in head, fluely got up; good class; vhc, Kinloch; hc, Laing. HEN (4): 1, Sharp, varieg. body D.C., fine size, good length, very sweetly centred, shade smaller in length of feather; 3, Binnie, good green, nice size and qual., not so well laid on as winner; 4, Masson, good one, a shade smaller, nice quality of feather. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Moreland, plenty size, grand body, rare massive head, grand entrance and well lashed, in full bloom; 2, Sharp, in lash, fine trim; 3, Thomson, close up, lengthy in lash, fine trim; 3, Thomson, close up, lengthy feather, again a shade narrow at entrance; 4, Binnie, plenty size, beaten in head properties. HEN (5): 1, Sharp, good, almost cl., grand size, fine bold head, good frontal, grand entrance, well staged; 2, Thomson, sweet size, good head, shade smaller in entrance, but good lashing; 3, Paul, fine qual. throughout, well lashed, shade weak in head; 4, Masson, fails in size to others, nice head, good qual. feather. CREST, 1913 (3): 1, Paul, sweet green, fine top piece, well centred and lengthy, good side and frontal, well burnished up; 2, Moreland, lengthy feather, not so well centred, grand side, A1 front; 3, Masson, sweet exhibit, fails in length of feather, well shaped head. C.B., 1913 (4): 1, Laing, varieg., grand head, bold and tip-top length of feather, fine front, grand size, well staged; 2, Masson, lengthy lash, well burnished, scarcely so wide at entrance, shape and size, not so prominent in front as winners; 4, Masson, fails in size and beaten in head, grand order. SELL., CREST OR C.B., 15/- (3): 1, Paul; 2, Lambie; 3, Kinloch. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Watt, sweet nat. col., fine size, bold head and front, and well staged. BUFF (2): 1, McLean, grand stamp, plenty size, good front and wing carr., lovely qual. of feather, well staged; 2, Oliver, good qual., sweet body and col., fails a shade in head. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, Moreland, cl. yell., good stamp, plenty size, grand head and front, lovely qual., well staged; 2, Godfrey Bros., heavily varieg. buff, nice qual., grand head, shade lighter in build, and not so good in wing carriage; 3, Robb, cl. yell., well up in size, not so well finished as winner; vhc, Moreland. HEN (4): 1, 3, Moreland, leader massive cl. yell., grand head and front, A1 wing carriage, lovely type, well staged; 3rd also a yell, fails in size, but equal in type; 3, Godfrey Bros., buff, plenty size, bold front and head, fails a shade in wing carriage, well put down; vhc, Robb. UNFLIG. HEN (4): 1, Sharp, hot one for a lady, grand col., rare size and sub., fine head, bold front, lovely qual. throughout, well put down; 2, Richardson, nice one, fine cobby shape, sweet qual., well up in size; 3, McLean, grizzle cap, plenty size, good head and wing carr.; 4, Burnett. SELL., 15/- (1): Sharp. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Brown, fine shape, grand style, sweet front, wing carriage, very neat head, in rare bloom; 2, Gentleman, close up, grand weight, lovely head and wing carr., not so well tapered off; 3, Munro, good one, rare body and wings, lovely head; 4, Hislop, well rounded one, fine size and good qual. of feather, well worth 2s place; vhc, Newbiggin; hc, Ayton; c, Strachan. HEN (11): 1, Bennet, good all round, finely moulded, extra good qual. of feather, like a piece of wax, sweet size, well drawn; 2, Wilson, lovely body, good head and wing carr., scarcely so well drawn, a little weaker in neck, well put down; 3, Dunsmore, very stylish, on the long side, but all there for qual., well staged; 4, Newbiggin, sweet shape, not so well balanced in wings, but good taper and style, grand class all over, vhc, Shields; hc, Gentleman; c, Strachan. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Bennet, A1 size, lovely bloom, grand body and head, finely drawn, correct weight, well put down, 2, Thomson, stylish, all there for shape, not so good in head; 3, Wood, close up, fine mould, good wing carr., well drawn, will improve; 4, Dunsmore, nice size and shape, rare pose, fails in finish; vhc, Munro; hc, McConnell; c, Ayton. HEN (6): 1, B.F.C. medal, Dunsmore, sweet one all over, grand size, lovely body, well rounded, extra good in wing carr., very nicely drawn, good head, could be a shade stouter in neck, well put down, popular win; 2, Strachan, good, fine weight, stronger in body, equal in wing carr., not so short in feather, in tip top order; 2, Bennet, well drawn, lovely order, inclined to be a shade pinched in head and neck; 4, Hislop, fine qual., grand shape, good head and wing carr., could have gone up a peg; vhc, Shields; hc, Weir. EVEN MARKS (4): 1, Johnston, yell., grand type and feather, nice eye markings, but wing marks slightly broken, good order; 2, Smith, buff, nicely balanced markings, shade strong in build; 3, Findlay, a good one, might have won, tip top buff, grandly balanced eye and wing markings, lovely type and qual., well put down; 4 Scobbie. UNEVEN YELL. (7): 1, Smith, good one, grand body, fine front, lovely taper, well drawn, sweet head and neck, staged in grand bloom, wins; 2, Strachan, shade stronger, but good qual. feather, fine head and front; 3, Bennet, grand feather and finish, shade slim; 4, Brown, good type, grand head and front, bit soft looking in appearance; vhc, Kitchen; hc, Wilson; c, Findlay. BUFF (6): 1, Findlay, good, extra well finished off, rare shape, fine weight, beautifully moulded, grand head, lovely wing carr., wins; 2, Kitchen, nice one, close up, rare feather and finish, shade plainer in front, good head and wing carr.; 3, McWatt, sweet shape, grand bloom, fails in head properties to others; 4, McLaren, lovely body and head, inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, Hislop; hc, Greig. GR. OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, Thomson, two good Greens, sweet shape, grand colour and facing, winner best in ground col.; 3, Duncan, sweet one, lovely tone of col., grand lacing, beaten in finish; 4, Lambie, good all round cinn., good shape, colour, well laced; vhc, Munro; hc, McConnell. SELL., 7/6 (7): 1, Bennet; 2, Aitken; 3, Wilson; 4, Findlay; vhc, Anderson; hc, Munro. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, Gray, tip-top, lovely qual., close and well drawn, sweet pose, good head and front, well up on leg, a shade longer and would be a stunner; 2, 4, Gunning, gem, grand length, fine shape, good head, well up on legs, softer and longer in feather than winner, good one; 4, fails a little in length; 3, Jeffrey, sweet size and shape, beaten in quality of feather; vhc, Stirling; hc, c, Masson. HEN (6): 1, Gray, good buff, lengthy and well drawn, fine head and front, very showy; 2, 4, Gunning, grand shape, sweet yell., well drawn, lovely head and front, grand bloom, nicely put down; 4, good end lengthy, beaten in finish; 3, McLean, nice quality of feather, shows well, beaten in length; vhc, Stirling; hc, Stirling. CL., ETC., MULE (including Can.-Bullie) (5): 1, 3, Jamieson, leader cl. Goldie, shade on the small side, rather poor in feather, wants time to finish, rare cross when ready; 3, nice Linnet-Bullie, well up in size, good tone of col.; 2, McLean, sweet Goldie-Bullie, nice size, well forward in col., real taking exhibit; vhc, Moreland; hc, Bell. DARK (15): 1, 3, vhc, Roy, leader tip-top Greenie, grand shape, lovely tone of col., extra good in head, fine flights, well up in size, tip-top order, 3rd nice Goldie, good size and shape, sweet face, again well put down; 2, c, Bell, fine Jonquo Linnet, teeming with qual., extra good markings, fine body col., well staged; hc, McWatt. VARIEG. (6): 1, Bruce, slashing 5-point Goldie, in rare bloom, fine flush face, grand markings, in grand order; 2, vhc, Bell, gem, lightly mkd., not so good in face, or as large as winner, still close up, well placed; 3, Thomson, nice size and shape, good flush face, beaten in markings of winners; hc, c, Jamieson. MULE SELL., 7/6 (5): 1, Jamieson; 2, Strachan; 3, Bell; vhc, Whyttock; hc, Crone.

British and Foreign Birds.

GOLDF.: 1, Aitken, grand Finch, rare col. and expanse of blaze, rich tans, put down in splendid order, wins; 2, 4, Bell, former better even in tans than leader, but scarcely expanse of blaze, yet a real good one; latter, just fails in cut of blaze, though more expansive, excels buttons; 3, Allan, just beaten in size and face, no disgrace, in such company; 5, Pringle. BULLF. (5): 1, Bell, c.-n., great, but not suspicious size, grand depth of breast col. and dense cap, wins; 2, Taylor, even better in breast, just beaten in size, well put down; 3, Liddle, scarcely the col. of leaders, yet a good one; 4, McGillivray; 5, Messer. LINNET, H.-M. (8): 1, 3, Bell, leader grand size and well pencilled, just a little open in front, and inclined to cross wings at times; 3, best polish in class, but scarcely subs. of leaders, nice tone and whites; 2, Robertson, scarcely size, but better peg-top shape, nicely pencilled, a good one, must have pressed for premier position; 4, Laurie, largest in class, nice polish, just fails in pencilling; 5, Craig; 6, Scobbie; 7, Boslem. F.-M. (14): 1, Robson, a mass of breast work, good size, and excels whites, very steady; 2, A. W. Watson, another good one, just beaten in size, closer up in breast, fine tone, must have pressed; 3, 7, Hodge and Hoxton, largest and best shape in class, just beaten in breast and tone of col., will improve; 4, Gentleman, a good one, best breast in class, beaten size and steadiness, good wings, some fancies for 3rd; 5, Nicholson; 6, McGillivray. SISKIN (8): 1, Calder, a bonny one, judiciously fed, grand cap and flanks, wins nicely; 2, Corbett, hot one for col., very faint bib, just beaten in flanks, equal in cap to leader, in grand order; 3, R. Watson, non-fed, no bib, better size than leaders, nice cap, will improve; 4, Laurie, very similar stamp, scarcely the colour, but some faneled for 3rd;; 5, Bishop; 6, McGillidray; 7, McGregor and Boyd. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. (12): 1, Nicholson, good size and expanse of bib, nicely laced, shining order, a bonny 'Poll; 2, Thomson, another good one, scarcely weight of leader, but nice shape, better wings, just beaten bib and flanks; 3, Gardner, a hot one, good bib and head, hardly size for such a class, staged in A1 order; 4, Brown, similar stamp, better flanks, just fails in head; 5, Baird; 6, Atkinson; 7, Anderson (wet). LESSER REDPOLL, F.-M. (23): 1, Muir and Adamson, real good one, marvel for col., expanse of bib, and wing bars, wins well; 2, Quin, scarcely size of leader, grand bib and flanks, good second; 3, Bell, another grand 'Poll, just beaten in head, hard lines to meet such company; 4, A. W. Watson, some preferred for 3rd place, a regular wee dandy, shining like satin, well put down; 5, Scotland; 6, Palmer; 7, Gentleman. A difficult class, many good birds out of cards. MEALY REDPOLL (13): 1, Calder, "Magnum Bonum," a grand 'Poll, rare size and tone, expansive bib and distinct flank markings, wins in a strong class; 2, Quin, another giant, must have pressed, just beaten in bib, fine texture, well put down; 3, Crosse, largest in class, hardly up to col. of leaders, and fails to them in flanks; 4, Messer, some fancied for 3rd, better col. and flanks, just a little slack at thighs, might improve; 5, Boslem; 6, Bell; 7, Bishop. TWITE (9): 1, no name in catalogue, a real good one, good shape and subs., excels lacing, shines like glass, well staged; 2, 4, Bell, former hardly so dense in breast as leader, yet a grand Twite, good feather; 4, rather rakish, nicely pencilled, rather unsteady; 3, Leitch, our fancy for 2nd, not so dark, better in pencilling and shape, steady, a good one; 5, McCallum; 6, Finnie; 7, Gardner. A strong class. GREENF., FED (10): 1, J. Moreland, topper, grand cobby shape, excels head, nicely fed, wins; 2, Burnett, another short one, good bars and tone, warmer tone, just beaten size, a good specimen; 3, Messer, great subs., inclined to cross wings, scarcely up to col. of leaders, yet a good one; 4, 5, McGregor and Boyd, former a hot one, too hot we think, just beaten in head; 6, Braid; 7, Aitken. NON-FED (9): 1, Messer, grand size and shape, fails wing bars, in A1 order; 2, Henderson, scarcely size of leader, good shape and head, better col., must have pressed; 3, Sykes, best col., rare condition, just a trifle on long side, beaten head; 4, Bell, wet when taking notes; 5, Taylor; 6, Liddle; 7, Craig. GREENF. HEN (16): 1, Sykes, good size, rare col. for a hen, staged as this exhibitor knows how, wins; 2, R. Watson, just a shade behind in col., good head, beaten subs., yet a good one; 3, Lambie, better shape, fails wings, could be improved, a good one next season; 4, Bruce, better stamp but hugs perch, good col., some preferred, nice bars; 5, Craig; 6, Finnie; 7, Livingstone; good class, most failing in slackness of feathers. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE. (9): 1, 6, Sykes, Baillie and Linnet; 4, Rayner, well mkd. Siskin; vhc, Acland; hc, c, Wood. FOR. (4): 1, Miss Rackhouse, beautiful Blackheaded Gouldian; 2, Pink, very pure white Java Sparrows; 3, Roe, Orange Weaver; 4, Pink, Waxbills. MEMBERS' YORKS., CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, 3, Pink, very smart, well shown; 2, 4, vhc, Thompson, very nice trio. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 3, Pink, both neat and good; 2, 4, Thompson. NON. FED. (11): 1, 2, 4, Mowle, a credit to the exhibitor; 3, vhc, hc, c, Lacy. YORKS., NOV. (8): 1, cup, 3, 4, Pink, leader, very neat, well positioned bird, best of feather, and well shown; 2, Avis, yell., very close after the leader. NOR. (0): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Pilcher, rattling team, grand unflig. yell., leading, full of qual. and col. CH.B'I. Oit O.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lacy, winner has it in crest properties, very nice team.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN O.A.

Twentieth annual show and competition of Scotch Fancies held in the Grand National Halls, Gorbal, October 25. Judges were Messrs. Allan Lee, J. Price, J. Park, and J. Watson. The 12 classes had an entry of 166, which compares favourably with last year's number. The competition for the Motherwell Silver Cup was keen, and it was won by Mr. T. Y. Millar's Buff cock, a nice typical bird, the runner-up being a Buff Pied hen belonging to Mr. Wm. Gray, a real gem for size and style, close up on the winner. Quality was about the average. Buff and Foul cocks were a good turn-out. Sec. Turnbull, assisted by a hard-working president in Mr. John Fulton, Mr. Adam McLauchlan, and the ex-sec., Mr. James Fleming, etc., spared neither time or effort to make the show a success. Ex-sec. Fleming's daughter, introduced by Mr. R. G. Jolly, kindly handed the prizes to the winners. There was a fair attendance, and we hope the gate was a satisfactory one.

YELL. CK. (9): 1, McIlwain; 2, Blue; 3, Gray; 4, 5, Clark; 6, Orr; 7, Seywright. BUFF (22): 1, sp, J. Y. Millar; 2, Seywright; 3, sp, 5, Gray; 4, 7, John Orr; 6, Kego; 8, Blue. YELL. PIED CK. (4): 1, 2, Clark; 3, Smith; 4, J. Y. Millar. BUFF (15): 1, J. Y. Millar; 2, 8, Seywright; 3, Fleming; 4, Fulton; 5, Phillips; 6, Clark; 7, McLauchlan; 9, Fulton. GR. CK. (14): 1, Clark; 2, Blue; 3, 6, Fulton; 4, Swanson; 5, McLauchlan; 7, Gilchrist; 8, McMillan; 9, Gray. FOUL CK. (16): 1, Gray; 2, J. Orr; 3, Fulton; 4, Lang; 5, Renwick; 6, Lees; 7, Clark; 8, J. Y. Millar; 9, Saywright. YELL. HEN (13): 1, McIlwain; 2, 3, Renwick; 3, Jas. Orr; 5, Phillips; 6, John Orr; 7, Sharp; 8, J. Y. Millar. BUFF (11): 1, John Orr; 2, 9, Phillips; 3, Blue; 4, Fulton; 5, 6, J. Y. Millar; 7, Gilchrist; 8, Seywright. YELL. PIED HEN (15): 1, Wm. Gray; 2, Clark; 3, Stewart; 4, Swanson; 5, Renwick; 6, Fulton; 7, Gilchrist; 8, J. Y. Millar. BUFF (17): 1, 4, Gray; 2, Fleming; 3, L. Y. Millar; 5, Smith; 6, Phillips; 7, Fulton; 8, Clark; 9, Renwick. GR. HEN (14): 1, McLaughland; 2, 6, Fulton; 3, Clark; 4, Swanson; 5, Stewart; 7, Renwick; 8, Fulton; 9, Kego. FOUL HEN (16): 1, Renwick; 2, 7, Gray; 3, 5, Lees; 4, Fleming; 6, Cork; 8, Blue; 9, Buchanan. AMAT. CK.: 1, Swanson; 2, 6, Sharp; 3, Gilchrist; 4, sp, McWillan; 5, sp, McWillan. HEN: 1, sp, 2, 3, 6, Swanson; 4, 7, Gilchrist; 5, Sharp; 8, Lochead; 9, Alexander.

DEAL F.S.

Ninth Annual Show, held Oct. 29 and 30, in the Nelson Hall, Deal, was a grand success, brought about in great measure by the patronage of the Kent County C.H.S. Quality was excellent and competition very keen, many beautiful birds in both Norwich and Yorks. being staged. Messrs. Thompson and Lacy, the excellent hon. secretaries, were most indefatigable in their efforts for the comfort of the exhibits, and the convenience of the exhibitors and general public. A beautiful day added to the advantages under which the show was held. The members' silver challenge cup was won handsomely by Mr. F. Pilcher, with a really grand unlighted buff Norwich. The bird was the cynosure of the critics. Lovely in feather, with grand undercolour, rich in meal, good back, head, neck, and wings, a front rank bird in any competition. Novice cup went to Mr. T. Pink, with a very sweet unlighted yellow Yorks. No show could have been better managed, neither could more enthusiasm be shown by any committee. Mr. Geo. Gardiner judged, and had a tough task in sorting the winners in many of the classes.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. (9): 1, Olive, buff, grand body, head, and qual., short wings and tail; 2, Borman, yell., rich col., nice qual. and carr.; 3, vhc, Pilcher, buff, good shape, bit slack in feather, but nice; vhc, Olive; hc, Taylor; c, Roberts. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Taylor, variegated, yell., rare type, rich col., a bold bonny bird; 2, Pilcher, very sweet, grizzled cap, lovely qual.; 3, Roberts, similar bird of grand qual.; 4, Taylor, rare shape and nice col., bit slack; vhc, Kew; hc, Pilcher; c, Borman. HEN (7): 1, Pilcher, tkd. buff, typical, rare qual.; 2, Pilcher, grizzled in tail, sweet feather; 3, Borman, buff, trifle flat in col., but beautiful feather and shape; 4, Taylor, yell., nice col., silky feather; vhc, Kew; hc, Brown; c, Taylor. UNFLIG. (8): 1, cup, Pilcher, glorious buff, true Norwich properties; 2, Pilcher, nice, but not the symmetry of leader; 3, Wickham, very smart Norwich, a hot lot these three; 4, Thompson, good again; vhc, Borman; hc, c, Taylor. YORKS. (6): 1, Johnson, yell., grand pose, whip and taper, nice length behind the leg, good qual.; 2, 4, Thompson, leader, very sweet buff, stands well up from the perch, good feather; 3, Austin, tkd. buff, perhaps a bit longer, but hardly the style of leaders; vhc, Johnson. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 4, hc, Johnson, really nice trio, winner, a yell., grand carr.; 2, 3, Austen, buffs, close as wax, well on the leg, rare taper; vhc, Rayner; c, Lockett. BORD. (8): 1, 4, Mrs. Aitken, winner a sweet little cl. buff, grand close feather, natty and jaunty; 2, 3, Wood, very pretty varieg. buff of nice carr.; 3, a dainty little cl., probably a hen; vhc, hc, Soames; c, Burton Bros. MULES (6): 1, Acland, very fine dark Greenie-Can.; 2, Dr. Mason, varieg. yell. Goldie-Can., good size; 3, 4, Mrs. Soames, dark buff Goldie-Can., good face; vhc, Thompson; hc, Eade; c, Brunger. GIFT (3): 1, Roe; 2, Pilcher; 3, Lacy. SELL., 15s. (4): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Pilcher; 4, Thompson. 10s. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, 4, Pileher; vhc, Thompson. GREENF., ETC. (10): 1, Rayner, sweet Goldie, nice bars, buttons, and condition; 2, 3, Wickham, topping leader Chaffie, great subs., rare tone of breast col., and distinct wing bars, wins easy; 2, Robertson, Bramble, good one, nice spangle, and fair depth of breast, staged in good order; 3, Rennie, Chaffie, good breast col., rather pinched in head, good texture, steady; 4, Henderson, Bramble, better size, nice mantle, fails mask, bit bare on eyes, perhaps a bit lucky; 5, 7, Bell; 6, Sykes. YELLOW BUNTING (7): 1, Stewart and Dalling, a big one, good V and cheek markings, nicely fed, in good order; 2, Rennie, scarcely size, hot col., more distinct, just beaten breast and size, presses, a good Bunting; 3, McGillivray Bros., another big one, scarcely so distinct in markings, nice tone, will improve; 4, similar, better markings, shade too dark in front, well staged; 5, Dunlop; 6, Fraser; 7, Bell. A.O. BRITISH, SMALL (7): 1, 2, Taylor, Grey Wag leading, often described, in A1 order, wins, pressed by 2nd, grand Redstart, good breast and face, steady, and staged to perfection; 3, Arnott, Blackstart, good size and col., slightly ruffled at neck, in good company, steady, we liked very much; 4, Bell, Yell. Wag., grand col., just a little coarse in feather, will improve, nice one; absent, 5, 6, 7, Robertson. LARGE (3): 1, Sykes, Chough, well-known winner, great sheen, and well rubied, rather fond of cage bottom, easy win; 2, Anderson, Waxwing, old warrior, rather bad in wing, might have given way to 3, Quin, Redwing, grand size, and excels eyes and flank, staged in good order. HEN BULLF. (10): 1, Gentleman, good size, rare back and dense cap, in A1 order, wins easy; 2, Roy, nice lady, just fails subs. to leader, equal in other points; 3, Jamieson, hardly so slaty in back, good expanse of cap, steady, some fancied; 4, McGregor, nice one, soft, bellows to mend; 5, Laurie; 6, Wilson; 7, Ogilvie. We noticed the judge discarded one for suspicious size. HEN A.O.V. (11): 1, Bruce, Blackstart, we thought lucky, rather rough, and tail damaged, nice col. and steady; 2, 5, Taylor, Corn Bunting, good size and nice breast work, steady, our choice; 3, Miller, another Corn Bunt., scarcely up to size or col. of former; 4, Gentleman, Bramble, nice spangle and sheen, well put down; 6, 7, Strachan, an interesting class. BRIT., SELL. (6): 1, Henderson; 2, Strachan; 3, Bell; 4, 6, McGillivray; 5, Millar. GOLDF. OR BULLF. FOR. (3): 1, McKigen, a graud one, good square blaze and tans, put down in good order, quickly claimed, a bargain; 2, A. W. Watson, scarcely up to size of leader, beaten blaze, steady, well shown; 3, Muir and Anderson; all Goldies. A.O. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, Arnott, leader Blue Sugar Bird, a gem of the first water, greatly admired, wins easy; 2, Fruitsucker, very interesting exhibit, in grand order, well staged; 3, pair Tanagers, a contrast indeed, Pride and Humility; 4, we failed to locate; 5, Bruce.

SHIPLEY O.S.

First old bird show held Oct. 22, at Victoria Hotel, with a very good entry. Mr. E. B. Denton, Windhill, judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Excell; 2, 3, Towers. BUFF: 1, Bradshaw; 2, Crossland; 3, Excell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Farnish; 2, 5, Long. BUFF: 1, Briggs; 2, Armstead; 3, Murgatroyd; vhc, Excell. YELL. HEN: 1, Murgatroyd; 2, Farnish; 3, vhc, Long; hc, Grange; c, Bradshaw. BUFF: 1, hc, Long; 2, Farnish; 3, Cressland; vhc, Bradshaw; c, Murgatroyd. UNEVEN, CK.: 1, Towers; 2, Armstead. HEN: 1, Long; 2, Towers. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Towers; 2, Grange. HEN: 1, Grange; 2, 3, vhc, Towers. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, T. Cooper; 2, Briggs; 3, Stirk. BUFF: 1, S. Excell; 2, Briggs; 3, Stirk; vhc, T. Cooper; hc, T. W. Cooper; c, Harrison. YELL. HEN: 1, T. Cooper; 2, Stirk; 3, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, Stirk; 3, T. Cooper; vhc, c, T. W. Cooper; hc, S. Excell. FOUL MKD.: 1, Harrison.—E. Grange, Sec.

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LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand).

Fourteenth Annual Exhibition, held Nov. 1, 3, under the patronage of the N.B.B., and M.C., and CAGE BIRDS championship scheme in the spacious, lofty, well ventilated, and capitally lighted room (electricity by night) attached to the "White Swan Hotel." Situated in the heart of the town, it commends itself as a most suitable venue for a function of this kind. Entries were very fair: 385 in 40 classes, about 20 down on last year. Pres., Mr. W. A. Gibbons, Vice-Pres., Messrs. J. E. Wood, E. H. Hulse, and C. Walton, make up a quartette of enthusiastic workers, each putting forth strenuous efforts towards the welfare of their society. Mr. F. Peberdy acts as treasurer, and is the right man in the right place; committee consists of Messrs. W. Hale, W. Moores, J. Hayes, J. Wood, F. Gilbert, F. G. Green, E. Kilsby, F. Pole, J. Allen, J. Jolly, W. Neal, and G. H. Reeves. With such stalwarts as these to control none can wonder at the superb management that was in evidence throughout the entire show. The worthy sec., Mr. A. Freestone, is courteous to the highest degree, and always in the thick of the fight. Stewards who worked energetically and judiciously, attending promptly to their duties, were Messrs. V. Sarson, Lmndon, F. Pole, Burbridge, J. F. Green, and C. E. Sturgess; all deserved kind words being recorded of them.

Norwich, as usual, here were the feature of the show; a marvellous collection of "chubby ones." type was well to the fore with substance in plenty, with magnificent feather and high colonr; outstanding were the exhibits of Messrs. E. Fox, E. H. Hulse, W. Elliott, Walton, and Noakes, W. T. Judd, and the wonderful team put down by Mr. Hathaway, which gained six firsts, besides other mentions. Yorks were neat, Lancashires good. Mr. F. J. Green benching toppers, and Norwich novice classes provided many full worthy of competing successfully among the champions. British, although not over numerous, contained some glorious exhibits. Foreign were a nice lot. Members put down some "good 'uns," as usual.

Again we have to record a complete success in CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme. We were informed that the innovation has been gripped in a most hearty fashion by all the members. The number of birds entered for cash specials and diplomas proved the manner in which it has been accepted. The competition both in champions and novices alike, was one exceedingly warm. The battles were fierce and furious. The "Napoleon" amongst the champions was a gem of a cl. yell. Norwich, owned by Mr. W. Neal, which took the 10s. special and diploma. Runner up was Mr. F. J. Green with a very fine Lanc. P.H. The 10s. special and diploma for novices fell into the hands of Mr. B. Lewis, a most enchanting cl. buff Nor. hen doing the needful. Other diplomas went as follows:—Champ. Yorks., T. Harriman; Lancs., F. J. Green; A.O.V., C. E. Farrow; Hybrid, J. Wood; Softbill, A. Martin. Sandifords was won by Mr. T. Holder with a yell. Nor., hot enough almost to fire his happy home. Hyde's went to a grand Lanc., coppy, the property of F. J. Green. The North cup, Mr. W. Neal landed with his charming yell. wing mkd. Nor ck. Young bird cup, Mr. E. H. Hulse. Best shown in open by a member, went to W. Neal (the North Cup winner). Novices, Mr. C. B. Day. Runner up for Young Bird Cup, Mr. C. E. Sturgess.

At one end of the room five choice and valuable silver cups, nestled on a table, the Inter Society cup, won by Coventry four years in succession; the North Cup, Young Bird Cup, British Most Points Cup, and the Nor. P.H. Challenge Cup. Judges were Messrs. J. Robson, Canaries; and R. J. Howe, British.

The Critique.

NOR. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Hulse, buff green, pied wing, well up in subs., good feather, nice shape and carr., in the pink; 2, Judd, buff, mkd. wings and head, tight as wax, good qual. and col., not quite so bold fronted, yet close up; 3, Growdridge, yell., mkd. wings and bead, well up in subs., shapely, capital col., nice carr., bit course in texture; vhc, Bateman; hc, Hathaway; c, Morris. HEN (1): 1, Hathaway, yell., mkd. both wings and head, cobby, capital col. and subs. YELL., CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, Hathaway, mkd. wing, excellent feather and col., rare head and neck, bold broad chest, grand wings and tail; 2, champion diploma, Neal, mkd. wing, short and thick set, silky texture of feather, jaunty carr., full of col., clean cut away, close up; 3, Goosey, cl., nice col., good feather, neat head, neck, and chest, not so heavily built, in the pink, and well staged; vhc, Corrall; hc, Holden; c, Judd. BUFF (11): 1, Hathaway, grizzle wing, round as a ball, teeming with qual. and col., nice subs. and carr., choice all through; 2, Martin, cl., short and thick set, tight as wax, shone like silk, hardly so large or so rich in col. as winner, yet one we liked immensely; 3, Hulse, mkd. about head, capital col. and feather, richly frosted, neat head, neck, and chest, bit square behind; vhc, Corrall; hc, Judd; c, Hulse. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Elliott, lightly var., magnificent feather, nice tone of col., delightfull contour, clock-like in action, well up in size; 2, Fox, mkd. wings, eyes, and head, red hot, capital feather, shapely, rattling carr. of flights, jaunty, very close up; 3, Holder, lightly var., ablaze with col., cobby, of exquisite feather, not so neat in wing; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, c, Jennings. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Hathaway, mkd. wings and head, rare subs. and shape, slashing qual. and col., beautifully frosted, best of carr., real gem; 2, Jeyes, mkd. wings and head, very shapely, capital subs. and feather, clean cut away, behind in depth of col. and polish; 3, Walton and Noakes, mkd. wings and head, heaps of size, wonderful head, neck, and chest, neat wings; hc, Gilbert; c, Freestone. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Hathaway, cl., wonderful subs., richly fed, superior feather, lovely wing and tail carr., clean cut away; 2nd Wolverhampton; 2, Fox, cl., ablaze, short and thick set, smooth as wax, shone like a mirror, perfect wing and tail carr., our choice; 3, Walton and Noakes, cl., rare subs, teeming with qual. and col., nice head and neck longer in barrel, wings, and tail; vhc, Veasey; hc, Hulse; c, Elliott. BUFF (15): 1, Hulse, cl., lovely shape and qual., not a feather wrong, teeming with col., well up in subs., delightful carr., real gem.; 2, Hathaway, mkd. wings and head, shapely and well clothed, clean under, hardly so thick through or so rich in col; 3, Judd, cl., short and thick set, rood in feather and col., not overdone with size and little free of feather behind legs, yet good 3; vhc, Potter; hc, Jeyes; c, Pole. GREEN (6): 1 Hathaway, yellowish wing mkd., well up in subs., grand shape and qual., full of col., clean sweep, extremely [illegible] well green, soft silky texture of feather, nice shape and carr., not so deep front and [illegible] bushes; 3, Boulter, buff green, cobby, and of good size, nice qual., neat head, neck, and chest; vhc, Kilsby; hc, Jennings. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Fox, cl. marvellous subs., delightful shape and carr., rattling qual., good col., tight as a Java; 2, Freestone, mkd. wings and head, lovely feather, well up in size, graceful movement, beaten a little in col. and chest depth; 3, Elliott, mkd. wings and eyes, rare subs., superb feather, grand shape and carr., may be somewhat sulky in expression, yet very choice; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Walton and Noakes. BUFF (12): 1, Walton and Noakes, cl., grand shape and qual., capital col. and mealing, fine size and carr., smooth as a bottle, charmer; 2, Growdridge, cl., more subs., lovely head, neck, and chest, jaunty carr., not so bright in col., but a gem all over; 3, Judd, cl., tight as box, A1 col. and qual., not the size, but very neatly moulded; vhc, Leavesley; hc, Dodd; c, Sarson. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Judd, cl., buff, model for shape, superbly gowned, capital col., covered with neat frosting, dainty carr.; 2, Hathaway, cl. buff, plenty of size, A1 col. and qual., grand head, neck, and chest, beaten a shade in style and stylo only; 3, Walton and Noakes, mkd. wings and eyes, very shapely, capital feather, good in col. and carr., not so deep in front, yet extremely bonny; vhc, Corrall; hc, Hulse; c, Martin. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Ramsden, cl., superb col., feathered to perfection, lengthy, straight as a rush, grand back and flights, pipe tail, clever legs; 2, Hedworth, mkd. wing and head, slim and upstanding, A1 qual. and col., lengthy and leggy, very close up; 3, Green, mkd. wings and eye, full of col., silky feather, good pos. and length; vhc, Sharpe and Hibbert; hc, Lenton; c, Parnell. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Harriman, diploma, cl., near on best Yorkie in show, richly fed, delightfully dressed, lovely stand and length, best of backs and flights, closely folded tail; 2nd, cl., full of style, rare qual., stands like a guardsman, lengthy, and possessing characteristic legs, very close to his stable companion; 3, Green, mkd. wings and eyes, longest in class, nice col. and qual., well filled back; vhc, Hedworth; hc, Ramsden; c, Lenton. LANC., COPPY (8): 1, "Cage Birds" diploma, 2, 3, Green, buff, cl., coppy, wonderful subs., great length, lovely feather, fine spread of coppy, L.C.B.A. winner last year, looking as well as ever; 2nd, buff, grizzled, coppy, tremendous length, A1 qual., coppy, not so large, but of neat shape, extremely bonny; 3rd, cl. buff, cl. coppy, delightful qual., fair length, nice head piece, not substance. P.H. (8): Again all Green: 1, cl. yell., exquisite feather, good tone of col., rare length and substance, grand skull, one of the best; 2nd, cl. buff, massive build, capital qual., good length, fine shoulders, abundance of clothing, another beauty; 3rd, yell., mkd neck, rich in texture, long sided, rare shoulders, capital skull and lash; 3, Palace winner. A.O.V. (9): 1, Carter, buff, cl., green pied wings and tail, DC, heaps of feather, plenty of subs., crest large and dense, fine radiation and droop, centre well placed, gem; 2, Riding, yell. cinn., well up in size, shapely, A1 qual., rich col., well burnished, real beauty; 3, e, diploma, Farrow, buff, by. mkd. Scotch Fancy, capital feather, very lengthy, neat shoulders, gets tail well under; vhc, Green; hc, Barker. NOV. YELL., NOR. (13): 1, vhc, Veasey, cl., sweetly moulded, nice size and col., superb feather, good carr., capable of doing well in the upper circle; 2, Ford, cl., teeming with qual., plenty of col., good subs., fails a little in shape; 3, Ford, finely fed cl., silky feather, rare shape, not so bold in head or so thick in neck as might be; hc, Watson; c, Muddiman. BUFF (11): 1, Ford, mkd. wing, cobby, ablaze with col., smooth as wax, nice size and carr., in the pink; 2, Veasey, mkd. wing, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, bold front, longer in wings and tail; 3, Moores, cl., red hot, shapely, rare subs., good carr., rather too free in feather; vhc, Hulbert; hc, Watson; c, Jones. HEN (16): 1, novice diploma, Lewis, beautifully fed cl. buff, smooth as wax, lovely shape, dainty carr., very taking; 2, Abblett, shapely var. buff, col. and qual. A1, nice subs., neat movement; 3, vhc, Muddiman, yell., lightly var., well up in size, lovely col., shapely, and of capital carr., might have gone up one; hc, Moores; c, Wardle. LIGHT HYB. (5): 1, 2, Lawrence, buff, Gold.-Can., mkd. wings, magnificent col., capital shape and qual., nice size, well put down; 2, buff, Gold-Can., slightly tkd. head, sweetly moulded, tight as wax, in absolutely best possible trim, our choice; 3, Gilbert, buff, Gold-Can., delightful col. and qual., neat face, good contour; vhc, diploma, Wood, smart Goldie-Can.; hc, Martin. DARK (11): 1, Hayter, Can.-Bullie, fair size and carr., superior qual., shapely, good col., well known winner; 2, vhc, Lawrence, Cinn.-Lin., nice feather and col., neat shape, grand cond., put down in up-to-date fashion; 3, Poole, yell., Gold.-Can., capital shape, nice subs., A1 col., shows parentage distinctly, in the pink; hc, Kilsby; c, Walsh. HYB. (4): 1, Gilbert, Chaff.-Bramble, shapely, capital col., good markings, 1st at Coventry, choice exhibit; 2, Cayless, Goldf.-Bullie, well up in size, good shape, A1 col., grand face, shows well; 3, Lawrence, Gold.-Greenie, good size and carr, well marked, A1 col., finely staged, Stamford winner; vhc, Wood. GOLDF. (7): 1, Pitchford, wonderful col., magnificent qual., rare shape and size, large square cut blaze, rattling bars and buttons, a topper; 2, Brooks, capital shape and feather, good subs., blaze of A1 col. and well cut, only not so expensive, yet a gem; 3, diploma, Allen, "King Dick," nice shape, neat face, bars, and buttons, not the size or so rich in col. quite; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Kilsby; c, Cole. LINNET: 1, Gilbert, fine shape and size, superb col., richly burnished, profuse in pencilling, cl. and distinct gem of gems; 2, Tams and Son, nice type and feather, good col. and marking, not the subs. of winner, yet neatness itself; 3, hc, Pitchford, capital col. and qual., shapely, shows nicely, behind in size and pencilling; vhc, Freeman and Burbridge; c, Smith. BULLF. (13): 1, Poole, grand shape and size, large clean cut and highly polished cap, clinking breast col., one of the very first water; 2, Woods, shapely, lovely feather, neat cap and breast col., carries itself well, not far away; 3, Brooks, very shapely, good size, nice breast and bars, neat cap; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Belcher; c, Freeman and Burbridge. GREENF. (7): 1, Lawrence, looks like Stamford winner, rare size, magnificent col., tight as a bottle, grand shape and carr., shown in delightful fashion; 2, Martin, hardly so rich in col. or so massive in build, fine shape, staged beautifully; 3, Brooks, nice col., subs., and shape, little behind in texture of feather, sweet carr., in the pink; vhc, Belcher; hc, Lewis; c, Poole. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Henshaw, Twite, rich qual. and col., fine shape and size, wonderfully well marked, steady as a top, beauty; 2, Belcher, Siskin, sweetly moulded slashing col., shapely, A1 qual., fine dense cap, prettily pencilled, the Stamford winner; 3, Riding, Twite, not so large as 1st, but full of true characteristics, rare col., good enough to win at most shows; vhc, Count; hc, c, Beers. HAWFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Poole, rare size, magnificent col. and shape, finely cut bib, put down in masterly style; 2, Williams, shape A1, well up in subs., neat bib, beaten in col. only stayed for all it was worth; 3, Gilbert, good shape and col., not the size or qual. of above, still far from a bad one; vhc, Hayes. A.O.S. (11): 1, Moffat, good for size and type, good head and neck, rare good wings, stands well up, in fine condition; 2, W. C. Smith, good size and qual., fine head and front, well put down; 3, Kerr, Aberdeen, nice size and type, grand qual. of feather; 4, Forrest, nice qual., fair size; 5, Skinner; 6, McLean. VAR. OR GR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, W. C. Smith, old winner, often described, still in grand bloom and winning well after his City of Glasgow triumph; 2, Collier, nice one, fine qual., fine wing carr., not weight of winner; 3, Forrest, not so round in body, fine qual. feather; 4, Smillie. BUFF (8): 1, Allison, grand size, good head and wings, very chubby shape, beautiful qual., an ideal Nor., in best of order; 2, Smeaton, fine size and type, good chest and head, nicely rounded off, rare good wings, beautiful qual., well shown; 3, Hampton, good for size and qual., good head and wings, not so chubby as winners; 4, Grewar, good size and qual., very typical; 5, Hutton; 6, Moffat. CL. OR VAR. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Allison, one of a grand team, full of qual., good size and type, in blooming order; 2, Moffat, fine size and qual., good head and neck, nice wings and tail, well staged; 3, Hampton, good head, nice qual., slimmer built; 4, Grewar, nice type, good wings and tail, well put down; 5, Mitchell; 6, McFarlane. BUFF (9): 1, Fox and Milne, good size and subs., nice thick-set body, good head and front, well rounded off; 2, Mitchell, old winner, still looking well, nicely put down; 3, Allison, good size and type, fine head and neck, beautiful qual.; 4, Hampton, fine size and type, nicely mealed, good head and wings; 5, McFarlane; 6, McCouville. NON-FED CK. (9): 1, Smeaton, grand size and subs., splendid head and neck, fine rich col., beautiful qual., still keeping leading position; 2, Pirrie, another good one, not so chubby as leader, still good size and type, grand qual.; 3, Skinner, good size and type, rare good head and wings, fine col., well put down; 4, Carstairs, good size and qual. of feather, good head, typical; 5, 6, Mrs. J. Banks. HEN (10): 1, Smeaton,

[By a regrettable oversight the above was left out of last week's issue, in which, on page 319, will be found the remainder of the report.—Ed.]

PERTH.

The City and County of Perth O.S. held its annual show in the Co-operative Hall, Canal Street, on Oct. 25. The hall is a capital place for the purpose, having splendid light from both ends, and the exhibits were staged round the walls, leaving the centre free for visitors, and there was a fair attendance during the afternoon. Entries were about 40 up on last year, and quality was of the very best, a goodly number of the City of Glasgow winners being forward in all the sections, and competition in many classes was very keen. Crests were poor in numbers, averaging less than six per class, and do not give the society much encouragement to persevere with them. Norwich were not much better in number, the average being eight per class. Borders were better, averaging about 11, but the society have themselves to blame for this, not being even better, as fanciers will not show under such a classification as cl. tick or var. hen; while unflighted classes do not seem to be wanted by the Border men. If this were put right, we fancy such a centre as Perth could not fail to draw a better entry. A.O.V. had 15 entries and was a good class, while the Hybrid or Light Mule class brought out the best entry we have seen at Perth for many years, and some grand birds were forward, while Dk. Mules had also a good entry, 27 in two classes, and some capital birds were forward, notably Mr. Roy's team. Mr. Roy secured Inch's Cup with his noted winning Goldie Mule, and Sir John A. Dewar's cup and gold medal, with his young Linnet Mule, a very promising bird, 3rd in open. Mr. Cranna won Dewar silver medal with a nice Goldfinch. British had a fair entry, and some capital classes, averaging full 8, lower than usual here, but the quality was grand all over. Mr. R. F. Duncan secured Hyde's special with a nice clear body D.C. CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme seems to be getting a good hold on exhibitors in the North, and there was great interest shown in the competition here. The 10s. cash special and diploma for champion Coupon bird was won by Mr. Roy with his noted winning Goldie Mule, and the novice 10s. cash special by Mr. Crawford, Perth, with his 2nd prize unflighted Buff Norwich cock. The management is a good one, headed by Pres., Mr. Forrest; vice, Mr. Duncan; treas., Mr. Blyth; and sec., Mr. J. L. Smith, with a good committee, while the stewards, Messrs. Todd, Borrie, Carstairs, Blyth, and Crawford had a lot to do with the success of the show, and we noticed our old friend Mr. John Adams, Dundee, as usual working like a hatter to get things ready for the judges: Messrs. Sandison, Crests and Norwich; Craig, Borders; and Watson, Mules, British, and For., and their awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

Mr. Sandison's Classes.

CREST CK. (5): 1, McLay, grand green, City of Glasgow winner, topper for size and subs., beautiful crest, with splendid radiation, long leafy feather, and capital shape, a winner all over; 2, Paterson, fine D.C., good crest, great length of feather, scarcely so perfect as winner, still a good one; 3, Howie, D.C., capital size of crest, of good formation; 4, Sneddon; 5, Blyth. C.B. CK. (7): 1, McLay, another old winner, grand skull, well lashed, capital entrance, in grand fettle; 2, 4, Whitton, leader grand size, good skull, fine rise and width, nice long leafy feather; 4th, nice size, good entrance, not so heavily clad; 3, McLaren, massive body, good skull, well lashed, nice entrance; 5, Sneddon; 6, Baxter. CREST HEN (6): 1, Sneddon, D.C., shapely body, nice formation of crest, fine size, nice leafy feather; 2, McLay, green, grand size, grand crest, well centred, beautiful droop; 3, Paterson, D.C., very typical, capital crest, of good size and form; 4, Baxter; 5, McCall and Henderson; 6, Dott. C.B. HEN (8): 1, Blyth, buff, good size and subs., well tapered body, grand skull, nice entrance, well lashed; 2, Low, nice typical green, good size and subs., fine bold head, good length of lashing, good entrance; 3, McCall and Henderson, fine size, good feather, nice wide skull; 4, Fox; 5, McLay; 6, Howie. CREST, 1913 (3): 1, McLaren, nice var., well shaped crest, of good formation, well radiated, finely clothed with nice leafy feather; 2, McLay, another good one, as usual in the best of condition, grand crest, splendidly worn, will come on a bit; 3, Cameron, D.C., smaller, nice crest, fails in substance. C.B., 1913 (7): 1, Blyth, foul green, bold skull, good entrance, very fine feather; 2, Bruce, nicely rounded body, fair good width of entrance, well lashed; 3, Blyth, var., good size and subs., bold head, well lashed; 4, McLaren; 5, McLay; 6, Dott. SELL., £2 (3): 1, Duncan, good D.C., nice feather, takes Hyde's sp.; 2, Blyth; 3, McCall and Henderson. £1 (7): 1, Blyth; 2, Sneddon; 3, Fox; 4, Cameron; 5, Pearson; 6, Low. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Kerr, Aberdeen, splendid qual., nice head and neck, nicely cut away below, not the biggest, but fine feather and style; 2, 3, McFarlane, two nice ones, fine qual. of feather, nice round heads, very stylish; 4, Fox and Milne, typical, very fine qual.; 5, Skinner. BUFF (10): 1,

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Walsb, stormer of a yell. Bunting, beautiful shape, rare size, magnificent col., exquisite head markings, best we have seen up to date.; 2, vhc, Pitchford, Bramble, good size and shape, capital col., profuse and distinct in spangling, in fine order, Hanley winner; 3, Brooks, Chaff., shapely and full of col., nice size, capital markings, shows well, good 3; hc, Lawrence; c, Smith. INSECTIV. (4): 1, Bent, Blackcap, not a feather wrong, its equal we have not seen for many a day, truly a picture, champion diploma winner at Ilkeston; 2, Martin, Pipit, good shape, smooth as wax, grand col. and markings, steady as a top, can beat more than beats it; 3, Saywell, Whitethroat, A1 col., perfect feather, shown for all it was worth, credit to owner; vhc, Freeman and Burbridge. LARGE (5): 1, diploma, Martin, Magpie, well up in size, very shapely, staged in faultless condition, greatly admired; 2, Wood, Missel Thrush, fine bouncing specimen, rich in col., tight plumage, nicely mounted, well shown; 3, Labraham, Waxwing, shapely, capital size, rattling col., in pen, yet around eyes which held it back somewhat; vhc, Cox; hc, Hammond. FOR. (8): 1, Saywell, gold collared Whydah, in full dress, shown in grand style, found many friends; 2, Stone, ring neck Parraket, in fine form, pleasing exhibit; 3, Craven, pair Bengalese, looking the picture of health, and appearing quite happy. SELL., 25s. (3): 1, Springall; 2, 3, Green; vhc, Boulter; hc, Ladd; c, Hathaway. 15s. (19). 1, Middiman; 2, Pole; 3, Gilbert; vhc, Dodd; hc, Baker; c, Gumble. 10s. (6): 1, vhc, Green; 2, Dodd; 3, Bale; c, Freestone. MEMB., NOV. NOR. (11): 1, Day; 2, c, Barrett; 3, Herbert; vhc, Sturgess; hc, Crane. UNFLIG. (17): 1 Sturgess; 2, Rice; 3, Day; vhc, Barrett; hc, Birch; c, Lavendon. HEN (11): 1 Sturgess; 2, Herbert; 3, vhc, Day; c, Crane. GREEN (9): 1, Laundon and Stark; 2, Henney; 3, Crane; vhc, West; hc, Day; c, Jolley.

OXFORD F.S.

Annual show held in the Corn Exchange, Oct. 30. Although the entry was not quite so good as usual owing no doubt to so many shows being held on the same date, and a cage bird show being held recently in Oxford, quality was exceedingly good. Special for best bird was won by Mr. Holliday with his Blue Macaw, a most beautiful specimen; ch. cup for best unflighted bred by exhibitor, was won by Mr. Lewin, with a good yell. Nor.: and ch. cup for best members' Can., Brit. or Hyb., not being the winner of No. 1 cup, was won by Mr. W. White with his grand Bullie-Greenfinch. Mr. A. H. Calcutt, sec., and Mr. W. F. Cross, chairman and treas., ably assisted by Mr. Holliday, the sec. of the C.B.S., and Mrs. Holliday, saw that everything passed off smoothly. Messrs. White, Lees, Lewin, and Gough acted efficiently as stewards. Mr. G. H. Billett judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YEL. (7): 1, Hall, bouny bird, very even and good col.; 2, 3, members' sp, vhc, Lewin, two rare good qual. birds, close up; 4, Williamson and Moss; hc, Lees. BUFF: Cancelled. UNFLIG. (5): 1, cup, 2, 3, 4, Lewin, grand team; vhc, Williams and Moss. HEN (6): 1, Hall, a real good Nor. hen; 2, 3, members' sp, Lees, two very nice qual. hens; hc, Williams and Moss. YORKS.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Fifield, three real good Dutch Frills; 4, Gough. HYB., LIGHT (6): 1, 2, members' sp, Gough, good Linnet Mule and Goldie Mule; 3, Poole, nice qual. Light Mule; 4, Lees. DARK: Canc. HYB., BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (5): 1, 2, 3, members' sp and cup, White, three real good specimens, Bullie-Greenf., Bullf.-Linnet, and Bullf.-Goldie. GOLDF. (7): 1, and members' sp, Pearce, nice condition, good blaze and wings, won well; 2, White, good tans, nice blaze, well buttoned, close up; 3, Gough, nice qual., good col. blaze, steady and shows well. BULLF.: Canc. A.O. BRIT. (6): 1, sp, Pearce, nice qual. bird, well shown; 2, Gough, good Hawfinch, close up; 3, Oliffe, Bramblefinch; 4, Poole, Redpoll. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, members' sp, Holliday, Bronze-wing, Zebra Finches, and Java Sparrows, LARGE (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp, Holliday, Blue Macaw, Red Macaw, and Amazon Parrot; Viscountess Villiers unfortunately entered a nice pair of Gouldian Finches in wrong class. SELL. 20s.: Canc. 12s. 6d. (5): 1, Lees; 2, 4, Holliday; 3, Oliffe. Holliday won the points prize.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY F.S.

First annual show Oct. 29-30, in the Corn Exchange, Southgate Street, an ideal building for the purpose. A good and painstaking committee and an excellent schedule deserved better support. Fancy Gloucester and Bristol, Cheltenham and other towns in the county, making a total entry of 10 birds in 5 classes! It is disgraceful, and very disheartening to societies to cater for fanciers who will not exhibit. Now Cheltenham, Gloucester, and Bristol, throw a little enthusiasm into the matter, otherwise don't blame committees for curtailing their classification next year. The promoters of these shows, principally working men, have very frequently to make a personal sacrifice to meet deficits. Mr. T. J. King judged.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 3, Houghton, good bird, but not yet ready, therefore given a 3rd. BUFF: 1, Houghton, good shape and col. MKD., &c.: 1, 2, Houghton, saddle mkd. yell., good shape and col., taking bird, 2nd 3-pointed yell., larger, but not so good in quality. HEN (2): 1, Houghton, fine tkd. buff; 2, Davis, nice varieg. bullf. UNFLIG. (4): 1, spl. best Nor., Houghton, cl. yell., a real gem; 2, Davies, good mkd. bull; 3, Parkyns, good yell. varieg.; No. 461, badly fed. CREST BRED (3): all nice varieg. buffs belonging to Kilmister and Hooper, 1st large with good head and brow, 2nd longest head feather, lacking in size and subs. HEN (1): 1, Kilmister and Hooper, varieg. bull, nice head and subs. CREST (3): again all Kilmister and Hooper: 1st green, fair size, good shaped crest; 2nd clean body, neat, but small. HEN (3): all Kilmister and Hooper, and all varieg. buffs; 1st large crest, heavy frontal; this hen takes spl. for best Crest. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Madagan, both neat, stylish; 3, S. A. Sallis, stylish, good qual. BUFF: 1, Madagan; 2, Sallis. HEN: 1, Madagan. BUFF YORKS: 3, Mrs. Garland. HEN: 2, Mrs Garland. BRIT. GOLDF.: 1, Elston fancy bird, in fine cl., the other and only entry being heavy in coat. BUFF: 1, Sallis, just a fol bird. [illegible] LINNET, &c. (3): 1 W. Pounds ([illegible] coppy, good L[illegible] H. J. Davis, grand bowl[illegible] in the pink of condition; 2, Elston, good Cinn bearing, want[illegible] suit ble cage. SOFT (1): 1, Elston, lovely steady Redwing, will take beating. The show was well managed by a competent committee, and the birds were well cared for.

BORDER CITY

(Carlisle) C.B.S.

Fifth annual show held Oct. 29 and 30, in the King's Hall. The classes totalled the same as last year, but the classification had been rearranged, with the result that the entries were considerably more. Border Fancies, as usual, were the strongest section, averaging 17 per class. Yorks. also were well up in numbers. This section provided the winner of the silver cup for best bird in show, a grand buff hen shown by Mr. P. Mason, Norwich were forward in strong force and competition keen. Some of the best known Mules in the Fancy were present, and the British were an excellent lot, headed by a class of 20 Goldfinches, the best we have seen this season. Some grand Foreigners also were on view. Mr. J. C. Bell was the secretary, Mr. T. J. Robson show manager, and committee, Messrs. G. Higgins, chairman; G. Davidson, Treas.; Jas. Robson, R. Thomlinson, T. J. Robson, R. Macartney, J. Robson, junr., F. Bell, T. Johnston, and H. C. Palfrey. Major S. C. Ferguson, Mayor of Carlisle, visited the show on the opening day, and appeared to be greatly interested in the birds. He exhibited a very handsome cinnamon coloured Song Thrush, which was awarded 2nd prize. The judges were, Mr. J. Robson (Canaries), and J. Maddison, the remainder.

The Critique.

BORDER FANCY, CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (25): 1, 4, J. S. Wilson, splendid shape, nice size, neat head, level wings, good quality; 2, Ayre, sweet head and neck, nice back, good feather; 3, Nicholson, good in shape, nicely rounded body, grand quality of feather, and free mover; vhc, Campbell; hc, c, Harding. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (26): 1, Morgan, good in all points, sweet head and neck, perfect wings, bright col, close feather; 2, Halliday, another beauty, excellent shape, nice size, grand feather and cond.; 3, Coulthard, neat head, good wing carr., close silky feather; 4, Ayre, good type nicely rounded back, level wings, scarcely so tight in feather; vhc, Coulthard; hc, Campbell; c, Elliot. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (29): 1, Lloyd, excellent shape, good head and neck, nicely rounded back, grand wing carr., very smart in movements; 2, Espie, cobbier in shape, sweet head and neck, close and compact feather, grand qual.; 3, Nicholson, nice size and shape, good head and wings, nice feather and cond.; 4, Wilson, good in feather, neat head, level wings, a bit lower on leg; vhc, Moore and Son; hc, Elliott; c Rea. CL. or TKD. BUFF HEN (27): 1, Nicholson, nice size, grand shape, neat head and neck, nicely rounded back, correct wings and tail, in fine bloom; 2, Purves, another beauty for type and qual., grand wing carr. and excellent feather; 3, Geddes, capital qual. of feather, nice round neat head, good wings, gay and jaunty in movements; 4, Elliot, good type, nicely rounded in body, good wings and tail; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Coulthard; c, Morgan. UNEVEN MKD., YELL. CK. or HEN (21): 1, 3, Nicholson, a beauty, of excellent shape and qual., grand head and neck, fine wings and tail, in tip-top cond.; 3rd, very close and compact in feather, nice size and shape, very smart action; 2, Halliday, good head, nicely shaped body, level wings, good order; 4, Young, very good type, body nicely tapered, good qual.; vhc, Stuart; hc, Davidson; c, Gibson. BUFF (25): 1, Geddes, very smart shape, neat head, nicely rounded front, perfect wing carr., good cond; 2, Halliday, nice size, very close and compact feather, body nicely tapered, excellent qual.; 3, Dixon, grand model, nice size, excellent feather and cond.; 4, Arnot, good shape, feather and cond., more size; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Pearson; c, Espie. HEAVILY MKD. YELL. or BUFF CK. or HEN (7): 1, Dixon, neat head and neck, good wings, nicely tapered body, grand feather and cond.; 2, Coulthard, capital shape, grand wing carr., very close feather, smart action; 3, Lloyd, nice head and back, nicely rounded front, good wings and feather; 4, Davidson, good shape and qual., nice head and good wing carr.; vhc, Hyslop; hc, Johnstone. EVENLY MKD. YELL. or BUFF (14): 1, Nicholson, good in markings, excellent shape, qual. and cond.; 2, Dixon, a beauty for type and feather, best of qual. and cond., just beaten a little in eye marks; 3, 4, McVittie, good in shape, grand feather and cond., heavier eye marks; vhc, Pennington; hc, Dixon; c, Glass. CINNAMON YELL. (10): 1, Wilson, very smart shape, rich level col., good qual. feather; 2, Glass, good in col. and qual., grand wing carr., best of cond., cobbier in shape; 3, Wilson, very neat in shape, bright col., close and compact feather; 4, Lennox, neat head and neck, grand wing carr., very free in movements, smaller size; vhc, Johnston; hc, Crosbie; c, Wilson. CINN. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, good shape, nice tone of col., close and compact feather, grand cond.; 2, Cubby, excellent col. and feather, nice type and wing carr., a little lower on leg; 3, Davidson, better up on leg, nicely tapered body, good tone of col., excellent wings and tail; 4, Wilson, nice level col., tight and compact feather, very smart in movements, rather stronger type; vhc, Cubby; hc, Arnot; c, Elliot. GREEN YELL. (9): 1, Parker, level grassy green in col., very distinct pencilling on back, nice size, shape and cond.; 2, Davidson, grand shape, very level col., good pencilling and wing carr., little heavier in build; 3, Nicholson, very neat type, nicely pencilled, good sound col.; 4, Johnston, good green col. throughout, grand pencilling, feather very close and compact; vhc, Campbell; hc, Glass; c. Higgins. GREEN BUFF (10): 1, Johnston, good sound col., profusely pencilled, very good in shape, feather and cond.; 2, Greenwell, another topper for sound col., and very distinctly pencilled, grand shape and qual.; 3, Campbell, nice size, shape and feather, well pencilled, scarcely the col.; 4, Davidson, good col. and pencilling, good cond., stronger type; vhc, Arnot; hc, Cubby; c, Parker. PAIRS for BREEDING (15): 1, T. Johnston; 2, Gill; 3, Davidson; 4, Cubby; vhc, Johnston; hc, Dixon; c, Porter. A.V. NOVICE: 1, Porter, very smart shape, neat head, good wings, grand cond.; 2, Linton, close and silky in feather, gay and jaunty in movements, nice shape; 3, Howe, good type and qual., close feather, rare cond.; 4, Macartney, very close and compact feather, nice size and shape, good wings; vhc, Waugh; hc, Reid; c, Howe. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, Higgins; 2, Gill; 3, Dixon; 4, Coulthard; vhc, Cubby; hc, c, Wright. NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Lawson, grand head and neck, full chest, rich col., silky feather; 2nd, a little more size, but beaten in finish; 3, Simonett, good size and subs., good qual. feather, longer wing and tail; 4, J. W. Nicholson, grand subs., good wing carr., not so tight in feather; vhc, Allen; hc, Lowthian. HEN (11): 1, Butler, grand shape and size, rare full head, neck and chest, good level col., silky feather; 2, Thomas, again grand type, thick set, good col. and feather, not so good in head; 3, Gardiner, fine size and shape, good wing carr., beaten in feather; 4, Calderwood, good silky feather, rich col., good head and neck; vhc, J. W. Nicholson; hc, Lawson; c, McMillan. CL. or TKD. BUFF CK. (10). 1, Fielding, grand size, rare head, neck and front, hot col., well mealed, good cond.; 2, Higgins, a little less size, otherwise very similar to winner; 3, Pierson, good for size and shape, grand wing carr., close silky feather, beaten a little in head; 4, Bell, nice type, good head, neck and front, hot col., not so tight in feather; vhc, Bell; c, Heap, Paling. HEN (14): 1, Thomas, rare size and subs., fine short wings, well carried, close boxy feather, a grand hen; 2, Paling, another good one, grand head and neck, full round front, good colour, scarcely the finish of winner; 3, Bell, good size and shape, grand wing carr., col. and feather, just a little longer in wing and tail; 4, J. W. Nicholson, rare good size and shape, excellent col. and feather, a little weak in head; vhc, Robson; hc, Lawson; c, Wright. VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Gardiner, good size and subs., rich level col., grand qual. of feather; 2, Bell, rather longer in shape, very hot col., good head and neck, in grand order; 3, Pierson, fine bold type, grand head, full broad chest, excellent col. and feather, beaten wing carr.; 4, Wright, good hot col., silky feather, good head and front, bit long behind; vhc, Pound; hc, c, Nicholson. VAR. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Davies, rare big cobby shape, hot ground col., well mealed, in grand cond; 2, Calderwood, good in size and subs., fine qual., good wings, beaten in head; 3, Turnbull and Calvert, rare head and neck, full round chest, good col. and feather, rather heavy tail; 4, Bell, very good type, rich col., good wings, a little untidy at thighs; vhc, Wilson. VAR. YELL. or BUFF HEN (6): 1, Calderwood, buff, excellent shape and size, good qual. of feather, in grand order; 2, Bell, yell., good col and qual., nice cobby shape, short wings and tail; 3, Thomas, yell., plenty size and subs., rare good head and neck, full chest, beaten in feather; 4, Gardiner, yell., good in shape, col. and qual., beaten in size; vhc, Wilson; hc, Paling. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (18): 1, 2, Thomas, good all over, excellent size and shape, hot level col., silky feather, in grand cond.; 2nd, grand size, col. and shape, scarcely so good in head; 3, Mason, excellent shape, full head and neck, good wing carr., scarcely the col.; 4, Hoey, fine size, hot col., good feather, nice cobby shape; vhc, Lawson; hc, Simonett; c, Bell. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Mason, good head and neck, full chest, good wings, close and compact feather; 2, Lawson, grand shape and qual., fine close feather, capital wing carr., scarcely the size of winner; 3, Fielding, good bold front, good head, full neck, round broad chest, little untidy behind; 4, Thomas, grand big cobby shape, good feather and cond., rather faulty wings; vhc, Thomas; hc, Nicholson; c, Lawson. UNFLIG. HEN (20): 1, McMillan, yell., a grand hen, plenty of size, rare thick-set body, full head, neck and chest, good col. and feather; 2, Thomas, buff, plenty size, rare good head and neck, full round chest, grand wings, a little slack at thighs; 3, Lawson, buff, excellent feather, good shape and subs., beaten wing carr.; 4, Fielding, var. buff, fine size and shape, bold head, full neck and chest, beaten qual.; vhc, Davies; hc, Fielding; c, Mason. NOR. A.V. NOVICE (6): 1, Robson, yell. tkd., good rich level col., fine qual. of feather, excellent wing carr., good size and shape; 2, White, yell., nice round head, full neck, broad chest, grand col. and cond.; 3, Lowthian, buff, fine size and subs., good wings, col. and feather; 4, Robson, buff, rare thick-set body, good head and neck, capital col. and feather; vhc, Bulman; hc, Bebbington. SELL., 20s. (17): 1, Lawson; 2, White; 3, Cubby; 4, Pound; vhc, Davidson; hc, Bell; c, Davidson. YORKS. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Bailey, grand length, well up on leg, capital head and back, very close feather; 2, Tidswell, long and slim, fine qual., neat head, capital wing, lower on leg; 3, Coulson, nice pos., good length, grand qual., not so good in wing; 4, Morrison, grand shape, good legs, wings and feather, not so finely drawn; vhc, Towers; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Dykes. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Dykes, capital length, well set up, fine head, nicely rounded shoulders, grand wing and tail; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, well up on leg, excellent qual. of feather, finely tapered body, good wings; 3, Thomas, plenty length, grand pos., finely drawn, tight in feather; 4, Whitley, grand size and shape, good legs, untidy at waist; vhc, Bailey; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Mason. TKD. or VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Towers, grand length, wedge shaped body, capital legs, good wings and tail; 2, Bailey, good shape feather, and quality, nice wings, less length; 3, Casey, fair length, slim body, nice head and wing, just a little open in front; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, well set up, nice length and shape, scarcely the finish; vhc, Towers; hc, Dykes; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, plenty of length, grand pos. and finely drawn body, good wings and tail, fine qual.; 2, Bailey, well set up on leg, long slim body, excellent wing, grand feather and cond.; 3, Whitley, fine length and pos., good head, neck and back, not so finely drawn; 4, Chittenden, well set up on leg, long, slim body, good wing and tail; vhc, Bailey; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Dyson. CL., TKD. or VAR. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Thomas, fine length, good legs, slim body, excellent feather and cond.; 2, Cascy, long and slim, good wing and tail, not good in feather; 3, Ogden Bros., good length, well set up, nice head and neck, level wings, grand feather; 4, Dyson, good type and pos., grand wings and tail, less length; vhc, Stewart; hc, Mason; c, Huntington. BUFF HEN (11): 1, spl. best bird in show, Mason, good length, upright pos., fine wedge shaped body, close and compact feather; 2, Bell, good length of leg, fine head and neck, good wing and tail carr., excellent feather; 3, Coulson, long and slim, good pos., fine head and back, slade open in front; 4, Tidswell, well on leg, fine shaped body, good wing carr.; vhc, Whitley; hc, Stewart; c, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Hall, good long slim body, neat head, good shoulders, fine wing and tail carr., bright colour, tight cond.; 2, Dykes, well set up on leg, fine pos., plenty length, capital wings and feather; 3, Dykes, similar type, not so well finished; 4, Thomas, grand length, slim and shapely, good legs and wing, not so good in feather; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Bailey. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Dykes, excellent length, fine wedge shape, well on leg, good wing and tail, very close feather; 2, Dyson, long and slim, neat head and neck, level back and front, good feather; 3, Brown, good leg, fine pos., nice level front, wings a little crossed; 4, Thomas, good length of leg, long, well tapered body, grand wings and tail; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Stewart; c, Graham. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, Dykes, long and slim, well set up on leg, wedge shaped body, smart and stylish; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, good length and pos., neat head and neck, good wings and tail, lower on leg; 3, Ogden Bros., nice length and shape, excellent feather and finish; 4th, good legs, long slim body, good wing and tail; vhc, Thomas; hc, Hall; c, Casey. NOVICE (15): 1 Nichol, long and slim, well set up, nice wing and tail; 2, Burns, nice erect pos., neat head, level back, tight condition; 3, Graham, good length of leg, neat head, nice shoulders, rather short wing; 4, c, Buchanan, nice length and pos., good wing and tail carr.; vhc, hc, Dodd. SELL., 10s. (6): 1, Johnson; 2, Pearson; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Bell. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Goulden, Crest of good size; 2, Harding, Belgian; 3, vhc, hc, Goulden, Crest; 4, Harding, Belgian. HYB., CL. or EVEN MKD. MULE. (8): 1, Martin and Archer, the well-known Greenf. Chaff. Hybrid, in good order; 2, Butler, cl. buff Goldf. Mule, grand size, Nor. type, excellent qual. of feather, clean as a new pin, will be a stormer when fully matured; 3, Martin and Archer, the cl. Linnet Mule, perfection, a masterpiece when in cond., wings and body feather not ready; 4, Palfrey, a very smart Redpoll-Greenf., showing the parentage very distinctly; vhc, McVittie; hc, Macartney; c, Nicholson. BULLF. HYB.: 1, M. A. Wilson, Can.-Bullf., very bright col., medium size; 2, Miss C. Graham, Linnet-Bullf., good col. and cond., not big; 3, Nicholson, Greenie-Bullie, good size, poor col.; VAR. MULE: 1, Tams and Son, cheek-mkd. Greenf., grand size and shape, rich col., excellent cond., worth a more roomy cage; 2, Martin and Archer, head, wing and tail mkd. Goldf., in grand cond., very rich col. face; 3, Martin and Archer, head, wing and tail mkd. Mule, good subs. and shape, hanging a wing; 4, Dixon, eyes, wings and tail mkd. yell. Goldf., good col. and cond.; vhc, McQuiston and Paterson, fine big rich col. var. yell. Goldf., unfortunately has a dark saddle; hc, McVittie; c, Bowerbank Bros. DK. MULE: 1, Dixon, good col. yell Goldf., rich, big blaze, excellent wings; 2, Johnston, yell. Siskin, good size and shape, bright col. and cond.; 3, Walsh, rich col. yell. Greenf., in shung cond.; 4, Martin and Archer, Goldf., a grand bird, but not ready; vhc, Sumpton; hc, Wilson; c, Palfrey. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, Dixon, good sized house moulted Siskin and a cobby shaped rich col. yell. Nor. hen, a likely pair; 2, Bebbington, Redpoll Bullf., well matched; 3, Coulthard, yell ck. Can. and Bullie hen; 4, Bell, Chaff. and Bramble. GOLDF. (20): 1, Almond, nice size and shape, very rich col. clean blaze, plenty of very rich tan on body, good wing bars and buttons; 2, Bertram and Baines, fine cobby shape, good sized, clean blaze, fairly good tan, good wings, not the bright cond. of winner; 3, Jamieson and Johnson, big bird with big blaze which lacks the col of leaders. 4, Nicholson and Son, cobby type, but smaller size, coming well up in col., not so steady; vhc, Bowerbank Bros.; hc, Bertram and Baines; c, Wilson. BULLF. (14): 1, Sykes, big and thick-set, broad head, short full neck, and full chest, grand wide glossy cap, good wings, deep coloured breast; 2, Barkess, smaller size, good full head and neck, broad cap, good wing bars and breast col.; 3, Jamieson and Johnson, good size and shape of body, grand wings, beaten in width of head; 4, Barkess, good cap and wing bars, fairly good size and breast col.; vhc, Palfrey; hc, Wilson; c, Nicholson. GREENF. (15): 1, Irvine, rare size, very cobby in shape, good colour in body, flights and tail; 2, Pickles, again good size, but not so thick-set, fine wings and tail, scarcely the polish; 3, Sykes, grand size and shape, good wings and tail; 4, Petterson, less size, but nice col., shape and cond.; vhc, hc, Dunn; c, Pickles. BRAMBLE. or CHAFF. (13): 1, Nicholson and Son, Chaff., rare size, cobby shape, full broad front, of good col., grand wings, in very forward cond.; 2, Sykes, grand sized, well shaped Bramble, coming well up in col., the feathers at one flank disarranged, spoiling the spangling, or might have won; 3, Jamieson and Johnson, Chaffinch, good breast colour, nice wings, not the size of winner; 4, Jamieson and Johnson, Bramble, good shape, col. and cond., not the size; vhc, Wilson; hc, Palfrey; c, Jennings. LINNET (9): 1, 2, McQuiston and Paterson, good size and shape, nice brown col., good wings, well tkd. breast, steady; 2nd, equal in size, shape and col., a little too lively; 3, Davidson, darker tone of col., well spangled breast, good wings, not the subs. of leaders; 4, J. W. Nicholson, nice size and shape, lighter in col., good markings; vhc, Coulthard; hc, Whitaker; c, Wilson. SISKIN or TWITE (12): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, good size, extra good col. and pencilling, very forward cond.; 2, Carr, Siskin, grand cobby shape, good col., nice cap, bib and flank markings; 3, Pickles, Twite, rare big size, well mkd. breast, pale in col. yet, will improve with cond.; 4, Sykes, Siskin, not the shape of 2nd, out nice cap, wings, col. and markings; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Jamieson and Johnson; c, Laird and Mathews. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, McQuiston and Paterson, nice size, cobby shape, grand cap, bib and wing bars, rich col. breast, good markings; 2, Palfrey, scarcely so bright in col., nice size, cap, bib, and marking; 3, Chittenden, good size and shape, fairly good markings and col., not such forward cond. as leaders; 4, Gardiner, less size, nice in cap, bib and

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EDINBURGH O.S.

Sixty-sixth annual show held in conjunction with the Edinburgh Western Society in Grindley Street Halls, Oct. 25. This society is principally confined to breeders of the 'Bird o' Circle,' and this year's fixture was quite up to previous exhibitions both in regard to entries and quality. The Bull cock belonging to Mr. John Dalgleish secured cup for best Scotch Fancy, also special for best bird in hall. In the Variety Section Mr. W. Allan, of Scotch Fancy fame, staged two lovely Goldie Bullies—a new sphere for this gentleman. They were both of good size and shown in grand trim, and with another week or two should do well for their owner. The show was a decided success, the working was in the hands of the following officials:—Pres., Mr. Wm. Allan; vice-pres., Mr. J. Wilson; sec., Mr. Alex. Weston; committee, Messrs. W. Carson, J. Dalgleish, A. Paterson, and W. Wilson.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (2): 1, 7, P. West; 2, 3, Dalgleish; 4, Munro; 5, Petrie; 6, Rodgers. YELL. PIED (11): 1, Dalgleish; 2, West; 3, Paterson; 4, Brown; 5, Kerr; 6, Petrie; 7, Munro; 8, Howden. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, Paterson; 2, Martin. 3, Brown. YELL. GREEN (4): 1, 4, Petrie; 2, Wilson; 3, Buchan. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Dalgleish; 2, Munro; 4, Wilson; 5, Kerr; 6, Paterson; 7, Allan; 8, Menzies. BUFF PIED (14): 1, 2, 3, Paterson; 4, Petrie; 5, Buchan; 6, Howden; 7, Robertson; 8, Dalgleish. FOUL BUFF (12): 1, Hope; 2, 6, Paterson; 3, Kerr; 4, Kean; 5, McMillan, 7, West, 8, Carson. BUFF GR. (6): 1, Paterson, 2, Menzies; 3, Wilson; 4, Buchan; 5, Laird and Matthews. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Paterson; 2, 3, Dalgleish. YELL. PIED (15): 1, Menzies; 2, Dalgleish; 3, West; 4, McMillan; 5, Kerr; 6, Laird and Matthews; 7, Weston and Robertson. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, West; 2, Paterson; 3, Drysdale. YELL. GR. (1): 1, Menzies. BUFF (15): 1, 2, 4, 7, Dalgleish; 3, 5, Menzies; 6, 8, Munro. BUFF PIED (13): 1, Allan; 2, 4, Dalgleish; 3, Stavert; 5, Petrie; 6, Munro; 7, Kean; 8, Menzies. FOUL BUFF (7): 1, Hope; 2, McMillan; 3, West; 4, Kean; 5, Howden. BUFF GR. (4): 1, Paterson; 2, Carson; 3, Buchan; 4, Kean. BELG.: 1, Menzies. NOR. YELL. TKD. COCK (3): 1, 2, Laird and Matthew; 3, Wilson. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Carson; 2, Wilson; 3, 5, 6, Laird and Matthew. YELL. TKD. HENS (2). 1, Wilson. BUFF (6): 1, West; 2, Carson; 3, Witney. VAR. CK. OR HEN (5): 1, 3, 4, Laird and Matthew; 2, 5, Carson. CREST, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Laird and Matthew. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 3, West; 2, 4, Drysdale; 5, Carson; 6, 7, Wilson DK. MULE (5). 1, 2, 3, Allan; 4, West; 5, Carson. BRIT. (22): 1, 2, 4, McMillan; 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, J. Allan.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

Members' table show held Oct. 25. There was a good entry, and competition was very keen. Mr. Cantrell won well in Yorks., and Mr. Mallatratt's sensational hybrid had a host of admirers. Mr. Richards, Sutton, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., NOR.: 1, Barlow; 2, vhc, Smedley; 3, Weston; hc, Morley; c, Oscroft. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Smedley. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Keeling; 3, Weston; vhc, Barlow; hc, Ellis; c, Bennett. BUFF VARIEG.: 1, 3, Holland; 2, Burton. YELL. NOR. HEN: 1, Bennett; 2, Burton. A.V. BUFF: 1, Ellis; 2, Barlow; 3, Bennett. CL OR TKD YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Cantrell; 3, Allsopp; vhc, hc, Hare. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Cantrell; 2, Allsopp. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, Cantrell; 2, Allsopp; vhc, hc, Hare. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Gabbitass; 2, Worton; 3, Smedley. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mallatratt. —Bernard Gabbitass, Sec., Mansfield C.B.S.

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markings, not the col.; vhc, Wlson; hc, Dalton. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Nicholson and Son, an extra good conditoned Hawfinch, not a monster for size, but all there for col., clear cut bib and wing bars, glossy plumage; 2, Walsh, Yellow Bunting, again very forward cond., very rich col. all over, good head and cheek marks, beautifully marked back and flanks; 3, Sykes, Hawfinch, a grand Finch, but not the col. or cond. of winner; 4, McQuiston and Paterson, grand Corn Bunting, excel. for damaged beak; vhc, Nicholson. LARGE SOFTBILL: 1, Scott, grand conditioned Chough, good plumage, rich col. beak and legs; 2, Major Ferguson, Cinnamon Song Thrush nice rich col., grand size and shape beautifully spangled breast, shown in the very best cond., a very pretty and interesting exhibit, 3, Davidson, Waxwing, very nice size, col. and cond.; 4, G. Davidson, Thrush, good in size and shape, well spangled breast, nice feather and condition; vhc, Hunter. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, Welch Bros., Blackcap, good size, very tight and glossy plumage; 2, Woodhouse, Redstart, coming well up in col., steady; 3, Nicholson and Son, another fine Blackcap, excellent feather, scarcely the size and polish of winner; 4, Woodhouse, Blue-throated Warbler, a very interesting exhibit, but unfortunately damaged on head, or might have been higher up. LARK, PIPIT or WAGTAIL: 1, Jennings, Grey Wagtail, fine big bird, close and compact feather, steady; 2, Lott, Shore Lark, well forward in col., in grand cond., steady; 3, Palfrey, Meadow Pipit, steady, in good feather and cond., prettily spangled breast; 4, Lott, Tree Pipit, rare big bird, well mkd. breast, rather soft cond. HEN SEEDEATER: 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Corn Bunting, fine size, steady as a rock, well spangled breast; 2, Scott, Bullf., good size, cobby shape, broad glossy cap, nice wings; 3, Turnbull and Calvert, Hawfinch, not over big, but good cond. and feather, steady; 4, Bell, Reed Bunting, good feather and cond., nice mkgs., scarcely so steady; vhc, Bell; hc, Laidlaw. FOR., MACAWS, PARROTS, Etc.: 1, Scott, King Parrot, in very forward cond., bright in all colours, glossy plumage; 2, Morrison, Crimson-wing, also in good col. and cond.; 3rd, Red-naped Lorikeet, brilliant col., but a few pen feathers showing about head; 4, Bell, Pennant Parrakeet, good feather, not the bright cond.; vhc, Bell; hc, Scott. BUDGR. and LOVEBIRDS: 1, Bell, pair Yell. Budgies, in grand order; 2, Bell, Madagascar Lovebirds; 3, Bell, Green Budgies; 4, J. W. Nicholson, Yell. Budgies; vhc, Bell. AVADAVATS, WAXBILLS, Etc.: 1, Howe, pair Cordon Bleus, in grand col. and cond.; 2, Patterson, St. Helenas, equal cond.; 3, Scott, Green Singing Finch, very bright col. and cond.; 4, Howe, pair Goldbreasts, cock very rich col., both grand cond.; vhc, Bell; hc, c, Murton. BISHOPS, WHYDAHS, Etc.: 1, Christer and Son, Paradise Whydah, in grand plumage and col.; 2 Scott, pair of Javas in excellent feather and cond.; 3, Beatty, Yellow-backed Whydah, in good order; 4, Christer and Son, Madagascar Weaver; vhc, hc, c, Bell. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, Howe, Melba Finch, in good col. and cond.; 2, Davidson, Red Gouldian Finch, big size, grand col. and feather; 3, J. W. Nicholson, very massive Bullf., extra subs., good col. and cond.; 4, Almond, Diamond Sparrows; vhc, Almond; hc, Carr; c, Beatty. INSECTIV., FRUIT EATERS, Etc.: 1, Bell, Glossy Starling, and very glossy indeed, the picture of health and cond., runner-up for best bird in show; 2, Nicholson and Son, Scarlet Tanager, in grand col. and perfect cond.

DERWENT VALLEY.

Seventh annual show, held Oct. 25. For the last four or five years this society has been holding an open show, thanks to the aid of the popular prize drawing, which means so much to many of the smaller societies. The prohibition of the prize draws, however, which alone means a loss of nine or ten pounds (a serious thing for a small society with only 13 or 14 members), caused the committee to think twice before venturing an open show again this year, and it was finally decided to hold a members' show only, and wait until they had a few pounds in hand before venturing into the open again. The show was again held in the Church Hall, Hamsterley, a really nice place for the purpose. The hon. sec., Mr. E. Jameson, had everything in grand order, and evidently thoroughly understands his work, and although this was his first attempt, the whole show passed off without the slightest hitch, and we hope that in the hands of this courteous and obliging sec. the affairs of the society will again turn into a prosperous channel. He is ably assisted in his work by the assist. sec. and treasurer, Mr. Johnson, who got through a great amount of work to the satisfaction of everybody. The chairman is that fine old fancier, Mr. Geo. Barkass, whose courteous and kindly manner makes him popular with everyone, and to whom a good show acts like a tonic, while equally keen is the genial vice-chairman, Mr. M. U. Gardiner. They are well backed up by a grand body of fanciers, Messrs. W. Curry, T. Betton, G. Barkass, junr., W. Tomlinson, W. Marsh, R. Nicholson, G. Charlton, E. Carlill, M. Simpson, W. Routledge, and J. Lindsay, who all do their best for the good of the society. Special prize winners were —most points Canaries, Mr. G. Barkass, in British Mr. Jameson, and Foreign Mr. Johnson. Other specials were won by Messrs. W. Curry, T. Betton, G. Charlton, W. Routledge, W. Marsh, M. U. Gardiner, W. Tomlinson, E. Carlill, R. Nicholson and T. Lewis. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Charlton, nat. col., nice length and style, well drawn. BUFF (1): 1, Charlton, nat. col., medium length, well rounded, nice style and wing carr. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Barkass, leader nice cl., good size, nice shape, neat head and neck, good level col., clean cut nway; 2, Simpson, grizzle head, grand size, good shape, nice chest and back, too patchy in col.; 3, c, Marsh, variegs., not the subs. of leaders, nice shape, good col., nice carr. and well cut away. BUFF (5): 1, 2, hc, Barkass, nice team, good cl. leading, hot col., level in tone, fine size, nice shape, neat head, well carried wings and tail; 2nd, unflig. cl., not the subs. of winner, nice shape and col., neat head, short, well-carried flights; 3, Marsh, cl., short cobby body, well rounded chest, loses to leaders in wing carriage and col.; vhc, Charlton. BEN (9): 1, 2 vhc, hc, Barkass, another nice team, leader fine cl. yell., not a big one, but fine shape, short and cobby, hot col., neat head, good back and chest, well cleaned under; 2nd, cl. buff, grand subs., nice full chest, neat head and neck, nice col. and qual.; 3, c, Charlton, cl. yell., more subs. than leader, nice shape and carr., neat head, bit longer in flights and loses in col.; nice class. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, c, Betton, leader cl., grand one all over, lovely col., grand shape, well rounded, sweet head and neck, grand qual., lovely wings and tail, beautifully cleaned under; 2nd, grizzled on back, looks like a hen, fine shape, magnificent feather, tight as a Javn, beautiful wings and tail, scarcely so neat in head as leader, and lacks the rich col.; 3, Jameson and Johnson, cl., nice shape, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, nice wing and tail carr., scarcely so well cleaned under as leader; hc, Carlill. BUFF (7): 1, 3, vhc, Betton, grand team, leader lovely cl., beautiful shape, grand col., sweet head, grand boxy feather, close, tight-fitting wings, beautifully finished; 3rd, grizzle wing, scarcely so well rounded on back as leader, nice col. and qual., good shape, nice wings and tail; 2, Carlill, cl., shade stronger in build, nice shape, lovely qual., tight as a bottle, neat wings and tail, scarcely so sweet in head as leader; hc, c, Jameson and Johnson. CREST (2): 1, 2, Routledge, leader heavy variegs., nice shapely crest of good size, nice frontal, neat centre; 2nd, slightly bigger than winner, nice shape, but not so well finished, and bit penny in centre. C.B. (3): 1, 2, Routledge, green leading grand size, massive skull, nice broad entrance, carries any amount of long, leafy feather; 2nd, foul green, equal length of feather, but not so wide in front, nice rise, not much to choose; 3, Gardiner, grand size, nice wide skull. GOLDF. (4): 1, Jameson and Johnson, grand size and shape, lovely square-cut blaze, rich col., nice tans and buttons, fine condition, Birtley, Morpeth and Newcastle winner, in new hands; 2, Curry, nice size and shape, lacks the big, expansive blaze of leader, nice tans, well buttoned, good condition; 3, Tomlinson, nice body col., neat buttons, beaten in blaze; vhc, Nicholson. BULLF. (9): 1, 2, 3, Barkass, lovely team, leader beauty all over, fine size, lovely shape, short, thick-set bird, grand breast col., lovely cap, big and broad, very dense in col., grand back and wings, lovely condition; 2nd, equal size and shape, nice body col., good well shaped cap, but lacks the grand finish of leader; 3rd, another good one, fine size and shape, rich col., grandly polished cap, but a wee bit pinched at back, lovely feather and condition; vhc, Curry; hc, Jameson and Johnson; c, Marsh; a good class. GREENF. (4): 1, 2, 3, Jameson and Johnson, lovely Bramble leading, medium size, magnificent col. and polish, lovely spangle, well laced, in the pink of condition, big winner, in new hands; 2nd, Chaffie, fine size and shape, lovely col., fine whites, grand feather and condition; 3rd, Bramble, larger than leader, nice shape, not the same good back spangle of leader, or so rich in col.; vhc, Tomlinson. LINNET (7): 1, hc, Jameson and Johnson, a gem, wonderfully steady and tight in feather, nice col., medium size, grand back, nicely laced; 2, Barkass, larger than leader, nice col., well pencilled, nice back, lacks the grand finish of leader; 3, Curry, nice size and shape, good pencilling, nice flanks, but rather rough in feather; vhc, Simpson; c, Gardiner. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Barkass, nice Siskin, col. fed, good size and shape, rich col., well shaped cap, nicely laced, good polish and condition; 2, Curry, Lesser Redpoll, lovely col., nice shape, rare qual., nice pencilling, lovely condition, beautifully polished; 3, c, Jameson and Johnson, non-fed Siskin, good size and shape, nice shaped cap, good lacing, fine condition, loses to leader in col.; hc, Simpson. HEN FINCH (7): 1, Jameson and Johnson, nice hen Bullie, fine size, good shape, good cap, nice back and wings, lovely feather and condition; 2, Marsh, good Siskin, nice size and shape, good col., nice lacing, grand feather; 3, hc, Curry, Greenie, nice size, correct shape, rich col., grand wings, fine condition; vhc, Barkass; c, Charlton. A.O. HARD. (2): 1, Simpson, Yellowhammer, plenty of size, nice col., but too heavy in markings, nice condition; 2, Jameson and Johnson, Hawfinch, fair size, poor col., may do better later on. SOFT. (3): 1, 3, Barkass, Magpie, good size, colours distinct and pure, clean cut, nice condition; 3rd, another Magpie, equal size, good col., but scarcely so pure and clean cut as leader, nice condition; 2, Curry, nice Lark, medium size, nicely pencilled, bit weak in head and neck, very steady, grand condition. MULE (2): 1, 2, Barkass, buff Siskin leading, nice one, good size and shape, nice col., grand feather and condition; 2nd, dark buff Goldie, plenty of size, nice shape, good col., nice flush, scarcely ready yet. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Jameson and Johnson, nice tenia, pair St. Helena Waxbills leading, nice col., good condition and feather; 2nd, 3rd, both Tricolour Mannikins, very pretty.

BERWICK C.C.

Semi-jubilee show, held Oct. 25, in the King's Arms Assembly Rooms, an ideal hall for the occasion. Entries were better than last year, and quality was all there. Mr. Purvis took Challenge Cup for best bird with a typical buff Bord. hen, that also took the B.F.C.C. Medal. Mr. Grey again accounted for Brit. and For. Cup. Mr. Hay took Sandiford's medal. The secretarial duties fell upon Mr. A. Hay, and everything was carried out in tip-top order. Messrs. Patterson and Dixon judged.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. CK. (1): 1, Thompson, yell. piebald, nice top end, but on the small side. HEN (3): 1, spl, and 2nd spl, Thompson, both cls., leader wins on size, rare top end, gets tail well under. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Thompson, cl., free worker, grand length of side. HEN (1): 1, Thompson, green, neat worker, bit small. NOR., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Sandiford's Medal, spl, best Nor., Hay, hot col., rare head and wings, might be better filled in chest, runner up for cup; 2, spl, vhc, spl, Morland, grand body well-carried wings, beaten in skull; 3, 4, Makins, neat pair, grand col., if anything a little flat on head. BUFF (4): 1, 3, spl, Hay, neat pair, nice heads and cheeks, little to choose; 2, Makins, neat one; 4, Morland. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Suthern, nat. col. leading, grand type, neat chest, well staged; 2, Makins, hd. and wings mkd., hot col., correct type, pressed wlaner hard; 3, Morland. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Morland, hd. mkd. leading, grand Bullie build, best of head, well cut away behind; 3, Makins; 4, Brown. CL. HEN (4), 1, 2, Hay, rare pair, little to choose. MKD. (3): 1, Morland, varg. buff, grand condition, well filled in back; 2, Southern; 3, Brown. CREST (2): 1, 2, Craigs, leader, G.C., grand body feather, massive crest, followed closely by a buff varg. D.C. C.B. (2): 1, Suthern, green, massive body; 2, Craigs. A.O.V. (1): 1, Craigs, nor. cinn. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Irvine, grand col., neat type, rare head and wings; 2, 3, 4, Smart, grand team, little to choose, all typical; 2nd, shows a cast at throat; 3rd, not so rich in col; we liked the 4th, best feathered in class; vhc, Brown; hc, Walker; c, Hay. HEN (18): 1, spl, best yell., Meston, rich col., correct type, neat head and wings, well balanced; 2, spl, Smart, lovely boxy feather, rare head, well tapered body; 3, Brown, correct stamp, grand wings and tail, pale in col.; 4, c, C. J. A. Purvis; vhc, R. Purvis; hc, Short. BUFF, CK. (20): 1, J. A. Purvis, nice stamp, lovely head, well-filled-in back; 2, Short, neat type, pale in col., well set down for a novice; 3, Purvis, fine pos., rare wings, well cut away; 4, Smart; vhc, hc, Irvine; c, Walker. HEN (20): 1, B.F.C.C. Medal, Cup best in show, spl, best buff, J. A. Purvis, model, in wax, head well rounded, wings well set, best filled-in body in show, popular win; 2, Armstrong, grand col., neat head, nicely-drawn chest, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, vhc, Smart, boxy feather, stouter build than winners; 4, Short; hc, Irvine; c, Meston. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, Walker, neat yell., rare type, poor wing markings; 2, Schooler, buff, grand feather, heavy marking; 3, Hay, best marking in class, not so typical as winners. MKD. YELL. (19): 1, 4, R. Purvis, cinn. mkd., nice type, fine markings, sweet wing and tail; 2, vhc, Morland, wing and eye mark, better feather, lovely rounded head, a little on the long side; 3, Meston, mkd. eyes and wing, rich col., boxy feathered, not so well filled in behind; hc, Hay; c, Walker. BUFF (23): 1, Short, topper for a novice, mkd. eyes and wings, grand position, rare body, well cut away; 2, Morland, similar mkd., grand feather, paler in col.; 3, Hay, eyes and wing mkd., best feather in class, shade heavy in body; 4, Irvine; vhc, Smart; hc, Brown; c, Walker; we, R. Purvis. FOUL YELL. (12): 1, J. A. Purvis, hd. tick, lovely head and wings, neat tapered away body, runner up for medal; 2, Meston, rare type, rich col., fine polished chest, might be better filled in back; 3, vhc, Smart, wing tick, neat type, grandly rounded body, close up; 4, Walker; hc, Morland; c, Brown. BUFF (16): 1, 3, spl, Smart, neat pair, wing tick leading, correct stamp, boxy feather, rare wing carr.; 3rd, neck tick, correct type, beaten only in feather; 2, Brown, Grizzle cap, best col. in class, lovely boxy feather, rare cut away behind, presses winner hard; 4, spl, c, spl, Meston; vhc, spl, Morland; hc, spl, Walker. GREEN (14): 1, spl, vhc, Smart, buff, rich grass col., sweetly pencilled, well lashed on side; 2, Hay, yell., nicely pencilled, grand type, close up; 3, hc, J. A. Purvis, yell., rare type, not so neat on sides; 4, c, Blackhall. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, Irvine, Goldie-Can.; 2, 3, J. A. Purvis. DARK (1): 1, J. A. Purvis. GOLDF., ETC. (11): 1, c, Hay, Bullfinch, rare Brit., topper for col., nice cap, wings well barred; 2, 3, vhc, Grey, rare team Siberians, all Goldies; 2nd, best face and col.; 4, Roper; hc, Craigs. LINNET, ETC. (17): 1, Hay, Poll, lovely feather, nice bib, sweet markings; 2, J. A. Purvis, large Linnet, dense col., neatly pencilled; 3, 4, vhc, Grey, Twite leading, rich col., close up; hc, c, Roper. A.O.V., SMALL (21): 1, 3, hc, spl, c, Grey, rare team, leader Yellowhammer, grand size, nicely mkd.; 3rd, Chaffinch, steady and well mkd.; 2, 4, spl, J. A. Purvis, Bramble, nicely laced, hot col., close up; vhc, Roper. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Grey, Magpie, lovely sheen, rare feather, very steady; 2, spl, 3, spl, 4, Roper, rare team of Song Thrushes. FOR. (15): 1, 3, vhc, spl, hc, Grey, leader Yell. Weaver, looking well; 2nd, White Java, neat condition; 3, 4, spl, Hay, a clinking pair of B.H. Gouldians; c, spl, Irvine. NOV., BORD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Schooler, cinn. mkd. leading, correct type; 3, Wakenshaw. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Schooler, almost even leading; 2, Wakenshaw. AMAT., NOR. (3): 1, 3, Waugh, two good ones; 3, Brown. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Meston, cl., grand col., rare type, like wax; 2, 4, vhc, spl, Short, nice team, leader lovely head and chest, hardly so neat in wings and tail; 3, Wakenshaw; hc, spl, Blackhall; c, spl, Schooler. BUFF (11): 1, Wakenshaw, cl., model, like wax, grand hd. and wings; 2, spl, vhc, hc, Short, neck mkd., grand feather, but on the henny side; 3, spl, 4, spl, Blackhall, good ones, cl. leading; c, Schooler. BRIT. (1): 1, Short. PAIRS (6): 1, spl, 4, Makins, well matched Nor.; 2, spl, 3, Suthern, Borders; vhc, Craigs. OLD BIRDS, NOR. CK. (4): 1, spl, 3, Hay; 2, spl, Makins; 4, J. A. Purvis. HEN (6): 1, 3, Hny; 2, Makins; 4, Morland; vhc, J. A. Purvis; hc, Waugh. BORD., CK. (9): 1, spl, J. A. Purvis; 2, spl, Blackhall; 3, Briggs; 4, c, Morland; vhc, Walker; hc, Irvine. HEN (10): 1, hc, Suthern; 2, Morland; 3, spl, J. A. Purvis; 4, Smart; vbc, Wakenshaw; c, Briggs.

GREAT HORTON (Good Intent).

Novices to the Rescue.

This society held its annual exhibition in the Congregational Schools, Nov. 1. Entries totalled 312 in 22 classes, not so many as we should like to see. It was, as usual, the novices who pulled them through, with no less than 160 in 10 classes. Quality was quite up to the standard, many noted winners being in competition. Of the champion classes No. 1 was the best with 19 entries, a very good class. In novice classes the hen classes were a long way the best, 47 were in two classes, 23 yellows and 24 buffs.

The outstanding feature of this show was the management. The way in which the work was done reflects great credit upon the workers; seeing that they could not get the room before 9 o'clock on the Friday night, and that they had all the station birds to fetch, they must have had a very hard time of it. Pres. Mr. Kaberry was amongst the workers; Mr. A. Brown, sec., got through his duties in a very able manner, and he was exceedingly well assisted by Mr. H. Gornall, assistant sec. The stewards were Messrs. Bartle, Pedder, Holden, Ackroyd, Oldfield and Worsnop. All the prize money was paid at the show to those who attended; this is a very good idea, as it induces exhibitors to come to the show, when they can see their birds are properly packed in their own cases. The way the packing of birds and sending off to the stations were got through was really marvellous; every bird was got away before 8.30. Mr. F. Allen judged, and his awards met with general approval.

The Critique.

CHAMP. CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS. (19): 1, Burdekin Bros., cl., grand length and style, sound col., nice head and shoulders, neat wings and tail, very clean made, plenty of nerve, A1 pos.; 2, Pickup and Son, cl., nicely feathered, good round body, rich col., lovely qual., close up; 3, Snead, slightly ticked on head and neck, grand qual., very slim, rather pale, neat wings and tail, nice young bird; 4, Dykes, cl., nice sound body, lovely qual., good col., stylish, only fails in length; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Crabtree; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Thomas, cl., correct length, nice head, well filled neck, grand back and wings, pipe tail, very silky feather, put down in the best condition; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., grand shape and qual., good back, wings and tail, only fails in col.; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, cl., wonderful length, rather slim, good col. and qual., not as good in position; 4, North, cl., good shape and style; vhc, Saville; hc, Hodgson; c, Pilling. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Casey, cl., grand pos., full of nerves, plenty of col., well braced wings and tail, well filled rock, shows a bit of shoulder, very stylish hen; 2, Briggs, cl., lovely Qual, good wings and tail, very shapely, only fails in col.; 3, Beaumont, cl., nice shape and style, rather stronger, not as good in front; 4, Legg, cl., neat wings and tail, not as tight in feather; vhc, Pickup and Son; hc, Crabtree; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (13): 1, Ogden Bros., slightly tkd. on neck, feathered to perfection, lovely shape and style, well fitting wings and tail, stands correctly, noted winner; 2, Clegg, cl., Grand qual, nice round body, good head and wings, shade less; 3, Hill, cl., nice shapely hen, not as full in back, not ready, will improve; 4, Tidswell, tkd. neck, very stylish, good qual.; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, c, Orme. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. both eyes and wings, wonderful length, hot in col., well fitting wings and tail, stands on good legs, put down in fine style; 2, Morrison, mkd. eyes, wings and neck, lovely col., grand qual. and shape, shade less; 3, Lunn, mkd. eyes and wing, long, slim and stylish bird, nice qual. and col.; 4, Myers and Lumb, slightly tkd. both eyes, grand position, good qual. and col.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Thomas; c, Myers and Lumb. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Morrison, 1st tkd. head, eyes and wings, grand length, sound col., well filled neck, nice head and shoulders, nicely braced wings and tail, well benched; 3, mkd. both eyes and one wing, nice feathered, grand qual. and col., slim; 2, Clegg, mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful qual., grand col., very stylish, fails in position; 4, Dykes, nicely mkd. eyes, wings and head, grand qual.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Towers. MKD. YELL. HENS (7):, 1, Hall, nicely mkd. both eyes, wings, and neck, grand col., well fitting wings and tail, grand head and shoulders, very slim and stylish, a beauty; 2, hc, Thomas, even mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape, lovely qual., only beaten with col.; 3, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shapely hen, good wings, shade less, rather pale; 4, Snead, mkd. head, cheeks, and wings, good length, nice qual. and style, not quite through; vhc, Priestley; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. on head, eyes, and cheek, grand size, good head, well filled neck, closely fitting wing, and pipe tail, good pos. and col., stands well up; 2, Tidswell, mkd. eyes, one wing, and neck, good qual. and style, not quite as long; 3, Morrison, mkd. eyes, wings, and cheek, very stylish, well drawn, nicely feathered; 4, Clegg, even mkd., very showy hen, good back and wings, not a good tail; vhc, Saville; hc, Dykes; c, Myers and Lumb. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., hot in col., grand length, capital wings and tail, plenty of nerve, gets well up on good legs, well benched; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cl. yell., grand shape and style, nice silky feather, good position, clean made; 3, Denby, cl. buff, wonderful size, excels in qual., neat wings and tail, close up; 4, Priestly, cl. yell., very stylish and slim, sound col. and qual., breedy, slightly thin in neck; vhc, Hirst; hc, Pearson; c, North. HEN (11): 1, Hirst, cl. yell., plenty of length, full of nerve, nice col. and qual., well filled neck, good head and shoulders, close fitting wings and tail, good winner; 2, Ogden Bros., buff, slightly tkd. on wing, lovely qual. and shape, inclined to open tail; 3, Briggs, cl. yell., good head and shoulders, nice col., neat wings, pipe tail, A1 qual.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, cl. yell., grand length, very slim and stylish, stands up well; vhc, Casey; hc, c, Slater. SELL. 15/- (24): 1, Kaberry; 2, Ellis; 3, Burdekin; 4, Midgley; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Denby; c, Naylor. 12/6 (22): 1, Wood and Sharp; 2, Baggis Bros.; 3, Ackroyd; 4, c, Ellis; vhc, Bower; hc, Naylor. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (17): 1, vhc, Ellis, grand length, very fine and tapering, nice head and shoulders, good sound col., neat wings and tail, stands well up on legs, staged well; 2, Brown and Ramsden, wing tkd., grand qual. and style, hot in col., not quite as slim, plenty of nerve, good legs and feet, well braced wings and tail; 3, Ogden, cl., long, stylish bird, nice qual., not as good in col.; 4, Allott, wing tkd., good length and racy, nice qual. and col.; hc, Pedder; c, Firth. BUFF (19): 1, Seager, cl., splendid length, good head and shoulders, well filled up neck, close fitting wings and tail, level col., stands up well, Bfd. East winner; 2, Bedforth, wing tkd., nice feather and style, good body, not as sound in col.; 3, Fretwell, cl., grand shape and pos., neat wing and tail, bit coarser; 4, Miles, cl., nice shape and style, full of qual. and col., just a shade less; vhc, Dibb; hc, Hardaker; c, Swaine. YELL. HEN (23): 1, Sutcliffe, cl., plenty of length, grand shape and style, neat wings, very slim, good col., well drawn, very nervy, stands on good legs; 2, Hamlyn, cl., grand col., very stylish and breedy, lovely qual., tail too open; 3, Hudson, eye tkd., very slim and shapely, nice qual. and col., not as good in length; 4, Ratcliffe, cl., extra good qual., good wings and tail, nice shape; vhc, Powell; hc, Ward; c, Hainsworth and Son. BUFF (24): 1, Kirkbright, cl., beautiful shape and style, full of qual., level col., good head and shoulders, well fitting wing and tail, a gem; 2, Jowett, cl., nice stylish hen, good shape, not as tight in feather; 3, Bedforth, cl., grand qual. and col., looking a bit down; 4, Ratcliffe, tkd on neck, splendid length, good back and wings, rather low on leg; vhc, Taylor; hc, Mann; c, Smith. GREEN MKD. CK. (12): 1, Highley, buff, very stylish bird, mkd. head eye, cheeks, and one wing, splendid length and qual., full of nerve, good wings and tail, shows well; 2, Sheard, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, hot in col., grand shape and style, fails in length; 3, Bedforth, buff, on strong side, mkd. eyes, breast, and wings, lovely qual., stock bird; 4, Hudson, buff, mkd eyes, cheeks, wings, stylish, good qual., bit pale in col.; vhc, Ellis; hc, Mosley; c, Hamlyn. HENS (10): 1, Bower, buff, eye tkd., and splash breast, beautiful feather, grand head, well filled neck, nice shoulders, well placed wings and tail, not one of the biggest; 2, Sheard, yell., mkd. eyes, cheeks, and wings, nice length, plenty of nerve, sound in col., very well tapered, lovely wings and tail, feathered to perfection, some preferred this; 3, Bedforth, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, grand qual., nice shape and stylish; 4, McEwen, buff, mkd. eyes, wings, cheeks, grand slim hen, only fails in length; vhc, Nichols; hc, Ogden; c, Ellis. CINN. MKS. (13): 1, Bedforth, buff, slightly tkd. on wing, splendid style, beautiful qual., well placed wings and tail, stands on good legs, very well shown; 2, Rhodes, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, cap on head, very stylish, good qual., not as clean on leg; 3, Leather, yell., mkd. head, cheeks and wing, grand shape, very round, rather coarse feather; 4, Bushby, buff, mkd. eyes, cheeks and wing, smart, stylish bird, grand qual. and col., shade less; vhc, Ward; hc, Towler and Hargreaves; c, Hudson. UNFLIG. YORKS. (24): 1, Bedforth, tkd. yell., mkd. on wing, very long, slim, well drawn, full of style, beautiful silky feather, grand back, wings, and tail, good legs, a real gem; 2, hc, Mosley, buff, cl., splendid length and qual., nice shape and stylish, good wings and tail; 3, Fountain, cinn. tkd. yell., rich col., full of qual., nice length, rather short in flights; 4, Firth, cl. buff, plenty of length, good col., well placed wings and tail, bit on strong side; vhc, Hamlyn; c, Worsnop. NOR. CK. (11): 1, c, Cawthra, cl. yell., grand shape, good bold breast, plenty of col., good wings and tail, stands well across perch, put down in fine style; 2, 3, hc, Airton, cl. buff., rich in col., very nicely mealed, good Bullfinch breast, well feathered, very close up; 3, Yellow cl., nice shape and build, but rather slack feathered, not ready; 4, Hunter, plenty of chest, good back, not as good head; vhc, Naylor. HEN (7): 1, 2, 4, Airton, 1st cl. yell., plenty of substance, rich sound col., very shapely, beautiful qual., steady as gold; 2, cl. buff, excels in head and breast, rich in col., lovely shape, equally as good as winner; 4, yell., mkd. on head, hot in col., good back, wings, and tail, not as good at breast; 3, c, Lord, cl. buff, nice shape, good head and breast, but not through mould; vhc, Cawthra; hc, Kaberry.

LEAMINGTON SPA.

Tenth annual exhibition held Oct. 30, in the Winter Halls. Cage birds had one end of the large hall to themselves and made a very attractive display; it was a great pity the fixture was not better supported by the cage bird men, but no doubt so many shows being on during the week had a bad effect. The first three Nor. classes had to be cancelled, and the two Yorks. classes amalgamated, as also the two classes for Mules and the two British, hard and soft-billed, having, therefore, to compete together. Although the entry was small, the show was, no doubt, a financial success, as the hall was packed. Mr. G. Lawrance, Coventry, judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NORWICH HEN (6): 1, Gilbert, cl. yellow, grand type and qual., nice round head, neat fitting wings and tail; 2, not awarded; eq. 3, vhc, Philpot, cl. yell., grand col., nice wing carr., hardly ready; eq. 3, hc, Bull, cl. buff unflig., grand col. and qual., little loose at thighs; c, Friend. YORKS. (6): 1, Richards, large cl. buff, good col. and qual., nice neat wings and tail; 2, hc, c, Philpot, cl. yell., good col. and qual., nice wing carr., neat tail, hardly the length of winner; 3, Davis, very lengthy buff, nice qual. and pos., must have run winners close; vhc, Richards. CAN. A.V., 30s. (8): 1, Gilbert, variegs. D.C., neat and well radiated, cheap bird; 2, Bull, nice unflig. buff Nor., well worth the money; 3, c, Philpot, cl. buff Bor., nice qual.; vhc, Feasey; hc, Friend. MULE or HYB. (6): 1, 2, Gilbert, leader tkd. wing Goldfinch-Can., grand col. and cond.; 2nd, Chaffinch-Bramble, showing parentage very distinctly, had many admirers; 3, hc, Tew, heavily variegs. yell. Goldf.-Can., good col. and qual., hard lines to run up against the leaders; vhc, c, Ashmore. BRIT. (5): 1, Gilbert, Bramble, grand shape, nicely mkd., very steady; 2, 3, vhc, Bull, Magpie, nicely mkd., shown in the pink of condition; 3rd, very pretty Redstart, in lovely condition. LOCAL, CAN. (11): 1, hc, Bull, large buff variegs. Nor., grand col. and qual., mkd. eye and wings, very taking; 2, Friend, cl. yell., nice qual., neat wings, fails in col.; 3, Feasey, buff, similar in markings to winner, nice col. and lovely qual, hardly so large, close up; vhc, Jennings; c, Heath. BRIT., A.V. (9): 1, Harrison, nicely marked Thrush, fine condition, shown in an all wire cage, get him a show cage, Mr. H.; 2, hc, Bull, Redstart, nicely mkd., in superb condition; 3, Burton, nicely mkd. Magpie; vhc, Paskett; c, Miss Sparrow. A.O.V. (6): 1, Boughton, Blue-faced Amazon, nice size and lustrous feather; 2, c, Bull, Goldfinch, nice blaze and moonings; 3, Miss Sparrow, Orange Bishop, in splendid feather and condition.

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PARTICK.

Fifteenth annual show held Nov. 1 in the Subway Halls, a very suitable place for the purpose—abundance of light and entirely free from draughts. Birds were finely staged all round the four sides, having plenty of room for visitors. Mr. Priest as a very capable and obliging official, and had all arrangements in good order. He was ably assisted by Pres. T. Fraser, Vice-Pres. J. F. Park, Treas. J. McMillan, and a strong committee comprising Messrs. Sinclair, Muir, Walker, Maxwell, Anderson, Webster, Henry, and Steel, who one and all worked with a will. Entries confined to members were much about the same as last year—250. The nine open classes for Yorks only brought an entry of 60—not very encouraging considering full prize money was guaranteed. Although lacking in numbers, quality was all there. Mr. R. Heggie had a fair field day, gaining five firsts. Members' classes contained some very nice specimens capable of winning in open competition. Cup for best young bird was won by Mr. J. McMillan with a very fine variog. Crested cock of outstanding merit; cup for best young Plainhead, Mr. A. Maxwell with a grand typical cl. yell. cock; best novice, T. Fraser, with a grizzled mkd. Buff Plainhead of extra good quality; best British, P. Henry; best foreign, D. Webster. Visitors turned out well, and we hope to hear of a financial success. The judges were:—Yorks, Mr. T. Penman; Nor. and Bord., Mr. A. Sloan; Brit. and For., Mr. J. H. Adam; and their awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

OPEN YORKS CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, sp, 4, Heggie, grand team, 1st fine length, very rich qual. and col., neat shape, a gem; 2nd very erect, fine style, short feather of rich qual., presses winner hard, 4th fine length and style; 3, Martin, fine slim upstanding bird of nice length, rich qual., well laid wings and tail, lacks trifle in col.; 5, Anderson; 6, Priest. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, gem of the first water, straight as a rush, fine length, well up on leg, lovely wing carr., rich qual., wins well; 2, Heggie, grand length, lovely rich close short feather of good qual., splendid wing carr., very neat and narrow, shown in the pink; 3, sp, 4, Pinnock, shade smaller than leaders, still good, beautiful feather of grand qual., very slim and upstanding, neat wings and tail, well placed; 4th just fails in qual.; 5, Cochrane; 6, McKnight; 7, Martin. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Heggie, very slim, upstauding and stylish, superior qual., free from frill, well on leg, fine wing carr.; 2, Pinnock, rare rich qual., grand length, fine pos., inclines to cross wings at times, or might have won; 3, Cochrane, same fault, still good, fine length, nice qual. and col.; 4, Anderson; 5, Dr. Syson; 6, Gunning; 7, Anderson. BUFF (9): 1, Heggie, City of Glasgow winner, grand one for qual., rich colour, lengthy, best of wing carr., and full of style; 2, Martin, plenty of length, very slim and upstauding, rich col., presses; 3, Bowman, neat head and neck, nice back and wing carr., very straight; 4, Priest; 5, Park. VARIEG. HEN (3): 1, Dykes, City winner, yell. mkd., grand hen, true type, full of style, lovely qual., very rich col.; 2, Heggie, Buff, very rich qual., grand length, neat; 3, Park. CK (5): 1, 3, Heggie, eyes and wing mkd. yell., good qual., straight as a pencil, fine length of leg, very stylish, rich col.; 2, Cochrane, yell., City winner, very rich col. and qual., presses hard; 3, Heggie, very bot col., neat and narrow, A1 qual.; 4, Dykes, yell., City 2nd, looks a little down in conditiou; 5, Park. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp, Pinnock, grand cl., lovely type, beautiful feather of rich qual., fine slim upstanding position, well filled back, neat wings and tail, shows well, wins; 2, Heggie, fine length, superior feather of rich qual.; 3, Cochrane, true shape, full of style, right length, nice qual., will improve; 4, Martin; 5, Dr. Syson; 6, Tunning; 7, Anderson. BUFF (9): 1, Heggie, City winner, still going well, capital feather, neat wings and tail, fine position and style; 2, Gibb, stylish cl., nice length and pos., lovely qual., trifle frilled in front, still good one; 3, Reilly, grand length, well drawn, fine col.; 4, sp, Dykes; 5, Park; 6, Dr. Syson; 7, sp, B. L. Bowman. HEN (8): 1, Park, cl. buff, graud length, rare pos., A1 qual., crosses wings at times, some thought lucky to beat 2nd, Priest, cl. yell., good length and shape, very rich qual., well drawn, best of wings, fine cond., we liked for 1st; 3, Dykes, grand pos., lovely qual., good wing and tail carr.; 4, 5, Heggie; 6, Gunning; 7, McKnight; 8, Dr. Syson; good class. MEMBERS' 1913 CRESTS (3): 1, sp best young bird in hall, McMillan, variog. Crested cock, rare body, nice length, well radiated crest, fine wide feather of rich qual.; 2, 3, sp, McMillan, 2nd almost green, shapely crest, good feather, 3rd not so massive body, neat crest. C.B. (2): 1, 2, McMillan, both variog., leader best skull, fine wide entrance. YELL. NOR. (11): 1, sp best Plainhead, 2, 3, Maxwell, grand one for type, rare head and neck, fine deep broad front, very neat well laid wings, lovely qual., A1 col.; 2nd tkd., not so chubby, good head, rich qual.; 3rd good qual., fails in head; 4, Huggins; 5, 6, Cairns; 7, McMillan. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Maxwell, medium size, rare fronted bird, fine head and neck, rich qual., looks like a hen; 2nd fine size and shape, very rich col., fails in wings, looks like a cock; 3, Cairns, nice body, fine wing carr., weak in head; 4, sp, Huggins; 5, 7, Cairns. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Cairns, mkd. wing, cobby shape, lovely qual., rich col.; 2, 3, Maxwell, 2nd heavily variog., rich qual.; 3rd varieg., fine qual., good wings; 4, Wylie. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Maxwell, 1st fine head and neck, well mealed, trifle long in body; 2, Cairns, grizzled neck, grand head, fine front, nice short wings and tail, lovely qual., we liked for 1st; 3, 5, Wylie. NON-FED (5): 1, Maxwell, fine big cl. yell., neat shape, very rich qual., lovely wings, wins; 2, Kidd, cl. buff, very neat shape, rich qual., fine short wings; 3, McMillan, rare shape and silky feather; 4, Fraser; 5, Smith. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, Crammond, good type and qual. feather, nice carr.; 2, Walker, rich silky feather, fine carr.; 3, Kidd. BUFF (8): 1, 5, 6, Kidd, 1st very neat shape, lovely wing carr., A1 cond.; 2, 4, Crammond, 2nd rich qual., fine jaunty carr., well tapered body; 3, sp, Walker, A1 type, fine feather. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, sp, 3, 4, Crammond, 1st neat size, well drawn body, rich close feather, almost even marked; 3rd variog., neat and stylish; 2, Walker, rare wing and tail carr., close up. BUFF (4): 1, Walker, fine neat shape, clean cut away, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Crammond, very typical, grand wings and tail, neat carr.; 3, Park, fine qual., fails wings; 4, Smith. YORKS YELL. (4): 1, sp, Priest, grand length, well tapered; 2, Park, well tapered, beautiful feather; McRobbie, wrong classed. BUFF (4): 1, Priest, fine cl., well up on leg, beautifully drawn out, grand back and qual., could win in open classes; 2, Webster, nice length and col., grand neck and back, good legs, well cut away; 3, sp, McRobbie, good length and style; 4, Park. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Walker, Gr. Bord, rich col., nicely mkd. MULE (1): 1, Park, fine big Greenie. NOV. NOR. (8): 1, 2, 4, Fraser, grizzled cap buff, fine size, good head, excellent qual.; 2nd, cl. yell, fine size and subs., rare head and neck, fine front; 3, sp, Wylie, cl. buff, good front, fails trifle in head; 5, Huggins; 6, Wylie; 7, Smith. YORKS: 1, 2, Coats, fine Gr., nice length, well tapered body, rich qual.; 3rd cl. buff, nice one for length, good in legs, fine up standing position. MULES (1): 1 Fraser, nice Redpoll-Cun. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, McMillan, 1st variog., very shapely Crest, fine lengthy feather, good centre; 2, cl., big crest, not so heavy in body; 3, variog., dark crest, well centred; fine team. C.B. (2): 1, Whitelaw, variog., good size, fine skull, great entrance; 2, McMillan, variog., not so heavily laced. NOR. YELL (5): 1, 4, Cairns, 1st cl. yell., rare head and neck, bold front, fine short body, wins; 2, Maxwell, fine size and subs.; 3, Wylie, lighter build; 5, Kidd. BUFF (10): 1, no name in cat., fine stamp, well mealed, lovely cond.; 2, 5, Cairns, good head, rich qual.; 3, sp, Maxwell, we liked for 2nd, good head, fine front, very neat wings; 4, Hendry; 6, Huggins. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Maxwell, mkd. rump, fine head and neck, good front, rich qual., nice one; 2, 6, Kidd, 2nd grand size and type, fine qual.; 3, 7, Henry; 4, 5, Webster. BUFF (8): 1, Henry, mkd. head and wing, grand size and col., lovely type, fine feather; 2, Maxwell, variog., nice type and feather, not so massive; 3, 5, Smith, rather pale col., good flights; 4, Kidd; 6, Cairns. NON-FED (4): 1, 3, McMillan, 1st big cl. yell., lovely size and shape, excellent flights and tail; 3rd cl., good stamp, fine qual.; 2, Kidd, mkd. head buff, lovely type and qual.; 4, Smith. YELL. BORD. (2): 1, Park, very neat and stylish; 2, Walker. BUFF (4): 1, Crammond, nice type and style, neat all over, fine col.; 2, Kidd, well balanced, rare action; 3, Wylie, very neat; 4, Walker. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Walker, grand pair. BUFF (2): 1, Park, rich col., lovely wing carr.; 2, Wylie, we could not find. CINN. OR GREEN (4): 1, sp, 2, Walker, 1st Cinn., rich level col.; 2, Green, sound col., very neat; 3, Crammond; 4, Park. YORKS CL. YELL. (6): 1, sp, 2, McRobbie, 1st cl., rare position, nice shaped body, lovely qual., well up on leg; 2nd unkd. head, very good yell., nice length, well drawn; 3, 5, Sinclair; 3rd good pos., fails wings; 6, Anderson. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Webster, plenty of length, well laid wings and tail, good qual.; 2, Aitkenhead, fine head, shapely body, grand pos.; 3, sp, Anderson, good style and pos.; 4, McRobbie; 5, Park; 6, Priest; 7, Webster. VARIEG. YELL (3): 1, Webster, well drawn, lovely col.; 2, Sinclair, good length, fine pos.; 3, Priest, good length and col. BUFF (1): 1, Webster, nice length, well drawn. NON-FED (3): 1, Anderson, cl. yell., fine pos., good col. and qual.; 2, Park, cl., rich colour and qual.; 3, Priest, cl. buff, good stamp, nice col. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, sp, Park, Cinn. Nor.; 2, Whitelaw, Lizard; 3, Webster, variog. Cinn. Nor. SELL.: 1, Walker; 2, Henry; 3, McMillan. MULES (5): 1, sp, Whitelaw, six-pointed Goldie, not big, but fine face and cond.; 2, Fraser, nice col. Linnet-Can., medium size, well placed; 3, sp, 5, Webster, 3rd lovely well-laced Twite-Can., fine size, nice one; 4th, no name. FOR. GOLDF. (2): 1, sp, Fraser, grand square cut face, rich col., well tanned body, fine size; 2, Webster. BRIT. (2): 1, Anderson, grand size, fine broad head, square cut blaze, rich col., rare bloom; 2, Fraser, marked wrong class. BULLF. (1): 1, sp, Fraser, medium size, fine clean cut cap, good bars, pale col. LINNET (11): 1, sp best British, 3, Henry, 1st fine shape and col., good whites, nicely laced on breast, bad shower; 2, Fraser, fine col. and lacing, rich back, close up; 4, Park, 5, sp, Webster; 6, Priest; 7, Aitkenhead; good class. MEALY POLL (2): 1, Webster, fine shape, good head, neat big and lacing; 2, Fraser, good head, clear col., steady. SISKIN (1): 1, Fraser, fine cap, col., and cond. LESSER POLL (7): 1, Webster, fine one, grand size and shape, well tanned body, A1 bloom; 2, 7, Fraser, shade smaller, otherwise good; 3, sp, Priest, nicely laced; 4, Aitkenhead; 5, Coats; 6, Priest. TWITE (3): 1, Fraser, fine ground col., well laced, nice size; 2, 3, Webster, two fine Twites, rich col. GREENF. (3): 1, Fraser, fine big bouncing yell., good head, rich qual., grand order; 2, Webster, yell., good col., shade smaller; 3, Aitkenhead, buff, good stamp. SMALL BRIT. (6): 1, sp, Aitkenhead, grand col. Chaffie, fine shape and size, A1 bloom; 2, 5, Fraser, 2nd Bramble, nice size and col., fine spangling; 3, sp, Priest, Chaffie, loses col. to winner; 4, Webster; 6, Park. BUNTING (3): 1, sp, 2, Webster, 1st yell., nice size, pure in col., well mkd. head and cheeks; 2nd, Black-headed, grand head, pure in whites; 3, Park, fine size, fails col. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, sp, 3, 5, Webster, 1st sweet little Siskin, well laced, excellent cond.; 3, Bunting, rather wild; 5, Chaffie; 2, Fraser, fine shapely Bullie; 4, Priest, Siskin. SMALL FOR. (5): 1, sp, 2, Webster, 1st Black-faced Love Bird; 2nd well known Diamond Sparrow, looking well; 3, sp, Park, nice pair Diamond Finches; 4, Fraser, Orange Bishop; 5, Park, pair Avadavats. GIFT (6): 1, sp, Cairns; 2, sp, Crammond; 3, sp, Park; 4, Maxwell; 5, Dow; 6, Priest.

SCUNTHORPE C.B.S.

Show held Oct. 18. YORKS., 1913: 1, Brown; 2, Firth; 3, Fox; r., Lings. NOR., 1913: 1, Stainton; 2, Humphrey; 3, Brown; r., Stauton. A.O.V.: 1, Brown; 2, Lings; 3, Humphrey; r, Fawcett. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Humphrey; 2, Firth. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Humphrey; 2, Brown. MULE: 1, Lings; 2, Fox; 3, Wrigbt; r, Stainton.—J. W. Fawcett, Hon. Sec.

GRANTHAM.

Third annual members' show held Oct. 25, in the Co-Op. Hall, a large and cosy room, just right for the occasion, being well lighted and fitted with up-to-date heating apparatus. There was a record entry, just over 100 birds being staged. Mr. W. E. Allen judged, and every satisfaction was given. The show was managed by Messrs. H. Lowther, sec., and E. Bond, treas., assisted by a hard-working committee. The stewards were Messrs. W. E. Bond, sen., and A. Geeson. Amongst the visitors was the president, H. G. Snowdon, Esq. After such a show as this, we may well look forward to a good open annual.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Jackson; 2, Ratcliff; vhc, Bond. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bond; vhc, hc, c, Jackson. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, Jackson; 2, Bond. NOV. YELL.: 1, 2, Tebbutt; 3, c, Musson; vhc, hc, Geeson. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Tebbutt; 3, hc, Musson. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Geeson; 3, Brewin; hc, c, Lowther. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp., 2, Mann and Twilley. BUFF: 1, 2, Mann and Twilley. HEN: 1, 2, Mann and Twilley. NOV. YELL.: 1, hc, Garton; 3, Musson; 2, vhc, Tubbutt. BUFF: 1, 2, Tubbutt; 3, Garton. HEN: 1, Garton; 2, F. Brewin. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, sp., Brewin; 2, Starkey; 3, vhc, Bailey; hc, Mann and Twilley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, sp., 3, vhc, Bailey; 2, 4, Lowther; hc, Starkey; c, Musson. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Starkey; 3, Garton. BRIT. HEN: 1, Bailey; 2, Brewin. MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, Brewin; 2, 3, Musson; hc, Starkey. FOR.: 1, 4, vhc, c, Turner; 2, 3, hc, Lowther. LOCAL NOR.: 1, Muxlow. YORKS.: 1, 2, Muxlow; 3, Mann and Twilley. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Gooderson.—H. Lowther, Sec. (Please note that matter for publication must be written on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Ed.)

BRECHIN.

Good Entry for Jubilee Show.

This old-established society held their Jubilee Show of cage birds in the Temperance Hall, Brechin, Nov. 1. There was a good entry, slightly up on last year. Norwich were not quite so numerous as formerly, but quality was of the very best. Some of the most consistent winners in Scotland were on exhibition, and in nearly every instance kept their position. Mr. Smeaton (Musselburgh) won S.F.C. medal for best hen, and cup for best Norwich, with his grand non-fed hen. This bird also won the same cup in 1912. Mr. Allison (Aberdeen) won S.F.C. medal for cocks, and Sandilord's medal was won by Mr. Hampton's hen. Borders were a grand show, and here the team shown by Mr. John Craig almost cleared the decks, winning B.F.C.C. medal and cup for best Border with a dandy yellow cock, shown for the first time this season. The great bulk of the entries in this section were from the district, and generally were of very high quality. In the Mule, Hybrid, British and Foreign sections entries were slightly down from last year, while the quality was rather poor. We expected to see a record show considering the host of good specials offered, this being Jubilee year. Perhaps an extended classification would bring increased entries. Mr. Fyfe won medal for best in section with a nice young Goldf.-Bullf. Hybrid.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon scheme created a lot of interest here, and there was a very good entry for the diplomas and specials. We fancy when the simplicity of this competition is realised by Scotch fanciers there will be even a better entry, good as it now is. The cash prizes were won by Mr. Maxwell (Glasgow) for champions, and novice by Mr. A. Brand (Brechin), a young fancier. Diploma winners were:—Champ. Bord., Craig; Nor., Maxwell; Brit., Fyfe (Forfar); Nov. Bord., Robertson (Brechin); Nor., Brand. There was some dissatisfaction at the action of certain exhibitors who were winning in selling classes buying their own birds. While the society were in no way to blame in the matter, a short rule inserted in prize list would help to stop a practice which is not by any means confined to Brechin.

The executive is a splendid band of workers, and the Pres., Mr. George Davidson, is a glutton for work, and had a lot to do with the success of the show; he was ably backed up by a grand committee, not forgetting our old friend John Craig, vice-pres., and the stewards, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Irvine, and Mr. Weston; while Sec. Mr. Mitchell had all his arrangements in a forward state, and everything went on like clockwork. Judges were:—Nor., Mr. Thomson (Aberdeen); Bord., Mr. Hislop (Stirling); Mules and Brit., Mr. Finnie (Aberdeen); and the awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Maxwell, City winner, in grand fettle, fine size and type, all over a winner; 2, Steven, nice type and qual., rare good head and wings, not subs. of winner; 3, Watt, nice size and subs., good type and col.; 4, Sandison, good for size and qual., nice back and wings; 5, Murray; 6, Barron; 7, Jamieson. BUFF (7): 1, Harris, still winning, rare good type and qual., hard to beat; 2, sp, Adams, not size of winner, rare good type and qual. of feather; 3, Mitchell, good one for type and qual., well put down; 4, Burnett, good size, fine head and wings, nice col.; 5, Smith; 6, Strachan; 7, Ritchie. YELL. VAR. OR GR. CK. (6): 1, Harris, grand size, good head and neck, nice wings, beautiful front, fine qual., wins; 2, Masterton, longer than winner, good head and wings, nice qual.; 3, Barron, heavily var., grand size, rare good front, might have gone up one; 4, Burnett, good for size and type, rare good qual. of feather; 5, Sandison; 6, Taylor. BUFF (12): 1, Smeaton, grand size and type, nicely rounded front, capital head and neck, very fine qual.; 2, Allison, Perth winner, beaten to-day on condition, still a nice one; 3, sp, Mitchell, capital size and type, good head, back, fine chubby shape, grand coud.; 4, Steven, good head and neck, fine qual., nice col.; 5, Jamieson; 6, Murray; 7, Smith. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (10): 1, sp, Harris, beauty for type and qual., old winner often described; 2, sp, Gardiner, fine size and col., capital head and wings, nice stamp; 3, Hampton, nice one for size and col., capital wings; 4, Mitchell, good size and qual., nice silky feather; 5, Allison; 6, Adams; 7, Watt. BUFF (10): 1, sp, Craig, good size, nice qual., richly mealed, good front and wings, well put down; 2, Harris, good size and col., nice head and wings, very typical; 3, sp, Smeaton, fine size, type and qual., rare good wings and front; 4, two sps, Gardiner, good size and type, nice moulded front, fine qual.; 5, Hampton; 6, Sandison; 7, Bowman. YELL. VAR. HEN (8): 1, Maxwell, broken green, grand size and qual., fine front, beautiful wings, good cond., well shown; 2, Harris, very good size and type, splendid head and wings, nicely moulded front, clean cut away; 3, Smith, good size and qual., nice col., not quite the type of winners; 4, Mitchell, nice size and qual., good front and wings; 5, Smeaton; 6, Taylor; 7, Soutar. BUFF (8): 1, Grewar, grand size and type, good head and wings, round front, very sweet qual., stylish; 2, Taylor, fine size and qual., nice head, good wings and tail, richly frosted, in rare order; 3, 6, Harris, two nice ones, leader romping big hen, grand head, nice wings and tail, well shown; 4, Fox and Milne, good size and type, fine qual. of feather; 5, Bowman; 7, Smith. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Gardiner, cl. yell., nice size and type, good head and front, fine qual., well put down; 2, 3, Mitchell, two nice var. buffs, capital size and qual., rare thickness through front for a youngster; 3rd clear yell., capital stamp, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; 4, Barron, cl. yell., fine stamp, good size and col.; 5, Grewar; 6, Smeaton; 7, Taylor. HEN (14): 1, two sps, Grewar, cl. yell., rare good stamp of a hen, fine size, grand head and front, fine wings, well carried, in spanking order; 2, Barron, nice cl. buff, fine chubby shape, beautiful qual. of feather; 3, 4, Smeaton, capital pair, leader nice cl. buff, good size and subs., good head and wings, 4th nice wing mkd. yell., well shown; 5, 6, Pirie; 7, Sandison. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Smeaton, beauty for size and subs., rare good type and qual. of feather, an old winner; 2, Black, good size and col., fine wings and tail, slightly open on breast; 3, Grewar, nice buff green, fine size, good head and wings, well carried, fine subs. and qual.; 4, Pirie, nice cl., good head and front, nice wings, grand qual., bit thin; 5, 6, Mitchell; 7, Watt. HEN (5): 1, sp, cup best Nor., Smeaton, unfortunately not entered for CAGE BIRDS Coupon prize (by mistake), or would have easily won, hard lines, one of the best Norwich hens on the bench to-day, won same cup last year, a winner all over, often described; 2, Taylor, good size and qual., nice head and wings, good type, well shown; 3, Adams, splendid type and qual., nice size, good head and neck, in nice order; 4, Mitchell; 5, Sontar. NOV. NOR. (9): 1, two sps, Brand, tkd. yell. ck., good size and col., nice qual., takes novice Norwich diploma and 10s. special, CAGE BIRDS Competition; 2, sp, Colley, cl., fair size and col., good wings, too long and thin, might have given place to 3, Brand, buff gr. hen, this a chubby shape, good head and front, well shown; 4, Reid, cl. buff, good size and shape, well laid on wings, hardly stout enough for a Norwich; 5, Black; 6, Brand; 7, Cowie. SELL. CK. (10): 1, Jas. Smith; 2, Barron; 3, Watt; 4, Ritchie; 5, Hampton; 6, Strachan; 7, Allison. HEN (6): 1, Adams; 2, Pirie; 3, Ramsay; 4, Jas. Smith; 5, Ritchie; 6, Burnett. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 2, three sps, B.F.C.C. medal and cup for best Border, Craig, leader a splendid example of a Border, grand size, nice round head, nice front, beautiful wings, nicely laid on, rare col. and qual. of feather; 2nd similar, hardly so stylish as winner; 3, Irons, good size and qual., fine head and wings, good front, well shown; 4, 7, Little, nice head and neck, good wings and back; 5, Duncan; 6, Munro. BUFF (15): 1, 2, 4, Craig, nice trio, leader grand stamp, good size, fine feather; 2nd capital head and wings, nice front, rare style; 4th similar, hardly so good in wings; 3, Patterson, good size and col., fine type, nice head and wings shapely; 5, Mitchell; 6, Crabb and Finlayson; 7, Munro. YELL. VARIEG. (11): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, neat size, good shape and col., fine wings and front, nice qual., well put down; 2, Lyall, very natty style, good head and wings, very silky feather, well up; 3, Nicoll, capital size and col., stylish carr., good type; 4, Craig, nice size and col., good type; 5, Irons; 6, Hampton; 7, Robertson. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Craig, leader good for size and type, nice wing carr., rare good head and front; 3rd good size, hardly style of winner; 2, 6, Gray and Duncan, nice free style, good head and front, fine wings, well carried, well shown; 4, Duncan, good size and type, very stylish shape; 5, Crabb and Finlayson; 7, Robertson. CL. YELL. 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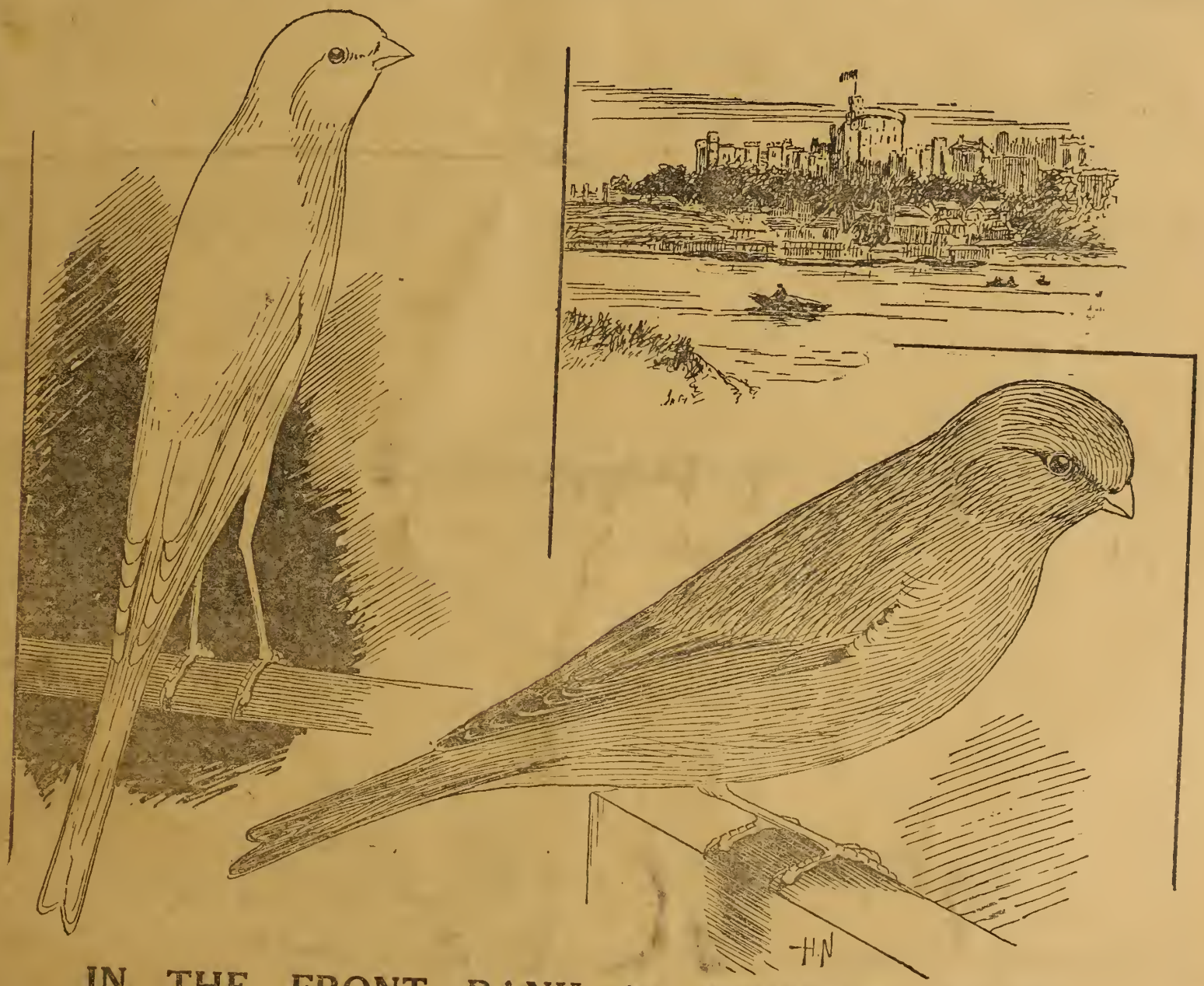
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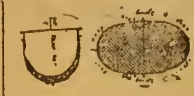
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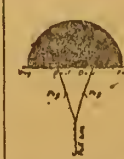
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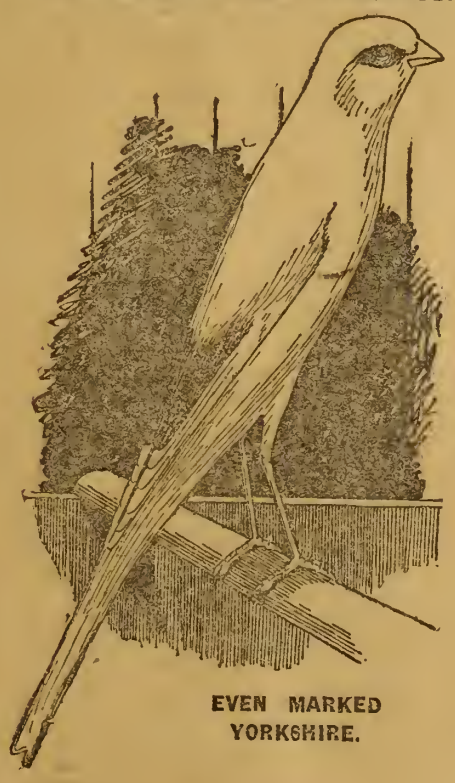
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Am picking likely specimens for moulting out winners. Have picked thousands of winners this last 30 years. Goldfinches or Bullfinches, and grand Siskins, also for muling and singing, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each. Cock Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-; any on approval; sure to please you. Show cages, 2/-, three 5/6; order at once. Established 50 years. Editor of this journal has seen scores of original testimonials where I have supplied scores of winners, including Crystal Palace, Scottish National, one received this morning. Mr. Addison, High Shields. Sir,—Please send Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet for 16/- enclosed. Hoping they are as good as last year. Bullfinch won open and members' show. Linnet won twice, S. Shields and Jarrow: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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I have on hand a very large stock of the real Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, thoroughly on hard seed, and full feather, warranted cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/-, 12/- dozen; specially selected, larger birds, guaranteed in song, the right sort for Mule breeding, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/-, six 9/6; few extra large cock Goldfinches, picked from scores of dozens, with deep square cut blaze, very steady, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; warranted clear moulted cock Linnets, every one with beautiful red breast, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected cock Linnets, in free song, 1/-, three 2/6, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few very steady cock Linnets, pick of scores of dozens, the right class of birds for showing or contest singing, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; large cock Larks, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; few selected cock Larks, singing nicely, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 3/- each; cock Chaffinches, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6; exhibition specimens, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Greenfinches, or Redpolls, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/-; few very steady, for showing, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; steady hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cages for the above, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; round or square top calling cages, with deep bottoms, 6d., three 1/3, 3/6 dozen; please note that I have hundreds of testimonials open for inspection, but instead of going to the expense of publishing them, I give my customers better value for their money. Please give me a trial, if only for one bird, and send elsewhere for one at double or treble the price, and if mine does not turn out to be the best bird, you can return it; simply because I send everything out on my well-known approval system, and I am quite willing to return your money if my birds do not prove to be exactly as deserihed; travelling cages, 3d. each: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

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Guaranteed cock Linnets and Larks, 3/- doz; old, caught, singing stoutly, 3/6; cock Greenfinches, Redpolls, 2/6 doz.; Redrump Twites, 4/- doz.; cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each, 3/4/-; mixed aviary birds, cocks and hens, Goldfinch included, 3/- doz.; exhibitors, a few monster specimen cocks, Twites, Linnets, Redpolls, well laced and pencilled, colour combined, 1/6 each; giant Yellow Greenfinches, 1/6 each; four monster Goldfinches, big blaze, nicely tanned, etc., 2/6, 3/6 each: West, 30, Lamprell-st., Old Ford, Bow. (1021)

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Facts speak louder than bluff. Field-moulted birds are at a disadvantage with house-moulted birds, yet I can prove that my birds have more than held their own. Mr. Taylor, of Newcastle, won at Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Doncaster, 2nd Hull, Blaydon, etc. Mr. Snaip, 2nd at Sheffield; Mr. Harrison, 3rd at Altercliffe; Mr. Carr, 1st at Chopwell, 2nd Leeds, 2nd Newcastle, 2nd Carlisle; Mr. Potter, 1st at Hull; Mr. Mitchel, vhe at Penrhelcher; Mr. Thomas, 1st and 4th at Cummock; Mr. Laing, 3rd and 5th at Leslie; Mr. Craven, 2nd at Pockington; Mr. Barras, 4th South Shields, in fact, I could fill a page of winners. The reason of my success is because I know what is wanted. I have many trying to follow, but they have a long way to go yet. I have the oldest established shop in Hull, and have more birds than all other dealers in this town put together. My birds are a credit to anyone. Look, real giant yellow cock Siskins, grand caps and bibs, well laced, steady as rocks, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each, and one of the best living, 6/6; also 200 giants, in full song, at 2/-, and 2/6 each; real giant Peartree cock Goldfinches, real gems, beautiful square cut blaze, broad heads, 4/6, 5/6 each, and a grand lot of mulers, at 2/6, 3/- each; giant house-moulted Corn Bunting, can win anywhere, 15/6; House-moulted Chaffinch, one of the best, 7/6; Siberian cock Goldfinches, the largest in England, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6 each. I can now supply last year's customers, with sticks of 7; write at once, specials, and not 2 to pick from. Now, gather round, and listen. I am the only dealer in Hull who understands the Linnet song, so if you want a good bird learnt under the Champion of England, you must send to me (see Nutshell Series, No. 2); cock Linnets, singing day and gaslight, a treat to hear, 1/6, 2/-, and a few toppers, 2/6; contest cage, 1/- extra. Now, exhibitors, I have the largest Linnets in England; real Norwich type, well pencilled, and magnificent deep, rich colour (you must have colour to win), only 2/- and 2/6; try one, you will not regret it. If I can't send you a winner, no one else can. Cock Larks, singing day and gaslight, 1/6 and 2/- each; cock Thrush, a beauty, 3/6; giant cock Greenfinch, a gem, 1/6; gem Redpoll, can win, 1/6; Ubal Rollers, 8/6; Seifert Rollers, 7/6; St. Andrcasberg Rollers, 6/6, guaranteed free from clicks, nasty shouts, etc., the sweetest songster in England, har none. I guarantee all birds same as described; moreover, I send them ou seven days' approval, for cash or deposit with Editor. Just read these, please, all arrived together. "Sir,—Birds arrived safe, and give every satisfaction. Send Siskin, etc.—Mr. Moore, Stonebroom, nr. Alfreton." "Sir,—Birds arrived safe, and immediately started singing. He is a sweet little treasure.—Mr. Johnson, Ruardeau Hill, nr. Drybrook." "Sir,—Siskin arrived safe. He is a picture. Thanking you for such a good one.—Mr. Colville, Earlseat Mines Cottage, Thoruton." "Sir,—Birds give every satisfaction. Send following, etc.—Mr. Campbell, Aurn Cottage, Row." "Sir,—Birds arrived safe. Am highly satisfied.—Mr. Pegg, 59, Furness-st., West Hartlepool." "Sir,—Send another Linnet for a friend. My two are gems.—Mr. Alison, Main-st., Wemyss." I have testimonials like these arriving every post. Note the address. Thanking you all for patronage: Fred Allen, British Bird Champion, 156, Porter-st. Aviaries, Hull. The Hull Corporation have placed another order with me for Picker, ing, Pearson, and East Parks. (1023)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

PRIZE strain Borders; matched pairs, 7/- to 10/-; hens, 3/- each or offers: Cromond, 66, Kelvinhaughrd., Glasgow. (1017)

SIX grand cocks, full song, healthy, from 6/-; hens from 2/6: Judson, 7, Great Howarth, Smallbridge, Rochdale. (1008)

CHAMPION Borders, see wins, grand birds for sale, Buff cock, Yellow hen, can win, 15/-: F. Beard, Llandrindod Wells. (1015)

CLEAR and unevenly marked cocks 7/6 each, variegated hens 3/-; even marked bred: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm. (1018)

D. B. IRONS has now some grand birds to spare, for show and stock, prices reasonable; approval: Park Place, Brechin. (1024)

FIVE clear yellow cocks, 1913, from 5/-; clear variegated buff hens, from 3/-; champion strains: Macbeth, Zoar, Forfar. (1012)

BORDERS for show or stock, fine selection in all varieties except Green; bargains: Milson, 118, Harrington-rd., Workington. (1014)

BORDERS from winning strain, mostly clears; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/-; approval: H. B. Young, West-rd., Irvine. (1016)

PRIZE bred Borders, cock, 6/- each, hen 2/-, clear or marks; approval: Dalgety and Westou, 10, River-st., Brechin, Forfarshire. (1024)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Border Fancies, for show or song, prices low, easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

HIGH-CLASS Borders, winning strain; Buff cocks, 7/6; pairs, 10/-; hens, 3/6; approval: Struth, Forth View, Bonnybridge, Scotland. (989)

SIXTY Borders for sale, cocks 5/- upwards, hens, 3/- upwards; yellows, buffs, greens; stamp: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1019)

CHAMPION strain of Borders for sale, green, cinnamons, clears, marks; state wants: Wm. Lambie, West End Aviary, Whitburn, N.B. (1021)

BORDERS from my Palace strain from 8/6 pair; see reports, Ilkeston, Liverpool, Warrington; approval: Hancocks, Stewart-st., Crewe. (1015)

HIGH-CLASS Border cocks for stock or show, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 4/6; state wants: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B. (1025)

SEVERAL bonnie typical hens, same class as our winners at Cleator Moor; see report; 4/- upwards; approval: Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven. (1020)

BORDERS.—Extraordinary successes; see reports Brechin and Forfar shows; grand birds for sale; state wants; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin. (1009)

SIX buff cocks, 5/- each; five buff hens, 3/- each, all clears, 1913 bred; all of my prize winners; very cheap to clear: P. Mckenzie, 5, Edenside-rd., Kelso.

NOTICE.—Two pairs well-bred Borders, 5/6 pair; also some good Buff hens, 2/6 upwards: Jno. Brockie, Blackhill View, Earlston, Berwickshire.

FOR sale, few good Borders, bred from winners; Cinnamons, clears, and marked: James Brown, Coronation Buildings, Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, has a few of his well-known Borders for sale; all varieties; prices reasonable; approval; stamp. (1021)

WINNER Victor Williams' challenge cup outright; Borders, pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; one pair Greens, 20/-; see report Crewe Show: Lawton, 12, Buxton Avenue, Crewe. (1019)

EXHIBITION Borders, Buff cock, 2nd Manchester, 15/-; Buff hen, h.c, Liverpool, 7/6; other hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each; approval: Green, 15, Marcus-st., Carnarvon, North Wales. (1019)

1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., Portsmouth, and 3rd Windsor, for sale, 10/- to 15/- each; these are bred from the best, and honestly worth double; see reports: Edwards, Cheap st., Sherborne. (1012)

GRAND lot of Borders for sale, about thirty winners, and bred from my cup and medal winners; several even-marked; reasonable; approval: G. W. Saunders, Thursley Hall, Haslemere, Surrey (removed from Sutton). (1022)

WALTER S. WILSON'S cinnamon Borders won two 1sts, 3rd, and 4th at Carlisle; first and cup, Hamilton; see reports; Manchester, Kirkcaldy, Newcastle, Haddington, Lochgelly, Glasgow winners; genuine birds offered cheap; stamp for reply: "Glendyne," South Park-rd., Hamilton. (1024)

HIGH-CLASS Borders; cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 upwards; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6 upwards; pairs for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; cages, 3d.; some real quality birds amongst these; do not take the low prices as a guide to value, but see the quality you get: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CHAMPION Borders.—A few select birds for disposal; some winners; others fit to win; also champion matched pairs from 10/- to 40/-; approval; one fancier writes, "The Buff hen claimed at N. show at 50/- was bred from the pair I had from you at half that price." Approval: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire. (1024)

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CRESTS and joiner-made breeding cages, dirt cheap lot; stamp: 435, Old Kent Rd., London, S.E.

HEAVILY feathered Crests and Crestbreds 15/- pair, pair £1, Barnett's strain: G. Clarke, 23, Chapel-st., Evesham. (1014)

OWING to the death of my wife must clear out all birds; approval, stamp: Goulden, Edenhall, Langworthy, Carlisle. (997)

SIX Crested, five Plainhead Canaries, 35/- lot; sex as bred, giving up fancy: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York. (1016)

GIVING up breeding; all my birds for sale, very cheap; approval; stamp: Alex. Onion, Sir Rowland Hill, Nottingham. (1017)

CAN spare several grand weeping Crested cocks from £1 to £5 each; also Plainheads; approval: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich. (969)

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds for sale; a grand selection; price reasonable; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1017)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Crests and Cresthred for show or stock, reasonable, easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

LARGE feathery stock Crests and Crestbreds, off winners, from 15/-; inspection invited: Smart, South Carnyle-avenue, Carnyle, Glasgow. (1009)

GRAND Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, from £1 to £5; approval, stamp: David Scott, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1022)

FORTY Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/- each, best blood in the world, like Manchester winner: Laithwaite, Rigby Lane, Bradshaw, Bolton. (1003)

CRESTS and Crestbreds for show or stock; prices reasonable; inspection invited; approval, deposit: Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham. (1014)

CREST and Crestbreds from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood Avenue, Plymouth. (976)

A FEW good bred Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, Barnet strain, from 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- each; approval: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston.

CRESTED hen, 1st Warrington, 11 in class, £3; Crested cock, 1st, class of 7, £2 10s.; only times shown; match pairs, 40/- to 60/-: Joseph Guy, Crosland-terr., Helsby, nr. Warrington. (1013)

CRESTS and Cresthreds: Best blood in the world. Matched pairs 40/- up, singles 40/- up; many winners bred from pairs bred and sold from this stud. Stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (971)

CHAMPION Crests, matched to breed winners, 20/6, 30/6, 40/6, 50/6 the pairs; single birds from 10/6; show birds from 40/- each; state wants; approval: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1022)

TO Exhibitors: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has several Crest and Crestbreds clean moulted, ready to show; reasonable prices; several cinnamon Crests, Crestbreds, and many good stock birds; call and select, or approval. (997)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, best blood in the Fancy. I don't exhibit now. I breed for others to win; 35 years breeder; judge at 100 shows. I have some grand birds for sale; reasonable; approval.—T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1014)

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LARGE 1913 buff wing marked dark crest hen, large, perfect crest, plenty feather, also large heavily feathered 1912 green crestbred cock, 25/- the pair; also immense 1913 clear crestbred cock and large feathery 1912 green crest hen, with good thick veiny crest, 25/- pair; sound birds and on approval: James Hill, Halebank, near Widnes.

BY far the best value in Crests and Crested-breds in Europe to-day: Let me prove it: Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. Crested hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/-, upwards. Crested-bred cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-. Crested-bred hens 5/6, 5/-, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested-bred, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards, per pair, cages, 3d.; approval with pleasure: W. Rudd The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests.—Several real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, including several winners, only 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; also judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 30/-, to £5 pair; all strong, healthy and vigorous; Barnett's Palace winning strain; all cold room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

Lancashires.

BUFF Plainhead cocks, 12/6, 25/-; yellow Plainhead cock, 15/-; stamp reply, deposit: Adams, 2, Newnlplace, Rochdale. (1012)

IMPORTANT.—If you want champion pure-bred Lancashires, for show or stock, reasonable prices, write, Green, Albert-place, Loughborough. (1015)

London Fancy.

CONSIDERABLY overstocked; odd cocks, pairs, properly matched, going cheap; related to good birds, perfectly healthy: Filby, Ealing Common.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France. (953)

Cinnamons.

CINNAMONS and Plainhead Norwich for sale; pairs from 20/-; single cocks or hens from 10/-; approval: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (962)

CINNAMONS, buff cock, yellow hen, 30/- pair; buff cock, yellow hen, 35/- pair; large birds, also few Norwich, reasonable, stamp, approval: Wilson, Baker, Banchory. (1024)

A FEW good cinnamons for sale, bred same way as my birds now winning, also a few good Norwich and greens; inspection invited; approval, stamp: Mrs. Tweddle, Wimberley-st., Blackburn. (998)

CINNAMONS, Norwich type, winners of two cups this year at Plymouth, also other events; several to be sold cheap, pairs or single; stamp for reply: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Peverell, Plymouth.

A GRAND winning yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock (Dormer's strain), 1912 bred, price 30/-, with show cage; 1913 buff cinnamon cock, 10/6, rather smaller; also exhibition mules reasonable: Taylor, Sunningdale-terr., Bideford. (1013)

MRS. DEACON'S CHAMPION CINNAMONS

Having purchased this noted stock entire, can offer good birds at reasonable prices, rare chance for novices; approval; stamp, winners for sale: Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland. (1010)

Belgians.

YELLOW 1913 Belgian cock, bargain, 21/-; buff cock, 17/6; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland. (1023)

BELGIANS.—Few for sale; read Barnstaple show report last week; approval: F. Butts, 12, Lower Maudlin-st., Barnstaple. (1013)

THIRTY graud high-shouldered long reach Belgians; disposal; reasonable prices; approval: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1017)

BELGIANS. Giving up the Fancy. All my winners and stock birds for sale cheap to clear; approval: C. T. Hunt, 15, Cross-st., Barnstaple. (1013)

Greens.

GREENS, 1913 birds; cocks, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-, 3/6; approval or deposit: Barker, 16, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, Tamworth. (101)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 24." "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents, and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

FIFTY birds for sale; these are all own breeding from winning strain; pairs or singles; type, colour, quality guaranteed; see reports, Halifax, Manchester, Liverpool; state requirements; best and prompt attention given: Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. (1024)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Specialist, upwards of 20 years' study. Well-known strain. Few choice specimens to spare. Cocks, 20/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; special pairs, correctly matched, £3 to £5; approval; inspection invited: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle. Norwich Specialist. Matched pairs or single birds from this winning strain at reasonable prices. Typical, grand quality buff cocks cheap. Stamped enquiries solicited.

WANTED, Norwich: Pearson, Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (925)

YELLOW and buff Norwich cocks on sale; stamp reply: Isaac Hadfield, 36, Lord-st., Stockport. (950)

NORWICH cocks, 6/6; hens, 2/6; breeding cages, 2/6; single cages, 1/6: 20, Kennington Park-rd. (1020)

WANTED a large quantity of Norwich for export, best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil.

FOR sale, three Norwich hens, 1 buff Yorkshire cock, 8/6 the lot: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth West.

P. WARRING, 149, Miller-rd., Preston, has a few Norwich for sale, all on approval; price reasonable.

TWO grand unlighted buff hens, 13/- each, win novice shows; cash or deposit: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (1012)

FEW good colour-fed Norwich, related to winners at leading shows; cocks, 7/6 and 10/-; hens, 3/- and 5/-; approval, deposit: Wood, 42, Southgate, Gloucester. (1024)

THREE Norwich cocks, unflighted, 5/; three hens, 2/6 each, 21/ lot: J. P. Wilson, 3, Castle Crescent, Kendal. (1018)

R. JONES has some good Norwich for sale from 5/- to 10/6; state wants: 25, Gotha-st., Highfield, Leicester. (1012)

WHAT offers (in cash) for three good Norwich cocks, fit for show: 22, Heath-st., Cheetham hill, Manchester. (1018)

LARGE clear yellow cock, 15/-; buff ditto, 11/; others, 10/; also few hens: Patterson, 22, Watson-st., Plaistow. (1015)

CHEAP clear yellow Norwich, cock, good buff hen to match, 8/6, approval S. Woodward, 91, Pact-st., Bridport (1018)

WALLIS, 76, Greenfield-st., Govan. Few prize Norwich for sale; good strain; for latest wins, see Partick Show. (1016)

TWO young Norwich hens for sale, 2/6 each, splendid condition: G. Finch, 9, Fetherstone-rd., Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. (1015)

BIG stout variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen, 20/- pair; yellow hens from 5/- each: Watson, Hall Croft, Shepshed. (1011)

BUFF Norwich cock, 10/-; yellow cock, 10/-, vhc young bird show; overstocked: W. Harrington 18, Oxford-st., Cardiff. (1009)

FOUR unflighted buff Norwich hens for sale, 2/6 each, or exchange yellows: School House, Hartley-avenue, East Ham. (1010)

EXHIBITORS.—Grand unfed buff cock, 2nd Ayr (see report), 20/; approval; cash or deposit: Devoy, George-st., Stranraer. (1026)

F. H. DENT, 4, Langton-st., Preston; noted for breeding winners; matched pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6; approval. (974)

TWO grand unflighted buff Norwich cocks for disposal, 12/6 each; can be seen any time: Thomas Smith, King-st., Ilkeston. (1009)

EXHIBITORS.—Unflighted Buff variegated cock, Buff ticked hen, clear Yellow hen, 10/- each; colour-fed: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen. (1017)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 7/6, 10/- cash; hens, 4/-, 6/- each; pairs, 10/-, 15/-; approval: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent. (1012)

J. TRENGOVE and Son have decided to reduce their stock of well-known Norwich; approval, stamp: High-st., Rishton, Blackburn. (994)

CLEAR yellow cock, 3rd Gillingham, class 16, open all England, 30/-, with show cage; cash or deposit: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (1012)

WANTED, large unflighted yellow Norwich cock, exchange pair winning Borders, no rubbish wanted or given: Craig. (See Borders.) (1021)

PRIZE Norwich, 1913, big yellow and buff cocks, 12/- each, 3 clear buff hens, 5/- each; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-terr., Plymouth. (1014)

COLOUR-FED Norwich yellow cocks, 7/6; buff cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval: Mark Bennett and Sons, Broughton, Astley, Leicester. (1013)

NOTICE.—Graud lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

LOVELY quality typical Yellow Norwich cock, colour-fed, good songster, genuine bargain at 8/6; Williams, 19, Cefn-rd., Cefn, Bridgend. (1016)

CND cocks and hens, well bred, and related to my winners, 7/6 to 30/- each; useful pairs from 12/6: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (1010)

1913 NORWICH Canaries, cocks, singing, 5/6, 6/-; colour-fed, 6/6, 7/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; 7 days' approval: Bater, Jones Square, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1009)

CHAMPION high-class Norwich and Cinnamons, through moult, to dispose of; state wants; approval: Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn. (1020)

CANARIES, large rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, in full song, guaranteed, 3/-; two, 5/6: Harris, Mill Bridge, West Drayton. (1015)

CANARIES, 1913 cocks, on full song, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 2/6; 1911 Crested cock, 7/6: Crompton, 19, Brackley Avenue, Hutton-rd., Handsworth. (1013)

FEW high-class Norwich for sale, or exchange good Yorkshires; no rubbish wanted or given: Botell, 6, Blanmerle-terr., New Eltham, S.E. (1026)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

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WINNER of gold medal 1913.—Watson, 49, Claptonav., Halifax.—High-class Norwich, colour-fed; cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-; or 10/- pair upwards.

FOR sale, good bred variegated yellows and buffs, 1913 cocks, 10/- each; pairs, 15/-; related to winners: Marsland, 8, Highfield-terr., Hooley-hill, Audenshaw.

NORWICH cocks on full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy 1913; cash; approval, deposit: S. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (1020)

HAVE few typical, quality, unflighted Norwich, cocks, hens, related to my winners, from 10/-, approval, cash, deposit: George Baxter, Highfield, Pochabers, N.B. (1000)

NORWICH Roller cocks, bred specially for quality of song and size; warranted healthy and to give satisfaction; 7/6 upwards: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. 1020)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; few good unflighted Buffs, Variegateds, and Clears, all off winners; grand typical youngsters; approval: J. Logan, 23, High-st., Dysart, Fife. (1018)

JONES, Lydgates, Lynton, won C.B. champion diploma cup, three specials, Barnstaple show; can spare few grand birds, 20/- each, related to winners; stamp reply. (1014)

EDWARD Fox can spare several good birds from his Palace strain; state wants and price; I will try to suit; approval, deposit: Curzon Aviaries, Long Eaton, Nottingham. (936)

W. GREWAR can now part with some good birds, same as winners Scottish National, City of Glasgow, and all leading shows, 10/- upwards; approval, stamp: Park View, Lochgelly. (1018)

GEORGE WRIGHT, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, Canary Breeder, has several good birds for sale; cocks, 5/6 to 20/-; pairs, 8/6 to 40/-; lot well-bred hens, 3/6 to 20/-; approval. (955)

BIG unflighted yellow cocks and yellow hens, unflighted buff cocks and buff hens, short, chubby birds, cocks 15/-, hens 12/6; approval, deposit: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle. (1018)

GRAND Norwich, very prolific breeding strain, cocks 5/6, 7/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6; pairs, selected, from 8/6; buy from the breeder; healthy and reliable: Pastell, 24, Vicarage-rd., Watford. (1010)

MONSTER eye-ticked buff cock, ready for the bench, big winner, 60/-; also several yellow and buff cocks, fit for small show, from 15/-; approval: Miles, Aviaries, Chichester. (1021)

THREE Norwich cocks and two hens, colour-fed; Joe Thomas's Bulldog strain, fine, large, typical birds, a bargain, £2 for the lot: Wm. Mitchell, 4, Gillsburn-place, Kilmarnock. (1014)

HARLAND'S champion Norwich: For disposal good unflighted yellow and buff cocks, can win member's or local shows; state wants and price about prepared to give; stamp; approval: 68, Welbeck-st., Hull. (973)

BEST of type and quality, Norwich cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/ each; my birds win in the keenest competition; see reports, Clapham, Plymouth, Wimbledon, Dulwich, Cheltenham, this season, approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Lukes, London, E.C.

LARGE typical Norwich pairs, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6, 35/6; special pairs £3 to £5, single birds from 10/6; show birds remarkable; state wants: Charlie Roberts, Stanmaley, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1022)

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GIVING up.—Yellow cock, 1912, 2nd last year, 1st this; Buff hen, 4th strong class, 25/- pair; Buff cock, unflighted, 1st last week, young of above, 16/-; see show report: Mr. Adcock, 167, Cambridge-st., Rugby. (1016)

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WINNING unflighted deep rich hot colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, won first and third in strong classes recently, real gem for shape and style, fit for any open competition, 12/6, great sacrifice: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1025)

1912 BUFF Norwich cock, £1, took 2nd prize at Southend Open Show; see last week's "Cage Birds"; also 1913 buff Norwich cock, by above, £1; approval willingly, deposit cash at Editor's: Bates, 84, Moseley-st., Southchurch, Essex. (1019)

GREAT sacrifice; exhibition hot, colour-fed unflighted buff Norwich cock, winner of two firsts last month, young stock shows, real gem for size, shape and style, accept 21/-; approval: A. L. Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1025)

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FEW real good colour-fed exhibition Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buffs, now ready for immediate exhibition, rare size, type, colour and quality, cocks from 8/6 to £3 each; hens from 5/6 to £2 each, all cold room bred, Palace winning strains, grand value, satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1001)

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Mainly Canaries.

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UNFLIGHTED Buff Yorkshire cock; exchange good watch, silver lever, or anything useful: H. Herberts, Cumberland-rd., Bradford. (1015)

FOR sale, well bred 1913 Cinnamon Borders (Patterson's strain), or exchange good Norwich: Brown, 24, Devonshire-st., Workington. (1017)

FOUR young Yorkshire cocks, large birds, 6/- each; or useful exchange: Willie Lodge, Brick-row, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1015)

WHAT offers cock Goldfinches, for 2 pairs of large Norwich, or sell, 18/-; yours first: Edwards, 3, Andrew-st., Llanelly, S. Wales. (1020)

EXCHANGE Yorkshires or Norwich for exhibition British or Mules; yours first: Graham, 17, Cemetery-rd., Hemsworth, near Wakefield. (1014)

FOUR pairs Yorks., five pairs Borders, 5/6 pair, carriage paid; perfect health condition; exchange: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (1011)

CLEARING, 9 pairs typical Borders, Greens, clears, marks, 8/-, 9/- pair; offers lot, or exchange; wanted schoolmaster: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (1023)

BORDER cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6, Bennet's; wanted new tea urn, engine, magic lantern, etc.; Gamble, Clydesdale House, South Wigston. (1011)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshire hens, from my winners, for double breeders; sell 5/- each; approval: Pomfret, 35, Wigan-rd., Westboughton. (1019)

YORKSHIRES, prize bred, cocks 7/6 to 25/-, hens 5/- to 15/-, exchange Rollers, anything useful: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Staffs.

1912 Yellow Norwich cock (winner) value 30/-, exchange unflighted yellow cock; give cash for really good bird: Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton.

WANTED, toy Yorkshire bitch, young, in exchange for 5 buff and 3 yellow Norwich hens, 3 show cages, and case: Rumsby, 12, Tooke-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, two Buff Green Border hens; exchange Yellow Cinnamon Border cock; mutual approval: Forrest, 51, East Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. (1014)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Canaries, also Norwich hen; excellent birds, for good pair 1913 Rollers; yours first: No. 6, Park-lane, Richards Castle, Ludlow. (1014)

NORWICH and Yorkshire cocks, 4/6, upwards; hens, 2/-, upwards; 1913 bred; approval; exchange small urn or gramophone: Elliott, Ashby-rd., Loughborough. (1011)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Rollers, for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.; carriage paid: W. Whiteley, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, Ashfield-rd., Idle, Yorks. (1017)

EXCHANGE yellow ticked cock and buff marked hen Borders, 1913 bred, for yellow, green, or Cinnamon Border cock: Smith, Lewthwaites Square, Portrd., Carlisle. (1017)

VERY large hand-reared exhibition Jay, in superb condition and plumage, exchange large chubby yellow Norwich cock: T. Widdowson, Granville-st., Loughborough. (1011)

WILL exchange Yorkshire Canaries, show or stock birds, for good gent's bicycle, suit working man; no rubbish offered or wanted: Cooper, Sutton Benger, Chippenham. (1019)

SPLENDID yellow Norwich, cock, accept 10/6; another yellow, 7/6; massive buff hen, 7/6; exchange lady's bicycle, or anything useful; no cards: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield. (1019)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks or Norwich, German Rollers, for scrap brass, copper, block tin: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford (see adverts, Yorks, Norwich). (1025)

TWO house moulted Linnets, mulers, 4/-, 5/-; two Yellow Norwich hens, 4/-, 5/-; two Buff Yorkshire hens, 4/- pair; exchange Rollers; approval: Dearden, 123, Passmons, Itochdale. (1014)

GOOD Canaries, various breeds, singers, 7/6 up, hens 3/- up; exchange entertained; wanted large indoor aviary, on stand preferred; drapery; talking Parrot: 39, Easton-st., High Wycombe. (1022)

TYPICAL Yorkshires and Norwich to part with, will exchange for light or dark exhibition Mule or Goldfinch, or anything useful, or sell; on approval: Stephens and Gaved, Pelgooth, St. Austell. (1011)

PRIZE Cinnamon Border hen, young, will exchange for large yellow variegated Norwich hen, no rubbish wanted or given, mntual approval: N. Telfer, Lancethill, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

TEN pairs Seifert Rollers, 1913, cold room bred; cocks in full song, 7/6 pair; or exchange some good rainproof coat, gent.'s boots (8's), gramophone and records: Wilkins, 193, Court-st., Tonypandy, South Wales. (1018)

FOR sale or exchange, eight good young hen Canaries, all this year's breeding; also four good single breeding cages, for Yorkshire cocks, or anything useful: Mr. Ramsey, Nesterlee, Whylecliffe-rd., Purley, Surrey. (1005)

NORWICH cock, 1912, buff, from Lewin, Oxford, last year, perfect, good size, exchange yell. or Seifert Roller, pair homer Pigeons, guarantee fly any distance, for Norwich, Rollers: Harry Bingham, Long Sutton, Lincs. (1023)

TYPICAL Wire Fox Terrier bitch, four months, make winner, £1; also smooth, eight months, beautiful brood bitch, 15/-; exchange good Yellow Yorkshire hen, Norwich, or Rollers: Valentine, Tobacconist, St. Mary's, Bedford. (1019)

FOR SALE, a quantity of Norwich Plainheads, at 12/6 per pair, or exchange for lathe, Primus stove, bootmakers' tools, 28in. by 1¼in., Dunlop tyres, Brooke's cycle saddle, anything useful: Staples, 41, New Provident-place, Bridgwater, Somerset. (995)

WHAT offers for 5 Yorkshire cocks and 10 hens, in splendid condition; can be seen any time; wanted foreigners, Budgerigars, Cockatiels, or Finches, must be pairs, and in good condition; yours first: Brown, 20, Wolsby-terrace, The Fall, nr. Wakefield. (1016)

THIRTEEN Yorkshire, cock and hens, all good bred and a good strain; all cages and show cages and cases, and all utensils; or will exchange for a gramophone and records to the value of £6 and £6 in cash; inspection invited; stamp reply; no rubbish wanted or offered: Thos. Aspden, 33, Gillibrand-st., Darwen. (1019)

Mainly Foreign.

PARROT and cage for sale, or exchange for live stock to the value of 35/-: Tom Hewitt, 47, Albion-st., Castleford. (1022)

GREEN Budgerigars, outdoor aviary bred, 4/6 pair; single cocks, 2/3, hens 2/9, or exchange: Keen, Kenilworth, Hemel Hempstead. (1011)

WHAT offers in foreign for books on birds, Pigeons, etc., cost 10/6, or sell 5/-, new: B. C., 38, Azenby-rd., Peckham, London, S.E. (1004)

BUDGERIGARS, 4/- pair; Cutthroats, 2/- pair; grand birds, or exchange for Canaries, Crests preferred: Gardiner, 10, Withipoll, Ipswich. (1012)

EXCHANGE talking Amazon Parrot and cage, for exhibition British Hardbills; must be good birds: Nash, Grosvenor House Garage, Grosvenor, Bath.

EXCHANGE beautiful talking Amazon Parrot and cage, can be handled like a child, for Canaries, value £3: Rees, Berry House, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydvil. (1012)

SALE, two plainest talking King Amazons procurable; also pair tame white Owls, part exchange good fowls; offers; particulars; no rubbish: Smith, Kennels, Penn, Bucks. (1020)

DOUBLE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, healthy, and will make a fine talker; sell, with cage, 35/-, or exchange anything: Saunders, Greengrocer, Clarence-st., Gravesend. (1023)

ADULT Budgerigars, in splendid feather, exchange for Norwich, Yorkshire, or Roller cocks; only honest dealings entertained; correspondence invited: Ralpb Jackson, Market-st. Aviaries, Barnsley. (1011)

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshire singing Canaries for splendid Rock Parrot and cage, also two beautiful Parakeets, ready to nest, acclimatised; stamp reply: Smith, 111, Hessle-rd., Hull. (1020)

WHAT offers in foreign for about 50 or more coloured plates, cost about 7/-, or sell 3/-: B. C., 38, Azenby-rd., Peckham, London, S.E. (1004)

FOR sale, or part exchange, blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, for Yorkshire Canaries, guaranteed good talker, mimic, also picnic oil-stove, for Yorkshires: J. Booth, 49, Bernard-st., Woodville, Derbyshire.

PAIR Cockatiels, beauties (not imported), 2 years old, bargain, 15/- pair; Green Budgerigars, 7/- (not imported); exchange good house-moulted British or offers cage birds: Allison, Market-pl., Blyth, Northumberland. (1015)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, everything alive: Pearson's Noah's Ark, Greenwich. (945)

EXCHANGE eight 1912 pullets for Canaries or Siskins: W. Gray, Orchard-st., York. (1011)

TWO greyhound woollen rugs, exchange birds, or sell.—Robinson, Sutton Farm, Hounslow. (1012)

TWELVE 5/- briars and 100 6d. cigars; offer wanted, or exchange: Smith, 5a, Chapel-st., Edgware-rd.

WILL give pair heavy blankets for three pairs Canaries: B. Coanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1026)

THREE pairs champion short-flying pigeons, cheap, exchange: Stubbs, 23b, Welb-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE bird-catcher's outfit for poultry, or anything useful: Miller, 19, Tewkesbury-rd., Tottenham. (1011)

GRAND Bull dog, 40lbs. weight, 50/-; or exchange class Rollers; yours first: Swift, Hartley-st., Oldham. (1013)

WHAT offers for mandoline and case, good tone, cost £3 3/-, or sell cheap: Hansen, 93, Rectory-rd., Burnley. (1012)

WHAT offers for 50 coloured plates, cost about 7/-, or sell 3/-; B. C., 38, Azenby-rd., Peckham, London, S.E. (1004)

WANTED, good singing Yorkshire for new inlaid workbox, fitted, size 19x7: Julian, 34, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (1022)

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for Spaniel dog pup, 11 weeks old: Knight, Fruiterer, Pontmarlais, Merthyr Tydvil. (1015)

OFFERS in Goldfinches, 1913, for two pairs show Homers, one pair exhibition ditto: W. Gray, Orchard-st., York. (1011)

WANTED, offers in Canaries, for all wool Scotch blankets, sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1017)

EXCHANGE 220 copies "Cage Birds" to date for birds, or anything useful: Kershaw, 20, Baker-pl., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1011)

GENT.'S tweed suit, new, 44in. waist, 31in. leg; exchange cock Canaries, singing: Tomson, 111, High-rd., Willesden Green. (1022)

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange Indigo blue all wool serge suit length, sell 30/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (944)

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for Black and Tan Terrier dog, two years old: Thomas, 7, Crom well-st., Merthyr Tydvil. (1/13)

EXCHANGE spark coil, two cases of stuffed Owls, garden rifle, for Canaries or British: Hayward, Steep, Petersfield, Hants. (1014)

WANTED, two singing Yorkshires or Norwich for 21-piece china tea-set, handsomely decorated: Julian, 34, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (1022)

TWELVE compartment cage, lose fronts and slides, nearly new, 25/-; Yorkshire offers: Leonard Mann, 150, Portland-st., Walworth. (1012)

SANDOW'S dumbbells, as new, 8/6; Yellow Budgerigars, 3/- each; exhibition Chaffinch, 4/6: Julian, 88, Oliver-st., Northampton. (1024)

SALE or exchange (no birds), Green Parrot and full-size cage, 30/-; letters only: Mr. Cheatle, 8, Oxford-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1012)

EXCHANGE motor cycle lamp, good condition, for young Roller cock, singing, approval: Cox, 30, Ashgrove-rd., Bedminster, Bristol. (1022)

A GOOD stock or yard bitch for sale, age 12 months, 10/-; exchange for ferrets: E. Nicholls, Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. (1013)

SPORTING cross Spaniel-Terrier dog pup, 6/-; cock Goldfinch, 2/6; exchange hen Canaries; approval: Rivers, Gloucester-rd., Newbury. (1015)

COVENTRY Coaster cycle, 26in. frame, Palmer tyres, 25/-, or Norwich; offers: Leonard Mann, 150, Portland-st., Walworth, London. (1021)

WHAT offers for books on birds, Pigeons, etc., cost 10/6, new, or sell 5/-: B. C., 38, Azenby-rd., Peckham, London, S.E. (1004)

EDISON Gem Gramophone, large brass horn, stand and 95 records; lot 40/-, or exchange: Mrs. Joblin, 17, Spa-rd., Bermondsey, London. (1018)

THREE pairs grand Cumulets, Conference, ring; exchange Canaries or anything: Chessum, 57, Tadlow-rd., Wrestlingworth, Saudy, Beds. (1019)

EDISON phonograph, in case, 80 good records, one large brass horn 30 inches long, £3, bargain: H. Beckett, 14, Beacon-st., Stafford. (1003)

WHAT offers in Canaries or good British, for fretwork machine and about 100 3d. designs: George Rowe, 7, Grange-st., Birkenhead. (1024)

PAIR Antwerp Pigeons, rung 1912, good breeders, £1; exchange pair new blankets; offers: Breeze, Meadow View, Littleport, Cambs. (1013)

WANTED, gramaphone, or poultry, for carpenter's, plumber's, tools, pure Irish dog pup, 4 months: Field, Mona, Cowley-rd., Uxbridge. (1020)

GENUINE Spaniel and Setter Bitch, white and liver, 10/-; exchauge two good cock Mules, or cock Canaries: Oke, Beacon, Holsworthy. (1024)

AIREDALE bitch puppy, 3½ months, 7/6; crossed Whippet bitch, off good workers, 10/-; offers birds, anything: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (1023)

EXCHANGE, set carvers, or six table knives, good quality, ivorine handles, for good cock Canary, or Mule: Turton, 42, Hunt-st., Sheffield. (1017)

EXCHANGE good O.E.S. hen, prize winner, 10/-, for cock Goldfinches or Yorkshire cock; approval: Denman, Isfryn, Talysarn, Carnarvon. (1019)

SELL, 10/-, or exchauge, splendid smooth Fox Terrier dog, good bred, 10 months; approval willingly: Johnson, Smithybridge, Rochdale. (1019)

SINGLE muzzle-loader gun, with powder and shot flasks, 10/-; exchange anything useful; grand killer; offers: Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire. (1019)

COCKERELS, buff Orpington, Barred Rock, both pure, 5/- each; exchange pullets anything useful: 37, Bickerdike-aven., Longsight, Manchester. (1016)

CANARIES, Hybrids, and British Birds, new, cost 25/-; exchange Norwich; offers: Hargreaves, 22, Kellets-bldgs., White Lee, Heckmondwike. (1014)

GENT'S fixed wheel cycle, 16/-, also three hen Canaries, 6/-; exchange anything, poultry, records preferred: Turtill, 29, Northgate-st., Colchester.

WHIPPET bitch and dog pups, good bred, and good rabbiter; for anything useful, or sell, 25/-: Mrs. Peter Beagan, 22, Peppercorn-lane, Kirkland, Kendal.

"FAMILY Herald," volume VI., year 1848, complete, indexed, strongly bound; wanted Finch, Canaries, or Linnets: Parry, 23, High-st., Neath.

PRETTY Black Pom. puppy, 11 weeks, short cobby coat, ball of wool, male, 25/-; wanted, Canaries, Rollers, offers: White, Green Head, Crook, Durham.

HANDSOME pure bred White Leghorn cockerel, March hatched; exchange hen Canaries or Goldfinches, offers: Strong, 240, High-st., Ponders End.

QUARTER-PLATE hand-camera, 12/6; Dipper, 12/6; Grey Wagtail, 7/6; Jenny Wren, 7/6; exchange large Canaries: Shirley, Sutton, Keighley.

LARGE disc phono. in perfect order, and 20 really good records, sell £5 lot, or exchange anything: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

BIRDS, any description, taken in exchange for cage or loose fronts; state offers, and what wanted, any size made: Leigh, 51, Netherfield-rd. S., Liverpool. (1017)

WANTED, Crests, Cinnamons, or Yorkshires, in exchange for apple trees, roses, currants, golden privet: Muncey, 8, Old-rd., Enfield Highway, Middlesex. (1009)

EXCHANGE twenty Working Homers for young cock Canaries or good gramophone records or good set pony harness: H. Lowe, 136, Curzon-st., Long Eaton. (1012)

EXCHANGE for Canaries or accessories, 30-hour Gothie clock, 5/6; nickel watch, 2/3; quantity of plated jewellery, 3/6: Middleton, 96, Northgate, Canterbury. (1015)

FREE, two full-size tins of our washable cage enamel, any colour, to all enclosing 6d. for postage and packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (898)

MAYNARD'S Aviaries, Bethnal Green, buy, supply, exchange songsters, talking Parrots, dog puppies, prize Pigeons, Homing Pigeons, rabbits and cavies; call or write. (1023)

BAND lockstitch sewing machine, perfect stitch, nearly new, sell 30/-, or exchange Goldfinches, Mules, or Canaries; offers: Ridley, 772, Harrow-rd., Kensal Green, London. (1020)

GOOD bred 9mo Pomeranian bitch, good pedigree, through distemper, in good condition, take 30/-, or exchange to value in pairs Canaries: H. G., 15, Reid-st., Darlington. (1019)

EXCHANGE grand Bull-Mastiff dog, two years old, perfect guard, also pedigree Irish bitch puppy, for cycle, sewing machine, anything useful: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais. (1012)

FOUR Norwich, four Borders, cocks, 7/6, hens 2/6; the lot, 42/-; exchange books, gramophone records; anything; letters only: Rawlings, 19, Astey's Row, Islington, London. (1016)

GRAND brown curly Retriever dog, four months, sell 25/-, or exchange Norwich or Goldfinches to value of 30/-; approval, birds first: Smith, 5, Columbia-st., Darlington. (1010)

EXCHANGE single-barrel breach-loading ejector gun for a first-class pair Yorkshires; no rubbish; sell 25/-; cash adjustment; offers: Fairey, 45, Colenso-st., West Hartlepool. (1011)

SELL or exchange, 10 pigeons, racers, 40 miles, joiner-made trap, and 9 sets perches, 25/-; Yorkshires preferred: Mr. Bowler, 47, Sandbed-lane, Upeawoodgate, Belper. (1017)

LADY'S silver watch, 15/-; heavy English Lever watch, 30/-; double-barrel muzzle gun, 35/-; 2 Roller cocks, 12/6; exchange Parrot: W. Bates, Boscobel Inn, Park-lane, Tipton. (1011)

BLACK Pom. dog puppy, 3 months, little mismarked, from champion parents, sell, 20/-; also female Persian kitten, 6 months; exchange: Weedall, Siddorn-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1017)

SELL or exchange, Book of Canaries, Hybrids, and British birds, cost 25/-; wanted, good Yorkshire terrier bitch, or offers; yours first: Wm. Hardman, 39, Wilkinson-st., Nelson, Lancashire. (1010)

EXCHANGE pedigree large Airedale dog, 1 year, typical, good guard, for good cob harness, trap lamps, Canaries, anything useful; no rubbish required: Drew, 59, Edward-st., Dowlais. (1016)

EXCHANGE solid silver watch chain and silver match-box for good cock Canary or muling Goldfinch, or two good cock Siskins, or offer; yours first: H. Lock., Rayne Lodge, Braintree. (1012)

HIGH-CLASS Pomeranian dog, 12 months, jet black, house trained, perfect ear and tail carriage, lovely coat, champion pedigree; approval; price 40/-; exchange cycle: J. C. Smeaton, St. John-st., Stirling.

WANTED, good large young Norwich cock, in exchange for pair of cycle tyres, 28in. by 1¾in., and tubes, almost new; or soldering outfit complete: Wm. Renilson, Gastitter, 14, High-st., Jedburgh.

EXCHANGE two Norwich show cages and travelling case, two British, also large all-wire flight, good condition, for watch, chain, or anything useful: Midgley, 3, Macfarren-st., Longsight, Manchester.

TWO good rabbiting ferrets for sale, two years old, 13/- the two; Lark net, 22 yards, 10ft. deep, new, 10/-; Partridge net, 35 yards, 16 feet deep, 12/-, new: Wallo, 1, Summerfield-st., Lee, Kent.

OLD English Spangle Game Bantam cock, hatched 1912, good bird; exchange for cock Goldfinch and cock Siskin, or two good Norwich hens, or offers, price 3/6: Thompson, Joiner, Glanton, Northumberland. (1009)

BAGATELLE board, and all accessories, nine ivory balls, frost proof cushions, cost £5, as new, sell cheap; or exchange exhibition Canaries, British or foreign; birds first: Sissons, 12, Portland-st., York. (1016)

HALF-PLATE stand camera, with Beck's synethical lens, new condition, recently cost 6 guineas; exchange good gramophone or extra good trio Yorkshire Canaries; yours first: Booth, James-st., Oakworth. (1016)

EXCHANGE, 6 ivorine-handled knives, 6 nickel-silver forks, and 6 teaspoons, also potato knife, for 2 cock or 6 hen Canaries, or 6 Norwich show cages; mutual approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1025)

FASHIONABLE overcoat, chest 42ins., length 47ins., 21: lad's ditto, chest 37ins., length 43ins., 15/-, both as new; hand sewing machine, with case, 15/-; exchange Canaries; offers: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea. (1020)

EXCHANGE two gent's Roskoff watches, silver dial (new), for two pairs of Canaries; also lady's solid silver watch, for two pairs of Canaries; or offers; approval: Morgans, Handel House, Chapel-st., Aberdanaid, Merthyr. (1012)

GRAND litter of Collie pups for sale, bitches 15/-, dogs 20/-; also mother, £2; all winning pups, bitch splendid pedigree; or exchange anything useful for house; no live stock: James Lopez, 5, Jubilee-grove, Seacombe, Cheshire. (1019)

GRAMOPHONE, latest hornless, with 12 double-sided records, good instrument, splendid tone, new condition, cost £6, accept £3 10s.; exchange Canaries or Mules; Rose, 152, Wornington-rd., North Kensington, London. (1019)

WANTED offers, bird, gramophone, anything useful, exchange Toy Yorkshire Bitch, 2½ yrs., weight 4lbs.; 2 Persian cats (females), 1 blue, 1 white; honourable dealings only: Andrews, 19, Liddle-terr., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. (1025)

EXCHANGE, 6 Leghorn pullets, for Linnets and Goldfinch Mules, pure wild song; or offers in wool, blankets, or children's underwear; yours first, or offers in Yorkshire terrier pups or Pom.: Richmond, 7, Ulla-st., Middlesbrough. (1016)

SELL, or exchange for talking Parrot, Canaries, or other birds, to value of 45/-, Spider, the prettiest, tamest, and most affectionate little monkey in England, putty-nosed, African species; thorough pet: Cooper, 163, Princes-st., Manchester. (1012)

TWO Yorks. cocks, 5/6; powerful shocking coil, 2/6; steam engine, 2/6; field-glasses, 2/-; double-barrel breech-loader, 6/6; single barrel ditto, 4/-; gramophone and records, 5/-; guaranteed perfect; half carriage paid: Malley, 50, Bridgend, Dumbarton. (1012)

WHAT offers in good large wash leathers, buckets, brushes, anything useful, for 25-egg incubator, wants slight repair; also 2 pairs high-class Norwich, four good odd hens, 20 cage joiner-made rack and cages, or sell cheap; stamp reply: Hopkins, 40, Walnut-st., Blackburn. (1016)

BARGAINS: Large 16-compartment breeding cage and all slides, etc., complete, 15/-; Columbia Phonograph, extra large brass horn and stand, with 60 records, £1, or exchange for youth's cycle, disc records, gramophone, or anything useful: Young, Sleighholme-cottage, Whitby. (1011)

SITUATIONS.

COUNTRY agents wanted for Trower's bird seeds and foods, good commission: Trower, 442, Caledonian-rd., London.

Aquarium.

GOLD Fish, 9d. doz.; medium, 2/- doz.; large, 6/- to 12/- doz.; fish cans, 8d. and 6d. each; trade supplied: R. Kremmer, 104, Tib-st., Manchester.

GOLDFISH, aquariums, fish globes, grottoes, water lilies, and weeds; stamp for price list: British Goldfish and Aquarium Co., 61-3, St. George's-rd., Elephant and Castle, London. (1004)

GOLDFISH, all sizes, rare fish of many species, reptiles, amphibia, plants, snails; list free; catalogue, Aquaria and Vivaria, 1d.: L. Cura and Sons, Vine-st., Clerkenwell-rd., London, E.C. Fisheries: Carmiano, Piacenza, Italy. Established 1859. (962)

VERY large breeding Goldfish, 5/- pair; White Oxolotel, 2/6 each; Ballsnerize, in pots, 6d.; Goldfish 9d. dozen, medium, 2/-, large 6/- and 12/-; Gudgeon 2d.; Roach 3d.; Paradise Fish, small, 9d. each; Dogfish, 6d. each; Sunfish, 6d.; Bitterling, 4d.; Golden Orfe, 6d.; Minnows, 8d. dozen; Catfish, 6d.; plants, snails, globes, aquariums, etc.; trade supplied; price lists: De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

BUSINESSES.

WELL known fanciers' supply stores for disposal; birds, cages and appliances, corn, flour and seed: For further particulars, write BOX 1025, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

Cycles.

TRICYCLE, pneumatic, suit lady or gentleman, £5 10s., carriage paid: 14, Fishergate, Nottingham. (1017)

CYCLE agents and repairers, send for wholesale catalogue of cycles, cycle and motor tyres and accessories: Hulme and Co., 65, John Bright-st., Birmingham. (601)

Ferrets.

SPORTSMEN: Six remarkably quick greyhound ferrets, exceedingly quick, clean, healthy, only 4/6 each, 9/- brace: Keeper, Zoological Emporium, Erdington, Birmingham. (997)

SPLENDID Ferrets, good workers, guaranteed, 5/- each; excellent liners, 6/-; nothing better obtainable; 10 days' approval; cash or deposit: Thos. Wannop, Short-st., Carlisle. (1017)

Guns.

NEW double-barrel gun, 12 bore, top lever, recently cost 75/-, sacrifice 40/-; approval anywhere; cash or deposit, Editor: William Young, Mosterton-rd., Misterton, Somerset. (992)

Household Furniture, Utensils, etc.

BEAUTIFUL white blankets, full size, 72 by 54, 4/3 pair; carriage paid; everybody delighted; warm, heavy, worth 10/- pair: Depot C. B., Woollen Blanket Manufacturers, 95, Melrose-rd., Liverpool.

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Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest at "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, Nov. 8, when there were 22 birds entered for three minutes' time singing. Winners: 1st, W. Nelson (63); 2nd, J. Wainwright (41); 3rd, S. Morley (36). On Nov. 9 there were 14 birds entered. Winners: J. Williams (52); J. Wainwright (40); W. Nelson (36).—J. Brindley, Sec.

KIPPAX.

The Kippax and Dist. Linnet Club general meeting was held Nov. 2nd at headquarters, Commercial Hotel. Good attendance of members present to arrange officials and special sings for 1914. Decided to open our singing season on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, with a members' special sing, entrance fee 6d. each bird, when we hope to welcome a few new members. I hope the season will prove successful. —A. Tomlin, sec. (School Lane, Kippax).

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest, held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Nov. 8, when 19 birds, best in Yorkshire, sang. 1, Binns; 2, King; 3, Hullen. On Nov. 9, 19 birds sang. 1, Chadwick; 2, King; 3, Peas. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and J. Granger.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

There was a large muster of birds at the "Prince Albert" Linnet Club, Newtown, Leeds, Nov. 9, when 28 birds sang. Chipindale 1, Binner 2 and 3. Judges, Lorrimer and Maden.—R. Ridyard, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held "King's Head," Shannon Street, Nov. 8, when 17 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, 3, E. Wood. Judges, S. Hayes and W. Naylor. Nov. 9, 19 birds sang. 1, H. Wigfield; 2, E. Wood; 3, W. Sissons. Judges, J. Mellia, W. Naylor, A. Jennings.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, held Butcher's Arms, Union Street, Nov. 1st, when 18 birds sang for three prizes. Considering the birds are only just through the moult, some very good time was done: 1, J. Syddall, 187 secs.; 2, T. Knowles, 185; 3, J. Green, 140. Timekeepers, E. Wynn, and J. Hodgkiss; minutes, J. Caswell; birdman, J. Edwards. Next contest, Nov. 15th, for time; first pair up at 2.45 prompt. Contests every fortnight, as usual, and the yearly prizes will be given the same as last season.—E. Hickman, Sec.

LONDON, N.

Last week, at the Robin Hood, Southampton Street, Pentonville, we had several handicaps, Linnets and Chaffinches, and there has been good singing. On Nov. 16, at dinner time, Sylvester and Pony Moore are going to sing Linnets for trophy. As usual, Chaffinches at night. Timekeeper, F. Hughes. —F. Westmore.

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BRANDON COLLIERY C.B.S.

Meeting held Miner's Reading Room, Nov. 4th. Owing to our chairman, Mr. Basey, being absent through illness, Mr. A. Robson took the chair. Moved that annual show be Feb. 14th, 1914, in the Miner's Hall, with 31 classes, 20 open, 11 members'. Mr. Wm. Reid, Sunderland, was elected to judge. One new member was made, and a pleasant night was spent.—G. Reed, Sec.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Decided to hold next members' show, Dec. 26th; to be a full day's show. Birds received up to ten o'clock morning of show. All fanciers wishing to join for season 1914 will be eligible to compete. We have some very useful specials. All fanciers intending to join are requested to send their names and addresses as soon as possible. Next meeting, the Hall, Royal Street, Nov. 26th, at 8 p.m., when final arrangements for show will be made.—E. Broadbent, Hon. Sec., 25, Wellfield Road, Walton, Liverpool.

EMPIRE (Stanley) F. AND F.C.B.S.

Next meeting, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., when we expect members to turn up with as many entries as possible, as it is the closing date. We give a hearty invitation to any fanciers to come and visit our show, either on Saturday or Sunday, when they will be made welcome. Admission free. It is the best show, bar none, in either Northumberland or Durham, as a club show, both for quality and quantity. We have 6 cups, besides medals and other specials. —Wm. Robinson, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Nov. 6th. Mr. R. Tindale in chair. Vote of thanks accorded officials, and all who assisted in various ways at late show. Decided to fix date of 1914 show, at next meeting, also question of members' prize-money will be discussed. The thanks of the society are due to Messrs. Cuthbert and Thompson, the auctioneers. I wish to thank Messrs. Crawhall, Farrer, Laidlaw, Coltman, and Craig for their assistance before the show. Nominations for officials for 1914 to be sent to me before the Dec. meeting, in writing.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Meeting, held "Flying Dutchman," Leeds Road, Nov. 8, only a half-dozen members (except officers) being present; one of the worst attendances this year. Surely out of 65 members we ought to do better than this, especially on final meeting before open show. If we wish our society to continue its successful course, members will have to rally round, and do a little more than enter birds in members' shows, as this is only a minor item towards keeping the society on a flourishing basis. Principal business, working and show committees for open show, advertisements, printing of catalogues, etc., receiving and despatching of birds, and other necessary arrangements, which brought the meeting to a successful finish.—P. N. Jenkinson (Assist. Sec.)

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting, Nov. 8th, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Decided, to apply for B.F.C.C. patronage, with champion and novice medals. Also that we give 2s. 6d. special in each open class at our show, the Chairman and Secretary promising a diploma for best bird in show, and best bird in each section. As an early start for specials, Mr. Connerton promised 6 cage fronts. Rules and regulations were decided upon, as also the prize-money, 1st 10s., 2nd 5s., 3rd 3s., 4th 2s., making a total of 20s. per class, for an entrance fee of 1s. 6d., with half-prize money if seven entries or less. The schedule was almost completed, the exception being matter required for printing from some of the specialist clubs. Proposed to have prize cards only, and no gummed slips as last year. The classes (81 in number) were then divided up for the judges as follows: Mr. Johnston (Borders and Selling classes); Mr. Cowgill (remainder of Canaries), and Mr. Wilson (Brit. Mule and For.). Question of advertising, etc., was left over.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting Nov. 5, before a good attendance. Four new members were elected, viz., Mrs. Cleminson (Shiplake), W. McCullum, and Mr. Knott (Reading), Mr. Gale (Guildford). A letter was read from Mr. Geo. Wm. Palmer, thanking the members for their sympathy in her sad loss. Stewards were elected and details settled for show, Nov. 26th, so that every member will know his duties. Hon. Sec. brought forward a suggestion to further encourage a good sporting spirit amongst members, that the amateurs should club together and buy a trophy to be competed for by the novices only, and in return the novices should do the same for the amateurs. There are so many of each now that a good sum ought to be got. Decided to talk it over at the show with every member, and report progress at the next meeting in December. Tickets were applied for in good numbers, so evidently the splendid prize offered by Mr. G. H. Aeton for members selling most tickets will cause some competition. Mr. E. J. Smith was elected show manager. Any member getting "sat on" for breaking rules will remember it, as his weight is about 20 stone. Everything promises well for a record show, and enthusiasm is splendid amongst members.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held Nov. 10th, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd in the chair; Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., and 30 members present. Letters were read and acted upon. Result of judging competition in Yorkshires at last meeting: Mr. W. Styles and Mr. F. Eaton, 56 points; Mr. W. Sanders and Mr. W. Large, 55 points; Mr. W. Knight, and Mr. A. Dosset, 49 points. There being so many ties, a draw took place, resulting in Mr. W. Styles being placed first, Mr. F. Eaton second, and Mr. W. Sanders third. The feature of the evening was a washing competition, 5 members taking part, Messrs. W. Sanders, Wakefield, W. Styles, W. Knight, and A. Salter. Mr. H. Tringham, who was to act as judge, wrote regretting his inability to attend, and one of our oldest and most respected members, Mr. A. W. Curtis kindly consented to act in his stead. Each competitor washed one bird, and then placed them in the electrically heated drying cage, belonging to the Association. At the conclusion of the washing, the judge commented upon the various methods adopted by the competitors, and awarded Mr. Salter first prize, Mr. W. Knight second, and Mr. W. Sanders third. A very interesting and instructive discussion then took place. Mr. C. W. Curtis, who is one of the ablest and most expert washers of Canaries in the Fancy, giving members the result of his experience, and also gave them details of a drying cage, made to his own design, one of which he had used for many years with great success. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his services, and a vote of thanks to chairman closed a very pleasant meeting. —F. Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Doig's Rooms, 5th Nov. Mr. Jas. Huschell in the chair. Principal business, appointing of stewards for open show, on 29th Nov. It was agreed that the secretary send reports of meetings to CAGE BIRDS. After an animated discussion on minor topics, the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.—A. Miller, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & SCOTCH FANCY C.C.

Monthly meeting and table show, held Nov. 3, Pellars Cafe, Mr. W. Smith in the chair. Proposed and seconded, that next meeting a table show be held, five classes each section. Class (1), Clear or marked Yellow Ck.; (2) Do. Buff; (3) Hen, any col.; (4) Green; (5), Cinnamon. Judges, Mr. T. Parker and Mr. W. P. Smith. Winners at table show: Class 1: No entry. Class 2: 1, Espie; 2, Montgomery. Class 3: 1, 2, Montgomery; 3, Farrar. Class 4: 1, Farrar; 2, W. Espie. NOVICE: Class 5: 1, Smith; 2, hc, P. Reed; 3, vhc, Snaith; 4, Affleck. Class 6: 1, 3, hc, Snaith; 2, Reed; 4, Smith; c, Affleck. Class 7: 1, Cossar; 2, vhc, Reed; 3, hc, Affleck; 4, Wilson; c, Smith. Class 8: 1, 4, Churnside; 2, vhc, Cossar; 3, hambers; hc, c, Smith. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the judges, Mr. W. Affleck and Mr. M. C. Potts. This brought a splendid meeting to an end.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 8th, in the Church Hall, Hamsterley Colliery, Mr. G. Barkess in chair. Pleased to see such a good turn-out of members, and hope it continues. Prize-money paid out in full, and balance-sheet passed as satisfactory. In his donation book Mr. M. N. Gardiner (our worthy vice-chairman) had the handsome sum of £5 4s. 6d. Great praise is due to that gentleman for the way he sets about his work. We are very sorry to learn that he is giving up the hobby of bird-keeping, owing to lack of time. It was proposed to make him a small present, as a token of respect for his past services to the above society, and at once the hat was handed round, and a small sum raised. Other members who were not at meeting, please note that secretaries will be glad to receive any small donation towards this fund. Decided to have a social in a few weeks time; left to secretaries to find a date suitable.—Jamieson and Johnson (Secs.).

LOANHEAD AND DIST, C.B.S.

Financial meeting, Mason's Arms, Nov. 8th, Mr. A. Jardine, President, in the chair. The secretary showed an income of £20 6s. 1½d., against an expenditure of £8 11s. 7d., leaving a balance for prize-money of £11 14s. 6½d., which meant the society was to pay 7s. 6d. per class this year. The President expressed the pleasant surprise that he had got on hearing the balance sheet read, and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the secretary and local committee, which was very warmly responded to. The Secretary then read a letter in Mr. John Steel's absence, Mr. Steel explaining that our show, being so early, many a good bird had to stand down on account of it not being finished; secondly, by putting it back, we would have a much larger entry. A great discussion took place, in which nearly all present took part. Decided not to alter date, as it had been proved to be very good, as we had shows round about, and this was the means of helping the drawings at the door. By getting club show early, members were then free to support open show. Election of office bearers resulted in unanimous re-election of all, after which four new members were admitted, Messrs. Weir, McConnel, Innes and Watson. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Annual members show held Oct. 25. Financially and otherwise the same was a great success. The Y.M.C.A. Hall again was the venue; it is needless to mention its splendid features for such a show. The staging, nicely arranged to suit the convenience of visitors, was in charge of Mr. Robert McEwan, treas. Gate money far exceeded previous years. The members had a busy time showing their wives and friends their winning exhibits, and hurrying them past those that were out of the tickets. Some members, who in previous years had a good share of winnings, were completely out of it this show, and still they smiled. Entries reached 250, being an increase on last year. Quality was far above the standard of previous years. The most interesting exhibit was the Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid bred and exhibited by Mr. Robert Perrie. Mr. Haddow judged Canaries, and Mr. Raine British, their awards being very satisfactory. Special prizewinners were: Points cup, R. McLure; runner-up sp., Allan Thomson; young bird cup, R. Perrie, Redpoll-Bullie; Norwich, W. Clark, jun.; Bord., R. McLure; rose-bowl for best Brit., A. Kerr, with a nice Linnet; novice medal, Alex. Thomson, with a grand Greenie Mule; novice (gold), points medal, S. Fergnson, jun.; medal best Bord., R. McLure; 6 best nominated Brit., R. Perrie; 6 ditto Canaries, J. Graham; most points any one class, ditto Canary section, R. McClure. From the catalogue received, we gather that the principal winners were: NOR.: Clark, Rundell, M'Ewan, Chalmers, Haston, M'Lean, Pollock, Kennedy. BORD.: M'Lure, Haston, Graham, Marley, Pollock. CRESTS: Arnott. YORKS.: Fergnson, Marley. A.O.V.: M'Lure, Clark. MULES: Perrie, Thomson, Haney, Smith. BRIT.: Alex. Thomson, Clark, M'Lure, Kerr, Pollock, Allan Thomson, Perrie, Cummings, Orr, Melvin, M'Lean, Arnott. FOR.: Perrie, Cummings, Clarke.—(Ed.)

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HAMILTON (Cadzow Oak) O.S.

Annual show, held Nov. 8, in Town Hall, Hamilton. The gate, as well as entries, showed an increase, and the management kept the hall at a temperature which added greatly to the comfort of exhibitor and bird alike. Hamilton has always been a popular one-day fixture, evidence of this was borne out by the amount of "sweet kent faces frae a' parts." The quality of the exhibits was quite up to standard, and in Border fanciers quality was of a very high order, especially in bulls, very little separating the winner. Pre. Shearer, Sec. Marley, Vice-pres. Braidwood, and Allan, along with the following hard-working committee, all wrought for the welfare of their society, and merited the praise accorded them: Messrs. Clark, Easton, Allan, McIntyre, Williams, Hamilton, jun., Shearer, sen., Thomson, Whiteford, Forrest, Johnstone. Judges were: Plainheads and Crests, W. Watson, Kilmarnock; Borders, W. Mossie, Annbank, Hybs., Brit., and For., W. Clark, Larkhall. In the majority of cases their awards were well received.

The Critique.

CLR. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Munro, well up in size, col., and type, lovely qual., fine head and neck, neat and clean, got up, wins nicely; 2, Morrison, lovely hot, even col., fine qual., neatly silled in, not quite so perfect in wing carr.; 3, Colley, fine col. and neat shape; 4, Harper; 5, Morrison. BUFF (12): 1, Devoy, fine size and grand qual. feather, nice type, neat cobby make, shows a trifle too much brow; 2, Naismith, hard up for size and qual., cobby, shapely body, in grand con., secures position nicely; 3, 6, Braidwood, 3rd, fine size and shape, neat front and cobby make; 4, Cullen, fine sub., and nice qual., good condition; 5, Clark. VAR. OR GR. (CK. (7): 1, Watson, head and wing mkd. buff, rare shape and sweet short cobby body, capital qual., fine car., the right stamp; 2, Callacher, rare hot, even, good qual. feather, full head and neck, neat front, nicely staged; 5, Colley, head mkd. buff, fine qual., silky feather, nice subs., fine make, just a trifle leggy; 4, McNeill; 5, Calderwood; 6, McFadyen. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Simpson, very sweet col., in spanking order, short, neat, and clean cut, typical wins; 2, Buchanan, similar size and make, nicely got up, just fails in con.; 3, 4, Calderwood, 3rd, best of lot for subs., lovely hot, even col., fine qual., grand front, nice top end, just inclined to cross, when worked, but must have pressed; 5, Bissett; 6, Cosgrove. BUFF (8): 1, Devoy, great subs. and qual., fine, deep, broad front, good top end, short, neat, and well carried wings and close tail, all there, wins hands down; 2, Colley, shade hotter in col., nice size, good qual., not quite so well filled at neck; 3, 4, Braidwood, leader, shapely, somewhat finer lines, good type and make, staged in rare order; 5, Munro; 6, Morton. VAR. OR GR. HEN (14): 1, Calderwood, heavy var. buff, nice con., fine broad front, thick set cobby body, fine style and car., staged in winning form; 2, Divens, similar in markings and stamp, sweet qual., close silky feather, not just the substance of leader, still, well up; 3, Simpson, large, lightly mkd. yell., in top condition, grand silky quality feather, fine head and clean front; 4, Mathieson; 5, Morrison; 6, McIntyre. UNFLIG. CK. (24): 1, Morgan, rare qual. cl. yell., topping cond., sweet, neat and cobby body, fine style and A1 car., staged to win; 2, Morrison, grand cl. buff, spanking cond., hot qual., lovely deep, even shade col., fine front, good style and car., fine head and neck, must have pressed hard; 3, Braidwood, var. buff, plenty subs., nice qual., good car.; 4, Calderwood; 5, Burt; 6, Eaton. UNFLIG. HEN (19): 1, Calderwood, buff, not a monster, but neat cobby, make, lovely type and qual., well braced together, a little model; 2, Richardson, sweet cl. yell., lovely bloom, fine front and style, good wings and tail, fails slightly at throat, but may improve; 3, Morgan, wing mkd. yell., lovely deep shade of col., fine qual., just inclined to cross at times; 4, Braidwood; 5, Scobbie; 6, Gallacher. UNFED. CK. (14): 1, Marlin, heavy var. buff, grand qual. feather, fine size, many thought lucky; 2, Johnstone, massive built cap mkd. yell., in fine feather, nicely balanced wings, bit too long behind; 3, Lawrie, massive built cl. yell., fine head and neck, rare girth and clean cut, hot favourite for first place; 4, Braidwood; 5, Naismitb; 6, Campbell. HEN (8): 1, Simpson, heavy var. yell., fine subs., shape and car., might be a trifle tighter in feather; 2, Lawrie, heavy var., nicely made, a bit behind in subs., to leader, in nice order; 3, Cullen, sweet, good qual. cl. buff, in spanking order, neat and cobby, must have pressed; 4, Marlin, neatly got up, shapely yell; 5, Burt; 6, Gallacher. SELL., NOR. (20): 1, J. Watson; 2, A. Watson; 3, 6, Cant; 4, Barrie; 5, Cant. CREST. (6): 1, 3, J. Watson, leader massive broken gr., plenty feather, nice top piece, fine droop, lovely even radiation, well groomed; 3, cl., body, griz. crest, not quite the subs., but neat headpiece, nicely placed; 2, McFadyen, massive body, heavy var., plenty body feather, not quite so good in radiation as leader, but well up; 4, 5, Lindsay, leader mass, built, close feathered, good top piece, finely staged; 6, Sneddon. C.B. (3): 1, J. Watson, large gr., capital cond., fine subs. and qual., close in feather, fine lash; 2, 3, Brown, var. buff and gr. respectively, leader capital subs., plenty feather, excels in entrance, 3, rare condition, fine qual. and length of feather, nice subs., presses hard on leaders. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, McKean, little beauty, laid down in the pink, built to order, all there for type and qual., neat, jaunty style, fine car., a treat; 2, Campbell, again good, lovely tapered body, stylish, and well braced; 3, G. Bennet, hard upon the run, rare shape and nice qual., fine car., very little behind; 4, 6, Hislop, former pressing well on leaders, good all round; 5, Marshall. BUFF (16): 1, G. Bennet, sweet type, lovely qual., fine silky feather, neat round head and fine neck, sweetly tapered, in faultless cond.; 2, Clark, well up in feather, grand type, neat front and clean cut away; 3, Wallace, in lovely order, staged like glass, neat, clean, and sweetly made through, might have crept up a point; 4, Donaldson, lovely type, fine waxy feather, well braced and clean cut; 5, Findlay; 6, Way. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Clark, A1 cond., rare qual. feather, nicely tapered body, fine wings and tail, just inclined to run a trifle strong in head points; 2, McKean, all right for quality and type, neat top end, well drawn; 3, Halliday, nice one for type and neat car., fine wings and tail, staged in capital style, presses hard on leaders; 4, Laidlaw, nice shape, style and qual., fine car., fails only at top end; 5, Way; 6, no name. BUFF (19): 1, Allardice, lovely little model, wins novice medal, all there for type, qual. and stylish car., superb cond.; 2, H. Bennet, well up for qual., style and car., just fails to leader in head points; 3, Walker, fine qual., rare feather, good cond.; 4, Halliday, very similar and hard up on 3rd; 5, Aitchison; 6, Brown, grand class for qual. EVEN MARK (11): 1, Hamilton, lovely qual., capital markings, neatly made, in nice order; 2, Haddow, CLNR. mk., lovely markings, and rare good qual. feather, car. all right, rather like silk; 3, Reid, fine type and qual., neat car., nice top end, just fails in perfection of markings; 4, Findlay, good all round, nicely put down; 5, Fraser; 6, Linton. TNEV. YELL. (14): 1, Clark, all there for type and qual., nicely tapered body and neat car., very fit; 2, Findlay, top cond., fine jaunty style, neat, well tapered body, hard on leader; 3, Ketchen, nice one, in fit order, tight in feather, neat curled wings, close tail; 4, Paterson, shapely, good qual., very underly; 5, Halliday; 6, Aitchison. BUFF (18): 1, Findlay, nice size, good type, neat and well drawn, fine power, smooth as glass, very fit; 2, Boswell, very taking, in the pink, sweetly tapered, feathered like wax; 3, Walker, a little dog for type and car., lacks the polish of winners; 4, Lyall Irvine, nice one for shape and feather, fails in rise of head; 5, Halliday; 6, Haddow. CLNN. CK. (22): Strong class. 1, D. Hamilton, City of Glasgow winner, in full bloom, topping col. and qual., fine head and neck, neat, sweet front, and lovely tapered body. 2, 5, W. S. Wilson, former capital buff, topping qual. feather, rare silky texture, very shapely, car. perfect, steady and fit, 5th, nice yell., in grand order; 3, Lambie, sweet buff, in capital condition, neat and shapely, hard up, fine light feather, grand qual.; 4, C. Reid, 4th fine col., nicely pencilled, silky texture, good type. HEN (17): 1, 4, 5, 6, Wilson, rare yell. leading, capital trim, fine qual. feather, nicely pencilled, neat head and neck, best of wings and tail, clean cut; 2, Murray, staged in faultless condition, neat and good all over, hard up in the run; 3, Reid, nice one for qual. and shape, fine feather, good style, 4th, good qual., hard up. CR. CK. (20): 1, Reid, lovely grassy gr., typical, fine top end, clean front, sweet tapered, grand silky feathered body, nice car.; 2, 6, Wilson, little beauty, in the best of order, neat, jaunty, stylish; 3, Smith, good one, in the pink, well up, wins pos. nicely; 4, Whitelaw; nice type and quality, not far out of the run; 5, Lambie. HEN (11): 1, Farrer, topper, rare grassy col., silky texture, all there for type and qual., nicely braced together, wins well; 2, Wilson, fine col, nice size, neat carr., only behind leader in head and neck; 3, Murphy, nice qual., fine order, neat and taking appearance, might have stood up one; 4, Dick, very nice, in capital order; 5, Lambie. NOV. (17): 1, Reid, lovely cl. buff, capital qual. feather, nice carr. and style, will improve; 2, Davidson, nice uneven, good qual., sweet taper, stylish, not fully tightened up yet; 3, Booth, good one for type and feather; 4, Donaldson, real nice little exhibit, A1 qual. feather, shapely and stylish and value for 2nd place; 5, Linton; 6, Paterson. SELL. BORD. (11): 1, H. Bennett; 2, Reid; 3, Hislop; 4, Wilson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Brown. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, leader cl. yell Yorks., rare length, nice shape, good pos., well drawn and tightly braced up; 2nd fine pied Scotch, fine reach and drive, nice depth through, good one, finely staged; 3, Hannah, lovely qual., buff Yorks. CL., ETC., CAN. OR BULLF. MULE (1): 1, cup, Mr. Perrie's famous Mealy Redpoll-Bullf., in lovely condition, like a Java, steady and nice. VARIEG. MULE (7): 1, Thomson, lightly mkd. Goldie cross, rare feather, nice blaze, rich face, good col., size and marks, in top form; 2, Whiteford, var. Greenie cross, in lovely order, fine substance and rare qual.; 3, Jones; 4, Kennedy; 5, Cowe; 6, Marlin. DARK GOLDF. OR LINNET-CAN. (12): 1, Marlin, nice Linnet, fine col. and cond., good size and marking, steady and tight, neat stylish; 2, Smith, fine Goldie, well up in size and qual., in top cond., rare face and nice blaze; 3, Chambers, fine Linnet, in rare trim, hard up on winner for size and markings, nice one all over; 4, Naismith; 5, Scobbie; 6, Renwick. A.O. DK. CAN. MULE (13): 1, 2, Hannah, monster jonque Greenie, capital order, lovely shade of col., fine wings, laid down in rare bloom; 2nd same cross, not quite the subst. of leader; 3, Lindsay, capital Siskin, grand col., size and cond., perfect feather, shows cross nicely, value for a step up; 4, Cowan, large buff Greenie, fine feather, nicely staged, steady; 5, Wilkinson; 6, Morgan. A.O. HYB. EXCEPT BULLF. (6): 1, Mitchell, lovely little Redpoll-Goldie, in topping order, showing cross well; 2, Renwick, capital Redpoll-Greenie, fine size and top condition; 3, Wyper, Goldie-Greenie, nicely blended colouring, showing cross to perfection; 4, Cowan, fine little Siskin-Goldie; 5, Brownlie and Sons; 6, Haddow. GOLDF. (7): 1, McGregor, perfect model for markings, large square blaze, rich deep scarlet, very expansive, fine cheeks, nice tans and yellows, fine moons, right good one; 2, Allanson, well up for markings and steadiness, not quite the subs., still good one; 3, Calder, nice one for size, fine wings and buttons, good cond.; 4, Thomson, well up in size and col., fine pure markings, but fails in blaze; 5, Haddow; 6, Smith. BULLF. (1): 1, Irvine, fine order, nice cap and bars, well staged and steady; 2, Sykes, capital subs., deep even col., distinct markings, fine expansive jet-black cap, nice wings, some made this an easy win; 3, Allanson, fine size and bulld, neat markings and steady; 4, Small, good size and col., fine markings, rich shade of breast col. BULLF. HEN (10): 1, 4, Gentleman, 1st lovely lady, excellent condition, fine size, nice subs., expansive jet-black, clean-cut cap, good win; 2, Perrie, perfect feather, fine size, superb markings, in faultless bloom, one of the best; 3, Wyper, just lacks the subs. of leaders, but all there for qual. and cond.; 4th well up, nice exhibit, in fine form; 5, Steel; 6, Neilson. HEN FINCH OR BUNT, SMALL (13): 1, Gentleman, fine Yellowhammer in topping order, large, steady and good in feather; 2, Sykes, capital Greenie, lovely condition, smooth as glass, steady, staged in the pink; 3, Telfer, fine Bramble, capital size and feather, nicely spangled, stands firm as a rock; 4, Melvin, Siskin, in faultless feather; 5, Orr; 6, Pirrie. LINNET (11): 1, Kerr, cap, size, and real nutty brown pencillings, fine front and thighs, nice type and steady; 2, Crawford, hard up on leader for markings, condition and steadiness, just lacks the subs. of body; 3, Doig, fine one for size, nice type and qual., fails only in markings; 4, Clark, similar to 3rd, in nice form; 5, Crone; 6, Allanson. LINNET, F.-M. (10): 1, McGavin, massive, A1 cond., fine nutty col., neat, distinct pencillings, in the best of order; 2, Fraser, well up on leader for markings and style, steady, good in whites, lacks leader's subs.; 3, Calder, good one for size and condition, not quite so distinct in markings; 4, Reid, similar to 3rd, but richer in pencillings, high coud., deserves position; 5, Ward; 6, Begg. COLOUR-FED GREENF. (3): 1, 2, Cowan, leader not a monster but nice subs., tip-top cond., steady as a rock, wins well; 2nd nice, good size and cond., rare feather, steady, still we thought lucky to beat 3, Davidson, well up in every respect, more massive in build. NAT. FED (19): 1, Stewart, topper for size and cond., steady and perfect in feather, all there for col., one of the best; 2, Campbell, capital order, not the size of winner, but secures position all right; 3, Linton, fine one, in spanking condition, every bit the equal of 2nd; 4, Melvin; 5, Crone; 6, Naismith. H.M. LESSER REDPOLL (16). 1, Sykes, in prime condition, fine size, nicely mkd. front and flanks, steady, good in feather, wins well, 2, Jardine, hard up for col., neat markings, steady and fit, just behind in size; 3, Brownlie, very nice one, hard up, creditably staged, nicely placed; 4, Clark, nice size, steady, neatly mkd.; 5, Marlin; 6, Thomson. L.M. (14): 1, Marlin, richly pencilled, fine deep scarlet cap, nicely defined bib, steady, leads the way in fine fashion; 2, Neilson, capital size and col., well up on leader, just lacks such profuse flank marking; 3, Clark, nice quality, in fine bloom; 4, Kerr, good one, in fit condition; 5, Orr; 6, Calder. MEALY POLL OR TWITE (7): 1, Brownlie and Sons, large Mealy, very white in col., in capital condition, nice size and cubs.; 2, Crawford, nice sized Twite, in fine feather, good col. and steady, runs hard up for top honours; 3, Renwick, nice size, profuse, neat pencilling, rich col., very steady, faultless condition, many thought the best in class; 4, Calder, good one, hard up; 5, Marshall; 6, Crone. SISKIN (13): 1, White, nat. col., top order, nice feather, fine cap and markings, good one; 2, Calder, large jonque, fed to perfection, steady as a rock, perfect in markings and feather, right good one; 3, Perrie, neat col., top condition, very similar to 1st and very little must have separated them; 1, McLean, finely fed, A1 order, neat and tight in feather, grand col.; 5, no name; 6, Mitchell. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (4): 1, 2, Sykes, the City winners again in front, gems of the first water, no further comment required; 3, Divens, Bramble, nice feather, just lacks the subs.; 4, Rae, good Bramble, in nice order. BUNTING (7): 1, Menzies, capital Yellow-hammer, rare size, good feather, fine distinct head markings, staged in capital order, wins well; 2, Small, Yellowhammer, nice size, good condition, not quite so steady or perfect in markings; 3, Richardson, good Corn Bunting, in nice condition, could be more steady; 4, Pirrie; 5, Chalmers. A.O.V. (3): 1, Sykes, lovely Chough, in perfect feather, a real beauty and no mistake, wins well; 2, Kerr, lovely Magpie, in grand feather, staged to perfection; 3, McLean, topping Redstart, perfect plumage, real beauty, in faultless condition, topper. GOLDF. OR BULLF. FOR. (10): 1, Allanson, champion Goldie, in A1 form, massive built, rare square blaze and fine cheeks, pure whites, lovely tanned body and rich yell. wings, and fine buttoned tips, a beauty; 2, Arnott, lovely Bullie, rich deep crimson front and slatey body, nice wing bars and perfect-feather, deep jet, capital fitting cap; 3, Marshall, nice Goldie, all there for size and cond. fine wings and tans, nicely mkd.; 4, Watson, lovely Bullie hen, steady as a rock, perfect feather, top, size and col., might have taken step up; 5, Reid; 6, Gentleman. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, 2, Macready, leading with spotless pair of Rice Birds in perfect feather, 2nd lovely pair Nonpariels, in winning condition, beauties; 3, Fraser, pair fine Budgies, in nice condition; 4, Barrie, another lovely pair Rice Birds; 5, 6, Begg. LARGE (2): 1, Fraser, lovely pair Pennants, in nice feather; 2, Mrs. Cadzon, Cockatoo, large bird, fine talker. MEMBERS' CLASS: 1, Wilson; 2, Braidwood; 3, Marlin; 4, W. Hamilton.

PORTSMOUTH.

27th annual show of the Portsmouth F.S., held Nov. 12, 13, in the Kingsley Hall, a most suitable hall for the purpose, cosy and comfortable, and well lighted. The entry was a very moderate one, and several of the classes had to be cancelled. The liberal classification and good prize money deserved better appreciation, but the clashing of shows at this part of the season is very severe, and the entry here was doubtless especially affected by Bournemouth show, held on the same date. Sec. Mr. W. E. J. Tyrrell worked hard to make the show a success, and seemed fully capable of seeing to the proper working of a much bigger thing. His efforts were well backed up by an efficient committee with Mr. E. J. W. Matthews (chair) at the head, supported by Mr. Frampton (vice) and Messrs. Moody, A. and J. Coffin, Hawes, Morton, Lavis, Marshall, Squibb, Shott, Tout, Hollings and Smith. Such a well managed show deserves better support another year. Challenge bowl went to Mr. Howick's Can.-Bullf. Hybrid, a lovely bird which merited the success. The Rev. G. W. Joyce judged, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

BORDER classes cancelled. NOR., CL.: 1, Frost and Rogers, yellow, grand size, beautiful col., nice condition; 2, Silk, junr., rich coloured yellow, good size, very stout head, fit; 3, Miles, neat buff, nice col., stout body; vhc, hc, Silk. TKD. ETC.: 1, Miles, grand tkd. buff, nice feather, good size, well shown; 2, Silk, very nice tkd., lovely colour, good shape and size; 3, Frost and Rogers, good tkd. buff, very neat all over, good size; vhc, Silk, junr. CRESTS cancelled. C.B. cancelled. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Yates, grand cl., good carr., nice shape, the right length; 2, Brooks, uneven mkd. non-fed, good length and style; 3, c, Coffin Bros., lovely type, grand carr., good length, looks a bit soft or would have been higher; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, c, Coffin Bros., lovely cl., grand style, stands at the right angle, good length; 2, hc, Etheridge, also cl., nice style, good type and carr.; 3, Yates, cl., good length nice style and carr. well shown; vhc Cooper. HEN: 1, Brooks, uneven mkd. yell., good type, nice length, shown well; 2, Coffin Bros., grand tkd. yell., good shape, stands well, close up; 3, Frost and Rogers, neat buff cl., nice carr., good length; vhc, Mathews; hc, Grist; c, Lavis. A.O.V. cancelled. MULE or HYB.: 1, sp, 2, 3, challenge cup, Howick, well known Canary-Bullf., in fine form; 2nd, another Canary-Bullie, not so large; 3rd, Greenf.-Can., nice size and feather; vhc, Oakley; hc, Miles; c, Foy. SELL., 20s.: 1, Walker; 2, Miles; 3, no name; vhc, Cooper; hc, Matthews. 12s. 6d.: 1, Miles; 2, Cooper; 3, Rimington; vhc, Matthews; hc, Cooper; c, Walker. LOCAL NOR. CL.: 1, vhc, Parkes, good yell., nice size and shape; 2, Baker, very nice buff, grand size; 3, Walker, neat yell. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Walker, nice mkd. yell. good size and shape, and a good mkd. buff; 3, Parkes, nice tkd. yellow; vhc, Ray. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bradshaw, nice cl., good shape; 2, Matthews, another neat cl., good length; 3, hc, C. Coffin Bros. good cl.; vhc Newman. BUFF: 1, White, ticked buff, nice shape and style; 2, 3, Coffin Bros., both of good colour and shape; vhc, hc, Matthews; c, Newman. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Marshall, two grand Crests and a good C.B.; vhc, Oakley; hc, White. OPEN CLASSES.—GOLDF.: 1, 3, Jupe, grand bird, lovely blaze, rich in tannings, well shown, 3rd Southampton cup winner, grand Finch all over; 2, Burr, neat Finch; vhc, Macdonald; hc, Baker. BULLF.: 1, Howick, good col., nice cap and in fine trim, extra good breast col.; 2, Burr, nice one, not quite the col. of 1st, fine cap, silky plumage, well marked wings; 3, Miles, fine glossy jet cap, good condition, bit unsteady, will improve; vhc, Macdonald. GREENF.: 1, 2, 3, Long, three very nice birds, good col., fine subs., condition all right, well shown; vhc, Tout. LINNET: 1, Burr, very nice nutty brown col., good size and pencilling, tight cond., steady, 2, Davis, very neat one, good markings, very rich col., fine size and cond., must have pressed; 3, Hinds, nice size, good shape, fails a bit col to the others; vhc, Long, hc, Aldershade and Cook; c, Tout. F.M.: 1, Farnell, nice rich coloured bird, very steady for a hold-moulted one, should do well, 2, 3, vhc, Smith, 2nd nice and tails rich col., well marked, shows well, 3rd not so steady but beautifully marked, fine pencils, hc, Long. REDPOLL OR SISKIN. 1, Long, very neat Siskin, rich col., beautifully marked, fine cond., 2, 3, Tout, good Redpoll, nice col. and markings, steady, beautiful feather, extra good size, 3rd also a Redpoll, good size and markings. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, Hinds, good Chaffinch, good rich col., steady, fine condition, shows whites well; 2, Burr, good Bullfinch, fine size and colour, steady, lovely feather; 3, White, Chaffinch, good col., not so large, but very pretty, vhc, Aldershade and Cook. BLACKBIRD, THRUSH OR STARLING: 1, 2, 3, Lean, lovely Starling, beautiful spangling, glossy feather, steady, shows well, 2nd very neat Thrush, profusely spotted, good col., fine gloss and plumage, 3rd good Blackbird, sound dense black col., fine bill and eye, nice size, a good exhibit; vhc, Vincent. SMALLBIRD: 1, Lean, beautiful Nightingale, in nice feather, rich brown col., steady and fit; 2, 3, vhc, Tout, good Wheatear, nice condition, steady, nice col., shows well, 3rd Blue-throated Warbler, in good form, a rarity in south country shows. BRIT. (15s.): 1, 2, Silk; 3, vhc, Lean; hc, Smith. GOLDF. LOCAL: 1, vhc, Long, nice blaze, good col. and size; 2, Stone, very neat, good col. and markings; 3, Lewis, v.y good one, not so large; hc, Baker; c, Smith. SMALLER: 1, Lean, good Hawfinch, nice col., fine condition, well up in size; 2, 3, Tout, fine steady Skylark, well mkd., sound col., 3rd very pretty Golden-crested Wren; vhc, hc, Lewis. LARGE LOCAL AND FOR. (3): All cancelled.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN O.S.

Twenty-second annual competition, held in Buccleuch Parish Church Hall, Nov. 1. Entries were about up to last year's, but quality showed a decided improvement. For the second year in succession Mr. Menzies won the "Anderson" Cup, with a grand Buff Scots Fancy Hen, a perfect model, Mr. Ross being runner-up with a buff cock of good merit. Mr. Farquhar won medal for best Norwich. Mr. Carson, Easthouses, judged the Scotch Fancy, and Mr. W. R. Finnie, Edinburgh, the Nor., Bord., and Brit., and their awards gave the utmost satisfaction. At the close Mr. C. R. Drysdale, in handing over the specials, congratulated the winners, and hoped that next year the entries would show an increase, and that the quality would be maintained. Mr. D. McPhail exhibited two White Border cocks, which were greatly admired by the many visitors to the show.

COCKS: SCOTCH FANCY YELL.: 1, spl, Bell; 2, spl, T. Ross. YELL. PIED: 1, Bell; 2, Menzies. YELL. GR.: W. Alexander. CL. OR FOUL BUFF: 1, spl, 5, Ross; 2, spl, 3, spl, Bell; 4, Menzies; 6, C. Luke. BUFF PIED: 1, 2, Bell; 3, Brown; 4, 5, Sinclair; 6, Luke. BUFF GR.: Brown. HENS: CL. OR FOUL YELL.: 1, sp, 2, sp, 4, Ross; 3, Bell; 5, Drysdale; 6, Luke. YELL. PIED: 1, Menzies; 2, sp, 3, sp, Bell; 4, Thomson. YELL. GR.: Alexander. CL. OR FOUL BUFF: 1, sp, cup, best bird in hall, 2, sp, Menzies; 3, sp, 5, 6, Bell; 4, Ross. BUFF PIED: 1, Thomson; 2, Sinclair. BUFF GR.: 1, 4, Alexander; 2, Sinclair; 3, Ross; 5, 6, Brown. NOR. CK., CL. OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Farquhar; 2, 4, Brash; 3, 6, A. Thomson; 5, W. Thomson. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, 6, Brash; 2, Farquhar; 5, Mill. HEN, CL. OR FOUL YELL.: 1, 5, W. Thomson; 2, J. Farquhar; 3, Brash; 4, A. Thomson; 6, Brash. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 5, Brash; 4, J. Innes; 6, P. Brown. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, W. Thomson; 3, Brash; 4, W. Thomson; 5, Innes. BUFF: 1, A. Thomson; 2, J. Farquhar; 3, J. Mill; 4, H. Brash; 5, Innes; 6, A. Thomson. VARIEG. YELL. HEN: 1, A. Thomson; 2, 3, W. Thomson; 4, 5, A. Thomson; 6, W. Thomson. BUFF: 1, J. Farquhar; 2, 3, A. Thomson; 4, W. Thomson. BORD. CK., CL. OR FOUL YELL.: 1, Drysdale; 2, 5, W. Thomson; 3, Farquhar; 4, A. Thomson; 6, Mill. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, W. Thomson. HEN, CL. OR FOUL YELL.: 1, 2, W. Thomson; 3, Farquhar. BUFF: 1, Mill; 2, Drysdale. VARIEG. YELL., CK. OR HEN: 1, 2, Brash; 3, W. Thomson; 4, 5, Drysdale; 6, Mill. BUFF: 1, Mill; 2, W. Thomson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hewit; 2, 3, Brown. BREEDING FINCH: 1 Bell; 2, 3, Brown; 4, Hewit; 5, Drysdale; 6, A. Thomson.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Ninth annual show held Nov. 1. Mr. W. A. Cougill, Bradford, judged, and his awards gave satisfaction all round. Messrs. Dunn and Pike won spls. in amat. Yorks., Hartley and Hadfield in amat. Nor., Cooper and Boardman in novice Yorks.; Colley and Howarth in Bord., Robinson, Hadfield and Jackson in Brit. Mr. Cooper won the Grigg cup with a total of 37 points, Mr. Hartley running up with 28 points. Mr. Cooper also won best team with a very fine team of Yorks. and best bird in show, with a grand unflighted Yorks. Mr. Hartley won Sandiford's medal with a Norwich. Many of the birds were not finished yet. The show was very well patronised. Several birds changed hands.

AMAT., YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Pike; 3, Jones. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, 3, Jones. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Pike; 3, Dunn. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Jones. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, Dunn; 3, 4, Jones. BUFF: 1, 2, Dunn. 1913 CK.: 1, Dunn. HENS: 1, Pike. NOR., YELL.: 1, Hartley; 2, Hadfield; 3, 4, Robinson; vhc, Jackson. BUFF: 1, J. H. Woods; 2, Hadfield; 3, Robinson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, J. H. Woods. BUFF: 1, J. H. Wood; 2, 3, 4, Jackson. 1913 YELL.: 1, 2, Hadfield; 3, Colley. BUFF: 1, 2, Hartley; 3, 4, vhc, Hadfield. YELL. HEN: 1, Colley. BORD. YELL.: 1, Howarth; 2, 3, 4, Colley. BUFF: 1, vhc, Howarth; 2, 3, 4, Colley. YORKS., NOV., CL. YELL.: 1, Cooper. TKD.: 1, Dutton; 2, Boardman. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Dutton. YELL. HEN: 1, Cooper; 2, Farnell. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, hc, Cooper; 2, vhc, Boardman; 3, Farnell. 1913 CK.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Cooper; 4, Boardman. HEN: 1, Farnell; 2, 3, 4, Cooper; vhc, Boardman. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Boardman. LINNET: 1, 2, Robinson. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Robinson. OLD MULE: 1, 2, Hadfield. YOUNG: 1, Robinson. SELL., 15s.: 1, Farnell; 2, Hartley. 10s.: 1, spl., 2, Hartley; 3, 4, vhc, Robinson.—John Davey, Hon. Sec.

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LOUGHBOROUGH & DIS. C.B.A.

Very successful members' show, held Charnwood Coffee House, Nov. 8th. Entries were excellent, quality grand. Messrs. James and Sharpe placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. NOR., YELL. HEN: 1, Howitt; 2, Watson; 3, Dufner. BUFF: 1, 2, Edwards; 3, Dufner. YORKS., YELL. HEN: 1, Foster; 2, Edwards; 3, Howitt. BUFF 1, 2, Foster; 3, Howitt. GOLD. OR BELLF.: 1, Newton. Meeting ended with a good discussion.—J. A. Walker, Hon. Sec.

OLDHAM C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 8, at Textile Mining Rooms, Mr. Wellings, Prescot, placed the awards which were satisfactory to all concerned. We had some grand birds staged and a good number of visitors. Mr. Hardy won the society's challenge cup and Messrs. Ins. Burke and J. Addison were runners-up. Mr. F. Steeple won Sandiford's medal.—J. Cope, Sec.

From catalogue sent we gather that the principal winners were: LIZARDS: Hampshire, Steeple, Cope. LANCS.: Filton, Hardy, Cocker, Lowe, Collinge. FRESTS and C.B.: Cope, Collinge. NOR.: Furniss, Whyatt, Dalzell, Sharples, Steeple, Schofield, Walkden. YORKS.: Addison, Wagstaff, Burke, Walkden, Mills, Wadsworth. PAIRS: Sharples, Hampshire. A.O.V.: Addison, Furniss. MULES: Downes. BRIT.: Sharples (Ed.).

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Young stock show, with British bird section, held Nov. 1, at new quarters, the Marlboro' Hotel, Anderton Road, Small Heath. A splendid entry well paid the committee for their trouble. The room is ideal, and the management excellent. The Yorkshires again topped the tree. The members were sorry to find the Vice Chairman, Mr. J. Hughes, absent through illness, but he could not resist demanding to know the winners by messenger. The points counted towards the silver cups of the Society. Mr. Burke takes a good lead for champion, and Mr. Swinden, novice, while Mr. Raby is topping the bill in British. Points towards a dinner service resulted in Mr. Burke leading by one point. Mr. Burke secured sp. for champion Yorks., Mr. Leonard, novice, Mr. Raby, Brit., Mr. Murray, Borders. Mr. J. H. Roe judged, and over 80 birds were staged.

CHAMP. YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Swinden; 3, 4, Burke; vhc, Harding; hc, Clay; c, Sheppard; a wonderful class, every bird in tip-top condition. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Burke; 2, Constable. CL. or TKD. BUFF: 1 hc, Burke; 2, 4, Sheppard; 3, Swinden; another splendid class, winner run close by 2nd. A.O.V. BUFF (2): 1, Constable; 2, Kidner. HEN, YELL.: 1, 4, vhc, Burke; 2, Constable; 3, Swinden; hc, c, Harding; a superb class. BUFF: 1, Clay. BORDER: 1, 2, 3, Murray. NOVICE YORKS.: CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, sp., Leonard; 3, Bayliss; 4, Barron; a nice class. BUFF: 1, 4, Bayliss; 2, Luckman; 3, hc, Rees; a topping class, every bird in the pink, and little to choose from first three; MULES, LIGHT: 1, Raby, BRIT. (2): 1, sp, Raby, grand Goldie; 2, Johnson. A.O.V. HARD. (10): 1, 2, Raby; 3, 4, Johnson.

N.W. GLASGOW C.B.C.

First annual show and competition held Blythswood Rooms, Nov. 8. There were 64 classes with an entry of over 380. The management are to be congratulated on the great success both as to entries and quality; some well-known winners being staged. The hall has a nice light from the roof, but is on the small side. Sec. Loan, assisted by a committee of able and willing workers from president downwards, had every arrangement made for the comfort of visitors and exhibits. Norwich, Borders, and British were fine collections, and there was a grand array of special prizes, including a handsome rose bowl, and medal for the winner of the Derby. Medal presented by Mr. Doherty for best novice exhibit was won by Mr. R. Brown's var. yell. ck., a grand Norwich. Mr. J. Stewart, junr., was runner-up with a Buff Pied Scotch Fancy hen. The Derby winner, rose bowl, and medal for best young bird was Mr. Naismith, with a Yell. Nor. hen, a nice typical bird, close up was Mr. Pinnock with a col. fed Yorks. cock, of grand lines. Best British novice Mr. G. Manson, with his noted winning Redstart, runner-up Mr. J. D. Brown, lovely Bullfinch ck., grand colour. The judges awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Crawford; 2, Thorn; 3, 5, Houston; 4, Naismith; 6, Hedley. BUFF (9): 1, Naismith; 2, sp, 6, Houston; 3, 4, Thorn; 5, Crawford; 7, Hedley. A.O.V. YELL. CK. (4): 1, R. Brown; 2, Dunn; 3, Honston; 4, Crawford. BUFF (8): 1, 7, Houston; 2, 3, 4, Crawford; 5, R. Brown; 6, Holliday. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (5): 1, sp, cup, Naismith; 2, 4, 5, Crawford; 3, Thorn. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Houston; 3, Naismith; 5, Holliday; 7, Phillips. A.O.V. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Honston; 2, 3, 5, Crawford; 4, Naismith. BUFF (9): 1, R. Brown; 2, Naismith; 3, 5, Hedley; 4, Thorn; 6, 7, Holliday. NON-FED (4): 1, Naismith; 2, Loan; 3, Graham; 4, Brown. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, J. Brown. BUFF (3): 1, 2, J. Brown; 3, sp, Phillips. YELL. HEN (1): 1, J. Brown. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, J. Brown. A.O.V. CK. (5): 1 sp. sp, R. Brown; 2, sp, Findlay; 3, Phillips. Hen (2): 1, 2, Phillips. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, Pinnock; 4, sp, Houston. BUFF (7): 1, c, Pinnock; 2, 5, 6, Findlay; 3, sp, Houston; 4, Crichton. CL. OR TKD. YLLL. HEN (4): 1, sp, 2, sp, Crichton; 3, Pinnock; 4, Findlay. BUFF (1): 1, Pinnock. A.O.V. CK. (4): 1, Pinnock; 2, 4, Houston; 3, A. Brown. SCOTS FANCY CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Phillips. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Phillips. CAN. MULE (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Manson. OLD BIRDS: NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Naismith; 2, sp, 3, Brown. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Houston; 2, Crawford; 3, sp, Naismith; 5, M. Stewart; 6, Taylor; 7, Hedley. YELL. HEN (10): 1, M. Stewart; 2, 6, Houston; 3, J. Stewart; 4, sp, 8, Hedley; 5, Taylor; 7, Holliday. BUFF (11): 1, Dunn; 2, 3, 7, M. Stewart; 4, 6, Houston; 5, Holliday; 8, A. Brown. NON-FED (6): 1, R. Brown; 2, Crawford; 3, Naismith; 4, Hedley; 5, sp, M. Stewart; 6, Cumming. BORD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, A. Brown; 2, Gibb; 4, sp, 3, sp, J. Stewart. BUFF (3): 1, J. D. Browne; 2, A. Brown; 3, M. Findlay. YELL. HEN (5): 1, sp, A. Brown; 2, J. D. Brown. BUFF (2): 1, Gibb; 2, sp, J. D. Brown. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, sp, Pinnock; 2, 3, sp, 4, Crichton; 5, sp, A. Brown. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Pinnock; 2, 5, Houston; 4, Gibb; 6, Crichton; 7, A. Brown. YLLL. HEN (5): 1, Findlay; 2, sp, 5, Pinnock; 3, Crichton; 4, Gibb. BUFF (4): 1, Pinnock; 2, 4, Crichton; 3, Dunn. A.O.V. CK. (1): 1, Dunn. HEN (2): 1, A. Brown; 2, Houston. SCOTCH FANCY CK. (4): 1, J. Stewart; 2, sp, 3, 4, Phillips. HEN (4): 1, J. Stewart; 2, 3, 4, Phillips. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, J. D. Brown. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, A. Brown; 2, Taylor. GOLDF. (5): 1, Crichton; 2, A. Brown; 3, sp, J. D. Brown; 4, Loan. BULLF. (6): 1 sp, p, J. D Brown; 2, Taylor; 3, J. Stewart; 4, Crichton; 5, Manson, 6, sp, Loan. LINNET (10): 1, 4, sp, J. D. Brown; 2, Holliday; 3, Taylor; 5, 7, A. Brown; 6, Loan. GREENF. (11): 1, Henderson; 2, 5, sp, A. Brown; 3, Taylor; 4, Loan; 6, 7, Adams. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, G. Henderson; 4, Taylor. REDPOLL (8): 1, 4, 5, A. Brown; 2, Stewart; 3, Gibb; 6, Taylor; 7, J. D. Brown. TWITE (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Gibb. CHAFF. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, sp, 3, Adams; 4, Gibb. BRAMBLE (3): 1, Gibb; 2, sp, Taylor. YELL. BUNTING (2): 1, A. Brown. A.V. BUNTING (2): 1, Taylor. BULLF. OR GREENF. HEN (3): 1, sp, Loan; 2, J. D. Brown; 3, sp, J. Stewart. A.O.V. HEN (2): 1, Gibb, 2, Taylor. SMALL (4): 1, best Brit. Nor., 4, sp, Manson; 2, sp, 3, Taylor. LARGE (5): 1, sp, Henderson; 2, Taylor; 3, sp, 5, Adams; 4, A. Brown. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, 4, Adams; 2, Taylor; 3, D. Brown; 5, Crichton. A.O.V. (1): 1, Naismith.

HEYWOOD O.S.

Seventh annual show, held Nov. 8, Rochdale Hall. Mr. J. Hopkins judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction. Yorks. were only moderate in numbers. Norwich came up rather better and contained some choice specimens. Among them was found the best bird in show, a lovely mkd. buff cock, owned by Mr. J. Greenhalgh. Lancashires and Lizard were rather poor in numbers but contained some which have held their own in good company. British were sadly wanting in numbers. Some members had sent further afield, where they would get better competition. The society's cup and special was won by R. Schofield, closely followed by Mr. Leach and Mr. Hordern in order named. Sandiford's medal went to Norwich section, and was carried off by Mr. J. Waddington.

YORKS CL. YELL. (4): 1, Schofield; 2, 3, Howarth; 4, Lees. MKD. (4): 1, Schofield; 2, Leach; 3, 4, Greenhalgh. BUFF (9): 1, Waddington; 2, Howarth; 3, 4, hc, Schofield; vhc, Meadowcroft; c, Greenhalgh. HEN (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Schofield; 3, Meadowcroft; hc, Waddington; c, Howarth. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Leach; 2, 4, Lees; 3, hc, c, Greenhalgh; vhc, Blincoe. CL. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Leach. 3, Waddington; 4, Greenhalgh; vhc, Waddington. MKD. (5): 1, 2, 4, Greenhalgh; 3, Leach; vhc, Waddington. HEN (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Lees; 2, Blincoe; hc, Waddington. LIZARD, GOLD (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Hordern; 2, Dewhurst. SILVER (5): 1, Dewhurst; 2, 3, 4, 5, Hordern. HEN (4): 1, 2, Hordern. PAIRS (7): 1, vhc, Hordern; 2, c, Lees; 3, hc, Schofield; 4, Greenhalgh. SELL. 10s. (5): 1, Leach; 2, Schofield; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, vhc, Dewhurst. 6s. (3): 1, Howarth; 2, Dewhurst; 3, Waddington. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, McMurdo; 2, 3, Horrocks. GOLDF., ETC. (4): 1, Horrocks; 2, 4, McMurdo; 3, Blincoe. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 4, Blincoe; 3, McMurdo.—R. Schofield, Hon. Assist. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Second Old Bird Show for the society's 1913 specials and cups, etc., held Nov. 1, at headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, when an entry of 149 birds was staged, Mr. A. W. Hartley having the handling of the Yorkshire Classes, and Mr. J. S. Clarkson Norwich.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (19): 1, 3, Elsegood; 2, 4, Ludbrook; vhc, Wharton; hc, Helliwell; c, Naylor. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Naylor; 2, vhc, Ludbrook; 3, Wharton; hc, c, Helliwell. A.O.V. YELL. (6): 1, Horsfield; 2, 3, 4, Ludbrook; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Birbeck. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Elsegood; 2, Helliwell; 3, Wharton. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, c, Helliwell; 2, 3, Birbeck; 4, hc, Bateman; vhc, Wilcock. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, Helliwell; 3, Wharton; 4, Birbeck; hc, Elsegood; c, Wilcock. A.O.V. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Moreland; 2, Horsfield. BUFF (1): 1, Horsfield. NOVICE.—CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Simonett; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, McEwen; vhc, Rhodes Bros.; hc, Fletcher; c, Pyrah. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Riley; 2, Bower; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, c, Bromham. A.O.V. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Riley; 2, Smith; 3, Bromham; vhc, Fletcher. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Simonett; 2, Rhodes Bros.; 3, McEwen; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Riley. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Bower; 2, hc, Smith; 3, c, Riley; 4, Fletcher. BUFF (10): 1, Smith; 2, Bower; 3, Rhodes Bros.; 4, c, Pyrah; vhc, Hunter; hc, Riley. A.O.V. YELL. (1): 1, Simonett. BUFF (3): 1, Smith; 2, Simonett; 3, Bower. NORWICH.—CL. OR TKD. NOR. (3): 1, Plowright; 2, 3, Roe. A.O.V. (6): 1, Plowright; 2, vhc, hc, Fortman; 3, 4, Roe. UNFLIG. (8): 1, c, Fortman; 3, vhc, Plowright; 2, 4, Roe; hc, Wilcock. CL. TKD. HEN (4): 1, Fortman; 2, Plowright; 3, 4, Roe. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Fortman; 3, Plowright. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Roe; 2, Fortman; 3, 4, vhc, Plowright. NOVICE, NOR.—CL. OR TKD.: Void. A.O.V. (1): Airton. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Hunter; 2, Lythell; 3, Airton. CL. OR TKD. HEN (3): 1, Hunter; 2, Lythell; 3, Airton. A.O.V. (1): 1, Simonett. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Hunter; 2, Airton. A.O.V.: Void.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Annual open show at "Grapes Inn," Platt-st., Oct. 25. We had a very good display. Some fine birds were staged; the Crests and Crestbreds were a grand lot, also the British and Hybrids. Mr. G. Reynolds won special for best young bird with a grand Crested hen, and also spl. for most points in Crest classes. Mr. J. Bowers won spl. for best old bird with a grand Crested hen, which will be heard of again. Other special winners:—Mr. H. Marshall, most points Nor.; Mr. T. H. V. Hayter, Brit. and Hyb.; Mr. Bostock, Novice Crest; Mr. Ecob, Novice Nor.; Mr. J. Wood, most entries. Mr. F. Beardall judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Hill; 2, Sharpe; 3, Marshall. BUFF (2): 1, Sharpe; 2, Marshall. TICK., etc. (3): 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Sharpe. GREEN, etc. (1): 1, Hill. YELL. UNFLIG. (1): Marshall. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Marshall; 3, Twine. HEN (2): 1, Hill; 2, Marshall. PAIRS (2): 1, Sharpe; 2, Hill. YELL. DK. CREST: 1, White; 2, 4, Reynolds; 3, Holmes; 5, Twine. BUFF: 1, Goode; 2, Wood; 3, Radford; 4, Reynolds; 5, White; 6, Shaw and Booth. LIGHT CREST: 1, Radford; 2, Holmes; 3, Williamson; 4, White; 5, Twine. HEN: 1, 3, Bowers; 2, Reynolds; 4, White. BUFF: 1, Shaw and Booth; 2, 3, Bowers; 4, White; 5, Bostock. HEN: 1, White; 2, Radford; 3, Goode; 4, 6, Reynolds; 5, Wood. UNFLIG. CREST (10): 1, Reynolds; 2, Williamson; 3, 5, Wood; 4, Goode; 6, Handley. C.B.: 1, Holmes; 2, Handley; 3, Bowers; 4, Williamson; 5, Wood; 6, White. PAIRS: 1, Wood; 2, Goode; 3, Reynolds. SELL. CREST (20s.): 1, 4, Holmes; 2, Radford; 3, Bowers; 5, Wood. 15s.: 1, Holmes; 2, Reynolds. NOR., 10s.: 1, Marshall; 2, Sharpe. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Langham; 2, Dickinson; 3, 4, Ecob. CREST: 1, 2, Bostock; 3, 4, Langham. DARK MULE: 1, 2, 3, Hayter. HYB: 1, Ecob; 2, Hayter; 3, Bostock. LINNET: 1, 3, Wood; 2, Bunn; 4, Bowers; 5, Reynolds; 6, Tams and Son. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, Bunn; 2, Tams and Son; 3, Hayter; 4, D. Marshall. GREENF., etc.: 1, 2, Hayter; 3, 4, Wood; 5, Beers. SISKIN, etc.: 1, 3, Hayter; 2, Wood; 4, Beers. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Hayter, 2, Wood. SOFTBILL: 1, Beers.—J. Bunn Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

C. EDWARDS, 15, West-st., Leominster. Judge of Cage Birds, specialist Crests, Mules, Norwich. Terms moderate. 30 years' experience.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. H. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MORDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Byrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Lizards. Long practical experience. Terms moderate

R. B. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

W. VAREY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Rd., Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British, Foreign, Specialist, Brit., Mules. Life experience; terms moderate.

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WINDERMERE Open Show (£7 10s. limit) of Pig., and Cage Birds, Thurs., Nov. 20th. Entries received up to Monday's post. Judges: A. J. Gladwin and A. H. Turner. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.—Sec., Frank S. Hunter, St. Martin's Square, Windermere.

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NOV. 21st and 22nd

Entries close on the 17th. Suport the popular judge, J. H. Roe, and the Society which pays promptly. Schedules—W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes St., West Bromwich.

LURGAN C.B.S. The Ann. Show of Can., Mules, Hybrids, Brit. and For. Birds, will be held in Town Hall, on **FRI. and SAT., NOV. 21st, 22nd.** Good classification and valuable specials. Judges: Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. A. Stewart, Glasgow; Nor., etc., Mr. P. Mason, Shipley. **Entries close (definitely) Nov. 17th.** Schedules will be sent out when ready.—S. M'Collum, Hon. Sec., Drumgor, Lurgan.

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PRESTON O. S. Nov. 21 and 22, Foresters' Hall, under patronage of N.P.C. and G.C.A., and L. and Y.B.C. and "Cage Birds" coupon and diploma show. Prize Money, 10/-, £/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in every variety. Entry fee, 1/6. Judges, Mr. T. Trengove and Mr. A. Wellings. Entries close Nov. 13. Schedules from: T. Barton, 101, Church Street, Preston.

Buckhaven & DIS. C.B.S. Show, to be held on **NOV. 22nd.** in the Bowling Green Hall, Methil. Three Cups, Gold and Silver Medals. Over 60 Specials. **Entries close on 17th.** Wm. Foster, Sec., 105, Randolph St., Buckhaven, Fife.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN **Boldon Colliery Nov. 22** It looks like it. Compelled to extend till Monday. Send for schedules. Not a single entry yet. Help us. Come and take your prize money back.—Hirons and Scott, 119, Charles St., Boldon Colliery.

CITY OF BRADFORD Union O.S. (under Yorkshire and the pat. Y.C.C., O.N.P.C.). 33rd Grand Ann. Exhib. of Can. (open to the United Kingdom), held Feversham St. Council Schools, Leeds Rd. (5 mins. walk from the G.N.R., L. & Y., and M. Stations; Electric Cars pass the door of Exhib. every few minutes), on Sat., Nov. 22nd. Judges: H. W. Walsh, Esq. (Halifax), and H. J. Chittenden, Esq. (Bradford). Entries positively close on Tues., Nov. 18th (see Union Rules).—Sec., W. Helliwell, 116, Mill Lane, Manchester Road, Bradford.

BLAIRGOWRIE 22nd November Don't forget your entries should reach me on 17th.—M. Irvine, Sec., 17, Brown St., Blairgowrie.

UDDINGSTON SHOW, NOV. 22nd Classes: 6 Scot. Fancy, 6 Yorks., 9 Bord. Fancy, 16 Nor. (Crests and Plainheads). Numerous specials. Also gold medal, silver cup, and silver rosebowl to be won outright. Sec schedule. Entries close morning of show. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry 1/6 each bird. James Cosgrove, Sec., 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.

HADDINGTON SHOW NOVEMBER 22nd Under patronage B.F.C.C. Judge, Mr. Thos. Arnott, Kirkcaldy. 23 Classes: 10 Bor., 4 Nor., 7 Brit., 1 For., 1 Mule or Hybrid. No Model Cards. Schedules: R. Stewart, St. Martin's Gate, Haddington.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES Nov. 22nd. 42 Classes, 4 Money Prizes, Specials every class. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Maddison. Entries close Nov. 15. Schedules ready.—J. W. Lowes, Sec., 17, Canning St., Stockton-on-Tees.

CHESTER-LE-STREET Coupon Show, Nov. 22, in the Mechanics' Institute Hall. 29 Open Classes (5 Novices). Judges, T. Dixon, Can., J. Hunds, Brit., etc. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; 1/- entry fee. Special in every class. Entries close Nov. 17. No cancelling. No amalgamating. Schedules: R. Ward, Sec., 16, Wark Street, Chester-le-Street, Durham.

DON'T FORGET

LAUNCESTON Show, Nov. 25th Judge, C. H. Toy, Esq. Send for schedules at once. Entries close Nov. 18.—H. Hoskin, Hon. Sec., St. Thomas Hill, Launceston.

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1, Cock, cl. or tkd. yell.; 2, do. buff; 3, Cock, unevenly mk. or var. yell.; 4, do., buff; 5, Hen, clear tkd., mk., or var., yell.; 6, do. buff; 7, C. or H., even mkd.; 8, do. Green or Cinn., self or foul; 9, matched breeding pairs; 10, C. or H., limit 10/6.

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11, Cock, cl. or thigh tkd. yell.; 12, do. buff; 13, Cock, other than thigh tkd. yell.; 14, do. buff; 15, Hen, yell.; 16, Hen, buff; 17, C. or H., unflighted; 18, do. novice.

Miscellaneous.

19, Nor. Cock; 20, do. Hen; 21, A.O.V. Cock; 22, A.O.V. Hen; 23, Light Mule, Can.-Bullie or Brit. Hyb.; 24, Dk. Can. Mule, A.V.; 25, Can. Mule or Hyb., limit 20/-; 26, A.V. Cage Bird, limit 10/-.

Brit. and For. Birds.

27, Goldie or Bullie; 28, Linnet, H.M.; 29, Linnet, F.M.; 30, Greenfinch; 31, Siskin, 'Poll, or Twite; 32, Bunting; 33, Bramble or Chaffie; 34, A.V. Brit. Hen; 35, A.O.V. Hard.; 36, A.B. Soft.; 37, A.V. Single or Pairs, less than and including the Cardinal; 38, Parrot, Macaw, Lorry, etc.; 39-54, Pig.; 4 classes Rabbits; 1 Cavy.

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TIDESWELL
C.B.O.S.
Nov. 25 (open to "Cage Birds" Coupon Comp.). Judge, **J. C. Barnes.** Held at **Oddfellows' Hall. Entries close Nov. 25. OPEN CLASSES.**—1st prize 10/-, 2nd prize 5/-, third prize 2/6. Entrance Fees—Non-Members 1/6, Members 1/3.—**York Champ. Classes.**—1, Cl. Tkd., or Mkd. Yell.; 2, do. Buff; 3, do. Yell. unflighted; 4, do. Buff, unflighted; 5, do. Yell. Hen; 6, do. Buff Hen; 7, do. Yell. or Buff unflighted Hen; 8, do. Yorks. Nat. Col. **Yorks. Novice Classes, £5 Limit.**—9, Cl., Tkd., or Mkd. Yell.; 10, do. Buff. **Nor. Champ. Classes.**—11, Cl., Tkd., or Mkd. Yell.; 12, do. Buff; 13, do. Yell. unflighted; 14, do. Buff unflighted; 15, do. Yell. Hen; 16, do Buff Hen; 17, do. Yell. or Buff unflighted Hen; 18. do. Nor. Nat. Col. **Nor. Novice Classes.**—19, Cl., Tkd., or Mkd., Yell. (£5 limit); 20, do. Buff (£5 limit). **Champ. Classes.**—21, Crested, A.V.; 22, Crest-Bred, A.V.; 23, Lancs., A.V.; 24, Liz., Gold., Cl., or Broken Cap; 25, do. Silver, do.; 26, A.O.V. Can.; 27 Pair Class., A.V., 30s. limit; 28, Sell. Class, not to exceed 12/6; 29, Gift Class, with thanks, no entrance fee; 30, Mule or Hybrid; 31, Gold. or Bull.; 32, A.O.V. seed eaters; 33, A.V. Brit. Softbill, including Lark or larger; 34, do., smaller than a Lark; 35, do. hardbill hen; 36, For. bird, A.V. **God Prize Money and Specials offered.** Buck up and give us a bumping entry. Enter from this, or schedule from—**W. F. Swarbrick, High St., Tideswell.**

CAMBS
O.S. 20th Annual Show.
Nov. 25th & 26th
10 Open Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. J. T. Palmer. **Entries close Nov. 18.—E. J. Dowling, Sec., 7, Corn Exchange-st., Cambridge.**

DARTFORD SHOW
Nov. 25 and 26.
Open Classes:—(Entry fee, 1/6 per cage; 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/6. **Cage Birds judge, G. Gardiner, Esq):**—

73.—Nor. Yell. or Buff, C. or H.
74.—Nor. Ticked or Variegated, C. or H.
75.—Nor. Natural Colour, C. or H.
76.—Nor. Unflighted, C. or H.
77.—Yorks. Yell. or Buff, C. or H.
78.—Yorks. Ticked or Variegated, C. or H.
79.—Yorks. Natural Colour, C. or H.
80.—Yorks. Unflighted, C. or H.
81.—Bord., any colour, C. or H.
82.—Any variety, Mule or Hybrid, C. or H.
83.—Any variety, Finch (Brit.), C. or H.
84.—Any variety, Soft, C. or H.
85.—Any variety (For.), C. or H.

A. Lambert, Sec., Wilmington, Dartford.

BUCKIE, N.B. Show of Cage Birds, etc., held **Nov. 26.** Judge, J. Garrow, Esq., Edinburgh. **Entries close Nov. 19. Schedules: M. Bunyan, 43, West Church St.**

READING C. B.S.
NOVEMBER 26th.
J. Robson, Esq. 5 Nor., 5 Yorks., 1 A.O.V., 4 Brit., 1 Hyb., 2 Sell., 4 For., 38 Members. **Entry, 1/6 for prompt prize money, 10/, 5/-, 2/6. Cash Specials. Free prize cards. 3 Railways. Schedules ready from: Hon. Sec., W. H. Pyke, 102, Radstock Rd., Reading.**

Entries Extended until first post Monday Morning.

KENFIG HILL
November 19th
GREAT OPEN SHOW CAGE BIRDS,
Poultry and Pigeons. Good classification. Specials Galore. Judges:—
H.F., Messrs. W. H. Lewis, Treorky; S.F. & C.B., W. H. Silvester, Shelfield; Pig., Norls Sair, Neath.
Fanciers Support us. Entries very small.
Sec., W. Price, Commercial Street, Kenfig Hill.

CARDIFF NOVEMBER 19 & 20.
4 Silver Challenge Cups; Yorks., £10; Nor., £7 10s.; Brit., £7 10s.; Borders, £4. Combined Show. Patronage: S.N.C.C., S.N.P.C., N.B.P.M.C., W.C.B.C., E.W.B.C. Any number may be shown in cup competition, but on 6 highest to count. **Entries extended first post Monday, 17th. Judges: J. H. Payne and J. Robson. Schedules—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street.**

GLASGOW & DIS. C.B.A.
GREAT OPEN SHOW, Friday and Saturday, November 21st and 22nd.
Drill Hall, Greendyke St., Glasgow. Entries close Mon., 17th Nov. 82 Classes. Specialist Judges all sections. Prize money, 30/- per class; cups, medals, and Specials Galore. Schedules:—Wm. Hutchison, 163, Hospital St., Glasgow.

THE BRISTOL
Nov. 26 & 27.
26 Canary Classes, judge, Mr. H. W. Battye; 14 Mule, Brit., and For. Classes, judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden. **Unavoidably we clash with several important shows. The decksweeper cannot get to them all. This is the show four YOU. Enter by Monday next.—Maggs, 9, Trinity St., West St., Bristol.**

PLEASE DETAILS.
L. C. B. A.
Great International Show.
NOVEMBER 27 to 29. Entry Fee, 2/- per cage. Fanciers please support our Grand Classification. **Entries short**—not one per class. 5/- cash for first entry form (must contain entry fees) received on **Tuesday, 18th.** Entries accepted up to **Sat., 22nd. Send along.—Show Managers, Bray and Knight, 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, London.**

BRADFORD WEST
C.B.A. Ann. Show of Canaries ("Cage Birds" Coupon Competition), under the patronage of T.C.C. and N.G.M.Y.C.C. (open to the United Kingdom) will be held at **Whitley Lane Council Schools, Girlington, on Sat., Nov. 29th.** Judge, **F. Armstrong, Esq., of Halifax. Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 25.** Write for schedules to—**A. Cooper, Secretary, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford, Yorks.**

LEWES F.A., December 3rd & 4th
18th Annual Show will be held in the Corn Exchange, Lewes. Cage Bird Open Classes (judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner):—87, Nor. Yell. or Buff C.; 88, Nor. Yell. or Buff H.; 89, Nor. Tkd. or Variegated; 90, Nor. unflighted; 91, Yorks. Cl. Yell. Co.; 92, Yorks. Cl. Buff C.; 93, Yorks. Yell. or Buff H.; 94, Yorks. Tkd. or Variegated; 95, Yorks. unflighted; 96, Crest or Crest-bred; 97, Selling Class, price not to exceed 15/-; 98, Selling Class, Canary, A.V., price not to exceed 20/-; 99, A.O.V. Canary; 100, A.V. Canary Mules; 101, Goldf.; 102, Greenf., Chaff., and Bullf.; 103, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, and Linnet; 104, A.O.V. Hard.; 105, A.O.V. Soft.; 106, For., A.V., single or pairs; 107, A.V. Can. (Novice). First prize, 10/-; second prize, 5/-; third prize, 3/-. Entrance fee, 1/6. Members, 1/-. **Entries close November 24th.** Numerous specials. Schedules from: **J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.**

Bradford National
"Cage Birds" Exhibitors (Coupon Competition)
Reserve your entries for Dec. 5, 6, and 8. Huge classification in all varieties. Valuable Special Prizes. Under all the leading Specialist Clubs' Patronage. 10 Specialist Judges. **Entries close Dec. 2nd. Schedules ready shortly.** All last year's exhibitors will be scheduled; others kindly apply to: **H. Hill, Show Sec., 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.**

BRIGHTON Dec. 9 & 10.
& HOVE C.B.A. 4th Open Show.
10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 6 Money Prizes in British. Judges: J. Robson, H. Norman. 1/6 Entry. Close Dec. 1st. Model Prize Cards. "C.B." Coupon Show. Schedules—Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton.

SOUTH CO. DUBLIN KINGSTOWN
Under the Patronage of the Y.C. and C.B.S. Ireland. **Nov. 26th and 27th.** Judge, H. Normau, Esq. **56 Classes. Entries close Sat., Nov. 23rd. Write for schedule.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec., 14, Tivoli Terrace N., Kingstown.**

PONTYPRIDD
F. and F.S. (affiliated to South Wales and Mon. Fed.). Coupon Show, **NOVEMBER 26.** Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Special comfortable and commodious room reserved for Cage Birds alone. **Entries close Nov. 19. Schedules from: Sec., A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.**

WHITBY
Fanes. Show, **Wednesday Nov. 26.** Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Cage Birds, etc.—**Hon. Sec., J. G. Tomlinson, Central Chambers, Whitby, Yorks.**

FINAL NOTICE. # WINSFORD
and Dis. C.B.S. 2nd Ann. Open Show, **Nov. 26th. 29 Open Classes.** Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6 per cage. **Now fanciers, don't let the old Salt Town show fall through; send us some entries along,** we are catering for you. Prize money will be paid out as early as possible after show. **The noted specialist judge, Jeffrey Walsh, Esq., of Blackburn. Entries close Thurs., Nov. 20th, 1st post.** Apply early for Schedules.—**Sydney S. Brooks, Sec., 165, Station Rd., Winsford, Cheshire.**

SEVENOAKS
(Kent) OPEN SHOW,
Nov. 26th. Poul., Pg., Cage Birds, Rab., Cavies. Judges: Messrs. Clem Watson and Geo. Gardner. Cups and Specials. **Entries close Nov. 19th.** For schedules apply—**A. H. Westcott, Woodleigh Cottage, Sevenoaks.**

Dunbar
Poul., Pig., and C.B.S. will hold their **9th Ann. Show on Wed., Nov. 26.** Cage Birds judge, Mr. R. Lambie, Whitburn. Numerous cups and specials. Sched.: **G. A. Scott. Hon. Sec., 97, High St.**

SITTINGBOURNE
Fanciers, Don't Forget!!
The Old Original F. and F.S. (Open to Kent). 13th Annual Show, NOV. 20 and 27. 30 Classes. Bolt Hall in Kent for cage bird. **Entries close Nov. 10.** Judge, Mr. Jeffrey Jeffries (Southall). **Schedules of: C. Minter, 8, Terrace Rd., Sittingbourne.**

PENTREBACH
Nr. Merthyr Tydfil, Glam., **27th Nov. Entries close 22nd Nov.** Judge, A. R. Houghton, Esq., Gosforth. **Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry 1/-. Prompt payment; usual show rules.** Cash Specials, Ten Cups, Cruet best bird. 20 Classes. Sched.—**A. E. Brown, 60, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.**

BRIDLINGTON and Dis. F. & F.S. 6th Ann. Show of Yorks., Nor., Brit., and For. Cage Birds, **Nov. 27th. Entries close 24th. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry, 1/- (all classes guaranteed). Numerous specials. Judge, C. A. House, Esq.—Hon. Secs., J. Chadwick, J. R. Sturdy.**

AMBLESIDE Open Show, Thurs., Nov. 27th. 32 Cage Bird (6 Novice) and 5 Bantam Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. **No amalgamating; no cancelling.** Judges: Cage Birds, A. Wellings; Bantams, J. Bell. **Schedules.—J. M. King, The Green, Ambleside.**

SALE
C.B.S. OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, BRITISH, and FOREIGN
Birds will be held on Frl. and Sat., **Nov. 28th and 29th,** in the Technical Schools, Sale. Judges: Thos. Harrison and J. W. Metcalfe. 52 classes, including 10 Novice, 5 for Nor., and 5 for Yorks. Plenty of specials. **Schedules—G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross Street, Sale.**

WHITEHAVEN (Camb)
NOVEMBER 28 and 29.
Under Cumberland and Westmoreland Y.C.C. Patronage. **Cage Birds Only. 43 Classes. Judges: T. Bennett,** Esq., Bradford, Yorks. and Nor.; **J. W. Bruce,** Esq., Coldstream, Borders, Mules, Brit., and For. Birds. **Gold Medal for Best Bord. Fcy. Can. 10 Classes for Yorks.; 10 Classes for Bord. Prize money day of show. Now you exhibitors, rally round and give us a bumper. Sched.—W. J. Douglas, Hon. Sec., 3, Golden Lion Lane, Roper St.**

CITY OF
DUNDEE C. B. S.
Ann. Open Show, Nov. 29. Judges, Jas. F. Dewar, Jas. Black, D. Black, John Craig, and J. Lyon. Entries close Nov. 24. Schedules: Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.

WIRKSWORTH (Derbys)
Ann. Open Show, Nov. 29. Cage Birds, etc. Judge, Chas. Ward, Esq. (9 classes). **Entries close Nov. 22.** Schedules—**S. Walker, Sec., Crowford Road.**

IRVINE
and Dis. C.B.S. Annual Open Show, Nov. 29, Masonic Hall, Bank Street. Up-to-date Classification. Three popular judges. **Entries till Nov. 24th, 1/6.—H. M. Ferguson, Goldfields, Irvine.**

TONBRIDGE
7th Annual Open Show,
December 2nd & 3rd
Yorks., 7 classes; Nor., 7 classes; other varieties, 12 classes. **Judge, J. Robson. Entries close Nov. 23rd.—Sec., P. Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd., Tonbridge.**

CITY OF
BIRMINGHAM
C.B.S., Open Show, Wed. and Thurs., Dec. 3rd and 4th. 51 Classes. 3 judges; plenty of specials. **M.C.Y.C.C., B.R.C.C., and "Cage Birds" patronage. Schedules—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 169, Church Lane, Aston, Birmingham.**

Now then, Fanciers.
FORRES
and Northern O.A. 27th Annual Show of Cage Birds only, on Wed., Dec. 3. 2 Handsome Cups. Numerous Medals. Specials in every class. Judge, J. Strachan, Aberdeen. **Entries close Nov. 26. Schedules: Wm. Cumming, 28, North Road, Forres.**

KEITH
The Old Keith Cage Bird Show, Dec. 3. Judge, Thomas Arnott, Kirkcaldy. **Entries close Nov. 26. Schedules: C. Ralley, Keith.**

Newtownards
and Dist. Cage Bird Show, held **Town Hall, Dec. 5 and 6, 1913. 33 open classes.** 9 members' classes. Judge, Jacob Carson, Belfast. **Entries close Monday, Dec. 1. Schedules from: Wm. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street, Newtownard.**

MUSSELBURGH
O.S. 2nd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in **Town Hall, Dec. 6, 1913.** Four specialist judges, J. Carson, Dalkeith, J. Winter, Edinburgh, T. Hislop, Stirling, L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C., S.B.B., and M.C. **Numerous specials.—A. Hovle, 3, Parsonage Cottages, Musselburgh.**

Wandsworth

December 10th and 11th

Good classification. Over 100 Specials. Cage Bird judge, F. Easterling, Esq. Entries close Dec. 1st, to—W. Lightfoot, Hon. Sec., 80, Heythorp St., Southfields, London, S.W.

THRUMS, Kirriemuir

C. and C.B.A. will hold their Annual Open Show on 6th Dec. "C.B." Coupon Show. Under patronage of the B.F.C.C. and F.C.B.U. Grand classification for 1/6 entry, money including specials. Judges: Wm. Bishop, Esq., Stirling, for Nor. and Wild Birds; Wm. Dods, Esq., Edinburgh, for Borders. Entries close on Monday, 1st Dec. Schedules—Joe Stevenson, 6, Muir Street, Kirriemuir.

GALSTON (Ayrshire)

Poult., Pig., and Cage Birds, Sat., 6th Dec. Scots, Fancy, Judge, Mr. John Smith, Howwood; Bord., Nor., and Brit., Mr. D. Holden, Muirkirk. Schedules—Alexander Frew, Sec., Barrmill Road.

LUTON C.B.S.

The One Day Show, Wed. Dec. 10

Under the patronage of N.B.B. and M.C., and F.B.C. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, for 1/6. Specials in every section. Judges: Mr. J. Robson and Mr. J. Frostick. Schedules.—E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec., Hitchin Rd., Luton.

TREDEGAR

(MON.)

Annual Open Show ("C.B." Coupons and W.C.B.C. patronage), Town Hall, Dec. 11th. Judge, R. Halliday, Esq. 34 Open Classes for Cage Birds. Schedules—W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.

LARNE

and Dis. C.B. and Pig. Ass. 5th Ann. Show of Cage Birds and Pig. will be held in McGarel Town Hall, Larne, on Thursday and Fri., Dec. 11 and 12. Under pat. of Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entries close Dec. 6. Schedules: Thos. Mayne, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

STRANRAER and Dist.

Dec. 12th. Cage Birds, 17 classes; 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 7 Specials (open); popular judge. Entries close Dec. 5th.—W. McMeekan, 8, Glenoch St., Stranraer.

Will fanciers send their entries to me, writes Mr. J. Gray (23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath) by Monday, last post, as we want to make this Arbroath fixture a record show for Forfarshire. Anyone not having a schedule should send postcard for one, or send entries on, and I will classify them and return numbers.

Will there be war in Ulster if Home Rule passes? Redmond says "Full steam ahead!" Carson says "Stop!" Asquith says "Wait and see!" Any-way, now's the time to see the greatest battle in London. Over 470 birds, all in their glittering armour, led by the champions of England, to be seen to-day, Friday, and Saturday, at the City and Suburban 18th annual show, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., Baker St., W. Come by 'bus or by tube.—(Advt.)

The L. and P.O.S. lecture by Miss Durham on Thursday next, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m., will be at the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street. For full details of this interesting event, see last week's notice in CAGE BIRDS. This lecture is entirely due to our valued friend and president, Mr. G. Crabb, who, I regret to say, has been very ill for some time. Will members and friends please turn up in large numbers and thus show their appreciation. I am sure everyone wishes Mr. Crabb a speedy recovery.—C. W. Law, hon. sec. L.P.O.S.

We thank you for your extensive report of our show, write Messrs. Treasure and Pounsett, hon. secs. Cheltenham C.B.S., and also the 190 exhibitors who contributed towards the 800 odd birds. We trust that all the visitors who came from a distance (and there were many) enjoyed their visit, and that all the birds arrived home safely and in good time as they were handed to the railway co.'s. before 11 o'clock, in time to catch the mails. All prize money has been paid.

At Liverpool show last week the sales were £75, and gate extra good. The prize-money has all gone (paid during the show). The railway birds had all gone from the hall before 6 p.m.; room cleared at 7 p.m. This society is only twelve strong, but every man is a worker, and every one a prominent exhibitor. Workers from other societies, to whom they personally tender thanks, are Messrs. Clem. Hillmen, Tom Evans, Tom Howeroft, Tom Cutts, J. C. Crowe, Alec Nimmo, A. Parsons, Geo. Morton, W. Jones, T. R. and Mrs. Jones, J. Lomax, T. P. Baxter, J. Lloyd, J. McDermott, and G. Skilling. J. W. Cutmore (who took charge of the feeding of Softbills, etc.), T. Handley, S. Jackson, junr., and last, but not least, Mrs. F. E. Deacon. "Wright Crossley" cup was won outright by Mr. W. Dormer; runner-up Mr. J. W. Metcalfe.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) has been engaged to judge at Rossendale, Nov. 29, and Clitheroe Dec. 6.

Entries for Cockermouth show will close on Nov. 18, not the 17th, as announced, writes Mr. Jackson, the sec.

Entries for Dartford show will be received up to first post Wednesday, Nov. 19, writes Mr. A. Lambert, the sec.

In Launceston schedule class 12 should read A.O.V. Mule or Hybrid (not A.V.), writes Mr. H. Hoskin, the hon. sec.

Entries are coming in very slow; must accept up to Nov. 16, write Messrs. Hill and Dascombe, hon. secs. Wiveliscombe show.

There is a mistake in Stockton-on-Tees schedule; class 2 should read Yorkshire clear buff cock, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, hon. sec.

The meeting of the Metropolitan C.B.A., which had been fixed for Nov. 20, is cancelled on account of the date clashing with the S. London show.

Ilkeston C.B.S. monthly meeting arranged for Nov. 15, will be postponed owing to Nottingham show being on the same date, writes Mr. T. Smith, the sec.

Will secretaries please note, to avoid clashing, that Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. hold their next annual open show on Oct. 17, 1914, writes Mr. A. Wood, the sec.

For Whitby show, Nov. 26, excursions are being run from Leeds, York, Malton, Darlington, Hartlepools, Middlesbrough, etc., Mr. J. G. Tomlinson, the sec.

At Brechin show the cup presented by Mr. R. Cumming (Larkhall) for most points in British section, was won by Messrs. Black and Hendrie (Brechin) writes Mr. Geo. Mitchell, sec.

I have received a blank card addressed to me, evidently an application for a schedule—postmark, Westbury-on-Trym—writes Mr. A. A. G. M'Lucas, hon. sec. Pontypridd and Dis. F. and F.S.

Class 57 at Stranraer show should read "A.O.V. Canary, not classed" (printer's error in schedule); also there are 20 extra good specials, all open, writes Mr. W. McMeekan, the sec.

We thank all exhibitors for their kind patronage, and also those who sent their wishes and praises for the way they had been dealt with, writes Mr. A. Wake, hon. sec., Middlesbrough show.

We have had to change our dates to a week earlier than Dec. 5 and 6 to avoid clashing with Cleator Moor show, which is only four miles from us, writes Mr. W. J. Douglas, hon. sec. Whitehaven C.B.S.

Sheffield O.S. have fixed their next all-England show for Nov. 6 and 7, 1914, writes Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, and will offer greater attractions for the exhibitor even than there was at their show last week-end.

We hear that there is a grand entry at the City and Suburban show held this week-end—close on 500 birds. The British section promises to be one of the best in the history of the society, and Canaries are also good.

Upwards of 400 schedules have been sent out for West Bromwich show, Nov. 21 and 22, and anyone who cares to have one can do so by applying to me, writes Mr. W. G. Andrews, hon. sec., 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green, West Bromwich.

There will be a nice little show of cage-birds at Dartford (Kent) on Nov. 25 and 26, judge Mr. G. Gardner. The prize-money is guaranteed, and the sec., Mr. A. Lambert (Wilmington, Dartford) will be glad to send a schedule to all enquirers.

I am requested by the members of the Beamish C.B.S. to call a meeting at the Bird Inn, High Hold, Beamish, on Saturday night, Nov. 15, at 7 o'clock prompt, writes Mr. R. Peart, sec. pro tem. I hope all members will try to attend, as the business is very important.

It is with regret I have to announce that Mr. C. J. Godfrey, a well-known and honoured fancier, has been compelled to give up his birds, writes Mr. L. J. Richardson (Rotherhithe), as his outhouse was too damp, and myself and Mr. A. H. Campbell have bought the whole of his stock and accessories.

Pontypridd F. and F.S. hold their annual show on Nov. 26th. Any exhibits entered for Pentrebach the following day (ten miles distant) will be sent off in plenty of time to reach that show. The secretary also wishes to draw particular attention to the fact that the cage-birds will be staged in a comfortable room, set apart purely for them. Schedules may be obtained from Mr. A. A. Gordon M'Lucas, sec., 48, Rosser St., Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

OBITUARY.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. W. Hawkins, wife of the well-known exhibitor, of Ashgrove, near Queenstown, Cork. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins's most beautiful collection of Yorkshire Canaries was, writes a correspondent, cared for almost entirely by Mrs. Hawkins, who, being in indifferent health, spent hours a day over them, and the birds were always kept as if on the show bench. She was a great lover of them, and a gentle, unassuming friend.

Mr. T. Crane (Chester).

I am deeply sorry to inform you, writes Mr. R. L. G. Simpson, sec. Chester C.B.S., that we have had the misfortune to lose our oldest member, Mr. T. Crane, who expired suddenly on Nov. 8, as the result of a stroke. Mr. Crane some years ago exhibited Norwich and British with much success, and was well known among the older fanciers. I am quite sure the sympathy of the Fancy and members of our society will be with Mrs. Crane and family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. W. Knowles (Beamish).

I am deeply sorry to inform you that Mr. W. Knowles, the esteemed secretary of the Beamish C.B.S., and one of our most highly respected members, was accidentally killed whilst following his employment at the Alma Pit on Nov. 6. It seems hard to realise it, as he was amongst us a week ago, full of enthusiasm about the forthcoming Beamish show on Nov. 22. He was a genuine fancier, and the mainstay of the Beamish C.B.S. He leaves a widow and one daughter, and I am sure all fanciers will join us in giving to Mrs. and Miss Knowles our deepest sympathy.—R. Peart, sec. Anfield Plain C.B.S.

Mr. J. D. Maxwell (Falkirk).

I regret to announce, writes Mr. William Niven, the sudden death of Mr. J. D. Maxwell, which took place at the High Station on Nov. 7th, about five o'clock. He was in the act of sending his birds away to Kelty show. Mr. Maxwell had been a member of the Falkirk Ornithological Society for about forty years. He was a keen fancier, and took a leading place in the prize-list with his birds. The deceased gentleman, who was 64 years of age, was a native of Redding, near Falkirk. He was of a benevolent and lovable nature, and much respected in the neighbourhood. For his bereaved widow, son and daughter much sympathy is expressed.

Mr T. Parkinson (Newcastle).

I regret to announce the sad death of Mr. Thomas Parkinson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, which happened on Saturday last under tragic circumstances, writes Mr. Jos. Scott. Mr. Parkinson carried on business as a naturalist for about twenty years in High Friar Street, until a few months ago, when he removed to more commodious premises at the corner of Nelson Street and Clayton Street. For the past few days he had not felt very well, and on Saturday morning, about 2 a.m., he left his bedroom and shortly afterwards his wife heard a thud on the stairs. She found that her husband had fallen down and broken his neck, the poor fellow dying immediately. Tom was well known to fanciers all over England and Scotland, and he took a keen interest in exhibiting. The news of his death will cause a widespread feeling of sympathy for wife and family left to mourn his loss.

illustrated catalogue and price-list, a copy of which any fancier can have free on sending a postcard to Messrs. Hogg and Co., 23, Ancoats St., Manchester. We may state that they are actual makers of cages, aviaries, and all appliances for the Fancy. Fanciers can rely on having best quality goods at a price within reach of all. They are also makers of wirework, improved wire fronts, etc.

Changes of Address.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address:—Mr. F. J. Wickham to "Boatswain and Call," Rainham Rd., Chatham; Mr. R. J. Metcalfe from Village St. to The How, Sedgely Park, Prestwich, Manchester.

Fanciers Visiting Liverpool.

Should this catch the eye of any fancier abroad who intends to come over to this country via Liverpool, I beg to say that I shall be pleased to run him round all the Green fanciers' rooms.—J. W. Metcalfe (68, Brunswick Rd., Liverpool).

Entries Extended.

Wiveliscombe to Nov. 16, Cockermouth to Nov. 18, Whitehaven to Nov. 15, Windermere to Nov. 17 post.

A Record for Blaydon.

At Blaydon show we had a record entry of over 800 birds, writes Mr. G. Havver, the hon. sec.

Manchester's Secretary Giving Up.

I am giving up the secretaryship of the Manchester and N.C.O. Society, writes Mr. H. Boothman, so will all who had tickets let we have moneys for them, or return same, so I can get my accounts balanced up by the end of the month.

Prize-money Paid.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries: Muirkirk, Dulwich (members' specials at special night early in Dec.), Middlesbrough, Manchester, Wisbech, Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Barnstaple.

The Senghenydd Disaster.

In response to Mr. Shellam's letter of appeal in our columns, we have received two sums, amounting to 17s., which will be sent to the Lord Mayor of Cardiff's relief fund. E. W. A. (Cardiff) sends 15s. as "a thank-offering for a successful season"; and Mr. T. Flynn (Kildare) 2s.

A Centenarian Cockatoo.

Not the least of the attractions at the forthcoming show at the Horticultural Hall will be the veteran Lemon-crested Cockatoo, the property of the veteran British bird exhibitor and Crystal Palace judge, Mr. Joseph Hill. Mr. Hill has a record extending back for at least ninety years of this bird's life, and it is thought to be at least 120 years

Y.U. Novice Medal Winners.

The medal winners in the novice section of the Yorkshire Union for the first half of the season are:—Yorks section, R. Seager, 53 points; J. W. Redforth, 49; J. E. Hudson, 43; A. C. Ellis, 42 points; Nor. section, B. Airton wins the medal with 99 points. These all move into the champion section for the second half of the season.—H. Hill, sec.

The Sheffield Blades' Ambition.

The officials of the Sheffield O.S. of late have worked most strenuously, and their labours were crowned with success on Nov. 7 and 8—truly a mammoth show. Our Sheffield friends, we hear, are ambitious to hold in the "City of Steel" the greatest show of the North, and mean to "stick to their guns" until victory has been achieved.

A Wholesale Clearance.

It may interest your readers to know that four of my winning Norwich Greens were claimed at Sheffield Show on Saturday last, writes Mr. John Walker (Liverpool). Three of the birds took 1st at Manchester, the fourth one being 1st at Sheffield. The foul yellow won your diploma at Liverpool for best Green and I consider it the best Norwich Green on the show bench to-day.

A Parson in Luck.

During the Saturday evening at Sheffield O.S. show, the gift class birds were drawn for. The winning specimen was a very neat Crest, put down by Messrs. Colton and Dawn. The number of this exhibit corresponded to one produced by some reverend gentleman. On receiving his may-be unexpected prize, he promptly and joyfully made his exit. Who was the lucky parson, we wonder? He that expected little, received much.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Upper Rhondda vhc Weeks, hc Watkins in the nov. Yorks. class should be vhc, hc, Stoakin; in var. yell. Nor. hens Mr. A. M. Gardiner was 2nd, not Harris; at Oxford Mr. J. A. Lees won 2nd and 3rd in Nor. yell., not Lewin; in Liverpool report 1st and 4th Nor. greens should be Harding, not Hardy; at Border City show Mr. L. Dyson won 1st in cl., etc., buff Yorks., not Dykes; at Bo'ness, Mr. W. Pringle won 1st in Goldfinches, not Aitken; at Maryhill Mr. Young was 1st in Yell. Pied cks. and club cup, not Fergusson, as reported, and the runner-up for the Jardine cup was Young, not Fergusson.

Cardiff's Challenge Cups.

I fear our cup conditions are not quite so clear as they might be, writes Mr. E. J. Davies, treasurer Cardiff C.B.S. The Yorks., Norwich, Border, and British cups are for open competition. Any number of birds may be entered (one or more in each class), and all will compete, but only the 6 highest birds of each exhibitor will count, thus giving an exhibitor with only 2 or 3 good birds, an equal chance with those having 6 or 8 moderate ones. The cups are solid silver, and of sterling value. The gold medal for members will be won by most points in novice classes, with one variety only, the 4 highest birds to count.

DO IT NOW!

Read page 363 this week and fill up and post the form thereon.

THE KEEPING OF FOREIGN BIRDS.

A practical and interesting lecture delivered by Mr. G. Fletcher, of Sheffield, to the members and friends of the Walkley C.B.S.

MR. CHAIRMAN and Gentlemen: I am very pleased to come here to-night to try to explain to you my personal experience of keeping Foreign birds, and in so doing I will confine myself entirely to the novice. Now the first consideration is the place to keep them and where. I suppose there are not many of us here to-night who live in such a position that we can have an aviary outside, which is beyond doubt the best way. So I will surmise that we have nothing to begin with beyond a garret.

The first thing to do, which is of great importance, is to find out whether you have any mice in the house. If you have you can depend they will find their way by some method into the bird-room, so it is as well to lay zinc round the whole bottom of the plinths round the room. Having done that you then require some cages.

No Special Cage Needed.

I have found that the ordinary double breeder, with the sliding partition in the middle and draw out bottom, is as cheap and as suitable for these birds as any cage you can possibly buy, but in place of the ordinary wire fronts you want wire fronts made with no more space between the bars than three-eighths of an inch; the drinking holes and seed holes can be the same size as ordinary, as you may wish to put in the same cage some larger birds which would require more head room to get to the seeds and water than the smallest of the foreigners, and it is always easy to fix a bit of wire across the top of the hole if you are afraid of small birds getting out.

Before fixing the cage front in it would be as well to put in each top corner of the cage a cigar box cut in half and partially boarded up. In each put a little hay, as the birds are very fond of sleeping in such at night, and if they have any pretentions to bring up a family the box will be a very suitable nesting place. Cover the bottom of the cage with rough sawdust, and put a small handful of sand in one corner. As regards perches, you can either have ordinary perches supplied with the cage or go to a hedge and cut a branch off with plenty of twigs on, this fastened to the back of the cage finds the bird something to hop about on.

Now, the next thing to get is seed boxes. These I prefer to be of tin with a glass front going right to the inside of the top of the tin, so that if the bird comes through the seed hole it cannot get out into the room. As regards water vessels there is nothing to beat the ordinary wire fastener and glass drinker.

Ninety per cent. of the foreign birds have never known what it is to put their head through a seed hole to get at their seed, and if you put the seed box on in the usual way, expecting the bird to find out that there is seed in it, you will very soon find some of them dead, and it is both expensive and dirty to put loose seed in the bottom of the cage.

My method of teaching them to eat out of the box is as follows: Lay the seed box in your hand, glass front downwards, fill it till it is above the square, then hook it on to the front of wires. The seed that is above the square will run into the cage, and as the bird is feeding inside it will keep gradually falling, and the bird, noticing this, will not be long in looking where it is coming from, and so see by putting its head through the hole there is plenty to be got. As regards water, place the empty glass outside and pour in water from a pitcher, holding the pitcher well above the glass so that the bird can see it coming in, you have then no need to be afraid of them not knowing where the water is. I have never since my absolute novice days done anything different than this.

The Seeds that are Liked.

In the matter of seed you cannot do better than make an equal mixture of one part white millet, one part Indian millet, and one part small canary seed; this, with an addition of any grass seeds that you can gather, or grass put inside the cage, will practically form their ordinary diet. Notice when you are buying birds what they are being fed on, if Indian millet alone, only add a little of white millet to it, and gradually increase till they are taking it, then begin with a little bit of Canary seed, and so on.

Having got seed and cages you will be very anxious to buy some birds. First of all you had better buy birds that are fairly hardy and likely to live, and pick from the following: Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bengalese, Spice Finches, White-headed Mannikins, Black-headed Mannikins, Tri-coloured Mannikins, Java Sparrows, Cut-throat or Ribbon Finches, Weavers, Combassous, Steel Finches, Zebra Finches, etc., and after you have had these as an experience you could then go and buy some of the smaller finches which are more delicate to keep, such as the Silver Bill, Bronzed-wing Mannikins, Bib Finch, Lavender Finch, Common Avadavats, Zebra or Golden-breasted Waxbills, Orange-cheek Waxbills, Green Avadavats, St. Helena Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, or Crimson-eared Waxbills, and any other of the small cheap finches.

There is one finch, and that is the Fire Finch, which I should like to draw your attention to. I might say I have had 20 or 30 pairs of these, and have never been successful in moulting them. I cannot explain why, but a celebrated fancier in London once told me that any man that can keep a pair of Fire Finches and moult them out and exhibit them above one year ought to have a gold medal as large as St. Paul's Cathedral. Still, you may try a pair, as you may have better luck with them than I have had. The majority of these birds can be bought from 2s. 6d. per pair.

What to do When Buying.

When buying these birds it is well for the novice to buy them from some dealer in the town he lives in, who is reliable and straight. Even though he may have to pay a trifle more per pair than he could get them from places advertised. Any respectable dealer will, when you have chosen the birds, place them in little cages and leave them a few moments so that you can see what condition they are in. If they are loose feathered, or go in a lump, or are breathing heavy, or have a look about them as though they were wishing it was Sunday, don't buy them, but if they look tight and sprightly, and hop about the cage, then by all means buy them.

After you have got used to keeping these birds you might start to keep a few of the more expensive birds. Any of the following would do: Paradise Whydah, Pintail Whydah, Cuban Finch, Black-headed Gouldians, Parrot Finch, Pintail Nonpariels, Masked Grass Finch, Longtailed Grass Finch, Parson Finch, Diamond or Spotted-sided Finch, Red-headed Finch, etc. These you should not buy unless you are thinking of going in for exhibiting in open competition. You will find that sometimes none of these birds can be bought except at extortionate prices, and sometimes a lot will come on the market which will be at remarkably cheap prices. As an example, I have seen Diamond Sparrows fetch 8s. per pair, and a bit less, and sometimes 50s. per pair. So therefore you must use your own judgment when you think that the bird you want is cheap enough to buy.

I believe in having a short flight, if it is only five or six feet long and five or six feet high and three feet wide, fixed on the side of the room, as I find that it saves me many of the birds' lives, for as soon as I see a bird thick in the cage and looking for something in the seed box that is not there, I catch him and turn him into this flight, when I find that a great many of them pick up again and live. Put a branch of a tree in the flight, not forgetting a bowl of water, and plenty of mixed seed; also a spray or two of millet hung from the top of the flight would be much enjoyed by the birds, and a spray of millet placed occasionally in the cage would be very beneficial, as when the birds are picking the millet they are not picking one another's heads, which seems to be a favourite pastime with them.

Practically all the above birds would eat soaked ant eggs, gentles or maggots, and also a mealworm or two. You might also turn a pair of Budgerigars into the flight. These you will find very easy to breed. All they want is a couple of cocoanut husks hung in the flight and they will not be long before you will see some of the most curious courting antics I have ever seen. If you are thinking of getting a pair of Cockatiels, which are easy to breed, be very careful that you get a good neighbour at each side of the house, as their method of love-making is very noisy. They are most enjoyable birds, but their noise does not compensate you for the pleasure you derive out of them otherwise.

Tips About the Drinking Water.

I believe in giving them fresh water every day, twice a day if possible, and it is a very good thing to put as much Epsom salts in their water once a week as will cover a sixpence, and five drops of tincture of iron about once a fortnight would do them no harm. When washing the drinkers out put a spoonful of Condy's Fluid in the water in the bucket that you are washing them in. Also if you wish to be on good terms with your "good lady" keep a mat at the top of the stairs and wipe your feet before coming down-stairs every time, and if you should win any "specials" be sure to give them to the "good lady." You have then a certain cure for any dirt, etc., that you might make.

In winter time you had better light up and feed the birds between 7 and 9 o'clock at night, as owing to our climate the day closes at four, and it does not come daylight till towards half-past seven, and these tiny birds, some of which hardly weigh half-an-ounce, have to do without food for about fifteen hours out of the twenty-four, which I contend accounts for the loss of more of these tiny creatures than disease, ill-treatment, or anything the novice can subject them to.

(To be continued.)

EVERYBODY SHOULD BE DOING IT NOW!

The pathway to success has been cleared: Seize YOUR opportunity—and your Diploma.

WE have in preparation a full list of the Diploma winners in our Coupon Competition, and this we purpose publishing in our next issue. We would again remind secretaries of coupon shows of the necessity of promptly supplying to us a signed list of the full awards (both cash specials and diplomas). Several have neglected this in the past, and so made it impossible for us to promptly send out the prizes and print the names of the winners.

Our diploma list now contains the names of some hundreds of fanciers, and all of these, of course, are ineligible to take a second diploma in the same section. So the chances of those who have hitherto failed to secure one, or who may not yet have tried, are now very bright, and the coupon shows coming along ought to be well patronised. Exhibitors should not overlook the smaller fixtures; many chances have been let slip in the past through doing so, as for instance, at Paignton, where not a single novice exhibitor spent 6d. on a coupon, and our 10s. and diplomas went a-begging!

In the list of winners of 10s. specials published last week, an unfortunate slip occurred, viz., the novice cash special at Plymouth show should have been credited to Mr. G. Mellows, 2, Bedford St., Ford, Devonport, whose yellow Yorks. hen secured the honour.

A Few Opinions of Our Diplomas.

I am very pleased with my diploma of honour. I think it very artistic.—R. W. Claydon (Weybridge).

Very many thanks for diplomas. I consider they are of a very pretty design, and I feel proud of being the happy possessor of two, in Nor. and Yorks. (novice) sections, at the recent Portsmouth show.—D. Walker (Southsea).

I wish to thank you for the diploma of honour you sent for my bird at the Manchester show. It is a very nice one, and I shall value it much.—C. Forester (Broseley).

Received diploma won at Leicester. I am very pleased with same.—T. Harriman (Barley Thorpe).

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Nov. 19.—Bishop Auckland.—R. Elliott, 1, Diamond Terrace, Butterknowle, Co. Durham.
Nov. 19.—Inverness.—J. Connochie, Craigielea, Perceval Rd.
Nov. 19-20.—Cardiff.—E. Thomas, 48, Craddock St.
Nov. 19.-20.—Ramsgate.—F. Thomas, 29, Chatham St.
(Any entries for the above must be sent immediately.)
Nov. 21-22.—Haltwhistle.—W. Tallantyre, South View.
Nov. 21-22.—Preston.—T. Barton, 101, Church St.
Nov. 22.—Cramlington.—J. R. Chastney, Quarry Cottage.
Nov. 22.—Arbroath.—J. Gray, 23, Guthrie Port.
Nov. 22.—Chester-le-Street.—R. M. Ward, 16, Wark St.
Nov. 22.—Cockermouth.—J. Jackson, 14, Crown St.
Nov. 25.—Tideswell. W. F. Swarbrick, High St.

Received diploma and cash special. I am very fond of my diploma; it is splendid. I wish your coupon scheme every success.—R. Parker (Wolstanton).

Accept best thanks for fine diploma of honour, which I received quite safe.—J. Gillespie (Durham).

Many thanks for the lovely diploma safely received this morning; I am very pleased to have won it.—(Mrs.) M. H. Askham (Torquay).

Thank you very much for the diploma. It is splendid, and it is well worth anybody's while to try for one.—Wm. Bradley (Heanor).

Received diploma, won in Newcastle foreign section, for which I thank you very much. It looks very neat, and I shall prize it.—C. G. Petterson (Gateshead).

I am very pleased with the diploma of honour won at Sheffield show. It is a treat, and something to be proud of.—J. Chadwick (Bridlington).

The Next Coupon Shows.

Entries for the above shows are due to close now, and should be sent on at once. Those who wish to join in CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition should note the paragraph "How Exhibitors May Enter," printed below. Secretaries will be glad to affix the necessary coupons to the entry forms of exhibitors if the conditions of entry are duly observed.

CRAMLINGTON has 17 classes, covering Nor., Bord., Yorks., A.O.V. Can., Hyb. and Brit. Prize-money, 14s.; entry fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 17.

ARBROATH has 37 classes, covering Nor., Bord., A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize-money, 20s.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 17.

CHESTER-LE-STREET has 27 classes, covering Nor., Yorks., Bord. (with novice classes in each), Crest, Brit., and For. Prize-money, 14s.; fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 18.

COCKERMOUTH has 38 classes, covering Bord., Yorks. (1 novice class), Nor., A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize-money, 17s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 17.

TIDESWELL has 36 classes, covering Yorks., Nor. (novice classes in each), Crest, Lancs., Liz., A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prize-money, 17s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 21.

Schedules of Haltwhistle and Preston shows do not seem to have reached us.

How Exhibitors May Enter.

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions:—CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Brief Outline of the Scheme.

The main idea of CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition is to discover which are the Twelve Best Champion Birds and the Twelve best Novice Birds of the Season. The Competition is in progress at over 80 shows (see list appended), which cover every quarter of the United Kingdom.

TWO PRIZES OF 10S. EACH, one for novices and one for champion (under certain stipulations), at each accepted Coupon Show.

TWENTY-FOUR DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR, in addition, at each Coupon Show, 12 for Champion exhibitors, and 12 for Novice exhibitors, for the best Champion Coupon Bird and best Novice Coupon Bird in each of the 12 sections mentioned above.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For full Rules see issue of Oct. 25th.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staf of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S..** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

GAPING (F. J. K.).—You might try a little more ventilation when the weather is muggy, as it has so often been of late, but do not go too far and set up draughts In addition to the staple of plain canary seed give separately every other day for a fortnight half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape to each bird affected as you describe, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice each week give a morsel of banana, and for the next fortnight give the paste, and also the squills mixture in the water which you will see advised to "Novice E. T." in this issue. By the way, is your house substantially built, so as to be tolerably free from extremes of temperature?

AVIARY AND BREED (R. G. R.).—I think you have done quite right to cover the back and roof of your aviary with felt. You might even have gone a little further, and covered the whole of the front side of roof with the felt, and thus helped

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

to keep the floor of the aviary dry in wet weather. There is no advantage at all in having the roof open. It will probably be no advantage to have grass on the floor of the outer portion, but you might try it as you suggest on a portion of the space, and see how it answers. Unless the west end of the aviary is fully exposed to the elements I do not see the necessity for any further protection than you would get from a creeper or two, such as ampelopsis, hops, or a mixture of both, trained over the wire at this end. A good-sized bush or two of yew or box a few feet away from the west end of the aviary would afford good shelter if you found any more advisable to screen off the winds. The Roller, if bred, and kept under normal conditions, is, as your experience shows, quite capable of living outside all the year round. It is, in fact, as hardy and easy to manage as any variety you could take up. Still, if you wish to try some other variety, Clear Norwich, Yorkshire, or Border Fancy will suit you in the order named.

OBSTINATE DIARRHŒA (H. B. S.).—I think there must be something wrong wrong with your feeding, or, perhaps, the locality or situation where you keep the birds may be very relaxing. See that your hemp particularly is sound and sweet in the kernel, and that your rape is really summer rape, and of good quality. Good summer rape certainly ought not to increase the looseness as you say. The tendency is decidedly in the other direction. Neither do I think the Standard bread would be likely to cause the looseness, and giving the water supply cold certainly would not cause it. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and then write again and say what effect it has. But be sure and look into the quality of the seeds, as just mentioned. Continue to give a staple of plain canary seed, but in addition to this give half a teaspoonful of boiled summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and also a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and maw. Do not give any green food at present, but a morsel of banana may be given two or three times a week on the days when you are giving the boiled rape. Keep the cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and cover the floor with clean dry sawdust instead of sand until the looseness is checked. Give a supply of gritty sand in a tin on the floor of the cage. It would be much more advisable to clean the cages at least twice a week whilst this trouble lasts. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of opium in the water daily until the droppings become normal.

PUFFY AND WHEEZY (Thirkley).—The bird is doubtless suffering from digestive trouble, which is the cause of its condition. Treat as follows for a month, and if not quite well by the end of that time write again, and I will advise you further. In addition to the staple diet of plain canary seed give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and twice a week on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On two other days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and black rape. Give a small spray of green food, or a morsel of banana, two or three times a week. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards five drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. See that bird is not exposed to any cold draughts, and do not allow it to hang near or over a burning light in the evening.

A GREAT TOPER (A. G. B.).—The bird is suffering from diarrhœa, and the excessive drinking is an effect rather than a cause. Feed as advised to "Thirkley" in this issue, for a fortnight, but in your case scald the rape fresh every day before giving it to the bird, and also give a pinch of good sound hemp every second day, alternately with the scalded rape, and on each of these days during the first week add a small piece of bread and milk dusted over with carbonate of bismuth. Give no green food for the present, but a morsel of banana instead will do no harm. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for one day only, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of opium daily until the droppings become normal.

A WRONG START (Fed Up).—No, you are not proceeding on quite correct lines to start successfully. You ought not to keep the birds of both sexes together in one cage. You might keep all the hens together in the Crystal Palace aviary, but the cocks should be kept separately, either all together in another large cage or aviary, or singly in smaller cages. The latter method is necessary if you want the cocks to sing their best during the winter months. It is quite possible the birds you have bought for cocks are really of this sex, as, being in the aviary with the hens at this season would tend to keep them from coming into song for some time. Cage those you believe to be cocks separately, in single cages, and you will probably soon have more convincing evidence of their sex. The only way you can hope to pick out the cocks if they do not make any efforts at singing is to take the most alert and upstanding birds, showing the most dominant and pushful demeanous, the boldest eye, and the richest colour on the lower part of back, butts of wings, and on the throat at the base of the lower mandible. The under-tail coverts are usually better padded, making a more graceful outline from the abdomen to the tail. The call is also more clear, incisive, and metallic, compared with the harsh note of the hen. If you succeed in sexing the cocks they will doubtless begin to sing sufficiently to betray their true sex very soon after being caged singly.

BEST TIME TO BUY (H. L.).—From now until about the end of January is the best time to buy stock after they are quite over the moult. If you wait until March there is a risk of being too late to get just the birds you wish, and there is always less to select from. You cannot do better than follow the advice you will find in "Our Canaries," which will help you to avoid many pitfalls. (2) I cannot tell whether you can breed successfully outdoors without knowing something of your conditions, where, and how you purpose keeping the birds, and to what extent the situation is sheltered or exposed. You will find this question fully discussed in "Our Canaries," which, you say you are sending for. (3) As a beginner you cannot do better than start with one of the hardy and easily-managed, free-breeding varieties, such as Border Fancy, Norwich, or Yorkshire.

AFTER THE MOULT (Novice, E. T.).—The bird seems to have got a little cold during the moult, which clings to it, as might be expected of a bird which is of a rather weakly nature, as this one doubtless is. Keep him in a cosy part of the room, and feed him for a fortnight the same as advised to "Thirkley" in this issue. Also make a paste by mixing on a hot plate a teaspoonful of honey, the same quantity of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of powdered grain of paradise. Mix thoroughly together with the blade of a knife, adding meanwhile sufficient finely-powdered biscuit to make the mass into a paste of the consistency of soft cheese. When cold it will become a little harder, and may be cut into small cubes as required for use. Stick a cube in the wires for the bird to peck at, and renew it from time to time as it becomes necessary for two or three weeks. In the drinking water add twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and ten of lemon juice, daily for a week or so.

SAMPLE OF CANARY SEED (P.R.).—The sample of canary seed sent is of very fair all round quality, and is quite good enough to feed young Norwich, or in fact any other variety of Canary.

MOULTING AND PANTING (M.L.A.).—It is a very common thing for any physical weakness to show itself in an exaggerated degree during the moulting period, and I suspect your bird has had some bronchial weakness for some time, though it may not have shown itself to more than a slight extent until after the moult commenced. Keep it in a fairly warm and equable temperature to expedite the moult, but see that the atmosphere is pure and fresh, and free from any direct cold draughts. Offer a bath only about twice a week when the weather is mild, and always in the early part of the day. In addition to the staple seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, or longer if necessary.

EVIL COMMUNICATIONS (Enquirer).—It depends upon the quality of the Rollers whether it would ruin their song to keep them in the same room as Linnets. In such circumstances there would always be a few exceptional specimens which would mimic some of the Linnet notes, but not every Roller would do so, and in the case of ordinary untrained Rollers it is simply a matter of taste whether anything they acquired from the Linnets would be a detriment. But if you refer to Rollers which have been trained to sing a good, pure song, it would most certainly be very risky to keep them in such a position if you wished to preserve the purity of their song. The risk is not exactly that they would drop their own song and acquire that of the Linnets, nor yet lose their vocal powers, but that they would doubtless sooner or later pick up stray notes from the Linnets, and intersperse them casually among their own notes to the detriment of the latter.

FOOT DOUCLED UP (W.S.M.).—You ought to have said how long it is since you first noticed the toes curled underneath the foot, or how long it has had the habit of sitting on the floor? If the deformity is of any standing, my advice is to leave it severely alone, as no treatment, short of amputation, is likely to remove it, and will only put the bird to unnecessary suffering. There may be some other cause for the bird not perching, as with only one foot deformed it should be able to perch, and hop about perches, on the sound foot with great ease. Make the perches decidedly flat on top surface, but with no sharp ridge, and oval-shaped underneath. Place them in a quite convenient position, not overcrowded, and bathe the feet once a day in a warm solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of acid in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing, dry carefully, and paint all over feet with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. If this does not put matters right, write again in the course of a week or so, and give particulars mentioned above.

MOULTING AND MOPY (Anxious, Rotherham). Your treatment must be very faulty, I fancy. To give a bird half a tablespoonful of mixed seed as a tit-bit every second day, as you say you do, is most excessive. Half a teaspoonful would be quite sufficient. The sample of mixture sent is a very fair all-round mixture for occasional use in proper quantities. If you are quite sure the bird is not exposed to draughts, see that it is also in a fairly equable place, and not exposed to the heated fumes from burning lights in the evenings, and see that its cage is free from red mites. Having attended to these points, give, in addition to the staple diet, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of summer rape and a morsel of banana. Twice a week give the same quantity of the seed mixture of which you sent sample. In the drinking water give daily for one week twenty drops of whiskey, and five of syrup of saffron, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight. Continue the above dietary for three or four weeks.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

BLACKBIRD UNWELL (Irish Terrier).—Your bird is probably suffering from indigestion, which is an ailment many hand-reared birds are subject to. The Blackbird is not by any means the hardy subject (as regards food) that some imagine, and requiries at times, really good high-class feeding. You had better put into a small drinker about half a dozen drops of syrup of rhubarb and a piece of glauber salts about the size of a pea. Give him this every other day for a week—that will be three times. Procure some good insectile food, and make a complete change in his diet. When you have finished with the medicine, give him a spoonful of bread every morning that has been sopped in hot milk and then squeezed nearly dry. This he will easily digest, and it should help him along to recovery. See that he does not catch cold, but give him facilities for bathing on bright sunny days. When nearly recovered, four drops of tincture of gentian in the water would brace him up.

COLOUR-FEEDING HYBRIDS (Enquirer).—If you are anxious to moult your hybrids out a good rich colour another year, you must commence to give them colour-food some time before they begin to drop their feathers, say, not later than the middle of July. The idea is to get the colouring matter well into the blood before they moult. You need not make your food strong to begin with, or you will possibly have some difficulty in getting the birds to eat it freely. The colour food is sweet tasteless pepper pods ground into powder; this you mix with egg and biscuit and give a little to the bird every day during the moult. All good vendors of colour food supply you with directions, and you cannot do better than follow these. It is usual to give the birds a little every week during the show season, not only to keep up the colour, but for fear a feather or two get knocked out, which, of course, would be replaced by lighter ones if the bird was not fed.

SEX OF BLACKBIRD (W. C. Tucker).—Your Blackbird is probably a male, and will no doubt soon come into song strongly. The low warbling is its preliminary song. Your description is quite in keeping with the plumage of a young cock bird. After its first moult the beak is generally dark, and there are always some brownish mottlings under the throat, and the wing feathers are more or less brown. These will disappear at the next moult, and the bird come out a rich deep black.

MATING FINCHES AND CANARIES (Fresh Starter).—I would advise you to select your hen Canaries as mates for your Finches as early as possible, one hen for the Linnet cock, and one or two for the Goldfinch, whichever you prefer, as it is quite a simple matter to run the Goldie with two hens if you feel disposed to do so. Put the Linnet and his partner in a good big cage, and let them fly together during the winter months, and in another cage place the Goldie and the two hens (that is if you decide to try two). As the Goldfinch will require rather richer feeding than the hens, it is a good plan to use what is known as a three-compartment breeding cage, and occasionally shut him off by himself, and give him a good feed of hemp and mixed seeds. If you do not do this, you had better be liberal in your use of sunflower seed. This is good for the Goldie, and the hens will not hurt if they take some also. (2) Both the crosses between Finches and Canaries and between two British birds are really Hybrids, although fanciers usually describe the former (that is with one parent as a Canary), as Mules, and those between the two British birds as Hybrids.

MIXED SEEDS FOR FINCHES (Paul).—You can hardly with safety feed Goldfinches and Bullfinches on the same seeds—that is, mixed in the same proportions. For instance, Goldfinches will thrive on a fair quantity of good hemp, and do well on it, but the same amount given to Bullfinches would probably prove fatal. If you must keep the two species together, you had better accustom them to eat sunflower in place of hemp, as it is far less stimulating. I would advise you to feed them on separate mixtures, if possible, say for the Goldfinch, one part teazel, half part linseed, one part hemp, half part niger; give him a spoonful of this every other day, and a pot of canary always on hand. He

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3, "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11, "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

should also have a few sunflower seeds, say, half a dozen daily, and a pinch of maw seed occasionally. This will keep him in fine condition. He should be kept in a good sized cage, and have green-food or flowering seed-heads when procurable. The Bullfinch must not be fed so liberally. Let canary and rape be his staple food, with a spoonful of the above mixed seeds once a week, and the sunflower seeds daily. If he shows signs of putting on weight you must reduce the sunflowers, but he should not do so with a nice cage for exercise.

LOSS OF VOICE (J.F.).—Your bird has at some time caught a cold, which has affected the throat. It should have been attended to at once, as these cases are sometimes very obstinate when they have been neglected. I would advise you to make a mixture of honey, glycerine, and fresh lemon juice, in equal quantities, and put 20 drops in his drinking water. A few drops of cod liver oil emulsion, on some bread that has had hot milk poured over it, and then squeezed dry, will greatly assist him. Let him have plenty of fresh air, but do not hang him outside on dull or wet days, and take him in early in the evening. It would be as well, if you value the bird, to procure a little high-class insectile food, and give him that in place of your present mixture.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE. F.Z.S.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (F. W. Todd).—I should say this bird does not get sufficient exercise, as your diet is about right; you might offer it a little sweet apple. On receipt of this reply, take away the drinking water and put in place of same a small vessel (not metal) containing one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, and do not remove this till you see the bird has had a good drink. After it has done so, fill up the vessel with water and leave it in for the day. Give in all six such doses with an interval of three days between each; and on the days you are not giving the above, put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Keep a millet spray in the cage, and at the end of the period stated report progress, but if the bird can be given a fly round the room occasionally, it will be greatly benefited thereby.

WHAT BIRD? (Constant Reader).—The bird you describe is the Indian Shama. It will thrive with you on some good insectile mixture (soft food) and live insects. As regards the latter, mealworms will be the stand-by during the winter, but any spider, earwig, beetle, smooth caterpillar, gentles, ants, and wasp grubs can be given. The bird should not be kept to one kind of insect; vary these so far as the

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

respective seasons will permit. It is a bold, active bird, and should have a roomy cage, but as it is already very tame, it will benefit greatly by a daily fly round the room—of course, with closed windows and doors, and a fire screen. Its value is 30s. to 35s., when there is a good supply on the market, but much more when scarce.

BUDGERIGAR WITH GROWTH (E. F. A.).—It will be far better to leave the growth alone. I expect the abnormal part will scale away in due course. It will be well, however, to put the bird on a course of phosphates for a time. You only require a small drinker for these birds, one holding about one fluid ounce is sufficient, as they drink very little. For a month, at least, put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water daily, except that twice weekly you use one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in lieu of the phosphates. Give them a small leaf of lettuce, first cutting out the fleshy midrib. If the growth de-

velops into a sore, you must first well cleanse (gently) the sore with tepid water, and then anoint with a little healing ointment; but you must not use sufficient of the latter to run among and grease the plumage. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses a little later.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Miss Tucker.—Bird was suffering from a catarrhal fever extending to and involving the nervous system, and of an infectious nature. Your suspicions are not justified, and, taken together with the fact that you have no evidence of birds having been tampered with, your suggestion is impossible. Bromide would only tend to aggravate the trouble by depressing the nervous system, and debilitating the patient; quinine or ammoniated tincture of quinine would have been a more suitable remedy.

R. D. Williams.—Broncho-pneumonia. The bird was quite sound otherwise; nor is it due to any infectious element. It arises in the first place from chill. Keep your birds free from draughts, and warm.

Rev. J. T. Steele.—Pneumonia was the cause of death—a not uncommon occurrence during or just after the moult. It was a very acute attack.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Malton Mystery.—We cannot take notice of anonymous communications.

W. Bradley.—Yes, you are still entitled to try for the 10s. cash special.

W. Jessup.—The Photos. are not particularly good, but we will certainly see if we can utilise them.

Pea-throat.—A Goldfinch with a white spot in its blaze (pea-throat) is of no use for competition in an ordinary Goldfinch class.

Major Harley.—Will have sketch made, and utilise next week. Many thanks.

J. P. S.—What you want to ask your chemist for is sulphuretted potash.

Perplexed.—The question you raise is much too delicate for us to deal with. The police are awkward customers to tackle. You should put the full facts before a local solicitor and be guided by him; the cost will be small.

D. McF.—If we were to publish your letter we should have a writ for libel in our office the next day. We can hardly find time to indulge in sleep as it is, owing to the deluge of shows, and if we were hauled into the law courts—well—

Lover of Animals.—We are quite in agreement with your point of view, but the practice of stag hunting is not one that we can deal with in this journal.

Mrs. Monger.—Thanks for the excellent photograph, which we will utilise in our next special issue.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Nov. 18, St. Thomas's School, 8. Annual show bus. Entries taken. —J. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Paying prize-money.—W. Hall.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Nov. 18, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Schedules for show; picking of committee for specials, etc.—J. Whitehead.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Business urgent and important. All members earnestly requested to attend.—F. Gelder, Sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Nov. 18, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Washing exhibition by Geof. Benson, Esq. Members and friends, turn up strong.—G. Moston.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—Nov. 15, W.M. Institute, 7. Final arrangements for show. Members please attend.—A. Hirons.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Nov. 19, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Show arrangements, very important. All members kindly attend.—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 18, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Meat-pie supper; balance-sheet for annual show; and other important bus. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Bradford City O.S.—Nov. 15, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Old bird show; birds staged 2.30. Judges, Messrs. F. Self, Yorks., W. Morement, Nor.—W. Helliwell.

Bramley O.S.—Nov. 14, Carnival Committee Rooms, 7.30. Monthly meeting and entries for second old bird show, Nov. 15. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. J. Chambers (Leeds). See Rule 7.—W. H. Steel.

Charlotteville F. and U.S.S.—Nov. 27, St. Luke's Institute, Addison Road, Charlotteville, 8 sharp. General meeting. (1) minutes; (2) report and balance-sheet; (3) election of officers; (4) general business.—C. H. Pope.

Chester C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Boot Inn, Chester, 8.30. Show bus., etc.—R. L. G. Simpson.

Clackmannanshire C.B.S.—November 22, Townhead Tea Rooms, 8 p.m. Balloting of specials for show on December 6.—W. W. Duncan.

Cyldebank C.B.C.—November 20, 81, Kilbowie-rd., 7.45 p.m. Nomination of office-bearers and other business.—Wm. Kane.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—November 22, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Final meeting before Open Show. Members pay annual subscription, so as to compete for specials.—Smith and Lees, secs.

Craghead and Dist. C.B.S.—November 15, "Punch Bowl Inn," 7; also November 16 at Club rooms at 7 p.m. Show and other important bus.—A. Dawson.

East Stanley Workmen's Club F. and F.C.B.S.—November 16, Club Room, 10.30. Election of judges for show, Jan. 16 and 17, 1914. Confined to all affiliated clubs in Standley and Dist. (eight clubs in all). All fanciers please attend.—J. Billgalton.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—November 17, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Special meeting for entries and other bus.—R. S. Spence.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—November 18, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie-rd., 8. Final arrangements for annual show. Subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. Full attendance requested.—J. C. Charlton.

Garston B.B.A.—November 20, Baptist School Room, 8. Arrangement for old show. Very important that all members should be there.—A. T. Mullock.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—November 18, J. H. Senior, High-st., East, 8. Arrangements for show. All members please attend.—A. Berry.

Grangemouth O.S.—November 19, Rechabite Hall, 8. Paying out prize money. Full attendance requested. —J. Woodhouse.

G.I. Eastern Rly. F. and F.S.—November 18, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8. Final arrangements for 3rd annual show, November 25; allocating special prizes.—W. G. Rogers.

Kindly note that matter must be sent in duplicate if it is to appear both in "Cage Birds" and the "Poultry World."

Great Horton O.S.—November 15, Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, 8. Members' show, birds staged 8 p.m. Judge, H. J. Chittenden. Several specials.—J. Holroyd.

Halifax O.S.—November 15, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting, bus. important. All members requested to attend. H. Clegg.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—November 18, Ye Olde Brig Cafe, 8. Entries for show.—A. Roberts.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—November 18, No. 2 Goth, 6. General bus. and club show.—A. Dickson.

L. and P.O.S.—November 20, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate-st., 8. Lecture by Miss Durham on "General Principles of Heredity, with special reference to Canary Breeding." All welcome.—C. W. Law.

Loughboro' C.B.S.—November 22, Fox and Hounds, Wellington-st., 3. Members' show, two classes Nor. cocks, two classes Yorks. cocks, A.V. Brit., A.V. Mule. Mr. Sharpe judge. Fanciers specially invited. —J. A. Walker.

Llanelly C.B.S.—November 15, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Show bus.—H. Webster.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—November 22, Council Schools, Sawley-rd., 7. Show business. All members requested to attend. All specials to be brought in.—G. T. Wall.

Leicester C.B.S.—November 19, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.15. A.V. Nor. Yell. cock (except unflighted), Open and Novice, A.V. Nor. Yell. hen unflighted; Open and Novice Linnets; Mules or Hybrids unflighted.—J. Cook.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—November 18, White Swan, 8.30. Presentation of cups and prizes. —A. Freestone.

Manchester N.C.O.S.—November 17, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45 prompt. Washing demonstration by Mr. S. Cook and others; very important bus.—W. H. Tansey, assist. sec.

National British Bird and M.C.—November 20, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel-st., Westminster, 8. General bus.—J. P. Carr.

North London C.B.A.—November 19, Headquarters, 8. Judging competition.—P. W. Jeffries.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—November 20, 65, Grainger-st., 8. Table show, three classes in each section. A.V. old bird; A.V. hen; A.V. unflighted. Judge Mr. R. Hutler.—R. Tindale.

North Manchester C.B.S.—November 18, Balmoral Hotel, 8. Smoking concert; Grigg cup will be presented to winner by H. M. Wilson, Esq., Parliamentary candidate for North Manchester. Friends invited.—J. Davey.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—November 15, Victoria Hotel, 8. Important show bus. Exhibitors wishing to join should do so at once before entries close.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

South Shields C.B.S.—November 15, Cyprus, 7.30. —W. J. Smith.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—November 24, Headquarters, 8. —J. Bamford.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—November 19, Mr. Coupes, Croft-st., 7.30. Entry night for annual show. No entries taken after this date. Allotment of specials, etc.—J. T. Cheetham.

Sale C.B.S.—November 17, Sale Excelsior Club, 8. Show bus. Schedules all ready.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Tong C.B.S.—Members' show, November 15, "Hand-in Hand," Dudley Hill. Birds to be staged by 3 o'clock. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—W. Walker.

Thatto Heath O.S.—November 17, Railway Hotel, 8. Important bus.—H. Cuttler.

Universal Club C.B.S.—November 15, 7.30. To consider show, take subscriptions, and other bus.—J. Smith.

Wakefield O.S.—November 15, Crown and Anchor, 8. Members' show bus., and payment of prize money. —J. Isherwood.

Windhill C.B.S.—December 13, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers for 1914 and other bus. Please note change of meeting night owing to National Show.—Taylor and Ellis.

Walkden Roller S.—November 18, Stock's Hotel, 7.30. Important bus.—Hy. Howard.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—November 18, Headquarters, 8.30. Arrange for staging for open show.—W. G. Andrews.

Wigan C.B.S.—November 15, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Final meeting before show. Please muster a good attendance.—Ed. Ball.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tideswell (Derbyshire).—Nov. 25, Oddfellows' Hall. Judge, J. C. Barnes. 36 open classes; Yorks. 10 (2 Nov.), Nor. 10 (2 Nov.), Crests 2, Lancs. 1, Liz. 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 21, to W. F. Swarbrick, High Street.

Inverness (Scotland).—Nov. 19, Music Hall. Judges, J. McLay, D. Ross, and W. R. Christie. 57 classes; Crests 5, Nor. 12, Scotch Fancy 2, Yorks. 7, Bord. 8, Brit. 13 (Nov. 1), Mules 2, Gift 2, Ct. V. 2 (Nov. 1), For., Aviary, Sing, and Sell, 1 ea. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 12, to J. Connochie, Craigelea, Perceval Road.

Penzance (Cornwall).—Nov. 19-20. Corn Exchange. Judge, W. G. Poole. 38 classes: Local 11, Nor. and Yorks. 6 ea.; Brit. 4, Sell. 3, Mules 2; Crest, Cinnamon, Pair, and A.O.V., 1 ea. Prizes, 8s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close, Nov. 13, to W. C. Bodninar, 18, Leskinnick Terrace.

Stockton-on-Tees (Durham).—Nov. 22, Temperance Hall, opp. Hippodrome. Judges, J. Robson and J. Middison. 42 classes: Yorks., Nor. and members', 5 classes ea.; Brit. 12 (Nov. 1); Bord. and Sell., 3 ea.; Crest, Mules, and A.V. Nov. Can., also For., 2 classes ea.; A.O.V. Can. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s Fee, 1s. Ent. close Nov. 15, to J. W. Lowes, 17 Canning Street

Cockermouth (Westmorland).—Nov. 22, Drill Hall. Judge, H. Bennett. 38 classes: Border and Brit., 10 classes ea.; Yorks. 8 (Nov. 1); Nor., A.O.V., Mules, Sell., and For., 2 ea. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 17, to J. Jackson, 14, Crown Street.

Glasgow (Scotland).—Nov. 21-22. G.H. Drill Hall. Judges, J. McLay, A. G. Cameron, J. Arnott, L. Dykes, A. W. Watson and L. J. Arrighi. 82 classes: Nor. 22; Brit. 19; For. 3; Yorks. 11; Crests and Border, 10 ea.; Mules, 7. Prizes, 12s., 8s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and 3 cards. Fee 2s. Ent. close Nov. 17, to W. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street.

West Bromwich (Staffs.).—Nov. 21-22, Dartmouth Hotel. Judge, J. H. Roe. 40 classes: Yorks. 10 (Nov. 4); Nor. 10 (Nov. 4); Brit. 6; Crests, Mules and Sell., 2 ea.; members' 8. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 17, to W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street.

Biggar (N.B.).—Nov. 27, Municipal Hall. Judges, P. McKenzie and J. Winter. 32 classes: Borders, 12; Brit. 10; Crests, 2, Nor. 6; A.O.V. and Mules, 1 ea. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 15, to J. B. Cameron, West End.

Launceston (Cornwall). Nov. 25. Judge, C. H. Joy. 26 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 4, Brit. 3, Mules and Sell. 2 ea., A.O.V. and For. 1 ea., members' 8 prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 18, to H. Hoskin, St. Thomas Hill.

Dartford (Kent). Nov. 25-26, Assembly Rooms. Judge, G. Gardner. 16 Classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Brit. 2, Bord., Mules, and For. 1 ea., members' 2, children's pets, 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close, Nov. 17, to A. Lambert, 2, Barn End Lane, Wilmington.

Cambridge.—Nov. 25-26, Corn Exchange. Judge, J. T. Palmer. 18 classes: Local 8, Brit. 5, Nor. 2, Yorks. A.V. (1913) and For. 1 ea. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 15, to E. J. Dowling, 41, Lensfield Rd.

Buckie (N.B.).—Nov. 26, Fishermans' Hall. Judge, J. Garrow. 36 classes: Nor. 9, Brit. 7, Bord. 6, Mules, For., and A.O.V. Can. (Nov.), 2 ea., Gift, Yorks. A.O.V., and Pair Can. 1 ea, Sell 4. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 19, to Mr. Bunyan, 43, West Church St.

Winsford (Cheshire).—Nov. 26, North Western Hotel. Judge, J. Walsh. 40 classes: Yorks., Nor., Brit. 6 cls. ea.; Mules and Bord. 3 ea.; Sell 2, A.O.V., Gift and For. 1 ea.; members 11. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 20, to S. S. Brooks, 165, Station Rd.

Kingstown (Ireland).—Nov. 26-27, Town Hall. Judge, H. Norman. 57 classes: Yorks. 26 (Nov. 6, Sell 6); Brit. 11, Mules 5, Crests, Nor., A.O.V. 2 ea.; For. and extra stock 1 ea.; radius 7 classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22, to D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace, N.

Bridlington (Yorks.).—Nov. 27, Imperial Sale Room. Judge, C. A. House. 11 classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 3, Brit., For., and Sell. 1 ea. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 20, to Sturdy and Chadwick, hon. secs.

Pentrebach (Glam.).—Nov. 27, New Hall. Judge, J. R. Houghton. 22 classes: Brit. 6, Nor. and Yorks. 3 ea.; Sell. 2, Bord., A.O.V., Mules, For. and members' 1 ea., A.V. Can. unfitd. and non-fed 1 ea., A.V. Can. (Nov.) 1 cls. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22, to A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.

Sale (Cheshire).—Nov. 28-29, Technical School. Judges, Messrs. J. Harrison and Metcalfe. 53 classes: Yorks. 12 (Nov. 5), Nor. 12 (Nov. 5), Bord. 9, Brit. 10, Mules 4, For., Cinn., Sell. 2 ea. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22, to G. F. Hardcastle, 2/2, Cross St.

Dundee (Scotland).—Nov. 29, Gymnasium, Ward Rd. Judges, J. F. Dewar, D. Black, J. Craig, and J. Lyon. 52 classes: Crests 7, Nor. 13, Brit. 12, Scotch Fancy and Borders 9 ea., Mules 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 24, to A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.

Wirksworth (Derbyshire).—Nov. 29, Town Hall. Judge, C. Ward. 9 classes: Nor. 2, A.O.V. 2, Brit. and Mules 1 ea, Local 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22, to S. Walker, Cromford Rd.

Tonbridge (Kent).—Dec. 2-3, Public Hall. Judge, J. Robson. 26 classes: Yorks. 7 (Nov.), Nor. 7 (Nov. 1), Brit. 5, Mules 3, Crest, Bord., A.O.V., Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 23 to P. Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Table show held Bull's Head Hotel, Nov. 5. Mr. W. Judd judged and gave complete satisfaction.

CANARY 1, 2, Gamble; 3, Bardsley. MULE OR HYB. 1, 3, Abe, he Brooks; 2, c, Leighton. Mr. Leighton gave a successful working exhibition which was both interesting and instructive, especially to the younger members. Schedules for the members' show was put before the members and passed. It is to be hoped that all will rally round for members' show and make as many entries as possible to make the show a success.—J. Cook.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting, held Nov. 6, at the Star Inn, Church Street, Mr. Barwise in chair. There was a good turn up of members. The chief item was the washing exhibition, given by Messrs. J. Baker, J. Barwise, W. Spencer, and T. Edwards. Much interest was taken when that well-known fancier and judge, T. Edwards, was washing. The exhibition was very much appreciated by the novices. We have added a £1 selling class to the members' show. A vote of thanks was passed to Host T. Edwards, and Messrs. J. Baker, H. Spencer, and Barwise, which concluded a well conducted meeting.—G. H. Whittaker, Sec.

LOCHGELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, Nov. 8. Mr. Thomas Wildridge occupied the chair. Secretary submitted report and balance sheet of the year's transactions, and was pleased to record a substantial balance to credit on our show held October 11th. We have no hesitation in stating that had birds had a better moulting season, a record entry would have been the result. The society, however, has cause to congratulate themselves, as 805 entries are not to be recorded in many country shows. Secretary intimated that all specials, trophies, etc., should be by this time in the hands of winners. Any who may have been overlooked should at once communicate. —R. Muir, Sec.

BARGOED AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Parker's Temperance Hotel, October 23, Mr. H. Bye in the chair. Mr. C. Farrow, of Merthyr, entertained with a washing exhibition. After he had finished he put a member to wash one. At the conclusion he generously offered a medal for the best staged bird at our meeting, Nov. 8, and J. Vivian was the winner. We are all very grateful to him for the trouble he has taken. We were very pleased to see his CAGE BIRDS diploma, which his bird won at Leicester Show. I have been asked if our club is open for members outside Bargoed. We shall be pleased to have members from anywhere. Our meeting night is altered from Tuesday to Saturday, to make it more convenient for members outside the town. Next meeting, Nov. 22, at 6.30; fanciers, please come.—E. J. Chisholm, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Novice night show will be held at next meeting, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. Classification: Self or foul yellow cock, do. buff, self or foul yellow hen, do. buff (in each section), clear, ticked, or uneven marked yellow, do. buff, do. yellow hen, do. buff (in each section). Britisb open Goldfi., Bullfi., Linnet, Greenfi., Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll. Judges, Yorks., T. Rowlands; Nor., J. Walker; Bord., G. Green; Brit., J. Lloyd. Everything for the old show will be settled, and specials allotted. We hope members will endeavour to fill the classes better in the outside competition. We are glad to see the novice competition booming; keep it up, the specials are worth winning.—F. Handley, Hon. Sec.

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Notes by the Secretary, Mr. Fulljames, are unavoidably held over this week.

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BOURNEMOUTH.

The Bournemouth fanciers managed to put up a record show at the Drill Hall on Nov. 11th and 12th. In this hall the Bournemouth members have one with which the most critical could scarcely find a fault. Roomy, with grand light, freedom from draughts, and a comfortable temperature, it made judging and sight-seeing a pleasure. The six hundred birds were well looked after, and beautifully staged, and the hall was tastefully decorated. Although the weather was not upon its best behaviour, there was a capital gathering of visitors, who appeared to thoroughly enjoy the fine collection. The unlighted Nor. cocks managed to muster twenty-six, and the hens fifteen a real good lot. Yorks. were a classy lot, many winners at other shows turning up. Mr. Fulford (Christ Church) put down a very hot team, and won spl. for best members' bird, with a lovely yell. hen. Mr. Holliday secured spl. best unflighted. The two leaders in the Crest class, owned by Mr. John Broad, and Mr. G. Davy, were difficult to separate, the former winning the spl. for best bird in show, and the latter CAGE BIRDS 10s. spl. for best champion coupon bird. The novice classes were well filled, and contained some remarkably good specimens. Mr. Harris (Winton) secured "C.B." novice spl., and Mr. E. J. Edwards the novice cup for best members' bird, with grand Yorkies. In the British classes, Mr. Burr did remarkably well. The foreign birds were a magnificent collection. Miss M. Bousfield had out a wonderful team, and is to be heartily congratulated upon their splendid condition.

The management was splendid. The genial secretary, Mr. J. A. Crawshaw, is in his element at a Bird show; thoughtful and considerate, he has everything in order. In the secretarial department he is ably assisted by the treas., Mr. L. Bousfield. The helpers are a good band of fanciers, with Mr. Jones, the popular chairman, at their head. The lady members, Miss Penrice, and Miss Onslow, both lent their aid, as did also Messrs. House, Fulford, Bryant, Davis, Hill, and Matthews. The show was opened by E. A. N. Cecil, Esq., supported by Mr. and Mrs. Parry-Crooke. Among the numerous visitors during the opening day were the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth. The judges were Mr. J. H. Roe, Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman, Hyb., Brit., and For.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. (13): 1, Baker, stormer for size, good bold head and front, rare neck, lovely qual.; 2, Silk, junr., little richer col., grand broad skull, rare front, nice qual.; 3, Banbury, good type, plenty of subs., lovely qual.; 4, Silk, neat, grand qual. and cond.; vhc, Howard; hc, Campbell; c, Mrs. Farrer. BUFF (15): 1, Midgley, beauty for type, grand shape, neat bold head and front, well braced wings, wonderful cond.; 2, 4, Silk, plenty of subs., full head, grand neck, nicely rounded body, clean cut, grand qual, 4th shade longer, but grand type and qual.; 3, Matthews, mkd. eyes and wing, good head and shoulders, A1 qual.; vhc, Mrs. Farrer; hc, Cook; c, Goodland. MKD. (8): 1, Saunders, grand type, wonderful breadth of skull, lovely qual.; 2, Baker, grand bird for type, hardly the width of skull of winner, capital wings, neat; 3, Lee, typical, neat head, bold front, well cut away; vhc, Silk; hc, Goodland; c, Mrs. Farrer. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Baker, fine, cold cl., plenty of subs., stands well across perch, bold head and neck, sound cond.; 2, 3, Silk, junr., var., grand depth of col., nicely domed head, 3rd nice clubby cl., sound col. and qual.; 4, Silk, good size and type, neat; vhc, Howard; hc, Martin Cook; c, Goodland. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Silk, beauty for type and subs., full head, grand neck and front, rich even col.; 2, Cook, another beauty, hardly so short in body, but grand subs., nicely cut, good qual.; 3, Campbell, similar, good full neck and shoulders; 4, hc, Matthews, grand stamp, although a bit feathery; vhc, Goodland; c, Sullivan. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Saunders, grand cl., wonderful subs., good head, sound rich col., capital wings, 2nd tkd. buff, wonderful stamp, A1 qual.; 3, c, Banbury, shade smaller, perfect cond., tight as wax; 4, Mrs. Williams, neat yell., bit high on leg, capital qual. and col; vhc, Midgley; hc, c, Silk, latter beauty for type qual. and col., much admired. HEN (15): 1, Midgley, plenty of subs., grand shoulders, shade small in head, still lovely type and qual.; 2, Banbury, cl. yell., smart, good skull, grand chest, rich col. and qual.; 3, Lee, buff, wonderful type, grand wings, full of qual.; 4, Baker, head tkd., shade longer, but lovely qual. and cond.; vhc, Goodland; hc, Matthews; c, Allen. A.O.V. (12): 1, Midgley, fine bold buff, nicely proportioned, capital head and neck, very fine col. and qual.; 3, Briant, cl. yell., fine size and type, nicely cut, capital wings; 2, hc, Goodland, var., grand type, plenty of subs.; 4, Matthews, cap mkd. buff, short, thick-set, grand front; vhc, Hill; c, Cook. NOVICE YELL. (13): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Burt, wonderful size and subs., grand skull, nicely cut, good qual., 2nd foul mkd., fine size and type, 3rd clear yell., grand type, very fine col. and qual.; 4, c, Howard, wonderful col., shade longer, neat head; hc, Allan. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Allen, head tkd., fine stamp, grand body, sound qual., 3rd beauty for type, very bold head, lovely qual.; 2, Briant, similar bird, hardly so rich in col., but wonderful cond.; 4, hc, Howard, very rich col., hardly the subs., but good; vhc, Mrs. Williams; c, Burt. YORKS. (17): 1, 4, Fulford, yell., lovely type and length, good head, nice shoulders, 4th smart buff, nicely cut away, capital length; 2, Holliday, lovely buff, shade full, but nicely drawn, rare qual.; 3, Hayter, fine length, nicely drawn; vhc, Owen and Son; hc, Maidment; c, Hayter. HEN (13): 1, Fulford, slim, nice length, capital shoulders and back, lovely qual.; 2, 3, Holliday, nicely proportioned, grand head and shoulder, beautifully rounded front 3rd good head, wings and tail, nicely moulded; 4, Maidment; vhc, Owen and Son; hc, c, Bousfield. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Bousfield, plenty of size, grand head and shoulders, capital length of wing nice qual., 2nd cinn. mkd., wonderful size, good head, rare stock bird; 3, Fulford, neat, stylish, good back and wings, grand qual.; 4, c, Bousfield, good but not up to No. 1, same owner, rare type and qual., rare topper; vhc, Owen and Sons; hc, c, Holliday. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Holliday, grand pos., good shoulders and back, nice length, neat, lovely qual; 2, Olding, 4-ptd. yell., neat, good shoulders, nicely cut away, plenty of leg; 3, 4, White, fine length, A1 col., 4th typical buff, bit soiled; vhc, Hayter; hc, Owen and Son; c, Fulford; No. 5, Fulford, lovely typical yell., Clapham winner. NOVICE, YELL (15): 1, Olding, beauty for length and style, neat, nicely drawn, A1 qual.; 2, hc, Edwards, wing tkd., fine length, grand qual.; 3, vhc, c, Harris, mkd., smart, stylish, nice clean front; 4, J. E. Edwards, long, nicely rounded. BUFF (14): 1, Olding, grand length and style, nicely modelled, well up on leg; 2, Harris, fine bold bird, good length, nice clean front, sound cond.; 3, Edwards, head and wing mkd., grand shoulders, clean cut, lovely qual., could do with a wash; 4, c, Mrs. Daldy; vhc, Troke; hc, Beal. CREST (15): 1, Broad, var., wonderful subs., grand head, beautifully radiated front, good centre, a lively, yet full crest; 2, Davey, wing mkd. dark, perfect shape and formation, good centre, grand frontal; 3, Campbell, var., fine size, shapely crest, capitally veined; 4, vhc, c, Miss Onslow, cl. body, dark, neat, not over big, capital shape. C.B. (8): 1, Davey, var., fine subs., good broad skull, splendidly lashed; 2, Broad, var., bold head, grandly domed, and packed; 3, vhc, hc, Miss Onslow, grand size, good head, nicely cushioned; c, Allen. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Filfield, grand Dutch Frill, magnificent size, stands well, nice even mantle, grand qual.; 3, Andrews Bros., capital yell. Cinn., fine bold bird, good depth of col.; 2, Holliday, big Belgian, stands well, good top and depth, fine fettle; hc, King; c, Mrs. Daldy. NON-FED (11): 1, vhc, Pearl, capital yell. Yorks., good type and style; 2, Saunders, bold Nor., good type, neat; 3, Fulford, another good Yorkie, grand length, shapely; hc, Martin, Cook; c, Allen. PAIRS (11): 1, Davey, capital pair, C. and C.B., nicely matched; 2, Martin Cook, grand Nor., good size and type; 3, Fulford, bonny Yorkies, one length, beautifully matched; vhc, Miss Onslow; hc, Andrews Bros.; c, Howard. COLLECTION (8): 1, hc, Miss Onslow, grand team of C. and C.B.'s., all in good cond.; 2, Howard, Nor., very even lot, good type all through; 3, Mrs. Downing Farrer, another good team of Nor., in very fine cond; vhc, Maidment. NOVICE (15): 1, Edwards; 2, vhc, Mrs. Briant; 3, 4, c, Miss McCheane. RESIDENT CLASS: 1, Miss Hardy; 2, Millar; 3, Miss Lynth Blosse; vhc, Reynolds; hc, Frampton; c, Miss Snow. HYBS. (7): 1, 2, Lamb, fine, bold Can.-Bullie, shapely, capital col., best of cond., 2, bonny dark Goldie-Can., fine size and shape, in fine order; 3, hc, c, Miss Bousfield, beautiful Twite-Can, fine size and shape, well marked; 4, vhc, James, big, bouncing Linnet, grand qual. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Lamb, well-known Greenf.-Chaff., in better order than formerly, interesting exhibit, 3rd, Goldie-Bullie, lovely shape and col., densely marked; 2, hc, White, good bold Greenie-Bullie, grand shape, nice col., lovely order. BRIT. GOLDIE (9): 1, Burr, topping for style, wonderful face, square cut, nice tanning, in fine fettle; 2, James, fine size, well spread face, rich tanning, good wings; 3, Cheney, very shapely, grand breadth of under blaze, hardly in such fettle as winners; vhc, Simmonds; hc, Howard; c, Hutchins. BULLF. (9): 1, Cheney, bonny bird, grand shape and size, fine broad cap, good bib, sound rich col.; 2, Burr, another gem, good cap and back, just beaten for cond.; 3, vhc, Wren, bold, full chested, nicely formed cap, bonny bird; hc, Bousfield; c, Kearl. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Burr, bold, full- bodied bird, nicely formed head, grand col., beautifully pencilled, lovely order; 2, Tout, capital Twite, good size and shape, nice rich col.; 3, James, grand size, rich col., nicely pencilled, pink of condition; vhc, Crowdy; hc, Cheney; c, Hinves. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Sexton, lovely Siskin, good shape and col., nice dense cap, lovely cond.; 2, Tout, bonny Redpoll, lovely bib, grandly laced, fine qual. and cond.; 3, hc, James, colour-fed Siskin, nice tone, grand wings, pink of cond.; vhc, Miss Bousfield; c, Cheney. GREENF., ETC. (8): 1, James, big, bold Bramble, grand col., beautifully spangled, lovely qual.; 2, Hinves, shapely Greenf., grand col., tight as wax, close up; 3, Miss Bousfield, another Bramble, deep, rich col., hardly so bold as winner, well shown; vhc, Ninness; hc, Weir; c, Lorner. SOFTBILL (11): 1, 3, Tout, lovely Gold Crest leading, grand size, good crest, best possible order, 3, Lesser Whitethroat; 2, hc, Miss Bousfield, bonny Waxwing, very shapely, beautifully marked, a gem, very fine; 4, Lorner, good 'Galc, rich col., fine cond.; vhc, Weir; c, Preston. FOR., PARROT: 1, Crawshaw, magnificent Amazon, grand size, rich col.; 2, vhc, Hoare, very fine Grey, good size and shape; 3, Mrs. McCalmont-Hill, another lovely Blue Amazon, very fine cond.; hc, Miss Sanby; c, Matthews. PARRAKEETS (6): 1, Leavers, grand Senegal, fine size and shape, good rich col.; 2, Miss Orman, grand Ring Neck, wonderful bloom; 3, Miss Bousfield, many-coloured, good size, nice cond.; vhc, Lydford; hc, Wade; c, Miss McCheane. INSECTIV. (13): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Miss Bousfield, magnificent team, the well-known White-capped Tanager leading, 3rd, lovely pair Blue Sugar Birds, grand cond., 4th, very fine Scarlet Tanager; 2, Slade, lovely Blue-wing Tanager, shapely, grand col., tight as wax. SEADEATER (23): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Miss Bousfield, another magnificent team, leaders grand Black Couldians, very fine size, beautiful col., like wax, 2, lovely Pink-cheeked Waxbills, best possible cond., fine bold Red-headed Finch; 3, Leavers, Paradise Whydah, good specimen, perfect tail, grand col.

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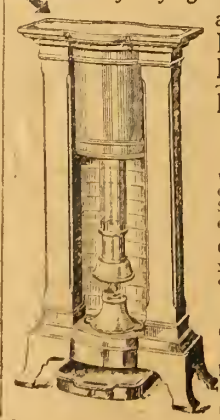
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BRISTOL.

Seventh annual show held Nov. 12 and 13, in the Kingsley Hall, a really nice place, having plenty of top-light and being quite free from any draughts. Owing, no doubt, to the number of shows held on the same dates, the entries in many of the classes were down, but the quality right through was most excellent. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were most thoroughly attended to by a good committee. Members' cup best 1913 Yorks. was won by Mr. Yorke with a lovely clear buff hen. The Nor. cup went to Mr. Tristem with a grand shaped, hot-coloured eye-tipped yellow. Mr. Coggins captured Brit. cup with lovely Yellow Wagtail. We are asked to state that should there be errors in catalogue, it is entirely due to the late entries. Mrs. Pool makes an ideal hon. sec., being most courteous and obliging, and keeping everything well in hand. She received excellent help from Mr. Garland and Mrs. Tristem; in fact, ladies were strongly in evidence at this show. We trust they will be rewarded with a good gate. Mr. J. H. Payne judged, and his awards seemed well received.

CREST (2): 3, Greenwood and Burson, clear body, D.C., large round crest, good drop, capital body; vhc, Pool. C.B. (2): 3, Greenwood and Burson, good skull, nice entrance, dense long head feather; vhc, Pool. NOR., YELL., CLR. OR TKD. (2): 3, Collier, cobby shape, lovely feather and col., in good form; vhc, Tristem. BUFF (2): 3, Collier, good shape, nice back, deep crest well braced; vhc, Tristem. VARIEG. (4): 2, spl., Maggs, buff, grizzled on head, rare shaped body, tail neck, short wings and tail, well up in col.; 3, Houghton, mkd. wings and eye, yell., good feather col. and qual., not so cobby; vhc, Brown; hc, James and Wells. BRED 1913 (10): 1, hc, Maggs, variegated yell., as round as a ball, rare head, neck and back, short flights and tail, lovely col., Cheltenham winner; 2, 3, Houghton, wing mkd. buff, good back, wings and tail, nice feather and col.; 3rd, shapely cl. yell; vhc, c, Tristem. NOVICE (9): 1, Philips, buff, nice cobby body, grand back, short tail and flights, well up in col. and qual.; 2, Bryant, good col. yell., nice qual.; 3, Lewis, good yell.; vhc, Parkyn; hc, Bradford; c, Hudd. CINN. (6): 2, hc, c, spl., Hartupp, buff, grand shape and feather, sound col., nice skull; 3, Brown, Jonque, capital skull, good col., not so neat in wings; vhc, Medlin. YORKS, YELL., CLR. OR TKD. (8): 1, spl., Yorke, rare length, nice stand and style, long flights and tail, well on leg, good col. and qual.; 2, Keejar, thigh tkd., slim built, nice wedge shape, good stand and style; 3, Bale, nice col. and qual.; vhc, Jones; hc, Grenslade; c, Gill. BUFF. (10): 1, Dugmore, cl., grand feather and pos., nice wings and tail, clean front, well on leg; 2, Jones, slim built, grand pos.; 3, hc, Stonelake, tkd. head, long and slim, grand qual.; vhc, Weeks; c, Garland. VARIEG. (8): 1, Dugmore, mkd. wings and left cheek, buff, grand feather, wings and tail, nice stand, good back; 2, 3, Pool, mkd. head, wings and root of tail, yell., stylish, neat head and clean waist; 3, wing-mkd. buff, lovely feather, stand and style, bit down in col.; vhc, Jones; hc, Bale; c, Lovell. HEN (17): 1, Yorke, cl. buff, gem for feather, shape and style, well braced wings and tail, neat; 2, Stonelake, long, slim-built cinn.-mkd. yell., lovely feather, long flights and tail; 3, Bale, cl. yell., lovely style, good col.; vhc, Weeks; hc, Keegan; c, Lovell. BRED 1913 (15): 1, Dugmore, cap mkd. yell., rare length, nice feather and col., long flights and tail; 2, Jones, long-sided cl. buff, grand feather and pos., nice head; 3, Freke, head and wing mkd., long, good pos., not quite so close in feather; vhc, Stonelake; hc, Lovell; c, Yorke. NAT. COL. (5): 2, spl., Yorke, yell.-green, foul tail and wings, grand feather and col., straight as a pencil; 3, Sampson, cl. yell., long, good stand, nice feather; vhc, Garland; hc, Lovell; c, Keegan. NOVICE (16): 1, Norman, cl. yell., good col. and qual., nice pipe tail, straight as a rush; 2, Hiscox, yell., well on leg, lengthy; 3, Davis, cinn. mkd. buff, grand feather, nice back; vhc, Hoilcs; hc, Watkins; c, Walters. BORD. (4): 2, 3, Madagan, yell., lovely shape, col. and style, neat, good action; 3, buff, grand shape and qual.; vhc, Babbett and Wall; hc, Lawrie. NOVICE (13): 1, 2, Phillips, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, capital shape, good feather, smart; 2, lightly mkd. wings, lovely feather, neat shape, good action; 3, vhc, Elston, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, shapely, nice type; hc, Bolsworth; c, Sallis. LIGHT MULE (4): 2, Gough, lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., grand feather, shape and col., Evesham winner; vhc, Ball; hc, Stonelake; c, Silcox. DARK (2): 3, Gough, jonque Goldie-Can., nice shape, size and col., well burnished; vhc, Harding. HYB. (2): 3, Ball, Goldf.-Bullie, grand col., shape and feather, nice size; vhc, Fletcher. BRIT GOLDF. (11): 1, hc, Winstone, good col., shapely blaze, well tanned, nice feather, bars and buttons; 2, Rogers, good sized square cut blaze, nice bars and buttons; 3, Pool, good cut blaze, not yet up in col.; vhc, Bilster; c, Lester. BULLF. (2): 3, sp., Babbett and Wall, beautiful col. on breast, dense cap and bars; vhc, Carrier. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 2, Garland, Lesser Redpoll, gem for flank markings, feather and col., good bib; 3, Coggins, nice feathered Siskin, well pencilled flanks, good shape and bib; vhc, Pool; hc, c, Winstone. GREENF., ETC. (5): 2, Fletcher, Bramblef., good size and shape, well marked, pale col.; vhc, Belstone; hc, Coggins; c, Winstone. A.O.V. (2): 3, sp., Davis, Hawf., lovely col. and markings, light feather, well defined bib; vhc, Legg. FOR., A.V. (8): 1, sp., 2, vhc, hc, c, Sage, Senegal and Redrump, both grand feather and col., well put down, winner takes sp. best lady's exhibit; 3, Pulsford, Pin-tailed Nonpariel, good col. and feather. MEMB. CREST (2): 1, sp., Tristem; 2, Houghton. YELL. NOR. (2): 1, Tristem; 2, Houghton. BUFF (2): 1, Houghton; 2, Tristem. HENS (2): 1, Tristem; 2, Houghton. Bred 1913 (5): 1, hc, Tristem; 2, 3, Houghton; vhc, Pool; c, Fletcher. NAT. COL. (1): 1, Hudd. NOV. (1): 1, Hudd. YORKS., YELL. (2): 1, Keegan; 2, Buckland. BUFF (6): 1, Norman; 2, Pool; 3, Stonelake; vhc, Parker; hc, Buckland; c, Garland. HENS (8): 1, sp., Stonelake; 2, Garland; 3, Lovell; vhc, c, Stonelake; hc, Pool. BRED 1913 (6): 1, 2, Stonelake; 3, Lovell; vhc, Keegan; hc, Pool; c, Garland. NAT. COL. (1): 1, Keegan. NOV. (3): 1, sp., Norman; 2, Davis; 3, Scott. MULE (1): 1, sp., Coggins. HYB. (1): 1, Fletcher. BRIT. GOLDF. (2): 1, sp., Coggins; 2, Winstone. SISK., ETC. (2): 1, Lewis; 2, Hudd. BUNTING (1): 1, sp., Coggins. SOFT., LARGE (1): 1, Scott. SMALL (3): 1 2, 3, Coggins.

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Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser.—ADVT. MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS."

Correspondence.

British Birds at the Horticultural Hall Show.

Sir,—May I be allowed to make it known that the classes which I have undertaken to judge at the above show are all the champion Hardbills and the three for large Softbills; Mr. Longden, I take it, being responsible for the other Softbills. The otherwise admirably compiled L.C.B.A. schedule does not make this clear, but as an exhibitor myself, I know that practically all exhibitors like to know definitely who is to judge their exhibits. This is my sole reason for seeking the hospitality of your columns. I have nothing to add save to express the sincere hope that we shall be favoured with a bumping entry from the whole of the United Kingdom, and so provided with the task of our lives.

C. PRIOR.

Do Early Entries at Shows Get Badly Staged?

Sir,—It may, or may not, be true, but I have been informed that the early entries get placed on the show bench in the most unfavourable positions. Now, there are complaints often from secretaries as to late entries; it is obviously unfair to treat the early entries to worst position on the show bench; it is unreasonable to give hard working secretaries more work than necessary. Therefore, to kill two birds with one stone I venture to suggest that the first entries be placed in a central position and the late entries on either side as they come in. This arrangement would be quite fair to those who try to help by sending in early, and would materially assist secretaries generally.

P. LANE.

The Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League.

Sir,—In addition to a fine pair of Chinese vases, on stands, offered to members of the League for the best exhibit in rare Parrakeets, by Mr. Jamrach, the Hon. Mrs. Bourke has kindly given two cash specials of five shillings each for the lady and the gentleman making most entries in foreign birds. I take the present opportunity of pointing out a matter that is not quite clear in the L.C.B.A. schedule (although generally known to members of the L.C.B.A. and the F.B.E.L.) and that is that the entrance fee in Open Foreign Bird classes is 2s. for everyone, members of the L.C.B.A. paying (in these classes only) the same entrance fee as members of the F.B.E.L. and the public generally.

A SILVER, hon. sec.

A Playful and Talkative Pet Budgerigar.

Sir,—Seeing the article in CAGE BIRDS about Budgerigars, I thought you would like to hear about the one we have named "Billy." This bird was bred in Mr. S. Martin's aviary, Gt. Harwood, and came to our house quite young. This bird has, with careful training, become very tame indeed; not only does he play all sorts of pranks, such as swinging with one leg, head downwards, tipping over at the side of the cage, but will come out of the cage and come on the arm or finger at call, and will "kiss" me if I ask him to, and so on. But the most remarkable feature of this bird is that he can speak quite distinctly, he is continually saying "Come on Billy," "Billy come on," "Pretty Billy," "Billy's a duck," etc. This bird has surprised many people who would not believe till they saw and heard him for themselves.

JOHN WHITESIDE.

The Missing Norwich Hen at the City of Glasgow Show.

Sir,—It is with regret I have to announce the loss of a variegated hen, No. 4 in class 29, belonging to Mr. A. Harris, of Kirkcaldy, at our last show. I understand that the bird in question was on the bench at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, but when the committee were packing about 5 p.m. the bird was not to be found. Some exhibitor had either maliciously or carelessly taken away this bird, and if he be an honest fancier he will now have the exhibit returned to me along with the cage. Further, I shall be pleased to learn from any visitor or exhibitor if they saw this bird being lifted, or packed, or otherwise, during the afternoon or evening of Saturday. Such information will be greatly appreciated not only by the officials of the society, but by the owner himself.

R. HEGGIE, Sec. City of Glasgow O.A.

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Use our Notepaper.

Late Departure of a Swift.

Sir,—I have noticed several times just recently, especially to day (Nov. 7) a Swift flying about a local tennis court situated on the banks of the River Wye. For this time of the year is this not unusual; is it due to the very mild autumn?

T. Lawley.

Hard Luck for Llanelly.

Sir,—I regret to say that Mr. Daniel John, the worthy secretary of the Llanelly Society, has been admitted into the Llanelly Hospital to undergo an operation. I feel sure that all those fanciers who know him will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery, as it is impossible to over-estimate the value of his services to the society and the Fancy at large.

H. Webster,
Sec. pro tem.

A "Cage Birds" Fancy Costume Wins Second Prize.

Sir,—I am very pleased to say I won 2nd prize with the fancy costume I made out of Cage Birds coloured plates. I thank you for the plates you sent; they were handsome. I am having a photo taken, and will send you a copy. I think this fancy dress has done good; everybody seemed to like it. I made a cage to fit my head, and put one of my Crested Canaries in it—he did not mind at all.

J. Muggeridge.

Why Do Winning Border Fancies Vary in Type?

Sir,—I may state that I have bred Borders for the past fourteen years, and produced many winners. Border men are wondering what is wrong, as the awards are fluctuating in a remarkable manner. I myself had at a show last week a yell. cock, 1st spl. winner in a class of 24, out of cards here, and a yell. variegated, 2nd and spl. in a class of 23, 6th here against birds I have previously beaten. Apparently two or three distinct types are required. Many other fanciers have had similar experiences. Can some expert explain this? It will make interesting reading.

Scottie.

An Interesting Item to Fanciers Around Morpeth.

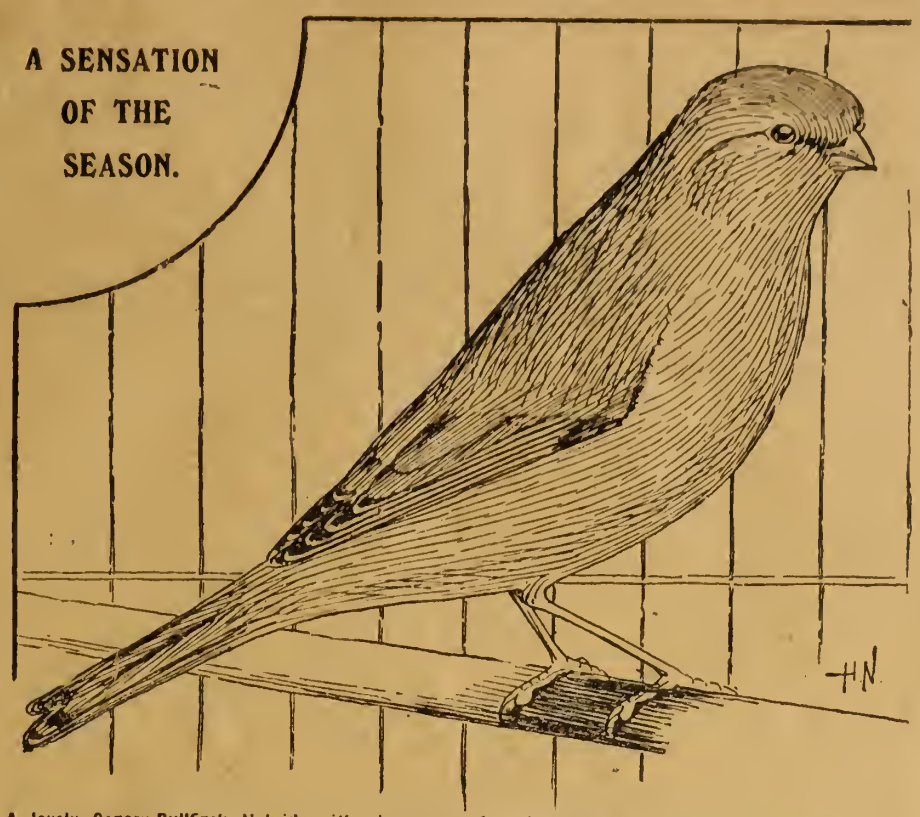
Sir,—You, along with many fanciers in the North, will be pleased to learn that Mr. Edward Floyd and his father are joining hands for the oncoming season, and are preparing to set up Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders, still keeping—as they have in years past—a fair amount of British birds. Mr. E. Floyd has not been able to see so much of his life-long hobby for two years, owing to so much public work—being a member of the various public boards in the Morpeth Union and Ashington Urban District area—but with the co-operation of his honoured father, who has over forty years' experience, much good can be done to stimulate the Fancy. Mr. Floyd, sen., retired about four years ago, and although advanced in years is still hale and hearty, and having much spare time, can attend to the joint stock, whilst I understand Mr. Floyd will be able to spare the time to lecture and give washing exhibitions. This he does for train fare only to any club who cares to enlist his services. He has much to say on bird life, and his chat is always interesting.

An Admirer.

Judging The Thrush, etc., Class at Sheffield Show.

Sir,—I think, as one of the only two exhibitors (as last year) from London at the above show, I should enter a strong protest against the awarding of a prize in class 74, headed "Thrush, Blackbird, or Starling," to a Missel Thrush. This has now occurred for two years, to my own knowledge; whether it has happened before, I do not know, but should be very sorry if it has. Seeing the error last year, it occurred to me that the same blunder would never occur again, but it has, and the judge has calmly given a Missel Thrush a second prize. I take it for granted that it is quite common knowledge amongst exhibitors that the heading, "Thrush, Blackbird, Starling," does not include any species of Thrush, except Song Thrush. If it did, why not have said so in the schedule? That would have made it quite clear, and then the Nightingales, Fieldfares, and Redwings, Robins, etc. (they are all Thrushes) might have had a run. It is quite surprising to me that this matter has been allowed to get through another year without protest, the schedule being in the hands of such splendid, true and experienced British bird experts (second to none) as run this great and important show in the world-known City of Blades. To have had this matter tested, I should have entered a formal protest if I had been present at the show, so that the judge, with such long experience, could have given his reasons, or explained away his reasons for placing his awards as he did. In my humble opinion, and I think it must be the opinion of brother fanciers and the National British Bird and Mule Club, the Missel Thrush should have been entered in class 76, for large insectivorous birds. Anyway, it is a severe warning for the future, and I shall not again enter a Song Thrush unless a class is properly headed. One small personal item; I should have liked to see those birds which I did not send marked "absent," others were so marked.

W. A. Lott.



A lovely Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid, with cinnamon-coloured plumage, bred by Mr. W. Higham, of Watford, and exhibited at the recent Watford Show, where it took 1st prize and the special prize for best bird in the show.

The Officials of Sheffield O.S. Show Return Thanks.

Sir,—On behalf of the committee, I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the 299 exhibitors who contributed the 1,244 entries, thus creating a record for Sheffield. All early birds were dispatched as near as possible to exhibitors' wishes, and the remainder were all in the railway company's hands by 10.30, so that if there were any late arrivals or delayed birds, it was no fault of the S.O.S. Committee. I also wish to thank the press for the assistance they have given us.

J. A. T. Woodall.

Wonderful Flight of a Swallow.

From Scotland to the Orange Free State.

Sir,—In sending you the attached, I may mention that the readers of "British Birds" Magazine have now placed over 32,000 rings on wild birds of many kinds and that this is leading to results of great interest and importance in connexion with the study of birds. Should ringed birds ever come into the hands of your readers, I hope they will notify me at once, stating the name on the ring and the number, as well as the date and place where the bird was found. I will then at once inform them when and where the bird was ringed.

H. F. Witherby.

SWALLOW RINGED IN AYRSHIRE AND RECOVERED IN ORANGE FREE STATE.

In August I received a letter from Mr. A. C. Theron dated from "Riet Vallei, District Lindley, O.F.S." stating that a Swallow had been captured bearing a ring with my name and address. As Mr. Theron gave neither the number of the ring nor the date of capture I asked him for these particulars and have just received his reply and the ring itself. The ring is number E937, and Mr. Theron informs me that the bird was captured at Riet Vallei on March 16th, 1913, and adds: "I do not know when it arrived." This ring was placed on a nestling Swallow by Mr. R. O. Blyth at Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, on July 27th, 1912. A few months ago an adult Swallow ringed in Staffordshire was recorded as having been captured near Utrecht, Natal, in December, and the present record is from about one hundred and fifty miles west of that place, which is not far in comparison with the total length of the journey. In writing of the Natal record I expressed surprise that a Swallow breeding in the far west of Europe should emigrate so far east in South Africa, but now that Dr. Hartert has shown by his observations in the middle of the Sahara that deserts are not necessarily a bar to the passage of migrating birds, as was formerly supposed, it may perhaps be presumed that these Swallows take a more direct line than one would previously have thought possible. This second record, taken in conjunction with the first, is extremely valuable, and we are most grateful both to Mr. Blyth who ringed the Swallow and to Mr. Theron who reported it.

H. F. Witherby.

Are Singing Hen Canaries Very Common?

Sir,—I would much like a discussion in your paper about singing hens. It is strange how common singing Canary hens are. I have only kept a very few Canaries, but I have had several singing hens; one had a sweet, low note, quite different to a cock's. Another had a loud triumphant song, also different to a cock's. I have at this present moment a young Yorkshire hen, which has reared eight young ones this season (her first pairing). Now she has been by herself some months, and sings all day. At first it was a low chatter; now the song gets louder and surer every day. It is a song of endless variety, quite different to her mate's (who is just now silent). I also some years ago came across an un-paired Canary hen, which laid eggs, and had a loud, continuous song, just like any cock Canary's. She sang all day. Hoping someone will take up this subject.

Gould.

The L. and P.O.S. Collection of Stuffed Birds.

Sir,—I again, on behalf of the L. and P.O.S., crave a little of your valuable space to thank the donors who have, since the issue of my last appeal, sent me birds for the above collection, and at the same time, now that the birds are through the moult and in good feather, appeal again to bird-keepers to send any birds in good plumage they may have the misfortune to lose to Messrs. Edward Gerrard and Sons, 61, College Place, Camden Town, N.W., who have my instructions as to stuffing. I now have over 150 birds in the collection, but I am still open for many more. About 550 different species of Foreign birds have been exhibited, if to these be added 80 or 90 species of British birds, nearly 50 varieties of Hybrids, and about 110 varieties of Canaries—in all, nearly 800 birds—it will be seen that I still require a great deal of assistance from fanciers. The only complete classes are the following:—

Norwich:—Cl. or invis. tkd. yell; tkd. or uneven mkd. yell; unfligh. (current season); cl. tkd. or uneven mkd. buff; hen, cl. tkd. or uneven mkd. buff.

Crests and C.B.:—Buff Crested cock, other than cl. body; buff crested hen; buff C.B. cock, green or foul green; buff C.B. cock, A.O.V.; yell. crested cock.

Yorks:—Cl. yell.; cl. buff.

Cinnamons:—Buff hen.

Lizards:—Gold, broken cap.

Roller.

British and Continental:—Bullfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Nightingale, Blackcap, Siberian Goldfinch.

In mixed classes I also have a number of representatives, and although these are too numerous to particularise here, I still want many in these classes. I hope fanciers will not be deterred by what I have just said from sending on any good specimen. Various other classes may be represented, but in some cases perhaps the stuffed bird has not given me satisfaction, consequent on delay in receiving specimens, or from other causes; and so I am still open in such classes.

G. Crabb.

The Disqualified Yorkshire at Halifax Show.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. House's letter re bird disqualified at Halifax show, I saw the bird, No. 3, class 12, on Friday, and I examined it thoroughly, and I could find no bare patch. I thought the bird was shown honestly. I read Mr. House's replies in Cage Birds, and I thought it my duty to reply.

R. Sutcliffe.

Sir,—We have read with interest the letters of Messrs. Ogden Bros. and Mr. C. A. House appearing in Cage Birds of 1st and 8th inst., re disqualification at Halifax show. As witnesses before the Yorkshire Union Council, and who saw the bird in Mr. House's hand on the Friday when he disqualified same, we can only say that we corroborate in every detail Mr. House's statement.

Duncan A. Mcpherson.
Alfred Ross.
Joseph Robertshaw.

The Problem of Migration.

Sir,—Mr. Craig appears to have missed the gist of my letter commenting on Mr. E. Kay Robinson's rhetoric on migration. Humour is not my strong point, but I had hoped that I wasn't putting quite too fine a point on it for even a Scotsman to have seen it. However, if he will read my letter again, he will perhaps discern a faint tinge of sarcasm in it. The migratory problem doesn't interest me greatly, and only such a dogmatic (? idiotic) expression of opinion as was given in Mr. Robinson's contribution could move me to interest myself in it. It is sufficient for me that the birds go and come at their own time and pleasure. Still, one can hardly agree with Mr. Craig's opinion. He says that the birds know the position of the sun, and direct their course accordingly. I am afraid that it is hardly feasible. We are told that birds migrate in their thousands at night. In that case, how do they know in which direction the sun is at midnight, hours after it has passed the horizon? Even if they did know, if they flew in the direction of the sun at night, they would fly across the Atlantic, because the sun sets in the west. Mr. Craig seems to forget that the earth revolves on its axis once every twenty-four hours. After all, I think it must be instinct.

Sub Rosa.

Popularising the Norwich Plainhead Club.

Prize-money and Classes at Open Shows.

Sir,—I am in entire agreement with "Sub Rosa" in this. As an alternative, I would suggest that all shows reduce the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, and with the cash therefrom extend money and medals list down to at least the 6th bird. Or, let the rank and file form classes of their own. It is clear that the method of amateurs having to enter championship classes to compete, is played out. Every years the entries get less, amateurs giving up in disgust. As evidence, when I was on a visit to an old friend in the Lancashire Fancy, I asked him if he had given up showing. He said, "Yes, and don't you think it's time? I'm tired of paying entrance fees as a novice in championship classes to enable the champions to get full prize-money, whilst the novices have to be satisfied with what you call 'codding' cards. Just fancy, year in year out, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th invariably in the hands of about five persons, who seem to take turns about." I was sorry to hear this, as he was a thorough game fancier, and a lover of birds. Something ought to be done, and I would call the attention of amateurs to Mr. Ramsden's magnificent offer in your issue of Nov. 1st. This offer is, I think, unexampled, and I intend to use every effort to promote it in all possible ways.

E. J. Cadman.

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CLEATOR MOOR.

Held Nov. 8th, and taken all round, the show may be pronounced an unqualified success. The Market Hall is an exceptionally good room for an affair of this description, roomy, well lighted, free from draughts, and being on the ground floor, is also easy of access. Yorks. only averaged 7 per class, but several birds of outstanding properties were present. Norwich (37 entries in 5 classes) also contained several excellent birds, the local enthusiasts, Messrs. Sumpton Bros., putting forward a capital team, and scoring well. Borders averaged 10 in the 5 classes provided, and contained birds of exceptional merit, typical, and possessed of that fine quality of feather, without which Borders from an exhibition point of view are useless. British, usually a strong feature here, were nice classes; unfortunately the Softbill classes, also foreign, failed to draw the requisite number of entries, and were cancelled. The management was A1, everything possible for the comfort of exhibits and visitors alike, being readily attended to. The committee responsible for all arrangements comprised Messrs. Thos. Adams, J. G. Sumpton, J. Sumpton, jun., J. Whalley, C. Adams, H. Bakin, R. Fowler, P. Branney, G. and J. Bainbridge, H. McCarter, Syl. Byrne, R. Seward, with Ben Gray (chairman), J. G. Sumpton (treasurer), and J. E. Byrne, a very good and able secretary. Judge, Mr. A. Thornton, Liscard, Cheshire, who on the whole handled the birds well.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, Coulson, rare length, col., well drawn, good pos.; 2, Brown, stonter in make, grand feather, nice pos., good head and neck; 3, Stewart, not quite ready, fine pos., lengthy, good col.; 4, Woodward; vhc, Richardson; he, Seward; c, Todd. BUFF (6): 1, Richardson, beautiful col., lengthy, and well set up, fine feather; 2, Coulson, little shorter, neat head, fine col. and feather; 3, Stewart, well drawn, fine and narrow, good pos.; 4, Brown; vhc, Seward; he, Todd. A.O.V. YELL. (5): 1, Bradley, good neck tk., rare length and col.; 2, Dykes, uneven, real good stamp, fine qual., good head; 3, Richardson, tk. wing, finer drawn, nice one; 4, Seward; vhc, Dixon and Mossop. BUFF (6): 1, Bradley, wing tk., well drawn out, beautiful feather, neat tail; 2, Richardson, wing tk., good pos. and length; 3, Dykes, uneven beauty for qual., real nice stamp; 4, Brown; vhc, Stewart; he, Rothery. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Stewart, leader, good wing tk., well made, cleanly drawn, fine col. and feather, latter tk. head, nice col., well drawn, fine wings and pipe tail; 3, Coulson, cinn. marked, lovely qual. and pos.; 4, Dykes; vhc, Seward. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Coulson, cl., fine car., beautiful feather and position; 2, he, Stewart, cl., well set up on leg, fine col. and qual.; 3, Brown, cl., well drawn, fine qual.; 4, Richardson; vhc, Dykes; c, Barrie and Gill. SELL., 29s. (8): 1, Coulson; 2, Stewart; 3, vhc, Ashbridge; 4, Bell and Nelson; he, Todd; c, Johnson. BORD., CL. OR TK. YELL. (13): 1, c, Knight, fine qual., nice col., neat wings and tail, sweetly made; 2, Harding, very similar in all properties to leader; 3, he, Wilson, J. S., tk. neck, higher in col., wee bit slimmer in build; 4, Moore and Son; vhc, Egerton. BUFF (14): 1, Moore and Son, typical and stylish, fine qual. and col.; 2, Rea, nicely rounded, well carried wings, wee shade stout; 3, Legget, tk., loses a trifle in type, nice feather; 4, Poole; vhc, Wilson; he, Levason; c, Ellwood. UNEVEN (6): 1, Walker, yell., very nice type, fair col., well shown; 2, Rea, buff, marked wings, similar in all respects to this exhibitor's 2nd in previous class; 3, Todd, lightly variegated buff, typical, fair col. and feather; 4, Egerton; vhc, c, Wilson. HEN YELL. (7): 1, Moore and Son, fine type and col., beauty for feather; 2, Wilson, paler col., neat head, beautiful carriage; 3, Ellwood, finely drawn, good qual. and condition; 4, Legget; vhc, Levason; he, McLean; c, Walker. BUFF (10): 1, Ellwood, 3-pointed, fine qual. and stamp; 2, Wilson; 3, Rea, both close together, nice silky feather, correct carriage, clears; 4, vhc, Moore and Son; he, Levason; c, Poole. NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Bradley, splendid size, hot col., well made; 2, 3, 4, Sumpton Bros., leader rare col., good chest, in capital order, latter close up, good lot; vhc, he, Seward. BUFF (6): 1, Reid Bros., fine head, good neck and bold chest, rich col.; 2, vhc, Seward, fine bodied, good col., well over perch; 3, he, Sumpton Bros., rare col., fine stamp, close up; 4, Johnston. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Sumpton Bros., leader well rounded chest, grand col. and type, latter variegated buff, hot col., fine stamp; 2, he, Seward, yell., fine stamp, good col.; 4, Johnston. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 4, Johnstone (W.H.), grand buff, good qual., fine stamp; 2, he, Sumpton Bros., hot col., wing tk. yell., rare good stamp; 3, vhc, Johnstone (C.), yell., bonny type, rare feather; c, Woodward. HEN (9): 1, he, c, Sumpton Bros., leader finely fed buff, rare tone of col., grand feather and pos.; 2, 3, Whalley, leader eye marked, of real good class, pressed, latter close up; 4, Woodward; vhc, Seward. DARK., HYB. (8): 1, vhc, Bertram and Barnes, leader Greenfinch, in fine order, lovely col. and feather, upstanding and steady; 2, 4, Sumpton Bros., leader, Linnet, fine stamp, rich col., well shown; 3, Hodgson, Linnet, richer col., grand feather and build, just a little unsteady; he, Seward; c, Rothery. BRIT., GOLDF. (6): 1, 2, Bertram and Barnes, both good class, excellent markings, rich in blaze, clean in colours, and exceptionally well shown; 3, Mrs. Jenkinson, behind in size, but good in all round properties; 4, Godfrey; vhc, Telford; he, Nicholson. LINNET (12): 1, 4, Park and Son, leader, good substance, finely pencilled, sound col., rather unsteady; 2, Mrs. Jenkinson, beautifully marked, rare sound col., fine size, capital order; 3, Rea, finer markings, well up in good sound col., nice size; vhc, he, Carlyle; c, Johnson. DO. (FIELD-MOULTED) (11): 1, Mrs. Jenkinson, good size and tone of col., fine markings, rare shower; 2, Godfrey, stonter in build, fine chest, nice col. and markings; 3, Carlyle, slimmer in build, but fine shape, fair, good front; 4, Park and Son; vhc, Stewart; he, Rea; c, Hazard. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, c, Godfrey, nice coloured Siskin, well laced cap, and good markings; 2, Seward, J., Lesser Poll, in Beld plumage, good markings and shape, fair size; 3, Stewart, Twite, good bodied, fair col. and markings, nice order; 4, Pugo; vhc, Mackie; he, Legget. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (6): 1, Ellwood, Bawlinch, grand condition, fine col., well defined bib, and bars, good in shape; 2, Watson, very nice Bawlinch, not the substance of winner; 3, Hetherington, Chaffinch, nice size and shape, capital markings, nicely cut; 4 Wilson, J., really nice Yellowhammer; vhc, Telford; he, Legget. SELL., 21s. (5): 1, Coulson; 2, Hodgson; 3, Sumpton Bros.

CHIRNSIDE C.B.S.

Sixteenth annual show held Nov. 8, in the Small Hall, in fine weather. Entry was about as in former years, but quality and condition were in evidence in every class. Messrs. Patterson and Shiell had everything well in hand, assisted by members present. Mr. J. Watson, Selkirk, judged, and his awards were very well received.

The Critique.

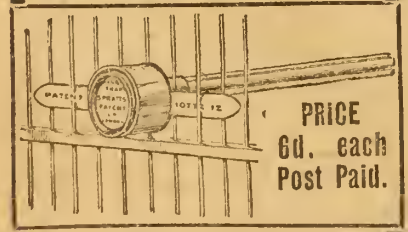
BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, sp., Patterson, grand col., extra qual., fine pos., lovely head; 2, Dickinson, similar build, fine type, fails qual.; 3, Brown, fine size, good taper and carr.; 4, Johnstone, scarcely so fine in feather; vhc, Denholm; he, Skeldon; c, Johnstone. HEN (11): 1, Patterson, rare head, well rounded front, beautiful feather and col.; 2, vhc, Young, charmer, fine weight, taper, and style; 3, Johnstone, another good one, little between them; 4, he, Denholm, nice shape, good cond.; vhc, c, Lockie. BUFF COCK (10): 1, 2, Patterson, two gems, lovely feather, col., and cond., hard to separate; 3, Dickinson, nice col., fine taper, fails in back; 4, Young, again fine qual., well staged; vhc, c, Johnstone; he, Denholm. HEN (11): 1, 3, he, Patterson, leader rare one for style, grand feather and cond., beautiful wing carr., 3rd higher in col., but not so good in style; 2, Brown, a real fresh one, fine head, good back and wing; 4, Young, another nice one, scarcely ready; vhc, Denholm; c, Baird. YELL. MKD. (7): 1, sp., Mrs. G. Young, even yell., good col., fine markings, scarcely fined down yet; 2, 3, 4, Denholm, 2nd much finer feather, good head outline and finish, three-point, 3rd mkd. eyes, wings and cheek, fine col., qual., and cond.; vhc, Patterson; he, Young; c, Johnstone. BUFF (11): 1, 2, he, Denholm, nice team, leader nearly even, fine feather and qual., a shade shore, 2nd three-point, finer drawn, good style and pos.; 3, Young, lightly mkd. eyes, and wings, fine style, graceful carr.; 4, Patterson, good cinn. mark, fine pos. and style; vhc, Skeldon; c, Lawrie. TKD. (10): 1, Young, mkd. cheek, fine head, good back and wing, very stylish; 2, Brown, cinn., tkd. head and wing, fine col., good qual.; 3, he, Patterson, head mkd. buff, real good one, as sound as can be; 4, Johnstone, fine model, good feather and qual.; vhc, Denholm; c, Lockie. A.O.V.: 1, 2, sp., 3, Patterson, lovely team, leader yell. green hen, splendid type, fine col. and markings, 2nd yell. cinn., Newcastle winner, extra sound in col., beautiful feather and cond., 3rd buff green, nice shade, splendid type and finish; 4, Denholm, yell. cinn. hen, good shape, lovely taper; vhc, Johnstone; he, Mrs. G. Young. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, Young, lightly mkd. Linnet, fine size, good style, shows cross well; 2, 3, 4, Baird, fine team of Plainheads, good stout bodies, fine col. and qual., little between them; vhc, Lawrie. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, sp., 2, Patterson, leaders, nice evenly mkd. birds, in the pink of cond., well matched, 2nd, cl., fine yell. cock, extra style and finish, and buff hen, another beauty, good feather, good back; 3, Johnstone, marks, good uneven buff hen, nice shape, good head, and a fine pos. yell. cock, a shade plain; 4, Denholm, uneven buff cock and yell uneven hen, finely matched pair; vhc, he, Dickinson. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Shiell, Scarlet Tanager, fine fettle, good col. and steady; 2, 4, Patterson, light cinn., Greenfinch hen, good exhibit, very interesting, 4th well-known Song Thrush, "Biddy," in good form yet. GIFT: 1, Patterson; 2, Denholm; 3, Glass; 4, Baird.

QUEENBOROUGH F. AND F.S.

A nice little collection of birds was staged on Nov. 7 and 8; it was a first venture, and great credit is due to the society for the way in which they set about the business. The hon. sec., Mr. A. Cundiff, laboured most assiduously, and although comparatively new to the work, achieved a decided success. His efforts were ably seconded by Mr. G. Moon, assist. sec., and a willing band of committeemen and stewards. The show was opened in felicitous phrases by Capt. E. W. Jaffray, the mayor-elect of Queenborough, who was accompanied by Mrs. Jaffray and other ladies, and it was pleasant to note the interest the ladies took in the show. It is hoped another year to make an even greater success of the exhibition, as Capt. Jaffray heartily assured the committee of his sympathy and that of his friends in the objects of the society. Sp for best Nor. was won by Mr. J. Roberts, who staged a bonny Buff of rare quality and splendid type; best Yorks, a smart upstanding variegated Buff cock shown by Mr. H. A. Olive. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Smith, cl., beautiful feather, level col., and nice body; 3, Broadbridge, sweet feathered bird, rattling col., not quite so stout. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Roberts, leader chubby, good-sized cl., full of qual., nice head; 2nd tkd., grand body and feather, just marred by indifferent wing carr.; 3, vhc, Olive, looked like hen, rare shape, qual., but just a trifle flat in col.; he, Broadbridge. UNFLIG.: 1, Monday, good shape, nice qual., well staged; 2, Roberts, another pretty bird, full of promise; vhc, Olive. NAT. COL.: 1, Tucker, good qual.; 2, Foster, also nice feather; 3, Smith. YORKS YELL.: 1, 2, Olive, leader smart, nervy variegs., good length and fine taper; 2nd not quite so smart, but grand qual.; 3, Monday, neat, but just a trifle short behind leg; vhc, he, Killick. BUFF: 1, Monday, rare feather and position, very neat; 3, Olive, good style, nice qual. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, 3, Olive, very smart Yorkies, especially the former, which stood up splendidly; vhc, Monday. A.O.V.: 1, Foster, good bodied variegs., dark Crest, neat headpiece and fair frontal; 2, Roberts, broken Green Nor. of very good subs. and qual-

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Open show held at Drill Hall Nov. 11 and 12. Owing no doubt to clashing with Swansea, our section did not come up to expectations. The committee all worked hard to make the show a success, and we noticed Messrs. Cleeves and Mortimer taking a great interest in the welfare of the birds. Mr. W. J. Baker made an excellent show manager, and had everything well in hand. Secretary Mr. Ed. Churchill was also a very obliging and painstaking official. Mr. D. A. S. Longden judged, and his awards met with general approval.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, withheld; 2, Hill, cl., grand head and neck, lovely shape, size, col., and qual.; 3, Mortimer, cl., nice size and type, rather slack in feather when we saw him; 4, he, Cleeves, var., good size, neat type, inclined to cross wings badly at times; vhc, Jones. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, c, Hill, cl., grand type, col., and qual., nicely rounded head; 3, Muscott, cl., good type and qual., hardly the subs. of leader; 4, Broome, neat type and qual., fails trille wing carr. YELL. HEN (4): 1, withheld; 2, Broome, cl., good col. and qual., neat size and shape; 3, Cleeves, cl., nicely moulded, hardly subs. of leader; 4, Muscott, wing mkd., good size, shape, col., and qual.; vhc, Hill. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, Cleeves, nice size and shape, lovely feather and col.; 3, Jones, good size and col., hardly as shapely as leader; 4, Broome, good col. and qual., loses subs.; vhc, Hill. UNFLIG. (3): 1, withheld; 2, Cleeves, cl. yell., teeming with col. and qual., grand size and shape; 4, Hill, cl. buff, nice size and shape, hardly the qual. of leader; vhc, Mortimer. NOV. NOR. (6): 1, Williams, cl. yell., nice size and shape, good col. and qual.; 3, c, Mortimer, cl. yell., good type and qual., loses size; 4, Parry, tkd. buff, good col., trifle slack in feather; vhc, he, Durham. HEN (4): 1, withheld; 2, 4, Durham, cl. yell., neat exhibit, good col. and qual., nice size and shape; 3, vhc, Mortimer, cl. buff, nice size, shape, col. and qual. YORKS YELL. (3): 1, withheld; 2, Pritchard, var., grand length, nice col. and qual., stands well; 4, Russell, cl., close up, nice type, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; vhc, Parfitt. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, Pritchard, var., grand length, well on leg, nicely braced wing and tail; 3, Bevan, again good, only fails trifle in col. to leader; 4, Russell, cl., stands well, very nervy, nice type and qual.; vhc, Pritchard. YELL. HEN (4): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Parfitt, cl. yell. leading, good col. and qual., stands well, very nervy, latter var., good col. and qual., not nearly as stylish as leader; 4, no name, neat exhibit, good length, trifle trilled on breast. BUFF (3): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Glascoe, cl., grand length, full of nerve, nice position, col., and qual.; 4, Parfitt, var., good type and qual., well on leg, hardly feather of leader; vhc, Russell. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Bevan, wing mkd. yell., good length, neat head and neck, nicely braced wings, good position; 3, Russell, cl. yell., good col. and qual., nice style, well on leg; 4, Pritchard, var. buff, good type and qual., neat wings and tail, stands well; vhc, Watkins; he, Thomas; c, Parfitt. NOV. CK. (11): 1, Richards, cl. yell., grand length, neat head and neck, nice wings and tail, very nervy; 2, no name, cl. buff, grand feather, nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, stands well; 3, Watkins, cl. yell., good type, neat head and neck, stands well; 4, Moule, var. buff, good type and pos., hardly as good qual. as leaders; vhc, c, Terrett. HEN (7): 1, Broome, cl. yell., neat head and neck, nicely braced wings and tail, good nerve; 2, Howells, cl. buff, lovely qual. and col., stands well on leg, neat wings and tail; 4, Thomas, cl. yell., good col. and qual., well on leg, nicely put down; vhc, Watkins; he, Richards. SELL., 15s. (6): 1, Hill; 3, Mortimer; 4, Jones; vhc, Bevan; he, Furge; c, Cleeves. BRIT. (5): 1, withheld; 2, 4, Bancroft, leader grand Linnet, lovely col. and qual., laced to perfection, wins; latter well spangled, good col., Bramble; 3, Edwards, Goldie, nice size and col., good tans, bars, and buttons, nice col., blaze; vhc, no name; he, Davies. MULE, ETC. (3): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, neat exhibit, good col., qual., and cond.; 4, Davies, Linnet-Bullie, grand col. and qual., shows parentage well; vhc, Mortimer.

WEST LONDON F.A.

25th annual show, held Hampshire House Club, Hammersmith, Nov. 6 and 7, under the patronage of Leopold de Rothschild, Esq., and other influential people. Mr. J. Dewhurst, the hon. sec., is an old and well seasoned official, holding office in an Association which can boast of having borne the brunt of a quarter of a century's experience. The room was a suitable one, and the arrangements were eminently satisfactory. There was quite a grand display of Norwich, quality being conspicuous, and many of the birds being very typical. Crests and Crestbreds came up well. Yorks. were not so numerous, but good in quality. The novices came out splendidly—where and when is it they do not nowadays? But perhaps the most fascinating section in the show was the foreign, the display being excellent. Mr. Dewhurst contributed a fine class of British insectivorous birds. Specials were numerous and valuable, and were won as follows: Best bird, Mr. J. Turner; green Crestbred Yorks., Mr. J. Dewhurst; Norwich, Mr. Withers; Crest, Mr. Turner; British, Mr. J. Dewhurst; foreign, Mr. Dewhurst; Norwich cup, Mr. G. Butterfield; Crest cup, Mr. J. Franz; Yorks. cup, Mr. W. E. Bennett. Other specials were won by Mrs. Thynne, Mr. Withers, Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. J. Clark, Mrs. Bowell, Mr. A. Beavington, Mr. J. Dewhurst, Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

CHAMP., CRESTS: 1, sp., Mrs. Thynne, good variegated, with nicely formed crest of good dimensions; 2, Turner, nice thatch, one light feather in crest, good body; 3, Shepherd, neat, but scarcely so full. C.B.: 1, Turner, real fine head, rare length of head feather; 2, Withers, again good, if not quite so massive; 3, Shepherd, a nice one. CRESTS, 1913: 1, cup, 2, 3, Franz, a very fine team, each bird of merit. C.B.: 1, Jonas, lightly variegs., fine skull, and clothing; 2, Turner, scarcely so long in head feather, but nice; 3, Shepherd, wide back skull, fails trille ontrance; vhc, he, Gibbons. NOR., YELL., CL. or TKD.: 1, Withers, grand qual., type and col.; 2, Butterfield, perhaps a little thinner, but really fine qual. BUFF: 1, Knight, rare body, undercolour, and qual.; 2, vhc, Withers, close up; 3, he, Butterfield. VARIEG.: 1, Withers, grizzled tail, rare qual.; 2, Butterfield, variegs. bull, good type. HENS, YELL.: 1, vhc, Butterfield, good body, nice head and qual.; 2, 3, Withers, a couple of typical hens. BUFF: 1, Withers, nice qual., good size and shape, neat head; 2, 3, Butterfield, cl. and a tkd., both shapely, and nice feather. UNFLIG.: 1, cup, Butterfield, smart bird, of good Norwich properties; 2, 3, c, Withers, variegs. buff nice feather. 3rd, yell., also a good stamp; vhc, he, Knight. YORKS., YELL., CL., OR TKD.: 1, 2, Dewhurst, two very smart and well posted Yorkics, rare qual.; 3, Bennett, fine length, not quite so fine in qual. BUFF: 1, Bennett, good traveller, nicely tapered. VARIEG.: 1, Bennett, very attractive, rare feather, stands well; 2, 3, Dewhurst, nice pair. HENS: 1, 2, Dewhurst, very neat, nice in feather, well positioned. UNFLIG.: 1, cup, 2, vhc, Bennett, a right good trio, a credit; 3, vhc, he, Dewhurst. BORD.: Three classes, all to Mrs. Thynne, well shown, and a very nice team, of the wee gems. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Withers, very nice Lancashire Plainhead. AMAT., NOR.: All to Mr. Hart, and a good lot. YORKS.: All to Mr. W. J. Clarke, a good team, nicely put down, some neat and shapely birds amongst them. NOV., NOR., CL., OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Beavington, col., shape and qual., very nice; 3, Sharratt, hot col., not quite so shapely. BUFF: 1, Aunison, good shape, but little free in feather; 2, 3, vhc, Beavington, all good type; he, Sharratt. VARIEG.: 1, 2, vhc, he, Beavington, very good team of typical birds; 2, Sherriff, variegs. yell., good col. and quality. HEN, YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Beavington, good type, qual. and nice col., well staged; 2, Aunison, close after the leader. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Beavington, a clean sweep, with a nice team; vhc, Sharratt. UNFLIG.: All to Mr. Beavington, very smart team. In Yorks. Mrs. Bowell had all the course to herself, and this lady is to be complimented on the birds she sent. CAN., HYB.: 1, Aunison, nicely mkd. Siskin-Can. TWO BRIT.: 1, Dewhurst, fine sized, good coloured Greenie-Bullie. GOLDF.: 1, Aunison, good finish, nice bars and well buttoned; 2, Beavington, hardly so lustrous; 3, Butterfield, very neat, but hardly up in col.; vhc, Dewhurst. GREENF.: 1, Beavington, good size. LINNET: 1, Dewhurst, well mkd., good col. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Beavington, good coloured Redpoll. CHAFF., ETC.: 1, Beavington, Chaffic, very good marking and col. HENS: 1, Dewhurst, good Bullie. INSECTIV.: All to Mr. Dewhurst, winner topping Wagtail, followed by an equally good Waxwing, and a Bearded Tit. HENS: 1, Dewhurst, very nice Bearded Tit, in fine feather. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Thynne, with a Diamond Sparrow, Zebra Finches, and a Gouldian. LARGE: 1, Dewhurst, African Coleys, in grand fettle; 2, Shepherd, Lesser Hill Mynah, very lustrous, and very saucy; 3, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, c, Shepherd; he, Dewhurst. SELL.: 1, 2, Butterfield; 3, Sherriff.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Third annual show, held Nov. 6 in the People's Hall, Tanner's Hill. The entry was a record, being some sixty odd in advance of last year, and quality was far and away higher than in any previous effort. The great improvement is really remarkable, and looks well for the future. Yorks. have not advanced quite so much as the Norwich. The sensation of the show was the wonderful gathering of Borders, eighty odd exhibits, a really big entry for a members' show in the South, and the quality and type were quite excellent. Messrs. Burton Bros. have done much to advance this variety, and staged some grand birds. Novice exhibits were not far behind, the type being pretty level all through, and with a little more care in staging some of the birds should win elsewhere. A few good hybrids and British birds made up a very interesting exhibition. Special for best bird went to Mr. Pope, runner up (the second year in succession), Messrs. Burton Bros., who also won the spl. for best Border. Best Yorks. Mr. Rouson. The show was nicely arranged, and well managed. Mr. G. Burton doing the secretarial work in his usual able manner. Mr. Hill, the chairman, assisted by Messrs. Fuller, Deane, Culham, Weston, Hall, and Joplin, attended to the staging and care of the exhibits. Mr. H. Norman judged, and his awards were well received.

CHAMP. NOR. CK.: 1, Pope; 2, 3, Hall. HEN: 1, Pope; 2, Hall UNFLIG.: 1, Pope; 2, 3, vhc, Hall. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Burton Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Burton Bros. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Burton Bros. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. CIN. OR GR.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. NOR. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, Gardner; 2, Fuller; 3, Deane. BUFF: 1, Deane; 2, Gardner, 3, vhc, Weston; he, Salmon. HEN: 1, vhc, Deane; 2, c, Gardner; 3, Salmon; he, Weston. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, vhc, he, c, Fuller; 2, Gardner; 3, Deane. BUFF: 1, Gardner; 2, Deane; 3, he, c, Fuller; vhc, Weston. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Fuller. YORKS. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, Fuller; 2, 3, Rouson; vhc, Willett. BUFF: 1, Fuller; 2, Rouson; 3, Willett. HEN: 1, Rouson; 2, Fuller; 3, Willett; vhc, Martin. UNFLIG.: 1, Rouson; 2, Willett; 3, vhc, he, c, Fuller. BORD. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Williams; 2, Preece; 3, Sutton. BUFF: 1, Joplin; 2, Kay; 3, Sutton; vhc, Culham; he, Martin; c, Preece. HEN: 1, vhc, Sutton; 2, 3, Preece; he, c, Kay. UNFLIG. YELL: 1, he, Preece; 2, Sutton; 3, Joplin; vhc, Williams; c, Kay. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, he, Preece; 3, Williams; c, Joplin. CIN. OR GR.: 1, Preece; 2, Kay; 3, he, c, Williams; vhc, Martin. HYB.: 1, 3, vhc, Pope; 2, Weston. LINNET: 1, Pope; 2, vhc, Weston; 3, he, Hall; c, Williams. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Weston; 2, Pope; 3, he, c, Hall; vhc, Deane. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Weston; 2, Hill, 3, Fuller. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Hill; 2, Pope; 3, Deane. INSECTIV.: 1, Williams; 2, Deane. BRIT. HEN.: 1, Deane; 2, Pope. FOR.: 1, 3, Burton; 2, Longley.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Members' show, held headquarters, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, on Oct. 29. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey, of Sandy Lane. It was very successful, there being 133 entries, and the awards were to the satisfaction of all competitors. Mr. Whitley best yellow bird in show, and Mr. Clegg best buff.

CHAMP.—CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Whitley; 2, Midgley; 3, he, Cowgill; he, Whitwam; c, Kirk. BUFF: 1, 2, Cowgill; 3, he, Clegg; 4, A. Bennett; vhc, Whitwam; c, Crabtree. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Whitwam; 4, Kirk; vhc, Cowgill; he, Whitley; c, Ross. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Clegg; 4, Crabtree; vhc, c, Whitwam; he, Kirk. UNEVEN. MKD.: 1, 2, 4, Clegg; 3, Kirk; vhc, Crabtree; he, Ross; c, A. Bennett. DO. HEN: 1, 2, Kirk; 3, Whitley; 4, Cooper; vhc, Cowgill; he, Ross. CINN. MKD.: 1, Kirk; 2, Cooper. DO. HEN: 1, Ross; 2, Whitwam. VARIEG.: 1, Midgley. NOVICE.—CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Radcliffe; 2, Butterfield; 3, Neeson; 4, McEwen; vhc, Kitchen; he, Goodwin; c, Terry. BUFF: 1, Neeson; 2, Radcliffe; 3, Hill; 4, Butterfield; vhc, Hunter; he, c, Brook. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, he, Radcliffe; 2, vhc, G. A. Bennett; 3, Butterfield; 4, Terry; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, G. A. Bennett; 2, Radcliffe; 3, Shaw; 4, Neeson; vhc, Kitchen; he, c, Goodwin. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, G. A. Bennett; 2, 3, Butterfield; 4, Smith; vhc, Shaw. DO., HEN: 1, 2, c, G. A. Bennett; 3, Butterfield; 4, Radcliffe; vhc, Riley; he, Terry. CINN. MKD. HEN: 1, Neeson; 2, Hunter. VARIEG.: 1, Terry; 2, Nelson. DO., HEN: 1, Shaw; 2, Rhodes; 3, Kitchen; 4, Hill; vhc, Butterfield.—A. Cooper, Sec.

SWANSEA.

Thirteenth annual show held at Bush Hotel, Nov. 12 and 13. Unfortunately the rooms engaged did not turn out as satisfactory as expected; the day being dull, the light was extremely bad, consequently the judges had a difficult task to sort out the winners, and under the circumstances they did their work extremely well. With this exception the fixture turned out an unqualified success, much of which success was due to the admirable work of the show managers, Messrs. Phil Jenkins and Fred Heal, the latter a young but thoroughly able official, and a willing band of workers, Messrs. J. H. Ford, R. H. Mugford, W. J. Jenkins, W. J. Thompson, J Mock, J Hocking, and A E. Jeffries. We must not forget Mr. S. George, the hon. secretary, whose hard work also contributed very largely to the success of the fixture.

Norwich were a show in themselves, nearly 100 in seven classes, and not a bad one amongst them. Special for best in section and best local was won by Mr. A. Hitchings with a grand cl. yell. hen, a real gem. "Cage Birds" novice spl. was won by Mr. C. Richards with a cl. buff hen of lovely type and qual. Yorks were also well to the fore, 113 facing the music and indeed gave the judge some trouble to separate. The winner of "Cage Birds" Champion prize turned up in this section, Messrs. James and Wells winning with a var. yell. of wonderful length and quality. Border fanciers came up well, both in numbers and quality, Mr. D. Jenkins putting down a wonderful team, winning five firsts with six entries. Messrs. Hocking and Allen also staged some grand greens and accounted for the remaining classes. "Cage Birds" Diploma competition drew a large entry here as elsewhere, and it has now become quite a feature at the important shows.

Hybrids were splendid all round, and some of the best of the day were to be found here. CAGE BIRDS best Hybrid was a very fine Canary-Bullfinch, J. Crone, Glasgow; best open Hybrid, Martin and Archer (perfection), clear Linnet, in the pink of cond.; special best local Hybrid, J. E. Jeffries. British birds came out very strong, particularly in the seedeaters, and all the winners were of exceptional type, and competition ran very keen. Best Linnet open was S. Jones, jun., with a wonderfully fine bird. Also best Hardbill with a grandly conditioned Bullfinch. CAGE BIRDS best Hardbill, E. Lewis. Softbills were only few in number, but a grand Treecreeper and a fine Fieldfare won in their respective classes. Foreign were nice, but not over numerous. A fine conditioned Blue Mountain Lory won CAGE BIRDS special for best Foreign.

The judges were Mr. J. Robson and Mr. C. Houltou (St. Helens).

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Hitchings, gem for size and type, sweet head, good full neck, perfect wings, fine qual. and cond.; 2, 4, Mabbett, both cl., leader close up, grand col. and qual., well braced wings, neat head and neck, latter again good col. and qual., nice type; 3, Jones, nicely tapered body, good size and col., fails trifle head to leaders; vhc, Rowden; hc, Slee; c, Crowley. BUFF (14): 1, Crowley, cl., a real topper, grand head and neck, neatly braced wings, lovely type and qual.; 2, Jones, cl., nice shape, size and qual., loses entrance to leader; 3, Addison, grizzle mkd., correct type, good col. and qual., well braced wings; 4, Jeremy, nice stamp, trifle slack in feather when we saw him; vhc, Amphlett; hc, Slee; c, Palmer. VAR. CK. (7): 1, Mabbet, wing mkd., grand col. and qual., fine size and shape, well braced wings; 2, Capt. Collier, grizzle mkd. yell., correct type, grand col. and qual., neat head, well-filled neck; 3, Tedstone, var. buff, graud size, col. and qual., good full head and neck, nice type; 4, George, var. buff, grand size and shape, neat head and neck, nice wing carriage; vhc, Jones; hc, Hitchings; c, Jeremy. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Hitchings, cl., lovely col. and qual., well balanced wings and tail, good type, perfect order; 2, Capt. Collier, grizzle mkd., grand type and col., nice substance, hardly as good qual. as leader; 3, Richards, cl., nice type and col., good head, well filled neck; vhc, Slee; hc, c, Palmer. BUFF (13): grand class: 1 Tedstone, grand lady, an old face, well-known winner, grand type and qual., often described; 2, Hitchings, cl., again good type, neat wings and tail, fails trifle subs, to leader; 3, Capt. Collier, cl., grand subs., neat head and neck, well braced wings, good col. and qual.; 4, Thomas, cl., grand type and qual., neat head, neck, wings and tail, loses trifle size. UNFLIG. (20), wonderful class, two sets winners here easily: 1, Hitchings, cl. yell., real gem, grand col. and qual., correct type, perfect wings, staged in faultless cond.; 2, Lewis, var. buff, nice size and col., neat head and neck, hardly as shapely as leader, still a real good one; 3, 4, Jones, var. buff leading, good subs. and qual., neat wings and tail, lovely qual., latter cl. yell., grand col. and qual., hardly subs. leaders; vhc, Mrs. Williams; hc, Thomas; c, Capt. Collins. NON-FED (8): 1, Tedstone, cl. buff, real topper, lovely col. and qual., grand size and shape; 2, Rowden, var. buff, good col. and qual., hardly subs. leader; 3, Davies, cl. buff, good type, neat wings and tail, hardly qual. leaders; 4, George, cl. buff, good size and shape, neat wings and tail, fails trifle head; vhc, Thompson; hc, Jenkins; c, Brown. YORKS YELL. (16): grand class: 1, Mock, cl., grand type and style, neat head, perfect wings and tail, lovely qual, and col.; 2, Williams, cl., lovely length, stands well on leg, good col. and qual., inclined to cross wings at times, otherwise a real gem; 3, East, cl., grand length, well on leg, neat wings and tail, hardly so good in head properties as leaders; 4, Bale, another cl., close up, good style, very nervy, neat wings and tail; vhc, James; hc, East; c, Mock. BUFF (14): another good class: 1, Richards, cl., grand type and style, neat head, perfect wings and tail; 2, Webster, cl., good full neck and shoulders, neat wings and tail, nice length; 3, vhc, Dr. Thomas, cl., grand col., well up on leg, grand position, very stylish; 4, Wooton, real topper, rare length, grand col. and position, nice col. and qual., might have been higher; hc, J. Mock; c, W. J. Mock. VAR. (10): 1, Pritchard, buff, grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, well filled back, good position; 2, Owen, var. yell., blaze of col., nice position, neat wings and tail; 3, Brown, buff, nice length, well up on leg, good straight back, wings and tail; 4, Rees, yell., grand colour and quality, full of nerve, nice position; vhc, Weeks; hc, Mock; c, J. Mock. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Webster, cl., rich col., feathered like glass, neat head, grand wings and tail, nice position; 2, 3, Mock, pair real toppers, close up, lovely col. and qual., grand head and neck, well filled back, good piped tails, stand like guardsmen; 4, Bale, cl., full of qual., neat head, neck, wings, and tail, well up on leg; vhc, Wooton; hc, Richards; c, Williams. BUFF (19): Grand class for qual., hard to separate: 1, c, East, cl., grand length, lovely qual. and cond., stands well; 2, J. Mock, cl., rare length, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, nice wings and tail; 3, J. Mock, tkd., neat head, neck, wings and tail, very nervy, well up on leg; 4, Bale, lovely qual., well up on leg, good straight back, neat wings and tail; vhc, M. H. Hill; vhc, Richards; hc, Hillman. UNFLIG. (20): 1, James and Wells, var. yell., a blaze of col., well up on leg, good long flights, well braced wings, neat tail; 2, East, whg mkd. yell., rare col. and qual., grand position, neat head, neck, wings, and tail, well up on leg; 3, J. Mock, cl. buff, very typical, rare length, good straight back, well up on leg, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Owen, cl. buff, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, nice length, very nervy, vhc, W. J. Mock; hc, Gregory; c, Hillman. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Webster, cl. yell., wonderful col. and qual., grand length, well up on leg, an easy win; 2, Hill, cl. yell., good length, neat wings and tail, loses col. and qual. to leader; 3, Curtis and Son, wing tkd. yell., well up on leg, neat wing and tail, nice position; 4, East, cl. buff, grand length, good type and qual.; vhc, W. J. Mock; hc, Bevan; c, Steer. HEN (13): 1, J. Mock, cl. yell., grand lady, nice length, good straight back, well braced wings, neat tail, full of nerve; 2, Curtis and Son, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely qual. and col., neat wings and tail, 3, Rees, cl. yell., rare length, good col. and qual., well up on leg; 4, East, cl. buff, neat head and neck, nice straight back, well up on leg; vhc, Steer; hc, W. Williams; c, Rees. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (16): Grand class: 1, D. Jenkins, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., lovely shape and style; 2, Harry, another cl., close up, very jaunty, neat head, neck, wings and tail; 3, Beard, cl., good head and neck, nicely braced wings, hardly col. of leader; 4, Ayre, cl., neat exhibit true Border type, lovely qual. and col.; vhc, Sampson; hc, Tedstone; c, Madagan; abs., No. 14. BUFF (17): 1, Jenkins, cl., a topper, grand col. and qual., neat head, neck, wings and tail feather, like wax; 2, Ayre, cl., another good one, good col. and qual., very jaunty; 3, Hocking, cl., grand type and qual., neat wings and tail, staged to perfection; 4, Madagan, cl., very shapely, hardly the finish of winners; vhc, Beard; hc, Harry; c, Mugford. CL. OR TKD. HEN (21): 1, vhc, Jenkins, cl. buff, a gem, charming lady, wonderful type and qual. feathered to perfection; 2, hc, Ayre, another cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, in tip-top order; 3, Madagan, cl. yell., a little gem, lovely col. and qual., nicely rounded head, neat wings and tail; 4, Ford, cl. buff, nice shape, hardly qual. as leaders; c, Harry. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, Jenkins, cinn. mkd. yell., lovely col. and qual., feathered like wax, very jaunty, well known; 2, Harding, wing mkd. buff, grand type and qual., neat head, neck, wings, and tail, good mover; 3, Copham, wing mkd. yell., good col. and qual., neat size and shape, crosses wings badly at times; 4, Hughes, varieg. yell., very neat, lovely tone of col., but loses cond. to leaders; vhc, Smith; hc, Hocking; c, Hughes. HEN (10): 1, Jenkins, cinn. mkd. buff, a real beauty, feathered like a Java, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Richards, eye and wing mkd. buff, again very shapely, well braced wings, hardly as silky in feather as leader; 3, Cepham, varieg. buff, good type and qual., nicely braced wings, neat tail, A1 form; 4, c, Copham, varieg. yell., lovely type and qual., neat wings and tail, grand col., staged well; vhc, Hocking; hc, Williams. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Allen, grand yell. green, lovely col. and qual., nice size and shape, looking his best to-day; 2, Hocking, yell. green, close up, grand shape and style, lovely qual. and cond., must have pressed; 3, Middleton, yell. green, neat exhibit, good col. and qual., still hardly as tight in feather as leaders; 4, P. Jenkins, cinn., good exhibit, true Border type, might have been in the money; vhc, Richards; hc, Shaw; c, P. Jenkins. BUFF (15): 1, Hocking, green, well known, a real topper, grand col. and qual., lovely type, shown to perfection; 2, Hocking, cinn., very neat, good col. and qual., true type, good position; 3, P. Jenkins, cinn., close up, grand shape, qual., and type, hardly as rich col. as leader; 4, Allen, green, very shapely, neat head, neck, wings, and tail, good cond. and qual.; vhc, P. Jenkins; hc, Hocking; c, Tedstone. HEN (10): 1, 4, hc, Hocking, self green, leading, grand type, qual., and col., feathered like wax, latter cinn., lovely qual. and col., very jaunty; 2, vhc, Middleton, green, good shape and style, neat wings and tail, hardly as rich col. as leader; 3, Edwards, yell. cinn., grand exhibit, neat head and neck, true Border type, very jaunty. BELGIAN (3): 1, 2, Horrill, grand size, rare drive and action, nice qual. and cond., hard to separate; 3, Bates, close up, grand drive and position, good subs. and qual. BRED 1913 (6): 1, vhc, Butts, neat exhibit, rare top and drive, splendid action and cond.; 2, 4, Horrill, very stylish, good action, beaten in subs.; 3, hc, Baker, plenty action, good qual. and cond, nice mover. A.O.V. (1): 3, Ford, Dk. Crest, good qual., neat crest, nice size and shape.

Mr. C. Houlton's Classes.

CL., ETC., HYBRID (6): 1, 3, sp. best in show, Martin and Archer, cl. Linnet-Can., 3rd cl. Goldf.-Can., both in champion cond., well known; 2, Crone, "C.B." sp., grand Can.-Bullf., very fine bird, in good bloom and col.; 4, Jenkins and Clove, good tkd. buff Goldf.-Can., in nice order. UNEVEN (12): Good class: 1, 3, Martin and Archer, lightly varieg. Greenf.-Can., and good uneven Goldf.-Can., in fine cond.; 2, Lamb, fine uneven buff Goldie-Can., A1 cond.; 4, vhc, Jeffries, very nice pair of unevens, vhc, paler than 4th; hc, Greaves and Richards; c, Groom. DK. GOLDF. (12): 1, Lamb, fine yell., grand blaze, etc., all over a good one; 2, vhc, Longden, shade smaller, grand in all other respects; 3, Palmer, very fine buff, grand blaze, etc.: 4, Crone, good yell., in nice cond.; hc, Poole; c, Ford. DK. LINNET (8): 1, Middleton; 2, Crone; 3, Martin and Archer; 4, Heal; all yellows, in very fine order, close running competition; vhc, Guy; hc, Ford; c, Jones. A.O. DARK (11): 1, Middleton, fine Siskin Mule, in A1 order, very large; 2, Oldham, good yell. Greenf., lovely cond.; 3, Cord, very large cobby Twite-Can., A1 markings; 4, Jenkins, yell. Siskin-Can., in nice order; vhc, Crone; hc, Rees; c, Williams. TWO BRIT. (5): 1, Lamb, Redpoll-Bullie, in very grand cond.; 2, Martin and Archer, lovely Chaff.-Greenf.; 3, Oldham, fine Redpoll-Greenie, in splendid feather; 4, Ford, pretty Goldf.-Siskin, medium size ;vhc, Morris. GOLDF. (15): 1, Jones, jun., good blaze, grand moons, shape, bars, and tanning, fine cond.; 2, Jeffreys, good clean cut blaze, nice moons, decent bars, in fine bloom; 3, Vaughan, only beaten in breast a little, nice blaze and col.; 4, Rees, good moons and bars, nice blaze, beaten in body a little; vhc, Rees, bit bare on thighs, otherwise might do better; hc, Thomas; c, Reynolds. F.M. GOLDF. (19): 1, E. Lewis, grand one all over, with a moult ought to make a gem; 2, Portman, very nice Finch, too, good size, fine blaze, moons and bars; 3, Lewis, grand little bird, but just beaten here to-day; 4, hc, Jeffreys; vhc, Lloyd, James; c, Rees. BULLF. (11): 1, Jones, jun., good type, nice size, shape, col., and level cond.; 2, 3, Gregory, sen., grand pair, in nice bloom; 4, Nicholas, deep col., was showing bit rough at thighs, looked smarter later, and took sp. for best 4th Brit. open; vhc, Salder; hc, Conkie and Lundon; c, Groom. BULLF. HEN (7): 1, Jeffreys, very smart bird all round; 2, Nicholas, nice cobby bird, in very good cond.; 3, Ford, wee bit looser, nice head, etc.; 4, Jones, jun., smaller; vhc, Longden; hc, Richards; No. 1, absent. LINNET, H.M. (16): 1, 2, c, Jones, jun., leaders, a pair of very fine birds, in lovely cond.; 3, Nicholas, A1 in head, col., and markings, not quite so stout as others; 4, Gregory, sen., good col. and cond., not quite so clear in markings as others; vhc, Rees; hc, Poyer. F.M. (18): Fine class: 1, H. F. Ford, fine head, good size, A1 markings, well coned off, and in good cond.; 2, Jeffreys, smaller, grand markings, etc.; 3, Gregory, sen., good markings and shape; 4, Nicholas, very nice bird, close up in all points; vhc, J. W. Ford; hc, Tonks; c, Lewis. SISKIN (11): A good lot, all winners, fairly close: 1, Glover, best all-round balanced bird; 2, Tonks, fine cap, good body col., and markings; 3, W. J. Jenkins, grand col., A1 cond., beaten in cap a little; 4, Gregory; vhc, Conkie and Lundon; hc, Offord; c, Morris. MEALY REDPOLL, etc. (8): 1, 2, Heal, grand Twite and fine Mealy Redpoll, both in smart order; 3, Conkie and Lundon, nice Twite, beaten in markings; 4, Oldham, big Mealy Redpoll, beaten in brightness only; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, J. W. Ford; c, Lucas Bros. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, Conkie and Lundon, nice all-round bird, in fine order; 2, J. W. Ford, well up to winner in fine, order; 3, Offord, beaten in bib, fine all else; 4, Heal, smaller, grandly mkd., in fine cond.; vhc, Nicholas, grand col., close up; hc, Jeffreys; c, J. W. Ford, first to c, little to choose in them, all good. F.M. (9): 1, Jeffreys; 2, J. W. Ford; 3, Nicholas; 4, Lewis; vhc, Davies and Richards; hc, Lloyd James; c, Davies, very promising lot, and not much in them. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, Bancroft, fine, well mkd. bird, A1 cond.; 2, J. W. Ford, narrower, fine marks, col., markings, and cond.; 3, Guy, beaten in head markings; 4, Williams, too heavy on head. BRAMBLE. 1, Heal, fine all-round bird, markings, size, shape, etc., all there; 2, Conkie and Lundon, shade smaller, grand all else; 3, Jeffreys, beaten in breast; 4, Glover, rather dark; vhc, Davies and Richards. CHAFF.: 1, Jeffreys; 2, Mays; 3, Tonks; 4, Jenkins; all these decent birds, 1st showing the best, a little; vhc, Loyatt and Mason; hc, Girle; c, Groom. GREENF. (14): 1, Jeffreys, very smart bird, good size, shape, col., qual., and cond.; 2, J. W. Ford, grand size and shape buff, in the pink of cond.; 3, Hoskin, fine shape, col., qual., and finish; 4, vhc, Heal, smaller, grand order; hc, Lloyd James; c, Conkie and Lundon, head feathers missing, or might have won. A.O. SEED: 1, Jeffreys, lovely Meadow Bunting; 2, Poole, fine Hawfinch, in rare good order; 3, Thomas, very good Corn Bunting, steady; 4, Jones, jun., good Reed Bunting; vhc, Ray, smaller Hawfinch. HEN, LINNET, ETC. (14): Fine class, all winners, in fine order: 1, Davies ,jun., rare good Linnet; 2, Williams, Goldie; 3, Jones, jun., Twite; 4, Longden, fine Siskin; vhc, Nicholas, M. Redpoll; hc, Lovatt and Mason; c, Jeffreys. A.O. HEN (15): 1, 4, Mays, fine Bramble, and good Hawfinch, very smart; 2, Nicholas, equally good Yell. Bunting; 3, Heal, massive Corn Bunting; vhc, c, Jeffreys; hc, Lloyd James, a good class. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Longden, fine Fieldfare; 2, Burrows, good Blackbird; 3, J. W. Ford, pretty Redwing, all these in fine cond. A.O. SOFTBILL: 1, Mays, grand Treecreeper, in A1 cond.; 2, Curtis and Sons, fine pied Wagtail, in A1 cond; 3, 4, Bancroft, yellow Wagtail, bit wild, and a Blackcap, broken tail feathers little. FOR. LARGE: 1, Muscott, fine feathered Eclectus hen, large bird, and glossy; 2, Mrs. Longden, takes "C.B." special best foreign, very fine, and good feathered Blue Mountain Lory, very active in cage; 3, Thomas, good Grey Parrot; 4, Muscott. SMALL: 1, J. W. Ford, very pretty Tanager, in very good feather; 2, Thomas and Davies, pair yellow Budgerigars, in good feather; 3, J. James, pretty pair Waxbills. GREEN BUDGERIGARS: 1, 4, Silver, leaders fine all-round pair, in pink of cond.; 2, Steer, grand, very large, grand conditioned, single bird; 3, Longden, good pair, well up, in tight glossy cond.; vhc, hc, Steer, don't show up on perches quite enough, fine cond.

SITTINGBOURNE.

Held Nov. 12. This was one of the Southern shows, at which CAGE BIRDS Coupon Specials were in competition. As is the case at all such shows, the competition was exceedingly bright and keen, and the quality of high excellence. The committee were unfortunate in not having this year the patronage of the Kent County C.B.A., but for all that the entry was a good one, and the result most gratifying. The Fanciers' Hall, adjoining the George Hotel, was an ideal room, well lighted, airy, and free from draught. It compares favourably with the best of provincial show rooms. The arrangement of the staging and the attention given to the birds could not be improved upon, the hon. secretary, Mr. W. R. Broadbridge, who is comparatively new to the work, buckled on the armour in soldierly fashion, and acquitted himself admirably. Mine host of the George Hotel made havoc of all the difficulties of preparation for judging, and acted as steward to the judge in faultless fashion. There was a nice attendance of visitors, notwithstanding the torrential rain which was accompanied at intervals by thunder and lightning. In the fight for coupon specials, Mr. J. Hodder came off victorious, winning (after a tough fight) with a spanking yellow Norwich, the runner-up being Mr. A. E. Silk's lovely buff Nor. hen. In the competition for novice specials, Mr. H. Stevens scored with his typical and fine-feathered ticked yellow Nor., the reserve being Mr. Grant's splendid Hawfinch. Hyde's special, Mr. J. Roberts; Sandiford's spl., Mr. H. Stevens (also spl. best memb. unflighted), spl. for best unflighted in the open was won by Mr. J. Hodder. Mr. Grant's Hawfinch won spl. best British bird. The society is in the happy position of having funds on the right side, and is contemplating changes in classification next year. The Fillmer challenge bowl was won by Mr. W. Broadbridge. Mr. Grant won spl. most points. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received

The Critique.

OPEN NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, "C.B." Coupon spl., Hodder, grand bird, fine head, stout body, deep and level in col.; 2, Woodcock, chubby, rich in col., good qual.; 3, South, grand col. and qual., not quite so full in head. BUFF: 1, spl., Roberts, grand shaped, tight as a Java, rich in under-col., well cleaned off; 2, Kilby, lovely type, full bead, short wings, good one; 3, Ollve, bonny bird, somewhat faulty wing, carr.; 4, Bowler, really smart, well posted, close up. TKD., ETC.: 1, Kilby, grand col. tkd. yell., rare qual.; 2, Silk, quite as good, nice body, lovely feather; 3, 4, Roberts, varieg. buff and capped do., the former bonny shape, rare silky feather; vhc, Woodcock. HEN, YELL., CL.: 1, Woodcock, sweet head, short body, wings and tail, silky feather; 2, Kew, very similar; 3, Silk, hotter than either, but not quite so chubby, grand feather. BUFF: 1, Silk, a Nor. in every particular, rare head; 2, Roberts, lovely type, under-col., and meal, close up; 3 Broadbridge, rare feather. UNFLIGH.: 1, spl., Hodder, lovely tkd. yell., leading, full of qual., timed do well as an old bird; 2, buff, good col., both smart birds; 3, Smithers, very nice exhibit, t, Kelly, very fine feather, falls a trifle on head. YORKS., UNFLIGH.: 1, he, Lockett, yell., grand length and pos., nervy and nicely tapered, 2, 3, Olive, very nice yell. and varieg. buff, latter Queensborough winner; 4, vhc, Foxen, neat, hardly the length; c, Crompton. MULES, ETC.: 1, Acland, grand Greenie Can., well known; 2, Bowler, sweet varieg. yell Goldie Can., rich lace, good col. and size; 3, Smithers. MEMB., NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Broadbridge, nice shape, particularly the former; 3, Whatford. BUFF: 1, Stevens, rare shape, good qual.; 2, he, Broadbridge; 3, Roberts; 4, Churchill, nice; vhc, Whatford. TKD., CK., YELL.: 1, "C.B." Novice spl., Stevens, bonny bird, tkd. neck, grand head, body, wings and tail; 2, Broadbridge, good shape, rich feather; 3, Monday. BUFF: 1, Apps, variegs., good type and qual.; 2, Stevens; 3, Whatford; 4, Broadbridge. HENS, BUFF: 1, 2, Broadbridge, two smart hens, full of qual., good shape; 3, Apps, typical. YELL., HENS: 1, Roberts, capped and wing mkd., lovely texture feather, nice type; 2, Broadbridge; 3, Apps; 4, Tidy. BUFF: 1, Apps, sweet shape, qual. and col.; 2, Broadbridge; 3, Whatford. UNFLIGH.: 1, Monday, good body, nice qual.; 2, he, Stevens; 3, 4, c, Churchill; vhc, Olive. NON-FED: 1, 3, Apps, good type and qual; 2, Broadbridge. HEN: 1, Janett, good shape; 2, Roberts, another bonny hen; 3, Whatford; 4, Broadbridge. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, Olive, nice pair; 2, Stevens. NON-FED: 1, 3, Clayton, shapely and good qual.; 2, Aylett. HEN: 1, 2, Clayton, good and well posted; 3, Aylett. MULE, ETC.: 1, Burley; 2, 4, Janett; 3, Rolls. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, Aylett, good shape, nice feather, 2, Jacobs. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Aylett. GOLDF.: 1, Grant, rich flush face, good shape; 2, Rolls, nice lanning and bars; 3, 4, Stevens, two good ones, need time; vhc, Clayton; hc, Burley. BULLF.: 1, spl., Whatford, grand cap, breast and back; 2, Aylett, good col., lovely feather; 3, vhc, Stevens, rare col., hardly so clean at thighs; 4, Burley. LINNET: 1, 3, Grant, rich col., well mkd.; 2, Edwards, rattling good one; 4, Clayton, good, hardly so steady; vhc, Stevens; hc, Burley; c, Jacobs. GREENF.: 1, Whatford, bold, full col., very steady; 2, Clayton, fine qual. and shape; 3, 4, Stevens; vhc, Grant; hc, Rolls. CHAFF., ETC.: 1, 2, Grant, rattling Chaff., and equally good Bramble; 3, vhc, Stevens; 4, Rolls. A.O.V., HARD: 1, spl., 2, 4, Grant, bonny Hawf., in splendid fettle; 3, Stevens. FOR., LARGE: 1, 3, Jacobs; 2, Grant. PARROT: 1, Jacobs, nice Quaker; 2, Broadbridge; 3, Edwards, small; 1, 4, Grant, Paradise Whydah, a nice spice bird; 2, 3, Jacobs, Golden-breasted Waxbill's and Javas; vhc, Jacobs.

GOVANHILL O.A.

Annual show and competition of Scotch Fancy Canaries, held Nov. 1, in the Lesser Burgh Hall. The hall is well suited for show purposes, well lighted all over, and easy of access. Secretary Watson, assisted by President Tennant and committee, had ample arrangements made to make the show a success. Entries were down from last year, but quality was of a high order. The Derby winner here was a clear yell. cock belonging to Mr. H. Campbell—a beauty, grand size, plenty of go, splendid length of side, lovely pose. A bird fit to win in the best of society; also winner of the gold medal for best bird. The runner-up for the cup was a nice yellow hen belonging to Mr. Wm. Wilson, which failed to the winner only in size. Winner of 1st and spl. in its class. The yellows and buffs in the ck. and hen classes were a fine lot of birds, and, on the average, much ahead of any former show of this club. There was a goodly muster of fanciers and the general public, amongst whom we noticed Councillor Drummond, Bailie Morton, and Ex-Councillor Dr. Garcy, Hon. President of the society, who, in a few racy remarks, presented the prizes to the winners. The entry numbered about 60. Judges, Messrs. Caldwell, Bailliestou, and Wright, Greenock, whose judgment gave satisfaction.

YELL. CK. (9): 5, 1, spl, 2, spl. cup and gold medal, H. Campbell; 3, spl, W. Wilson; 6, 4, spl, Vernall; 7, Payne. HENS, CL. PIE OR GR. (11): 1, spl, 2, spl, 3, spl, W. Wilson; 4, 5, H. Campbell; 6, 7, McMichael, (7) BUFF CK. CL OR GR. (7): 1,2, W. Wilson; 3, Cowie; 4, Vernall; 5, 6, 7, McMichael. HENS (6): 1, Lyle; 2, McMahon; 3, Vernall; 4, 6, McMichael; 5, Payne. OLD BIRDS, CK. (9): 1, Lyle; 2, H. Campbell; 4, 5, Tennant; 6, McMahon; 7, Cowie. HENS (9): 1, W. Wilson; 2, Vernall; 3, C. Watson; 4, H. Campbell; 5, McMichael; 6, Tennant; 7, Cowie. A.O.V. (18): 1, 2, Payne; 3, Cowie; 4, Vernall; 5, 7, McMichael; 6, Watsou.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

A very successful members' show was held at headquarters, October 22, and although entries did not come up to expectations, many fine exhibits were staged. Special best Nor. was won by a cl. yell. shown by Mr. Silver, quickly claimed at catalogue price. Special for best Yorks, Mr. Clay, and we congratulate him upon his success in champion classes, he having only just left the novice ranks. Specials also went to Mr. Derry (novice Nor.) Mr. Southon (Cinn.), Mr. G. H. Smith (novice Yorks), Mr. Raby (Mules), Mr. T. Jones (Brit. Hardbill), and Mr. J. Jeffrey (Softbill). Mr. J. Bastock judged, and his awards were favourably received. A good muster of members and fanciers visited the show, and Mr. J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., was delighted with the results of his labours. The awards were: CHAMP. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2 sps, Silver; 2, 4, Collier; 3, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, Silver; 2, 3, Broadhurst. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, Collier; 2, 3, Broadhurst; 4, De Mailles. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Broadhurst; 2, 3, A. Jones. BUFF: 1, 2, Silver; 3, A. Jones. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, spls, 4 Clay; 2, 3, Burke. BUFF: 1, 3, Clary; 2, Burke. YELL. HEN: 1, Burke; 2, Clay. BUFF: 1, Clay; 2, Burke. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Clay; 2, 3, Burke. BUFF: 1, 2, Burke. CRESTS: 1, 2, J. H. Jones. CINN. YELL.: 1, Southon. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Southon. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, J. H. Jones. NOVICE NOR. YELL: 1, Fessey; 2, 3, Jackson BUFF: 1, Fessey; 2, Jackson; 3, 4, Austin. BUFF HEN: 1, Derry; 2, Ward; 3, Tipper; 4, Jackson; vhc, T. Jones; w.c., H. Peace. YELL. (7): 1, spl, 3, Derry; 2, T. Jones; 4, Wakefield; vhc, hc, Jackson. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Fessey; 3, Wakefield; 4, Mrs. Giles; vhc, Derry; hc, Ward; c, Austin. YORKS YELL.: 1, Chattaway. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Smith; 4, Chattaway. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Smith; 2, Chattaway. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Chattaway. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Smith. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, H. Peace. LIGHT MULE: 1, spl, Raby. DARK: 1, 2, Raby; 3, Clay; 4, Pyatt. BRIT GOLD OR BULLF.: 1, spl, 2, T. Jones; 3, Johnson; 4, Raby. HAWF., &c.: 1, Derry. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, Raby; 2, 3, Ward; 4, Johnson. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, 2, Raby.

HARTLEPOOLS.

Ninth annual show held Nov. 8 in St. George's Hall, West Hartlepool. The room was large, well lighted, and free from draughts. There was a record entry for a one day show in the North, over 650 bird being benched. York were a fine lot, rich in colour, rare length, and full of quality. Mr. E. E. Pyman's clear yellow won special for best York; Mr. Dewhurst's yellow won C.B. champion diploma. The Norwich Section brought together some of the best birds in the North, blazing with colour, rare size and quality. These birds must have pleased the visitors, who like to see a "good one." Mr. McGinn won special for best Norwich with his yellow, a bird of high merit, rich in colour, and feathered to perfection. C.B. diploma was won by Mr. Briggs' varieg. buff, and in the A.O.V. class Mr Summers won the diploma. Mules and Hybrid were a fine lot. The champion of the show was in this section, Mr. Butler's clear Goldie Mule winning C.B. 10s., for best coupon bird. Britishers turned out well. Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greens and Linnets were a fine lot. In the softbills one like birds were on view. In the novice and members' sections we were pleased to see some very fine exhibits, Mr. H. W. Pyman's yellow Norwich winning C.B. 10s. special.

Messrs. Woodhead and Pyman, the two hard-working secs., were on duty all day, and we cannot praise them too much for their attention both to the exhibits and the exhibitors. The success of the show was no doubt brought about by these two and the hard-working committee:—Mr. J. Robinson (chair), and Messrs. Asheroft, Rev. J. Bennett, Rosald, Popples, Fairey, Gledden, Hall Bros., Stankley, Thornton, Pellan, Chapman, F. S. Woodhead, H. D. and Miss Pyman, Hegg, Dixon, Todd, and others. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) judged Yorkshires and odd number classes; and Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) the Norwich and even numbers.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YORKS CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 2, E. E. Pyman, 1st rare length, rich level col., boxy feather, well up on leg, good head, long flights, piped tail; 2nd even col., nice wing carr., stands well up, piped tail, boxy feather, good head and very clean on breast; 3, Crawhall, neat head, lovely qual. of feather, level col., nice wing carr., piped tail, well staged; 4, Dewhurst, long flights, well braced to side, lovely qual. of feather, level col. throughout, stands like a guardsman; vhc, Mountain; hc, Taylor; c, Deighton. BUFF (11): 1, Rand, lovely col., full of qual., grand wing carr., piped tail, stands well up, good head; 2, c, E. E. Pyman, neat round head, boxy feather, rich col., well up on leg, good wings, neat tail, pos. A1; 3, Johnson, shade strong, lovely feather, level col., long flights and piped tail, stands erect; 4, Hutler, very nervy, stylish, good head, wings and tail, rich level col., boxy feather, stands on good legs; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Clayton. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, E. E. Pyman, grizzled neck, rare pos., lovely col. and qual. of feather, well drawn, plenty of daylight underneath, well placed wings, piped tail; 2, Cuthbertson, grizzle head, rich level col., feathered to perfection, grand type, neat head; 3, Hutler, cheek tick, boxy feather, well on leg, rich col., nice type, good wing carr., piped tail; 4, c, Wilson, Cinn. mkd., rich level col., boxy feather, well up on leg, good head, nice wings and tail; vhc, Rand; hc, Cook and Hood. BUFF (6): 1, Hutler, tick on head, nice qual. of feather, level col., good wings and tail, well up on leg, very straight; 2, E. E. Pyman, mkd. on neck, neat round head, full of qual., pos. A1, long wings, piped tail, pair of good legs; 3, Cuthbertson, cheek and wings mkd., lovely feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, very erect, rich col.; 4, Cook and Hood, mkd. on shoulder, level col., boxy feather, well up on leg, good head, neat tail; vhc, Wilson. YORKS HEN (23): 1, Crawhall, Buff, rich level col., feathered like wax, lovely wings and tail, stands well up, rare length, good head; 2, Dewhurst, a perfect lady, shines like a bell, lovely qual. of feather, neat round head, perfect wing carr., piped tail, grand pos., very steady, Yell.; 3, 4, c, E. E. Pyman, 3rd Yellow, grand wings and tail, neat head, well up on leg, rich level col., boxy feather, very typical; 4th Buff, hot colour, boxy feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, rare pos.; vhc, Hutler; hc, Watts. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, North, rich level col., grand boxy feather, nicely placed wings, piped tail, very stylish and steady when handled; 2, Deighton, grizzle head, lovely qual. of feather, level col., pair of good legs, neat head, piped tail, long flights; 3, Cook and Hood, pale col. boxy feather, long flights, piped tail, good head, stands well up; 4, Watts, rich level col., boxy feather, grand wings, piped tail, well up on leg, pos. A1; vhc, Moore; hc, Hutler; c, Rev. J. Bennett. BUFF (10): 1, Stewart, wing tick, rich col., boxy feather, neat head, grand wings, well braced to side, piped tail, pos. A1; 2, Barker, eye and wing mkd., pale col., feather like wax, good head, long flights, piped tail, grand type, very steady; 3, Pyman, very slim, nice pos., rich col., silky feather, good wing carr., piped tail, good head, clean on breast; 3, Addison Bros., clean cut away, rare length, pos., full of qual., good head, piped tail; vhc, hc, North; c, Watts. NOV. YELL. (16): 1, Mirley, cl., rich level col., good wings and piped tail, neat round head, full of qual., stands well up, very nervy; 2, Husband, cap mkd., lovely qual. of feather, rich col., long flights, piped tail, pos.; 3, Teasdale, neck and wing mkd., good head, clean on breast, rich col., full of quality, stands well up, very steady; 4, Moore Bros., cap, eye and wing mkd., very stylish, full of qual., neat head, long flights, piped tail; vhc, Fairey; hc, no name; c, Bostock. BUFF (16): 1, Kennerson, rich level col., boxy feather, good round head, clean on breast, well placed wings, piped tail, rare pos.; 2, Mirley, wing mkd., pale col., grand wing carr., piped tail, pos. A1, full of qual., good head, clean on breast; 3, Bostock, cl., rich col., boxy feather, neat head wings, well braced to side, piped tail, stands well up; 4, no name, cl., rich col., boxy feather, nice type, long flights, compart tail; vhc, H. W. Pyman; hc, Hembyn; c, Massey. UNFLIG. (32): 1, ex 4, Thurston, eye tick yell., rich col., teeming with qual., good head, clear on breast, long flights well braced in, piped tail, pos. A1; ex 4th rich col., full of qual., good pos.; 2, 3, Hambyn, Buff, tick on head, grand type, on the small side, lovely feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, neat head; 3rd Yell., pos. A1, fine qual., long flights, piped tail, good head; 4, Witherby, Buff, mkd. head and wings, level col., nice type, good head, full of qual.; ex 3, vhc, Harvey 3rd full of qual., nice pos., rich level col.; hc, Walton; hc, H. D. Pyman; c, Smith. A.O.V. CAN. (13): 1, 2, hc, Taylor, 1st Dark Cre't, grand centre and droop, massive head feather; 2nd varieg. C.B., well lashed, plenty of body feather, good skull; 3, Richardson, Crest, good centre and droop; 4, Summers, even marked Buff Norwich, lovely eye mark rich col., feathered like a Javal; vhc, Bewick; c, Gibson. SELF., 20s. (15): 1, Brownson and Hornsby; 2, Johnson; 3, Gibson; 4, Birkett; vhc, Smith; hc, Richardson; c, Wright. 10s. (21): 1, Bewick; 2, Wake; 3, Richardson; 4, Tracey; vhc, Clark; hc, Watts; c, Byrnes. DARK MULE (14): 1, Bowerbank Bros., Can.-Bullie, grand condition, rare size; 2, Carr, Can.-Bullie, grand condition, rare size; 3, Robson and March, Linnet-Can. very large, rich col., well marked, lovely qual., put down well; 4, Hall Bros., Siskin-Can., nicely mkd., in the pink of condition; vhc, Husband; hc, Donnefield; c, Barkess. BLUE. (10): 1, Wesson, grand cap, rich col., in fine condition; 2, Woods, close up, rare cap, rich col., breast, in the pink of cond., a near thing; 3, Barkess, grand cap, rich breast, rare condition; 4, Granger Bros., rare large cap, bold bird, rich breast, fine form; vhc, Watson; hc, Carr; c, Twiburn and Crawford. GREEN. (12): 1, Muddison, massive size, rich col., grand shape, very steady, lovely condition; 2, Cuss, rich col., size, nicely put down; 3, Henderson, rare shape, steady, rich colour; 4, Robinson, rich colour and size, steady; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Foster; c, Boldon. BRIT. HEN (15): 1, Smurthwaite, Greenie, nice condition, rare size; 2, Robinson, Bramble, nicely mkd., steady, and in the pink of condition; 3, Simpson and Charlton, Linnet, very steady, grand condition; 4, vhc, Scott; 4th, Bullie, great size, lovely feather; vhc, Boyd; c, Petterson. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Nicholson and Son, Blackcap, in the pink of condition; 2, Wilkinson and Wanby, Yellow Wagtail, very steady and in fine form; 3, Bousfield, Wheatear, steady, lovely plumage, colours well defined, a good one, we liked. FOR. (1): 1, Scott. NOV. CAN., CK. (18): 1, Todd; 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Weesson; 4, c, Ronald; vhc, Harrison; hc, Bibby. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Wiggins and Harrison; 3, Smurthwaite; 4, Todd. MEMBERS' YORKS. CK. YELL. (14): 1, E. E. Pyman; 2, 3, Rev. J. Bennett; 4, Todd; vhc, Thornton; hc, Woodhead; c, Dixon. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Pyman, E. E.; 2, Dixon; 4, Rev. J. Bennett; vhc, c, Thornton; hc, H. D. Pyman. HEN (10): 1, H. D. Pyman, 2, 3, c, E. E. Pyman; 4, Rev. J. Bennett; vhc, hc, Dixon. LINNET (12): 1, 3, c, Hogg; 2, hc, Dixon; 4, Woodhead; vhc, Robinson. MULE or HYB. (10): 1, Woodhead; 2, vhc, c, Hall Bros.; 3, 4, Hogg, hc, McVickers. CUP CLASS, YORKS. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, hc, E. E. Pyman; 2, Hall Bros.; 4, vhc, Todd.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, McGinn, blaze of colour, good head, full in neck, rare chest, grand short wings and tail, full of qual., very short and cobby; 2, vhc, Wilson, rich level col., good head, full in neck, good chest, short wings and tail, boxy feather, very cobby; 3rd, Carr, fine hard boxy feather, rich colour, short compact wings and tail, full of qual.; 4, Seeley Bros., fails a little on head, good chest, short and cobby, rich col., boxy feather; hc, Pepper; c, Laidlow. BUFF (15): 1, Robson and March, good head, neck and chest, rich col., full of qual., nicely plsced short wings and tail, very cobby, fine carr.; 2, Snowden, rich col., boxy feather, good head and neck, short flights, well braced to side, very cobby, well benched; 3, Wilson, good head, neck and chest, rich col., full of qual. of feather, short wings and tail; 4, Mayo and Allison, boxy feather, level col., good head and neck, very cobby, nicely put down; vhc, Barnes; hc, Roweroft; c, Wake. TKD., ETC., CK. (14): 1, Seeley Bros., cap, eyes, and wings mkd. yell., blaze of col., hoxy feather, good head and chest, very short and cobby, nice type and carr.; 2, Briggs, variег. buff, big massive head, bit lashed over eyes, good neck and chest, rich col., fine feather, very cobby, nice type; 3, c, Rev. J. Bennett, wing mkd. yell., blaze of col., full of qual., good head, nice type; 4, Roweroft Bros., wing tkd. buff, rich level col., boxy feather, good head, short flights and tail, very cobby; vhc, Burdett; hc, Barnes. NOR. HEN. (28): 1, Briggs, yell. eye tick, good head and neck, grand wings, well braced to side, short tail, blaze of col., bit coarse in feather; 2, ex 4, Burdett, buff, tkd. head, grand shape, lovely col., teeming with qual., good head and neck, very short and cobby, nicely put down; ex 4th, wing tick buff, rich col., lovely feather, nice head, not so large as winner; 3, Butler, yell., boxy feather, rich col., good head, short and cobby; ex 3, vhc, Seeley Bros., tkd., nice type, bit coarse in feather; 4, Fletcher, yell., rich level col., boxy feather, good head, short and cobby; vhc, Clark; hc, Lindsay, May and Allinson; c, Wright, Richardson. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, Clayton and Smith, rich col., full of qual., good head and chest, very short and cobby, nice carr.; 2, Butler, blaze of col., grand qual. of feather, good head, short flights and tail, nice type; 3, Stephenson, boxy feather, good head, blaze of col., grand chest, short flights and tail; 4, Lindsay, blaze of col., fails a little in qual. of feather, nice head and chest, short and cobby; vhc, Topping; hc, Barnes; c, Clayton; a very good class, some fine birds standing cardless. BUFF (17): 1, Carr, tkd. head, pale col., full of qual., good head and chest, grand wings, short tail, very cobby, nice carr.; 2, Butler, tkd. head, rich col., full of qual., short wings and tail, good head and chest, cobby; 3, Rev. J. Bennett, cl., pale col., very wild, good head; 4, Peirson, on the small side, rich col., boxy feather; vhc, Russell and Teasdale; hc, Topping; c, Burdett. NOR. NOV. CK. (19): 1, Wilson, yell., grand type, lovely qual. of feather, good head and short compact wings and tail, rich level col.; 2, Stephenson, yell., good head, rich col., full of qual., short and cobby, well put down; 3, Turnbull and Calvert, buff, blaze of col., boxy feather, good head and chest, very short and cobby; 4, Roweroft Bros., cap mkd. yell., blaze of col., full of qual., very short and cobby; vhc, Wood; hc, H. D. Pyman; c, Richardson. HEN (16): 1, Roweroft Bros., buff neck tkd. rich col., full of qual., good head and chest, short and cobby, nicely put down; 2, Kennerson, yell., good head, lovely feather, rich col., very short and cobby; 3, Husband, cl. buff, nice type and qual., rich col., good head and chest, cobby; 4, H. D. Pyman, yell., pale col., boxy feather, short compact flights and tail; vhc, Simpson and Charlton; hc, Main; c, Wood. GIFT. (4): 1, Robinson; 2, Popple; 3, Rev. J. Bennett; 4, E. E. Pyman. SELF., 15s. (20): 1, Gibson; 2, Wright; 3, Stanger and Herdman; 4, Tracey; vhc, Myers; hc, Bewick; c, Gill. BYB. or LIGHT MULE (9): 1, Butler, cl. Goldie-Can., wins CAGE BIRDS special 10s. for best coupon bird in show; a gem; 2, Dr. Wilson, Linnet-Bullie; 3, c, Hancox, Goldie-Bullie; 4, Maddison, Greenie-Can.; vhc, Carter; hc, Seeley Bros. GOLDF. (15): 1, c, Nicholson and Son, a gem, small, but in the pink of condition, good square blaze, nice bars and buttons; 2, Jameson and Johnson, grand bird, good square blaze, bars and buttons; 3, Dr. Wilson, good blaze, bars and buttons, in the pink of condition; 4, Bowerbank Bros., good square blaze, bars and buttons, nice condition; vhc, King; hc, Scott. LINNET (21): 1, Smurthwaite, rich nutty brown col., lovely type, nicely spangled, in the pink of condition and very steady; 2, Henderson, beautifully laced, nice type and condition; 3, Boyd, well laced, nice type, sound col., very steady; 4, Scott, nicely laced, steady, nice type; vhc, Cook and Hood; hc, Jameson and Johnson; c, Rame. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Dr. Wilson, Twite, lovely col., nicely laced, grand condition, very steady, well benched; 2, Carr, Siskin, nice bib and lacing good colour, distinct wing markings, lovely condition; 3, Stewart, Redpoll, rich col., nice markings, in the pink of condition; 4, Boyd, Siskin; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Swinburne and Crawford; c, Robson and March. A.O. SEEDEATER (11): 1, Bousfield, Meadow Bunting, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son; 2nd, Chaffinch, nicely mkd., in grand form; 3rd, Hawfinch, good bird, fine condition and col., very unsteady; 4, Scott, Chaffinch, nice condition; vhc, Gibson; hc, Forster; c, Stamp. LARGE SOFTBILL (8): 1, Scott, Chough, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Parnaby, Missel Thrush and Redwing, two fine birds, in the best of condition and very steady, well staged; 4, vhc, Bancroft; vhc, Briscoe and Son; c, Boyd. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, 3, Carr; 2, Davison; 4, hc, c, Almond; vhc, Scott. NOV. CAN. CK. (33): 1, Todd; 2, Smurthwaite; 3, Wesson; 4, c, Ronald; vhc, Harrison; hc, Bibby. HEN (13): 1, 2, Ronald; 3, Marsay; 4, Smurthwaite; vhc, hc, Bibby; c, Gledden. MEMB. NOR. CK. YELL. (9): 1, H. D. Pyman; 2, 4, Ronald; 3, hc, Rev. J. Bennett; vhc, Gledden; c, Popple. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Rev. J. Bennett; 2, Ronald; 4, Gledden; vhc, hc, Popple; c, H. D. Pyman. HEN (15): 1, hc, Ronald; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Popple; c, Rev. J. Bennett. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (3): 1, 2, Hall Bros.; 3, Stankley. A.O. SEEDEATER (6): 1, Woodhead; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Hogg; 4, Hall Bros. NOR. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, 4, Popple; 3 vhc hc, Ronald.

BANBRIDGE
(Ireland).

Annual show held in the Town Hall, Nov. 6 and 7. The entry numbered over 500. There were four silver cups to be competed for, that for best Canary being presented by Mr. A. M'Cagherty, the energetic and obliging secretary, who had his work well in hand and was assisted by a good committee of helpers. Scotch fancies opened the programme and were a fine lot, many champions being on view. This section supplied the winner of the cup for best Canary, the honour falling to Mr. James Ronaldson's yellow hen, a gem of gems. Norwich showed a good entry, which included many well-known winners. In the York. classes competition was very keen in both Open and Novice sections, very little dividing many of the winners. British and mules were a choice lot, most of the winners being well-known. Mr. A. Creighton won the cup for best British birds with a splendid Yellowhammer. The judges were: Mr. J. Kean (Edinburgh), Scotch, Belg., Brit. and Mules; and Mr. J. Trengove (Rishton), Nor. and Yorks., whose awards were received with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

BELG. (1): 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Ronaldson, good team, leader yell., good size, shape and qual., 2, buff, gets quickly into correct pos., good subs., close up. SCOT., YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl., 4, Lavery, good length and subs., nice action; 2, Trimble, good length and subs., fine reach and action; 3, vhc, Ronaldson, good nerve and style. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Dunlop, sen., fine size and length of wing, good reach and style; 2, 3, Lavery, very stylish, lovely qual., nice action, 3, good length and nerve; vhc, spl., Ronaldson; hc, Trimble. YELL. PIEB. CK. (4): 1, 2, Hamilton, fine size and depth through, good action, 2 stylish bird, lacks subs. of winner; 3, Trimble, nice one, good style and action. BUFF (4): 1, Ronaldson, good size and subs., rare length of wing, fine reach; 2, Lavery, fine reach and droop, nice style, neat head; 3, 4, Hamilton, both stylish birds. GREEN CK. (3): 1, Lavery, nice pose and drive, good cond.; 2, Ronaldson, good size and subs.; 3, Trimble, stylish, fails only in subs. YELL. HEN, CL. (4): 1, spl., cup best Can. in show, Ronaldson, an outstanding bird, staged in grand cond., should take some beating; 2, Dunlop, senr., stylish exhibit, good size and depth; 3, Lavery, nice pose, good qual.; 4, Trimble. BUFF HEN (6): 1, 3, spl., Ronaldson, fine drive and action, good shoulders, 3 fails slightly in size, but stylish; 2, 4, Lavery, big one, good style and action; vhc, spl., Trimble; hc, spl., Dunlop, sen. YELL. PIEB. HEN (4): 1, 2, Ronaldson, fine free action, good qual. and subs., 2 slimmer build, good droop and reach; 3, Trimble, stylish bird, quickly in position; 4, Hamilton. BUFF (3): 1, Ronaldson, gets head well down, good head, neck and shoulders; 2, Lavery, stylish exhibit, in fine condition; 3, Hamilton, fine length of wing, good style, beaten in subs. GREEN HEN: 1, Trimble, foul tail bird, good style and action. NOVICE: 1, 2, Williamson, two good birds, nice size, style and action. CREST (2): 1, Creighton, clear body, grizz crest, fine size and subs., expansive crest with good centre; 2, Webster, nice heavy variег., fails subs. CREST-BRED: 1, Webster, good size, lacks trifle in skull, but good feather. NOR., CL. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, J. Thompson, lovely qual. and col., rather on the long side, in fine cond., well staged; 2, 3, spl., Steward, lovely type and qual., well across perch capital style, good head and neck, close up; 4, A. M'Cagherty; hc, Connell; c, Lavery. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, spl., 3, Thompson, leader lovely type, good head and neck, beautiful qual., short wings and tail, 3rd also good; 2, Lavery, neat, typical bird, lovely col. and cond.; 4, M'Cagherty. CL. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Faith, good size, type and qual., well filled in, well braced wings and tail, 3 nice exhibit, close up; 2, spl., hc, Lavery, splendid size and subs., good col. and qual., must have pressed; vhc, Thompson; c, M'Cagherty. TKD. BUFF (2): 1, Faith, rich size and col., good head and wing carr.; 2, Thompson, nice type, col. and qual. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Thompson, two good birds, nice size and subs., rare qual.; 3, Lavery. HEN, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (14) the largest class in the section, containing some really fine birds: 1, Carson, nice size and subs., lovely type, short and well made, bold head, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Faith, fine size and qual., good head, shape and col., 3rd nice all round bird, well staged; 4, vhc, spl., Thompson; hc, c, Teasey. CL. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Stewart, shape A1, good qual. of feather, grand head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, spl., Faith, nice size and subs., neat head, grand cond. and qual.; 3, vhc, Thompson, good size and shape, nice qual. and cond.; 4, Teasey; hc, Connell; c, Lavery. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Carson, brace of fine birds, hard to find fault with; 3, Lavery, very shapely, grand qual., well across perch; 4, vhc, Thompson; hc, Graham. VARIEG. HEN (8): 1, spl., vhc, Faith, full of qual., rattling size and shape, good col., neat wings and tail; 2, Thompson, good subs., grand shape and cond., rare mover; 3, Connell, stylish exhibit, well braced wings and tail; 4, Teasy; hc, c, M'Cagherty. NOVICE, YELL. CK. (7): 1, M'Crea, fine cobby bird, good head, qual. and col.; 2, Mearns, fine feathered exhibit, hardly size of leader, good wings and tail; 3, M'Cammon, nice shape and col., good head; vhc, Hart; hc, Carleton; c, Crawford. BUFF (5): 1, Carleton, rare size and subs., good qual. and col.; 2, Kelso, showy and stylish, fails slightly size of winner; 3, Dougan, nice type, good head, wings and tail; 4, Crawford; vhc, M'Cammon. YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl., M'Cammon, bonny lady, correct type and style, good head and neck, 2, Carleton, good shape and subs., nice qual and condition; 3, Kelso, nice shape, not quite the subs.; 4, Dougan. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Crawford, fine big bird, splendid shape, good head and wings; 2, Dougan, lovely qual., shape and condition, short wings and tail; 3, spl., c, Carleton, good shape, nicely feathered; 4, vhc, Kelso; hc, M'Cammon. YORKS., CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Holley, stylish, nicely rounded, good qual. and col., 3 lacks style of winner, good type; 2, Keating, rare size and col., long flights and tail, good head, should do well at stud; vhc, spl., Woods; hc, O'Reilly; c, Devin. CL. YELL. HEN (4): 1, P. Gillen, the Y.C. and C.B.S. Dublin winner, in different hands, should take some beating; 2, Keating, rare good one, nice length and position, good head, well rounded, little coit to day; 3, Mills, nice bird, beaten a shade in size; vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Fleming. TKD. OR VAR. CK. (1): 1, Holley, nice length, stands well, good pair of legs, good qual. head and col.; 2, 3, Woods, two rare good ones, well up on leg, lovely qual. and con., well staged, close up; vhc, Fleming; hc, spl., Keating; c, Dowling. MKD. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Dowling, neat typical hen, not over large, but lovely qual.; 2, Fleming, longer, good head, wings and tail; 3, Winkup, same style, good qual. and pos.; vhc, Holley. CL. BUFF CK. (7): 1, P. Gillen, nice style, type and pos., lovely qual., long, well carried wings and tail; 2, O'Reilly, hardly so long, beautifully filled in back and shoulders, good col., some preferred; 3, Keating, grand bird, the Y.C.B.S.I. Dublin winner, in fine condition, close up; vhc, Kavanagh; hc, Winkup; c, Power. CL. BUFF HEN (5): 1, Winkup, nice bird, lovely qual., neat expression of head; 2, Woods, good style and pos., well carried wings and tail; 3, Keating, long and well-proportioned body, good legs, close up; vhc, Fleming; hc, Power. NOVICE, CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Morgan, neat exhibit, well up on good legs; 2, Burtenshaw, good pos., qual. and col., presses winner hard; 3, c, spl., Wheatley, good qual. and pos., nice cut, stands well on good legs; vhc, Lattimore; hc, spl., M'Keon. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Morgan, grand shape, very erect, good head, wings and tail; 2, Lattimore, neat wings and tail, good qual., type and pos.; 3, Wheatley, a stylish lady, close on heels of winner; vhc, spl., M'Keon. MARKED CK.: 1, spl., M'Keon, nice style, well up on good legs; 2, Arlow, good qual. and col., grand cond.; 3, Lattimore, lovely head, grand back, wings and tail; vhc, Weir; hc, Burtenshaw; c, Barr. MKD. HEN (6): 1, hc, Weir, nice size and subs., beautifully rounded, straight as a rush; 2, Arlow, nice position, close, tight fitting feather, good condition; 3, Morgan, nice exhibit, not far behind leaders; vhc, Duff; c, Arlow. CL. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 3, Burtenshaw, brace of grand birds, well shown; 2, Duff, good size, type and qual.; vhc, R. M'Keon; hc, Wheatley. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Wheatley, not one of the largest, but full of good points, splendid hued, wings and tail; 2, Burtenshaw, good style, position and qual., fine legs, wings and tail; 3, Duff, nice showy hen. CINN. MKD. HEN (2): 1, Keating; 2, Devins, both good feather and type. LIGHT MULES: 1, spl., 3, spl., Creighton; 2, 4, Lavery. GOLDF., DK.: 1, spl., Kavanagh; 2, Lavery; 3, Devins. A.O.V. (7): 1, 4, Lavery; 2, Alexander; 3, Carlton; vhc, Owens and Magee. HYBRID (7): 1, 3, 4, Alexander; 2, Owens and Magee; vhc, Welsh. LINNET (6): 1, 4, Lavery; 2, Ronaldson; 3, Lavery; vhc, spl, Morrow. GOLDF. (5): 1, Mulcahy; 2, 3, 4, Lavery; vhc, Webb. A.O.V. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, cup, Creighton; 2, Mulcahy; 3, Lavery; vhc, Harvey. BRIT., LARGE (4): 1, Mulcahy; 2, Quail; 3, Carson; 4, Black. FOR.: 1, Williamson; 2, Burney.

MUIRKIRK.

Annual show, held in Temperance Hall, Nov. 1, when there was a really very interesting display. Mr. A. Loggie is still at the secretarial helm, and Mr. T. Findlay and Mr. S. Montgomery still look after the management of the exhibits. M. Thos. Ritchie, Lesmahagow, made the awards.

COCKS, YELL., CL., OR TKD. (11): 1, Dempster, neat, good head, jaunty carriage, perfect condition; 2, Montgomery, good type, nice head, back and wings; 3, Watson, fair good shape and style, nice order; vhc, sp., Mossic; hc, c, Scott. BUFF (6): 1, Mossie, excellent body, front and head, very fit, runner up for B.F.C.C. medal; 2, Haddon, shown fit, good head, neck and wings; 3, Montgomery, hardly so good in head, well shown; vhc, Sandilands; hc, Hamilton; c, Watson. HEN, YELL., CL. OR TKD. (10): Good class. 1, Kirkhope, little gem, as right as wax, beautiful shape, car., and qual., wins medal; 2, McKean, neat all through, well carried wings; 3, Alexander, very nice qual., not same car.; vhc, Findlay; hc, Scott; c, Watson. BUFF (14): Nice class. 1, Mossie, rare good tkd. buff, good head and neck, capital body, best of car. and qual.; 2, Dempster, close up, grand type and well staged; 3, Mossie, not same finish as winner, though quite typical; vhc, c, Nairn; hc, Sandilands. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Watson, nice size and good head, rare good over back; 2, Smillie, close up, teems with qual.; 3, Findlay, rare good con., nice shaped body; vhc, Scott; hc, Millar; c, Montgomery. HEN (12): 1, Boswell, nice stamp, good head and qual.; 2, McKean, we liked as well, good type and feather; 3, Watson, hardly so good in shape, but well put down; vhc, Haddon; hc, Robertson; c, Scott. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, 2, Findlay, 1 rare good Cinn. mkd. yell., good type and qual.; 2, nicely mkd. buff, capital head, back and wings; 3, Scott, good markings and type; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Ramage. GR. OR CINN. (6): 1, Hamilton, sweet yell. Cinn., good shape and qual. throughout; 2, 3, Findlay, 2, same as winner, hardly so good in qual., 3, smart yell. Gr., nice col. and feather; vhc, Robertson; hc, sp., McKean; c, Watson. SELF. (7): 1, Findlay; 2, Sandilands; 3, Montgomery; vhc, Millar; hc, McDougall; c, Boswell. BRIT., FINCH OR BUNTING (3): All Bullfinches, winner scores in col. and size. 1, Stobbs Bros.; 2, Ramage; 3, Boyes. A.O.V. (3): 1, Stobbs Bros., well known Bearded Tit, beautifully moulted; 2, Boyes, very nice Blackcap; 3, McKean, good Mealy Redpoll, nice size. CONFINED CK. (7): 1, J. Findlay; 2, R. Findlay; 3, McCrone; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Millar; c, Dempster. HEN (6): 1, R. Findlay; 2, J. Findlay; 3, Millar; vhc, McKean; hc, McDougall; c, Montgomery.

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Great events from little causes spring! Four years ago the Sheffield O.S. was "hatched"; to-day it is a fully-fledged bird, and an eye-opener at that! Nov. 7 and 8 were red-letter days in the Cutlery Capital, for a mammoth and glorious exhibition was the All England Show held by the above very enterprising society. A record entry of about 1,200 birds was obtained, this being far in advance of anything before. A host of noted fanciers, too, participated in the numerous tit-bits provided.

The Cutlers' Hall, an old historic building, where for long years many of the city's great functions have been held, was the rendezvous. Lofty and with abundance of space, up-to-date ventilation, absolute freedom from draughts, perfect heating facilities, and centrally situated, it is a splendid place for an occasion of this kind. With a little better natural light, one could describe it as ideal. The plants and foliage displayed gave a pretty ornamental effect to the carnival. The cost of this magnificent room was enormous, and the beautiful birds were judiciously staged on the tier principle. We congratulate the society on the pluck displayed.

The schedule issued rangs amongst the very best; classification excellent, prize-money and valuable specials very liberal. All prize-money, too, was guaranteed through the generosity of Dr. Craig and Mr. T. Dawn, treasurer and chairman respectively. Would there were more such worthies in the Fancy! Can one wonder for a moment that the "cream" of the Fancy should be present fighting strenuously for the honours?

A Pleasing Opening Ceremony.

Mr. T. Dawn (chairman) presided, and the Master Cutler (T. W. Ward, Esq.), in declaring the show open, spoke very highly of the officials, commended the hobby of bird fancying, and said he was delighted with and greatly interested in the display of birds. He considered the society had made great headway, and hoped to see it shortly with the membership increased fourfold. Dr. Craig proposed a vote of thanks to the Master Cutler for so kindly officiating. Mr. Tom Swain seconded, also presenting to the Master Cutler's daughter a very handsome bouquet of pink carnations. The Rev. W. Bracewell proposed, and Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, vice-chairman, seconded, a vote of thanks to the judges.

The Good Ship's Splendid Crew.

The president of the society is the Right Hon. Earl Fitzwilliam, D.S.O., and there is a long list of influential vice-presidents. The committee of management is most ably led by Mr. T. Dawn, the worthy chairman, who must be classed amongst the very best—no mere figurehead, but a real hard worker, and a great financial help. Chock-full of enthusiasm, his efforts during the show days were of a most strenuous character. Dr. W. Craig, the treasurer, is another staunch supporter, a true faucier, and one of the greatest assets of the society. One scarcely ever meets this popular and esteemed member devoid of a smile. His cheery face denotes the temperament—a thorough, jovial, and enthusiastic Scotsman, and a wonderful worker for the benefit of his fellow-fanciers. Mr. J. A. T. Woodall (vice-chair) and Mr. G. Fletcher, the well-known foreign exhibitor, were a brace of very prominent officials. The amount of work they did and the manner in which the same was executed was splendid. Jointly they acted as all-night stewards, a by no means thankful role. Others worthy of high praise were Messrs. J. Mace, G. Moore, J. Memmott, J. Milne, T. Ridal, P. Walsh, T. Tow, W. Baxby, A. H. Waters, J. H. Richardson, O. L. Sampson, and W. H. Spencer.

The stewards, who rendered fine help, knew their many duties to a nicety, were Messrs. A. H. Waters, A. Somerfield, J. Simpson, J. Milne, G. Moore, and J. Snape. Seeding and watering throughout, and the feeding of the British birds, were judiciously done by Messrs. A. Somerfield (upwards of twenty years' service at this job, to our knowledge), and J. Simpson, along with Mr. Geo. Fletcher, who attended to the foreign.

A Tandem Pair Hard to Outpace.

Now for the two splendid secretaries. Mr. E. Job is the possessor of great tact, and works with promptitude and accuracy, while his geniality, courtesy, and untiring efforts to oblige create for him popularity with all whom he comes into contact. Mr. R. Colton, known throughout the whole Fancy as an exhibitor of famous Mules, acts as assistant. His very lengthy experience of all England show requirements stands him in good stead. All the inner workings are at his finger-tips, and his knowledge was efficiently and judiciously brought into play. On having the services of such competent and painstaking organisers the Sheffield O.S. is to be congratulated. Their equals are few and far between.

Among the Exhibits.

The Greens, both Yorks and Nor., as regards numbers, did not flatter. What do Green men want? Fancy, only 96 entries in the 12 classes! Far from encouraging, this. The Green Canary Association cannot expect societies to give a good classification with capital money if a better response is not accorded. Borders were a neat collection, and as pretty as paint, only we should really have liked to have seen more present—35 in four classes is not great, by any means.

Norwich were both numerous and glorious—a feast to gaze upon, absolutely a wonderful collection, most of the best "stables" being represented. Amongst the novices, too, we located more than one gem. Next came the Crests and Crestbreds. The popular verdict was, the finest collection of "topplns" ever seen in the city. This we wish to endorse; to our knowledge they were far away the best. Fierce were the conflicts, result, Northern birds two firsts, Mid-Yorkshire four firsts, Sheffield two firsts. Mr. J. W. Farrow (local) put down a marvellous buff green C.B. The selling classes contained some of the cheapest birds we have seen for a long time; and a great many were claimed.

Again the Best Collection Ever Seen.

The Yorkshire section was the best ever seen in Sheffield, close on 450 were benched and all the principal exhibitors in the Kingdom were represented, type and quality reigning supreme. Burdekin Bros. won special for best Yorks., and CAGE BIRDS 10s. for best coupon exhibit, a gem of a bird, put down in the pink of condition. Dr. Craig won sp for best Cinn. mkd. Novice members' sp was won by W. H. Webster. The Green Yorks. section was but poorly patronised, and we were surprised at this, seeing the prize money was so liberal, and that it was one of the club show. The judge, Mr. W. Mundell, must have had one of the hardest day's of his life amongst the "straight runs," and we think in all fairness to the exhibits an assistant judge might have been appointed.

A Grand Lot of our Native Birds.

The British bird section was simply teeming with both quantity and quality, and the cracks of the season were to be seen in practically every class. Goldfinches led with greatly improved birds, and they are now fast putting on their richest coloured plumage. The same can be said of Bullfinches, and more of them too. Greenfinches were very good indeed, and must have wanted a lot of care to divide them up; the winner here (Metcalfe) taking CAGE BIRDS Hardbill special, just like wax. Linnets were excellent, and a great class all through. Lesser Redpolls were a real treat too, and some wonderful little gems came up. The small Softbills were most magnificent, led by a gem of a Dartford Warbler. A.O. Large had two grand Choughs, several grand Waxwings, and a rarity in British—a Nutcracker. Albinos contained real gems, led by the well-known perfect yellow Yellowhammer. Mr. H. Walsh's Redpoll-Bullfinch won CAGE BIRDS special for best Hybrid. Foreign as usual here were a rare collection of fine specimens, Mr. G. Fletcher's King Parrakeet winning CAGE BIRDS special best Foreign bird. A very handsome Blue Sugar Bird won special for best bird belonging to a member of the F.B.C. Altogether this section was a treat for visitors all through, and attracted the greatest possible attention. Mr. Houlton judged Hyb., Brit., and For. birds, and apparently had a very stiff day's work.

"Cage Birds" Coupon Competition a Success.

This innovation was a complete success, no fewer than 212 entries competing for the cash specials and diplomas of hooour. This speaks for itself, as to the way in which exhibitors have accepted the scheme, and the great popularity it has attained. The champion was the cl. yell. cock Yorkie staged to the moment by Messrs. Burdekin Bros., this taking the 10s. spl. and diploma of honour. This exhibit we presume is the Great Horton winner; certainly a "knock out." The novice 10s. special and diploma fell into the hands of W. Vardy, jun., a smart and stylish yell. Nor. ben doing the trick. Some of the other diploma winners were:—Champion Nor., A. Hirst; Crests, Colton and Dawn; A.O.V., J. Parker; Bord., W. Middleton. Mules, H. Walsh; Hard Brit., R. J. Metcalf; Soft Brit., A. G. Lewis; For., G. Fletcher.

Other specials went as follows:—Most entries, Dr. Craig; For. bird medal, J. W. and W. L. Drabble; best York nov. (mem.), W. H. Webster; open Cinn. mkd. York., Dr. Craig; open Nov. Nor., A. E. Thorpe; members' Softbill and Hardbill, J. Milne; true pair foreigners (large), G. Fletcher; small, F. Howe. Sandiford's, T. H. Mason, with an unflighted yell. Nor., ablaze with colour. Ramsden's went to Dr. McConaghey, a marked yell. Nor., hot enough to fire his cage.

The Tremendous Attendance.

The patronage of the public was great. Friday brought many to see the sights, but Saturday obliged with hundreds. The very spacious aisles in the afternoon and evening were literally packed. From about 2.30 p.m. until close of show the room was besieged by onlookers, all appearing to be acquiring full value for money. The gate takings amounted up to £14, and the sale of tickets previous to show had been enormous. We heard of one member alone having sold 200 tickets at 6d. each. What a worker and an enthusiast!

The sales were also fine, upwards of £55 being speculated on various specimens. One well-known British bird man plunged to the extent of £27 10s.; good luck to him. Amongst the very many visitors we chatted with were Messrs. J. W. Ramsden (London), J. Bailey, Ogden Bros., Dykes (Bradford), H. H. Towers (Keighley), J. Brotherton (Bolton), Thomas (Halifax), Haigh (Bottershaw), Hunter (Scarbro'), Towl (Sec. Grimsby), Brotherton and Gregory (Rotherham), S. Cook (Manchester), Vardy, junr. (Hucknall), Boalor (Nottingham), Simpson and Potts (Worksop), Smith (Sec. Ilkeston and Freeman), Fox (Long Eaton), Archer (Huddersfield), Beswick (Stockport), Inman (Bradford), O. L. Sampson (Sec. Stocksbridge) and many others. Undoubtedly a fine "gathering of the clans."

Stalls belonging to Messrs. J. Mace (Sheffield), Spillers and Armitage, were nicely set out with the various articles they are noted for, and appeared to do a good trade.

The Troublesome Railway Companies.

The Railway Companies might treat exhibitors and show officials far more considerately than they do. For this show (and other shows we have heard of) the companies would not deliver any stock arriving after 5.30 p.m., and not before 9 a.m. This put the officials on their mettle. Promptly they engaged drays to fetch and return exhibits. Conveyances were plying backwards and forwards practically all night through, on the eve of the show, and Messrs. Fletcher and Woodall dealt with the cases, unpacking and so on, as they arrived at the show room. By 9 a.m. Friday morning everything was in order for the commencement of judging. At 8 p.m. Saturday the show room was cleared and the "dispatch clerks" were soon on the job, carefully packing up for the return journeys.

Hard Lines for Two Exhibitors.

With the exception of Mr. R. E. Griffith's (Carnarvon) Bullie which arrived at about 12.30 p.m. (too late for judging), having been sent off at 2.30 p.m. day previous (hard lines), and the Crest and C.B., 1913 bred, which had been forwarded from Cheltenham, and had wrong labels on (Crest label on C.B. bird and vice-versa), belonging to Mr. J. Brotherton (Bolton), being wrong classed (again hard lines); we heard of no other hitch. For neither of these slips were the society to blame. Summing up the whole show it was a glorious exhibition, very successfully managed.

Judges: Messrs. J. Robson (London), W. Mundell (Bradford), C. Houlton (St. Helens), and J. C. Barnes (Snellfield). Their awards seemed very well received.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, sp. best Yorks. also "C.B." 10s., Burdekin Bros., rare length, grand wings, pipe tail, neat round head, lovely qual. of feather, very steady, in the piuk of cond., a gem; 2, E. Radley, grand wings and piped tail, lovely qual, of feather, good round head, level col., pos. A1; 3, W. Broughton, boxy feather, level col., well up on leg, well braced wings, piped tail, grandly drawn out; 4, Tideswell, on the stout side, neat head, lovely qual. and pos., stands well up, piped tail, lovely col.; vhc, Bailey; hc, c, Pickup and Son; c, Pike. BUFF (18): 1, Mason, noted winner, rare length, pos. A1, well placed wings, piped tail, neat round head, boxy feather, will take some stopping; 2, Binns, rich col., lovely qual., very clean on breast, well up on leg, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail, neat round head; 3, Shackleton, nice type, very steady, rich level col. throughout, neat round head, piped tail, good wing carr., boxy feather; 4, Dyson, rich col. boxy feather, good head, clean on breast, well drawn out, piped tail, crosses wings a little at times; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Bailey; c, Dykes. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, hc, Dr. Craig, cheek mkd., blaze of col., lovely pos., well up on leg, neat head, boxy feather, well placed wings, piped tail, wins; 2, Towers, wing tkd., grand pos., lovely qual. of feather, long flights and piped tail, neat round head, level col.; 3, Dykes, cap mkd., rich level col., very stylish, boxy feather, good head, long flights, piped tail, very steady, well put down; 4, Towers, wing mkd., pale col., patchy, round head, full of qual., piped tail; vhc, Bailey, rich level col., nice type, might have gone up one; c, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (11): 1, Dykes, grizzled cheek, rich level col., teeming with qual., good head, well drawn out, pair of good wings, piped tail; 2, Dyson, cap mkd., rich level col., pos. A1, well bracced wings, piped tail, boxy featber, handles well, well put down; 3, Thomas, pale col., wing mkd., pos. A1, long flights, piped tail, good head, hoxy feather, a little open on hreast; 4, Broughton, cheek mkd., rare length, good wing carr., piped tail, boxy feather, level col., lacks pos., when handled; vbc, Sutcliffe and Son, Wilcock; c, Fowle. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (20): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, unflig., grand pos., rare lengtb, lovely qual. of feather, wings well placed, piped tail, level col., very steady; 2, Thomas, fine qual. feather, good head, long flights, piped tail, on the stout side, down a bit, and would not show itself; 3, Casey, nice type and pos., lovely feather, neat round head, rich col., well placed wings, and piped tail, a little open on hreast; 4, Ogden Bros., pale col., boxy feather, rare length, grand pos., neat head, good wing carr., piped tail, very steady; vhc, A. Radley; hc, Bailey; c, Mason. BUFF (20): 1, Ogden Bros., cheek mkd., neat head, grand wings, well brased to side, neat piped tail, pos. A1, lovely qual. of feather, level col.; 2, Thornton and Bower, very typical, well drawn out, grand wings and tail, neat round head, boxy feather, well put down; 3, Dr. Craig, rich level col., boxy feather, neat round head, very nervy, pos. A1, wings well carried, piped tail; 4, Clegg, level col., lovely qual. of feather, good head and pos., grand wings and tail, little thick when we saw her; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Bailey; c, Beaumont. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Fowle, pale col., lovely qual. of feather, stands well up when handled, and very steady, long drawn out, pair of nice wings, piped tail; 2, Dykes, rich col., boxy feather, nice head, well hraced wings, piped tail, grand pos., on good leg, shade strong; 3, Dr. Craig, pale col., full of qual., neat round head, grand wings, well placed to side, piped tail, very stylish; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, rich col., well up on leg, neat head, long flights, and piped tail, boxy feather, very typical; vhc, hc, Shackleton; c, Furniss. BUFF (21): 1, Shackleton, rare length, rich level col. throughout, good round head, clean on breast, silky feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, wins; 2, Furniss, pos. A1, full of qual., long flights, and piped tail, good head, sound col., very steady, well put down; 3, Shackleton, rare length, very steady and typical, boxy feather, rich col., piped tail, in the pink of cond.; 4, Dyson, neat round head, clean on breast, lovely qual., of feather, rich level col., good wing carr., piped tail; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Taylor; c, Dykes. CINN. TKD. OR VARIG. YELL. (15): 1, Ogden Bros., eye, cheek, and wings mkd., red hot col. throughout, boxy feather, well blended wings, piped tail, grand pos., well up on leg, wants more length; 2, Dykes, cap, eyes, and wings mkd., rich col., boxy feather, wings well braced to side, piped tail, very typical, wants more length; 3, Ogden Bros., unflig., cap, eye, and wings mkd., rich level col., boxy feather, well on leg, slim, very stylish, nice wing carr.; 4, Morrison, eye and wing mkd., rich col., full of qual., nice wing and tail, well on leg, very wild, would not show itself; vhc, Binns; hc, Mason; c, Brown and Son. BUFF (15): 1, sp. best cinn. mkd., Dr Craig, eye, wings, and neck mkd., lovely qual. of feather, rich col., good head, pos. A1; 2, no name, cap, eyes, and wing, rich level col., boxy feather, nice type, neat head, good wing carr., piped tail; 3, Morrison, eye and wing, rich col., good head, piped tail, boxy feather, well up on leg, wings well braced to side; 4, Bailey, eye and wings mkd., rich level col., tight feather, well on leg, piped tail, wants a little more length, vhc, Hiatt; hc, Morrison; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Hall, eyes, cheek, and wings mkd., pale col., lovely feather, grand wing carr., piped tail, pos. A1, good head, wins; 2, Shaw Bros., eyes, neck, and wings mkd., pale col., lovely qual. of feather, good head, well placed wings, piped tail, very stylish; 3, Towers, eye, cap, neck, and wings, level col., full of qual., wings well placed, neat head, piped tail, very stylish; 4, Thomas, cap, eyes, and wing, boxy feather, rich col., good wing carr., neat tail, fine pos.; vhc, Chittenden, full of qual., grand pos., might have gone up one; hc, Morrison, c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (14): 1, Ogden Bros., eye and wings mkd., lovely head, grand wings, piped tail, full of qual., pos. A1, a gem; 2, Pickup and Son, eyes and wing mkd., nice type, full of qual., well braced wings, neat round head, piped tail, very stylish; 3, Ramsden, cap and wing mkd., shade on the stout side, rich level col., boxy feather, good head, grand wing carr., neat tail; 4, no name, cap, cheek, and wing, full of qual., neat head, well on leg, rich level col., good wing carr., neat tail; vhc, Dr. Craig; hc, c, Casey. NOV. YORKS. YELL. CK. (23): 1, Padgett, rich level col., grand wings and tail, teeming with qual., very stylish, one the small side; 2, Naylor, rare length, rich col., full of qual., good head, well braced wings, piped tail, stands well up; 3, Head, neat head, full of qual., stands well up on leg, long flights, piped tail, patchy in colour, or might have gone up; 4, Midgley, pale col., full of qual., well up on leg, long flight and tail, fine pos.; vhc, Midgley; hc, Atkinson; c, Graham. BUFF (28): 1, Bedforth, wing mkd., rare length, pos. A1, good head and front, well placed wings, rich level col., neat tail; 2, Cooper, rich level col., boxy feather, good head and neck, compact wings and tail, very typical, nicely put down; 3, Walker, rich col., lovely qual., neat head, clean on breast, grand carr. of wings, and piped tail, stands well up; 4, Webster, pos. A1, good round head, level col., full of qual., long flights, piped tail, well put down; vhc, Bedforth; hc, Middleton, Beckett. HEN (30): 1, 5s. sp., best members', Webster, cl. yell., grand pos., lovely qual. of feather, neat round head, grand wieng carr., compact tail, a lady all over; 2, Bedforth, cl. buff, boxy feather, rich level col., compact wings, piped tail, very stylish, good head; 3, Bedforth, varieg. yell., rich level col., teeming with qual., neat round head, long flights, piped tail, good breeding hen; 4, vhc, Bower, 4th buff, mkd. on breast, lovely qual. of feather, neat head, compact wings, piped tail, stands well up on leg; hc, Walker; c, Toulson. HEN, UNFLIG. (27): 1, c, Bower, cl. buff, boxy feather, rich level col., good head, clean on breast, very stylish, good long flights, well placed, neat compact tail; 2, Naylor, unevenly mkd. yell., rich col., lovely qual. of feather, neat round head, pos. A1, good flights, piped tail, a good 2nd; 3, Parker, wing tkd. buff, feathered like wax, level colour throughout, good head and wing carr., piped tail, very nervy and stylish; 4, vhc, Toulson, rich coloured buff, hoxy feather, neat head, good wing carr., piped tail, stands well up; hc, Cooper. YELL. CK., UNFLIG. (27): 1, Bedforth, wing mkd., blaze of col., good round head, clean on breast, full of qual., long flights, well braced to side, compact tail, pos. A1; 2, Naylor, cl., well up on leg, long flights, piped tail, rich level col., full of qual., very wild; 3, Padgett, uneven mkd., blaze of col., teeming with qual., very nervy and stylish, neat head, grand wings and tail; 4, Cadman, mkd. head, grand type, very nervy, lovely qual. of feather, long flights, piped tail, neat head; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Hill; c, Louckham. BUFF (31): 1, Bedforth, cinn., wing mkd., long flights, well placed, piped tail, rich level col., boxy feather, A1 pos., wins; 2, Merrills, cl., pos. A1, lovely qual., rich level col., well on leg, good head, piped tail, nicely put down; 3, hc, Naylor, 3rd wing tkd., rich col., feather like glass, well on leg, nice pos., good head, put down in the pink; 4, Midgley, tkd. head, rare type and very nervy, rich col., full of qual., long flights, piped tail; vhc, Bower; c, Webster. CHAMP.: GR. MKD. YORKS. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Pickup and Son, eye, cheek, and wing mkd., rich hot col., lovely qual. of feather, good wings, well carried, piped tail, stands on a pair of good legs, very nervy; 2, Hall, cheek, eyes, and one wing, lovely qual. of feather, neat head, grand wings and piped tail, rich col., very typical, nicely benched; 3, Thomas, eyes and wings mkd., bit on the stout side, nice qual. of feather, good wings and piped tail, rich col., good pos.; 4, Chittenden, unflig., eye and wing mkd., hoxy feather, rich col., well up on leg, neat head, very stylish, will be better another year; vhc, Dykes; hc, Mason; c, Morrison. BUFF (18): 1, Bailey, slight tick on eyes, lovely qual., rich level col., well up on leg, grand wings and piped tail—is the bird eligible to compete in this class, headed even, uneven, or heavily varieg.? 2, Morrison, eye, cap, and wing mkd., rich level col., full of qual., grand wing carr., piped tail, neat head, pos. A1; 3, Hall, cap, eyes, and wing, boxy feather, rich col., neat round head, long flights, well placed, piped tail, very stylish; 4, Towers, eye and wing mkd., lovely qual., true type, rich level col., neat head, hit small; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Whitley; c, Dykes. YELL. HEN (10): 1, c, Thomas, eyes and wing, rare length, true to type, rich col., neat round head, grand wing carr., piped tail, wins; 2, Dykes, eyes, wings, and neck mkd., very slim and stylish, nice head, good wing carr., piped tail, full of qual.; 3, Bailey, cap, eyes, and wing, full of qual., nice wing carr., piped tail, neat head, very typical, rich level col.; 4, Whitley, eye, cheek, and wings, neat head, clean on breast, full of qual., rich level col., fine pos., steady and well staged; vhc, Fowle; hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Mason, slightly mkd. on wing, lovely feather, level col., grand wing carr., piped tail, straight as a pencil, wins; 2, Ogden Bros., cap, eyes, cheek, and wings mkd., rich col., boxy feather, well on leg, neat head, true type, piped tail; 3, A. Radley, eye and wings, rich col., lovely feather, nice wings, and piped tail, very stylish shade, on the stout side; 4, Tideswell, cap, neck, and wing mkd., pale col., full of qual., good wing carr., piped tail; vhc, Clegg; hc, Morrison; c, Dykes. GREEN:

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NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Members' show, held headquarters, "The Hall," Royal Street, proved to be a great success, 134 birds facing the judges, Messrs. J. Walker and J. Lobb, who gave every satisfaction. The stewards arranged the room splendidly, words of appreciation flowing from all visitors. Our best thanks are due to each for making the show such a success. A hearty vote of thanks to the judges was carried with acclamation. The following won specials: Messrs. Frankham, T. Kelly, C. Kelly, Wilkins, Foxcroft, Holden, Aindow, and Broadbent. Next meeting at headquarters, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. prompt.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Holden. HEN: 1, Broadbent; 2, Sinclair. TKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, Holden; 2, Sinclair; 2, Blaylock. HEN: 1, Holden. CL. BUFF: 1, Broadbent. HEN: 1, Phillips. TKD. OR VAR. BUFF: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Blaylock; vhc, Smith; hc, Sinclair. HEN: 1, Holden; 2, Broadbent; 3, Williams. YOUNG BIRDS.— CL. YELL.: 1, Broadbent; 2, C. Kelly; 3, T. W. Kelly; vhc, Williams. HEN: 1, McLaughlin; 2, Frankham. TKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, Blaylock; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, McLaughlin; hc, Frankham; c, Broadbent. HEN: 1, T. W. Kelly. CL. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, Hammond; vhc, Smith. TKD. OR VAR. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, Hammond. HEN: 1, Blaylock. OLD BIRDS, NAT. COL.—CL. YELL.—1, 2, McBirney. HEN: 1, Smith. TKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, Leadbetter; 2, McBirney. HEN, 1, Hammond; 2, Foxcroft; 3, Aindow; vbc, T. W. Kelly. CL. BUFF: 1, Broadbent. CL. BUFF, HEN: 1, Holden. HEN: 1, Foxcroft; 2, Holden. CL. YELL.: 1, C. Kelly; 2, Keenan. HEN: 1, Hammoud; 2, 3, Frangbam. TKD. OR VAR. YELL.: 1, McBirney. HEN: 1, Hammond. CL. BUF: 1, Keenan; 2, Foxcroft. HEN: 1, Hammond; 2, Foxcroft. TKD. OR VAR. BUFF: 1, Foxcroft; 2, Hammond; 3, Blaylock. HEN: 1, Leadbetter; 2, Keenan. YORK GREENS, S. OR F. YELL: 1, Holden; 2, T. W. Kelly; 3, Foxcroft; vhc, McLaughlin; hc, Phillips. HEN: 1, C. Kelly; 2, Phillips; 3, McLaughlin; vhc, Frankham. BUFF: 1, C. Kelly; 2, 3, Frankham; vhc, Blaylock; hc, Aindow; c, Frankham. HEN: 1, Williams 2, Foxcroft; 3, Blaylock; vhc, Markham; hc, Leadbetter; c, C. Kelly. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Aindow; 3, McLaughlin; vhc, Williams; hc, Foxcroft. F. BUFF: 1, 2, Williams; 3, vhc, Foxcroft. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Leadbetter. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL: 1, 2, Wilkins. HEN: 1, Wilkins. BUFF: 1, Wilkins. HEN: 1, Wilkins; 2, T. W. Kelly. YELL., UNFLIG: 1, J. Phillips. BUFF: 1, Wilkins. BORDERS, BUFF HEN: 1, Phillips. BUFF, UNFLIG.: 1, Frankham. A.O.V. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Frankham. A.O.V. CANARY: 1, Sinclair; 2, Smith. BRIT.: 1, Frankham; 2, T. W. Kelly; 3, vhc, Wilkins; hc, Phillips; c, T. W. Kelly. FOR.: 1, Frankham.

SHEFFIELD SHOW.

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SHEFFIELD.—TWO —cmfwyp cmfwyp cmfwyponash YORKS. CK., SELF OR FOUL YELL. (9): 1, McDermott, rare length of flights, piped tail, good head, sound green col. throughout, true Yorkie; 2, vhc, Metcalfe, sound col., good head, long flights and piped tail, not quite in cond.; 3, Eason, foul tail, sound col., good head and pos., rare length; 4, Handley, good head, fine pos., sound col., piped tail; hc, Morement, good sound col. and type, might have gone up; c, Hickson. BUFF (8): 1, Metcalfe, self, nice type and qual., good wing carr., piped tail, rare length, wins; 2, c, Benson and Young, self, good head, rare qual. of feather, sound col., true to type, piped tail, well upon leg; 3, Metcalfe, neat head, level col., full of qual., wings well placed, piped tail, bit soft; 4, Walker, foul tail, nice type and pos., sound col., well up on leg, good wings and tail; vhc, hc, Handley. HEN, SELF OR FOUL YELL. (7): 1, c, Robinson, foul, full of qual., neat head, sound col., good wings and piped tail, grand pos., nervy; 2, Metcalfe, self, sound col., grand wings and tail, good round head, long flights and piped tail; 3, Metcalfe, self, sound col., good head, long flights, neat tail, true Yorkie, boxy feather; 4, Morement, self, very typical, sound col., good head, wings, and tail, boxy feather, well on legs, very nervy, we liked; vhc, McDermott; hc, Benson and Young. BUFF (6): 1, McDermott, foul tail, full of qual., grand wings and tail, sound col., true type; 2, Morement, self, sound col., neat head, grand wings and tail, true to type, we liked; 3, Benson and Young, self, nice type and qual., well up on leg, piped tail, very nervy; 4, McDermott, foul tail, good head, piped tail, well braced wings, neat head, well on leg; vhc, Robinson; hc, Eason.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. GR., SELF OR FOUL YELL. (6): 1, hc, Harding, massive self, very shapely, capital subs., silky feather, lovely col. and carr., a beauty; 2, vhc, Walker, foul throat and tail, rich feather, good shape, col., moves nicely, beaten in subs.; 3, Handley, beautifully clothed, self, plenty of col., well up in subs., not quite so stylish; 4, Lawson. BUFF (9): 1, Walker, gem of a self, well up in size, sweetly moulded, slashing qual. and col., clean cut away, in the pink of cond.; 2, Lawson, very shapely self, superior feather, nice subs. and carr., little behind in col. only; 3, hc, Harding, foul tail, cobby, smooth as wax, lovely col., best of wing carr., not quite the size; 4, Bloor, foul tail, again not over big, but nice shape, col., and feather, well put down; vhc, c, Handley. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Lawson, self, delightful shape, good size, brimful of col., tight as a Java; 2, hc, c, Harding, neat trio, 2nd self, plenty of col., well clothed, capital shaped body, shade weak in head and neck, yet very bonny; 3, Handley, foul wings and tail, lovely col., grand feather, neat shape and carr., smaller in build; 4, vhc, Walker, foul tail, shapely, rare qual. and col., jaunty in carr. BUFF (7): 1, Winter, self, for shape, qual., col., and subs., all one need desire; 2, Harding, self, A1 col. and feather, fine expression, good neck, not so thick through, capital wings and tail, close up; 3, vhc, Walker, very shapely self, richly clothed, superb col., with little more size would be a gem; 4, Handley, bouncing self, little free in feather, which tells against it; hc, Whittaker; c, Bloor, BORD., YELL., SELF OR FOUL (11): 1, "C.B." diploma, 3, Middleton, brace of very pleasing selfs, former, beautiful contour, feathered to perfection, rich col., full of action, treat to observe, 3rd shapely, good qual., nice size and col., not quite so stylish, still a beauty; 2, Montgomery, self, beautiful symmetry, capital feather and size, hardly so rich in tone of col., yet pressed the winner hard; 4, Affleck, self, good col. and qual., neat expression, sweet body, wings, and tail, bit heavy underneath; vhc, Parker; hc, Greenwell; c, Little. BUFF (8): 1, Montgomery, one of the best selfs we have seen for some time, not a feather wrong, true type and action, most pleasing all through; 2, Johnston, self, fine shape and col., nice size, jaunty carr., beaten slightly in qual., yet a wonderful exhibit, and close up; 3, Greenwell, self, plenty of col., A1 qual., good subs., not quite so shapely, but worth its place; 4, Little, self, nice shape and size, capital qual., free mover, not the col., yet one we liked; vhc, Middleton; hc, Affleck; c, Parker. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, 3, Middleton, both selfs, winner exquisite qual., magnificent shape, fine size and col., full of energy and true character, gem of gems, 3rd superb feather and col., neat head, neck, and body, inclined to run bit long in wings and tail; 2, Johnston, well clothed self, rich col., good head and neck, neat body, free action, not far away; 4, Parker, self, A1 qual. and col., shapely body, nice carr.; vhc, Affleck; hc, "w.c.," Greenwell; c, Montgomery. BUFF (7): 1, Little, self, marvellous merit, not a feather misplaced, grand shape, and size, full of col., best of action, truly a topper; 2, Johnston, self, finely moulded, smooth as polished marble, rare shape, delightful movement, pressed hard; 3, Parker, self, good in shape and feather, acceptable size, not the style, still neat exhibit; 4, hc, Middleton, self, smooth as wax, shapely, grand wings and tail, capital mover; vhc, Montgomery; c, Robson. CHAMP. NOR., CL. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Waters, couple of beauties, 1st warm col., superb feather, good shape and carr., clean cut, not one of the biggest, 2nd more subs., equal qual., hotter in col., bolder in build, capital action, we preferred; 3, Simonett, plenty of size, grandly fed and beautifully clothed, neat head and neck, hardly so deep fronted, yet good one; 4, Harland, bouncer, red hot, A1 qual., rare head and neck, good chest, nice carr. of flights and tail, little heavy behind to-day; vhc, Parlett; hc, Dr. McConaghey; c, Wrigley, a gem; No. 11, Raynes, absent. BUFF (18): Fine class, and easily two sets of winners could have been selected: 1, Cook, ablaze with col., clothed to perfection, wonderful shape and subs., delightful carr., real "knock-out," walks in; 2, Hayhurst, slashing shape, superb feather, clean cut away, not quite so massive in frame, but a gem; 3, Wrigley, teeming with qual. and col., fine shape, best of wing carr., closely folded and neatly carried tail, hardly so bold in head and neck; 4, Beswick, marvellous subs., good feather and col., not so sweet in head, and little weighty behind; vhc, Heap; hc, Parlett; c, Harland. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Dr. McConaghey, mkd. wings and head, full of fire, charmer for shape and qual., rattling size and carr., an eye opener, wins; 2, Fox, mkd. wing, neck, and eye, red hot, beautiful shape, well up in subs., superb feather, clinking action, ran winner awfully close; 3, Wrigley, very cobby built, mkd. wing, rattling shape and feather, clean behind, not the size or col. of 1 and 2; 4, Waters, mkd. head, A1 feather, good size, little longer in barrel, wings, and tail, and not quite so rich in col.; vhc, Raynes; hc, Beswick; c, Cowley. BUFF (13): 1, Bleasc and Son, mkd. head, short and thick set, wonderful size, teeming with qual. and col., beautiful action, a stormer; 2, Crawshaw, glad to see a new name so prominent, mkd. wing, eyes and root of tail, true type, with heaps of subs, lovely feather, col., and carr., topper; 3, Vardy, mkd. eyes, feathered like glass, fine head, neck and chest, perfect wing carr., not hot stuff, but good stuff; 4, "C.B." diploma, Hirst, lightly varieg., fine shape, qual., subs., and carr., rather pale colour, which puts the curb on; vhc, Harland; hc, Johnson; c, Hunter. YELL. HEN (21): A bevy of beauties, well worthy of two sets of cards, many standing cardless that appealed to one most beseechingly: 1, Harland, marvellous size, cl., good in body, and nice wing carr., plenty of col., and richly clothed, might be better in head; 2, Fox, cl., capital feather and col., neat body, good wings and tail, again not the expression of head we like to see in a winner; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings, tail, and head, wonderful subs., grand shape, qual., and col., capital carr., might have gone up one; 4, Cowley, mkd. head, shapely, lovely feather and col.; vhc, Grainger, magnificent cl., perfect type, we thought an easy 3rd; 4, Cook, cl., true type, exquisite feather, rich tone of col., delightful carr., picture, we liked as well as any; c, Vardy. BUFF (16): 1, Grainger, very meritorious cl., round as a ball, superb feather and col., richly mealed, well up in size, grand carr., gem; 2, Waters, cl., good in feather and col., nice head and neck, bit long in build, and somewhat heavy behind; 3, Boswick, sweetly moulded cl., capital feather, col., and carr., nice subs., quite an enchantress, might have gone up one; 4, Heap, mkd. wing, a bouncer, shapely, nice col. and feather, gets wings across; vhc, Thomas; hc, Vardy, mkd. wings, and eyes, for shape, qual., col., and carr., combined with rare subs., an easy winner, many thought; c, Goodman. UNFLIG. YELL. (22): Lovely lot: 1, Vardy, mkd. eye, true type, full of col., superb feather, plenty of subs., perfect carr., with luck should give some hard knocks, gem of gems; 2, vhc, c, Mason, fine trio of youngsters, leader cl., ablaze with col., feathered like wax, slashing symmetry and subs., jaunty and clean cut away; 3, Thomas, mkd. head, plenty of fire, silky texture, well up in size, capital subs., bit coarse around root of tail; 4, Turner, warmly fed cl., bouncer, rare head and neck; hc, Waters. BUFF (21): Grand class, full of very promising "boys": 1, Hayhurst, cl., delightful shape, teeming with qual. and col., rare size, lovely undercolour, jaunty carr., eye opener; 2, Allsopp, cl., wonderful shape, exquisitely clothed, rich in col., grand carr., beaten a little in size only; 3, Crawshaw, varieg., round as a ball, tight as a Java, full of style, A1 col. and qual., points to making up all right; 4, c, Mason, cl., superior feather and col., neat head and neck character, not so full fronted, clean cut, worth its place; vhc, Thomas; hc, Vardy. NAT.-COL. CK. (8): 1, Hargreaves, yell., mkd. wings and head, well up in size, fine shape and feather, capital col., well shown; 2, Hayhurst, buff varieg., cobby and tight as a Java, silky texture, not one of the biggest; 3, Johnson, yell. varieg., plenty of size, grand head, neck, and chest, longer in barrel, flights, and tail; 4, Thomas, very shapely cl. buff, A1 qual. and col., not the size and shade, loose in feather; vhc, Hoyle Bros.; hc, Blease and Son; c, Woodall. HEN (6): 1, Cook, cl. buff, tight as a bottle, delightful shape, nice carr., good subs., sweet exhibit; 2, Hargreaves, mkd. wing and neck, larger, deeper fronted, A1 qual. and col., jaunty carr., pressed hard; 3, vhc, Woodall, cl. buff, good feather; 4, Paliser, cl. buff, well up in size, shapely, but too much feather. NOV. YELL. (17): 1, Birchmshaw, delightfully fed and richly clothed varieg., beautiful shape, well up in size, dainty carr., good enough for open competition; 2, Cottam, lightly varieg., plenty of size, sweet shape, A1 qual., moves nicely, beaten in col. only; 3, Davies, warmly fed cl., true type, might be tighter in plumage, still one we liked; 4, Lee, red-hot col., neat head, neck, and chest, good qual., bit leggy and longer in wings and tail; vhc, Holmes Bros.; hc, Brown; c, Airton; No. 10, Markall, w.c. BUFF (30): Rare class: 1, Boddy, monster of a cl., exquisite feather, rich tone of col., grand shape and carr.; 2, Hitchin, heavy varieg., round as an apple, lovely shape, feather, and col., good size, very close up; 3, Sharman, mkd. wing, A1 qual., pleasing head and neck, good front, shade longer in build; 4, Vardy, cl., well up in subs., neat head, neck, and chest, not the col., still very bonny; vhc, Lawton; hc, Birchmshaw; c, Ingham. YELL. (17): 1, vhc, Huggins, cl., good col. and qual., capital size, shapely, little open in feather; 2, Birchmshaw, warmly fed varieg., rich qual., neat head and neck, not quite so deep fronted, clean cut away, not far behind; 3, Ingham, cl., good in feather and col., not quite so shapely; 4, Lawton, cobby cl., capital feather and col., nice shape; hc, Griffiths; c, Boaler. BUFF (23): Capital class: 1, hc, Thorpe, cl., rare subs., ablaze with col., grand head, neck, and chest, jaunty carr., should do some winning; 2, Nickson, mkd. wings, plenty of size, A1 qual. and col., grand shaped body, bit weak in head points; 3, 4, Davies, cl., round as a bale, fine size, well clothed, rich tone of col., best of wing carr., beauty, 4th mkd. eye and thigh, good size and shape, capital feather and col., good carr., crosses wings, which tells against it; vhc, Boddy; c, Cottam. YELL. HEN (22): Rare class: 1, Vardy, mkd. wings and head, beautiful symmetry, superb col. and qual., rare size, sweet carr., very bewitching; 2, Airton, cl., well up in subs., grand shape and feather, best of wings and tail, not quite so bright in col.; 3, Sykes, warmly fed cl., very shapely, dainty carr., not overdone with size, but possessing great merit; 4, "C.B." diploma, Bracegirdle, mkd. wings and head, fine size and shape, smooth as wax, rather down in col., and wanting a little in head character; vhc, Cottam; hc, Nickson; c, Hoyle Bros. BUFF (24): 1, Vardy, cl., for shape, size, qual., col., and carr., all the most captious critic could desire, easy winner; 2, Paliser, hy. mkd., capital feather and col., good size, nice shaped body, bit weak in head, clean cut away; 3, Graham, lightly varieg., capital feather, well up in body subs., again a bit wanting in head, grandly carried flights and tail; 4, Lewis, cobby cl., well clothed, A1 col. and carr., smaller, but very neat; vhc, Sykes; hc, Nickson; c, Davies.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

CHAMP. CREST CK. (9): 1, vhc, Radley and Son, green, pied tail D.C., wealth of rich leafy feather, abundance of subs., crest of immense size, thickly packed and delightful radiation, beautiful droop, centre correctly placed, gem; 2, Barker, mkd. wings D.C., heaps of feather, well up in size, grand frontal droop, not so round as winner quite, neat centre; 3, Mrs. Taylor, green, pied wing and tail, plenty of A1 qual. feather, capital subs., crest dense and round, not the droop of above, good centre, worth its place; 4, Memmott, buff varieg. D.C., wonderful subs., great amount of leafy feather, crest large and dense, beautiful droop, few centre feathers, still in pen, when through will do some winning; hc, Colton and Dawn; c, Evans. HEN (10): 1, Mrs. Taylor, buff varieg. D.C., heaps of beautiful feather, great body subs., crest very massive, dense, delightful radiation, and droop, lovely centre; 2, 4, Radley and Son, brace of gems, 2nd buff mkd. wings D.C., abundance of rich veiny feather, plenty of size, crest round as a hoop, large, and thickly thatched, perfect droop and centre, pressed winner hard, 4th buff, grizzled tail D.C., capital qual., not quite so massive, crest of nice formation, droop, and centre, only not the density; 3, "C.B." diploma, Colton and Dawn, wealth of feather, good size, crest leafy, thick, and round, beautiful droop, neat centre, not so large, still grand specimen; vhc, Dobson; hc, Brotherton; c, Guy. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Farrow, buff, bordering on green, giant in stature, magnificent qual., heaps of feather, skull of great width and rise, finely lashed, an eye opener; 2, 3, Radley and Son, gems, 2nd buff green, shapely, and of rare size, wealth of feather, grand cushioned skull of capital breadth, rising nicely from the beak, lashed to perfection, close up, 3rd buff, mkd. wings and eyes, abundance of A1 texture of feather, skull of true character, good turn over, capable of winning at most shows; 4, Evans, buff green, yet another wonderful exhibit, quantity and quality of feather superb, fine rise and width of skull, treat to observe; vhc, Memmott, massive cl. buff, with one of the best heads conceivable; hc, c, Shaw and Ilcoth. HEN (10): 1, Farrow, buff green, pied tail, superb qual., good size, skull of rare width, heaps of very lengthy head feather, grand dome shape, finely lashed; 2, Dobson, buff, hy. varieg., monster, abundance of rattling feather, wonderful headpiece, turnover to end of beak, characteristic brow, pressed winner strenuously; 3, Brotherton, buff, heavy mkd., A1 qual., grand subs. of body, not so expansive in head, but nice length of feather, good rise, neat lash; 4, Mrs. Taylor, buff varieg., plenty of feather, nice skull possessions, not so wide or so great in rise, yet a good one; vhc, Dodd; hc, Memmott; c, Radley and Son. CREST, 1913 (8): 1, Mrs. Taylor, buff, heavy mkd. D.C., tremendous feather, bouncer, crest of beautiful vein, dense and of rare size, round as a hoop, delightful droop and centre, topper; 2, 4, Radley and Son, gems, former buff, almost green, pied wing and tail, wealth of superb leafy feather, fine subs., magnificent radiation and droop, neatly placed centre, 4th buff, mkd. wings D.C., plenty of clothing of rich texture, good size, crest round and of nice droop and centre, hardly so dense, still close up; 3, Dodd, cl. buff, grizzled crest, wealth of A1 feather, rare subs., crest large and evenly radiated, good droop and centre, will beat more than beats it; vhc, c, Memmott; hc, Evans. C.B. (10): 1, Radley and Son, green, exquisite qual., massive build, wonderful rise width and lashing of skull, extremely lengthy head feather, coming over to end of beak, one of the very first water; 2, Dobson, buff, mkd. head, giant in stature, abundance of A1 qual. feather, skull of great width and rise, hardly so profuse in head covering, neat lash, close up indeed; 3, Holmes, buff green, pied tail, capital qual. and subs., good cushioned headpiece, neatly browed, full of true character; 4, Evans, buff green, pied tail, good qual., shapely, nice skull and lash, not the subs., yet worth its place; vhc, hc, Memmott; c, Twine; No. 5, Brotherton, w.c., Crest, unfortunately an error in labelling. NOV. CREST (8): 1, 2, Dr. Deane, brace choice exhibits, 1st cl. buff D.C., heaps of lovely qual. feather, well up in subs., crest nicely packed, grand droop and centre, 2nd cl. buff D.C., plenty of feather, good size, lovely frontal droop, neat centre, in the pink; 3, Bloor, green pied tail D.C., abundance of feather, crest round as a rim, bit hairy, nice droop and neat centre, good 3rd, well put down; 4, vhc, Kenyon, buff, mkd. wing D.C., good feather, shapely crest, not the density, still nice droop and centre, worth its place; hc, Parker. C.B. (6): 1, 2, Dr. Deane, again a couple of beauties, 1st buff mkd. head and neck, tremendous amount of A1 qual. feather, plenty of size, rare width of skull, capital rise and length of head feather, lashed to perfection, 2nd buff, mkd. neck, superb qual., abundance of body clothing, good width of skull, not so dense in head covering quite, yet neat brow, and close on the heels of his stable companion; 3, Bloore, buff varieg., shapely, lovely qual., full of true characteristics, built on smaller lines; 4, Priestley, buff varieg., well up in size, heaps of feather, broad skull, but short feather at entrance, nice lash; vhc, Kenyon; hc, Waite. A.O.V. (4): 1, Parker, cl. buff, "Scotchman," fine qual., very lengthy, capital shoulders, good circle, moves nicely, in nice fettle, fit; 2, 3, Hamer, Gold and Silver cl. cap Lizards, respectively, both magnificent col., grand shape, beautiful rowing, clear and distinct, not a feather wrong, living pictures, staged delightfully; 4, Marsh, cl. buff, Scotch, good in feather, broad, well set shoulders, tail deficient, told against it. SELL., 30s. (19): 1, Memmott, Crests, dirt cheap, quickly claimed; 2, Walmsley, neat pair; 3, Richardson; 4, Ramsden; vhc, Gagnall; hc, Dr. Craig; c, Boaler; No. 12, Richardson and Hibberson, absent. 20s. (30): Quite a market of bargains: 1, Holmes, Crest; 2, Head, claimed; 3, Gilbert; 4, Simpson; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Parkes; c, Johnson. 10s. (23): 1, Barker, fine buff C.B., claimed; 2, c, Holmes; 3, Parlett; 4, hc, Dr. Craig; vhc, Moore. 7s. 6d. (19): 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Parlett; 4, Dr. Craig; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Fallding; c, Moore. GIFT (18): The committee wish to extend thanks to all fanciers who so kindly assisted towards to funds: 1, 12, Colton and Dawn; 2, Parlett; 3, Mace; 4, Dr. Craig; 5, Richardson; 6, Spencer; 7, Cobb; 8, 13, Howe and Senior; 9, Walsh; 10, Ridal; 11, Fletcher; 14, Hoyle; 15, Lindely; 16, Porter, J. A. Webster; 18, Woodall.

Mr. C. Houlton's Classes.

GOLDF. (17): 1, Pitchford, like last year's champion, getting into form again, blaze, body col., and glossy condition showing first class to-day; 2, Capt. Hurt, A1 col., size, shape, blaze, moons and bars and tight condition, only beaten in girth a little; 3, Blanchon, fine size and shape, nice blaze, lovely moons and bars, good silky feather and condition; 4, Inman, good big clean cut blaze, bright colour, rare moons and bars, plenty tan, nice feather and condition; vhc, Tams and Son, expansive blaze, grand shape moons and bars, rather paler blaze yet; hc, Colton and Dawn, another good one when quite ready; c, Kearton, nice blaze and moons. BULLF. (12), good lot: 1, P. Walsh, rare size, fine big head and neck, broad cap, dense black points, lovely level breast and back, col. splendid, a grand one; 2, G. Woods, smaller, fine cap, wings and tail, good col. and level breast, nice feather, hardly so bright on back; 3, Dr. Wilson, grand all round bird, beaten in breast condition only; 4, Marrit, paler, large bird, good feather and cond.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Onions. LINNET (25), rare tip-top lot: 1, Parlett, very fine bold shaped bird, good marking and col., grand feather and cond.; 2, Inman, large, grand shape and A1 markings, very even and silky in feather, paler colour only; 3, vhc, Pitchford, fine pair, grand head, good markings, nice col. and cond.; 4, Jeffreys, grand markings, well coned body, good col. and cond.; hc, Tams and Son; c, P. Walsh. GREENF. (22), splendid class: 1, C.B. special best hardbill, R. J. Metcalfe, grand size, shape and col., silky feather and A1 cond.; 2, 3, P. Walsh, grand pair, ran winner very close, in grand order; 4, Hurst, big buff, sound cond.; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Fairhurst; c, Ford. LESSER REDPOLL (17), very smart, perky lot: 1, Offord, capital shape, col., markings, bib and size, grand cond.; 2, H. Walsh, also very fine bird in every respect, and close up in all points; 3, Henshaw, very cobby shape, grand col., markings and cond.; 4, Inman, very smart, all there, very close indeed; vhc, Parlett; hc, Chittenden; c, Jeffreys; not a poor one in them. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, P. Walsh, very large, grand shape, nat. col. Siskin, fine cap, bib, markings and level col., grand cond.; 2, Caunt, immense Mealy Redpoll in very grand cond.; 3, Fletcher, long, slim, splendidly marked Twite, fine glossy feather and tight cond.; 4, hc, Parlett, good cap Siskin, nice bib, col., markings and cond., smaller; vhc, Henshaw, blue Mealy Redpoll; c, Fairhurst, Siskin in nice order. BRAMBLE, ETC. (10): 1, Parlett, grandly marked Bramble, fine body, good col., sound feather and cond.; 2, Smith, very fine Chaffinch, full of qual., in good bloom; 3, Hurst, fine dark colour Bramble, tight cond.; 4, Dr. Wilson, nice shape and bloom, beaten in head colour only; vhc, Onions; hc, Jeffreys; c, Macpherson. BUNTINGS (9): 1, J. Walsh, perfectly marked Yellow Bunting, in splendid silky feather; 2, Fallding, smart tight well mkd. Corn Bunting, shows well on perches; 3, Blincoe, good showy well marked bird; 4, P. Walsh, fine Reed, grand head and breast, black markings, etc.; vhc, Ford; hc, Macpherson; c, Jeffreys. A.O.V. (6), all Hawfinches: 1, Hurst, wins in size, in pink of cond.; 2, sp best member's hardbill, Milne, smaller, but grand cond.; 3, Bull, like 2nd to a T; 4, Williams, beaten cond.; vhc, Parlett. LARK OR PIPIT (13), every bird in grand order: 1, vhc, hc, P. Walsh, two Skylarks and a Pipit, 1st excels in size, shape, markings, and cond.; 2, Fletcher, excellent Tree Pipit in lovely order, well shown; 3, McSally, grand Skylark in A1 form, well shown; 4, Drabble, grand Tree Pipit, well shown in fine order; c, McVay, another grand Skylark. THRUSH, ETC. (9): 1, Abbott, splendidly spotted Thrush, grand size, shape and cond., and very steady; 2, Wood, very fine Missel Thrush in lovely order; 3, Lott, grand spotted Starling, good lustre and cond.; 4, hc, Beswick; very fine Blackbird, when tail feathers are tightened up can go higher; vhc, Wilkins; c, Darlow. SMALL SOFTBILLS (15), remarkably good class, about ten different species—all good: 1, vhc, Taylor, grand Dartford Warbler in very fine condition; vhc good Lesser Whitethroat; 2, Milne, grand Nightingale in splendid trim, well shown; 3, Drabble, very fine Black Redstart, lovely condition; 4, Fletcher, equally good Whinchat, in splendid trim, well shown; hc, C.B. sp best softbill, Lewis, grand Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, in splendid feather; c, Colton and Dawn. A.O. SOFTBILL (8): 1, P. Walsh, exquisite Waxwing, in faultless feather; 2, Fallding, fine Chough, in good order; 3, Darlow, very good feathered Magpie; 4, vhc, Fletcher, Nutcracker, very uncommon, in splendid trim and a good Chough, shade smaller than 2nd; hc, Dr. Wilson; c, Blincoe. ALBINOS (8): 1, Martin and Archer, celebrated Yellowhammer in pink of condition; 2, Hakes, good White Blackbird, real albino; 3, P. Walsh, fine old Silver Starling; 4, Langlands, good albino Blackbird, bit smaller than 2nd; vhc, Wade, pied Linnet; hc, Walker, ditto; c, Palfrey, pied Sparrow. BRIT. HENS (7): 1, Jeffreys, Meadow Bunting, got benefit of the doubt; 2, Richards, grand conditioned hen Bullfinch; 3, Metcalfe, neat Bramble hen; 4, Fallding, hen Bearded Tit; vhc, Perrins, Siskin; hc, Whitney and Son, nice hen Reed Bunting; c, Fletcher, Bullfinch. HYBRID, CL., ETC. (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Martin and Archer, fine team, clear Linnet leading, all in fine condition; 2, Colton and Dawn, nearly cl. yell. Goldf.-Can., slight tick on one wing, lovely col., shape, size, qual., and cond.; 4, Gilbert, big tkd. buff Goldf.-Can., in fine feather; c, Edwards. DK. GOLDF., ETC. (11): 1, Parlett, very large Yell. Goldf.-Can., grand colour, blaze, markings, and cond.; 2, Dr. Wilson, very fine Yellow Linnet-Can., splendid bird all through; 3, Martin and Archer, practically equal to 2nd, fine Yell. Linnet-Can.; 4, H. Walsh, Goldf.-Can., good blaze, etc., grand bird; vhc, Edwards; hc, c, Cooper. A.O. DK. CAN. (12): 1, Parlett, noted Yell. Greenf.-Can., in nice order; 2, Metcalfe, very fine Siskin-Can., grand colour, markings, and condition; 3, J. Walsh, grand Yell. Greenf.-Can., very little behind winner; 4, Smith, very pretty Siskin-Can., very close on 2nd, grand cond.; vhc, Morgan; hc, Palfrey; c, Simpson. BULLF. HYB. (4): 1, 3, sp best C.B. Hyb., H. Walsh, the unique Redpoll-Bullf., and a nice Greenf.-Bullf., former a real gem; 2, Dr. Wilson, very hot colour Yellow Can.-Bullf., in grand cond.; 4, Metcalfe, nice Linnet-Bullf. A.O. HYB. (8): 1, Martin and Archer, famous Chaff.-Greenf. in best of cond. to-day; 2, A. H. Wilson, fine Goldf.-Greenf., good blaze, shows both parents well; 3, Ford, pretty little Goldf.-Siskin; 4, Palfrey, nice Redpoll-Greenf.; vhc, hc, Gilbert; c, Clough. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 4, c, Fletcher, Green Leek, first a gem in all respects; 2nd nominated and takes C.B. sp best foreign, very fine King Parrakeet in grand order; 4th wins sp for best true pair large foreign, a fine pair of Rosellas; 3, Mrs. Barlow-Massicks, a lovely Pennant Parrakeet in splendid feather and condition; vhc, Wade; hc, Christer. PARROTS, ETC.: 1, Fletcher, grand Eclectus cock, in pink of condition; 2, Colton and Dawn, Eclectus hen, slightly duller in plumage, fine bird when brighter. WAXBILLS, ETC. (15): 1, sp best pair of small foreign, F. Howe, fine pair of White-headed Mannikins, excel in condition; 2, Hattersley, good pair of Zebra Finches; 3, Beaty, pretty Combassou; 4, vhc, c, Fletcher, good pair Cordon Bleus, pretty Bengalese, and nice pair of White-headed Mannikins, all in good condition; hc, Griffith. WEAVERS, ETC. (8): 1, Simpson, Dominican Pin-tailed Whydah, in very grand order, tail and all through; 2, 4, Fletcher, Bronze and Rufous-necked Weavers, both in very good feather and smart condition; 3, vhc, Beaty, lovely Paradise Whydah in full bloom and feather; hc, Chadwick; c, Onions. FINCH-LIKE (10): 1, Simpson, grand tight feathered Black-headed Gouldian in the pink of condition; 2, 4, vhc, S. Beaty, all in good order; 2nd Yellow-backed Whydah; 4th good pair of Red-headed Gouldians; vhc, Bichenos; hc, Mrs. Massicks; c, Colton and Dawn. TANAGERS: 1, B.B.C. special, Drabble, lovely Blue-winged Sugar Bird in the pink of condition; 2, Fletcher, good Scarlet Tanager in fine colour and feather. A.O.S.: 1, Fletcher, grand Brazilian Hanguest in fine order; 2, Hattersley, good Longtail Glossy Starling, wants a taller cage.

GUISELEY, YEADON C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 8, at Regent Hotel, Guiseley. Mr. H. Sutcliffe judged, and gave every satisfaction. 100 birds were staged. CL. YELL.: 1, Myers; 2, hc, Brown; 3, vhc, Dibb; c, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, Fawcett; 3, Brown; vhc, Dibb; hc, Boulton; c, Hardaker. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wheatley; 2, Fawcett; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Dibb. BUFF: 1, 3, Dibb; 2, Myers; vhc, Long; hc, Brown; c, Cawood. UNEVEN CK.: 1, Long; 2, c, Dibb; 3, vhc, Myers; hc, Boulton. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Myers; hc, Cawood; c, Long. CL. TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Hardaker; 2, Myers; 3, Dibb; vhc, Cater; hc, Cawood; c, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Myers; vhc, Wheatley; hc, Dibb; c, Brown. UNEVEN MKD. HEN: 1, Myers; 2, Brown; 3, Long; vhc, Dibb; hc, c, Wheatley. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Boulton; 2, Hardaker. HEN: 1, Fawcett; 2, 3, A. Wheatley. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Myers; 2, 3, Long; vhc, Dibb; hc, A. Brown.

MAIDSTONE.

Show held in the Corn Exchange on Nov. 7 and 8. Entries were about as usual. A very smart cinnamon-mkd. Yorks. of Mr. Joiner's was awarded special for best bird, whilst Hyde's special fell to a very nice Crest shown by Miss Conway. Messrs. Day and A. Day, and F. A. Tadman, the secs., had everything in good order, and the show went very smoothly. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOIL. (4): 1, 3, sp., Lyun, very neat shapely yell., nice qual. and col., good style, 3rd good shaped, nice col., varieg. yell., not so tight in feather; 2, 4, Harvey, smart, typical, stylish yell., good qual., 4th good qual. buff, but hugs the perch. HEN (6): 1, 2, 4, Lyun, grand headed, nice chesty, stylish yell., full of qual., 2nd rare good buff, but not so tight in chest, 4th lovely qual., varieg. buff, loses in col.; 3, vhc, he, Harvey, neat, stylish shaped cap-mkd. yell., not quite ready. NON FED, CL. (7): 1, Jenner, very chubby bodied yell., grand feather and style; 2, Lynn, big chesty buff, good feather, nice head, bit longer in tail; 3, Cranston, good qual. buff, nice style, not so chubby; 4, Harvey, very nice, shapely yell.; vhc, Whibley; he, Crump, No. 842 passed as showing signs of feeding. VARIEG. (8): 1, sp., Hysted, grand little wing mkd. yell., rare shape and style, very nice; 2, Andrews, shapely, nice feathered yell., but needs training; 3, he, Lynn, heavy mkd. buff, good shape and style, not quite so silky in feather; 4, c, Whibley, good bodied varieg. buff; vhc, Harvey. CREST (2): 1, sp., and Hyde's sp., Miss Conway, neatly centred, well radiated, nice droop, good body, shape, and feather; 2, Mrs. Martin, nicely formed, well centred, not so long in front. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Harvey, smart stylish variegd., neat head, good wings and tail, nice col. and feather; 2, Gibson, charming little hen, straight as a soldier, nice qual.; 3, 4, he, Andrews, nice shapely cls., plenty of style, but not so fine in pattern, and not ready. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, sp., sp. best in show, Jenner, very sweet cinn.-mkd., lovely silky feather, grand shape, stands well up on a good pair of legs, 2nd neck tkd., rather more length, but stouter, 3rd very pretty little cl. hen; 4, Harvey, nice shaped cl., not so tight in feather; vhc, Andrews; he, Lancaster; c, Rhodes. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Jenner, two smart, little buff Borders, grizzle capped and a variegd., 1st best shape; 3, Hysted, varieg. yell. Bord., grand col. and qual., bit too big. PAIRS (3): 1, sp., Lynn, very smart, grand shaped Nor., capital col. and qual.; 2, Cranston, stylish Yorkies; 3, Whibley, stout racy Nor. MULES (5): 1, 3, Cranston, very nice dark buff Goldie, good col. and feather, 3rd varieg. buff Goldie; 2, Wilson, nice little dark Siskin, capital feather, neat markings; 4, Harvey, dark buff Goldie hen. HYB. (3): 1, 2, Bennett, charming little birds, looked like Greenie-Redpoll and Siskin-Linnet; 3, Mrs. Martin, neat Siskin-Redpoll. GOLDF. (5): 1, Rhodes, neat blaze, rich col., lovely chestnut, capital bars and buttons, good feather; 2, 4, Jenner, not quite so well forward in the moult, but nice col., good bars and buttons, not quite so steady; 3, Bennett, very nice little finch, but not ready; vhc, Harvey. BULLF. (2): 1, sp, Rhodes, lovely housemoulted, grand shape and size, lovely cap and breast, beautifully shown; 2, Crump, magnificent col., grand cap, rare back and bars, lovely feather. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 4, Jenner, very smart Redpoll, nicely mkd., 2nd neat, snowy Linnet, 4th nice little Siskin; 3, Whibley, well marked, shapely Linuet, hut not so steady. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, Harvey, very nice Skylark, capital col., well mkd., good shape and size, lovely condition; 2, Cranston, very rich coloured, close feathered Greenie; 3, 4, Bennett, well marked, nice coloured Chaffie, not ready, and good Greenie, hit wild; vhc, No Name; he, Jenner; c, No Name. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, sp, Jenner, 1st an immense Siberian Bullie, capital col., grand cap, in lovely feather, 2nd charming Yellow Budgerigar, lovely col., grand feather, well shown; 3, Pearson, nice, showy, good coloured Napoleon Weaver. SELL 10s. (7): 1, 4, Lynn; 2, Cranston; 3, Harvey; vhc, Whibley; he, Andrews; c, Baker and Son.

GOSPORT F.A.

Annual show held in Wessex Drill Hall Oct. 29. Entries and quality were excellent. Mr. J. E. Woodford judged, and gave complete satisfaction. Mr. Backler, sec., with good committee, and Mr. F. C. Harvey as chairman, had the birds nicely staged. The attendance was good and the show was a great improvement on last year.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. (4): 1, Hall, real good yell., in fine trim; 2, Walker, nice buff, close up, well shown; 3, Lockhart, good yell., nice qual.; res, Howes. A.O. NOR. (4): 1, sp, Walker, good tkd. yell., lovely col., very cobby; 2, Walker, nice tkd. yell., close up, rare qual.; 3, Lockhart, tkd. yell.; res, May. YORKS., CL. (6): 1, Cooper, a real good yell., very slim, in grand condition; 2, Walker, very nice yell., slim and upstanding, good col.; 3, Hill, another good yell., close up; res, he, Newman; vhc, Cooper. A.O. YORKS. (5): 1, sp best Yorks., 2, vhc, Newman, real clinker, in tip-top condition, good in all round properties, 2nd tkd. buff, of fine quality; 3, White, cinn. tkd., good col. and qual.; res, Oakley. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, sp, sp best Canary, Marshall, a grand Green Crest Nor., good in crest and feather; 2, Marshall, a good yell. tkd. C.B., nice qual.; 3, Smith, yell., D.C., good size and plenty of feather. BORD. CL. (3): 1, sp, 2, 3, Hinds, leader yell., very neat and well shown. FOUL (2): 1, 2, Hinds, both good ticked ones. BRED 1913 (7): 1, sp, 2, Hill, good yell. Yorks, very slim in build, fine qual. feather and good col., 2nd good tkd. yell. Nor., grand col., very cobby; 3, Walker, yell. Yorks., shown in nice condition; res, Cooper; vhc (2) Newman. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, sp, Russell, Goldfinch Mule, shown in fine trim; 2, Oakley, very nice Dark Goldfinch Mule; 3, Walker, good Linnet Mule; res, Tout. GOLDF. (2): 1, sp, Duke, nice qual., good blaze and wing, 2, Walker, close up. BULLF. (4): 1, 3, Hinds, two nice qual. Bullies, good col. and cap; 2, Woodman, another good one, close up; res, Backler. GREENF. (5): 1, sp, Hinds, real good Finch, in the pink of condition; 2, Russell, very nice one, just loses in size to winner; 3, Tout; res, Howes; vhc, Smith. LINNET (6): 1, sp, House, shapely, beautifully mkd. breast, good nut brown col., fine condition; 2, res, Hinds, nice col. and markings, not much behind 1st; 3, Tout; vhc, Sevill, Hodge. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Hinds, Siskin, very nice col. and markings, beautifully steady, and a really good Redpoll; 2, Tout, good Redpoll, smart and perky; res, House, good; vhc, Tout. SOFTBILL (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, res, Tout, good team, qual., Wheatear, shown in grand condition, 2nd very pretty Redstart, 3rd nice qual., Whitethroat, well shown, and res, a pretty Golden Crested Wren. HARDBILL (6): 1, sp, Hinds, good Chaffinch, in fine condition; 2, White, another good one; 3, res, Russell, nice qual. Yellowhammer, very steady, and a good Chaffinch; vhc, Smith, Tout. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, sp, Walker, pair of good Budgerigars, in nice condition; 2, 3, Woodman, good Zebra Finch, and very pretty pair of Bib Finches. SELL 10s. (4): 1, Hill; 2, res, Hinds; 3, Walker. 7s. 6d. (3): 1, Hill; 2, 3, Hinds. GIFT (1): 1, Hinds.

WARRINGTON.

A YORKSHIRE CLAIMED FOR £10 10s.

Eighteenth Annual Show held in the Cairo Street Schoolroom, Nov. 7, 8. Last year the Society held a one day show only, and met with a considerable amount of success; so this year they decided to run their show over two days, with a most gratifying result. The entry was a record, over 600 birds facing the judges, and those some of the best travelling the boards. Last year the room engaged was taxed to its utmost capacity to hold the birds, and, anticipating a larger entry this year, a larger and better room was engaged, with the result that there was more comfort for birds and visitors alike. The room is an admirable one, lighted on each side, free from draughts, and lofty. The birds all faced the windows, rendering inspection easy. Considerable ingenuity had been expended in the erection of an admirable three tier system of staging, for its usefulness and its simplicity, well worth copying by societies wanting to stage a large quantity of birds in a small space. The society is blessed with a hard working band of workers, amongst whom we noticed an old hand at the game in the persou of Mr. J. D. Leigh, the well-known Mule breeder and exhibitor, working very hard. He was ably assisted by some fanciers who were as determined as himself in seeing to the welfare of the exhibits. Mr. G. M. Nelson, himself an exhibitor of repute, is the man holding the reins, an official the society may well feel proud of, his system of (managing a show being very praiseworthy. Catalogues with awards were out in good time after judging. Exhibits from a distance were got away in good time.

Yorkshires were a fine lot, the classes filling very well. Many of the Yorkshire cracks sent teams, one of the birds belonging to Mr. L. Dykes being claimed at catalogue price of £10 10s. Competition was very keen in the novice section, the novices having six classes provided against the champions five, and they showed their appreciation by an average of 20 per class. Norwich were a fine show, The classes were filled with faces whose acquaintance we have made earlier in the season at N.P.C. shows. Competition was hot and no mistake. Here again the novices had six classes, and some very good classes faced the judge. The Green Canary Club gave its novice patronage here, and some very creditable exhibits were on view, some of them giving the impression that before long they would be quite an acquisition to the upper circles. Borders provided quite a nice show, and again proved what a hold the wee gem is getting on the fancier public. British were a fine lot, especially the Linnets. The winner, Mr. Davies's, being a gem; rare size, lovely head and back markings, with a polish like a mirror. Hybrids again were good; the class for dark Mules providing rare competition.

"Cage Birds" coupon scheme was in great evidence, between 70 and 80 exhibits being nominated for the cash specials and diplomas. The champion diploma and cash special was won by the Canary-Bullie Hybrid belonging to Mr. J. W. Johnson, of Ormskirk, while the novice cash special went to the Yorkshire, exhibited by Mr. N. L. Croft, of Crewe. Diploma for best Norwich went to Mr. T. Johnson, Southport; best Yorks., Messrs. Smith; Bord., Mr. G. M. Nelson, Warrington; Brit., S. T. Oldham. Nov., Nor., J. M. Andrew; Green, W. Bell. The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye, Nor., and Yorks., Mr. Jno Dixon the remainder, and they gave complete satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (13):— 1, Dykes, rare length, legs, tail, and wings, grand qual. feather, claimed; 2, Knowles, same length, nice back, wing, and tail, rare qual.; 3, Kearns, neck tkd., shorter, nice tail, sweet head and qual; 4, Wilkinson, rare length, nice oval head, good legs, crosses wings; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; he, Priestley; c, Binns. BUFF: (13): 1, A. Radley, big long bird, nice back, neck, and qual., bit low on leg; 2, Binns, nice lengthy bird, sweet head, lovely qual., pressed; 3, Wilkinson Bros., neck tkd., lovely head, nice neck, rare qual.; 4, Kearns, cheek tkd., longer than 3rd, nice qual. feather, good round head, beaten position; vhc, Priestley; he, Dykes; c, S. Radley. HENS., YELL (9): 1, Smith Bros., nice length, good legs, and aqual., sweet expressiou; 2, A. Radley, neck tkd., nice colour, and qual., short feathers in tail; 3, Wilkinson Bros., sweet medium col., neat head, rare legs, pressed; 4, S. Radley, eye tkd., lengthy hen, straight as a rush, lovely tail and wing; vhc, F. Wilkinson; he, Priestley; c, Knowles. BUFF (11): 1, he, Parkes, nice med. cl., exquisite qual., lovely neck and back, head round as an apple; 2, A. Radley, eye tkd., bit longer, neat, head and neck, nice qual.; 3, F. Wilkinson, cl., nice qual., neat head, beaten neck and tail; 4, Kearns, cl., lovely head, grand feather, lovely wing and tail; vhc, Dykes; c, Priestley. UNFLIG. (13): 1, S. Radley, lengthy cl. buff, good head, neck, and back, rare qual.; 2, Wilkinson Bros., medium sized cl., nice col., neat round head, nice wing and tail; 3, Smith Bros., cl. buff, nice feather, rare head, grand qual.; 4, Knowles, yell., lovely head, nice back, wing and tail, rare col.; vhc, Thornton; he, Bell; c, Dykes. NOV. YELL. (27): 1, Croft, lengthy cl., nice head, neck and back, lovely wing and tail, well carried; 2, Gill, cl. again swect head, nice position, rare legs; 3, Hulme, long bird, good col., niee legs, beaten head and qual.; 4, Bryant, lengthy cl., nice upright bird, good qnal., open in cheeks; vhc, Halsby; he, Booth; c, Everett. BUFF (23): 1, Bryant, eyes, wing, and head Jmark, lovely feather and col., straight as a lamp post; 2, F. Radley, cap mark, rare head and back, lovely feather; 3, Jackson, cl., longer, sweet head, neck, and breast, nice wing and tail; 4, Everett, neck and wing mark, nice qual. feather; vhc, Hodgson; he, Evans; c, Hollows. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Everett, wing mark, good on leg, nice qual. and col.; 2, Bryant, heavy mark, long leggy hen, good qual., pressed; 3, Hodgson, medium cl., sweet head, niee back and neck; 4, Southwood, cl. again, lovely whip tail, nice wing carriage, lovely feather; vhc, Appleton; he, Crowe; c, Evans. BUFF (21): 1, Rothwell, lovely cl., grand qual., nice position, rare oval head; 2, Tealman, very similar to first, beaten tail carriage; 3, Jones, cl., neat head and qual., bit low on leg; 4, Fricker, wing tkd., shorter, nice qual., trifle stout; vhc, Evans; he, Ireland; c, F. Radley. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Wharton, long cl., lovely neck, back and qual., bit more polish would go far; 2, Rothwell, lovely head, neck and position, beaten length; 3, Jackson, slim cl., nice wing and tail carriage, bit necky; 4, Spilby, wing tkd., shorter feather, neat oval head and qual.; vhc, Pomfret; he, F. Radley; c, Radford. BUFF (18): 1, Tealman, lengthy cl., good legs, head, and qual., wins; 2, Wharton, cl. again, rare feather, legs, and position, crosses wings; 3, Jackson, cl., sweet head, lovely feather, nice tail; 4, Booth, nice position, sweet round head, nice tail, straight as a policeman; vhc, Redfern; he, Collier; c, F. Radley. CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Thomas, cl., medium size, rare col. and qual., neat head and neck; 2, P. J. Davies, cl., nice size, rare wide back and chest; 3, Johnson, wins "C.B." diploma; 4, Seed, varieg., lovely type and col., neat head and qual., tail well carried; vhc, Leigh; he, McFarlane; c, Guy. BUFF (15): 1, Mercer, eye and wing mkd., nice size, with qual., rare col., big fine head, thick neck; 2, Seed, great size, fine qual., big fine head, good type, bit weak on leg and chest, too aldermanic, last year's champ. unflig.; 3, Proctor, mkd. neck, nice size, good in head and neck, rare qual.; 4, Barker, cl., lovely qual. and col., nice carried wings and tail, neat head and neck; vhc, Johnson; he, Bell; c, Titchard. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Jones, cl., neat head and neck, rare size, nice col.; 2, Peters, big hen, cap mark, nice qual. beaten head; 3, 4, J. Thomas, lovely type, wing and tail, well carried, good feather, 4th very similar hen, both good ones; vhc, Barker; he, Davies; c, Bell. BUFF (8): 1, Cook, Manchester winner, unflig., lovely qual., nice head and cheeks, nice wing and tail, deep chest, no corners on her; 2, Thomas, nice qual. feather, thick shape, drops tail; 3, Barker, varieg., big hen, fine substance, great head and neck, wide back and chest, beaten col.; 4, Johnson; vhc, Bell; he, Dr. Allen; c, Jackson. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Thomas, cl. buff, rare fine head and neck, level back, exquisite qual., nice short tail, well carried; 2, Peters, big cl. yell., nice head and neck, rare col., beaten wing carriage and qual.; 3, Cook, great size, buff, fine head and neck, rare qual. for a big 'un, Liverpool 2nd; 4, Leigh, lovely short body, good head and neck, nice qual., shows well; vhc, Granger; he, Proctor; c, Lingard. NOV. YELL. (16): 1, J. M. Andrew, varieg., neat head and neck, nice col., trifle long in tail; 2, Vint, cap mark, rare qual., fine col. and head, nice round shape; 3, Johnson, almost green, rare size, big head, wide back, trifle high on leg; 4, Crowe, lovely neck tkd., rare col., qual., crosses wings; vhc, Bruce; he, Marshall; c, Catterall. BUFF (16): 1, Redfern, big cl., neat head and neck, rare qual. and col., good type; 2, McAndrew, stout varieg., neat head and neck, good back and chest, bad wing; 3, Howarth, great size, rare head, neck and back, bit open on breast; 4, Fawcett, good head and neck, fine qual., round as an apple; vhc, Bowden; he, Woods; c, Crowe. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Stonier, good Bullie-headed cl. leading, very typical, fine qual., 3rd another stout cl., short body, lovely head and neck; 2, Goring, varieg., bigger, nice crest and neck, rare qual., nice wing and tail; 4, Johnson, cl., medium size, nice wing and tail, well carried, wasbing day with her; vhc, Bixter; he, Davies; c, Coldbeck. BUFF (11): 1, Crawshaw, varieg., good deep chest, rare head, neck and feather; 2, Weston, gizzle cap, nice qual. and typical, beaten bead; 3, Redfern, cl., exquisite qual., neat head and neck, hinge tail; 4, Weston, medium sized varieg., nice wing carr., neat head and qual.; vhc, Rainford; he, Stonier; c, Marshall. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, 2, Jones, rare heads and neck, good wide backs and chests, two good exhibits, 1st best substance; 3, Crawshaw, rare col., good in head and neck, typical, bit open in breast, but might have gone up; 4, Bruce, wing mark, nice col. and and qual., bit longer in barrel; vhc, Faulkner; he, Catterall; c, Bowden. BUFF (22): 1, Vint, eye and wing mkd., nice size, good round body, big head, thick neck, nice qual., trifle browy; 2, 3, Rushton, clears, good in head and neck, nice bodies, 2nd wins in qual.; 4, Marshall, tkd. neck, nice type and qual., good head and neck; vhc, Howarth; he, Stonier; c, Woods. NOV. YORKS. GR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 3, he, Bell, well drawn, lengthy bird, neat head, nice col., 3rd lovely Yorkie type, exquisite head, neek and back, rare tail carr., beaten length; 2, vhc, Jones, long bird, neat head, nice type and col; 4, c, Cooper, Shorter, nice head and back, nice col., beaten tail. BUFF (10): 1, Jones, medium length, neat head, nice col., good position; 2, 4, he, Bell, very similar to first, but beaten position, 4th best hen in class, but too much light feather; 3, vhe, Cooper, good position, nice head, rare legs. NOR. GR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Malone, foul tail, nice type and feather, medium size, nice grass green; 2, 3, he, Moods, foul tail, neat head, neck and chest, nice col., 3rd light throat, good head, neck and qual., hinge tail; 4, Higham, big bird, rare head, wide back and chest, beaten tail carriage; vhc, c, Lomax. BUFF HEN (15): 1, 4, Stead, nice Nor. properties, neat bead and neck, deep chest, clean under, 4th foul wing and tail, good body, nice head, beaten tail carriage; 2, Andrews, foul tail, medium size, nice tickings, not the same grass col.; 3, McAndrew, nice type and feather, clean under, neat head and neck; vhc, Malone; he, c, Woods. BORD. GR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Barnett, lovely natty type, sweet oval head, nice straight ticking; 2, he, Croft, again nice type, lovely carr. of wing and tail; 3, Bratherton, sweet round head, not quite the nice green col.; 4, e, Howcroft, sweet type, nice level back, and round breast, bit light underneath; vhc, Bixter. BUFF HEN (10): 1, 4, Croft, lovely marking, nice green tone of col., 4th sweet type, neat head and qual., light under; 2, Eckersley, grand tail and wing carr., nice round body; 3, Bratherton, sweet bead, well toned neck, nice qual.; vhc, c, Howcroft; he, Malone. BORD. CHAMP. YELL. (11): 1, Davidson, tkd. head and wing, lovely col. and feather, sweet head; 2, 3, Hancocks, cl., niee qual. and col., beaten wing carr., 3rd even mark, lovely feather and col., shines like silk, bit slim; 4, Middleton, einn. mark, very taking col., nice carr. of wings and tail; vbc, Pape; he, Long; c, Eckersley. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Davidson, lovely col., exquisite type and feather, 4th nearly even, nice col. and qnal. of feather, typical; 2, Pennington, even mark, lovely col., sweet oval head, rich qual.; 3, vhc, Bayley, sweet facial expression, nice qual. and type; he, Drinkwater; e, Miss Cooper. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Nelson, wins "C.B." diploma, lovely thing, rich col. and qual., nice round type; 2, vhc, he, Farlane, head and wing mark, neat round head, nice carr. of wing and tail, rare col.; 3, Pape, even mark, lovely round head, nice back and qual.; 4, Drinkwater, wing tkd., nice col. and qual., wing and tail well carr., bit slim; vhc, Long; c, Bayley. BUFF (12): 1, Pennington, sweet cl., nice level col., feather like wax; 2, Ferguson, wing tick, nice col. and qual., nice wing and tail, pressed; 3, Pape eye and wing mark, neat oval head and qual.; 4, c, Bayley, lovely cl., neat round head, nice toned neck, bit soiled; vhc, Miss Cooper; he, Hancocks. GR. CINN. YELL. (8): 1, Hampson, Cinnamon, nice level col., rare type and feather; 2, Hancocks, Green, neat type, quality A1, very typical; 3, he, Nelson, Cinnamon, nice tone of col., sweet head and qual.; 4, Bixter, Green, nice grass col., neat type and qual.; vhc, Middleton; c, Higham. BUFF (8): 1, Coldbeck, Green, nice oval head, natty bird, rich col.; 2, he, Middleton, cinnamon, exquisite head, well toned neck, nice cinny col.; 3, Davidson, Green, nice type, rare col. and feather; 4, Bixter, Green, lovely head and qual., nice grass col.; vhc, c, Clare. A.O.V. (11): We couldn't follow the judge here, a wonderful crest standing with a commended card: 1, 2, J. Guy, dark crest, lots of feather, nice shaped and well centred crest, 2nd an enormous almost Green C.B., heaps of feather; 3, Proctor, decent yellow Cinnamon, nice Nor. properties; 4, Kelsey, medium Scots Fancy, same exhibitor's couponed bird standing cardless; vhc, he, c, J. W. Guy. SELL., 3d/ (7): 1, Nixon, 2, 3, Proctor; 4, he, Evans; c, Hill. 2d/ (18): 1, Knowles, 2, vhc, Sykes; 3, Hill; 4, Kelsey; he, Proctor, c, Bixter. 12/- (23): 1, Wilson; 2, Belsby, 3, Lowe; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Ireland, he, Hill; c, Atherton and Roberts. DK. CAN. HYB. (16): 1, Walsh, Jonque Goldie, exquisite qual. feather, nice size, shines like satin; 2, Whalley, Linnet, Jonque, lovely shape, rare bold head, great size, well staged, 3, Titchard, Jonque Goldie, almost as good as 1st, lovely feather, like a mirror; 4, Fairhurst, Jonque Linnet, not so big as 2nd, but lovely exhibit; vhc, Middleton; he, Leigh; c, Oldham. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (5): 1, Johnson, Canary Bullie, wins "C.B." cash special, nice Jonque col., good quality feather; 2, Oldham, Redpoll Goldie, lovely little thing, nice condition, 3, Metcalfe, Linnet-Bullie, nice col. and size, well staged; 4, Rice, Goldie-Greenie, nice blaze, good col. and size. GOLDF. (10): 1, 2, Davies, two lovely Finches, nicely polished faces, extend well behind eye, 1st excels in breast col.; 3, Mort, nice wide head, good size, beaten col. of blaze; 4, William, good bold head and blaze, not quite the body col.; vhc, Morgan; he, Sharples; c, Redfern. LINNET (14): 1, 4, Davies, 1st a knockout, great size, lovely head and back markings, lovely condition, well polished, 4th lovely bold head, nice markings, not quite so big; 2, Walsh, lovely shape, like wax, rare col. and markings, beaten size; 3, Redfern, nice bold head, good whites, not the col.; vhc, Higham; he, Brade; c, Fairhurst. BULLF. (5): There seems to be a dearth of good Bullies: 1, Davies, lovely breast col., big bold head, nice tone of back col.; 2, Evans, hen, nice bold bird, very chubby type; 3, Williams, better shaped body than 1st, but beaten breast col.; 4, McFarlane, hen, not quite the size. GREENF. (5): 1, Johnson, monster, big wide head and back, good deep chest, well defined bars; 2, J. W. Metcalfe, not qnite so big, rare col., good Bullie head, well staged; 3, Astley, nice grassy col., beaten size; 4, R. J. Metcalfe, Buller, received his Cronje (sorry!) congé to-day, beaten size only, rare Jonque col.; vhc, Cartledge. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (8): 1, Barnet, Chaffie, rare col. and size, nice slaty head, good shoulder straps; 2, R. J. Metcalfe, Bramble, rare Jonque, not a big one, but a good one, nice hood and back marks; 3, Jennings, Chaffie, not the bold head of winner, nice col., cage trifle too large; 4, Fairhurst, Bramble, bigger than 2nd, not quite the bold head; vhc, Evans; he, Hubbard; c, Fildes. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, Jennings, Siskin, Jonqne, nice cap and col., just a faint bib; 2, Oldham, Mealy Redpoll, good size, niee col. and marks, rare bold head and bib; 3, Hubbard, Twite, nice col. and markings, good whites, shines like satin and dances like a dervish; 4, Davies, niee coloured Lesser, Poll, lovely marking and con.; vhc, Higham; he, Bostock; c, Clare. A.O. HARD. (6): 1, 3, Johnson, spanking Yellow Bunting, great size, lovely copper coloured breast, nice V head, 3rd Corn, big bird, nice bold head, rare spangles, bit shy; 2, 6, Mort, Hawfinch, rare size and col., nice shield shaped bib, would look better if shown in a slightly larger eage; he is a trifle cramped; 4, Barnet, Yellow Bunting, niee head marks, rare colour, behind winner in size; vbe, Metcalfe; he, Mort. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Fallding, Waxwing, lovely condition, nice bib and crest, well defined bars, shines like mirror; 2, 3, Hemmings and Brereton, Thrush, big bird, profusion of ticks, nice condition, shows fight, 3rd Black Redstart, nice col. and condition, staged beautifully; 4, vhc, Jennings, Grey Wagtail, niee and steady, in good order; he, Sharples.

CROYDON.

Show held Nov. 5, in the Public Halls. The entry was not over large, but the quality was grand. Mr. Gunnell took most of the spoil, including a handsome salad bowl with servers for best bird, with a grand yellow Goldie Mule. The Hon. Sec., F. W. Capell, is most obliging and courteous, and is backed np by a committee of real good workers. Mr. W. R. Miles judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Smith, cap and eye mkd., short cobby body, nice type and qual.; 2, Boughton, rare col., but not quite the subs.; 3, Gunnell, eye mkd., gets up a bit on leg, nice qual. and col. BUFF: 1, sp, Gunnell, regular bouncer, good head and neck, wonderful qual.; 2, Smith, nice type and qual., loses in size; 3, vhc, Boughton, grizzle cap mkd., hot col., but inclined to be free in feather. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, 3, Halhead, sweet cl. yell. leading, good type, wonderful col.; 3rd, not so good in head; 2, Boughton, bonny buff, not quite the subs. of winner; vhc, Smith. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Soper, winner a bonny cl., red hot col., beautiful type, not quite at its best; 2nd, good type, loses in qual. and col.; 3, Avery, varieg., wonderful style, loses col. only; vhc, Lisney. BUFF: 1, sp., 2, Soper, two bonny exhibits, tight as wax, wonderful col.; 3, vhc, Mudd, nice type and qual., good style, loses condition; he, c, Lisney. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Soper, grand cl. yell. leading; 3rd, cap mkd., nice style, not so good qual.; 2, vhc, Mndd, cl. buff, beautiful qual., a bit down in col.; he, Avery. PAIRS: 1, Soper, grand pair of Yorkies; 2, Gunnell, nice Nor. MULE: 1, sp best bird in show, Gnnnell, topping uneven mkd. Goldie Mule, rare size, hot col. GOLDF.: 1, Gunnell, large Finch, good square blaze, but nothing like ready; 2, Breeze, not quite so forward as winner nor so good in blaze; 3, Gilbert, smaller in blaze, and wants more tanning. LINNET: 1, Gunnell, nice rich col., beautifully mkd., will improve yet; 2, Gilbert, not so rich in col. or so well mkd.; 3, Breeze, smaller. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Gunnell, monster Hawfinch, good bib, nice col., steady as a rock. FOR.: 1, Oliver, nice Amazon Parrot. PETS: 1, Mrs. G. Soper, nice buff Nor.; 2, Mrs. Penfold, buff Yorks., nice type and qual.; 3, Mrs. Davis, yell Yorks.; vhc, Soper; he, Capell; c, Webber. SELL.: 1, Gunnell; 2, Soper; 3, Avery.

CIRENCESTER.

Show, held Nov. 5, 6, in Bingham Hall, a good place for light. Only three classes were provided, and one was cancelled. Mr. Clem Watson judged

CAN. (12): 1, sp, Burrows, nice Yorkshire, not quite so slim as might be, good col., stands well; 2, Greenwood and Burson, very nice C.B.; 3, Wren, real good buff Nor., fine subs., good col., shows well, might have won; 4, Greenwood and Burson, good Crest; 5, 6, Ireland; 7, Telling. BRIT. (7): 1, sp, Wren, a clinking Bullfinch; 2, Lait, a nice Goldie; 3, Reynolds, Hawfinch; 4, Halegood; 5, Tatt.

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WEST STANLEY.

Annual show held Nov. 7 and 8. The Hibernian Hall was again engaged, and in the matter of accommodation and comfort it will be hard to beat, the only difficulty being in regard to the light, which on dull days, such as was experienced during the show, is none too good. Entries were only moderate, and, although 63 above the total of last year, an entry of 272 in 28 open classes is scarcely a fitting reward for hard work by such an enterprising committee. No doubt the adjacent fixture at Hartlepool prevented an exceptionally large entry, and it is a pity that two such important societies in close proximity to each other should hold their shows on the same date, especially in view of the fact that on the previous Saturday there was not an open show in the district. The staging was a treat, each section by itself, and the winners in regular order.

The secretarial reins are still in the capable hands of Mr. Wm. Elliott, and he had everything in grand working order, and under his care the whole of the arrangements passed off without the slightest hitch, while his attention to details, combined with his genial manner and willingness to oblige everybody, mark him as just the right man in the right place. That keen northern fancier, Mr. W. H. Butler, is chairman, and it would be difficult indeed to over-estimate the grand work done by him, not only for his own society, but for the Fancy in general, for he is always ready to do whatever he possibly can to further the interests of the hobby, and it is no wonder he is so popular with all. He is well supported by a grand body of fanciers, all keen workers, vice-chairman, Mr. J. Emmerson; treas., Mr. R. Peart; and committee, Messrs. W. Boyd, J. Robson, G. Bates, J. H. Elliott, J. Calvert, R. Coates, S. Foster, W. Thompson, and R. Goodchild.

CAGE BIRDS coupon scheme was in vogue at this show. The 10/- cash special for best coupon bird went to Mr. J. Armstrong, with a lovely variegyellow Norwich cock. The show was well attended, and we hope that it will turn out a financial success. The judges were: Mr. J. Stanger, Canaries; and Mr. J. Maddison, British, Mules, and Foreign.

Mr. Stanger's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, hc, C.B. diploma, and cash spl., Armstrong, variegy., red hot, fine size, grand shape, exquisite feather, nice head, good back and chest, beautifully cut away; 2, Creswell, cl., grand size, good shape, nice col. and qual., neat head, nice carr., neat wing and tail, loses in finish to leader; 3, Seeley Bros., cl., correct shape, nice size, good qual., nice head and neck, well cleaned under, loses to leaders in wing carr.; 4, Goodchild, heavy variegy., hot col., not quite the subs. of leaders, fine shape, neat head, good back and chest, bit slack in feather; vhc, Butler; c, Page. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Butler, leader variegy., good big one, grand subs., excellent shape, grand neck and chest, lovely col. and qual., grand wings and tail; 4, cl., medium size, good shape, grand col., lovely qual., neat head and neck, not so deep chested as winner, yet we preferred it for 3rd place; 2, Goodchild, cl., slimly built, lacks the chest of leader, good col., grand qual., neat head and neck, bit faulty in wings, and some thought lucky to beat 3, Glendinning, lightly var., medium size, lovely shape, nice head and neck, grand chest and back, good col. and qual., grandly cut away, our choice for 2nd; vhc, c, Cresswell; hc, Young. 1913 (12): 1, Butler, neck tkd. yell., nice size, lovely shape, good head and neck, excellent col., lovely qual., beautifully carried wings and tail, well cleaned under; 2, Seeley Bros., gem of a buff, not a big one, but a beauty for shape, grand col. and qual., neat head, good neck and chest, nice carr., beautifully cut away; 3, J. H. Elliott, cl. yell., scarcely so deep in chest as leader, nice size and shape, good col., neat head, good wings and tail, lacks a bit finish as yet; 4, Elliott and Stephenson, cl. buff, not quite so cobby as 2nd, but a good one for col. and qual., neat head, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Glendinning; hc, Mourning; c, Page. HEN (14): 1, 2, Butler, two beauties, leader cl. buff, lovely shape, exquisite texture of feather, nice col., neat head and neck, lovely wings and tail; 2nd, cl. yell., medium size, lovely col., grand qual., neat head, nice back and chest, neat wing and tail carr.: 3, Seeley Bros., cl. yell., equal to 2nd in size and shape, neat head, good neck and chest, grand qual., loses only in col.; 4, Page, cl. buff, not the depth of chest of leaders, yet nice shape, short, compact body, nice col. and qual., nice wings and tail; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Peart; c, Hope. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, Wigglesworth, fine length, well up on nice legs, beautifully drawn, grand col., neat head, nice shoulders, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Swinsco, four-pointed, nice length, good pos., well drawn, neat shoulders and waist, scarcely so well tightened up as winner; 3, Farnish, cl., grand stylish bird, fine length, gets well up on a pair of nice legs, lovely qual., grand shoulders and waist, lovely wings and tail; 4, Hedworth, lightly mkd., nice length, good pos., nicely rounded shoulders, finely drawn, loses to leaders in col.; vhc, Snead; hc, Reed; c, Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Snead, leader plenty of length, very stylish, well up, neat shoulders and waist, finely drawn, grandly braced wings and tail; 4th not quite so erect as leaders, nice length, nice col., excellent feather, neat head, lovely wings and tail; 2, Swinsco, grandly drawn, very neat shoulders, stands well up, nice col. and qual., scarcely so well braced in wings; 3, Hands, not so well rounded on back as leaders, well drawn, medium length, nice pos., good col. and qual., neat wings and tail; vhc, Hedworth; hc, Simpson; c, Dykes. HEN (11): 1, Snead, cl., stylish, upstanding bird, nice length, hot col., lovely feather, neat head, nice shoulders and waist, finely drawn, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Hedworth, nearly even bkd., nice col., grand qual., tight as a bottle, neat round shoulders, well up on leg, well braced wings and tail; 3, Farnish, slimly built, clothed with exquisite feather, good pos., neat head and shoulders, fine wings and tail, lacks col. of leaders; 4, Reed, lovely pos., nicely rounded shoulders, medium length, neat head, loses in col. and tightness of feather; vhc, Dykes; hc, Simpson; c, Dixon. YELL. 1913 (7): 1, Dykes, cl., nice length, straight as a rush, beautifully drawn, neat head and shoulders, lovely col., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Simpson, fine length, lovely pos., neat head, well rounded back, lovely qual., loses in col.; 3, Bentick, medium length, straight up, grand qual., nice col., neat head and shoulders, scarcely so neat in wing carr.; 4, vhc, Snead, scarcely so neat in head as leaders, but a beauty otherwise, nice length and position, grand col., beautifully braced wings and tail; hc, Hunter; c, Hutchinson. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, grand length, straight as a gun barrel, grandly drawn, lovely shoulders and waist, excellent col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Wigglesworth, hardly the grand pos. of leader, yet a nice one, finely drawn, good col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 3, Simpson, grizzle mkd. neck, bit shorter, but a beauty for pos., lovely qual., nice col., neat head and shoulders, lovely wings and tail; 4, Lane, medium length, nice qual., well drawn, neat head, lacks the grand pos. of leaders; vhc, hc, Oxley; c, Turnbull. BORD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, Bates, grizzle right wing, lovely shape, exquisite feather, good col., sweet head, well braced wings and tail; 2, Watson, beautifully moulded, grand feather, well rounded body, neat head, lovely wings and tail, loses only in col.; 3, J. H. Elliott, scarcely so neat in head, fine shape, grand col., beautiful boxy feather, grandly cleaned, bit faulty in wings; 4, Hillary, trifle slim in build, nice shape, good col. and qual.; vhc, Browell; hc, Davison; c, Purvis. BUFF (14): 1, Lane, sweetly moulded, fine shape, smooth as a bottle, nice col. and qual., neat head, well rounded back, well cleaned out; 2, Purvis, lovely shape, delightful feather, of the finest qual., nice col., neat head, well rounded, looked a bit slack in wing carr. when we were taking notes; 3, 4, J. H. Elliott, grand shape, lovely texture of feather, nice col., sweet head, well balanced all over, nice wings and tail; 4, beauty for shape, good col. and qual., neat head and neck; vhc, Browell; hc, Bates; c, Curry. YELL HEN (14): 1, Hillary, two-pointed, gem all over, sweet enough to turn the head of any cock Canary, beautifully moulded, sweet head and neck, lovely col. and qual., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Purvis, fine shape, sweet head and neck, lovely feather, nice col., well braced wings and tail, scarcely so neat under as leader; 3, Nicholson, three-pointed, lovely shape, nice col., tight as a bottle, neat head and neck, bit short in wing perhaps, but beautifully braced, a most charming lady; 4, J. H. Elliott, lovely col., delightful feather, beautifully cleaned out, scarcely so well braced in wings; vhc, Peart; hc, Biggs; c, Bates. BUFF (15): 1, Esplc, clun. tkd left wing, delightful shape, feather of the finest qual., sweet head, beautifully rounded back, nice col., grandly cleaned out, bit slack in wings; 2, Elliott and Stephenson, 3-pointed, fine lady, delightfully moulded, sweet head, good col., nicely balanced wings and tail, loses a trifle in qual.; 3, Bates, cl., lovely shape, feather like boxwood, close and compact, sweet head, beautifully rounded body, good col., delightfully carried wings and tail; 4, Nicholson, eye mkd., scarcely so well rounded as leaders, fine col., beautiful texture; vhc, Browell; hc, J. H. Elliott; c, Soulsby. MKD. (10): 1, Watson, even mkd. yell., grand one all over, fine shape, sweet head, nice col. and qual., neat level markings, well braced wings and tail, grandly finished; 2, Nicholson, even mkd. bull, bit heavier in eye mks. than leader, grand shape, fine feather, nice col., neat head and back, grand wings and tail; 3, Chapman, variegy. yell., nice shape, lovely col., exquisite feather, neat head and neck, well carried wings and tail, well cleaned under; 4, Browell, variegy., grand shape, lovely qual., nice head and neck, good col., neat wing and tail carr., just lacks the grand finish of leaders; vhc, Bates; hc, J. H. Elliott; c, no name. A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, Bewick, wing mkd. D.C., fine size, grandly radiated from a very neat centre, good frontal, well finished; 2, Barnes, cl. cap, gold Liz., fine size, grand ground col., beautiful back, spangling clear and distinct, and laid on in regular order, nice shaped cap; 3, c, Simpson, foul tail G.C., plenty of size, fine shape and thickly thatched, neat centre, lacks the good finish of leader; 4, vhc, Chapman, yell. Scots Fancy, not a big one, but grand shape, nice top, good thickness through; hc, Seeley Bros.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

The two mule classes provided were only poorly supported, but the British and foreign classes were well filled, and competition keen all through, a few of the birds which had been winning at the earlier shows having to be content with humbler positions, owing to new faces turning up, and some of the old competitors getting into better show form. The class for Goldfinch or Bullfinch was a very strong one, headed by a very bright, rich-coloured Goldie, closely pressed by a real model of a Bullie. Other outstanding birds were the winning Greenfinch and Chaffinch, the latter an extraordinary colour, but just a shade small. The winning Linnets in both H.M. and F.M. classes were good all-round birds, as were the winners in the British Softbill and two foreign classes.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Butler, Linnet-Bullie, nice size and shape, good breast col.; 2, head, wing and tail mkd., Goldie mule, fine col. and cond.; 3, Mrs. Purvis, very pretty var. Goldie mule; wrong class, G. Lane, shown as a cl. yell. mule, but the judge being unable to find any trace of the Finch, marked it W.C. DARK: 1, McGuire, yell. Greenie, Norwich type, very rich level col., grand feather and condition, not overdone in size; 2, 3, Butler, yell. Linnet, good size and col., beaten in condition; 3, buff Siskin, fine size, col., and markings. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, hc, Bertram, Twite, fine upstanding bird, of good size, shape, and markings, very steady; 2, Jamieson and Johnson, Siskin, nice cobby shape, grand cap, col., and cond.; 3, Curry, Redpoll, good in cap, bib, and col., excellent markings; 4, Boyd, another fine Redpoll, but not so good in markings; vhc, Reed; c, Mason. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (11): 1, c, Almond, Goldf., very bright rich-coloured blaze, well-tanned breast, good wing bars and buttons; 2, Barkass, really grand shaped Bullf., good cap, wing bars, and breast col., best of feather and condition; 3, Butler, Goldf., good bold shape, very steady, a blaze of good size and col., good wings and tanning, just lacks the condition of winner; 4, Curry, Bullf., good cap and wing bars, very deep coloured breast; vhc, hc, Davidson. GREENF. (13): 1, Gentleman, yell., grand size and shape, rich level col., in good order; 2, Robinson, big sized buff of good feather and condition, not the fine shape of winner; 3, R. Fletcher, grand col., size, and shape, beaten in head and neck; 4, McVay, good big bird, but scarcely at its best; vhc, Elliott; hc, Bentick; c, Lindsay. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Lane, Chaffinch, very forward in col., bright blue cap, rich breast, excellent wings, and in grand trim; 2, Robinson, very steady Reed Bunting, good in all colours, excellent condition; 3, c, Jamieson and Johnson, Bramble, well spangled head and back, rich coloured breast and flanks, in shining condition; 4, Davidson, Corn Bunting, good bold shape, and crest markings, fairly steady, will improve; vhc, Bentick; hc, Elliott and Stephenson. Linnet, H.M. (10): 1, Davidson, very level in col., profusely mkd. from throat to tail, fairly good size, and very steady; 2, Bentick, a very good bird, but not so well staged, perches too thick, preventing the bird from standing up, grand size and shape, well and finely pencilled breast; 3, Hunter, big upstanding bird, well mkd., bit weak in head; 4, Hunter, good size and shape, faint markings, but good feather and condition; vhc, Bertram; hc, McCay; c, Mason. F.M. (13): 1, hc, Curry, Manchester winner, well up on leg, very steady, good size and shape, nice shade of col., well mkd. breast and flanks; 2, Hughes, good size, shape, col., and markings, does not show so well; 3, Gentleman, nice size, shape, and markings, beaten col. and feather; 4, vhc, Boyd, fine big unstanding bird, nice col., plainer on breast; c, Carr. SOFTBILL: 1, 4, vhc, Elliott, two Bearded Tits, excellent col., feather, and condition; 2, Davidson, Waxwing, very tight in plumage, good wings; 3, Laws, fine, big, well-proportioned Song Thrush, distinctly spangled breast, FOR., LARGE: 1, Butler, Ceram Lory, in fine bloom; 2, Bell. SMALL. (11): 1, Almond, Ruficauda Finch in extra good condition; 2, Petterson, St. Helena Waxbills, also in good order; 3, 4, Almond, grand conditioned Lavender Finch; 4, good Diamond Sparrows; vhc, c, Christer and Son; hc, Murton.

BEDFORD.

Annual show held at the Roise Street Schoolroom, Oct. 29. This room is really more suitable for a show than the Town Hall, as there is a better light, and it is freer from draughts. There was an excellent show of birds, especially Norwich, British, and Foreign. The committee, with the hon. sec., Mr. A. Simons and Mr. J. Beanland, treas., had everything well in hand, and finished up by paying all prize money on the night of the show. Mr. A. Keech won silver cup for the most points during the year for young Norwich, and the "Mortimer" cup for best young Norwich bred by exhibitor, and Mr. J. C. Wilmot silver cup for most points during the year in British and Mule or Hybrid classes. The judge was Mr. F. Martin, of Luton, whose awards were generally well received.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Notley, noted cl., very typical, lovely col., full of qual.; 2, res, Keech, mkd. bird, rare subs. and col., res very fine large specimen, just a bit loose in feather; 3, Beanland, good qual., nice type, on the small side; vhc, Osborn; hc, Millard. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Keech, short and cobby, rich col. and qual., 3rd cap mkd., grand head and full of qual.; 2, hc, Millard, fine big bird, trifle longer than winner; res, Notley, tkd., correct type; vhc, Osborn; c, Wilmot. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, res, Keech, simply teems with qual., grand col., 3rd lovely cl., good type, res another good cl.; 2, Osborn, very smart, lightly mkd., a good one; vhc, Corrie; hc, Notley; c, Wilmot. BUFF (8): 1, Wilmot, a champion, rare size, full of bloom, easy win; 2, vhc, Keech, lovely qual., correct type, beaten in subs.; 3, Corrie, tkd., nice stamp, hardly equal in qual.; res, hc, Osborn; c, Millard. BRED 1913 (9): 1, Litchfield (Luton), lovely buff, in rare fettle, wins; 2, c, Osborn, tkd. yell., correct type, nice col.; 3, res, vhc, Keech, not much between them, all three nice specimens; hc, Millard. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Wilmot, cl. buff, nice size and rich qual.; 2, Notley, cl. buff, correct type, bit smaller; 3, Osborn, heavily mkd. buff, rare subs.; res, Simons; vhc, Millard; hc, Johnson. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 3, Johnson, very nice cl., good col. and qual., 3rd mkd., nice size, just beaten in qual.; 2, Fowler, mkd., good type and col.; res, Summerfield; vhc, Coley; hc, Crawford; c, Valentine. BUFF (12): 1, sp, Summerfield, very typical throughout, easy win; 2, vhc, hc, c, Johnson, trifle smaller, nice qual.; 3, Curling, one of the best in class, well made, some thought might have gone up one. HEN (15): 1, hc, c, 2 sps, Johnson, capital yell., excellent type, rich plumage; 2, Fowler, good yell., well made throughout; 3, vhc, Curling, cap and wing mkd. buff, rare type; res, Crawford, yell., nice stamp, just a bit too long. SELL., £1: 1, Notley, excellent pair Nor.; 2, Osborn, ditto; 3, Beanland, ditto; res, hc, Keech; vhc, Wilmot. 12s. 6d.: 1, Notley; 2, Litchfield; 3, Osborn; res, Millard; vhc, Brewer; hc, Wilmot. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, hc, c, Wilmot, charming even mkd. Goldfinch Mule, in prime condition; 2, Child, very rare Redpoll-Greenf., in nice condition; 3, Hunter, bonny bright Goldf.-Redpoll, a rare cross, much admired; res, Notley, capital Greenfinch Mule; vhc, Wright and Mayo. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, Wright and Mayo, lovely Goldf., in prime form; 2, Child, very fine Bullie, lovely col. and condition; 3, vhc, Wilmot, another good house-moulted Bullie; res, Hunter; hc, Mobbs; c, Curling. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Brewer, capital Siskin and Lesser Redpoll, good col. and nicely pencilled; 3, Wilmot, good Linnet, well pencilled; res, Greenaway; vhc, Mobbs; hc, Coley. GREENF., ETC. (7): 1, Hunter, Greenfinch, capital order; 2, Notley, nice steady Chaffinch; 3, hc, Brewer, grand col. Greenfinch; res, Simons; vhc, Notley; c, Wilmot. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Timeaus, charming Bearded Tit, in prime order, put down in fine style; 2, Wright and Mayo, Hedge Sparrow, lovely specimen, very steady, and rich col.; 3, Timeaus, excellent Waxwing; res, hc, Notley, good Snow Bunting; vhc, Wilmot (Hawfinch); c, Wright and Mayo. FOR. (8) All belonging to Timeaus, grand team, much admired: 1, Pekiu Robins, superb condition, 2nd Diamond Finches, simply lovely, 3rd brilliant col. Redheaded Gouldian, Black-faced Lovebirds, Burgerigars, Ribbon Finches, etc.

BURGH, TANNAHILL AND OLD CLUBS.

Twenty-ninth annual exhibition and competition was held Nov. 1 in the George A. Clark North Manor Hall. The amalgamation prize for best bird was won by Mr. Andrew Ferguson, of the Tannahill Club with a cl. buff hen; second best Mr. Richard Price, of the Burgh Club, with a cl. yell. hen; and third, Mr. A. Ferguson with a cl. buff cock.

BURGH CLUB, Judges, Mr. Fulton, Partick, and Mr. Watson, Glasgow.—YELL. CK.: 1, Wham. BUFF CK.: 1, 4, Thomson; 3, Hunter. YELL. HEN: 1, Price; 2, Slater; 3, Wham; 4, Wallace. BUFF: 1, 4, Thomson; 2, Hunter; 2, Baird. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Wham; 2, Slater; 3, Hair. BUFF: 1, Baird; 2, Hunter; 3, Thomson; 4, Hair. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, Thomsou; 2, Hair; 3, Slater; 4, Wallace. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, 3, Hunter; 4, Baird. FOUL CK.: 1, Thomson; 2, Smith; 3, Wham. HEN: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Whaiu. GREEN, CK.: 1, Price; 2, Kennedy; 3, Briggs; 4, Slater. HEN: 1, Baird; 2, Slater; 3, Hunter; 4, Thomson. Club specials, 1, 4, Price; 2, 6, Baird; 3, 7, Smith; 5, 9, 10, 11, Thomson; 8, Hair.

TANNAHILL CLUB, Judges, Mr. J. Carlaw (Falkirk) and Mr. P. McAdam (Jamestowu). Mr. J. D. Maxwell (Lauriestou), J. Higgins (Hamilton).—YELL. CK.: 1, Ferguson; 2, Livingstone; 3, 4, Fulton. BUFF: 1, Ferguson; 2, Neil; 3, Livingstone; 4, Simpson. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Fulton; 2, Malcolm; 3, Slater; 4, Neil. BUFF: 1, Livingstone; 2, 4, McDonald; 3, Fulton. FOUL CK.: 1, Ferguson; 2, McDonald; 3, Alston; 4, Powell. GREEN CK.: 1, Fulton; 2, 3, McDonald. YELL. HEN: 1, Fleming; 2, Fulton; 3, Ferguson; 4, Powell. BUFF: 1, Ferguson; 2, 3, Fulton; 4, McDonald. YELL. PIED HENS: 1, Slater; 2, Livingstone; 3, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, Fleming; 2, Gillies; 3, Fulton; 4, Malcolm. FOUL HEN: 1, Ferguson; 2, Fleming; 3, Powell; 4, Fulton. GREEN HEN: 1, Slater; 2, 3, McDonald; 4, Allison. Club specials, cup: 1, 3, 5, 6, 17, Ferguson; 2, 4, Livingstone; 7, 8, 11, 13, 16, Fulton; 9, 12, 14, Fleming; 12, Slater; 15, Gillies; Novices' special: Alston and Simpson.

OLD CLUB, Judges, J. Dalglish and R. Menzies (Edinburgh).—YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Siddons; 3, Slater. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Moore; 3, Kennedy; 4, Cassidy. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Little; 2, 4, Moore; 3, Slater. BUFF: 1, Slater; 2, Graham. FOUL CK.: 1, Paterson; 2, Kennedy; 3, Cassidy. GREEN: 1, 2, Kennedy; 3, Graham. YELL. HEN: 1, O'Donnell; 2, Little; 3, Kennedy; 4, Moore. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, O'Donnell; 3, Siddons; 4, Little. YELL. PIED: 1, ?, Little; 3, O'Donnell; 4, Slater. BUFF: 1, O'Donnell; 2, Little; 3, Siddons; 4, Slater. FOUL: 1, Moore. GREEN: 1, Moore; 2, Paterson. Club specials: 1, 6, O'Donnell; 2, 4, 5, 11, Little; 3, 12, 13, Moore; 7, Paterson; 8, 10, Siddons; 9, Kennedy. —A. M. Baird, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Very successful Members' Show held at New Show Room in the Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, Nov. 8. The entry was a record, being over one hundred more than last year, and quality, particularly in the Norwich, was quite up to exhibition form. In this section Mr. S. Ward did well, and won the special for best champion exhibit with his buff hen. Yorks. classes filled well, and although we missed some of the old exhibitors' names from the catalogue the present members managed to put down some remarkably good specimens. Special for best bird went to Mr. Hall's mkd. yell. cock. Borders were a hot lot, both in number and merit, some beautifully typical specimens being staged by both champion and novice exhibitors, in this section, the novices have made remarkable strides and will soon run the champions hard for type and quality. Special for best bird went to Mr. W. H. Lathbury with a good mkd. yell. cock., the novice special being annexed by Mr. B. Green, with a good buff green of lovely type, quality, and condition; special for best Hybrid went to Mr. Nichols with his hen Goldie-Bullie, and Mr. Hall's Linnet won the British Bird special. The popular sec., Mr. F. Moore, managed the show in his usual methodical manner, and had the assistance of a good body of fanciers, among whom were Messrs. Thrower, Green, Pegg, Nicholls, Plank, Harrison, W. Nicholls, Ward., Bowring, Walker, and King. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Awards.

NOR. CHAM. YELL. CK.: 1, Ward; 2, Withers; 3, Whittorne. BUFF: 1, Ward, 2, 3, Withers; vhc, Hart. YELL. HEN: 1, Ward; 2, 3, Withers; vhc, Hart. BUFF: 1, Ward; 2, Withers; 3, Hart. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Ward; 3, vhc, Withers. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, hc, Hall; 3, Rorke; vhc, Whittorne. BUFF: 1, hc, Hall; 2, Rorke; 3, vhc, King; c, Whiteman. HEN., YELL.: 1, 2, hc, Hall; 3, vhc, King; c, Whittorne. BUFF: 1, Rorke; 2, King; 3, Whittorne; vhc, hc, Hall. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, hc, King; vhc, c, Whittorne. BORD., YELL.: 1, vhc, Lathbury; 2, Plank; 3, Newley. BUFF: 1, 3, Lathbury; 2, Plank; hc, Mrs. Moore; vhc, Newley. YELL. HEN: 1, Lathbury; 2, Soames. BUFF. 1, Lathbury; 2, Mrs. Moore; 3, hc, Plank; vhc, Lathbury. GR., ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Moore; 3, Rev. Soames. NOV., NOR., YELL., CK.: 1, Thrower; 2, Nicholls; 3, Mower. BUFF: 1, Thrower; 2, Bowring. YELL. HEN: 1, Thrower. BUFF: 1, Thrower; 2, Nicholls. UNFLIG.: 1, Nicholls; 2, Thrower; 3, hc, Green. A.O. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Clement; 3, Bowriug; vhc, French; hc, Walker. BUFF: 1, Clements; 2, Smith; 3, c, Mullis; vhc, French. YELL. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, Mullis; 3, vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Clements; 3, French. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Clements; c, Mrs. Wilkes; hc, Bowring. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Pegg; 2, Burgess; vhc, Harrison. BUFF: 1, vhc, Burgess; 2, Pegg; 3, c, Ward; hc, Harrison. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Harrison; 2, Pegg; vhc, Ward; hc, Burgess; c, Green. BUFF: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, Burgess; vhc, c, Ward; hc, Harrison. GR.: 1, 2, Green; 3, Pegg; vhc, hc, Harrison; c, Ward. A.O.V.: 1, Lathbury. MULES: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Nicholls; 2 Ward; c, Mullis. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Nicholls; vhc, Hall. GOLDF.: 1, 2, vhc, Cross; 3, hc, Hall. BULLF.: 1, Hall; 2, vhc, Garrod; 3, Mrs. Mullis. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Cross; vhc, Warlow; hc, Nicholls. A.O. FINCH: 1, Nicholls; 2, vhc, Hall; 3, hc, Cross; c, Mower. HEN: 1, Mullis; 2, Cress; 3, Hall; vhc, Moore; c, Nicholls. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Newby; hc, Mower. GIFT: 1, Nicholls; 2, Pegg.

FALKIRK O.S.

Annual show, held in the Union Hall, Grahamstown, Nov. 1. Entries were down a little from last year. The judges were: Scotch Fancies, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Hutchison; Nor., Bord. and Brit., Mr. Lambie. Mr. Maxwell won the Scotch Fancy cup with a yellow cock, Mr. Simpson runner-up with yell. piebald hen. Mr. McDougall won the Norwich cup with a Crested cock, Mr. Reid runner-up with Plainhead. Mr. Smith won the Border cup.—Wm. Niven, Sec.

SCOTS FANCY YELL. CK (5): 1, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 3, P. Maxwell; 5, Strathearn. BUFF (6): 1, 2, P. Maxwell; 3, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Kirk; 5 Miller; 6, Robertson. FOUL (5): 1, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Dougall; 3, P. Maxwell; 4, Simpson; 5, Stirling. YELL. PIE. (7): 1, Strathearn 2, 3, 6, J. D. Maxwell; 4, P. Maxwell; 5, Simpson. BUFF (8): 1, 3, P. Maxwell; 2, Strathearn; 4, 6, J. D. Maxwell; 5, 7, Simpson. GREEN (9): 1, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 5, Simpson; 3, P. Maxwell; 6, Stirling; 7, Carlow. HEN YELL. (6): 1, P. Maxwell; 2, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 3, Kirk. BUFF (12): 1, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 4, P. Maxwell; 3, McDougall; 6, 7, Kirk. FOUL (5): 1, Strathearn; 2, J. D. Maxwell; 3, 4, 5, Kirk. YELL. PIE. (7): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Stirling; 4, Strathearn; 5, P. Maxwell; 6, J. D. Maxwell. BUFF (7): 1, Strathcarn; 2, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 3, 5, P. Maxwell; 6, Dougall; 7, Miller. GREEN (12): 1, Niven; 2, 3, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Dougall; 5, P Maxwell; 6, Morrison; 7, Simpson. PAIRS (7): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Strathearn; 4, Niven; 5, Stirling; 6, Miller. NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, 4, 7, Buchan; 3, 5, Hutton; 6, Dougall. BUFF (11): 1, 5, Reid; 2, 3, 4, Buchan; 6, Wright; 7, Dougall. YELL. Hen (6): 1, 2, 4, Buchan; 3, 5, Reid; 6, Prattis. BUFF (11): 1, 5, Reid; 2, 3, 4, 6, Buchan; 7, Dougall. CREST CK. (4): 1, 4, McDougall; 2, 3, Wright. C.B. CK. (2), HEN (3): All Wright. PAIRS NOR. (10): 1, 3, 4, Hutton; 2, 5, Buchan; 6, Morrison; 7, Miller. PAIRS CREST (1): Wright.

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KELTY AND BLAIRADAM.

Sudden Death of Noted Exhibitor Causes Painful Sensation.

Annual show held in the Co-operative Hall, Nov. 8. The entry was a good one, fully 70 up on last year, and numbered about 500. Scotch Fancy numbered 40 in 10 classes—a poor average, indeed. Borders were very much better in numbers—about 9 per class, and the quality was grand, nearly every bird being in the pink of condition. Yorks. were a fair turn-out, and some grand birds were forward, notably Mr. Heggie's team, which is still going well. Crests were a very disappointing entry, only 31 in nine classes, but some good ones were shown, and quality all over was very fair. Plainheads were the feature of the show, some grand birds being shown, and the entry was about ten per class, while the quality was of the very best.

In the British, Mule, and Foreign Sections entries were slightly in advance of last year, despite a disinclination to seek the patronage of S.B.B. and M.C., which has been looked upon by the executive as a somewhat mixed blessing on previous occasions. A study of the classification makes one wonder why the show did not meet with a better response from British bird devotees. One reason we heard advanced was the points system of allotting specials, and while that system does much to increase entries from those exhibitors who endeavour to annex specials by force of numbers, those who cannot go in for teams have an antipathy to point specials, and no doubt prefer to have specials allotted per class or classes. We heard a few complain that the hall was too cold, and it certainly felt rather chilly, but it was free from draughts, and fairly well lighted. CAGE BIRDS coupons competition created great interest, and the method adopted here of putting an assistant sec. to look after the coupon birds has much to recommend it.

A Real Good Cup Fight.

The battle-royal for points between Messrs. McQuiston and Paterson as challengers, and Bell, of Bo'ness, as holder of Dr. Keay's cup, excited some interest during judging. The score made by the first-named firm was something of which they may be justly proud, viz., 3 points short of possible, with 10 entries (surely a record). The holder, however, managed to annex the cup for the third (consecutive) time, and it now becomes his property.

The foreign section was confined to one exhibitor, Mr. P. Arnott, of Alloa, but he generously withheld one entry, which would have filled the class. Mr. Sykes nominated the foreign winner, as best in section, and even British bird enthusiasts admitted the justice of the claim, the delicate beauty of the purple Sugarbird being admired by everyone, and the class formed the centre of attraction.

CAGE BIRDS diploma winners were: Champion: Hardbill A. Anderson, Mule or Hyb. Mr. Heggie, Softbill E. Taylor; novice diploma: Mule or Hyb. Mr. Malcolm, Hardbill Mr. Clark. We overheard quite a few exhibitors express their determination to annex these honours on another occasion. We were greatly impressed with the attention paid to British exhibits, and a sheaf of letters from owners who have expressed their appreciation on former occasions, bore testimony of Kelty being a safe show, and worthy of patronage.

All over, the show was very successful, and during the day the hall was crowded with fanciers and others, and the usual enthusiastic scenes took place, especially round the British and Border sections; the judges' decisions were freely criticised, and on the whole very favourably received. The executive is a grand band of workers, the pres., Mr. Stonehouse, being a host in himself, and by his example put the young members of the society in grand working fettle, while the vice-pres., Mr. Alex. Anderson, also did his share of the staging work, and acted as a steward with great success. Treas. Mr. D. McConville was also active in the common good, Assist.-Sec. Mr. J. Cordery was efficiently helping, while Sec. Mr. Adam Dickson had all his arrangements in a very forward condition, and was his old genial self with everyone with whom he came in contact. The committee is a grand one, vieing with each other as to who could do most for the society's welfare. The judges were: Scotch Fanciers, Mr. F. Ramsay, Tayport; Borders, Mr. McAdam, Laswade; Yorks., Mr. McLennan, Renfrew; Crest and C.B., Mr. W. Reid, Falkland; Nor., Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Mules, Brit., and For., Mr. Crossley Sykes, Musselburgh; and their wards gave general satisfaction.

Old Fancier's Very Sad End.

Quite a sensation was caused by a wire received by the show officials, notifying the sudden death of Mr. J. D. Maxwell, of Falkirk, which took place at the railway station in Falkirk, while he was in the act of booking his team of Scots Fancies for the show, and much sympathy was expressed with his relatives in their sudden and painful bereavement. The presence of Mr. Maxwell's birds would no doubt have altered the prize list to a considerable extent.

B.F.C.C. medal was won by Mr. G. Bennet, Kelso, with a dandy yellow hen, Mr. Baxter, Crossgates, and Mr. J. Anderson, Kelty, being equal in points for Border cup. Mr. Anderson solved the difficulty by withdrawing any claim to it, and it was accordingly given to Mr. Baxter. Mr. D. McLaren, Dunfermline, won cup for best bird in show with his grand old Crest cock, and also members' cup for best young crest, with his young Crest. Mr. Stenhouse won points cup for Scots Fancy Section, and also special for best in section with his winning yellow cock. Hyde's was won hy Mr. Adam Dickson, a popular win, and also Hoy cup for most points in Norwich section. Mr. Bell, Bo'ness, won Keay cup for most points in Brit. for the second year in succession, and Mr. Peter Arnott special best in Brit. or Foreign, with a beautiful purple Sugarbird, which was much admired. There was here a marked improvement in the entry for CAGE BIRDS coupon prizes, and the greatest interest was evinced as to the probable winners; after a keen fight the 10s. champion prize was awarded to Mr. McLaren's Crest, and for novices, Mr. Ross's Scots Fancy. The diploma winners were: Champions: Scots Fancy, Stenhouse; Yorks., Holmes; A.O.V., Dickson; Crest, McLaren; Plainheads, Thomson; Borders, J. Anderson; Mules, Heggie; Hardbill, A. Anderson; Softbill, Ed. Taylor. Nov.: Scots Fancy, Ross; Yorks., Campbell; A.O.V., Sneddon; Plainheads, J. Robertson; Bord., J. Weir; Hardbill, J. Clarke; Mule, Malcolm.

The Canary Classes.

BORD., CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, sp., and sp. best in section, Stenhouse, 1st nice size and pos., good circle, grand length of side, capital drive, 2nd very nervy, fine top end, fair good size, well placed. HEN (6): 1, Cook, foul head, nice size, good qual., fine depth, through chest, rare good circle wins; 2, 3, Anderson, both good ones, leader fine drive, nice qual., stands well on perch; 4, Cuthbert, not quite the thickness; 4, Fotheringham; 5, McDougall; 6, Harrower. CL. OR FOUL BUFF CK. (4): 1, Anderson, good size, fine drive and pos., nice top end; 2, Cowan, fine size and cond., very stylish, capital thickness through. HEN (4): 1, Cowan, grizzled on shoulders, grand size and pos., rare good top end, grand length of side, well put down; 2, Cook, fine subs., nice small head, and well carried wings, takes good pos.; 3, Fotheringham, good size and qual., hard up, capital drive, very nervy. YELL. PIED OR CR. CK. (7): 1, Cook, Gr., good size, fine reach and droop, nice thickness, snaky head, takes up good pos.; 2, McDougall, piebald, good size, fine head and neck, good wings and tail carried well under, nice length of side; 3, Inglis, capital size, nice thickness, not thickness of leaders, fine cond.; 4, Fotheringham; 5, Hutt. HEN (3): 1, Inglis, nice green, good top end, fine subs., good reach and drive, not quite up yet, will improve. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Anderson, good one, in fine fettle, fine size, nice droop, good top end, nice length of side; 2, Ross, takes novice diploma and 10s. special, capital size and reach, fine droop, takes good pos.; 3, McLean, fair size, nice drive, head well down, good shoulders and back; 4, Wilkie; 5, Harrower. HEN (7): 1, McLean, stylish, good size and subs., neat head, good length of wing, tail well tucked in; 2, Anderson, nice size and top end, capital reach, grand drive, head well down, grips perch well; 3, 4, Stenhouse, capital pair, 3rd good size and action, very neat head, good length of wing, well carried, 4th similar, lighter built; 5, Cook; 6, Cowan. SELL., CK. (6): 1, J. Anderson; 2, Ross; 3, Cowan; 4, Stenhouse; 5, McDougall; 6, Wilkie. HEN (1): 1, Stenhouse. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Smart, has won before, beauty for size, neat head, and beautiful wing carr., rare qual. of feather, grand cond.; 2, Beveridge, nice size and qual., fine front, nice shape, good wings and tail; 3, Shields, still a good one, close feather, of good texture, well finished; 4, Cunningham, fine size and qual., well put down; 5, Baxter; 6, Peters. HEN (9): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, G. Bennet, a wee beauty, put down in faultless order, nicely moulded, feather like wax, a credit; 2, Anderson, very typical, rare good head and wings, fine front, beautiful qual., put down in first-class order, hard up; 3, Peters, capital size, neat head, very jaunty carr., rare qual., well shown; 4, Shields, a dandy, fine size and qual., in grand order; 5, Muir; 6, Hamilton; a grand class. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Baxter, model for shape, capital style, beautiful feather, nice head and front, good carr.; 2, Peters, rare good qual., nicely polished, fine rich col., fine wings, well carried; 3, Beveridge, fine size and qual., good head, neat wings, well put down; 4, Anderson, good size and shape, nice head and front, well up; 5, Weir; 6, Hamilton. HEN (12): 1, Beveridge, dandy, wee hen, feather very close and fine in texture, neat head and grand wing carr.; 2, Weir, good for size and qual., fine head and neatly moulded front; 3, Baxter, nice head and wings, good size, hardly so typical as leaders, still worth place; 4, Irons, good size and shape, nice wings and tail, in good order; 5, Murray; 6, Cunningham. UNEVEN YELL. (8): 1, Speuce, very neat, good head and nice front, wings well carried, nicely finished; 2, Duncan, good size and col., capital wings and front, nicely moulded, grand shape; 3, Duncan, good size, neat head, rich colour, good qual., typical; 4, McCrae, fine size and qual., nice head and front, fine wings; 5, Anderson; 6, Steel. BUFF (7): 1, Smart, capital size and shape, very neat head and wings, moulded to perfection, rare jaunty carr.; 2, Peters, fine size, nice qual. of feather, beautiful wings and tail, neat head and front, well up; 3, Andrew, good size and shape, fine qual., good wings, typical; 4, Baxter, good style and feather, nice head and front; 5, Spenee; 6, Anderson. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Hamilton, good size and shape, nice colour, very close feather; 2, Duncan, good for type, rare good shape, fine wings, well shown; 3, Johnston, good size and qual., nice front, neat wings; 4, Stewart. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, 2, Lambie, leader good Green, nice jaunty carr., wings nicely carried, lovely type, splendid cond., 2nd cinn., fine size and qual., rich col., good head and wings, very showy; 3, Stewart, green, of good size and qual., neat carr. SELL. CK. (11): 1, Beveridge; 2, Anderson; 3, 5, Baxter; 4, G. Bennet; 6, Hamilton. HEN (6): 1, Duncan; 2, Anderson; 3, Fotheringham; 4, G. Bennet; 5, Irons; 6, Robertson. YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Heggie, grand size and subs., nice length, fine pos. and shape, in romping condition; 2, Bell, good one for type, hot col., well on leg, nice wings and tail, fine erect pos., well up; 3, Kinnear, fine qual., good length, nice taper, shapely; 4, Leishman; 5, Clayton; 6, Stewart. BUFF (9): 1, Reilly, fine qual., good length, good col., neat head and wings, takes good pos.; 2, Clayton, nice qual. of feather, good length, fine head and neck, nice tapering shape, well shown; 3, 4, Heggie, pair of nice ones, in rare bloom, well shown; 5, Holmes; 6, Campbell. VAR. YELL. (3): 1, Gibb, nice size and subs., fine qual. of feather, stands like a soldier, nice col. and qual.; 2, Clayton, good head, nice fitting wings, very close feather, of grand texture, well up; 3, McQueen, nice size and qual., good length, well put down. BUFF (6): 1, Heggie, eye and wing mark, good size and position, rich col., fine qual., laid down as usual in spotless order; 2, Clayton, grand size and qual., beautiful wings, lightly mkd., feathered like wax; 3, McQueen, another good head and wing mark, fine length, good head and neck, nice qual. of feather; 4, Holmes; 5, McIvor; 6, Leishman. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Kinnear, nice wedge shape, fine length, good head, and nicely laid on wings, nice erect pos.; 2, 3, Heggie, 2, fine size and subs., nice length, fine shape and style, good qual. of feather; 3, similar, fine head and wings, nice qual. and col., scarcely so good position, typical; 4, Clayton; 5, Ewenson; 6, Campbell. BUFF (5): 1, Reilly, Lochgelly winner, fine size and shape, good head and wings, seems dry in feather; 2, Clayton, still following up well, good shape and size, very good position, nice length; 3, Campbell, good size and subs., shapes very well for a youngster, will improve; 4, Lister; 5, McLean. SELL., 15/- (4): 1, Bell; 2, Leishman; 3, McQueen; 4, Holmes; 5, Gibb. A.O.V. (3): 1, Wildridge, even, Norwich type, good size and subs., rich col.; 2, Sneddon, nice Silver Liz., neat head and wings, nicely mkd.; 3, Dickson, beautiful clear cap Gold Liz., in grand order, splendid cap, very clearly defined, very rich colour, many thought might have won. COM. CAN. (6): 1, Ewenson; 2, 5, Bell; 3, McGregor; 4, Morgan; 5, Mrs. Morgan. CREST OK. (5): 1, 2 spls, cup best in show, one of the best Crested cocks seen for some time, var. D.C., grand size and subs., splendid body feather, very shapely stamp, extra large crest of splendid qual., lovely droop, nice close centre, nicely groomed, a knockout; 2, Howie, good for size, fine crest of nice radiation, long, leafy feather, not centred like winner; 3, Blyth, capital size and qual., good crest, nice feather, well shown; 4, Sneddon, good green, fine size and nice crest. HEN (3): 1, McLaren, massive size, capital crest of good spread, fine long feather, of good texture, well groomed; 2, 3, Sneddon, both variegs., capital size and subs., and fair good crests, well down. C.-B. CK. (3): 1, Sneddon, grand size, good wings, fine body feather, massive skull, good wide entrance, well lashed; 2, McGregor, fair sized Green, nice carr., good skull, nice long head feather; 3, Paul, Green, good big head, fine entrance, with good lashing. HEN (4): 1, Howie, good size, massive skull, fine wide entrance, well domed, well lashed; 2, 3, Blyth, both good birds, leader best head feather, nice wide entrance, good cushion; 3, similar, not so massive; 4, Lindsay. GRIZZLE (2): 1, Paul, nice size and subs., fine crest of good radiation, nice leafy feather; 2, Lindsay, capital size and qual., capital length of feather in crest, very open in centre. UNFLIG. CREST (3): 1, McLaren, takes cup for best young Crest or C.B. bred by a member, fine size, good body and wings, rare good crest, nice leafy feather, well over; 2, McDougall, good type, fine size and subs., nice crest, well centred, long, leafy feather, comes well over eyes; 3, Paul, good for size and subs., nice body feather, fine crest, good size. C.B. (5): 1, McGregor, fair size, nice head, rather weak entrance, nicely domed skull; 2, McLaren, good size and subs., good head, might easily have gone up; 3, Lindsay, fair, nice head feather; 4, 5, Blyth, 5th could have gone up a bit. SELL., CREST CK. (5): 1, Paul; 2, Blyth; 3, Makins; 4, Sneddon; 5, Muir. HEN (2): 1, Blyth; 2, Sharp. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, McCue, good size and subs., fine col., good head and wings, rare good style, just long enough; 2, Rodger, good size, fine head and neck, nice wings, well carr., good subs., well shown; 3, McLean, not size of winners, good head and wings, nice qual.; 4, Thompson; 5, McGowan. HEN (9): 1, Fleming, grand size and subs., good head and wings, nicely moulded front, wins; 2, Wildridge, not size of winner, good head and wings, fine qual. of feather; 3, McConville, capital size and col., nice wings and tail, fine carr., typical; 4, T. Barclay, fine size and qual., nice head and wings, close feather; 5, Kirk; 6, Mrs. J. Stirling. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Fleming, good size, nice qual., lovely shape, rich feather, good subs.; 2, McLeod, fine size, good head and wings, nicely cut away below, good qual.; 3, Forrest, good size and qual., rich col., capital head and wings, nice front; 4, Mabon, good size and qual., good head and neck; 5, McLean; 6, Duncan. HEN (8): 1, Fleming, nice subs., good size, capital wings, well carr., nice qual. of feather, well put down; 2, Spence, not biggest, but a good one, rare short wings, chubby front, good head, well up; 3, Strachan, good size and subs., fine head and wings, typical; 4, Paterson, nice wings, well carr., nicely moulded front; 5, Makins; 6, Smith. YELL., VAR., OR GR. CK. (14): 1, Mabon, nice head mkd., capital size and subs., grand front, clean cut away below, nice col., in grand order; 2, Forrest, head and oue wing mkd., good size, nice head and wings, well carr., very typical; 3, Gibson, cap and one wing mark, of good size and qual., nice shape and col.; 4, Dickson, grand size, good head and front, nice qual.; 5, Smith; 6, Flynn. HEN (6): 1, McLean, nicely varieg., good size and col., nicely rounded chest, capital qual.; 2, Dickson, nice eye and wing mark, fine size, good subs., good head and wings, nice col., in fine order; 3, Kirk, nice var., good size and qual., fine style; 4, Langan; 5, Stirling; 6, Rodger. BUFF VAR. CK. (8): 1, Thompson, lightly var., good all over, nice head, good wings well carr., well finished; 2, W. Spence, nicely rounded front, grand qual., good wings and tail, well put down; 3, McConville, fine size and col., nice qual., good bloom; 4, Duff, capital head and wings, well carr., rich col.; 5, Ramsay; 6, Rodger. HEN (7): 1, Dickson, good size and subs., grand bloom, an old winner, looking as well as ever; 2, Fox and Milne, good size and subs., grand front, nice short wings, well carr., slightly pinched in head, well shown; 3, McConville, nice size and qual., good head and wings, nicely moulded frant; 4, Grewar, good for size and subs. nice wings, good front, nice qual.; 5, McCue; 6 Langan. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Fleming, cl., of good size and subs., nice head and front, rich col., just on the long side; 2, Noble, var., fine size and subs., good head and wings, well carr., nicely moulded front; 4, Grewar, good for size and subs., nice front, capital wings; 4, Forrest, cl., not biggest, nice head, fine short wings, good carr., nicely rounded front, grand even col.; 5, McLeod; 6, McCue. HEN (9): 1, Grewar, cl., good one, fine size and subs., good head, nice wings and tail, good front, nice col., well finished; 2, Noble, var., good one for size, fine wing carr., rich col., nice subs.; 3, Strachan, good cl., nice type and col., in grand order; 4, McLeod, nice size and type, good front, stylish; 5, Langan. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (11): 1, P. McCue, good cl., good head and front, nice shape and style, fine wings, well carried; 2, Spence, good Green, fine size, good front, nice head and wings, nicely put down; 3, Noble, cl., fine size and qual., good front and wings, nice head, in fine condition; 4, Smillie, nice for size and subs., good type and qual.; 5, McLean; 6, Grewar. HEN (6): 1, Wildridge, good size and qual., nice head and wings, on the long side; 2, Forrest, nice cl., good head and wings, well carr., rich quality of feather, well shown; 3, Robertson, clear, fine size and substance, good head, and nice wing carr.; 4, Johnstone; 5, Kerr; 6, Kirk. NON-FED CK. (15): 1, Grewar, Green, of grand size and subs., massive front, good wings, nice head, well polished, in nice order; 2, Watt, var., fine size and style, good head, fine short wings, in fine bloom; 3, Wildridge, Green, good size and style, nice front, well cut out below, takes perch well; 4, 5, Lawrie, two nice ones for size and subs., stylish; 6, Arnott. PLN (7): 1, Mabon, cl. yellow, grand size and rich col., good head and front, fine wings, well put on, in grand order; 2, Hutton, nice built, nice model, good size and qual., well finished; 3, Watt, yell., good for size and qual., capital front; 4, Pratt; 5, Stenhouse; 6, Lawrie. SELL., CK. (7): 1, Kirk; 2, Gibson; 3, Barclay; 4, Dickson; 5, Stenhouse; 6, Sanders. HEN (5): 1, Sanders; 2, Dickson; 3, Grewar, 4, Robertson; 5, Ramsay.

Hybrids, British, and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE (1): 1, Heggie, cl. Greenfinch, well known, good col. for a built. VARIEG. (7): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, lightly marked Greenfinch, grand texture, slightly lacking subs., wins easy; 2, 3, Bell, buff Goldie, good col. and texture, well put down; 3, yell. Goldie, good col., fails body, rather unfinished yet; 4, Muir and Adamson, eye and saddle buff Goldie, good size and cond., some preferred for 3rd; 5, Cooper. DARK (6): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Linnet, great winner, often described, wins well; 2, Bell, same cross, hardly up to size of leader, good col. and cond., a good second; 3, Vass, Goldie, rather pale, fails size; 4, Muir and Adamson; 5, Rodger; 6, Mainland. HYB. (3): 1, McLean, Goldf.-Bullf., good one, often described, wins easy, 2, Cook, same cross, fails col. and subs. to leader; 3, Bell, Siskin-Poll. GOLDF. (6): 1, Nicolson (Glasgow winner), needs no comment, excels in all points; 2, Allen, good Fluch, beaten blaze, hardly finished yet, well placed; 3, Anderson, old warrior, looking well, better blaze and size than leader, but not ready yet, will lead later; 4, 5, Bell, good tans and wings, excels condition; 6, Paterson. BULLF. (10): 1, Palmer (C.M.), grand breast col., expansive cap, nicely cut, wins; 2, Bell (Boness winner), larger, looking slack to-day; 3, McQuiston and Paterson, another good one, not up to lighting form, feels journey we think, grand cap and back col.; 4, 5, Thomson, on small side, nice breast col., fails under bill, best condition; 6, Grewar. GREENF. (9): 1, Stuart and Dalling, bouncer for size, nicely fed, wins easy; 2, Anderson, better shape, beaten size, rather bare in cere, good one; 3, Muir and Adamson, unfed, good head, just fails subs., well put down; 4, Thomson, good col., fails head, slack to-day; 5, Clarke; 6, Bell. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (6): 1, Reid, Bramble, good size and back spangle, rather smoky mantle, and pale breast, yet wins; 2, Russell, Chaffie, good breast and wings, good condition; 3, McVicar, Bramble, smaller size, nice spangle, a little rough yet; 4, 6, Bell; 5, Lister. LINNET, R.M. (12): 1, 2, McQuiston and Paterson, well known pair, leader excels size, rare col. and pencil work; 2, showing a bit open in front to-day, well placed; 3, Stuart and Dalling, better shape than 2nd, but a little on dark side, rare condition; 4, Waugh, nice one, run in front a little, paler than leaders; 5, Thompson; 6, Anderson. F.M. (13): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, grand size and shape, nice breast work, steady, wins easy; 2, Watson, lighter col. and weight, even better polish than leader, good second; 3, Robson, best wings in class, nice front, just a little nervous yet; 4, Baxter, paler in col., heaten pencilling, steady; 5, McVicar; 6, Nicolson. SISKIN (3): 1, Nicolson, grand one, nicely fed., distinct bib and wing bars, excels flanks, wins easily; 2, Bell (unfed), good cap and flanks, faint bib, well put down; 3, McVicar (fed), fails bib, yet nice one, some fancied for 2nd. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (6): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Twite, grand one, rare size and polish, a mass of breast work, wins; 2, Nicolson, equal in condition, just beaten breast and substance, good Twite; 3, 4, Bell, Mealy 'Poll, good size, fails bib and flanks; 4, Twite, good one, we preferred for 3rd, but overshadowed here, rather wild; 5, Russell; 6, Malcolm. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, McQuiston and Patterson (H.M.), good size, breast and poll, fails bib; 2, Nicolson, another big one, better flanks than leader, good bib, our choice; 3, Watson (F.M.), good front and poll, nicely laced, inclined to cross wings at times; 4, Bell, better size, fails col., very steady; 5, Fox and Milne; 6, Muir. SOFTBILL, SMALL (4): 1, Taylor, Redstart, well known winner, looking tired to-day; 2, Lawrie, Nightingale, not large, but in grand order, good col. and steady, our choice to-day; 3, Arnott, Blackstart, good col., rather slack at neck and thighs, well placed; 4, Steel, fair Grey Wagtail. LARGE (5): 1, Watson, Waxwing, not largest, grand sheen, rather slack wings, might be better staged; 2, 3, Anderson, Missel, grand size and profuse spotting, unfortunately lacks back claw; 3, Waxwing, old warrior, larger than leader, better waxing, but hangs wing; 4, Malcolm, Starling, good size and sheen, nicely spotted, steady; 5, Raith. BUNTING (7): 1, Russell, Meadow, nice head and moustache, excels condition, well placed; 2, Raith, Yellow, good size, well fed, just a shade heavy in marks, nice one; 3, Watson, Meadow, larger than leader, and quite equal in head, showing age, beaten condition; 4, Robertson, yellow, our choice for 3rd, unfed, good V, just a little broken in cheek, nice one; 5, Nicolson; 6, Bell. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, Howie, right ahead, rare size, depth of blaze, a good Goldie; 2, Nicolson, nice Goldie, but beaten all points to-day; 3, 6, McVicar, Bullie, good size, nice cap, fails col.; 4, Marshal, Goldie, better face than 2nd, fails head and condition, too tame; 5, Cook. A.O. FOR. (6): All honours, Arnott, Purple Sugar Bird leading, often described; Gold-fronted Fruitsucker, pair Cordon Bleus, and Tricolour Tanager; greatly admired team. SELL., MULE (3): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Bell. SELL., BRIT. (4): 1, Bell; 2, Poulter; 3, Fotheringham; 4, Robertson.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Members' show, held Nov. 4, at Park Chapel Schools. Entries totalled 110, in 14 classes. Messrs. M. Broadley and P. Mason, Windhill, judged, and their awards gave every satisfaction. Winners of most points: W. Stables, G. White, J. Northrop, W. Cruise, S. Woad, G. R. Rushworth, W. Myers, and Taylor Bros.

CHAMP. CL., ETC. YORKS YELL (14): 1, Walker; 2, Stables; 3, Priestley; 4, Midgley; vhc, Northrop; hc, White; c, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (12): 1, 4, vhc, White; 2, Wilkinson Bros.; 3, Northrop; hc, Midgley; c, Clark. UNEVEN (2): 1, Northrop; 2, Wilkinson Bros. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Stables; 2, hc, Cruise; 3, 4, Northrop; vhc, Clark; c, Midgley. BUFF (9): 1, White; 2, Stables; 3, Priestley; 4, Cruise; vhc, Midgley; hc, Walker; c, Northrop. UNEVEN (8): 1, 2, c, Laycock; 3, Cruise; 4, Stables; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Midgley. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Heseldeu; 2, Fielding; 3, Myers; 4, hc, Rushworth; vhc, Taylor Bros.; c, Wroe. BUFF (11): 1, Woad; 2, vhc, hc, Rushworth; 3, Myers; 4, c, Taylor Bros. UNEVEN (10): 1, 3, c, Woad; 2, W. Walker; 4, Myers; vhc, Fielding; hc, Rushworth. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, c, Wroe; 2, Rushworth, 3, hc, Taylor Bros.; 4, W. Walker; vhc, Myers. BUFF (5): 1, Woad; 2, 4, Rushworth; 3, W. Walker; vhc, Wroe. UNEVEN (3): 1, 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Woad.—H. Hill, Sec.

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BRIGHTON.

At the show of the Brighton F.F.A., held in the North Road Concert Room on November 5th and 6th, a very nice collection of birds were staged. The entry was not large, but the quality of the exhibits was much in advance of what we have seen in past years at the society's shows. Competition was confined to the County of Sussex. The special for the best Canary in the show fell to a very smart yellow Yorkshire, shown by Messrs. Frost and Rogers. All the arrangements were carried out in a most excellent manner by the committee, whilst Mr. Downe made a splendid secretary, being affable, courteous, and most energetic. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CLR. (8): 1, 3, sp., Rev. T. W. T. Miller, very neat, grand shaped yell., lovely col. and qual., 3, rather better shape, but had to stand down because a bit of feather had gone from over its back; 2, sp., vhc, he, c, Frost and Rogers, sweet little buff, very silky and close in feather, nicely frosted, lovely col.; res., Miles. YORKS., VELL (6): 1, 3, sp., sp. best bird in show, Frost and Rogers, very slim and stylish, as straight as a gun-barrel, lovely feather, full of nerve, good head, wings and tail; 3, grand shape and nerve, not so clever in wing carriage.; 2, Wall, grand shape, feather, and carriage, not quite so long; res, vhc, Gibb; hc, Nicholls. BUFF (7): 1, 2, sp., Daindridge, not much col., but very silky and tight in feather, neat heads, lovely wings and tail, winner a trifle the most style and length; 3, Wall, capital feather and style, stands up well, just a shade stouter; res., Gibb; vhc, hc, Frost and Rogers; c, Nicholls. CREST or C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, hc. sp., Gale, very nicely centred, well dropped variegated. Crest, and a heavily feathered wide browed C.B.; res., vhc, Stubbs. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp., Miles, fine bounding variegated buff Nor., full of col., and qual., rare style; 2, Daindridge, lovely neck tkd. buff Yorkie, rare shape, style, and feather, a bit pale in col. 3, small, rich col., grand qual., variegated yell. Nor.; res., Rev. T. W. T. Miller; vhc, hc, Frost and Rogers. NOV. (9): 1, sp., Pinyonn, grand wingmkd. Crest, neat centre and droop, easy win; 2, Mrs. Norman, very typical, silky feathered, stylish buff Nor.; 3, Pelling, stylish, close feathered buff Yorkie, grand wings and tail; res., vhc, French; hc, King; c, Small; new members' spl., Gates. MULES (7): 1, sp., Howick, grandly mkd., nice shaped, rich col., Can.-Bullie, in rare form; 2, 3, hc. James, grandly mkd., very close feathered, stylish, dark Lin.-Can., 3, very rich Jonque Gold-Can., wonderful sheen and qual.; res., Miles; vhc, Gibb; c, Goulden. GOLD (4): 1, 2, James, lovely rich blaze, splendid body col., lovely feather and style, 2, very smart and stylish, neat blaze, good bars and buttons, not quite so rich in body col; 3, Soffuer, neat little Finch, not ready; res., Roast. A.O.V., BRIT. (11): 1, sp., Swaysland, grandly mkd., good coloured Blackcap, nicely feathered; 2, Wall, very rich coloured, grand shaped, good headed Bullie; 3, res., hc, c, James, well laced, good coloured, shapely Siskin; vhc, Bignell; hc, Bishop, Miles. FOR. (6): 1, 3, res., vhc, hc, Swaysland, very good coloured, shapely pair Trumpeter Finches leading, one in excellent condition, and other not quite through moult, 3, very pretty pair of yellow Manukins, nicely marked, good col. and feather; 2, Gibbs, rich, lustrous coloured, grandly marked green Avadavat.

ANFIELD, EVERTON.

Third Annual Members' Show, held in Temperance Hall, Haggeia Street, Oct. 18. There was a fine entry, approaching 350. The Green C.A. held their Novice Scheme, providing two classes each for Yorks., Norwich, and Border. This section was interesting, and brought out some strong novices with birds above average merit, and it is a move in the right direction. Yorks. and Yorks. Greens, in both champion and novice sections, held the sway, and quite a number of the very best Greens out were to be seen here. The heavyweight of entries however, appeared in the novice sections all through. Some of the most promising "budding" champions were winning, and the Yell. Green Self shown by Mr. Jones, of Birkenhead, which was voted by all present one of the best seen for a long time, is without a doubt a beauty. A fine list of specials were hotly competed for. Messrs. Walker and Redpath, the hon. secs., did their work in first class style, and were well assisted by a fine band of willing and capable members. Messrs. Wellings and Moulton judged, and their awards met with approval generally.

The Critique.

CHAMP., CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Skilling; 2, Rawsthorne. BUFF: 1, Benson and Young. TKD. YELL.: 1, Rawsthorne; 2, Skilling. BUFF: 1, 3, Skilling; 2, Algie; vhc, Poole. VAR. YELL.: 1, Skilling. BUFF: 1, Benson and Young; 2, Algie. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Skilling; vhc, Algie. BUFF.: 1, vhc, hc, Skilling; 2, Benson and Young; 3, Algie. UNFLIG., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, Benson and Young; vhc, Rawsthorne. BUFF: 1, Skilling; 2, Rawsthorne; 3, Benson and Young. YORKS., GR., YELL.: 1, 3, Skilling; 2, Bell; vhc, Rawsthorne; hc, c, Brindle. BUFF: 1, 2, Benson and Young; 3, Rawsthorne. FOUL., YELL.: 1, sp. best Yorks. Green, Benson and Young; 2, Skilling; 3, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, Bell; 2, Skilling. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Bell; 2, Benson and Young; vhc, Brindle; hc, c, Skilling. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Benson and Young; 2, Skilling; 3, hc, Bell; c, Brindle. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Bell; 2, Rawsthorne; 3, c, Skilling; vhc, Parsons; hc, Brindle. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Skilling; 2, Bell; vhc, Brindle. NOR., CL., ETC. BUFF: 1, sp, best Nor., 2, Crowe, leader, grand bird; 3, Cutmore; vhc, hc, Redpath; c, Poole. VAR., YELL.: 1, Bush and Burns. BUFF.: 1, Wilkins; 2, Crowe; 3, Cutmore; vhc, Redpath; hc, Lowe; c, Bush and Burns. BUFF HENS: 1, Crowe; 2, vhc, Cutmore; 3, Redpath; hc, Poole. NOR., GR. BUFF: 1, Poole. YELL. GR. HEN: 1, Lowe. BORD. GR. YELL.: 1, Williams. BUFF: 1, Williams. NOV., YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Hanley, grand pair, very tight run; 3, Huyton, long and slim; vhc, Evans; hc, Davison; c, Williams. BUFF: 1, Evans, very fine; 2, Redpath; 3, c, Davison; vhc, Hanley; hc, Rothwell. TKD. YELL.: 1, Rothwell; 2, Wilson; 3, Huyton; vhc, Mullens; hc, Hanley. BUFF: 1, Lowe; 2, Hanley; 3, Sinclair; vhc, Kelley; hc, Davison; c, Williams. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Stienard; 2, Lowe; 3, Sinclair; vhc, Redpath. BUFF: 1, Bush and Burns; 2, Evans. HEN., YELL. (16), a fine class all through, all winners running very close: 1, c, Lowe; 2, Wilson; 3, Hanley; vhc, Huyton; hc, Sinclair. BUFF (17), also very fine, strong class: 1, c, Rothwell; 2, Wilson; 3, vhc, Hanley; hc, Lowe. UNFLIG. YELL. (11), very good lot too: 1, 3, Rothwell; 2, c, Huyton; vhc, Stienard; hc, Hanley. BUFF (10), also good: 1, 2, Hanley; 3, vhc, Rothwell; hc, Mullens; c, Lowe. YORKS., GR., YELL., SELF.: 1, Jones; 2, Evans; 3, Huyton; vhc, Wilson; hc, Poole; c, Hanley. BUFF (7): 1, Trafford; 2, Kelly; 3, Hanley; vhc, Thornley; hc, Lowe; c, Mullens. YELL.: 1, Hanley; 2, Stienard. BUFF: 1, Hanley. YELL. HENS (9), good stuff here: 1, Kelly; 2, hc, Hanley; 3, Thornley; vhc, c, Bush and Burns. BUFF (8): 1, Hanley; 2, Kelly; 3, Mullens; vhc, Holmes; hc, c, Stienard. UNFLIG., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Mullens; 2, Jones; 3, Hanley; vhc, hc, Evans; c, Trafford. BUFF (8): 1, Stienard, grand all over R; 2, Evans, fine type, good col.; 3, Mullens; vhc, Holmes; hc, c, Hanley. A.O.V.: 1, Hanley; 2, Rawsthorne. YORKS., NAT. COL., YELL. CK.: 1, Bush and Burns; 2, Kelly; 3, Thornley; vhc, Huyton. BUFF: 1, Kelly; 2, vhc, Bell; 3, Algie; hc, Hanley. HENS: 1, Evans; 2, Brindle. G.C.A. NOV. CLASSES.: YORKS., GR., YELL. CK., in the teens, big class: 1, 2, c, Jones; fine trio, a real eye opener, no mistake; 3, Richardson; vhc, Cooper; hc, Bell. BUFF, HEN, also a big class: 1, Richardson, very good; 2, hc, Bell; 3, c, Cooper; vhc, Jones. NOR., GR. YELL. CK.: 1, Woods, nice col. and type; 2, hc, c, Malone; 3, vhc, Higham. BORD., GR., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Bratherton; 3, Barnett; vhc, c, Howcroft; hc, Leatherbarrow. BUFF HEN: 1, vhc, Howcroft; 2, 3, Bratherton; hc, Rawsthorne; c, Barnett. GOLDF.: 1, Kelly. BULLF.: 1, Williams. LINNET: 1, Leyss; 2, 3, Bell. CHAFF, ETC.: 1, Bell; Chaffinch; 2, 3, Wilkins, Bramble, and Chaffinch. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Wilkins, M. Redpoll Mules; 1, 2, 3, Stafford Jackson.

ABERSYCHAN.

Annual show, held at Co-operative Hall, October 30. Entries were up on last year, but the show, like most of the others in South Wales, had to suffer through clashing. The committee had to withhold the first prize in most classes to save disaster, although there were some first-class exhibits staged. Mr. Sweeting, with a good band of stewards, had everything in perfect order. Mr. J. Houghton judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 2, Hill, good head and neck, neat wings and tail, good subs., well up in col.; 3, Cleaves, very shapely, well balanced throughout; 4, Hitchings, neat head and neck, good wings and tail, hardly the subs. of leaders; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Crouch. BUFF: 2, Broome, good type, grand size and shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Hill, good head and neck, nicely moulded, correct wings; 4, Sweeting, grand col., neat head, neck, wings, tail, hardly the subs.; vhc, Crouch. MKD. BUFF: 2, Thomas, good head and neck, well filled in back, good subs. throughout; 3, Hill, nice size and shape, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Hitchings, big bouncing bird, nice col., wet when noted; vhc, Broome. HEN: 2, Hill, lovely qual. and shape, neat head and neck, wings and tail; 3, vhc, Cleaves, grand shape and qual., correct wings and tail, well shown; 4, Broome, nicely frosted, hardly the substance as leaders; hc, Sweeting; c, Hitchings. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Amphlett, cl. yell., grand subs. throughout, well filled in back, neat wings and tail; 2, Cleaves, another cl. yellow, neat head and neck, nicely moulded body, in fine form; 3, Couch, neat yellow, well cut away, very clean behind, hardly the substance as leaders; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Sweeting; c, Hill. NON-FED (3): 3, Sidstone, cl. buff, nice subs., good head and neck; vhc, Cookham; hc, E. Powell. UNFLIG. HEN (7): 2, Thomas, lovely qual. and shape, neat head, neck, wings and tail, a topper; 3, Sweeting, tkd. yell., good col. and qual., hardly so fine in feather as leader; 4, Hill, sweet hen, neat head and neck, wings and tail; vhc, Cleaves; hc, Vaughan; c, Couch. NOV. CK. (13): 1, Durham and Thomas, cl. buff, grand head and neck, neat wings and tail, stands well across, nice exhibit for a novice; 2, Hammet, another cl. buff, good size and shape, lovely qual. and con., close up; 3, Coker, very shapely, neat head and wings, and tail, looks like a hen; vhc, Waters; hc, he, Jones; c, Slee. HEN (7): 2, Richards, cl. buff, sweet head, nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail; 3, 4, Thomas and Durham, cl. yell., neat head and neck, tightly braced wings, neat tail, 4th, neat, hardly the subs. of leaders; vhc, Slee; hc, Coker; c, Amphlett. YORKS., YELL. (7): 2, Williams, grand length, straight as a gun barrel, well rounded shoulders, finely drawn, good col.; 3, Ashman, fine length, good head, neat narrow shoulders, fine qual.; 4, no name, nice length, good shoulders and waist, fails to leaders in wing car.; vhc, Jones; hc, Cook; c, Hillman. BUFF: 2, Ashman, good length, lovely pos., straight as a rush, neat wings and tail; 3, Griffiths, fine length, neat narrow shoulders, clean waist; 4, Hillman, nice pos., lovely back, neat wings and tail; vhc, Clift. VARIEG. (5): 2, no name, fine length, slim and finely drawn, stands like a guardsman; 3, Hillman, uneven mkd., buff, nice length, finely drawn, beautifully braced, wings and tail; 4, Pritchard, very slim, nice length, trifle open in breast feather; vhc, Clift; c, Moule. HEN (5): 2, Hillman, med. length, lovely qual., neat shoulders and waist, nice col., and qual., 3, Griffiths, scarcely so slim as leaders, but beautifully rounded, grand shoulders; 4, Pritchard, smaller, nice pos., neat shoulders; vhc, no name; hc, Cook. UNFLIG.: 1, Jones, cl. buff, sweet oval head, lovely col. and type, nice length; 2, Russell, cl. yell., grand length, stands like a guardsman, lovely car., neat wings and tail; 3, Pritchard, cl. yell., beauty for type and feather, sweet oval head, not quite the length as leaders; vhc, Cook; hc, Watkins; c, Hillman. HEN: 2, Ashman, cl. yell., sweet head and neck, medium length, cut off behind; 3, no name, cl. yell., rare length, nice feather, neat head and neck; vhc, Russell; c, Hillman. NON-FED: 3, Clark, nice feather, stands on a good pair of legs; vhc, Cooper. NOV. CK.: 1, hc, Moule, variegated buff, medium length, good qual., feather, oval head, nice neck; 2, Morgan, wing-mkd. yell., nice length, rare qual., neat head and neck; 3, Ashman, cl. buff, neat head and neck, good qual., feather crosses wings a little; vhc, Richards; c, Watkins. HEN: 1, Ashman, cheek mkd. buff, nice length and qual., neat head and neck, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Morgan, former mkd. yell., nice medium length, good qual., neat head and neck, good tail, 3, cl. yell., neat head, and neck, neat wing and tail, not the length of leaders; vhc, Watkins; hc, Broome; c, Clark. SELL., 30s.: 2, hc, Vaughan; 3, vhc, Russell; c, Powell. 20s.: 2, Richards; 3, Thomas and Durham; vhc, Russell; hc, Thomas; c, Cleaves. 10s. 6d.: 1, Hough; 2, Workman; 3, Durham; vhc, Thomas; hc, Ashman; c, Powell. CAN., GOLD., MULE: 2, Rees, large buff, rare col., in the pink of condition; 3, dark Jonque, red hot col., not the size of leader; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Cookham; c, Workman. A.O. MULE OR HYB.: 2, 3, vhc, Edwards, leader Can.-Bullfi., grand col. and size, and a brace of Bullfi.-Gold's, very little between, rare size and col.; hc, c, Hill. COLDFI.: 2, Rees, grand size, lovely shape, rare face, well cut blaze, nicely tanned; 3, Edwards, nice size, and shape, good blaze, well shown; vhc, Dark; hc, Morris.; c, Cookham. A.O. FINCH: 2, Cookham, Bullfi., grand size, subs., dense cap, good breast col.; 3, Griffiths, Hawfinch, grand size, nice shape, clean cut bib; vhc, Richards; hc, Vaughan; c, Durham. LINNET: 3, Rees, good size and shape, clear and distinctly mkd., show whites well; vhc, no name; hc, Latham. SMALL BRIT.: 3, Moss, Siskin, lovely type, good broad cap, nicely laced; vhc, Morris.

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FORFAR.

Fourth annual exhibition and competition held Masonic Hall, Nov. 8. The hall is an ideal one, being well lighted and free from draughts. This society is blessed with a grand management, everyone being a worker. Mr. D. Kerr, sec. and treas., who was ably assisted by a first-rate committee, had everything in first-class order. Entries were just about the level of last year, but quality was better, many outstanding birds being on exhibition. We heard CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme coming in for a lot of praise. Norwich were not so strong in numbers as one would expect from a breeding centre like Forfar, but quality was up to the standard. Mr. T. Morrison, Hamilton, judged these, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Borders were strong in both numbers and quality, some really outstanding birds going well in the money. Brit. and Foreign while not a record for numbers contained some extra good ones, while Mules and Hybrids contained the cream of Scotland; Mr. Roy, Auchterarder, scored with his Dark Goldie Mule, the Glasgow and Perth winner; while Mr. Jas. Fyfe, led in Hybrids with his Goldf.-Bullf., looking in grand form. J. Hamilton judged Borders, and R. Watson, Glasgow, Brit., Mules, and Foreign; their awards were well received.

The Norwich Canaries.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Kerr, grand size, real Nor. type, thick set body, nice short wings and tail, very good cl.; 2, Murray, scarcely size of leader, but close up in other respects, fine front, neat head and wings. BUFF (6): 1, Mitchell, monster for size, lovely frosted, best of type, in rattling order, wins; 2, Kennedy, similar build, scarcely so well feathered, still a good one; 3, Patterson, fine size, good head, neat shape, in fine bloom; 4, Anderson, still another good one, scarcely size of leaders, fine condition; vhc, Paton; hc, Storrar. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (3): 1, Craig, grand size, nice full chest, fine wings and tail, in the best of cond.; 2, Bowman, slightly larger, excellent type, good head and neck, not the qual. of feather; 3, Hampton, good one, a little more size only wanted, fine feather and cond. VAR. GR. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Masterton, good size, nice depth of chest, fine wing carr., feathered like silk; 2, Grewar, similar build, little heavier head, nice full chest, hard to find fault with. BUFF (6): 1, Smeaton, big one, all there for qual. and type, best of wing carr., wins; 2, Mitchell, good type, scarcely size of leader, shown in fine order; 3, Taylor, fails a little in size to leaders, plenty of feather here; 4, Murray, very typical; vhc, Boath; hc, Cuthill. VAR. GR. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Grewar, saddle mkd., grand size, neat wings and tail, best of qual. and cond., wins; 2, 3, Hampton, two good ones, 2nd mark head, fine size, well shown, 3rd cheek mark, scarcely size or feather of leaders. BUFF (6): 1, Grewar, best of size, very full chest, mkd. head and wings, good feather and cond.; 2, Taylor, not size of leader, but all there for type, well placed; 3, Boath, cheek mkd., grand size, very neat shape, finely frosted, presses; 4, Smith, slimmer, still good; vhc, Miles; hc, Bowman. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Mitchell, good one all over, excels size, col., and qual., best of wing carr.; 2, Mitchell, Buff, nice youngster, very bold head, feathered like wax; 3, Taylor, Yell., similar build to leader, but lacks size, in fine order; 4, Kerr, another good one, all there for qual. and cond.; vhc, Bowman; hc, Paton; c, Smith. HEN (9): 1, Smeaton, Buff, grand size, nice thick set hen, teeming with qual., wins; 2, Boath, Yell., scarcely size of leader, fine feather and cond.; 3, Pirie, Buff, nice cobby body, fails a little in head; 4, Miles, presses; vhc, Cuthill; hc, Strachan; c, Bowman. NON-FED COCK (5): 1, Smeaton, grand size, very neat shape, fine head, in the pink; 2, Mitchell, heavy var. yell., fails little in head to leader, still all there for qual. and cond.; 3, Grewar, cl. yell., best of type, feather, and cond.; 4, Pirie, feather little coarser; vhc, Storrar. HEN (4): 1, Smeaton, nice hen, best of qual., fine Nor. type, wins; 2, Taylor, similar build, scarcely so thick set body; 3, Mitchell, must have pressed, grand subs., fine feather, neat head and best of cond.; 4, Kerr. SELL CK. (5): 1, Anderson; 2, Boath; 3, Bowman; 4, Taylor. HEN (8): 1, Kennedy; 2, Paton; 3, Anderson; 4, Mastertou; vhc, Hampton; hc, Paterson; c, Boath.

The Border Fancies.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 2, Craig, 1st nice col., fine form, neat wings, tail, nicely rounded body, wins, 2nd also cl., scarcely feather of leader, still good; 3, Crabb and Findlayson, similar to leader, best of feather and cond., little faulty in wing carr.; 4, Smart, very sweet one; vhc, Lyall; hc, Wilson; c, Dargie. BUFF (11): 1, Craig, very neat one, fine wings and tail, best of feather and cond., pressed by 2, Bennet, tkd. head, fine type, neat head and wings, shining like satin; 3, Irvine, nice one, best of feather, fine rounded body, well shown; 4, Thomson, fails little head to leaders; vhc, hc, Craig; c, Henderson. YELL. VAR. CK. (13): 1, Wilson, head and wing mkd., all there for qual., feathered like wax; 2, Rae and Reid, eye and wing mkd., very good one all over, best of wings and tail, shown in faultless order, presses; 3, Dalgetty and Weston, similar mkd., scarcely feather or cond. of 2nd, still good; 4, Crabb and Findlayson, cheek and wing mkd., fine qual., inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, Craig; hc, c, Hendersen. BUFF (9): 1, Crabb and Findlayson, eyes and wing mkd., very sweet one, best of wings and tail, feather of best qual., wins; 2, Henderson, similarly mkd., very wild, would not keep off wires; 3, Craig, finely rounded body, neat wings and tail, well placed; 4, Craig, similar; vhc, Fairweather; hc, Nicoll, could have gone up; c, Ewart. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (13) Strong class, many good birds being cardless: 1, Bennet, topping cl., all there for quality, best of feather, wings, etc., wins; 2, Wilson, cl., good type, nice jaunty style, fine feather and cond.; 3, Crabb and Findlayson, also cl., scarcely so neat wings, still all there for qual. of feather; 4, Robertson, good; vhc, Craig; hc, Henderson; c, Lyall. BUFF (9): 1, Bennet, grand type, fine rounded body, neat head, best of wings and tail, feathered like satin; 2, Craig, good type, scarcely so finely rounded as leader, similar wings and tail, well placed; 3, Crabb and Findlayson, head mkd., one of fine form, good wings, in rare order; 4, Miles, very sweet hen, not much to go between them; vhc, Henderson; hc, Aitkenhead; c, Hampton. YELL. VAR. HEN (8): 1, Dargie, cheek wing mkd., all there for qual., fails little wing carr., still a good one; 2, Craig, head and shoulder mkd., fine type, nicely rounded body, takes perches neatly, must have pressed; 3, Peters, nicely mkd. hen, fine feather, shown in A1 order; 4, Elliot, we made third, good hen all over; vhc, Henderson; hc, Gray and Duncan, could have gone up; c, Robertson. BUFF (12): 1, Craig, head mkd., nice jaunty carr., fine wings and tail, very close feathered; 2, Bennet, must have pressed, grand type, qual., and feather, very sweet one, shown in faultless condition; 3, Thompson, cheeks and wings mkd., all there for type and qual., well placed; 4, Henderson, sweet exhibit; vhc, Irvine; hc, Peters; c, Wilson. EVEN MARKS: Cancelled. GR. OR CINN. (7): 1, Thompson, Yell. Gr., fine form, very neat wings and tail, best of feather and cond., wins; 2, 3, Henderson, 2nd similar, scarcely so good wing carr., 3rd Cinn., of very fine feather, very taking; 4, vhc, hc, Sturrock, nice Green; c, Rae and Reid. SELL CK. (9): 1, Dargie, good; 2, Bennet; 3, Crabb and Findlayson; 4, Dalgetty and Weston; vhc, Henderson; hc, Robertson; c, Campbell. HEN (8): 1, Wilson; 2, Robertson; 3, A. Robertson; 4, Kennedy; vhc, McBeath; hc, Ewart; c, Henderson. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, White, good C.B., fine size and shape; 2, Douglas, Lizard Gold, very neat; 3, White, another C.B. pair.

The Mules, British, and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Fyfe, leader Goldf. Bullf., fine size, neat shape, lovely face, good wing bars, wins, 2nd Redpoll-Greenie, falls col., shown in A1 bloom, 3rd Siskin-Green., faultless order, nice cap, sweet col., very stylish; 4, John Bowman, fair Var. Goldie Mule. DK. COLDF. OR LINN. MULE: 1, Roy, romping Yell. Goldie, exceptional col., grand face, nice wings, staged in rare bloom, Glasgow winner; 2, 3, Steven, Goldie leading, not qual. of leader, lacks polish, still a good one, 3rd Linnet, nice size, very rich col., fails little in wing carr.; 4, Roy; vhc, Muir and Heenan. A.O.V. CAN. MULE: 1, 2, Roy, nice Greenie leading, grand size, teeming with col. and qual., wins, 2nd Siskin, very neat, fine cap and col., well placed; 3, McGillivray Bros., Buff Greenie, fine qual. and cond.; 4, Fyfe, Siskin, sweet one; vhc, Fyfe; hc, Black and Hendrie; c, Dunbar. GOLDF. (6): 1, Pringle, nice size, fine tapping, nice rich face, good bars and buttons; 2, Cranna, good one all over, fails little in tans to leader; 3, Harcombe, scarcely up in bloom yet, will improve; 4, Christie, fair; vhc, Maekie; hc, Douglas. BULLF. (5): 1, Christie, fine type, nice rich col., f.m., little ragged at thighs; 2, Sykes, h.m., good one, better qual. of feather, scarcely so rich, fine cap and wing bars, our first; 3, Cranna, steady, fails size to leaders, still nice col. and cond., good cap; 4, McGillivray Bros.; vhc, Douglas. GREENF. (5): 1, Fyfe, steady, pale col., stylish; 2, Gove, grand size, fine head, looking old now; 3, Dalgetty, fair col., good size; 4, Sykes, could have gone up; vhc, McKay. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Muir and Heenan, nice pair, 1st best of size, col., and marks, 3rd little too lengthy, falls col.; 2, Barrie, f.m., fails size to leader, nice col., little clouded on breast, steady; 4, Craig, good; vhc, Muir; hc, Mitchell; c, Roy. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Brown, good one, fine cap and bib, very neat shape, nice col.; 2, Lees, Twite, fine col. and condition, nice markings on flanks, well placed; 3, Sykes, Siskin, fails cap and bib to leader, a good one; 4, vhc, hc, Black and Hendrie; c, Pringle. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, Mackie, Bullie, grand type, fine wing bars, neat cap, wins; 2, Robb, Bearded Tit, very sweet one, shown in faultless order; 3, Colville, Reed, fine size, fair col., will improve; 4, Greig, Greenie; vhc, Brown; hc, Roy. A.O. BRIT. (5): 1, Sykes, Hawfinch, stormer, grand size, fine head, neat bib, teeming with qual., wins in a canter; 2, Robb, Bearded Tit, grand col., very neat wings and tail, in A1 bloom; 3, Douglas, Thrush, fine size, lovely mkd. breast, well placed; 4, Gray and Duncan, f.m. Yellowhammer; vhc, McKay. FOR. (4): 1, 3, Colville and Son, Pintail Nonpareil leading, fine col. and cond, 3rd Whydah, nice tail, in good order; 2, Pringle, Siberian Goldie, good size, nice blaze and tans; 4, Robb. SELL (6): 1, Greig; 2, Irvine; 3, vhc, Douglas; 4, Sykes, Siskin.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Annual show held Nov. 5, at the Carlton Drill Hall; entries came up very well. This being the Quarter Century show, there were four commemoration cups to be competed for; these were won by Messrs. White and Fellows (Canaries), Mr. A. T. Jupe (British), and Mr. Slade (Foreign). Mr. Kiddle made a good sec., and everything was in good order. Mr. Telling judged.

CREST: 1, Dr. Weeks, grand D.C., lovely Crest, good feather, beautifully radiated from a perfect centre; res, vhc, Fellowes, yell., not so good in crest as winner, but a nice bird. C.B.: 1, vhc, hc, Fellows, good dark, rare size, good feather, nice head; 2, res, vhc, Dr. Weeks, variegated, good col., nice cond., fails a bit in head, res another variegated, good size; hc, Cawte. NOR. YELL.: 1, Silk, jun., very nice, variegated, good col. and subs., looking fit; res, Fellows, nice yell., good size and carr.: vhc, Schneider. DITTO, TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Schneider, grand tkd. yell., lovely col., rare size, well carried wings, fine qual. of feather, wins; 2, King, variegated, good col., nice quality of feather, good subs.; 3, res, vhc, Weeks, very nice yell., good size, fails a little in col.; vhc, Foyle; hc, Fellows, White; c, Page. BUFF, CL., ETC.: 1, Schneider, lovely rich col., good size and shape; 2, cup, vhc, Fellows, not quite so good in col., still a nice one; res, King, very nice variegated, good col. and shape; vhc, Page. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, res, Hayter, very nice one, good length, nicely drawn, beautiful col., fine qual. of feather; 2, vhc, Gamble, good cl., nice even, col., fine carr., stands well; vhc, White; hc, Egerton. DITTO, 1913: 1, 2, White, grand one, very long, nice body and good tail, 2nd also a nice yell. good shape and stands well; res, Gamble, variegated, good colour and shape; vhc, Hayter (2), White. BUFF, GR. OR VAR.: 1, Gamble, grand buff, good col., nice shape and carr.; 2, Fellows, very nice, bit stouter than winner; res, Egerton, nice shape, good col.; vhc, White, Gamble; vhc, c, Hayter. DITTO, 1913: 1, cup, vhc, White, real good buff, lovely shape, nice carr., good tail; 2, Gamble, nice even col., good length; res, hc, Snowden, nice col. buff, but rather thick; vhc, Bailey; hc, Oakley. MULES, LIGHT: 1, Weeks, very nice variegated. Goldf.-Can., good col. and nice size; 2, Patterson, very good variegated, good size and col.; res, vhc, Hartnell, good light, falls a bit in size; vhc, Dear; hc, Dellagana. DARK: 1, Oakley, grand Goldie, nice, blaze, very rich col., good size; 2, Weeks, very nice Greenf.-Can., good col., very neat; res, vhc, Page, good col. and size; vhc, Fellows, Bailey. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (15): 1, sp. and cup, 2, Jupe, grand Goldie, lovely rich square cut blaze, good bars, in grand trim, 2nd real topper, wonderful size, very rich in col., very large blaze, wants a little more time; 3, White, a very neat one, nice rich face; res, vhc, Dear; vhc, Fellows (2), Combs; hc, Slawson; grand class. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, Duke, nice Hawfinch, good col., but unsteady; res, Fellows, very nice Bramble, good col.; vhc, Dear, Dellagana, Silk. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Kimber, very nice Siskin, good col., nice size and feather; 2, res, Fellows, good Linnet, very nicely pencilled, not over steady, and a neat Redpoll; vhc, White, Butler; hc, Clark. SMALL (2): 1, Slawson, nice Skylark, good size and cond.; res, Fellows, neat Skylark. FOR.: 1, cup, 2, res, Slade, leader grand Gouldian Finch, lovely col., nicely mkd. SELL.: 1, Butler; 3, Dellangana; res, vhc, Fellows; vhc, Foyle. LOCAL NOR.: 1, Foyle; 2, vhc, White; res, vhc, Washer. YORKS.: 1, White; 2, Snowden; res, vhc, Wainwright; vhc, Clark; hc, Blaxall. BRIT: 1, no name, nice Goldie; res, Clark; vhc, Mellmish. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hartnell; res, Clark.

ABERDEEN (Bon-accord) C.B.S.

Annual show, held in the Ball room, Music Hall Buildings, Nov. 8. Unquestionably a very fine room, large enough to hold a show twice the size. The entry was back from last year, which must have been a little disheartening to the executive. Norwich were the outstanding feature, and a grand lot they were. British and Foreign were few; what has come of all the British bird fanciers in Aberdeen? Cup for best young Norwich was won by Mr. Thos. Collie, Stonehaven, with a Buff var. ck. of great size and quality. The Lewis Cup for best bird, Mr. J. Sandison, a grand yell. rock of nice level col., good size and qual. Cup, best Brit., went to a Blackbird we thought somewhat lucky. We were sorry to hear that Mr. J. B. Henderson's Nat. Col. Yell. cock came by a mishap and died before judging took place. Mr. A. Thomson makes an ideal sec., and is assisted by a strong committee. Mr. J. Adams (Dundee) judged Nor., and Mr. D. Ross (Forres) British and Foreign, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Sandison, 1st grand size and shape, rare full chest, well cut away, fine head, nice carr. and qual.; 2, Steele, rattling size and col., good feather; 3, Craighead, not quite so bold in front, A 1 col. and condition; he, Forsyth; c, Strachan. BUFF (10): 1, Allison, lovely size and shape, fine head and col., grand condition; 2, A. Strachan, also well up in size, rare qual. and col., nice wing carr.; 3, Dunn, very sweet, in full bloom; vhc, Sandison; he, Rae; c, Thomson. VAR. YELL. (4): 1, Will, cap and wing marked, good size and col., grand shape, short wings and tail; 2, Collie, fails in head to winner, good col., A 1 qual.; 3, Forsyth, medium size, best of shape, bit weak in head, good col. and condition; vhc, Thomson. BUFF (8): 1, Allison, lightly mkd., best of shape, col. and qual., nice round head, grand wing carr., well put down; 2, Will, fails in head a little, best of col. and qual.; 3, Reid, fine round head, good size, col. and qual.; vhc, Strachan; he, Rae; c, Craighead. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Allison, best of shape, splendid head and neck, grand col. and condition; 2, Reid, not quite so chubby, good col. and qual.; 3, Will, rich even col., very good body, fine qual.; vhc, Strachan; he, Davidson; c, Fyfe. BUFF (8): 1, Dunn, nice shape, A 1 qual. and cond.; 2, Will, tip-top qual., bit weak in head, good wing carr.; 3, Allison, crosses wings at times, good body and col.; vhc, Steele; he, Davidson; c, Forsyth. BAR. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Steele, wing mark, rare type, well up in size, good head, well cut away, grand col., a nice one; 2, Davidson, good shape, rare carr., loses a little in head; 3, Allison, grizzle tail, best of qual. and col., not a bad one; vhc, he, c, Dunn. BUFF (8): 1, Sinclair, grand shape, rare good head, best of qual., in grand trim; 2, Scott, mkd. wings, fine chubby hen, plenty subs., grand head and neck, good col. and condition; 3, Sandison, great size, plenty feather; vhc, Steele; he, Forsyth; c, Rae. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Allison, 1st excels in type, grand col. and qual., a good one; 3rd not quite so typical; 2, Rae, medium size, fine qual and bloom, short and compact; vhc, Sinclair. BUFF (14): 1, Allison, mkd. neck, good chubby bird, rare size and shape, short wings and tail, good carr.; 2, Rae, another good one, teeming in qual., A 1 col.; 3, Reid, rare size, not quite as full in front, good col. and qual.; vhc, Steele; he, Cummings; c, Will. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Will, cap mkd., good size and col., nice qual.; 2, Forsyth, nice shape, in good condition, 3, Scott, short and compact, neat head and wings; vhc, Campbell. BUFF (10): 1, Collie, great size, good qual., bit weak at entrance; 2, Sandison, best of type, A 1 col. and qual.; 3, Forsyth, grand head, good front and shape; vhc, Sinclair; he, Reid; c, Will. HEN (10): 1, c, Forsyth, 1st best of type, falls a little in head, good col. and qual.; 2, Rae, best of qual., nice level col.; 3, Sandison, our choice for 1st, typical, best of wing carr., and col.; vhc, Scott; he, Campbell; c, Forsyth. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Allison, lovely type, rare full chest, well cut away, nice carr. and qual., in good feather; 2, 3, Forsyth, 2nd very sweet exhibit, fine head and lovely qual.; 3rd not quite so typical; vhc, Campbell; he, Strachan; c, Collie. YELL. (9): 1, Sandison, good size and shape, well fed; 2, Forsyth, not quite so bold in front, rare quality, nice wing carr.; 3, he, Reid; 3rd typical, a little pale in col.; vhc, Rae; c, Sinclair. BUFF (6): 1, Allison, very good in size and shape, nice head, full and rounded chest, well cut away; 2, Sandison, nice shape, A1 col. and cond.; 3, Strachan, best of type and qual.; vhc, Reid; he, Campbell; c, Will. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, he, Dressel, 1st, best of type, short and compact, rare qual. and cond.; 2nd, good size, mkd. eyes and wings, a taking exhibit; 3, Steele, not a bad one; vhc, Strachan. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Sandison, very fine shape, good size, short wings and tail, grand col.; 2, Dressel, mkd. wings and eyes, chubby, good size and shape; 3, Strachan, good front, very typical, nice qual. and condition; vhc, Thomson. BUFF VAR. HEN (7): 1, Dressel, fine type, very neat head, good back and wing carr.; 2, Thomson, teeming in qual., lovely size and shape; 3, Will, good front, nicely cleaned out, A 1 cond. GREEN: 1, Reid, good size and col. BUFF GR. (4): 1, Rae, good type, plenty subs., best of order; 2, Steven, another good one; vhc, M. Steven. BORD.: 1, Strachan. HEN: 1, Strachan. 1913: 1, Collie; 2, Strachan. CINN. CK. (3): 1, 2, Rae, two smart exhibits, great size and col.; 3, Henderson, good size, grand type and col. CINN. HEN: 1, Rae, A 1 col. and condition. UNFLIG.: 1, Rae, grand size, nice head, good front, best of col. CREST: 1, 2, Steven, two nice exhibits. C.B.: 1, Steven, plenty feather, well lashed, good size and cond. NOVICE, CK.: 1, Sinclair, lovely type and col.; 2, Campbell, in prime condition; 3, Balneaves, a little open in feather. HEN: 1, Balneaves, lovely qual., best of col., and nice wing carr.; 2, Sinclair, delightful col., rare qual., fine head, back and wings. A.O.V.: 1, Steele, Cinn. mark, best of type, fine silky feather, good head and neck, A 1 wings and tail; 2, Henderson, rattling size and col. HYB. (4): 1 4, Reid, 1st Greenf.-Can., good size, not the best of col., might have given way to 2, Strachan, a yell., good size and best of col., staged to perfection; 3, Collie, var., Goldf.-Can. GOLDF. (2): 1, Wilson, nice size, shape, good blaze and cond.; 2, Steele, larger, not quite ready yet, will improve. LINNET (3): 1, Fyfe, some thought lucky, fails in col. to 2, Campbell, in grand order, nicely pencilled, and well turned out; 3, Steele. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Steele, a nice coloured 'Poll; 2, Wilson, good coloured Siskin; 3, Thomson, another 'Poll, A 1 size. BULLF.: 1, Steele, good size and shape, rare back and breast col., good cap and bars. GREENF.: 1, Themson, good size and shape, A 1 col. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Robertson, Blackbird, rather dull in col. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Robertson, winner nice Black Redstart, in the pink of condition; 2nd, Whitethroat, looking well; 3, Yellow Wagtail. FOR.: 1, 2, Robertson. HEN, BRIT.: 1, Robertson, Redstart, in tip-top form. SELL.: 1, 2, Davidson. HEN: 1, 2, Cummings; 3, Balneaves.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Second Annual Show held Nov. 1. Entries showed an increase of 40, and quality was well maintained, some bonny birds being shown. Scotch Fancy had four classes provided, and some real good birds were staged, the yellow hen belonging to Mr. Begbie securing cup and three specials, a very popular win. In Borders Mr. Michie had a field day, winning cup and three specials with his yellow cock. Norwich were a fair show, especially the buff classes, the winning buff cock and buff hen were a treat to see, having grand heads and substance. The hall is well lighted and free from draughts. The Society are blessed with a grand set of officials, everyone doing his utmost to make the show a success. Sec. Mr. J. Napier had everything in apple-pie order, and he is the right man for the post. One satisfactory thing is the amount of patronage bestowed on the society. The platform was literally loaded with specials, a total of 74 for 23 classes, and they made a grand show. Judges were: Scotch Fancies, Mr. G. C. T. Hope, Edinburgh; Borders, Mr. W. Lambie, Whitburn; and Nor., etc., Mr J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Rodger, good subs., grand top end and reach, nice pos.; 2, Bigbie, pied, bonny style and pos., fine reach; 3, Campbell, fails subs., capital action; 4, Rodger; 5, 6, D. Campbell. HEN (5): 1, 2 spls, and cup, Bigbie, fine reachy neck, capital top end, nice length of side, stylish, scarcely finished moult; 2, Rodger, pied, fails reach to leader, fine depth through, rare action; 3, 5, Bigbie, nice shape, good shoulder, nice pos., well placed; 4, Preston. BUFF, CK. (6): 1, 2, 5, 6, Bigbie, capital team, leader, grand green, fine sub.; 2, lovely style and action, close up; 3, Rodger, good all round, grand shape and size; 4, Preston. HEN (11): 1, 3 sp, 6 sp, Bigbie, again to the front, leader good one, fine top end and rare reach, wins, third good and typical, grand size, gets tail well under; 2, sp, 7, Rodger, nice shape, on the slim side, good reach, and top end; 4, Rodger; 5, J. Rodger; 8, Preston. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (22): 1, 4, 5, 7, 2 spls, and cup, best Bord, Michie, beauty for style and shape, nicely rounded front, A1 wing carr.; 2, no name, fails head, nice col. and qual., neat piped tail; 3, Ferguson, bonny type and qual., neat wing and tail carr.; 6, Daily; 8, Bigbie. HEN (14): 1, 2, Michie, pair of beauties, in spanking order; 3, no name, wing mkd., very fine head, well rounded front and back, neatly drawn; 4, Ferguson; 5, 7, Johnston; 6, McCrum; 8, Bigbie. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (30): 1, 2, 3, 4, Michie, nice quartette, leader grizzle head, sweet shape and style, well laid on wings, 2nd longer drawn, neat and typical, well placed; 3rd, our choice for first, well rounded head and front, fine weight, in grand bloom; 5, Davidson; 6, 8, Crabb; 7, Dailly. HEN (15): 1, 2, 4, sp, Michie, 1st and 2nd nice qual. and col., shown in grand order; 3, Napier, we made out best in class, Edinburgh, Western winner, sweet size and shape, a little soiled, which no doubt kept her back; 5, Napier; 6, 7, Dailly; 8, Smith. A.O. COL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Napier, eye, head, and wing mkd., forger for type and qual., rare wing and tail carr., fine bloom; 3rd, similar, but a bird to frill in front; 2, Dailly, gem for col. and qual., fine jaunty carr.; 4, 6, Bigbie; 4, Thos. N[illegible]. HEN (9): 1, no name, even mkd., capital markings, nice type and qual.; 2, sp, Michie, neat brim mkd., shade flat on head, fine qual.; 3, Johnston, capital eye, neck and wing mkd., fine shape and col.; 4, 6, Napier; 5, Campbell; 7, Williamson; 8, Napier. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 4, Napier, excels in col. and qual., rare head and front, in grand bloom; 2, Campbell, foul green, might have given place to 3, Williamson, mkd., both eyes and wings, gem for type and qual., well staged; 5, Williamson; 6, Johnston. HEN (10): 1, no name, Cinn. mkd., sweet shape and col., nicely rounded in front, well filled back, wins; 2, Elder, eye, head, and wing mkd., close up, well staged; 3, Dailly, good one, gem for type, well laid on wings; 4, Michie; 5, Campbell; 6, 7, 8, Napier. NOR. YELL., CK. (19): 1, 4, Preston, grand head and neck, well rounded front, excels in col., and qual.; 2, 8, Smith, beaten only in head, lovely col. and qual., hotly fed; 3, 7, Napier, wing mkd., shade longer, nice qual. and cond.; 5, Dailly; 6, Shiels. HEN (16): 1, Preston, nice size and shape, well laid on wings, in fine bloom; 2, Elder, looks like a cock, grand body, nice head, A1 col. and qual.; 3, Napier, good chubby one, nicely rounded in front, well packed tail, close up; 4, Thomson; 5, Campbell; 6, Shiels; 7, Wilson; 8, Smith. A.V. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 3 spls, cup for best Ner., Dailly, grand subs., noble head and front., finely mealed; 2, Preston, variegs., fails size to winner, but still a good one, well placed; 3, Shiels, cap mkd., grand shape, neat head and front, finely braced wings; 4, Leadbetter; 5, Davidson; 6, Dailly; 7, Napier; 8, Campbell. HEN (13): 1, sp, Campbell, wing mkd., rare one for type, grand head and front, wins well; 2, 6, 8, Preston, scarcely so big, neat braced wings, in lovely bloom; 3, sp, 5, Thompson, nice nat. col., fails back to winners; 4, no name; 7, Shiels. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Elder, brace of Greenie-Mules, fair size. BRIT. (15), grand class: 1, 3, 3 spls, and cup, Elder, leader, grandly f d Greenie, in grand bloom. 3rd, buff Greenie, rare size and subs., noble head and front, nice feather; 2, 8, Campbell, dense coloured Twite, nice markings, lovely polish; 4, Thompson; 5 Johnston; 6, Dickson; 7, Scott. OLD SCOTCH FANCY (6): 1, 2, 4, Rodger, nice trio, yell., pied, leading, fine top end, nice subs., wins 2nd, grand buff, massive subs., fine length of side, nice pos.; 3, J. Rodger, buff pied, fails subs., fine style and reach; 5, Campbell. OLD BORD. (10): 1, Crabb, capital cl. buff, neat head and neck, fine close feather; 2, Brydon, best of type and qual., in grand bloom; 3, Rodgers, correct size and shape, well filled back, neat wing and tail carr.; 4, Scott; 5, 6, Dickson; 7, Davidson. NOR. (15): 1, 7, Napier, grizzle, buff, capital subs., good head and front, nicely mealed; 2, sp, 5, 8, Leadbetter, lovely cl. yell., in capital order; 3, D, Leadbetter, nice cobby shape, good wing carr.; 4, Shiels; 6, Johnston.

HONLEY C.B.S.

Members' show, held Nov. 8, at Coach and Horses, Mr. J. Moorhouse, judge. YELL., CK.: 1, 2, 3, Mosley; vhc, Castle. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Greensmith. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, vhc, Mosley; 3, Greensmith. HEN: 1, 3, he, Ellis; 2, vhc, Greensmith.—F. Castle, Hon. Sec.

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Third annual show, held Nov. 1, in the Conservative Halls. The show was well patronised by the public, and the gate money showed an increase, while the entries were about 40 up on last year. We understand that the Society is in a strong position financially, with prospects already pointing to a bright future for the management, who are all workers of the right stamp. Mr. G. McGown makes an ideal president, while Mr. W. Kane shines quite as prominently in the capacity of secretary, and seems always brimful of civility and courtesy. Mr. Chamberlain takes good care of the diners, and knows how to make good use of his charge. The committee, Messrs. Tawse, Miller, Brandon, Robb, Simpson, Greer, and O'Donnell, all added to the success of the show in a most creditable fashion. The hall, which was a neat, square building, was roofed with staging, forming a square in the centre of the hall, which allowed visitors to go right round the exhibits. The light, however, was poor, and the dull sort of weather did not tend to make matters any better, and certainly would not lighten the task of placing the awards, by Messrs. R. Marsh, Kirkintilloch, and P. V. Raine, Cathcart, but we did not hear much adverse criticism. Mr. Tawse, Huntocher, made his second win in both old and young bird cups. Mr. Morton won new cup for British Mules, etc.

The Critique.

1913 CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOV.: 1, Simpson, nice subs., stylish, good qual., neat head and neck, fine car., staged in capital fashion; 2, 3, Tawse, leader grizzle tail mkd., nice qual. and style, good cobby make, not just so well filled at top end, still, nice one, 3rd, good one, staged in rare trim, shapely, and neatly got up, might have gone up; 4, Sheridan, nice size and qual., fine car. and style, but not quite so beautifully rounded at front; 5, Morton; 6th, French; 7, Chambers. BUFF: 1, sp., Tawse, fine size and subs., nice silky, level col., good qual. feather, neat head and full neck, only fault just inclined to cross flights at times; 2, 3, French, leader, sweet qual., scarcely the subs. of winner, but hard up for car. and style, very neat and well put down, 3rd, neat one all over, in rare bloom very little behind; 4, 6, Morton, nice subs. and qual., neatly got up, but might have been staged more profitably; 5, sp, Sheridan; 7, Easton. YELL., VARIEG.: 1, cup, and medal, Tawse, capital exhibit, in rare bloom, real warm, even col. and silky texture feather, fine type and qual., grand front, well filled in at top end, clean cut behind, car. faultless, a topper; 2, Easton, rather less subs., but neat, short, cobby make, fine car. and style, but beaten here; 3, 4, Sheridan, leader rather lightly built, neat car., fine col. and sweet qual., well placed, 4, good type and qual., good car., weak at top end; 5, Wright. BUFF: 1, Sheridan, nice one, but could do with more head and neck, two essential points; 2, Tawse, fine subs. and qual., nicely staged; 3, no name, sweet non-fed, in the pink of condition, grand qual., fine type, short, typical, cobby body, neat full head and neck, short neat folded wings and tail, many liked for 1st; 4, McBride, neat one all over, but lacks subs. BORD. CL. OR TCK. YELL.: 1, Tawse, jaunty little fellow, in rare fettle, neat wings and tail, fine feather, might just be trifle sweeter in head points, 2nd, we could not find. BUFF: 1, sp., 2, Walker, leader, nice type and qual., neat car., and shapely body, 2nd, nice one for qual. of feather, very steady, sweetly filled in at top end, better head than leader, showing just little rough at thighs, but presses hard. VARIEG.: 1, Tawse, just a fair one all over. YORKS.: 1, Ferguson, fine, well drawn, shapely, neat waist, fine car. and style, sweet stamp, wins nicely; 2, 3, Kane, leader nice one for shape, style and car., fine qual. feather, but not so clean cut or lengthy as winner, 3rd, plenty subs., but a bit rough. A.O.V.: 1, sp., 2, Lang, winner, nice yell. green, sweet, neat, and shapely, A1 feather and con., 2nd, not quite so good in car. or tight in feather, rightly placed: 3, McArdle, we could not find. MULES: 1, cup, 2, Morton, splendid large variegs. Goldie Mule, plenty subs., fine blaze and markings, showing the Goldie parentage, very plainly, good one, likely to be heard of later on; 2, grand dark Jonque, staged in the pink, shining like glass, nice subs. and qual., hard up en winner; 3, 4, 5, Brandon, two former of the Goldie cross, nice size and subs., but lack the colour of those at front, very similar in appearance, 5th, nice Linnet Mule, in grand feather and very steady. OLD BIRD SECTION: SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, Ferguson, massive cl. buff, leader fine reach and good shoulder, thick through, fine drive, steady worker and one of the right kind, 2, broken green, nice make and style, but behind in size and subs., more timorous to work. CLR OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Tawse, leader fine size and subs., neat, shapely, cobby built and stylish, put down in fine bloom, and very fit, 2, lovely hot, even colour, grand qual., neat, clean cut, and shapely, perfect car., running hard for first place; 3, French, again nice one for col. and qual. feather, shapely front, shade longer behind, and not the subs. of those in front; 4, sp., Easton, shade larger, nice qual. and con., not quite so clean cut or tight underneath; 5 Chambers; 6 McNeill; 7 Tawse. BUFF J, cup, 2, 3, sp., Tawse, leader plenty subs., and rare qual., typical, well filled in and neatly made throughout, the right stamp, 2nd, well up for subs., type and qual., but inclined to be trifle erratic in wing car. when moved, 3, sp., very similar to 2nd, and must have run hard to catch points; 4, French, good all round bird; 5, McNeill; 6, Chambers; 7, Easton. YELL., VAR.: 1, sp., 2, McNeill, leader capital subs. and best qual., fine col., neat, well filled in, cobby, staged in fine trim, 2nd, nice short, cobby, well made one, fine texture, feather, good car., could be trifle better at throat; 3, Tawse, nice one for qual., get up, beaten here for subs.; 4, French, fine subs., nice qual., well filled neck, sweet head, trifle faulty in wing car.; 5, Simpson; 6, McBride; 7, Wright. BUFF: 1, 3, 6, Tawse, 1st, fine, thick-set, massive built, neat, shapely, got up in the form that wins; 3, nice hot, even col., sweet qual. and perfect feather, not quite so massive, but neat through; 2, McNeill, scarcely so hot in col., grand, shapely body, nice full head and neck, well balanced throughout, many like for 1st; 4, McCown; 5, Chambers; 7, McBride. BORD., CL., OR TKD. YELL.: 1, McBride, jaunty, neat and clean cut all over, laid down in fine style; 2, Tawse, nice one for type and qual., falls a bit in head and neck. YELL. VAR.: 1, sp, Tawse, very shapely little saddle mark, in grand order, tight, waxy feather, grandly carried wings, and close tail, wins nicely; 2, Walker, fine type and good qual. feather, still moulting, should improve. BUFF: 1, Tawse, we missed. YORKS.: 1, sp., 3, 5, 7, Kane, leading with a lovely clean cut, well drawn, neat made exhibit, nice top end, could be a trifle better in leg, 3, not so lengthy, but close in feather and nice style, well staged; 2, 4, Ferguson, 2nd, nice qual., good shape and style, not so clean cut or close fronted as leader, 4th, fine length, very stylish and shapely, tightly dressed, good wings and tail, we thought might have won; 6, McNair. A.O.V.: L Chambers, nice qual. yell. Cinn. Nor., laid down in fine trim, a credit. MULE 1, sp., Robertson, nice Siskin cross, to top end, has size and best feather, nice Nor. type, steady and well laid down. GOLDF.: 1, DR BULLF.: 1, Tawse, nice cock Bullie, fine col., steady, good con. and feather, was one what badly. 2, Ferguson, fine hen, topping con., steady as a rock, 3, Brandon, nice little Goldie, not up in col. yet; 4, Laing, similar in condition, and general appearance to 3, 5, 6, Wright. LINN: 1, Morton, fine, massive one, capital feather, neatly pencilled, rich, nutty col., very steady and cobby shown, 2, Hutchison, not quite the cut, but nice col., and close, neat marking, will improve, 3, 6, Greer, leader fine cock, and good feather, nice pencillings, fails in head, 4, McArdle, nice one for condition and make, but behind in size, should improve; 5, Laing. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 5, sp, 6, Robb, 1st, grand little Lemon Poll, in capital order, beauty for col. and marking, in lovely bloom, 2nd, fine Siskin, in nice feather, rich oily, nicely marked, fine cap and nice wing, well pencilled flank, steady; 3, 4, sp., McArdle, leader nice H.M. Siskin, in top order, very steady; 4, Lemon, fine feather, nice col. and con., only behind winner in subs. GREENF.: 1, Morton, grand size Jonque, in capital order, fine col., steady, perfect feather, fine yellow flights, good win; 2, Hutchison, well up for size and subs., not in such spanking order as leader; 3, sp., 4, Greer, two nice ones, in good order, but lose in subs. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF.: 1, Ferguson, capital Chaff, in rare bloom, nice size, good col., steady, well shown, wins easy; 2, Greer, again a Chaffie, in nice condition and size, not up in col. yet; 3, McGown, finely coloured Bramble, grand size, nice spangling, steady, nicely shown, age seems to be leaving its mark there. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Hutchison, fine Song Thrush, in nice order, and very steady.

WATFORD.

Held Nov. 7 and 8 at the Conservative Hall. The show was a decided success, the excellence of the exhibits through all sections being beyond praise. The birds, numbering well over two hundred, were nicely arranged in the roomy hall, and each section was well filled, and some of the classes were quite strong. Norwich were a capital lot, and in this section the best Unflighted bird was found in Mr. Sear's grand yell., a bird of size, type, and quality. Mr. Wombwell staged a good team in the novice sections, and won the spl. for best novice with a good yellow. Mr. Buckingham turned out a rattling good lot of Yorks, many of them being birds that had done remarkably well in the open. Crests were quite exceptional in quality for a members' show, Miss Hewell and Mr. A. H. Campbell staging some stormers in the champion section, and Mr. Charnock winning the special with a grand Crest Bred in the novice classes. The fine gathering of British and foreign birds, as usual, attracted a lot of attention, Messrs. Goodall and Buckingham putting down some beauties in the former, and Mr. R. J. Watts having cut a lovely team of birds from over the seas. The sensation of the show was the lovely cinnamon Canary-Bullfinch bred and exhibited by Mr. Higham; the bird is only just through its first moult, but is of lovely quality of feather, and a nice soft tone of colour which could be improved immensely during the next moult; it is of good size, and very shapely, and secured the spl. for best in show. The exhibitor is to be congratulated upon breeding such a fine hybrid. The management was in the hands of Mr. J. Goodall, who was well up to the work, and had everything in good order. In the absence of Mr. W. Rackley, Sec., Mr. R. J. Watts undertook the duties attached to the secretarial office in a very able manner. The society has a committee consisting of Messrs. Pretty, Swain, Buckingham, Cox, Campbell, Clark, Bruce, Dumbledon, Fox, Knight, Furley, sen., Watts, Wombwell. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. CHAMP. CK.: 1, Campbell; 2, vhc, c, Fox; 3, Scars; he, Shirley. HEN: 1, vhc, Fox; 2, Scars; 3, he, Campbell; c, Clark. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Sears; 2, Fox; 3, Campbell; vhc, Freeman. BUFF: 1, Fox; 2, vhc, Sears; 3, Campbell. A.O.V.: 1, Fox; 2, Clark. Nov. CK.: 1, 2, Wombwell; 3, vhc, Bunce. HEN: 1, 2, Wombwell; 3, Brown; vhc, Maxfield. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Wombwell. BUFF: 1, 2, Wombwell; 3, Carter; vhc, Maxfield. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Wombwell. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, he, c, Buckingham; vhc, Clark. HEN: 1, 2, c, Buckingham; 3, vhc, Clark; he, Goodall. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Buckingham. BUFF: 1, 2, he, Buckingham; 3, vhc, Clark. NOV. CK.: 1, Bunce; 2, Higham; 3, Cashen. HEN: 1, Bunce. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Higham. BUFF: 1, Bunce. A.O.V.: 1, Cashen. CREST, CH.: 1, 2, Campbell. C.B.: 1, 3, he, Miss Hewell; 2, vhc, Campbell. NOV. CREST: 1, vhc, Charnock; 2, 3, c, Fortnum; he, Wombwell. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Charnock; he, Fortnum. A.O.V. CHAMP.: 1, 3, Pretty; 2, Goodall. NOV.: 1, 2, Dollimore. NON-FED YORKS: 1, Wombwell; 2, Swain. HYB.: 1, 3, vhc, Buckingham; 2, Dollimore; he, Carter. DARK: 1, vhc, c, Goodall; 2, Shirley; he, Higham. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Higham. GOLDF.: 1, Goodall; 2, Shirley; 3, Cashen; vhc, Carter; he, Cosley; c, Freeman. BULLF.: 1, Cashen; 2, Corley. HEN: 1, 2, Goodall. LINNET: 2, Goodall; 2, Buckingham. GREENF.: 1, Goodall; 2, Clark; 3, Cashen. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Buckingham; 2, Goodall. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Buckingham; vhc, Furley. HEN: 1, Corley; 2, Maxfield. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, 3, Goodall; 2, Swain. LARGE: 1, Shirley; 2, Goodall. FOR.—GOLDIE: 1, Miss Hewell. PARROT: 1, 2, Simpson. WAXBILLS: 1, 3, he, Watts; 2, vhc, c, Buckingham. JAVAS, ETC.: 1, Buckingham; 2, Watts; 3, Goodall. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, Watts; vhc, Buckingham; he, Goodall. INSECTIV.: 1, Watts.

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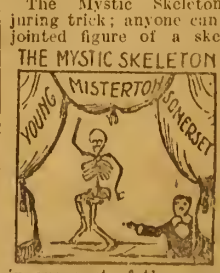
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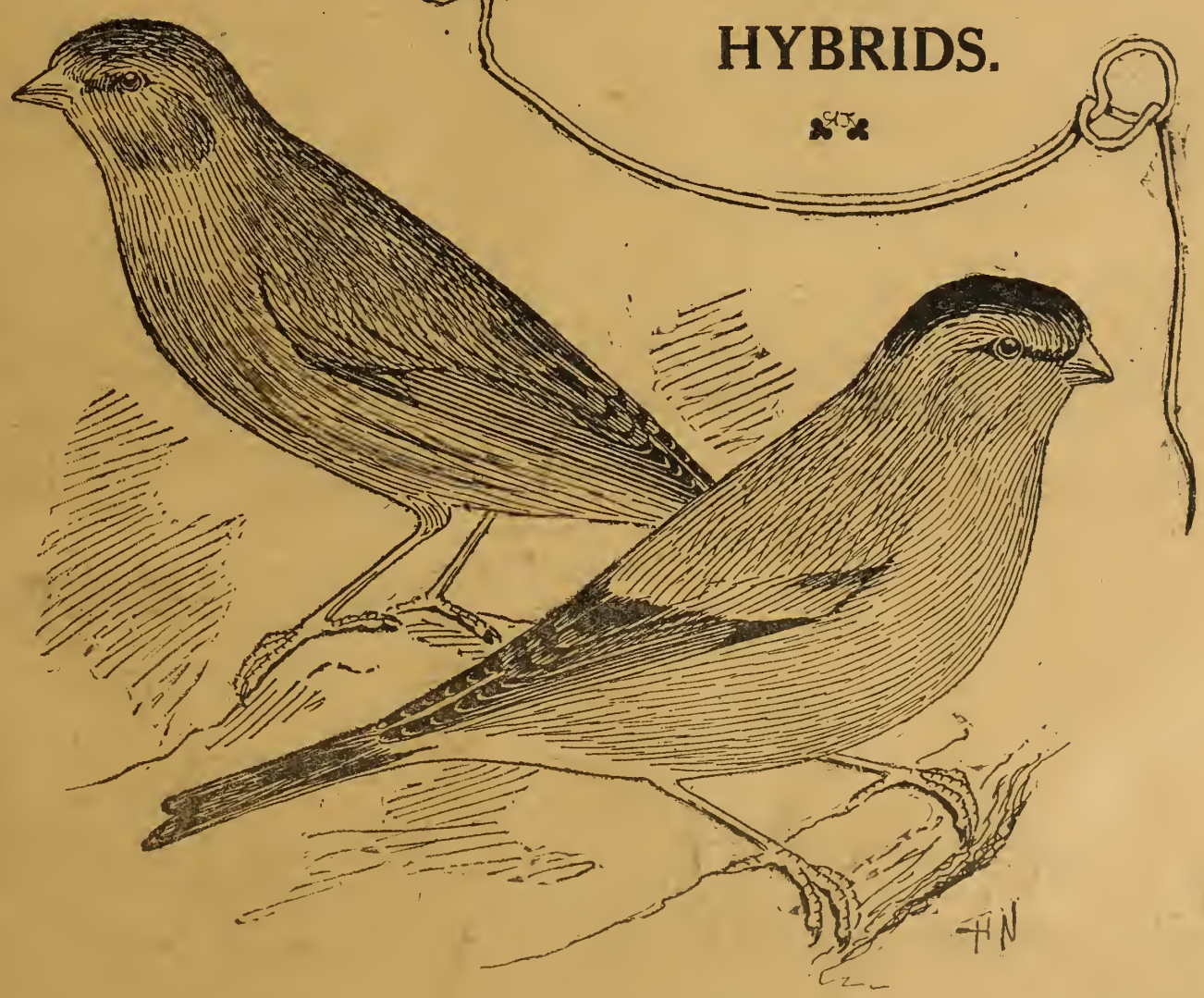
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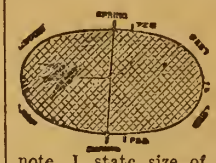
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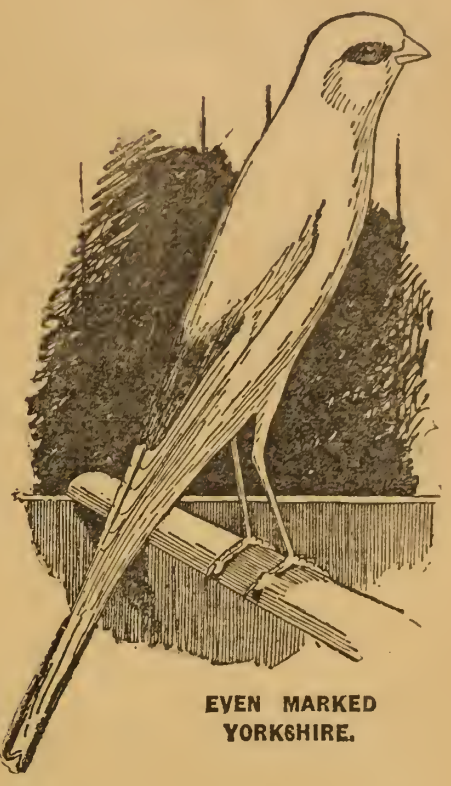
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PICKED cocks, for show, Linnet, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Yellowbunting, Cornbunting, Redpoll, Lark, 1/- each; 20 mixed birds, 1/6; brighter dozen, 1/-; mealy Redpoll, 1/6: Gotobed, Fenn, the Pitt, Isleham, Cambs..

GIANT Norwegian hen Bullfinches, as obtained by B. Hollins, late of Hull, now manager of Pets Supply Co., The Aviaries, Harrogate, see adv. Foreign, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Only obtainable at the above. (1034)

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GUARANTEED cock Linnets and Larks, 3/- doz.; selected, 3/6; cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each, 3 4/-; assorted aviary birds, cocks and hens Goldfinch, including, 3/- doz.; no waiting; satisfaction assured: West, Lamprell-st., Old Ford, Bow. (1042)

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SELECTED Siberian cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; British, 5/-; Siberian hen Bullfinches, 10/6; Germans, 5/6; Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 2/6; specially selected by an expert: Robinson, Judge and Specialist, 52, Clapham-rd., London, S.W. (1032)

GOLDFINCHES, Siskins, Linnets, Twites, mealy Redpolls, Greenfinches; all birds direct from catcher, picked from hundreds; for exhibition, cock Goldfinches, Siskins, 3/-, 4/- each; cock Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, Greenfinches, 1/6 each; three 4/-; same address 30 years: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

GRAND exhibition Hawfinch, winner 1st, he, only times shown; this bird is only a youngster, first moult, will make a champion, 25/-; exhibition Goldfinch, winner 2nd prize only time shown, good blaze and tannings, 25/-, with show cage; these birds are genuine, and will send on approval: C. W. Silk, Glenrosa, Ensworth. (1039)

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LINNETS, red-breasted cocks, well on hard seed, warranted healthy birds, 2/6 and 3/- dozen, plenty in stock, postcard before birds; four show specimens, can win field moulted class, 2/6 each: John Flinders, Bird-catcher, 18, Sussex-st., Nottingham.

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GRAND exhibition Hawfinch, winner 1st, he, only times shown; this bird is only a youngster, first moult, will make a champion, 25/; exhibition Goldfinch, winner 2nd prize only time shown, good blaze and tammings, 25/-, with show cage; these birds are genuine, and will send on approval: C. W. Silk, Glenrosa, Emsworth. (1039)

EXHIBITORS: First-class, outstanding birds for disposal; none reserved; state wants. Have supplied many winners this season in keenest competition at Scottish, Welsh, and English Shows, especially in field moulted classes. Some wonderful exhibition Siberian Goldfinches, 15/- to 20/: G. E. Weston, Specialist, 42, Lewisham-rd., London, N.W.

EXHIBITORS! Being over-stocked, the following winners, Avonbridge, etc., are for sale:—Lesser Redpoll, 5th Lochgelly, 3rd Avonbridge, also field-moulted, 3rd; Bullie hen, 3rd and 4th; Goldfinch Mule, 1st; Mealy Redpoll, 3rd; Greenfinch, 3rd Markinch; field-moulted Linnet, 1st Newcastle; Siberian Goldfinch, 1st Bo'ness; stamp reply; approval: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire. (1043)

GOLDFINCHES, Goldfinches, Goldfinches.—Genuine English cock Goldfinches, not miserable little Foreigners, well on seed, 2/- each; three, 5/-, six 9/-, dozen 17/-; selected cocks for muling, real champions, 3/- each; four for 10/; exhibition cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each, absolutely unbeatable; hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/6, dozen 8/6; no waiting; plenty Goldfinches in stock; hundreds testimonials: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire. (1044)

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GIVING up.—Contents of bird room for sale, cheap; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, Mule breeder, 4/6; four fierce singing cock Linnets, steady, 1/- each, 3/- the four; two smart Redpolls, 9d. each; two big hen Bullies, tame, 1/6 each; cock Bramble-finch, splendid colour, show condition, 1/6; cock Lark, full song, 1/-; two cock Chaffinches, grand type and colour, 1/- each; monster cock Greenfinch, 1/-; 3 dozen seed hoppers and drinkers, 2/- lot; show breeding, and flight cages, cheap to clear: White, 202, Woolwich-rd., Charlton. (1035)

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SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES

Grand selection, 5/6 each; show and muling specimens, 7/6 and 8/6 each: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (1015)

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Sixty grand Bullfinches, the best I have caught this season, first quality cocks 3/-, second 1/6 each; hens, firsts, 2/-, picked 1/-; few splendid young H.M. Goldfinches, on song, 3/- each; exhibition Welsh cock Linnets, 1/6; cocks for contest singing, 9d. each. (1033)

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GOLDFINCHES, SISKINS, LINNETS, ETC.

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The first consignment of real Siberian birds, all in superb condition. I have a magnificent lot of Siberian cock Goldfinches, all full coloured and perfect condition, and singing freely, 5/- each, seven 28/-; selected Jonquos for muling, and fit to win in minor competition, 7/6 each; few extra special cocks, fit to win in keenest competition immediately, 10/6 each; Siberian hen Goldfinches, 2/6 each. I also have a grand lot of Siberian cock Bullfinches, in perfect order, at 5/- each; few fit to win in hottest company, 10/6 each; Siberian hen Bullfinches, 5/- and 7/6 each; few winners, 10/6 each; Siberian cock Linnets, for muling, 2/6 each; two only, Siberian cock Hawfinches, 7/6 each. Please note.—These birds are all guaranteed genuine Siberians, and must not be confused with the ordinary Russians often sold as Siberians. As some persons claim to have the pick of all Siberian birds which reach England, I hereby offer to give the sum of £10 to any man in England who can prove that he so much as saw one of my birds before they reached my establishment in Birmingham on Nov. 17th. Send your orders direct if you want the best. (1044)

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BRITISH EXHIBITORS

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Just arrived, the first of the season, 500 giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, in massive condition, with full scarlet square blazes, full moon, and cap, will win anywhere, not small Russians, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each; also Linnets, in grand fettle, 2/- each; Siskins, 2/- each; Greenfinches, 2/- each; special quotation to dealers; the above are all warranted cocks, or money returned; German tame pet hen Bullies, feed from the hand, 3/6 each; these are the best for hybrid breeding. Expecting daily, a consignment of Siberian cock Hawfinches, prices arranged, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; also Crossbills, 7/6 each; also Bullfinches, 6/6, 7/6 each; ditto hens, 7/6 each: Enoch Power, Direct Importer, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London E.

GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS, &c

I have on hand a very large stock of the real Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, thoroughly on hard seed, and full feather, warranted cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/-, 12/- dozen; specially selected, larger birds, guaranteed in song, the right sort for Mule breeding, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/-, six 9/6; few extra large cock Goldfinches, picked from scores of dozens, with deep square cut blaze, very steady, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; warranted clear moulted cock Linnets, every one with beautiful red breast, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected cock Linnets, in free song, 1/-, three 2/6, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few very steady cock Linnets, pick of scores of dozens, the right class of birds for showing or contest singing, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; large cock Larks, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; few selected cock Larks, singing nicely, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 3/- each; cock Chaffinches, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6; exhibition specimens, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Greenfinches, or Redpolls, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/-; few very steady, for showing, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; steady hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cages for the above, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; round or square top calling cages, with deep bottoms, 6d., three 1/3, 3/6 dozen; please note that I have hundreds of testimonials open for inspection, but instead of going to the expense of publishing them, I give my customers better value for their money. Please give me a trial, if only for one bird, and send elsewhere for one at double or treble the price, and if mine does not turn out to be the best bird, you can return it; simply because I send everything out on my well-known approval system, and I am quite willing to return your money if my birds do not prove to be exactly as described; travelling cages, 3d. each: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

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These are the proper ones, not the Russian, as offered by many, as Siberians. I get the pick of the only lot that comes to England. Some beauties. Full scarlet coloured blazes, in the pink of health. Have sold scores of 1st prize-winners this last 10 years. Price 5/- 6/-, 7/6; sensational winners 8/6, 10/-; approval. Large Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; large Siberian hen Bullfinches for Muling, as big as Thrushes, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; any on approval. Hundreds of testimonials, where I have supplied scores of winners, including Scottish National, Crystal Palace, etc. For proof, write Editor of this journal, who has seen the originals. "Mr. J. Ovenstone, Grangemouth. Sir,—You will be pleased to hear Siberian you sent me won two firsts and second Scottish National last New Year's day." Show cages, 2/-. Send for catalogue. Estab. 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, also 89 Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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Received on Oct. 30th, 300 genuine Siberian Goldfinches. Price, cocks guaranteed, 4/6 and 5/6 each; selected birds with a beautiful bright square cut blaze, and as big as Bullfinches, 7/6 or 10/6 each. German Bullfinch hens, for muling, 3/6 and 4/6 each; trade supplied.

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PAIR hand-reared Wood Pigeons, 5/-; hand-reared cock Blackbird, large enamelled cage, 6/-: Davison, Hoddenham, Bucks. (1034)

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ON receipt of 1/6 I will send, securely packed, on approval, the finest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, been in my possession months, suitable for contest singing or shop's attraction, including free my valuable feeding secret which keeps larks in full song ten months out of twelve. I have supplied more contest winners than anyone in England; heaps of unsolicited testimonials to prove this; same address 25 years; or in his new joiner-made cage, 4/-: Woods, Cross-st., Dunstable. (1032)

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Having no time to exhibit, I am offering my collection of house-moulted Britishers for disposal, including hand reared Wryneck, 40/-; Grey Wagtail, 15/-; Bearded Reedling, 15/-; Lesser Whitethroat, 10/; Yellow Wagtail, 7/6; Pied Wagtail, 7/6; all the above are male specimens in perfect condition and fit for immediate exhibition; several genuine Hybrid pairs from 10/6; exhibition Goldfinches from 6/-: Edward Morris, 56, Park-rd., Ilford. (1015)

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PAIR Cirl Buntings, 5/-; tame Corn Bunting, 4/-; handsome h.m. cock Chaffinch, 2/6; lot 10/-: K. Older, 53, Days-rd., Kingsland-rd., Bristol. (1040)

EXHIBITION Waxwing, 30/-; cage-moulted Cornbunting, 7/6; Siskin, 7/6; Siberian Goldfinch, 10/-; British, 6/6; Greenfinch, 2/6: 24, Jubilee-st., Luton.

LINNETS, Larks, Twites, Redpolls, Greenfinches, mixed, doz., 2/-; clean netted birds, well on hard seed: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

COCK Bullfinches, 2/-, hens 1/-; Goldfinch Mules, Finch and Canary notes, full song, 5/6 each; cock Larks, in song, 1/- each: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1045)

LARKS, Larks, Larks, cock Larks, 2/6 dozen; the old, reliable firm, many noted winners supplied in past season's trade, and Fancy supplied; few special cock Linnets, 4/6 doz.: H. Dawson, West-st., Chatteris. (1014)

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EXHIBITION British birds, including recent winners, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Chaffinch, Wryneck, Stonechat, Yellow Wagtail, and others. Approval: Mays, Kingscliffe, Wansford, Northants. (1032)

EXHIBITORS.—Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Reed Bunting, hen Lapland, 7/6 each, show cages included; hand-reared Hawfinch, make champion, 17/6; grand Redpoll, 2/6; other good British Mules: Botting, Billericay, Essex. (1043)

COCK Goldfinches, 2/-, hens 1/-; cock Siskins, 2/6, hens 1/3; cock Linnets, 1/-; Twites, cocks or hens, 1/-; mealy Redpolls, 1/6; Lesser Redpolls, 6d.; Ortolan Buntings, 1/6; bright mixed aviary birds, 6 - dozen: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1044)

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets; Larks, Larks, Larks. —Warranted cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen, 5 dozen 15/-; hen Linnets, 1/3 dozen; warranted cock Larks, 3/- dozen; handsome cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; dealers supplied: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton. (1049)

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WANTED, several large, typical yellow and buff Cinnamon Norwich hens, must have plenty of size, for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1043)

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CINNAMONS, Norwich type, winners of two cups this year at Plymouth, also other events; several to be sold cheap, pairs or single; stamp for reply: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Peverell, Plymouth.

BUFF cinnamon cock, 7/6; 2 buff cinnamon hens, 5/- each; unflighted buff cock, 12/6; unflighted large buff hen, 12/6; unflighted yellow hen, 12/6; approval, deposit: Bairstow, 4, Savile-parade, Halifax.

CHAMPION Cinnamon for sale, buff, yellow cocks, 15/- upwards; buff, yellow hens, 10/6; yellow hen, third Morpeth, 25/-; also few green Norwich; approval, stamp: Roberts, 4, Balfour-st., Blackburn.

MRS. DEACON'S CHAMPION CINNAMONS

Having purchased this noted stock entire, can offer good birds at reasonable prices, rare chance for novices; approval; stamp, winners for sale: Rev. Nunne, Barrington, Cumberland. (1010)

Belgians.

CLEAR yellow cock, young, good shoulders, nice drive, £1: Marshall, Bridge-rd., Dunn. (1034)

BELGIANS, several good birds, from my winners, for sale, prices reasonable; approval: Horrell, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1038)

CHAMPION strain Belgians, several grand, high-shouldered young birds, disposal, reasonable approval: Baker, Wimborne Avenue, Barnstaple (1033)

TO clear quick. Grand Hertz cross yellow cock and buff pied hen, 40/; buff pied cock, buff pied hen, 40/; large birds, nothing better at 30/ per pair, approval; stamp: Dix, Yeo Vale, Barnstaple

Greens.

GREENS, 1913 birds; cocks, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-, 5/6; approval or deposit; Barker, 16, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, Tamworth. (1011)

NORWICH Greens, twelve hens for sale, best offer for lot, or sell separately, from 10/-; Walker, 107, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (1045)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

A FEW Norwich greens to spare, cocks and hens, selfs and fouls; own breeding, nothing better obtainable; write stating requirements: Ed. Lawson, Denver, Mersey-rd., Liverpool; winner outright Norwich Green Champion Cup. (1010)

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 24," "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

FIFTY birds for sale; these are all own breeding from winning strain; pairs or singles; type, colour, quality guaranteed; see reports, Halifax, Manchester, Liverpool; state requirements; best and prompt attention given: Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool. (1024)

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, Specialist, upwards of 20 years' study. Well known strain. Few choice specimens to spare. Cocks, 20/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards: special pairs, correctly matched, £3 to £5; approval; inspection invited: 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle. Norwich Specialist. Matched pairs or single birds from this winning strain at reasonable prices. Typical, grand quality buff cocks cheap. Stamped enquiries solicited.

WANTED a large quantity of Norwich for export, best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil.

A FEW good Norwich for sale, overstocked: Hyde, 1, Raydon-st., South Hignate, London, N. (1028)

A few yellow and buff Norwich Canaries, 1913, not for show; stamp reply: McLennan, 16, Market-st., Forres. (1043)

BARGAIN. Norwich cock, in song, 2 hens, 45in. flight cage, 13/6 the lot: Beck, 55, Ardoch-rd., Catford. (1031)

R. JONES has some good Norwich for sale from 5/- each; state wants: 27, Gotha-st., Highfield, Leicester. (1012)

GRAND pair prize-bred Norwich, good type and quality (1912). 15/-: G., 10, Queen Anne's-mews, Cavendish-square. (1032)

NORWICH cocks, for songsters, 1913 bred; 7/6, 10/6 each; no hens; stamp: Miss Edwards, 54, Reigate-hill, Reigate. (1030)

SIX pairs Norwich, 8/-, 10/- pair, to clear; 2 cock Goldfinch mules, 15/-: E. Blake, 24, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts. (1033)

W. R. MURRELL, Printer, Spalding, has several good stock Norwich for sale, pairs from 12/6 to 20/-, approval willingly. (1035)

FOR Sale, a few Norwich, cocks 7/6, hens 4/- upwards; cash, approval: Hugh Alexander, Back-st., Tarbolton, Ayrshire. (1034)

SELLING off, some good Norwich stock birds, from 15/- pair: Brewster, Monumental Works, Magdale-rd., Norwich. (Stamp.) (1023)

FIFTY good Norwich for sale, prize-bred, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/- upwards: A. Wakefield, 3, Longlane, East Finchley. (1040)

NORWICH Roller cocks, warranted for song, 7/6 upwards, also a few hens, 2/6 each: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1035)

SEVERAL well-bred Norwich for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval: A. J. Horwood, Lawson-ave., Long Eaton. (1038)

NORWICH, three buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-, also buff and yellow hens, winners: Chalmers, 10, High Pleasance, Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (1039)

J. TRENGOVE and Son have decided to reduce their stock of well-known Norwich; approval, stamp: High-st., Rishton, Blackburn. (994)

GIVING up, twenty Norwich, some can win; also cages, utensils; inspection invited: J. Mellor, 5, Jermyn-st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1026)

CLEARANCE sale, all winners at Vale of Leven, 30 others, unshown, cheap to clear; stamp particulars: Todd, Caldarvan, Balloch. (1040)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, has a few for disposal: 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N. (1043)

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, pairs 10/- upwards; approval: Gilbert, 30, Browning-st., Leicester, late Newtownards, Ireland. (1049)

ABOUT 20 healthy birds for sale, or exchange for anything, aviary-bred buffs, yellows, variegated: Hillary's Stores, Ash Vale, Surrey. (1045)

ONE pair of plainhead Norwich Canaries, price 10/6; no rubbish: H. Danvers, Bootmaker, Chanwood-rd., Shepshed, Leicestershire. (1049)

COLOUR fed Norwich, yellow cocks, 7/6; buff cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval: Mark Bennett and Sons, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (1024)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, few grand birds, buffs and yellows, for sale, cocks from 10/-, hens 6/-; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton, Beds. (1035)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

1913 NORWICH Canaries, cocks, singing, 5/6, 6/-; colour-fed, 6/6, 7/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; 7 days' approval: Bater, Jones Square, Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1009)

CHAMPION high-class Norwich and Cinnamons, through moult, to dispose of; state wants; approval: Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn. (1020)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, sale, or exchange Rollers, toy Yorkshire, or Pom.; no rubbish wanted or given: Pycock, 95, Upper North-st., Poplar. (1037)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

WINNER of gold medal 1913.—Watson, 49, Claptonav., Halifax.—High-class Norwich, colour-fed; cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-; or 10/- pair upwards.

FOR sale, pair Norwich Cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, 13/-; also crest-bred cock, 8/6; large birds; or £1 the lot: Cruden, hairdresser, Fraserburgh.

I HAVE a fine collection of Norwich Canaries, some real grand stock pairs, for disposal, plenty of size, moderate prices: Small, 67, Western Road, Brighton.

BARGAINS. Healthy cocks, full song, cap and wing marked, hot colour, 6/6 each; satisfaction, or money returned: Hicks, Outfitter, Holsworthy.

FIVE buff variegated (cocks), 3 buff variegated hens, 2 clear buff hens, all unflighted, seen any day, Sunday included: Turnbull, 50, Castle-st., Montrose.

BUFF cock, 20/; unflighted yellow cock, 20/-; unflighted buff hen, 15/, can win small shows; approval: Roberts, 41, Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. (1035)

FEW good colour-fed Norwich, related to winners at leading shows; cocks, 7/6 and 10/-; hens, 3/- and 5/-; approval, deposit: Wood, 72, Southgate, Gloucester. (1021)

NORWICH, 3 yellow cocks, 7/6 each; 1 buff cock, 10/-; 3 buff hens, 5/-; 3 buff hens, 4/-; two yellow hens, 4/-; lot £3 3/-: Black, 21, Tennant-st., Leith, Scotland. (1035)

NORWICH cocks, on full song, 5/- 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/- 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy, 1913; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (1031)

HAVE few typical, quality, unflighted Norwich, cocks, hens, reluted to my winners, from 10/-, approval, cash, deposit: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (1000)

COCKS, in full song, bred from the best blood in the country, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval: Cottingham, 7 and 9, Peveril-st., Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; few good unflighted Buffs, Variegateds, and Clears, all off winners; grand typical youngsters; approval: J. Logan, 23, High-st., Dysart, Fife. (1018)

JONES, Lydgates, Lynton, won C.B. champion diploma cup, three specials, Barnstaple show; can spare few grand birds, 20/- each, related to winners; stamp reply. (1014)

EDWARD Fox can spare several good birds from his Palace strain; state wants and price; I will try to suit; approval, deposit: Curzon Aviaries, Long Eaton, Nottingham. (956)

GEORGE WRIGHT, 51, Silver-st., Norwich, Canary Breeder, has several good birds for sale; cocks, 5/6 to 20/-; pairs, 8/6 to 40/-; lot well-bred hens, 3/6 to 20/-; approval. (955)

WANTED, a really good 1913 yellow Norwich hen, exchange a solid silver gent's watch, guaranteed perfect timekeeper; sell 30/-: S. Guy, Bird breeder, Wymondham, Norfolk (1054)

R. JONES has good Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, unflighted, cocks from 6/6, hens from 5/6; cold-room bred and in pink of condition; approval: 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1035)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, has some grand birds for sale, a few well matched pairs for novices; satisfaction guaranteed. (1039)

FOR exhibition or breeding stock of Norwich Canaries, there are none to excel those obtainable from "Pets" Supply Co., Harrogate. See Foreign Ad. Prices from 5/- to £10. (1034)

WHAT'S fairer? Breeders, before selecting your breeding stock, buy pair of my typical Norwich, 8/6, 10/6; money returned willingly; four days' approval: Girling, Hurford-st., Norwich. (1042)

HAVING purchased entire stock of noted exhibitor, can offer good birds, winners included, at reasonable prices; grand chance for novices; approval, stamp: Forgeter Aviaries, Grimsbury, Banbury. (1035)

T. HERBERT, 35, South-st., Redditch, winner 1st Cheltenham, "Cage Birds" diploma, 1st Coventry (see reports); good birds, same strain; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; cold-room; approval, deposit. (1039)

SEVERAL grand stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, winners and bred from winners, yellows and buffs; cocks and hens; state wants; approval, deposit: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow.

GRAND Norwich, bred from winners, healthy birds, cocks from 7/-, hens 4/-, matched pairs for breeding 12/- upwards; bargains; approval, cash or deposit: Bland, 4, Paradise-pl., Scoles Green, Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich matched pairs, 15/6, 20/6, 25/6, 30/-; single cocks, or hens, from 10/6; few special pairs, 60/-; state wants; approval: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1044)

C. H. GOODMAN has some lovely unflighted yellow cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 17/6. If you have one you will want another. Call any time, or approval: 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical colour-fed and natural colour Norwich Plainheads, all cold-room bred, large or small quantities, prices on application: Cooper, 30, Junction-rd., Norwich.

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SOME grand unflighted Norwich hens, yellow and buff, 3/6, approval willingly; grand grey-crested cock, winner, £2 10s.; ditto hen, 30/-; approval willingly: John Simms, 90, Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield. (1032)

WANTED, large, thick-set Norwich cock and hen, colour-fed yellow, but must have plenty of substance, large head and body; state price and particulars; will deposit with Editor: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green, Leytonstone. (1045)

GIVING up; lot of good Norwich, including winners, prices 7/6 upwards; stock and show cages, etc., cheap, to any local fanciers; cash or deposit; stamp particulars: George Sanders, West Sneaton-st., Kirkcaldy. (1043)

WANTED, large yellow-green or heavily variegated yellow unflighted Norwich hen, must be big, sound in health and colour, good price for suitable bird; approval, deposit: Alexander, Newspaper Proprietor, Bangor, Down. (1044)

LARGE typical Norwich, the strain that breeds winners, unflighted yellow, buff cocks, 10/-, 20/- each; unflighted buff hens, 7/6, 10/- each; approval; inspection invited: Arthur Wake, 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough. (1036)

NORWICH unflighted ticked buff cock, unflighted marked yellow hen, 10/- pair; marked buff cock and yellow hen, 10/- pair; other cocks, 5/-: hens, 2/6; bargains; approval; see Leyton this week: Stubbs, Cyprus Cottages, Cheltenham. (1036)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, best blood in the Fancy. I don't exhibit now; I breed for others to win; 35 years breeder, judge at 100 shows. I have bred some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1014)

EXHIBITION unflighted buff Norwich hen, winner of several honours, a real gem, in every respect, accept 25/-: another grand specimen, unflighted buff hen, 2nd Leyton last week, 15/-, compulsory sale; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

CHRISTMAS shows; variegated buff cock, winner 1st, thick-set, full head and neck, price reasonable; two 1913 buff cocks, fine type, hot colour, close feather, would win members' or novice class, 14/- each; approval; cash, or deposit: Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton. (1039)

I HAVE a few real good year old and unflighted Norwich for sale, in all colours; hens, 5/- and 7/6; cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; very low prices, but quality of the best; have one on approval; they are big bargains; must clear at once; seen any time: J. Moss, 23, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin. (1043)

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By purchasing direct from me High-class Norwich. If you pay same price as to others, you get it in quality; if same quality, you get it in lower prices. There can be little doubt but that at the present moment I possess the finest stock of this variety for sale in Europe. Amongst the birds are several winners that will be sold at reasonable prices. I do not mean the so-called winners continually advertised by certain classes at a few shillings that cheap talk is an insult to the intelligence of any sane person; but I will select and match some of the best stock pairs ever seen (so far as value goes) at 21/-, 30/-, and 40/- per pair. Odd Cocks or Hens, same quality, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Make a comparison of these with some of the "Stereotyped Bargains." Others as follows:—5/6, 6/6, 8/6 upwards, hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; cages, 3d. On approval. Easiest of easy payments by joining my Bird Club. Distance no object.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, head and wings ticked, medium size, grand type and quality, also 1912 clear buff cock, medium size, good colour, rare type and quality, 15/- each; see show reports, Leeds, Halifax, and Nottingham; approval, deposit: Robinson, 46, Markham-st., York. (1041)

CHAMPION wing-marked Buff cock, 3rd Norwich, great show; also 1st and special; 21/-; genuine offer; also few prize strain for disposal; pairs 12/-; cocks 10/-; hens 8/- upwards; 42 prizes, specials, medal, etc., this season; approval; cash or deposit: W. H. Davison, 87, Ashby-st., Norwich. (1029)

I HAVE clear buff cock, 1912, good size and shape, 12/6; yell. variegated hen, 1913, 4/6, or 15/6 the pair; also yell. variegated cock and clean buff hen, same price, clear yellow cock, 1913, a bit small, 6/-; good buff variegated cock, 7/6; yell. ditto, 7/6; approval. Wheat, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (1039)

SUPERB type and exquisite quality distinguished birds bred from my strain, some grand birds to spare; few bargains in pairs for amateurs, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 40/- (see reports Wolverhampton and Coventry shows, only times out): J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1035)

4th LEYTON last week, limit class, thick set, colour-fed, unflighted yellow cock, accept 12/6; also another smart unflighted yellow cock, 2nd winner same fixture, 15/-; exceptional offer, must sacrifice; cannot accommodate all my stock at my new premises: A. L. Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1046)

SPECIAL, Special, Special. My birds are giving highest satisfaction with repeat orders; have still a choice lot of yellow and buff cocks from 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; ditto hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, cash or deposit: C. W. Silk, Glenrosa, Emsworth. (1039)

CHAMPION Norwich, most typical marked unflighted buff cock and cobby yellow hen, sweet pair, only 25/- the pair; grand cobby clear buff cock and marked yellow hen, both unflighted, 30/- the pair; several sweetly shaped buff and yellow cocks and hens, from 7/6, to 15/- each, all grand value; my birds are winning constantly in hottest competition; see reports Clapham, Plymouth, Wimbledon, Cheltenham, Sittingbourne, Dulwich, and Leyton this season; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

EXCEPTIONAL and genuine bargains. Extra deep, fed, clear yellow cock, very large head, and body, a real show bird, £3 10s.; large clear buff hen, a winner, 21/-; buff marked hen, large, 15/-; evenly marked large buff cock, long streaked eye marks, only 30/-; hen do., not quite so large, 30/-; both hard to beat for marks; beautiful shaped yellow cock, 21/-; another equally good, not quite so massive, 15/6; buff hen, really good, 10/6, or pair 25/-; monster buff cock, a winner, 25/-; buff cock, good big bird, and yellow hen, 25/- pair. All approval, as worth much more: 18, Merton-rd., Norwich. (1039)

THE most up-to-date manual on this popular breed is "Norwich Canaries: How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit," by C. A. House. It contains a beautiful coloured plate, and many black and white illustrations. In it will be found fullest hints and instructions on all the various points which go to make up a champion Norwich. It deals in a most practical manner with all the various stages of the life of a Norwich from the egg to the show bench, explains fully how to pair up the stock birds, how to feed the young, the art of colour feeding, and the way to wash and prepare birds for show. Do not be without it, post free 1/1½, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

MY Norwich are winning in keenest competition, see show reports last week, with nine exhibits I won eight cash prizes, including "C.B." diploma. The great point is, I do not exhibit the same birds at every show; I keep no reserved show team; every bird is for sale; it must strike you that my stock of Norwich is consistently good right through to keep selling my winners and keep winning as well. I hold the finest stud living; have still grand show birds from 20s. each; stock pairs from 15/- per pair; approval willingly three days; cash or deposit Editor. Note the name and only address of the great Norwich Specialist: Judge Silk, Whitstable. (1039)

CHAMPION Norwich.—Few real good stock and exhibition Norwich Plainheads now ready for immediate showing; plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality of feather; yellow and buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; yellow and buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £5 pair; all cold room bred, strong, healthy, and vigorous, and in tip-top show condition; for size, type and quality I defy competition: give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1021)

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See Show Reports in keenest competition. This wonderful pedigree strain is now flight on Top. Why not succeed? I offer you grand Show and Stock Birds—state wants

JUDGE SILK,

Whitstable.

CHAMPION exhibition buff Norwich cock, grand size, deep chest, rare type and quality, sure winner, only 21/-, honestly worth £2, also monster exhibition yellow cock, rare size and substance, large head and full neck, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, worth 50/- for stock alone, also grand exhibition yellow hen, good head and neck, feathered like silk, only 15/-, worth double; also very choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, win anywhere, only 12/6, recently cost 30/-; also few grand yellow and buff cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality of feather, cocks from 10/6 to £2 each, hens from 5/- to 30/- each; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1043)

MR. A. L. HAWKES, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone, has a few exceptional bargains in Norwich, which he must sacrifice immediately for want of room; unflighted yellow cock, real hot, real gem for quality of feather, size, type, and style, has not been shown, but will take some beating brother to my Leyton exhibit, since sold, accept £2 2s.; another unflighted deep colour-fed yellow cock, grand size, deep chest, thick set, fit, and guarantee to win open competition, 25/-; yellow cock, 2nd Leyton, 30/- limit class, accept 15/-, bargain; unflighted buff cock, massive framed, broad head, short, thick set neck, deep chest, rare size, with quality, an ideal exhibition specimen, 35/-, worth treble; another deep colour-fed unflighted buff cock, of exceptional merit, and brother to my Leyton exhibits since sold, for £4, accept 30/-; buff cock, vhc, Leyton, 17/6; approval; the above are in magnificent trim, and worth treble for exhibiting, and make valuable stock birds. Late of Grove Green-rd. (1040)

P. W. SMITH

is selling all his noted Norwich and cages. See wins Newcastle, Alnwick, Blaydon. State wants. Stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1033)

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the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1041)

T. S. MABON

has for sale a few very nice Norwich. One unflighted yellow marked cock, a good bird, 27/6; another, ditto, not so large, but good type, quality, and extra good head, 22/6; two unflighted clear buff cocks, 25/6 and 15/6. Note—the above are fit for show. One clear yellow stock hen, a large bird, with good deep chest, 20/-; another, marked, same stamp, 15/6; one buff hen, off my 1911 Scottish National winner, 15/6; another clear hen, 15/-; a few cheaper cocks on application; approval: Melrose Cottages, Rose Lane, Kelso. (1032)

VARDY'S NOTED CHAMPION NORWICH

Grand clear buff cock, 1913 bred, grand type, quality, and colour, can win in good company, 50/; also unflighted buff, good type, extra good quality and colour, can win, 50/-; also two very nice unflighted buffs that can win local shows, 30/- each; also unflighted yellow that can win at small shows, 20/-; also variegated buff, 1912 bred, good type, colour, and quality, fit to show, 15/-; also few nice cobby unflighted hens, 10/- each; all bred from the best; on approval: The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts. (1038)

R. HANFORD, DERBY

offers following reliable bargains: Prize bred Norwich cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, correctly matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; long, typical Yorkshires, same prices; send for full list, and approval terms. 10 years advertiser and judge. (1046)

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Vide Manchester report; also Nottingham, Leicester, Stamford, Longton, Coventry, etc.; winner of Young Bird Cup, Leicester, four years in succession; a few for disposal: Mr. E. H. Hulse, 23, Hartington-rd., Leicester. (1041)

THE VERY BEST

Buff yellow cocks, massive birds, fine type, lovely feather, 10/- to 40/-; pairs, matched, 15/- upwards, bred from my birds that won at Crystal Palace, Manchester, Liverpool, etc.; approval, stamp: Rev. Nume, Harrington, Cumberland. (1010)

Pure Norwich

Have a few grand Norwich, young and year old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens, Yellows or Buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England; for proof, write Editor, who has seen the originals; scores of them; breeder 20 years: Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show 1913.

WANTED, any quantity of Rollers, best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (991)

HIGH-class Rollers, British Club rung, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6 and 5/-: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop.

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, clean, healthy birds, cocks, on song, 5/- per pair: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1035)

1913 Seifert, Hartz, Roller cock Canaries, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6; cash; Wilson, 7, Walcot-st., Bath. (1004)

ROLLER cocks, in full song, from 6/-; hens, 2/6; cold room bred: Riley, 63, Fountain-st., Crumpsall, Manchester. (1038)

1913 SCHOLMASTER, full song, 8/6, bargain; approval: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham. (1031)

WATER glucke Rollers, from 7/6; will exchange hens for Roller show cages. Higgins, 45, Alexander-st., Tyldesley. (1031)

NOTICE.—Grand lot St. Andreasberg Rollers, prices low, easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (990)

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BARGAIN, high class water glucke Schoolmaster, sell 15/6; B.R.C.C. rung; offers: 6, Brunswick-terr., Shackstead, Manchester. (1040)

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SEIFERT Rollers, Randall's and Chillcott strain, 1913 rung, cold-room bred; cocks, full song, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each; approval, deposit: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire. (1035)

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BARGAINS, two grand clear buff Yorkshire hens, splendid type, 6s. each, the two 10/-, approval, deposit.—Fairey, 45, Colenso-st., West Hartlepool.

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FOR Sale, few good Yorkshire Canaries, cocks and hens, colour fed, cold-room bred, prices moderate; approval, deposit: Harding Williams, Morriston, Swansea. (1032)

PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; cash or deposit; inspection invited: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (969)

DEALERS, any quantity supplied, high-class Yorkshires, 6/6 pair; cocks, in full song, and all healthy birds; terms cash: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1041)

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PAIR Yorkshires, cock 2nd Enfield, hen the Stratford, 12/6; also three Norwich cocks 5/6 each, and two Norwich hens, 2/6 each; exchange anything useful: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1046)

WINNING Yorkshires, bred from and related to winners, cocks from 6/- upwards, hens 4/- upwards; approval, deposit: Walter Beaumont, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1034)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, good long slim cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens 3/6, 5/- each; matched pairs from 9/6, 12/-, 13/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Stokes, 621, Trafford Park, Manchester.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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HIGH CLASS Yorkshires, bred from the finest blood in the Fancy, full of type and quality, prices very reasonable, state wants: S. MacRobbie, Garden Contractor, 51, Earl-st., Scotstoun, Glasgow.

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YORKSHIRES, same strain as my winners Leeds, Sheffield, Rotherham, Liverpool, Warrington, Selby, cocks 7/6 upwards; hens 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: Alice Radley, 295, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1044)

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GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock and buff hen, 12/6 pair; grand buff cock and yellow hen, properly matched, price 12/6 pair; all 1913 birds and bred from winners, worth double; approval, deposit: A. J. Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (1035)

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We have some clinking Yorkshires for sale at reasonable prices; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens from 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; all bred from our winners at Liverpool, Warrington, and Cowdenbeath; state wants to 123, Parkside-rd., West Bowling, Bardford. (1035)

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The strain that breeds winners, good quality show and stock birds, from 15/- pair: grand shoulder and length; approval; inspection by appointment: 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow. (990)

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To past purchasing clients and others: My new season's stock of Yorkshire Canaries, in all varieties, are now about finishing moult, and in the pink of condition and health; cold room bred, reared, and kept; selected unrelated pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; single birds proportionately; also few fit for exhibition, full price list post free from Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

CRICHTON.

GIVING up, entire stock of Yorkshires for sale, prices moderate, can be seen any time (see reports, Glasgow North West, last week, and Cowdenbeath this week): 2, Auchentorlie-st., Partick, Glasgow. (1035)

CUP AND MEDAL WINNERS

80 Yorkshires and Norwich for sale, related to our winners at Gt. Horton, Winchill, Leeds, Sheffield, and Huddersfield, etc.; cocks from 10/- to £5, hens from 5/- to £3; wants room: Cawtheray and Son, 2, Thomas-st., Huddersfield. (1031)

YORKSHIRE BREEDERS' SOCIETY

Have now ready some real gems, bred in their own rooms, from reliable strains: no fabulous prices; cocks from 5/-, hens from 4/-; cash or deposit; seven days' approval: Secretary, 15, Dalton-ter., Manningham, Bradford. (980)

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I have won the L. and P.S. cup outright this season. I have any of my birds for sale, as I have not time for showing; this strain is too well known to require any comments; prices reasonable to suit all: Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford. (1044)

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We have now ready some real good Yorkshires for sale; cocks from 6/- upwards, hens 5/- upwards; prices to suit all customers; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: stamped reply:

COOPER & SON

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of easy payments, and full price list for all varieties of Canaries posted for half penny stamp. Yorkshires of the finest strains, cocks, 6/-, 7/6, hens 2/6; pairs, 10/-; any Canaries sent on receipt of half the amount, and balance 1/- per week; send full name, address, and occupation. 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (1011)

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have 200 now ready, every one bred direct from the birds that won every competition in Yorkshire 1912 and 1913. Matched pairs, sure to breed winners, 10/6, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, single birds proportionately. These are undoubtedly the best blood in the world, so have them direct from the breeder. Also a few big winners at £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, as we are not going to exhibit much this year. Birds sent four days' approval, cash or deposit: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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1913 Crystal Palace first prize strain, guaranteed; some lovely specimens, clear moulted cocks, yellows or buffs, from 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each, hens, yellows or buffs 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10 each; any on approval: I guarantee to please you, as soon as you see them. Cages, 2/- each. Breeder 20 years: Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, s. o. 89, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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Every bird my own breeding from the purest, finest, and oldest strain in the land. Winner of Yorkshire Challenge and other cups, etc.; highest honours in keenest competition; unsolicited testimony. "Milton-buildings, Jamestown, Nov. 14th, 1913: "Mr. Bennett. Dear Sir,—I won 1st and spl at Vale of Leven with yellow cock from you, and 2 yellow cocks and buff hen (bred from matched pair from you), 1 won spl, 1st, 2nd, and he. Owing to injury to left hand, unable to wash birds, consequently just missed 'rose bowl.'—George H. Coil" Winners, stock birds, or matched pairs, on approval, cheap: Thos. Bennett, 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. (1033)

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40 FIRSTS, 35 SECONDS, &c.

The above are my wins this season up to Nov. 15, see show reports at all the leading shows, and remember with Yorkshires only, not all varieties. My wins for years have surpassed all others, and is without doubt the finest strain in existence. Read following testimonial from Warren Avenue, Southampton, Nov. 16, '13: "I am very pleased to inform you that birds bred from stock purchased from you have won for me this season 2 firsts, special and CAGE BIRDS diploma, champion section Portsmouth; 1st Southampton, 3rd Bournemouth, etc.; am wanting more stock, and shall place my orders with you.—J. Hayter to L. Dykes" Another from Farnworth-st., Widnes, Nov. 17: "Hen arrived safe, and am entirely satisfied with her; she won 2nd at our show.—J. Ashcroft to L. Dyke." Scores of similar to above filed for inspection at any time. I have over 300 bred from and related to my winners, in the pink of condition, and all cold-room bred and kept. Matched pairs, sex guaranteed, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair; odd cocks from 6/- each, hens from 4/- each; exhibition cocks or hens at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each upwards, ready for immediate exhibition, and can soon win back their cost on the show bench. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Price list post free; any on approval, cash or deposit with Editor. Inspection invited at any time, or kindly state wants, to the old reliable breeder, who breeds his own winners, and can therefore give you the best satisfaction: L. Dykes, Reliable Aviaries, Shannet., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

See Stoke-on-Trent Report

2 Firsts, 1 Second, 3 Thirds, "Cage Birds" Special and Diploma, etc. I have about 45 birds for sale, own breeding, and carefully bred. No purer strain: approval.—**Geo. Lawton, 159, Werrington Rd., Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.** (1038)

Various Canaries.

CANARIES, three 1913 Yorkshires, two cocks, singing, lot 6/-: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorscinon, Swansea. (1019)

GOOD pair Norwich and Yorkshires, 12/6 pair; Green Roller, 15/-; cash or deposit: G., 69a, Merton-rd., Wimbledon. (1033)

FOUR hens, three cocks, half Roller, three other hens, 25/- the lot; approval; deposit: W. Lunnon, Wells, Somerset. (1047)

FOR sale, 7 cocks, 3 hen Canaries, young and healthy, 25/-; surplus stock of feeders: W. Burgess, 57, Townhead, Irvine. (1039)

YORKSHIRE cocks, good birds, 4/6 and 6/-; splendid crested hen, 10/-; approval: Allison, 14, Cambusnethan-st., Edinburgh. (1043)

STRONG, healthy cock Canaries, in full song, 6/- each, 48/- dozen; hens, 2/- each, 18/- dozen: Welsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1044)

FIVE pairs Norwich Canaries, clean, healthy, 7/6 pair: good flight cage, 10/-: Kendrick, Coachman, Monument Hill, Weybridge. (1038)

NINE grand Norwich Rollers, cocks 5/- each; 3 Yorkshire cocks, prize-bred, 6/6 each; approval: Staniland, South Collingham, Newark. (1037)

NOTICE. Grand Norwich, Yorkshires, Rollers, and Border cocks, 3/6 each; cock and hen, 5/6; approval: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

BARGAINS, Canaries, lovely songsters, 6/- pair; one cock, two hens, 7/6; two pairs, 11/-; Crests, 7/6 pair; approval: Comber, 65, Lumley-rd., Horley.

LOOK, cock Rollers, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Borders, all 3/9, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/- and 3/6, state wants: Ross, Canary breeder, Forres, N.B.

SEVERAL nice yellow hens for disposal at 3/6 each; also few buffs, 3/- each; approval through "Cage Birds": Dowson, Cathedral Close, Norwich.

HIGH CLASS Canaries for sale, Yorkshire cocks, full song, 6/-; hens, 3/-; Norwich cocks, full song, 6/6; hens, 3/-; or exchange: Cooper, 103, Princess-st., Manchester. (1020)

SEVEN pair Yorkshire Canaries, 2 pair Norwich and Yorkshire crossed, 3 pair Norwich, 6/6 pair, or the lot £3 15s., as am giving up bird-keeping: Edward Smith, Parkgate, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1032)

FROM outdoor birdroom, unheated; cock and 2 hen Rollers, 10/-; pair large Yorks., 10/6; three cocks, Nor., 6/6; three hens, Nor., 2/6; lot 42 5s.; black spaniel bitch, two years, good mother, £1; stamp reply: Fickling, Tadhoe, Spennymoor. (1030)

EIGHT Norwich cocks, 5/- each; 8 hens, 2/- each; yellow Yorkshire hen, 3/-; hen Mule, 1/-; h.m. cock and hen Buffie, 1/6 each; deposit: Baldwin, Melton-rd., Wellingboro'. (1039)

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EXHIBITION dark Greenfinch mule, large bird, bargain, 10/-: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (1029)

IMPORTANT announcement. I will pay a good price for cock mules: Proprietress, Lamb Hotel, Dunstable. (1032)

THREE grand large cock Linnet Mules, 6/6 each; rock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6: Hepple, 19, Waddon New-rd., Croydon. (1041)

FOUR hen Linnet Mules, 3/-; also cock Greenfinch-Canary hatched, fine bird, 2/6: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1035)

TWO house-moulted Russian Goldfinches, 10/- each, approval; exchange good Norwich: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1040)

GRAND 1912 cock Goldfinch Mule, in song, clean moulted, show condition, 10/-: Richard Andrew, 16, Monument-st., Peterborough. (1032)

GIVING up; remainder of my light muling cock and hen Canaries to be cleared at 5/6 each, or 10/- a pair: Fox, Frenchie, Fifeshire. (1035)

WHAT offer? Three Siskin-Greenfinch hybrid cocks, colour fed, one Siskin Mule cock: Draper, Park-rd., Newhall, Burton-on-Trent. (1034)

THREE dark cock Goldfinch mules, 1913, through moult, pure Finch song, used for catching, 5/6 each: Alfred Spicer, Chesham, Bucks. (1033)

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light-mule breeders, 5/6, cocks 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1041)

THREE good Mules, fed, two cocks, 10/6 lot; cock Goldfinch, cock Siskin, 4/6 two; bargains; giving up British: Pilbeam, 13, Garden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

GRAND dark cock Linnet mule, 7/6; 4 hens, 1/- each; grand Goldie Mule cock, very steady, 8/6; exchange: Clough, Wilson-st., Sutton Mill, Keighley.

MULE breeders, large Buff, 1912, hand-reared cock Greenfinch, with his yellow Norwich hen, 5/6; approval: D. Robertson, Balnagown, Kildary, Ross-shire. (1028)

TWO very large dark cock Linnet Mules, singing, hung with Goldie, 16/-; also C.M. Cheverell, a rare beauty, 15/-: R. Burman, 8, May Grove-rd., Gt. Yarmouth. (1037)

SIXTEEN Goldfinch-Canary Mules, cocks, 5/- worth double money, also parents of above, 8/- pair; hens, good feeders; 1 good strain: Imeson, Commercial House, Ossett. (1043)

EXHIBITION variegated cock Goldfinch mule, champion songster, 12/-; two cock Goldfinches, guaranteed mulers, 5/6 each; approval: R. Edwards, 21, Chestnut-st., Worcester. (1034)

SMALL clear yellow hen, 50/-; cock Goldfinch, yellow Sib hen, parents of above, 40/-; also 2 yellow and 3 buff hens, same strain, 25/-, 30/- each: Brown, 70, Meadow-st., Weston-super-Marc. (1044)

GRAND dark cock Goldie Mule, splendid face and markings, in show condition, 0/6; few large clear Norwich cocks, bred from Irons' and Vardy's strains, 7/6, 10/6: Farler, 29, May Croft, Weymouth. (1038)

FOUR large young Linnet Mules for sale, at 10/- each, or exchange one for good Siberian Goldfinch, all under good singing Linnets; yours first: F. Davis, Fisherman, Bolton-le-Sands, near Carnforth.

GOLDFINCH mules, wild notes, aviary bred, 6/6; 3 for 17/6; Greenfinch mules, 5/-, three for 12/6; guaranteed cocks, own breeding; approval; cash with order: Marshall, 56, Chilwell-rd., Beeston, Notts. (1030)

CLEARANCE, light muling hens grand mothers Norwich type, nothing better, 5/- each; nice variegated Goldie mules, selected; Finch song, 7/6 each; approval: H. J. Cleminson, 60, Harrison-terrace, Darlington. (1028)

ONE variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, one dark yellow cock, 1913 bred, 7/6 each; also cock Goldfinch, yellow Norwich hen, parents of above, 17/6; cock 3rd prize winner; approval with cash: D. Betty, Goodwick, Pem. (1035)

FOR sale, number of Linnet Mules, from Yorkshire and Norwich birds, also Canaries, in song, two muling Linnets and four muling Canaries, all of which bred Mules this year: Neal, 81, Park-st., Regents Park, N.W. (1035)

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SPECIAL bargains. Big typical pair Norwich, cost 25/- last March, with two-compt. breeder, 12/6 lot; tip-top pair Yorkshires, with double breeder, 10/6; three grand Budgerigars, two cocks and hen, extra fine specimens, and good cage, 7/6 lot: Harrison, St. Mark's-st., Leeds. (1041)

COCK Linnet and cage, 1/-; cock Lark and cage, 1/-; Redpoll and cage, 1/-; Canary and cage, 1/-, sex not guaranteed; a few Brown Cups 6d. each, with cage 9d.; show cages made of hazel, pine, enamelled white inside, polished outside, 1/6 each, six 7/6: S. Martin, 24 Ct., 1, House, Bromsgrove-st., Birmingham. (1033)

FOR sale or exchange. Fine pieked cock Goldfinches, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; cock Green Linnet and pure Yorkshire hen, good mother, 6/6; pure yellow Norwich cock Canary, 5/6; two young Norwich cocks, 6/6 each; light Goldfinch mule, 10/6; little darker, 8/6; full song: A. Adams, 3, Wing-rd., Manton, Oakham. (1033)

HANDSOME hybrid, from Greenfinch-Redpoll, only one of its kind, win anywhere, 12/6; pure-bred Angora rabbits, bred from winners, 5/6; hand reared Magpie, good actions, talking and whistling, in good Parrot cage, 8/6; pedigree Airedale pup, three months, 7/6; exchange the above for hen Canaries, Goldfinches: T. Wileman, 13, Alma-rd., Hinckley.

JOHNNY GOODALL has the following choice specimens to dispose of: One of the finest grey Wagtails living, 1st and spec. Watford only time shown, 15/-; pair bearded Reedlings, in the most perfect condition, certain winners, only 25/-; dark buff Linnet mule, 10/-; dark yellow Siskin mule, 10/-; dark yellow Goldfinch Mule, 10/-; dark yellow Serinfinch Mule, 10/-; large house-moulted Greenfinch, 5/-; a few real good Norwich from 10/- pair; also 2 hen yellow Wagtails 1/6 each: 56, Market-st., Watford, Herts. (1032)

Peafowl.

SALE, a splendid Peacock, lovely tail, very tame, 1912, price 18/-: Mrs. Bonnick, East Hoathly, Sussex. (1039)

WANTED.

WANTED Canaries, British and foreign birds: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B. (1044)

WANTED, hen Canaries; exchange good British birds: Dutton, Dunstable. (1018)

CANARIES, any breed, for high-class British, approval, both ways: Stowe. (See Hardbills.) (1030)

ROLLER cocks, will give 4/6 each; must be on song; prompt cash: Smalley, 20, Norris-st., Preston.

WANTED, Canaries and wicker cages, cheap, or give good selected British: Broxup, Pendle-st., Burnley.

WANTED, cock Canaries, full song, colour fed preferred; letters only: 11, Whynmark Avenue, Wood Green. (1043)

WANTED, clear Borders for show; exchange pigeons or silver rabbits: Rev. Henry Soames, Bromley, Kent. (1030)

WANTED selected Goldfinches, exchange thistle, dandelion, hardhead seed: J. Cowan, 25, New Stock St., Paisley. (1039)

WANTED large Siberian Goldfinch, good exchange given in Goldie or Linnet Mules: W. Spencer, 85, Athol-st., Burnley. (1040)

WANTED, any quantity of hen Canaries, cheap for cash; stating price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford. (971)

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich, also Cinnamons and Crests, fair price given: Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1041)

WANTED, hen Canaries, for export. 1/- each given; also cock Canaries in song; state prices: Manageress, Bird Stores, Wakefield. (1044)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (717)

WANTED.—To catchers.—Siskins, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, etc., any quantity; state price wanted: Vanner, 19, Cato-st., Gateshead. (1008)

WANTED, for cash, any quantity of 1913 Canaries, best prices given: Bairstown's Northern Aviaries, Preston, or Halligate, Wigan. (1044)

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., state price for prompt cash: C. Palmer and Sons, Bird Dept., 68, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

WANTED, surplus Canaries and other live stock for cash, must be cheap, prompt settlements: Williams, 13, Garner-street, Hackney. (1045)

WANTED, acclimatised hen, Long-tailed Grassfinch, for sale avairy bred yellow Budgerigars, cheap: Barlow-Massicks, The Mount, Rotherham. (1027)

EXCHANGE, good Yorkshires, for Yorkshire, Norwich, or British show cage and case: S. Parker, Feckenham-rd., Astwood Bank, Redditch. (1028)

WANTED, two Goldies; exchange 2 large hens Bullies and cock hand-reared, also yellow hen, Midgly's strain, for two buffs: F. Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, Monkeys, Parrots, Dogs, Puppies Pigeons, Poultry, Rats, Mice, Birds, Rabbits, Ferrets; purchase or exchange: Barlows Aviaries, Greenwich. (1045)

SPECIAL notice to reliable catchers.—Wanted, all kinds of British birds; state prices at once to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1023)

WANTED Black Pom. pup, Grey or Amazon Parrot, or cock Siskins, exchange for high-class Canaries, gent.'s grey tailor-made suit: Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles. (1037)

WANTED, birds, exchange lovely tabby Persian female cat, also three pairs pure-bred White Fantail pigeons: Pavier, Hempshill-lane, Bulwell, Nottingham. (1039)

WANTED good field-moulted Siskin, British Goldie, and Hawfinch; will give large Norwich cocks, sell 8/6 and 10/6 each; yours first: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth. (1036)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, either sex; state price if colour fed: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London. (1042)

REQUIRED two or three Yorkshire cocks and hens (cinnamons), moderate; no fancy prices; approval: carriage paid: Ridout, 45, Clarence-rd., Kentish Town, London. (1041)

WANTED, Canaries, exchange breeding cages, show cages, breeding cage sets, box cages, punched bar fronts; approval both ways: Price and Son, Latimer-st., Birmingham. (1045)

WANTED, couple of each sex, Norwich, must have size, with large heads, unflighted, coloured preferred; price and particulars: Edgeley, 491, Grove Green, Leytonstone. (1045)

WANTED, surplus stocks Canaries, all breeds, state particulars and price, prompt cash paid, and strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1002)

WANTED from catchers, large or small quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins; write for price; prompt cash: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (1043)

WANTED for cash, 50 pairs colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted, Scotch Fancy, Crests, and Mules; highest prices given: Martin, Bird Specialist, Castle Douglas. (973)

WANTED to do business with small or large private catcher of cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc.; state particulars and prices to: Allison, Market place, Blyth, Northumberland. (1034)

NOTICE.—Will give 5/ per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires, colour fed preferred; also wanted Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Borders, any number, cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas. (990)

Wanted for Export.

Large, healthy Norwich. **Will give 7/- per pair for large colour-fed birds, 6/- per pair for large natural colour birds. Will give 10/- per pair for good Crests and Crestbreds. I also require Greens, Cinnamons, Lancashires, Lizards.** Also any quantity Goldfinch or Linnet Mule cocks. **Will deposit cash with Editor. Send full particulars and stamp for reply.**

H. GLEDHILL,

Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

FRED ALLEN will exchange high-class British for Canaries: 156, Porter-st., Hull. (1045)

LARK, singing, and cage; exchange Goldfinch Mule; sell 8/6: F. Burrows, 77, Arthur-rd., Wimbledon Park. (1034)

COCK Goldfinch, and cage, singing grand; exchange homer pigeons; anything: Will Cox, Boston-rd., Holbeach, Lincs. (1046)

EXCHANGE six Bullfinch hens for good clear Crest-bred hen; give part cash: Geo. McIrvine, Delvine, Murthey. (1037)

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, proved muler, sell 10/-, or exchange Canaries, anything: Rogers, 9, North-st., Bridgwater. (1033)

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, one green, good, cash, or bicycle or fretwork tools: Cooper, Aston, Stevenage, Herts. (1031)

EXCHANGE muling Goldfinch, 1 Greypate, 3 cock Linnets, for clap nets, or sell 10/-: Busbidge, Poundstock, nr. Bude, Cornwall. (1032)

COCK Linnet Mule, 1913 bird, commencing singing, exchange Norwich hens, or offers: Thomas Cole, 77, Butchers'-lane, Cradley. (1038)

EXCHANGE cock and hen Greenfinch, hen laid, for breeding hen Siskin or Linnet call bird: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool. (1032)

WHAT offers in Bullfinches and Siskins for exhibition or muling red-hreasted cock Linnets: Harper, 45, Denmark-rd., Beccles. (1037)

TWO large cock Goldfinches, one proved muler; exchange for hen Bullfinches; cage moulted: Crisp, Hook Farm, Billinghurst, Sussex. (1026)

EXHIBITION cock Hawfinch and show cage, 8/6, or exchange 2 good Norwich hens, 1913 bred: Wheat, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (1033)

GRAND cock Goldfinch, 3/6; ditto Bullfinch, 2/-; fine Lesser Redpoll, 1/6; wanted, Hawfinch; offers: Conie, Newtown, Raunds, Wellingboro'. (1041)

TWO Greenfinches, one Bullfinch, one Redpoll, all cocks, twice house-moulted, Greenfinches, hatched by Canary: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge. (1032)

LARGE house-moulted cock Linnet, free breeder, through moult; exchange house-moulted muling cock Goldfinch: G. S. Barnard, 7, Silver-st., Bristol. (1041)

LINNET, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, mealy Redpoll, Yellowhammer, 6/6 lot; clean charlock, 7/- cwt.; exchange anything useful: Geo. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

DITTER and cage, 15/-; Grey Wagtail and cage, 12/6; Jenny Wren and cage, 10/-; exchange Hardbills, household goods: Mackwell, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley. (1043)

SOME exhibition British birds, aviary moulted, Jay, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, cocks, exchange good Hybrid or Border Canaries: Bates, Church Path, Northfleet, Kent. (1040)

COCK Linnets, caged two months, 1/-; Yellowhammers 1/-; cock Greenfinch 6d., 1913 hand-reared Jackdaw, 5/-; exchange livestock; yours first: H. Dale, 63, Kingston, Cambridge. (1026)

ONE cock, two hens, Norwich, 10/6; 8 cocks, Goldfinches, 2/6 each; one cock Goldfinch mule, 7/6; exchange gramophone, anything: J. Shepherd, 46, High-st., Old Fletton, Peterborough. (1034)

EXCHANGE 1912 dark cock Linnet mule for 2 large cock Goldies, or two long Yorkshire yellow hens, 1913 bred; approval: Ernest Carroll, 18, Robert-st., Oldham-rd., Failsworth, Manchester. (1036)

SALE or exchange, H.M. cock Greenie, 3/-; Mealy and Lesser Redpoll, both H.M. cocks, and fit for show, 3/6 each; joiner-made flight, as new, 4ft. x 3ft. x 18ins., 10/-: Cross, 57, Dorset-st., Hull. (1038)

EXCHANGE six selected Scotch Linnets, for two Welsh Goldfinch Greypates, or one Siberian, sell 2/6 each; real good birds offered, and only good wanted; mutual approval: Corsar, Sidney-st., Arbroath. (1043)

EXHIBITORS.—Splendid house-moulted cock Chaffinch, good size, colour, and markings, can win, 7/6; exchange feeding hen Canaries, Borders preferred, to value; yours first: Adams, Off Licence, 202, Balaam-st., Plaistow. (1038)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches and Siskins also all kinds of British, birds for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds. Notice, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollingshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1044)

Mainly Canaries.

GREEN Crested hen, 7/6; Crestbred, 5/-; exchange: Green, Bigg House, Arnold, Notts. (1044)

EXCHANGE one good pair Borders for good cock Goldfinches: C. Knowles, 3, Holmside-pl., Blyth.

EXCHANGE lovely cock Roller for cock Bullfinch; yours first; approval both ways: J. Goodchild, Clare, Suffolk. (1038)

BORDERS, six cocks and six hens, 1913, exchange; what offers: 22, Lancashire-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1040)

EXCHANGE three good Border hens for cock Goldfinch mule: Jas. Ballantyne, 75, High-st., Peebles. (1030)

EXCHANGE Modern Game Bantams for exhibition Goldfinches; approval: W. Barlow, Crawleyside, Stanhope. (1024)

BORDER Fancy (pair), £1 5s., 30 to show; exchange pom. pup, ducks, etc.: 65, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh. (1029)

EXCHANGE two pairs of Norwich Canaries for Rollers, or sell 11/- the lot: Smith, 22, Crown-st., Blackburn. (1041)

SIX 10in. Records, 8/-; pair Canaries, 9/-; two single breeders, 4/-; exchange poultry. Parsonson, North Hill, Colchester. (1040)

EXCHANGE Yorks. cock, 1913, 7/, for Nor. or British show cages; approval both ways: Herne, Southover, Lewes. (1035)

GOOD Yorkshires, cocks, 6/6, hens 3/-, 9/- pair, exchange early pullets: Clarke, The Cricketer, Chatteris, Cambs. (1027)

YORKSHIRES, 4 grand bred cocks, 1913 bred, 5/- each; or exchange new caught British grays, 6/, Goodramgate, York. (1040)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for good singing Hartz cock, or singing Goldie Mule, or offers: Davies, 40, Neath Rd., Briton Ferry. (1035)

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires for pair of Norwich, or sell 20/-: H. Mathers, Mount Pleasant Farm, Barlby, nr. Selby. (1032)

EXCHANGE Canaries for good toy dog or King Charles preferred; approval both ways: J. Henderson, 21, Cowper-sq., Blyth. (1029)

WANTED Toy Pom. (dog), or Yorkshire, black or chocolate, for jolners' tools; approval: Harling, 138, Lockwood-rd., Huddersfield. (1040)

TWO pair of Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; exchange for lady's squirrel fur: Willie Lodge, Brick-row, Stickmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield. (1024)

EXCHANGE, pair Crests, value 35/-, with cash, for Cinnamon or Green Yorkshire hen, unflighted: Reynolds, Wilder-rd., Ilfracombe. (1036)

WANTED Cinnamon or Green Yorkshire hen, unflighted, for pair Crests, value 40/; approval: F. Reynolds, Wildes-rd., Ilfracombe. (1036)

FINE unflighted singing cock, 4 hens, exchange large buff or yellow unflighted Norwich cock: Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton. (1037)

WHAT offers, Hobbies A 1 fretwork set, new, in box; also gent's new oxidised 8-day watch: Pepperell, 30 P, Sutton Estate, Chelsea. (1031)

SIX beautiful muling cock Linnets, 1/- each; also six hen Canaries, 2/- each; 15/- lot; or exchange: Fenwick, 103, Brownlow-rd., Mansfield. (1037)

EXCHANGE pair Lizards for pair Cinnamon Borders, or sell 7/6: James Kennedy, Grangefield, Hareleshiff-rd., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (1034)

FINE aviary, new, joiner-made, exchange four common Yorks. songster; approval; particulars: Williams, 13, Dynevor-st., Fochriw, Cardiff. (1041)

GENT'S cycle, good condition, cost £12, take £6, approval; exchange good Norwich or Crests: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1040)

EXCHANGE 5 young Scotch Fancies, 2 cocks, 3 hens, for Crest-bred hens, clears; sell 50/-: Armstrong, 11, Mytholmes-terr., Haworth, Yorks. (1034)

EXHIBITION, eyes, wings marked, buff Norwich cock, will exchange for exhibition yellow Yorkshire, on approval: Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham.

EXHIBITION monster Pear-tree cock Goldfinch, 10/6; exchange pair of Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

DINNER, tea, toilet, trinket sets, vases, etc., harmonium, 29/-; offers Canaries, Parrots, dogs, anything: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire.

VIOLIN, high class, £2, cost £3 10/-; Anglo-German concertina, 30 keys, 35/-; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars, or offers: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (1039)

PAIR Yorkshires, matched, with cage, 8/-: Norwich hen, 3/-, with cage; clearing; also H.M. Goldfinch cock, 7/-: Wilson, Dalzellowlie, Maybole, N.B. (1039)

EXCHANGE 4 Canaries, 2 cocks, 2 hens, crossbred, for 1 good Norwich cock, value 10/-; other offers invited: J. Fletcher, Hemingbrough, Howden, Yorks.

EXCHANGE gent's silver watch, warranted timekeeper, value 16/-, approval, for 1913 Norwich; yours first: Lovelace, 6, Orchard-st., Paddington, London.

EXCHANGE Seifert Rollers, silver watch, flute, model steam engine, for cycle, camera, or gramophone: Bentley, 35, Broughton-avenue, Blackpool.

HAND lock-stitch sewing machine, in case, cost £5, perfect worker, equal new, 30/-; exchange Canaries or mules: Fenn, 421, Portobello-rd., London. (1021)

NORWICH pair, also good yellow Greenfinch, bred Mules; exchange for cobby unflighted yellow cock, must have good head: Suffolk, 236, Syston-st., Leicester. (1041)

WILL exchange prize-bred Norwich or Linnet Mules for Siskins or British or Siberian Goldfinches; mutual approval: Metcalfe, 8, Fuller-st., New Clee-thorpes. (1041)

LANCASHIRES, exchange two very large 1912 yellow cocks, coppy and Plainhead, for Yorks or Norwich; yours first: Turner, 36, St. Alban's-avenue, East Ham. (1041)

CHAMPION Water Glucke Rollers, green Borders, Crests, sell cheap to clear; exchange any for talking Parrot, or anything useful: Short, 328, High-st., Cheltenham. (1041)

WANTED singing cock Canaries, also large clear hens, exchange new blankets, 25/- pair, or tweed suit length, 25/-; approval: McNairn, Merchant, Castle Douglas. (1028)

WANTED, walking stick, gun, breech-loader, English make, in exchange for six large Norwich hens, value 30/-; approval: Price, Nelson-st., Chester-le-Street, Durham. (1029)

THREE pair of Rollers, two pairs of Norwich, good strain; also cages; sell or exchange, poms., cycle, gramophone, anything: Edmundsen, Wall-st., Daisyfield, Blackburn. (1040)

EXCHANGE, one Eb flute, nickle keys, as new, for good Crest Canaries, must be good; on approval both ways; birds first: John Bellman, Foundry-rd., Camborne. (1030)

WANTED offers for four cocks and four hens, Goldfinch Mules; Sib.-bred cock and two hen Canaries; sell, or exchange anything: Mrs. Lavercombe, Raleigh, Barnstaple. (1035)

CRESTS, Crest-breds, Norwich, Rollers, Border Fancies, breeding cages, aviaries, sell cheap, or exchange gramophones, cameras, watches: Govan, Overy, Melrose, N.B. (1031)

EDISON Gem gramophone, 2 horns, stand, and 43 records, lot 30/-, or exchange high-class Norwich or exhibition British; offers: Nicholas, 3, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda. (1037)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks., Norwich, or German Rollers, for scrap brass, copper, block tin; see advertisements Yorks.: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1045)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks 8/-, 10/-, hens from 4/-; offers entertained; wanted, two good yellow hens; change wanted: Andrews, 133, Gordon-rd., Peckham, London. (1031)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, best noted strains, 1 yellow marked Norwich cock, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass; anything useful: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire. (1043)

WANTED, Irish or Bedlington bitch; exchange Seifert Rollers, or Norwich; high class, house trained; particulars: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeach, Leeds. (1030)

MEAT mincing machine, cost 15/6; fretwork machine, cost 23/6; both new condition; exchange Rollers, contest cages, or suitable offers: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds. (1039)

LARGE acclimatised Lemon-crested Cockatoo, soon talk, exchange large yellow or buff unflighted Norwich hens, must be good or no use: Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton. (1037)

FOR sale, three young Roller cocks, in song, 15/- ea, or would exchange one for two Roller metal cages; cages first: W. Harrington, Glebe Farm, Wickham Bishops, nr. Witham. (1040)

SALE or exchange exhibition Yorks, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, for winning British or British show cages; offers; approval; yours first: Plummer, 13, Friars' Walk, Lewes, Sussex. (1045)

EXCHANGE for good Norwich or British show birds Wheeler and Wilson's treadle sewing machine, suit tailor, etc., good condition; letters only: Mayfield, St. John's-aven., Bridlington. (1040)

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire cocks, fine upstanding birds, 10/- to 30/- each, or useful exchange; no post-cards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terr., Hyde Park, London. (1033)

YORKSHIRES, two buff cocks, one yellow, 10/-; one yellow hen, 6/-; from winners; 8 cages, 18 x 17 x 10, as new, whole backs, 1/9 each; exchange, offers: Livsey, Square, Walsden, Todmorden. (1036)

EXCHANGE, large colour-fed H.B. Norwich, 1912, cock, value 12/6, for good house-moulted yellow Siskin; 2lbs. shepherd's purse seed, for real good Goldfinch or Hawfinch, or sell: Humphrey, Thirsk.

LARGE prize-bred colour fed 1913 Norwich, 9/6 pair; Seifert Rollers, 10/6 pair; Yorkshires 8/6 pair; cold room bred; approval, cash or deposit; or exchange 1913 heavy Frosts, cold room bred: 12, Perry-Hill, Southville, Bristol. (1028)

YORKSHIRES, 60 high class birds, winners, and bred from winners, 80 prizes, 12/6 to 60/- pair; exchange new clothing, drapery, dress material, boots, cycle tyres, sewing machine; offers: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1035)

TWO unflighted Yorkshire cocks, yellow, nkd., 7/6; buff, 7/-; house-moulted cocks, 2 Redpolls, Greenie, Linnet, Reed Bunting, 2 Yellowhammers, 1/- each; or exchange anything useful; offers: Eames, 7 Princess-st., Wombwell. (1035)

THREE unflighted Norwich songsters, 5/6 each; 1 over year, 7/6; 2 over year, buff hens, 6/- each; 2 unflighted, 4/- each; or exchange to value in exhibition British seed-eaters; on approval: Wm. Forster, 18, Grange-terr., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham.

VALUABLE water Glurke Rollers, champion singers and breeders, 6 pair 1913 birds, and 4 1912 schoolmasters, value £7 10s.; accept £5 the lot; several odd birds given in; clearing out; good exchange in grandfather clock, gold jewellery, cycle, phonograph, or part cash; exchange considered: Apply, A. Sammons, Jeweller, 58, Sutton-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

Mainly Foreign.

TWO aviary-bred cock Zebra Finches, 2/- each, or exchange for cock Bullfinch: J. Goodchild, Clare, Suffolk. (1038)

WILL exchange Indian Parrakeet, good plumage, with good cage, for Canaries or British: W. Wray, Jeweller, Goodramgate, York. (1040)

Miscellaneous.

WHAT offers! 110 copies CAGE BIRDS, 12 coloured plates: 21, Sebert-rd., Forest Gate. (1033)

IRISH Terrier puppies, exchange anything, fowls, birds: 46, Waterloo-st., Tipton, Staffs. (1035)

OAK bureau, new, cheap at 50/-; exchange Canaries, or offers: Williams, 13, Garner-st., Hackney. (1046)

WANTED Rollers only; exchange Bull bitch, sale 25/-: White, 20, Douglas-st., Newtown, Wigan. (1038)

CANARIES, Hybrids, and British birds, new, cost 25/-; exchange Borders: J. Logie, Park-rd., Brechin.

DOUBLE-BARREL muzzle loader gun, £1, or pair Rollers, Budgerigars: Spriggs, Nassington, Wansford.

MASSAGE chair, cost 5/6, 16/-, worth physical culture books; offers, anything: Broxup, Pendle-st., Burnley. (1042)

EXCHANGE 15 racing pigeons, R.P. rung, for three pairs good Yorkshires: L. Davies, 20, Brock-street, Liverpool. (1028)

A RED Airedale Irish dog puppy, three months, very sharp, 8/6, or exchange: Perrett, Elm-mews, Richmond. (1037)

ENGLISH concertina, wanted, in exchange for Yorkshires; full particulars to: Pearson, Senhouse-st., Maryport. (1040)

WHAT offers yellow Norwich cocks, winners, for 27/- worth, woodworkers: Walton, 23, Johnson-terrace, Usworth. (1029)

WHAT offers in Canaries, H.M. Goldfinches, for pure Persian kittens, either sex: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1032)

ZITHER harp, perfect tone and condition, sell 45/-, or exchange Canaries: Birks, 31, James-st., Stoke-on-Trent. (1040)

EXCHANGE Whippet dog, good rabbiter, for rifle or revolver, or sell 10/-: J. Todd, Oddfellows-st., Egremont, Cumb. (1038)

NEW set of crystalate billiard balls, value 21/-; exchange Canaries, anything useful: Prior, 67, Kerbey-st., Poplar, E. (1044)

WANTED, Rollers or Norwich; will give Singer treadle sewing machine with cover: Beckett, 18, Mill-st., Congleton. (1032)

EXCHANGE good gramophone and records for Yorks. and part cash, sell 35/-: Wilkin, 38, Ariel-st., Weaste, Manchester. (1036)

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange indigo blue all wool serge suit length, sell 30/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (944)

WANTED, pair of Canaries; exchange silver lever watch, new; sell 15/-; yours first: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1036)

FOUR Bantams, 3 pullets, 1 cock, exchange good cock Goldfinch, Canaries, or sell 5/-: Revill, 223, Willingham-st., Grimsby. (1039)

EXCHANGE two hollow ground razors, value 10/6, and little cash, for Siberian Goldfinch, or offers: Meaden, Tisbury, Wilts. (1026)

DOUBLE-Barrel muzzle-loading gun, good killer, 10/-; exchange 12-bore cartridges, Goldfinch cocks: Lake, Hairdresser, Reigate. (1033)

TWO beautiful blue Persians, male and female (pedigree), exchange good talking Parrot, sell 35/- each: Burr, Hilldyke, Boston. (1033)

BRINDLE bull terrier dog, and bitch, 5 mths., 10/6 each; exchange Canaries, Norwich preferred: Rice, 132, Martin-st., Leicester. (1041)

WHAT offers in Norwich to value £1 for good greyhound whippet, brindled dog, 15 months: J. Metcalfe, Winston, Darlington. (1030)

EXCHANGE lady's tweed coat, good condition, for pair variegated Norwich Canaries, cold-room bred: Whitlock, 11, Eastgate, Lincoln. (1035)

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SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 8, at headquarters, with 42 entries, and some real good birds were staged. Mr. E. Grange, Shipley, judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Ellis; 2, Wood; 3, Binns; 4, Sheard; hc, Wharton; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Binns; 2, vhc, hc, Ellis; 4, Wood; 3, c, Wharton. UNEVEN CK.: 1, Sheard; 2, 3, Ellis; 4, Wood; vhc, Binns. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Sheard; 2, hc, Ellis; 3, Binns; 4, Wood; vhc, Wharton. BUFF: 1, 4, Wood; 2, Wharton; 3, vhc, Ellis; hc, c, Binns. UNEVEN HEN: 1, Sheard; 2, Cooper; 3, Wharton; 4, Wood. CINN. TKD., ETC., HEN: 1, Cooper; 2, Ellis; 3, 4, Wood.—J. Bamford, Hon. Sec.

OPENSHAW, GORTON C.B.S.

Members' show, held Nov. 8, at headquarters, Alhambra Club, a fine room for a show. The birds were well staged, and well looked after by the stewards, Messrs. Greaves, Newton, Pee, and Donavon. Messrs. Dooley and Spencer judged, and their awards met with general approval.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Appleton; 2, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Pee. TK. OR VAR.: 1, Wilkinson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Appleton; 2, Wilkinson. YORKS. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Wilkinson; 2, Painter. NOR. CL. OR TK. YELL.: 1, Shaw; 2, Greaves. BUFF: 1, Chilton; 2, Greaves; 3, Shaw; 4, Donovan. UNFL. YELL.: 1, Shaw; 2, Greaves; 3, Richards. BUFF: 1, Chilton; 2, Greaves; 3, Richards; 4, Shaw. HEN: 1, 2, Chilton; 3, Richards; 4, Shaw; vhc, hc, Greaves; c, Donovan. TK. OR VAR. BORD.: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Newton; 4, Pee. GR.: 1, Newton. UNFL. HEN: 1, Johnson. F.M. LINNET: 1, Newton; 2, Chilton; 3, Pee; 4, vhc, Washbourne, jun.; hc, Hathaway. H.M. LINNET: 1, Donovan; 2, Richards; 3, Washbourne, jun. GOLD., H.M.: 1, Newton; 2, Chilton. F.M.: 1, Washbourne, jun. BULLF., H.M.: Newton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Chilton; 2, Hathaway; 3, Donovan; 4, Washbourne, jun. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 3, Hathaway; 2, Washbourne, jun. MULE: 1, Chilton; 2, vhc, Richards; 3, Johnson; 4, Newton. FOR.: 1, Hatbaway.—F. Washbourne, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Second annual members show, held at Watson's Estate Office, Southall, 6th Nov. Mr. F. Easterling judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. Jeffries won sp. best Yorks., also sp. best bird in show, but forfeited the prizes to the next best, which was Mr. A. K. Crockett's unflighted buff Yorks. Mr. W. Nichols won sp. best Nor., also sp. second best. Messrs. Taylor and Wright, sp. second best Yorks. Mr. H. Burrows, sp. best Brit., and second best. Mr. C. Banyard won the Mule sp. Mr. W. Nichols won Nor. cup, Messrs. Taylor and Wright, Yorks. cup, and Mr. H. Burrows, Brit. cup. There was a good attendance of visitors, and the winner of Canary and cage was Mr. E. Lewis (Southall), ticket No. 77.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, c, Nichols; 3, hc, Huxley; vhc, Phipps. BUFF: 1, 3, Nichols; 2, Jefferis; vhc, Huxley; hc, c, Phipps. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Nichols; 2, vhc, Phipps. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Nichols; 2, Huxley. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Taylor and Wright; 2, Banyard; 3, vhc, Jefferis; hc, Banyard; c, Phipps. BUFF: 1, Crockett; 2, Jefferis; 3, Nichols; vhc, Huxley; hc, Taylor and Wright. YELL. HEN: 1, Crockett; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor and Wright; hc, Huxley. BUFF: 1, 2, Jefferis; 3, vhc, Taylor and Wright; hc, Crockett; c, Huxley. YELL., UNFLIG.: 1, Jefferis; 2, Huxley; 3, hc, Taylor and Wright; vhc, c, Banyard. BUFF, UNFLIG.: 1, Crockett; 2, Huxley; 3, vhc, hc, c, Taylor and Wright. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Huxley. GOLD.: 1, 3, Burrows; 2, Cambers. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Burrows; vhc, Cambers; hc, Banyard; c, Payne. CHAFF.: 1, Cambers; 2, Burrows. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Burrows; 2, 3, Cambers; hc, Timberlake. HYB.: 1, Banyard.—J. Jefferis, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Seventeenth annual show, held in Parish Church Schools, Rochdale, Nov. 1. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. Entries were a record for the society, and competition was very keen in all varieties, over 100 birds being staged, many of them winners in open competition throughout England. In Lancashires, Messrs. Hordern, Newill, Hartley, Dearden, Collin ge.and Adams staged good teams; in Lizards, Messrs. Leach, Hordern, Holt, and Dewhurst were the principal winners, and in Crest and Crest-bred Messrs. Collinge, Radcliffe were to the fore. In Yorkshires Messrs. Schofield, Coupe, Leach, Francis, Butterworth, Hollows, put down grand birds. In Norwich Messrs. Lees, Leach, Hollows, E. Lord, Blincoe, Radcliffe and Dewhurst shared the honours pretty even, Mr. Blincoe staging an excellent team of British, a splendid specimen of a Waxwing being first. In Pairs some good breeding pairs were staged, which promises well for future. The judge especially remarked on such a grand members' show. Mr. A. Hordern won rose bowl and medal for three highest birds, also special, best bird. Mr. Lees, runner-up for bowl. Mr. E. Leach won medal for hottest bird.

LANCS. COPPY (7): 1, Newill; 2, Collinge; 3, Dearden. PLAINHEAD (10): 1, Hordern; 2, Collinge; 3, Hartley. HEN (11): 1, Newill; 2, Collinge; 3, Dearden. 1913 (7): 1, Hordern; 2, Adams; 3, Hartley. LIZ., GOLD (6): 1, Leach; 2, Hordern; 3, Leach. SILVER (6): 1, Hordern; 2, Leach; 3, Holt. HEN (4): 1, Leach; 2, 3, Holt. CREST DE. C.B. (12): 1, 2, 3, Collinge. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Coupe. BUFF (8): 1, Hollows; 2, 3, Schofield. HEN (6): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Newill. HEN, 1913 (12): 1, Coupe; 2, Schofield; 3, Butterworth. YELL., 1913 (4): 1, Lord; 2, Francis; 3, Howarth. BUFF (4): 1, Schofield; 2, Butterworth; 3, Francis. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Lee; 2, Blincoe; 3, Howarth. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Leach; 2, Howarth. MED. YELL. (5): 1, Leach; 2, Dewhurst; 3, Lord. HEN (10): 1, 2, Lees; 3, Howarth. HEN, 1913 (6): 1, Radcliffe; 2, Howarth; 3, Lees. COCK, 1913 (9): 1, Lees; 2, Radcliffe; 3, Lord. PAIRS (7): 1, Collinge; 2, Schofield; 3, Coupe. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Blincoe. NOV. (2): 1, 2, Lingard. BUFF (2): 1, Francis; 2, Collinge. Wm. Adams, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF.

Seventeenth annual show held at St. Andrew's Hall, Nov. 19th; the room is admirably adapted for a show, being well lighted and free from draughts. A record entry of nearly 900 freed the judges; no wonder all the committee were such smiles on the morning of the show, and we heartily congratulate them on their success, which is thoroughly deserved, as no better band of fanciers exists anywhere than the Cardiff boys, who one and all leave no stone unturned that will add to the success of their show, this great rally of exhibitors should spur other fanciers in Wales to emulate the example set by Cardiff.

The chairman and vice, Messrs. S. F. Whetton and A. Maggs, and treas., Mr. E. J. Davies, are well known to all Welsh fanciers, and the county is fortunate in their choice of officers for these important positions. A hard-working committee, Messrs. L. James, H. C. Smith, W. Merrill, D. Raymond, E. J. Barker, W. Sampson, F. Howard, A. J. Simons, F. Slocombe, J. Dugmore, A. Ball, M. Gooding, S. Wiseman, E. Adams, and W. Merritt, had all the arrangements well in hand, the judges being able to commence their work without any delay. We must not forget the man behind the scenes, Mr. E. Thomas, the popular sec. Tactful and obliging, with an eye on the main chance, we can only add he is the "right man in the right place," and long may he continue in office is the wish of all Cardiff fanciers, who recognise they are indeed lucky to be able to command his services.

Norwich were the finest lot seen together in Wales for a considerable time; several sets of winners could be found in each of the classes, and the judges had considerable difficulty in sorting out the winners. Yorks. were a show in themselves, over 200 in 15 classes, and not a bad one amongst them. Borders were also larger in numbers than at any previous show held by the society, some real toppers being staged. Mules and Hybrids made a fine show, most of the leading winners being on view. British formed a very nice collection, some really good exhibits being staged, and it looks as though Wales was again coming to the front in this section. CAGE BIRDS' Coupon scheme drew a tremendous entry, diploma and champion 10s. being won by Mr. E. J. Lamb with a fine Can.-Bullie, and novice 10s. by Mr. D. Raymond with a grand yell. Yorks. Diplomas: Champ. Nor., A. Maggs; Yorks., J. Dugmore; Bord., Dr. Lawrie; Mules, E. J. Lamb; Brit. Hardbill, S. Jones, jun.; Softbill, S. H. Mays; Novice Yorks., D. Raymond; Bord., J. Pearce. Challenge cups given by the society in the open classes were won as follows:—Nor., J. Houghton; Yorks., R. Crisp; Bord., D. Jenkins; Brit., W. J. Bancroft. Mr. J. Robson judged odd numbers, and Mr. J. Payne even.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Hodder, grand size and shape, neat head, well filled neck, perfect wings and tail, blaze of col., real topper; 2, Collins, grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, beaten subs. and tightness of feather; 3, Hitchings, close up, good col. and qual., lovely type, fails trifle wing carriage to-day; 4, Walton and Noakes, good size and shape, grand col., trifle coarse in feather to leaders; vhc, Collins; hc, Richards; c, Slocombe. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Waltou and Noakes, head and wing mkd., blaze of col., good full head and neck, nice type and carriage; 2, Gill and Pethick, eye, wing and tail mkd., grand col., qual., and subs., hardly as neat head as leader; 3, G. T. Jones, eye and wing mkd., lovely col. and qual., hardly subs. of leaders; 4, Capt. Collier, grizzle mkd. head and neck, lovely shape, size and qual., grand wing carriage, hardly as rich col.; vhc, Houghton; hc, Chedgey; c, Allsopp. HEAVY MKD., ETC. (9): 1, Howe, fine yell. Gr., grand subs., lovely col., qual., and cond.; 2, Davies, heavily var. yell., good size and shape, neat wings and tail, nice col. and qual.; 3, Maggs, heavily var. yell., good subs. and qual., nicely braced wings and tail, fine cond.; 4, J. Davies, heavily var. yell., good col. and qual.; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Houghton; c, Gill and Pethick. BUFF HEN (14): 1, Houghton, cl., wonderful size and shape, nicely rounded head, good full neck, neat wings and tail; 2, Tedstone, cl., grand col. and qual., very shapely, showing flights, very open; 3, Hitchings, cl., lovely col. and qual., hardly subs. of leaders; 4, Hodder, gem for col. and qual., grand head and beak, well balanced wings and tail, hardly as cobby; vhc, Chedgey; hc, Maggs; c, Baker; No. 7, Gill and Pethick, grand hen, many thought might have been in money. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (17): Grand class, easily two sets of winners; 1, Gill and Pethick, cl., a real topper, wonderful col. and qual., nice size and shape, good head, well filled neck, nicely braced wings and tail; 2, Follwell, another topper, close up, grand col. qual. neat head and neck, though hardly as well rounded on top as leader, in perfect order; 3, Maggs, var., lovely col. and qual., good wings and tail, neat head and neck, will improve; 4, Hodder, cl., again grand size, shape, col., and qual., hard to separate; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Thomas; c, James and Wells. NOV., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Rogers, var., grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, Brown, cl., close up, a blaze of col., good type and qual., neat wings and tail, correct type, well shown; 4, Sampson, cl., lovely qual. and col., neat head, neck, wings and tail; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Mortimer; c, Merritt. HEN (11): 1, Sampson, head and wing mkd. buff, nice col. and qual., good wings and tail, trifle weak entrance; 2, ———, cl. yell., good col. and qual., neat size and shape, could do with a trifle more subs.; 3, Gardiner, cl. buff, lovely col. and qual., very shapely; 4, Hopson, cl. buff, good col. and qual., nice body, trifle weak in head; vhc, Townsend; hc, Merritt; c, Furs. YORKS., CL. YELL. (24): A grand lot, some real toppers unavoidably out of tickets; 1, Kearns, wonderful col. and qual., nicely rounded head, good straight back, lovely length, perfect position; 2, Easterling and Carson, grand length, neat wings and tail, well up on leg, hardly the col. leader; 3, Phillips, good type and qual., stands well on leg, good back, neat wings and tail, loses col.; 4, Crisp, correct type, stands like a Guardsman, neat head, neck, wings, and tail, again paler in col. than leaders; vhc, Dykes, grand col. and qual., well up on leg, nicely balanced, must have pressed; hc, Ball; c, Towers. TKD., ETC., YELL. (19): Another hot class, all leaders very close; 1, Crisp, eye and wing mkd., lovely col. and qual., good straight back, neat wings and tail, grand ou leg; 2, Dykes, thigh tkd., good length, neat head and neck, well on leg, good qual. and col., looked trifle dirty on back when we saw him; 3, Kearns, neck and wing tkd., lovely length, nicely rounded head, good wings and tail, nice position; 4, Phillips, head, eye, neck and wing tkd., good length, well up on leg, nice col. and qual., neat wings and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, Dugmore; c, he, Smith. HEAVILY MKD. (11): 1, Towers, yell., blaze of col., grand type and qual., good head, neck, wings, and tail, stands well; 2, Thomson, yell., good length, nice col. and qual., well filled back, nice position; 3, Crisp, buff cinn. var., lovely qual., neat head and neck, well filled back, stands well; 4, Bale, buff, good type and qual., nice head, neck, back, and tail, very nervy; vhc, hc, Poole; c, Brown. BUFF HEN (21): Grand class; 1, Crisp, cl., non-fed, grand lady, exquisite qual. and con., neat head and neck, good straight back, grand leg, very nervy; 2, Dykes, correct type, good straight back, nicely piped tail, well up on leg, hardly the exquisite feather of leader, still a real good one; 3, Thompson, cl., splendid length, well up on leg, nice cond. and qual.; 4, Cross, cl., stands well, full of nerve, grand col. and qual., correct type; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Dugmore; c, Kearns. UNFLIG. BUFF (18): 1, Crisp, var., wonderful qual., nice length, good straight back, neat wings and tail, well on leg; 2, Thomson, again grand length, lovely col. and qual., neat back and tail, very nervy, good position; 3, Easterling and Carson, cl., nice length, well up on leg, hardly as good cond. as leaders; 4, Holliday, cl., lovely qual. and col., correct type, good pos., crosses wings trifle at times; vhc, Bale; hc, Mock; c, Dykes. NOV. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Gardiner, cl., nice length, good col. and qual., stands well on leg; 2, Ashman, cl., good col. and qual., nicely braced wings, neat tail, hardly as good on leg as leader; 3, Raymond, cl., blaze of col., neat wings and tail, grand length, shows slight frill on breast, which kept him back to-day; 4, Charles, tkd., neat head and neck, nice qual., hardly col. of leaders; vhc, Clift; hc, Merrit; c, Reese. HEN (25): 1, Ashman, tkd. yell., nice length, col., and qual., neat rounded head, good back and tail, very nervy; 2, Gardner, cl. buff, nice qual., good leg, back and tail, stands well; 3, ———, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., neatly braced wings and tail, well up on leg; 4, Gooding, grizzle mkd. yell., nice col. and qual., neat head, neck, wings, and tail, hardly as well on leg as leaders; vhc, Williams; hc, Barrow; c, Clee. UNFLIG. BUFF (13): 1, Barrow, wing tkd., grand col. and qual., good straight back, could do with a little more length; 2, Adams, grizzle mkd., nice length, good col. and qual., trifle gone in bib; 3, Barrow, cl., good straight back, nice length, well up on leg, good col. and qual.; 4, Merritt, nice length, neat head and neck, well filled back, good wings and tail; vhc, Gardner; hc, Clee; c, Mellows. BORD., YELL. CL. (9): 1, vhc, Jenkins, cl., grand type and qual., very jaunty, staged in perfect order; 2, 3, Madagan, both cl., grand type and qual., hardly as rich col. as leader; 4, Wiseman, cl., nice type, lovely qual., loses cond.; hc, Smith; c, Gunn. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, vhc Jenkins, pair topper, leader well known cinn. mkd., lovely qual., feathered to perfection, latter eye and wing mkd. yell., beautiful col. and qual., feathered like wax; 2, Smith, eye and wing mkd., nice type and qual., good col., well staged; 3, Edwards, eye and wing mkd., close up, very jaunty, grand col. and qual., neatly staged; 4, Chidgey; hc, Smith; c, Dr. Lawrie. A.O. BORD. (9): 1, Jenkins, yell. gr., lovely col. and qual., neat wings and tail, feathered like a Java; 2, vhc, Dr. Lawrie, buff cinn., nice col. and qual., good type, perfect feather; 3, Elston, buff cinn., nice type and qual., hardly as good col. as leader; 4, Wiseman; hc, Pearce; c, Edwards. PAIRS: 1, Tedstone; 2, G. T. Jones; 3, hc, c, Grey; 4, Capt. Collier; vhc, Coker. SELL. (14): 1, Griffiths; 2, Slocombe; 3, Bevan; 4, Tedstone; vhc, Ball; hc, Baker; c, no name. DARK GOLDF. MULE (14): 1, Crone, grand size and shape, lovely col. and qual., nice blaze and bars, staged to perfection; 2, Lamb, nice col. and qual., hardly the blaze of leader; 3, Mrs. Longden, good col. and qual., nice blaze, shown to perfection; 4, Poole, good size, very shapely, loses col. and cond.; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, Jamieson; c, no name. DARK LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, 3, 4, Crone, Linnet leading, grand size and shape, lovely col. and qual., wins; 3rd, Siskin-Can., nice size and shape, rather coarse in feather to-day; 4th Linnet, good size and shape; 2, c, Goodall. Redpoll, lovely qual., neat size and shape, staged in A1 order; vhc, Ford; hc, Martin and Archer. A.O. HYB. (10): A champion class; 1, Martin and Archer, Greenie-Chaffinch, champion often described, needs no comment; 2, Crone, Can.-Bullie, a blaze of col., grand size and shape, lovely qual.; 3, Lamb, Can.-Bullie, good shape, size and qual., hardly as rich in col. as leader; 4, G. Edwards, still another Can.-Bullie, nice col. and qual., loses size; vhc, D. Edwards; hc, Davies; c, Ball. GOLDF. (Black-legged) (15): 1, Lewis, nice size and shape, good square blaze of excellent col., neat tans, bars, and buttons, in tip-top order; 2, Reece, good col. and qual., neat blaze, bars and buttons, hardly as large as leader, still a good one; 3, Portman, good deep square blaze, nice bars and buttons, good tans; 4, Lewis, good col. and qual., neat blaze, bars, tans, and buttons; vhc, W. E. Lewis; hc, Maidment; c, Beese. GREENF. (19): All Buffs in money; 1, Holborrow, good size and shape, nice col. and qual.; 2, Hoskin, nice size, col., and qual., hardly as shapely as leader; 3, no name, nice col. and qual., hardly as large as leaders; 4, Winstone, good size and shape, loses cond. to leaders; vhc, Edwards; hc, Griffin; c, Lloyd. LINNET, F.M. (10): 1, Lewis, good size and shape, nice col. and qual., well laced; 2, Gregory, larger, good shape and lacing, nice qual., trifle open in front; 3, Davies, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., well laced; 4, Jeffreys, close up, neat size and shape, good col. and markings; vhc, Ford, very shapely, lovely markings, trifle open in front his only fault; hc, Bancroft; c, Fox. A.O.S. (11): 1, Davies, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, lovely col. and qual., nice bib, staged to perfection; 2, Jeffreys, Chaffinch, fine size and shape, looking very fit to-day; 3, Bancroft, Yellow Bunting, nice col. and qual., good V, nicely laced thighs; 4, Poole, Hawfinch, lovely col. and qual., must have pressed winner; vhc, Brooks; hc, Heal; c, Coakham. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, Mays; grand Blackbird, good crocus beak and eere, in faultless cond.; 2, Mrs. Longden, Fieldfare, lovely exhibit, beautifully spangled, grand col. and qual.; 3, 4, hc, Ford, both Blackies, grand body col., hardly as good eere and beak as leader; vhc, Rowlands. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, Ford, Superb Tanager, well known winner in first-class order; 2, Mrs. Longden, sweet pair Green Budgerigars, beautifully shown; 3, Thorne, Yellow Troupial, well staged; 4, James, pair Orange-cheek Waxbills, in fine order. MEMBERS'. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Rev. Jolliffe, cl., good size and shape, neat head, neck, wings, and tail, blaze of col.; 2, James and Wells, var., grand col. and qual., hardly subs. of leader. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Rev. Jolliffe; buff, good col. and qual., correct type, neat wings and tail; 2, Harrington, cl., good head and neck, nicely braced wings, correct type, hardly subs. leader; 3, Phelps, cl., very shapely, neat head, neck, wings, and tail, shade smaller; 4, James and Wells. YORKS., BUFF (6): 1, Brown, cl., nice length, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 2, Weeks, good col. and qual., nice leg; 3, vhc, Bale, tkd., neat head, neck, wings and tail, good col. and qual.; 4, James and Wells; vhc, Raymond; hc, Pedlar. BRIT. (1): Jones. BORD. (1): Raymond.

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., TKD. BUFF (11): 1, Houghton, grand shape and feather, good head and full neck, nice wide back, well packed flights and tail; 2, Gill and Pethick, rare col., nice chest and back, well over perch, not so full in neck or quite so short in body; 3, Hodder, nice feather, grand back, good head, well packed flights, shade long sided; 4, Chedgey, nice shape and qual., good back, wings and tail; vhc, Edwards; hc, G. T. Jones; c, Slocombe. TKD., ETC., BUFF (12): 1, Maggs, grizzled head, rare short thick-set body, deep round chest and full neck, lovely col. and qual., short flights and tail, Cheltenham and Bristol winner; 2, Houghton, saddle mkd., good shape and col., nice back, flights and tail, well over perch, not quite the qual.; 3, Thomas, grand col. and qual., nice shape, well packed flights and tail, nice head and wings 4, Chedgey, lovely col. and qual., nice back and flights; vhc, hc, Tidstone; c, Folwell. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Collings, real good one, beautiful shape and full of col. and qual., nice head, neck and back, short, well packed flights and neat tail; 2, Gill and Pethick, variegated, good head, neck and back, full neck, good feather and qual. nice wings and tail; 3, Folwell, nice shape, lovely qual. of feather, rich col., short wiogs and neat tail, close up; 4, Hitchings, lovely shape and feather, nice head, wings and tail; vhc, Chedgey; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Baker. UNFLIG. HEN (25): 1, Folwell, cl. yell., lovely shape and feather, rich level col., nice back, wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, Howe, bull, round as a ball, lovely feather, short flights and tail, full neck and good back, nice col.; 3, Slocombe, cl. yell., grand shape, rare head and neck, nice feather and qual.; 4, Folwell, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely shape, feather and really nice head and neck, neat tail and well packed flights; vhc, Thomas; hc, Collier; c, Stephenson. BUFF COCK, UNFLIG. (18): 1, Collings, gem for shape and qual., lovely head and short full neck, nice back, wings and tail, beautiful texture; 2, 3, Houghton, grand shape, compact feather, nice chest, back and flights, neat tail, not quite so full in head; 3rd, wing mkd., nice shape, good feather and col., well packed wings and tail, not so full in neck; 4, Maggs, grand col., full of qual., nice chest, well up in size and shape; vhc, Lewis; hc, Howell; c, Baker. NOV. NOR. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Gridin, cl., grand feather, full of qual., nice shape, good back, head and neck; 2, Stubbs Bros., good shape, nice head and chest, not quite the qual. of feather; 3, Merrit, good col. and feather, nice shape, not so neat in wings; 4, Gardiner, good shape and col., loses in compactnes of feather; vhc, Philips; hc, Coakham; c, Hurd. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Williams, yell., grand col., full of qual., nice shape and good tail and wings; 2, Merrit, yell., nice head and back, good feather, not quite so short; 3, Townsend, buff, good shape and feather; 4, No. 17, no name, nice shape, good wings and tail, not quite so tight in feather; vhc, Morse; hc, Parkyn; c, Philips. YORKS. CL., ETC. BUFF CK. (22): 1, Griffiths, smooth as a bottle, stands like a guardsman, clean waist, well on leg, and well braced wings and pipe tail, in grand order; 2, Crisp, another grand one, shade longer, but not quite so erect, lovely feather and qual., nice long flights and pipe tail; 3, James and Wells, eye and thigh tkd., grand qual., nice pos. and style, good back and pipe tail, not quite so neat in wings; 4, Thomson, lovely feather, nice pos., good back, wings and tail; vhc, Easterling and Carson; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Owen and Son. TKD., ETC, BUFF (21): 1, Dugmore, chest and wing mkd., grand feather, col. and pos., nicely cut away, neat tail and well packed flights; 2, Dykes, tkd. cheek, lovely feather, good pos., grand back, neat head and pipe tail, close up; 3, Towers, mkd. eyes and wings, nice col., feather and pos., not quite the length; 4, Hillman, mkd. eyes and wings, slim build, stands well, nice back and flights; vhc, Crisp; hc, Richards; c, Kearns. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Dykes, grand length and pos., lovely col. and full of qual., nice head, back and flights, a gem; 2, Fulford, slim built, lovely feather, well drawn out, neat waist, well braced wings, not quite the col.; 3, Meek, cl., grand pos., slim and stylish, nice feather, neat tail and well braced wings; 4, Owen and Son, good pos., nice feather, neat head and tail, good back; vhc, Smith; hc, Hillman; c, Kearns. UNFLIG. YELL. (30): 1, hc, Dugmore, cap mkd., rare length, slim built, good pos. and close feather, long tail and flights; 2, Kearns, cl., grand feather, col. and qual., straight as a pencil, well braced wings and pipe tail, but flat on head; 3, Sutcliff and Son, good pos., nice feather, stands well, just beaten in length; 4, Smith, slim and stylish, lovely feather, neat tail and good back; vhc, Dykes; c, Richards. UNFLIG. HEN (23): 1, Towers, yell., mkd. head, eyes and wings, grand feather, beautiful stand and style, well braced wings and nice col., a good one; 2, Sutcliff and Sons, cl., lovely feather and col., slim build and stands to perfection, neat tail, close up; 3, Bale, buff, stands beautifully, good col. and feather, neat head and tail, clean waist; 4, Holliday, good feather and pos., nice head and back, neat tail; vhc, Kearns; hc, Richards; c, Philips. NOV. YORKS., BUFF CK. (21): 1, Ashman, grand feathered cl., good pos.; 2, Gardner, good length, not quite so good in pos., neat tail and wings; 3, Harding, grand feather, stands well up, nice tail, just a shade sporty in back; 4, he, Raymond, good length, nice tail and flights, not quite so erect; vhc, No. 21, no name; c, Barrow. UNFLIG., YELL. (16): 1, c, Barrow, cl., rare length, lovely col. and feather, stands well, well on leg; 2, Raymond, neck tkd., slim build and stylish, good feather and pos.; 3, Merrit, good col., stands well, not quite so close in feather; 4, Watts, head and neck tkd., nice pos., good wing and tail; vhc, Clee; hc, Mellows. SCOTCH FANCY (1): Harrington, buff, nice shoulders, gets tail well under. BORD., CL., ETC., BUFF (8): 1, hc, Jenkins, gem for col., feather and shape, nice round head and good action; 2, 4, Madagan, brace of good ones, grand in feather, well braced wings and tail, good shape; 3, Tedstone, lovely feather, nice shape and style, neat wings and tail; vhc, c, Wiseman. CL., ETC., HEN (14): 1, 2, Jenkins, cl. buff, nice round head, lovely shape and feather, nice free neck, good action; 2nd, head and wing cinn. mkd., lovely shape and feather, grand wings and tail, neat head and good back and waist; 3, Madagan, yell., grand feather, sweet shape, nice action, neat tail and wings; 4, Smith, cap mkd. yell., lovely feather, nice col. and shape; vhc, Pearce; hc, Lawrie; c, Tedstone. NOV. (16): 1, Elston, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, quite a nice one, good shape and feather, neat tail and wings and jaunty carr.; 2, Watts, neck and wing mkd. buff, lovely feather and nice shape; 3, Raymond, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, good shape and feather; 4, hc, Philpot; vhc, Holdinott; c, Pearce. SELL., 20s. (14): 1, Lloyd James; 2, Jenkins; 3, Tedstone; 4, Jones; vhc, Edwards; hc, Mellows; c, Betty.

CAN. MULE, CL. OR TKD. (9): 1, 2, 3, Martin and Archer, Linnet, wonderful col., shape and feather, a gem; 2nd lightly mkd. Greenf., rare size, shape and feather, grand col.; 3rd Buff Goldie, lightly mkd., lovely col., shape and feather, gem; 4, Lamb, lightly wing mkd. buff Goldie, lovely feather, not the col. or size of 3rd, vhc, Ball; hc, Jenkins; No. 4 and 3a wrong classed as being Canaries. DARK GREENF. (5): 1, Mrs. Longden, yell., lovely feather and col., good skull; 2, Crone, grand feathered buff, nice shape; 3, Ford, big bull, nice feather, not quite the col.; 4, Griffiths, good col. buff, beaten in feather. MULE OR HYB. HEN (9): 1, Lamb, slight eye tkd. Goldf Can., sweet shape and feather, fine polish; 2, hc, Edwards, Bramble Chaffinch, beautiful feather and col., well mkd., put down in the pink; 3, Bull, grand feathered and rich coloured Greenf Can., lightly mkd.; 4, Marton and Archer, buff Goldf. Can., nice size and shape, not the close feather of the winner; vhc, Jamieson; c, No. 9, no name. GOLDF. (13): 1, 2, 4, Richards, leader lovely rich-coloured scarlet blaze, of good polish and well cut, lovely feather, tanning, bars and buttons, wins well; 2nd wonderful feather, nice blaze, tanning, bars and buttons, in the pink; 4th lovely bars and buttons, well tanned chest, square-cut blaze, shows just a slight break underneath; 3, Winstone, good body col., nicely tanned, rich square cut blaze and good feather; vhc, Edwards; hc, Goodall; c, Rogers; nice bird, but a bit down. BULLF. (16): 1, Carrier, lovely shape and feather, clean at thighs, nice bars and good coloured breast; 2, Ford, wonderful cap, good bars and rich-coloured breast, loses in shape; 3, Gregory, nice colour and feather, nice back and bars, not the cap of 2nd; 4, Bancroft, good col., nice cap and wing bars, close up; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Jones; c, Mays. LINNET, F.M. (11): 1, Bancroft, gem for pencilling, col. and feather, nice shape, Cheltenham winner; 2, Richards, good size, shape and feather, well pencilled; 3, 4, Jones, jun., rare size and shape, well pencilled, not the col., still a good one; 4th nice shape, well pencilled; vhc, c, Jenkins Bros.; hc, Jeffries. SISKIN, &c. (15): 1, 2, Heal, lovely Twite leading, beautifully mkd., and rich deep col., grand feather, a gem, 2nd lovely mkd. Mealy Redpoll, good feather, flank markings extra good; 3, Bancroft, yell Siskin, grand flank marks, nice laced cap, rare size and feather; 4, Garland, gem of a Lesser Redpoll, lovely shape, feather and flank marks; vhc, Holbrow; hc, Jeffries; c, Poole. HARDBILLED HEN (12): 1, Mays, Bramble, grand feather and markings, nice shape, in the pink, a gem; 2, Heal, grandly mkd. and good shaped and feathered Corn Bunting; 3, Caddy, Yell. Bunting, beautifully mkd. lovely feather and rich col., nice shape, a good one; 4, Lloyd James, Bullie, sweet shape and feather, good cap and bars and sound col; vhc, Jones; hc, Hoborow; c, Owen. SOFTBILLED (2): 1, Mays, grand Tree Creeper, beautifully mkd., grand col. and feather, well put down; 2, Curtis and Son, grand Pied Wagtail, rare size and feather, and clear-cut markings. FOR. A.O.V. (4): 1, Mrs. Longden, Red-naped Lorikeet, lovely col. and markings, grand feather; 2, Mascott, Eclectus, grand col. and feather; 3, Sage, Senegal, nice feather and col.; 4, no name. MEMB.—NOR. BUFF (5): 1, no name in catalogue; 2, James and Wells; 3, Harrington; 4, Rev. Jolliffe; vhc, Phelps. YORKS, YELL. (4): 1, James and Wells; 2, Bale; 3, Stockin; 4, Brown. HEN (9): 1, Pedlar; 2, 4, Bale; 3, James and Wells; vhc, Stockin; hc, Weeks; c, Brown.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

Show of cock birds only, Nov. 8th. Mr. T. Pilling (Halifax) judged, in the absence of Mr. Sam Haigh, through illness, and his awards gave every satisfaction. CL., etc., YELL. YKS. (Sec. 1): 1, 2, Stobart; 3, Graham; 4, Highley; vhc, Walker; hc, c, Crossley. BUFF: 1, hc, c, Highley; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Stobart; 4, Crossley, MARK: 1, Graham. CL., etc., YELL YORKS. (Sec. 2): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, vhc, Mitchell; 3, 4, Wild; hc, c, Magson. BUFF: 1, 4, Senior; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, hc, Magson; vhc, Mitchell; c, Wild. MARK.: 1, 2, Senior; 3, Wild; 4, c, Magson; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Sutcliffe. Both sections together. NOF., YELL.: 1, Graham; 2, 3, Magson. BUFF.: 1, 2, Magson; 3, Wild.—A. Sutcliffe, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held Nov. 15, at the meeting-house. 55 birds were staged. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged, and gave complete satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Shackleton; 2, Peace; 3, 4, S. Midgley; vhc, G. Midgley; hc, Self; c, Lister. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, Shackleton; 3, Hainsworth and Son. TKD. YELL.: 1, Peace; 2, G. Midgley; 3, S. Midgley; 4, Lister. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, 4, vhc, Lister. GR. OR CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, G. Midgley; 2, Shackleton; 3, hc, Lister; 4, Hainsworth and Son; vhc, Self; c, Collins Bros. BUFF: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, G. Midgley; 3, Shackleton. GR. OR CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Collius Bros.; 2, 3, Lister. BUFF: 1, Lister; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 3, G. Midgley. ANY VAR., UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Self; 2, Peace. HEN: 1, Shackleton; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Hainsworth and Son; 4, S. Midgley; vhc, Peace. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Lister; 3, Hainsworth and Son; 4, Peace; vhc, G. Midgley. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, Peace; 3, Lister; 4, Collins Bros.; vhc, Hainsworth and Son; hc, G. Midley; c, Ormonroyd.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second old bird show held Nov. 15 at Carnival Committee Rooms, when a record entry of 77 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Chambers, of Leeds, who gave entire satisfaction. The leaders for the society's prizes were: Mr. Page, 31 pts.; Mr. Richmond, 30 pts.; Mr. Steel, 25 pts.; Mr. Wilson, 24 pts.; Mr. Baldwinson, 20 pts.; Mr. Palmer and Mr. Etherington, 16 pts each. Mr. Page won colour food spl. CL. OR TK. YELL. YORK. CK.: 1, vhc, Richmond; 2, Baldwinson; 3, hc, Steel; c, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, 3, Richmond; 2, Page; vhc, c, Steel; hc, Mitchell. YELL. HEN: 1, Steel; 2, hc, Richmond; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Baldwinson; c, Jones. BUFF: 1, c, Steel; 2, Mitchell; 3, Richmond; vhc, B. H. Wilson; hc, Baldwinson. MARK. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, vhc, Richmond; 2, Page; hc, Mitchell. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Baldwinson; 2, 3, Richmond. UNFLIG.: 1, Steel; 2, 3, vhc, Baldwinson. CL. OR TK NOR. CK.: 1, 2, sp, Page; 3, vhc, B. H. Wilson; hc, Baldwinson; c, Etherington. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Page; 3, B. H. Wilson; hc, Moore; c, Baldwinson. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, B. H. Wilson; 2, hc, c, Etherington; vhc, Page. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Palmer; 2, Jones; vhc, B. H. Wilson; c, Etherington. GOLDF., ETC.: 1, c, Etherington; 2, Jones; 3, Palmer; vhc, hc, B. H. Wilson.—W. H. Steel, Sec.

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CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, Nov. 15th, when there were 21 birds entered for three good prizes. J. Williams, 1; S. Morley, 2; J. Wainwright, 3. On Nov. 16 there were 15 birds. Winners: W. Nelson, 1; J. Wainwright, 2; J. Williams, 3. General meeting after the contest on Saturday next, Nov. 22.—J. Brindley, sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held King's Head, Shannon Street, Nov. 15th, when 16 birds sang. 1, E. Wood; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, S. Hardcastle. Judges, J. Naylor and W. Naylor. Also Nov. 16th, 18 birds sang for three good prizes:—1, H. Wigfield; 2, W. Sissons; 3, E. Wood. Judges, A. Jennings, W. Naylor, J. Mellia.—W. Naylor, hon. sec.

Quality singing held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe. We had two beautiful contests this week-end. Nov. 15th, 10 birds sang for three good prizes:—1, Binns; 2, King; 3, shared by Binns and Hayes. Nov. 16th, we had friends from outside the district to hear some Finch singing. The winner sang beautifully: 1, Ward; 2, Hayes; 3, Ward. Judges, C. Clayton and F. Grengen. Contest held next Saturday.—C. Clayton, sec.

There was a large muster of birds at the Prince Albert Linnet Club, Newtown, Leeds; 23 birds sang. Judges, Lorrimer and Tollie. Result: Binmer, 1, and 2; Chippindale, 3.—R. Rudyard, sec.

Club Reports.

SHETTLESTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, held Johnston Hall, 8th Nov., Mr. Lunn presiding over a large turn-out of members. Decided to enrol no more new members for this year. Annual show 13th Dec., in Hill Street Hall; four handsome cups and a large number of specials to be competed for.—A. Berry, sec.

CRAGHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held "Punch Bowl" Inn, Mr. Davinson in the chair. We had a good turnout of members, and got through our business in good time. Decided to hold annual show Feb. 4, 1914. Schedule was drawn up: 23 classes, for Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) to judge. We made one new member, Mr. C. Davinson, of South Moor.—A. Dawson, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting held El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, Nov. 11th, the president, Mr. R. L. Crisp, in the chair. The evening was taken up in dealing with the annual show, so discussion on "Are Canaries Losing Stamina?" had to be unfortunately postponed, Mr. Crisp kindly promising to open it at some future date. Members on application to F. Knight (64, Chaplin Road, Wembley), can be supplied with tickets at reduced rate, to admit once to annual show; 6d. each. Committee meeting was held after close of above meeting, and Messrs. L. M. Wade and M. S. Runchman were elected members.—F. Knight, Press Corresp.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Y.M. Halls, Mr. Bundell presiding. Arrangements were made for table show, Nov. 29, at 7. Nor. 2 classes, Yellow and Buff. On Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., Borders 2 classes, Yellow and Buff. Entry 4d., prize money to 1st and 2nd birds, 5/- special most points over both shows. Members were afterwards entertained to a very instructive and interesting washing exhibition by Mr. Richard Thomson, of Queen's Park. For drying he used the Moist Atmosphere Drying Cage, invented by Mr. Wilson, of Glasgow. The process was watched very closely and members spoke highly of drying cage being so simple, and putting a lovely finish on the birds. Members all seemed to have benefited largely by the exhibition. Mr. Thomson was warmly thanked for his kindness.—A. Thomson, sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Held Nov. 12th, at Marlboro Hotel, Small Heath; one of the best and largest gatherings yet held. The Chairman congratulated the members on taking up their quarters here. Secretary read report of Young Stock show; also part arrangements were made for Members' show on January 3rd, so we could secure the services of Mr. J. H. Roe as judge. Grand specials are promised, and the classification will be the same as last year. All the entrance money for birds will be paid out on new scale, and nothing stopped for expenses. Members think this the fairest, as the funds are excellent, and all should bear a little of the expenses, showing or not. Mr. Hickling elected a member; total, 74 on books. The idea of including Novice open, put off this year; time too short to make arrangements. The chairman spoke of the splendid progress made by the novices of the Society. Mr. Swinden has won his three firsts in open and Mr. Harding was successful in splendid competition at Nottingham; also the youngest novices made good progress at the Young Stock show. He thought a lot of the success was due to the splendid efforts of the older fanciers to give help and assistance and that this should encourage young fanciers to join us.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 6, in Wentworth Cafe, the president, Mr. F. Jones, in the chair. There was a good turn-up of members, and a very interesting meeting was held. Our thanks were accorded all the friends who helped us at our open show. Stewards and doorkeepers were appointed for our annual members' show, Dec. 6, in the Montgomery Hall. In connection with this the secretaries will sit at Headquarters on Dec. 1st, from 8 to 9 p.m., to receive all entries. Six cups will be up for competition, so we are expecting a record entry. Members kindly help by pushing sale of tickets. The novice British section is to have the same classification as the champion, so now is your chance novices. Write "Novice" against each entry. Several specials have been promised for this section. The arrangements for concerts, etc., were left to the committee. Mr. W. Wood was elected a member. Next meeting, Dec. 4th, important; election of officers; bring in ballot papers. The final table show that was held proved to be one of the best. The judges were:—Yorks., J. Woolhouse; Nor., W. H. Champion; Brit., J. Mace. Champ. Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, Furniss; 3, vhc, Champion; 4, hc, Tomlinson; c, Drabble. Buff: 1, 2, 4, Drabble; 3, vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Furniss. Nor. YELL.: 1, 3, J. Woodhouse; vhc, hc, Dunford; 4, Cowley; c, Fallding. Buff: 1, 4, Dunford; 2, vhc, hc, c, J. Woolhouse; 3, Cowley. Novice Yorks. Yell.: 1, 2, vhc, Carr; 3, c, Pickering; 4, hc, Fowler. Buff: 1, 4, Pickering; 2, vhc, hc, Carr; 3, Fowler; c, Blunt. Nor Yell.: 1, 3, Sisson; 2, White; 4, hc, Curley; vhc, c, L. Woolhouse. Buff: 1, 3, vhc, L. Woolhouse; 2, Wragg; 4, hc, Gill; c, White. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Fallding.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

Meeting held Workmen's Hall, Nov. 13. Prizes distributed and judges and all details fixed for annual show at Workmen's Hall on Jan. 1. Discussion re removal of headquarters to Eagle, Chobham Road, Stratford. Members are requested to attend on Dec. 11 at above hall, when a further discussion will take place, also note that no meeting on Nov. 27, but Pigeon show instead. All ticket money must be sent in at once to A. E. Baker, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oct. 25. A few new members were admitted. Messrs. Joseph Hunter and Robt. Reid were appointed stewards for coming show. Next meeting Nov. 29 is the last before the show. Intending members please come forward to this meeting as the books will be closed and no person admitted after. Show day, Dec. 13; judges, Mr. Robt. Martin (Waterside), Norwich; Mr. George Brown (Lelth), Borders; Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart), Brit. and For.—W. Clarkson, sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C

For both Champion and Novice Competitions the half-time results (covering three shows each) are as follows:—Champ. Section: Wells and Clempson, 49 points; P. Victor Williams, 47; P. Lane, 47; J. Gibbons, 17; J. Clay, 14; W. G. Andrews, 5; W. H. Raybould, 2. Novice Section: G. A. Smith, 38 points; G. Salt, 27; R. Ratcliffe, 24; T. Walker, 21; A. W. Austin, 18; J. W. Lawton, 14; J. Hinton, 13; A. Philpot, 3. Should any member disagree I trust he will communicate with me at once. Next shows for Champion and Novice are West Bromwich, Nov. 21 and 22; City of Birmingham, Dec. 3 and 4, which I trust will be well supported.—W. Wells, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Meeting held Headquarters, Nov. 4. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a good attendance. The novice washing competition took place; condition of competition was best finished bird. Mr. Robinson had previously given an exhibition of washing, and nine competitors, follow out his methods of handling, etc. They got the birds through very quickly, and would have done credit to many elder hands. The secretary was asked to judge, and he declared the bird washed by Mr. W. R. Salthouse the winner, with Mr. W. H. Bennett 2nd. Mr. Robinson will present the winner with a very nice flower vase. Annual members' show will be held Nov. 22, at St. Thomas's Boys' Schoolroom (entrance, Thomas St.). This is situated back of the clock, looking from Ardwick Green Park, two minutes from the car.—J. Spencer, hon. sec.

LEINSTER O.S.

Council meeting held Nov. 10, Mr. J. J. Cloke in the chair, and a full attendance of members. The hon. sec. reported all prize money had been paid out on the fourth day after show, and notwithstanding the heavy outlay involved a substantial balance remained to the credit of society. The chairman stated it was satisfactory to know that fanciers evidently appreciated the council's action in trying to meet all parties by the promises of support in the future. A silver cup has already been promised for some section of the British bird classes, and a sporting offer is to be made from another exhibitor, probably in British classes. The annual dinner of the society was arranged to take place in January when the society's cups won at recent show will be presented. The council discussed the advisability of trying to make an Irish National Show in Dublin for the latter end of 1914, or early in 1915. The opinions of Irish exhibitors on this point would be gladly considered and appreciated by the council through their hon. sec. Steps will be taken early in the New Year to put the project into good shape, and to seek the support of other societies in Ireland with the object of accomplishing this feat.—C. Holley, hon. sec.

YORKS. C.C. OF WALES & MON

Meeting held Swansea Show, Nov. 13. There were about 12 members present, Mr. E. Richards (Treorchy) in the chair. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers and framing rules, etc. Chairman, Mr. Jas. Steer (Swansea); vice-chair, Mr. H. Wooton (Kenfig Hill); sec., Mr. Hy. Webster, 6, Upper Park Street, Llanelly; Committee, Messrs. H. Griffiths, Llandilo; A. East, Swansea; E. Richards, Treorchy; J. Schropper, Mumbles; J. H. Mock, Brynhyfryd; T. J. Williams, Landore; and J. Owen, Llanelly. Several new members were accepted and brings number up to 18, all champion exhibitors. Next meeting Jan. 13 at Llanelly Show, when all Yorkshire fanciers who can attend will be cordially invited. Will secretaries of Welsh societies please notify their members of this newly-formed club, especially the novices, as these exhibitors will be provided for at next season's shows. We had a very pleasant surprise at Swansea, Mr. E. Richards and Mr. Steer each subscribing £1 10s. towards the Welsh Yorkshire Cup for competition next season. Now Yorkshire fanciers, send on your entry fee straight away and let us show Wales that we are not altogether asleep; success is sure to follow. It is hoped North Wales fanciers will join, as it will mean better classification for Yorks. at all patronised shows. Entry fee 1/-, payable on joining; annual subscription 2/6, due on or before March 31.—H. Webster, sec.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Meeting held Foster's Cafe, 111, Shields Road, Newcastle, Nov. 12, for the purpose of forming a cage bird club for the East End of the city. A large number of fanciers turned up, and Mr. Hutchinson was elected to the chair, pro tem. He explained why the meeting had been arranged and that the first part of the business would be to elect officers. Mr. J. W. Coutts was elected secretary, Mr. J. Morrison vice-chair, and committee, Messrs. R. Young, C. Mackay, T. Robson, W. Harvey, Hugh McColl, J. Roy, G. W. MacPartling, G. Wilson, T. W. Lumsden, N. Scott, R. H. Martin, J. Miller, J. Harbottle and T. Doughty. Decided to make annual sub. 2/6, with 1/- entrance; but all who decide to join before end of the year to be admitted on the paying of 2/6 only. Agreed to call the society the Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S. Meetings the fourth Wednesday of the month at Foster's Cafe. Unanimously agreed that new members be balloted for same night as proposed, and if there be one vote in seven against, it will exclude from membership. Radius for membership 12 miles. Already there are 50 upon the books which augurs well for the future of the club. Myles Beavan, Esq. (Desmond Park), has promised to honour us as president. Anyone desirous of joining what promises to become a successful society, will oblige by sending his name and address to: J. W. Coutts, 122, Brinkburn Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STANLEY (Victoria Club) C.B.S.

Meeting held at Club, Nov. 9, Mr. T. H. Curry in the chair. We had a good meeting. The stewards were chosen for annual show Dec. 6 and 7, when we expect to create a record as regards quality and quantity. It was agreed that all exhibitors contribute 6d. towards cups for competition. We had some more specials promised by Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Peart, Mr. M. Hall, E. Keskeys, and J. Davison, also the committee of the Club, four valuable specials.—R. Peart, Sec.

BURNLEY O.S.

Meeting held Nov. 12 at the Star Inn, Church Street. Mr. Barwise in chair, with a very good turn up of members, the chief item was the novice washing competition. There was a good entry. Mr. J. Baker was judge, and he gave every satisfaction. There were three prizes, result: 1, T. Chadwick; 2, J. Holden; 3, G. Whittaker. Decided to hold our member show at the Star Inn. Two more novices were enrolled, J. Holden and T. Stackhouse. We intend having a supper and concert at the Star Inn on Nov. 26. Decided to have sub-committee. The following were elected:—H. Collow, J. Holden, T. Linzard, J. Baker, and W. Spencer. Proposed that we have a judging competition for novices, date to be fixed.—G. Whitaker, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members and friends had a pie supper and smoker at the Plummet Line Hotel, on Nov. 13, when about thirty-five sat down to a splendid repast, provided by the host and hostess. After supper the evening was spent in a jovial manner, the president, Mr. J. J. Dunn presiding. Mr. Copley, Mr. Barker, Mr. Hamer, Mr. McAndrew, and Mr. Thornton, contributed songs in the best style, and were well received. Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Riley contributed recitals to everybody's satisfaction. Mr. J. E. Priestley presided at the piano in his usual efficient manner. Mr. H. Lord proposed a vote of thanks to the artists, and all who had contributed to the evening's entertainment, and Mr. T. W. Wilson seconded.—H. Clegg, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held Nov. 12, at 3, Balaclava Rd. Present: Chairman, Mr. James Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Jones; Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Jones, and Mr. R. E. Griffith, hon. sec. New members enrolled:—Mr. Williams (Talycafn), Mr. Foster (Festiniog), Mr. Rice and Mr. J. E. Jones (Harlech), also Mr. J. H. Jones. Printer gave spl. (cash 2/6) for best bird in show on Dec. 26; Mr. W. H. Williams, 2/6 for second best bird in show; and the above committee has given 2/6 cash specials for points for members only. Non-members in North Wales should join now. Grand classification, 10 cash specials, 3 challenge cups, and special ornamental prize cards given on Boxing Day. We have engaged one of the leading judges, who has never been at any other show about here (Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington). Extra prize monies will be added in strong classes. Entrance fees to members, 1/-; non-members, 1/6. Will winners of challenge cups kindly note rule 15 on the members' card? The schedule of our show for Boxing Day is now ready.—R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec., 5, Balaclava Rd., Carnarvon.

In the Courts.

A Summons Dismissed at Oswestry.

William Williams, collier, Gobowen, for whom Mr. Roberts Jones appeared, was charged, at the last Oswestry Petty Sessions, with using lime for the purpose of catching Goldfinches, contrary to the Wild Birds Protection (County of Salop) Order, 1904. At the outset, Mr. Jones claimed to have the case dismissed, on the ground that the Order under which the summons was issued had been superseded by a new order issued this year.—The Chairman said the Bench would dismiss the summons, and issue a new one.—Mr. Jones then applied for costs.—The Chairman: No.—Mr. Jones, proceeding, said his client had been brought there on a summons which was wrong in law. It was not for him to put the police right, and as they had brought his client there on a wrong order he was entitled to ask for costs against the police. Then it was not fair to tell him that, while dismissing this summons, they would issue another. It was a veiled threat, and he protested against it. The fact that they had dismissed the case was an admission that the summons was wrong. His client had incurred the expense of engaging him, and if another summons was going to be issued he would have to come there again and incur more expense. In these circumstances it was only right that the police should pay the costs in this instance. I am putting the proposition forward to the Bench, and I ask you to do to my client as you would to the police, were they making the application.—The Bench retired, and on returning into Court the Chairman announced that they were unanimously of opinion that the summons should be amended, and heard that day, or a fresh summons be issued and heard that day. No costs would be allowed. It was a technical objection entirely.—After further argument, Mr. Jones said he was willing to go into the merits of the case at once.—P.C. Davies was then called. He said that on Sept. 22nd he saw defendant seated under a hedge in the Gravel Hole at Gobowen. About 30 yards away was a cage containing a decoy bird. He asked him what he was doing there, and he replied that he was trying to catch a few "nickols." He (witness) warned him that he had been cautioned about "this game" before, and advised him to take his tackle away. This defendant did.—Cross-examined: He knew that defendant had a right to take certain birds, Linnets, for instance. Defendant did not say when spoken to that he was only catching Linnets.—Defendant, giving evidence, said he was out on the day in question catching Linnets. The calling bird was on a bush about 100 yards away, and not 30 yards, as stated by the officer. The calling bird was too far away for anyone standing where the constable was to be able to see what species of bird it was. When the officer asked him what lie was doing there he did not reply that he was catching "nickols," but that he was catching Linnets.—This was all the evidence, and the Chairman said they would give defendant the benefit of the doubt, and dismiss the case.—"The Border Counties Advertiser."

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Glam., 27th Nov. Entries extended Mon., 24th Nov. Send on, I will classify.—A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil (Glam.).

AMBLESIDE Open Show, Thurs., Nov. 27th. 32 Cage Bird (6 Novice) and 5 Bantam Classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. No amalgamating; no cancelling. Judges: Cage Birds, A. Wellings; Bantams, J. Bell.—Schedules.—J. M. King, The Green, Ambleside.

BRIDLINGTON and Dis. F. & F.S. 6th Ann. Show of Yorks., Nor., Brit., and For. Cage Birds, Nov. 27th. Entries close 24th. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry, 1/- (all classes guaranteed). Numerous specials. Judge, C. A. House, Esq.—Hon. Secs., J. Chadwick, J. R. Sturdy.

Exhibitors, this is the Show where Prize Money is Paid Day of Show.

WHITEHAVEN
Nov. 28th and 29th. Cage Birds only. 43 classes. Entries close Nov. 24th. Judges: Messrs. Bennett and Bruce. See last week's "C.B."—W. J. Douglas, Hon. Sec., 3, Golden Lion Lane, Roper Street, Whitehaven.

SALE C.B.S. OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, BRITISH, and FOREIGN

Birds will be held on Fri. and Sat., Nov. 28th and 29th, in the Technical Schools, Sale. Judges: Thos. Harrison and J. W. Metcalfe. 52 classes, including 10 Novice, 5 for Nor., and 5 for Yorks. Plenty of specials. Schedules—G. F. Hardcastle, 202, Cross Street, Sale.

Backworth
(Northumberland) 5th Open Show
Nov. 29th

Cage Birds.—Prize money, 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6; entrance fee, 1/6 per pen. Judge, H. Seely, Esq., Choppington. Class 36, Nor. Plainhead, cl., tkd., or unevenly mkd. yell. or buff Cock; 37, Nor. Plainhead, cl., tkd., or unevenly mkd. unflighted yell. or buff; 38, Nor. Plainhead, cl., tkd., or unevenly mkd. yell. or buff hen; 39, Bord. Fcy., cl., tkd., or unevenly mkd. yell. Cock; 40, Bord. Fcy., cl., tkd., or unevenly mkd. buff Cock; 41, ditto, ditto, or yell. hen; 42, Bord., Green; 43, Brit. Hard.; 44, Yorks. cl., tkd., or variegated yell. cock; 45, ditto, ditto, or buff Cock; 46, ditto, ditto, or buff Hen; 46A, Border Cinnamon. Cage Birds will be staged in separate rooms. Prize money paid in Three Days. Entries short. Kindly give us your support.

Entries Close Nov. 25 to
T. HUNTER, Sec., East Holywell, Shiremoor, Northumberland.

IRVINE and Dis. C.B.S. Annual Open Show, Nov. 29, Masonic Hall, Bank Street. Up-to-date Classification. Three popular judges. Entries till Nov. 24th, 1/6.—H. M. Ferguson, Goldfields, Irvine.

CITY OF
DUNDEE C.B.S.
Ann. Open Show, Nov. 29. Judges, Jas. F. Dewar, Jas. Black, D. Black, John Craig, and J. Lyon. Entries close Nov. 24. Schedules: Alex. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.

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BRISTOL November 26th and 27th
Entry in Cage Birds deplorable. Must accept entries posted Saturday. **DO PLEASE HELP**

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BRADFORD WEST
C.B.A. Ann. Show of Canaries ("Cage Birds" Coupon Competition), under the patronage of T.C.C. and N.G.M.Y.C.C. (open to the United Kingdom) will be held at Whitley Lane Council Schools, Girlington, on Sat., Nov. 29th. Judge, F. Armstrong, Esq., of Halifax. Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 25. Write for schedules to—A. Cooper, Secretary, 69, West Park Road, Girlington, Bradford, Yorks.

CITY of BIRMINGHAM
CAGE BIRD COUPON COMPETITION.

Great Open Show, Dec. 3rd and 4th. Judges: J. Robson, Esq.; W. C. Wells, Esq., and M. Jacquemin, Esq. (Rollers). 51 Classes. M.C.Y.C.C. and B.R.C.C. Patronage. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/6 entry. Fourth prize in all classes reaching 16 entries. Cash point specials for every two classes. Novices well catered for. Prize money paid prompt. Send for Schedule to—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 169, Church Lane, Aston, Birmingham.

LEWES F.A., December 3rd & 4th
18th Annual Show will be held in the Corn Exchange, Lewes. Cage Bird Open Classes (judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner):—87, Nor. Yell. or Buff C.; 88, Nor. Yell. or Buff H.; 89, Nor. Tkd. or Variegated; 90, Nor. unflighted; 91, Yorks. Cl. Yell. Co.; 92, Yorks. Cl. Buff C.; 93, Yorks. Yell. or Buff H.; 94, Yorks. Tkd. or Variegated; 95, Yorks. unflighted; 96, Crest or Crest-bred; 97, Selling Class, price not to exceed 15/-; 98, Selling Class, Canary, A.V., price not to exceed 20/-; 99, A.O.V. Canary; 100, A.V. Canary Mules; 101, Goldf.; 102, Greenf., Chaff., and Bullf.; 103, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite, and Linnet; 104, A.O.V. Hard.; 105, A.O.V. Soft.; 106, For., A.V., single or pairs; 107, A.V. Can. (Novice). First prize, 10/-; second prize, 5/-; third prize, 3/-. Entrance fee, 1/6. Members, 1/-. Entries close November 24th. Numerous specials. Schedules from: J. Martin, Lindholme, Lewes.

BRADFORD NATIONAL
"Cage Birds" Coupon Show.

Exhibitors, send your entries for the above show on or before Dec. 2nd, the closing date. The show will be held on Dec. 5th, 6th, and 8th, when 128 classes are being provided for all varieties. Valuable Special Prizes (Diplomas). Under all the leading specialist clubs' patronage. 10 Specialist Judges. Prize Money, 22/- per class; Foreign Birds, 26/- per class. Paid to all successful exhibitors attending the show, on Sat. and Mon. Extra prizes given in all big classes. Schedules now ready. Last year's exhibitors scheduled; all others apply at once to—H. Hill, Show Secretary, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

BRIGHTON Dec. 9 & 10.
& HOVE C.B.A. 4th Open Show.

10/-, 6/-, 4/-. 6 Money Prizes in British. Judges: J. Robson, H. Norman. 1/6 Entry. Close Dec. 1st. Model Prize Cards. "C.B." Coupon Show. Schedules—Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street, Brighton.

FROME Cage Bird Show
Thurs., Dec. 11. Judge: H. Norman. "Cage Birds'" Coupons. See next week's advt.—C. I. Young, Hon. Sec., Frome, Somerset.

WOODSIDE, ABERDEEN
29th Nov. Entries accepted up to first post, 26th.—J. G. Milne, 27, Sunnybank Place, Aberdeen.

WIRKSWORTH (Derbys)
Ann. Open Show, Nov. 29. Cage Birds, etc. Judge, Chas. Ward, Esq. (9 classes). Entries close Nov. 22. Schedules—S. Walker, Sec., Crowford Road.

TONBRIDGE
7th Annual Open Show,
DECEMBER 2nd & 3rd.
ENTRIES EXTENDED TO NOV. 25. Please Help

Yorks., 7 classes; Nor., 7 classes; other varieties, 12 classes: Judge, J. Robson. Entries close Nov. 23rd.—Sec., P. Stonestreet, 102, Hadlow Rd., Tonbridge.

KEITH The Old Keith Cage Bird Show, Dec. 3. 41 Classes.

Judge, Thomas Arnott, Kirkcaldy. Entries taken up till Nov. 28, coming in very slowly. Schedules—C. Ralley, Keith.

Now then, Fanciers.
FORRES
and Northern O.A. 27th Annual Show of Cage Birds only, on Wed., Dec. 3. 2 Handsome Cups. Numerous Medals. Specials in every class. Judge, J. Strachan, Aberdeen. Entries close Nov. 26. Schedules: Wm. Cumming, 28, North Road, Forres.

GALSTON (Ayrshire)
Poult., Pig., and Cage Birds, Sat., 6th Dec. Scots. Fancy, judge, Mr. John Smith, Howwood; Bord., Nor., and Brit., Mr. D. Holden, Muirkirk. Schedules—Alexander Frew, Sec., Barrmill Road.

CONSETT
(Co. Durham)
6th December

Cage Birds, 35 Classes. Judge, Mr. Thos. Dixon.

Entries Close 28th November

For schedules, apply—J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.

Newtownards
and Dist. Cage Bird Show, held Town Hall, Dec. 5 and 6, 1913. 33 open classes. 9 members' classes. Judge, Jacob Carson, Belfast. Entries close Monday, Dec. 1. Schedules from: Wm. Montgomery, 165, Mill Street, Newtownard.

NOW FOR
WHITBURN
December 6th.

46 Classes. Numerous Specials. Judges: Nor, and Brit., Jas. Strachan, Bathgate; Bord., W. S. Wilson, Hamilton. Entries close Nov. 29th. Schedules ready. R. Lambie, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

ASHBOURNE (Derby) December 20. Full Classification. December 6. Judges: R. Hanford, C. Ward. Hon. Sec., W. H. Dixon.

THURSO N.B. 25th Ann. Open Show Cagebirds. 10th Dec. Classes. Liberal Prize money. Entry 1s., closes 2nd Dec. Schedules: D. Shearer, Hon. Sec.

MUSSELBURGH
O.S. 2nd Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds, will be held in Town Hall, Dec. 6, 1913. Four specialist judges, J. Carson, Dalkeith, J. Winter, Edinburgh, T. Bishop, Stirling, L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh. Under the patronage of the S.P.C., B.F.C., S.B.B., and M.C. Numerous specials. —A. Hoyle, 3, Parsonage Cottages, Musselburgh.

THRUMS, Kirriemuir
C. and C.B.A. will hold their Annual Open Show on 6th Dec. "C.B." Coupon Show. Under patronage of the B.F.C.C. and F.C.B.C. Grand classification for 1/6 entry, money including specials. Judges: Wm. Bishop, Esq., Stirling, for Nor. and Wild Birds; Wm. Dods, Esq., Edinburgh, for Borders. Entries close on Monday, 1st Dec. Schedules—Joe Stevenson, 6, Muir Street, Kirriemuir.

The 21st Annual Great Open Show at
WATFORD
Judges: C. F. Jowett, Esq., and W. Cade, Esq. R. J. Pretty, judge. Entries close Nov. 29th.—Chas. A. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Flowerdene, Field Rd., Oxhey, Watford.

CARDIGAN Show of Poul., Pig., Cage Birds, Cats, Pet Dogs, etc in Public Buildings, Wed., Dec. 10th. Schedules, apply—Town Clerk.

LUTON C.B.S.
The One Day Show, Wed. Dec. 10

Under the patronage of N.B.B. and M.C., and F.B.C. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, for 1/6. Specials in every section. Judges: Mr. J. Robson and Mr. J. Frostick. Schedules.—E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec., Hitchin Rd., Luton.

CANTERBURY
43rd Ann. Show. Dec. 10th and 11th.
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Wandsworth
December 10th and 11th

Good classification. Over 100 Specials. Cage Bird judge, F. Easterling, Esq. Entries close Dec. 1st, to—W. Lightfoot, Hon. Sec., 86, Heythorp St., Southfields, London, S.W.

TREDEGAR
(Mon.) 2nd Ann. Open Show. "C.B." Coupons and W.C.B.C. patronage, Town Hall, Dec. 11. Judge: R. Halliday, Esq. Schedules: W. B. Watkins, 34 Whitworth Terrace, Tredegar.

STRANRAER and Dist.
Dec. 12th. Cage Birds, 17 classes; 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 17 Specials (open); popular judge. Entries close Dec. 5th.—W. McMeekan, 8, Clenoch St., Stranraer.

PALACE OF THE NORTH
GATESHEAD
C.B.S. 14th Ann Show, Fri. and Sat., Dec. 12 and 13. 80 Open Classes (10 Novices). Popular Judges, Schedules ready Nov. 28th.—W. Curry, Sec., 6, Roxburgh Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WALSALL
and Dis. C.B.S., Dec. 12 and 13, in the Y.M.C.A., Walsall. Under the patronage of the M.C. Y.C.C., and the B.R.C.C. with the Young Birds Point Competition and London Team Challenge Cup. Judges: Mr. Max Jacquimin, the Rollers, and Mr. J. H. Roe all Other Varieties. Schedules in a few days from F. PRICE, 18, Milton Street, Walsall.

OPENWOODGATE & DIS. SHOW (BELPER) 1st Ann. Open Show, Dec. 13. Poul. and Bant. Judge H. Turton; Pig., Mr. Langton; Rab. and Cage Birds, judge, Mr. E. O. Davis. Hyde's sp. prize, silver teapot for best bird; a sp. nearly every class, and 1 silver medal. Sched.—Sec., Mr. W. Hallam, Chevin View, Belper.

AUCHTERARDER Show of Cage Birds, Sat., 13th Dec. Popular judge; good classification. Entries close 8th Dec. Schedules from—James Dow, Junr., Hon. Sec., Auchterarder.

FAULDHOUSE, Linlithgowshire
and Dist. Open Show, on Dec. 13. 91 Classes: Poul., Pig., and Cage Birds. Popular Judges. Sched.—Jno. Boyd, Sec., Blackfaulds, Fauldhouse.

DENBIGH Poul., Pig., Cage Birds, will hold their 3rd Ann. Show, on Dec. 17. Entries close Dec. 13. All fanciers' support will be thankfully received (see "Twitterings").—J. Williams, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

Mr. Henry Tams (Longton) is judging at Dawley, Salop, Dec. 9; also at Denbigh on Dec. 17.

All prize money has been paid out, and we have a balance in hand, writes Mr. E. Thomas, sec. Upper Rhondda show.

In the advt. of Boldon Colliery Show in our last issue the fee in the Gift class was given as being 2s. 6d. Entry in this class is free.

Owing to meeting of the Southern Border Fancy Club falling on date of L.C.B.A. it will not be held, writes Mr. F. Moore, the hon. sec.

I have been engaged to judge at Walton Dec. 26, Douglas (I.O.M.) Jan. 1st, and Bethesda, N. Wales, Jan. 24, writes Mr. A. Wellings.

All specials for Liverpool show have been sent out; anyone missed please apply at once, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (68, Brunswick Road).

Schedules for Uddingston show are now out, and any one inadvertently overlooked can have one by dropping a postcard to me, writes Mr. J. Cosgrove, hon. sec.

Please allow me to thank the many kind friends on behalf of Mrs. Parkinson for their letters of sympathy in her sad bereavement, writes Mr. Joseph Scott (Gateshead).

I have received a postcard from a Mr. Hall, with no address. (Post-mark Kennington). If he will forward address, will send schedule writes Mr. E. Bloomfield, hon. sec. Luton show.

We are holding our annual show on Nov. 29, in the Conservative Club, Church Street, Radcliffe; judge Mr. Lomax, St. Helens; writes Mr. G. Lord, sec., Radcliffe and Dis. S.B.S.

Farnworth and Dis. C.B.S. hold their annual show on Nov. 22, writes Secretary Dawson, in the Church House, Church Road, Farnworth, near Bolton; judge, Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Preston).

In my club report of last week, writes Mr. F. Handley, hon. sec. Green Canary Assoc., I omitted date of next meeting, viz., Nov. 27, also that the classification covers Yorks. and Norwich Greens.

Please accept our very best thanks for the illustration of our 1st prize Cinnamon at Windsor show. I may say we have taken Cage Birds for the last five years or so, and find it always good reading, and valuable information to us.—Andrews Bros. (Woodbridge).

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. hold their next annual show on October 24, 1914. Will secretaries please note (especially in Midlands) to avoid clashing? We thank all exhibitors at our last show for their support, and hope they will renew it next year.—H. Saunders, hon. sec.

Pwllheli show will be held New Year's Day, and not Boxing Day, as stated, writes Mr. W. H. Davies, sec. Mr. Gladwin (Nottingham) will judge. We are giving good prizes and specials, and hope to pay prize-money day of show. The competition is open to Wales, and we hope exhibitors will rally round.

Pentrebach show, being short of entries, are compelled to extend closing date to Nov. 24. Entries do not average three per class, writes Mr. A. E. Brown, the hon. sec., and this is indeed very poor, considering the expense we have gone to in order to obtain such expert judges (see our advert.). I sincerely hope exhibitors will not let our fixture pass by without sending us a few entries.

I am pleased to state, writes Mr. S. H. George, hon. sec. Swansea show, that through the excellent work of our show managers, Messrs. Phil. Jenkins and Fred Heal, with the combined help of the show committee, all birds that had to be put on rail were got away in record time, the last van load leaving the showrooms at 8.5 p.m., leaving nearly one hour for booking purposes at the stations. We have had a number of congratulations for the excellent manner we have again served exhibitors this year. I wish to thank Messrs. D. A. S. Longden and W. J. Bancroft for the excellent services they rendered. All prize-money has been paid out according to the schedule (within seven days).

St. Helen's (Lancs.) Recreation F.A. will hold its eighth annual members' show, Nov. 29, in the Dining Rooms, Grove St. There are 25 classes for cage-birds; Mr. C. Houlton will judge.

I have received a request for schedule and two entry forms for Wandsworth show, writes Mr. Lightfoot, the sec., on a postcard, no address; post-mark Kennington, S.E.; names W. D. Hall and G. A. Hall.

An error has crept into the schedule of Consett, Blackhill show. The Border Fancy classes should read: Class 122, Border Fancy, clear yellow, ticked or variegated; 123, ditto, buff; 124, hen, any colour; and not as stated. —J. Hedworth Coupland, sec.

Entries for Pontypridd show on Nov. 26 are coming very slowly, writes the sec., Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas. They will be accepted until first post Monday morning next. This society has always paid out prize-money promptly, and I hope will be well supported. It is a coupon show.

I was delighted to see one of my winners at Windsor having the honour of appearing on the front page of your valuable paper Cage Birds. I am sorry to say I must give up the Fancy for a time through taking a business and a smaller house; but I shall continue to take your paper, to read the excellent reports of the shows and the other valuable information it contains.—W. G. King (Windsor).

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Exhibitors: Remember that entries for the L.C.B.A's. splendid show at the Horticultural Hall must be posted to-day (Friday) or Saturday at latest, to be in time.

Mr. J. W. Coutts, hon. sec. of the Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S., the first meeting of which is reported in our Club Reports columns, writes that owing to unforeseen circumstances, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 27, instead of Wednesday, Nov. 26, as arranged.

Will fanciers who have received our show schedule kindly note a slight mistake, writes Mr. J. Williams, hon. sec. Denbigh show. Colour-fed birds are allowed to compete in any of the classes, except 3 and 4, which are for natural colour birds only. I hope fanciers will send us plenty of exhibits.

We have, writes Mr. F. Price, hon. sec. Walsall C.B.S., engaged the Assembly Hall of the Y.M.C.A. and the Temperance Hall for the Roller section, both rooms are most suitable for the purpose. We have the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. and the B.R.C.C., with the young birds competition and London team challenge cup. Mr. Jacquemin will judge Rollers, and Mr. J. H. Roe all others.

Kindly allow me to speak a few words in praise of Sheffield bird show and its management, writes Mr. Robert Holmes (Nottingham). I have visited very many good shows during my thirty five years exhibiting, but this certainly excelled all others. One thing I noticed which would greatly benefit other societies who followed the example; they showed kindness to those fanciers who cannot afford to buy expensive birds by having four selling classes, a 30s. class, a 20s. class, a 10s. class, and a 7s. 6d. class, well filled with 91 birds.

A very nice show is being held by the Highgate & Hampstead C.B.S. this week-end (Friday and Saturday) in the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. It is easily accessible by tube (Tufnell Park Station) and motor-'bus. On Monday next (Nov. 24) what promises to be a most enjoyable concert will be held in the same hall. Some excellent artistes have been engaged, and the prizes will be distributed; commences 8 p.m. The committee hope to see a good muster of members and friends at both functions.

In the report of Sheffield Show 2nd in Amateur Buff hen, should read Fildes, not Paliser.

We have received an order for 18 "Nutshell" Booklets, together with remittance, but without name and address; will sender kindly communicate the latter and the booklets shall be sent on.

A Ringed Linnet.

I caught a cock Linnett, at Pensnett, early in November, wearing a Witherby ring, No. 053, writes Mr. J. Jeavons (Dudley, Worc.). It was in a flock of birds.

Two Esteemed Workers.

Two of the hardest workers at the recent Paignton (Torbay O.S.) show were Messrs. G. Mudge and J. Bastard, both enthusiastic and esteemed members of the committee.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council will be held at the Bradford City show, Leeds Road, Bradford, on Nov. 22, at 5.30 o'clock prompt; business, to ballot for judges, 1914-15, writes Mr. H. Hill, the hon. sec.

A Good One Changes Hands.

I have disposed of the unflighted buff Norwich, 1st Leicester, 2nd Nottingham, etc., to Mr. W. Vardy, at a good figure, and hope it will do him good service, writes Mr. E. H. Hulse (Leicester).

Changes of Address.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address: M. Briscoe and Son from St. Peter's Road to 54, Eton Road, Stockton-on-Tees; Mr. F. Barraclough from Hyde to Victoria Hotel, Newtonwood, Dukinfield.

Bradford National Show.

Exhibitors in the Bradford district should note that the committee of the Bradford National show take entries on Nov. 27 at the "Market Tavern," Godwin Street, from 7 to 11 p.m.; same can be sent, or taken personally.

Prize Money Paid.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries: Hartlepools, Matlock, Upper Rhondda, Swansea, Warrington, Sittingbourne, Leyton, Abersychan, Blaydon, Stoke, S. Milford.

Abersychan's Pluck.

I have paid all prize money, writes Mr. Fred Sweeting, sec. Abersychan Show; also our committee has awarded first prize money in some classes that came up anything near the mark and called in the second card—they have paid up to the full limit their funds would allow. We are hoping to do a lot better next year.

Praise for Abertillery.

Very appreciative letters have been received by the officials of the recent Abertillery show, congratulating them on the excellent management and the promptitude with which the prize-money was paid. Amongst others, those well-known fanciers, Mr. W. Jeremiah and Mr. W. F. Lloyd-James, wrote expressing their thanks to the sec., Mr. G. Broome.

The Halifax Disqualification.

We hear that the Yorkshire Union Council meet to-day (Saturday) to again consider the matter of the Yorkshire Canary which was disqualified at the recent Halifax Show by the judge, Mr. C. A. House. The bird examined by the committee has been in the possession of the president of the Y.U. (Mr. H. W. Walsh) since the closing day of the show.

A Cup for Clackmannanshire.

A handsome challenge cup has been presented for competition at Clackmannanshire C.B.S. Show on Dec. 6, writes Mr. W. W. Duncan, the sec.; and annually thereafter, by Walter Graham Montgomery, Esq., prospective Unionist candidate. This year it is to be competed for in the British and Foreign section, for most points.

The Great Horticultural Hall Show.

It is with much pleasure we are able to announce that Lady Kathleen Pilkington will open the Horticultural Hall Show on Nov. 27, write Messrs. Bray and Knight, the show managers. Visitors to the show are requested to enquire at their local stations for particulars of special excursions to London. The following companies are all running day and half-day trips at cheap fares, from a long list of towns too numerous to mention: Great Western, Great Northern, London and North Western, South Eastern and Chatham, Great Central, and the Midland. In addition to the long list of specials in schedule we have had a number of additional ones sent to us: Silver cup in Yorkshires; additional special for F.B.C., and F.B.E.L. members'; £1 cash for L. and L.F.A. members', and also extra specials for British. Entries are coming in very slowly. Why is it that exhibitors leave everything to the last minute? We are compelled to extend acceptance until this week-end, those bearing Saturday's postmark (Nov. 22) will be in time. Will exhibitors please send on at once. (67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith London, W.)

MAKING MONEY FAST!

YOU will do the same if you advertise next week.

"Thanks to advertising in your CAGE BIRDS, I have sold 30 birds in about a fortnight."—J. W. DAVIS (Bedminster).

"I had a very good response to my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS."—A. J. A. MARLEY (Leyton).

"I had from a dozen replies upwards when advertising in CAGE BIRDS," writes MR. W. Lidgett, Hon. Sec. Newark C.B.S.—"I sent to — a week ago and never had a single reply."

"I have this week exported both Yorkshire Greens and Clears to Australia, Montreal and Pepinster (Belgium), and all orders came through your far-reaching paper, CAGE BIRDS."—J. W. METCALFE (Liverpool).

"The number of replies to my last week's advt. in CAGE BIRDS were so numerous that I could not possibly answer them all. The hen Hawfinch, 1st Norwich, has won for its new owner 1st Stamford Show, held recently."—E. W. COOPER (Norwich).

"The Hawfinch is sold; letters have been too numerous to answer; all those that sent stamp I have answered and I have returned all P.O.'s. Bird was sold on Saturday. I wish to thank through CAGE BIRDS all that applied."—A. J. BEACON (Maidstone).

"Kindly thank all those who applied for my White Robin. I had so many applications it was impossible to reply to all. Bird was sold by telegram Friday morning, before I received CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken from its birth."—J. COCKRAM (Dawlish).

"Referring to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS in Exchange Column, will you please cancel it at once. I have had so many applicants that I cannot reply to all, and would beg you to permit me to thank them through your paper."—F. CALAM (Whitby).

"Allow me to thank all those gentlemen who so kindly replied to my advertisement of November 8th. I had so many letters I could not possibly answer all. It speaks well for your paper, CAGE BIRDS, as I had replies from all parts of the country."—H. PAYNE (Warminster).

Some mistakes occur in the catalogue of Leyton show re Messrs. Gill and Pethick's entries, write Messrs. Forse and Son, hon. secs. These were added to the proof sheets, and the printers missed them:—Class 4, no entry for Gill and Pethick; 5, No. 5 should be Gill and Pethick, S.N.P.C. cup; 7, No. 5 the word cupis omitted.

Entries Extended.

Pontypridd to first post 24th; Reading to first post Nov. 24; Pentrebach to Nov. 24; Tonbridge to Nov. 25; Goole to Nov. 24; Bristol Saturday post, Nov. 22.

Money in the Bank at Kirkcaldy.

Your reporter, when commenting on the grand show we had at Kirkcaldy, said he would be pleased to hear of a financial success, and I am pleased to be able to state, writes Mr. T. Arnott, the sec., that after all accounts have been paid, we have a profit of £11 8s. 5d. We were in debt to the extent of £2 7s.; this I have cleared by this year's income. We had our business meeting last Wednesday, and all were highly satisfied with the year's result. We had an excellent committee, which were all re-elected; also pres., Mr. Archibald; vice-pres., Mr. Thos. Adamson; sec. and treas., T. Arnott; assist. sec., Master J. L. Arnott.

Items from Sheffield Show.

What rare good enthusiasts, to be sure, are Dr. Craig, Mr. T. Dawn and Mr. R. Colton; how they worked! Mr. G. Fletcher looked to the wants of the Foreigners, and along with Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, lost a lot of rest during show time, working night and day.—Mr. J. C. Barnes, we noticed, passed many hours at the show, and met hosts of friends from far and near.—Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the manager of the Crystal Palace show, we overheard giving many useful hints.—Who were those three Bradford experts, who chuckled over that 10s. "pick-up"?—How Mr. H. H. Towers enjoyed himself; all smiles.—Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) was looking over the birds as keenly as ever; "Teddy" knows a Norwich when he sees one.—Did the talking Parrakeet capture the special without uttering a word?—it was the only entry!—What a pity those two fine exhibits of Mr. J. Brotherton met with such a fate; "wrong-classed."—Dr. J. G. Mylan was very interested in the Foreigners.—How the ladies flocked to see the birds!—Mr. Job hardly ever left his post; his motto was "daly."

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THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON

(Continued from page 390.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

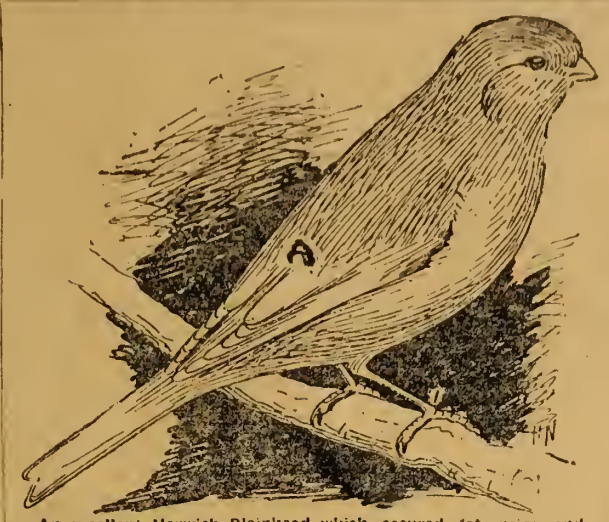
If these precautions are taken, or even otherwise, it is not advisable to render any assistance in aiding the young bird to escape from the shell, for a touch on the inner skin covering will cause the chick to bleed. I have known of a few instances where a chick has hatched out, and afterwards lived, after an accident of this kind, but it almost invariably proves fatal.

In one instance the result was so exceptional that it will probably be of interest. Having two hens due to hatch their eggs on the same date, I found that after the infertile ones were removed from each nest, one hen would manage the five remaining eggs. While transferring them to one nest, using thumb and finger instead of a spoon, my attention was called elsewhere, and unconsciously pressure was placed on one egg, causing it to break right round the edge of the chick, puncturing the skin and causing it to bleed slightly. I replaced the broken shell, to "wait and see," and the youngster hatched the same day—and survived!

The Lucky (or Unlucky) 13th Day.

On the morning of the 13th day of incubation a small quantity of egg-food can be given to the hen; a bare half-teaspoonful will be sufficient. It should be placed in a separate earthenware or glass vessel, rather than amongst the seed—egg-food pans, specially made for the purpose, can be obtained through any fanciers' provider. If the young do not hatch on the 13th day, a similar quantity of egg-food should again be given on the morning of the 14th day. When the fancier becomes more experienced, this precaution will be unnecessary, as he will then, before providing the egg-food, either wait for the signs of egg-shells on the cage bottom (which the hen has removed from the nest, or the faint sounding "chip-chip," will warn him that youngsters are hatched. The young birds are born with their bodies covered with down, but this is likely to pass unnoticed until they become dry; then, in a healthy chick, it will be noticed that this down is, so to speak, standing on end, giving the young birds the appearance of "balls of fluff."

The best egg-food for day-old chicks is the finely minced yolk of egg; this it may be convenient to supply, where only a few birds are kept, adding on the second day a little powdered biscuit, and afterwards gradually increasing the quantity of biscuit, until it reaches the proportion of the egg. After three days the white in addition to the yolk can be used. The fancier having a large stock would find the above method of giving only the yolk rather inconvenient and expensive. That it is not absolutely necessary is proved by the fact that the writer generally uses one quality of egg-food, viz., four biscuits to the whole of an egg, for young birds of all ages in the nests and up to the time they are in the breeding cage. After they can feed themselves it is more convenient, economical, and better for the health of the young birds, to add a little more biscuit to the egg-food; also to use a substitute for one meal during the day—but more anon regarding this latter.



An excellent Norwich Plainhead which secured 1st prize and special for best novice bird at the City and Suburban A.C.B. Show. Bred and exhibited by Mr. A. Fleet (Upton Park).

In the first few hours of a young bird's existence it is sustained by the yolk of the egg absorbed into its system previous to its leaving the shell. For several days after the hatching the hen will, after eating, retain the food, partially digesting it, until it becomes of a soft white, milky substance, before giving it to the young birds.

If plain canary-seed has been given as a staple diet during incubation, it can now be discontinued; and the mixed seed used again for, providing a larger variety, it will entice the hen to feed. A fresh supply of egg-food should be given three times a day. The quantity can be regulated by noticing if any is left from the previous supply. The birds will consume more previous to noon than during the rest of the day. A supply should be ready for them early in the morning; and if it is put in the cage over-night it must be newly made.

I only make egg-food once per day, keeping it in a cool place, and if the weather becomes unusually hot, I stand the vessel containing the egg-food in a basin of cold water. This method can be considered a perfectly safe one, from the fact that it is a rarity for me to lose a youngster—that is, under a good feeding hen, or after they can do for themselves. Cases of stomach trouble will appear in the best regulated bird-rooms amongst the youngsters after leaving the nest.

At three days old a small leaf of dandelion, watercress, or a small spray of chickweed can be given; the introduction of green food should take place gradually, and it is better to under-do than over-do the quantity. I commence with just one small piece at a day old, giving one piece twice on the second day, and increasing it until a small leaf is given with each supply of egg-food. It is safer to give it in this way than to cut up a root of dandelion and place it or a bunch of some other variety of salad, in a vessel of water inside the cage, and allow the hen to help herself.

The Danger of too much Greenfood.

Too much salad—as the various kinds of green food are sometimes called—is often the cause of diarrhœa in nestlings. Where this occurs in young birds under a week old, the hen is unable to keep the nest clean. After this age the excreta is voided on or over the side of the nest-pan. The victim of this complaint loses flesh, becomes weakly, and the red colour found inside the mouth of the healthy chick gradually fades away to a pale cream or buff colour. As a preventative just a small pinch of maw seed can be sprinkled over the egg-food—one pinch per day. This will also be beneficial in other ways for the young birds, besides enticing the hen to partake of the egg-food. Young birds in the nest cannot be treated for diarrhœa like an old bird, as any remedy given for their benefit must necessarily pass first through the parent. In this case a little (grocer's) arrowroot should be mixed with the egg-food, and an extra pinch of maw seed be scattered over it each time fresh food is given. An ordinary salt-spoonful of (chemist's) prepared chalk can be well mixed in the drinking water. No green food should be given until the diarrhœa has abated.

Although dandelion is generally used up to the time the birds go to nest with the first round of eggs, the opinions of fanciers vary as to which is the most suitable green food when there are young birds in the nest. Dandelion is claimed to be of a forcing nature, causing a hen to come quickly forward again, often plucking the feathers from the young birds to build her second nest, before they are old enough to feed themselves. On these grounds many prefer to use watercress, chickweed, or lettuce, the former appearing to be the most favoured. *(To be continued.)*

HOW TO GET BIRDS INTO SHOW CONDITION.

Valuable Hints by that well-known fancier and judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield).

Of late I have received from several fanciers letters of enquiry as to the conditioning of show birds. Many of these applications, no doubt, have come from novices (or new starters, shall I say), so it is to these principally I wish to convey a little instruction. To answer each and every request separately takes time, of which one is not always blessed with too much to spare, so I thought a short article would meet the situation.

To begin with, all are fully aware of the great strain the moult puts on a bird, reducing its vitality to a great extent, especially if the moult has been slow and dragging. Birds appear mopy and dull—devoid of spirit—symptoms of nature crying out for assistance. My method of procedure has stood me in good stead for many, many years, failing only on very rare occasions, although so simple. I will with every pleasure describe it to known and unknown friends, and should benefit be derived by any one, the time spent in jotting down these few lines will be amply repaid.

What the Seeds Should Be.

The staple diet, of course, is Canary seed; I always use the best Spanish I can get hold of. At the present time this seed is awfully dear, and should the pocket not be deep enough to procure Spanish seed, buy the best Turkish, which comes a little cheaper. Twice a week I give a little mixed seed, viz., four parts Canary seed, one part German summer rape (not winter rape), half-part hemp seed, and half-part maw seed. The latter seed is one of my greatest favourites, and a pinch can be administered almost at any time; it is warming and has a fine soothing influence. Many birds can be brought up to concert pitch solely by using this most valuable seed along with the ordinary Canary seed.

To the drinking water can be added, say every other day, Parrish's Chemical Food (about a teaspoonful to every penny glass drinking vessel). This should when stirred up be port wine colour, or thereabouts.

Give also a little egg and bread food—that is egg which has been boiled hard (15 minutes or so) and chopped up fine, or pressed through a small sieve, with three times the quantity of bread crumbs (bread to be at least two days old) or crushed biscuits, whichever you prefer. Mix well together. To this add a small quantity of maw seed and a little soft sugar (either white or brown).

Something that Stimulates and Strengthens.

These ingredients I moisten (not too much, so as to clog) with a little of the following: Procure from your chemist one ounce of citrate of iron and ammonia, and get from your grocer (or elsewhere) one pint of the best port wine and one pound of the best honey (clover for preference). Heat the Port and put in the honey and citrate; stir thoroughly until completely dissolved. When cold bottle up tightly, and it is ready for use at any time you may require it.

Assuming you have got your soft food made as I advise and moistened (not too wet) with the port, etc., give to each bird, twice a week half a teaspoonful. The citrate and the port are stimulants, and strengtheners, and the honey assists the bowels. It is safe to use, sure in effect, and is not fattening, so can be given to either Norwich, Yorkshires, or any other variety, without the slightest fear of marring the symmetry of the birds. After this you will find in very quick time your stock in tip-top form.

As a further assistant to high condition, on bright days hang on the bath first thing in the morning (not late in the day). This gives the birds ample time to dry previous to daylight departing. Bathing is invigorating; it acts also as a tightener of the feathers. A little cuttlefish placed between the wires of the cage-front for the birds to peck at is also advisable; the salt it contains is very beneficial as a blood purifier.

Things to avoid: Don't give any inga (niger) seed. A little inga is all right just previous to the breeding season (especially for the hens). Don't give much green stuff. I use none myself during the winter months; it is far too relaxing. For a tit-bit give a little sweet apple, but be sure to take it away when going stale. Millet seed is no use whatever, so discard that. Linseed is all right whilst birds are moulting, for securing gloss (sheen), but is of little use at other times.

Keep the cages scrupulously clean and provide plenty of clean, gritty sand; give fresh water (along with seed) every day, and all will go well with you.

The Keeping of Foreign Birds.

Lecture delivered by Mr. G. Fletcher (Sheffield) to the Walkley C.B.S.

(Concluded from page 377).

As regards cages for exhibiting, I find that the best cage is the one with inside feeders with some kind of covering over the seed pot or drinker, so that when taken out by the steward it prevents the birds getting loose in the show room. A good colour to show off these birds is white enamel or very pale cream enamel. These colours show up the beautiful colouring of the foreign birds to perfection.

I do not know whether I am taking you on to a subject that you are likely to appreciate, but if you should be thinking of keeping Parrots or Parrakeets for exhibition purposes I will give you a few of the names of some which do well on the show bench, that is: The King Parrakeet, Crimson-wing Parrakeet, Pennant, Rosella, Redrump, Green Leek or Barraband's Parrakeet, Black-tailed Parrakeet, or Rock Pebblar, Alexandra, not the Alexandrine, etc. You can always depend on being amongst the prize winners if you can stage them to perfection.

The best stock mixture for the above birds is as follows: 1lb. white oats, 1lb. dari, 1lb. linseed, 2lb. hemp, 2lb. white millet, 3lb. Canary, 5lb. white sunflower, 1oz. chillies. This makes a mixture that nearly all the Parrots and Parrakeets feed and thrive on, only add more Canary, millet, and hemp to the food given to the Redrump. It is as well, as a tit-bit, to occasionally give them a few monkey nuts, banana, grapes, walnut, brazil, and barcelona nut. I have noticed that many of these Parrakeets will eat mealworms, and they are very beneficial to them, but don't give them many, as I think they make them have fits. My method of getting them on to mealworms is to pull the end off a mealworm and the birds will take the matter inside the skin out of your fingers; they will then ultimately take the mealworm from your fingers and eat it themselves.

The Good of a Hobby.

As regards Tanagers, Hangnests, Troupials, etc., my method of feeding is to give them sponge cake, condensed milk, a good brand of insectivorous food, maggots, mealworms, banana, and grape, but I find the sooner you get them off condensed milk and sponge cake the better for the birds. These are a class of birds that to be kept healthy must be cleaned out at least twice a week.

Now, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I will draw my few remarks to a close. I don't see why, in a town like Sheffield, where to my knowledge we have at least 300 Canarymen, we only see in the societies as many members keeping foreign birds as you can count practically on the fingers of one hand. The hobby is, in my opinion, quite as interesting, and I feel more so, than any other. In your leisure hours to go into your bird-room and watch the different kinds of birds from various countries going through their mysteries of love-making, breeding, etc., is a thing that would pass away many a dull hour, and I think if we, as a body of men, could only persuade more people to take up this interesting hobby of keeping birds, there would be more comfortable homes for men to go to, as when a man gets interested thoroughly in this subject he feels that every moment of his time that is not devoted to work can be spent beneficially to body and mind in his bird-room.

Questions and Answers.

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(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.**. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A SINGER WANTED (Birdie).—The loudest singer is not necessarily the best. Mere noise is not usually one's ideal of music or good singing. Indeed, the Roller enthusiast is generally much more concerned to get his birds to sing softly enough to please his fancy. Decidedly the sweetest singer is the trained Roller, but it is certainly not the loudest. If you want a good quality singing bird, get a well-trained St. Andreasberg Roller. But if loudness is of more importance to you, a Norwich Plainhead, Yorkshire, or Hartz Mountain in the order named will suit you better. See reply to "R. I. G." in this issue.

NOT SINGING (T. E. S.).—I would certainly advise you in this case to bring the bird into your living room, and hang it in as bright a position as you can consistent with keeping at a sufficient distance from the fire to ensure a fair equable temperature, and you need not aim at finding the coolest place, nor yet get it too warm. A just comfortable warmth will be rather an advantage at this bird's age. Treat it as advised to "E. Lewis" in this issue for two or three weeks, and let the mixed seed consist of equal parts hemp, niger, miliet, and teazel. Also make a little of the paste you will find advised to "Novice, E. T.," last week, and keep a morsel of this in the wires for a week or two.

SORE FEET (Flaxton).—See that the perches and cage floor are kept as clean as possible until the feet are well. Bathe them once daily in a solution of Wych Hazel—a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing for a few minutes, dry carefully, and then paint the feet all over with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam, and hold the bird for a few moments to allow the sting to pass off, and thus prevent the bird pecking at them. If this does not have the desired effect in a week or so, write again and say whether there is any sign of pus—"matter"—about the sores.

BLIND CRESTBRED (W. T. H.).—Am sorry to disappoint you, but there is absolutely nothing you can do to relieve the bird. Also I must say that the bird's career as a show bird is over, as it would simply be passed unnoticed at every show it went to, unless, as is not very likely to happen, the judge failed to notice its affliction. The reason for this is that it was decided years ago that blind birds were not eligible for show. Furthermore, the disease shows a very strong hereditary tendency, so that it is exceedingly unwise, to say the least, to breed with a bird so affected.

MOULTING AND NOT SINGING (E. Lewis).—The noise in the bird's throat now and again, taken in conjunction with the continual loss of feathers, is significant. The bird is undoubtedly exposed to cold draughts or impure air, such as hanging near or over a burning light in the evening, or high up near the ceiling. These conditions must be altered before you can expect any improvement in the bird's condition. Place it in a comfortable position where the temperature is fairly equable, though it need not be very high, and see that it is quite free from cold draughts. Also examine the cage to see if it is infested with red mites, and if any are found overhaul the cage and thoroughly exterminate them. In addition to the seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed with it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days, twice each week, give a pinch of mixed seed, and three times a week a morsel of banana or watercress. In the drinking water add the eucalyptus mixture advised to "R. F. M., Dublin," in this issue, every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of a solution of half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron in one ounce of sherry, and continue the latter until the feathers cease dropping. If not well in, say, a month, write again, and I will advise you further with pleasure.

SAMPLE OF CANARY SEED (Notts County).—The sample of seed sent is rather small, but it is fairly plump, clean, and very well ripened, and being also quite sound and sweet, it is quite good enough for any class of stock, though a larger seed is the most economical.

A NIBBLER (Chemist).—It may be nothing more than a harmless habit that your hen has contracted during the quiet season, when she has so little else to do. Many birds get into these habits of constantly nibbling stray feathers or any other trifle that comes in their way simply, it would seem, from a sense of ennui. Unless you were to actually see worms in the droppings upon watching for them I do not advise you to treat the bird for them. Instead of doing so, catch the bird and examine her well to see if she is pestered with grey lice, and, if so, exterminate these, and the annoying habit will cease at once. If there is no trouble of this kind, stick a small cube of hard common salt in the wires for her to peck at for a time, and also give a morsel of banana, or sweet orange, or apple, every second day, and a scrap of watercress on the alternate days for a week or two. If you have any available, a mealworm each day for a time will almost invariably cure this habit. You may give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence in the water for one day, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid daily for three or four days.

HUSKING AND REJECTING SEED (Jonathan).—It is due to some digestive derangement. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. A cube of common salt in the wires and a mealworm occasionally, as advised to "Chemist" in this issue, is also useful. Give a staple diet of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape mixed together. In addition to this, give separately a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed daily for a week, and every second day after for another fortnight; or you may cease sooner if the habit has ceased. On the intervening days give first a morsel of banana, and on the next occasion a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and a small spray of watercress. In the water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops of tincture of gentian, and ditto of tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

RETURNING SOFT FROM SHOW (A. S.).—Possibly the bird got a little cold either at the show or in transit to or fro. It is a good plan to isolate birds for a day or so when returning from shows to see whether they exhibit any signs of illness before placing them amongst your other stock. If they appear soft, they should be kept in a comfortable temperature, given a morsel of egg food, or bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar each day for a few days, and add to the drinking water twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day, and on the alternate days the gentian tonic as advised to "Jonathan" in this issue. This will suffice to pull the birds together if nothing serious has gone wrong with them.

BUILDING A STRAIN (E. L.).—To go into the details of building up a strain of birds, which I take it you mean a strain of your own breeding, is impossible in the limited space of these replies. You cannot do better than treat yourself to a copy of "Our Canaries," or the part or parts dealing with the particular variety you wish to take up. The initial step is, of course, to choose what variety you want to go in for, then you should proceed to get two or three pairs, or trios, of stock birds from a recognised breeder of that variety,

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each! No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

as distantly related as possible, and, of course, properly matched by him. At this time you should also enquire of him as to what other strains mix best with his own when change of blood is needed, and then you can work on these strains to work up your own. This will save you much useless effort and disappointment, as all strains will not combine with the same amount of success. As you also wish to have a ready sale for wasters, you cannot do better than begin with Norwich, Yorkshires, or Border Fancy, all of which are hardy, easy to manage, popular, and good singers. The parts of "Our Canaries" dealing with these varieties are, respectively, 14, 15, and 16.

NOT MOULTED FOR TWO YEARS (F. G. S.).—Assuming you are sure the bird has not moulted gradually at the proper season, nor in the spring, there must be something seriously wrong with her. To try and get her to moult, hand-wash her, or get someone skilled at the job to do it for you if you are not expert at the job yourself, and use the waters a little warmer than usual. Keep in a fairly warm temperature, but free from draughts, and in addition to the usual seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with flour of sulphur and then sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water five drops of syrup of saffron, twenty drops of whiskey, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. At the end of the week move the bird into a distinctly colder room, and stop giving the drugs, and, of course, you must be very careful to avoid draughts in the cold room. In all probability this will start the moult in the course of a week or so, and then, when it is fairly started, you can bring the bird back to a moderately warm place to keep the moult going and get it through as quickly and completely as possible. Keep a light cover over the cage whilst the bird is in the cold room and moulting.

A SUCKING NOISE (R. F. M., Dublin).—I should have thought the bird was suffering from a catarrhal cold had you not mentioned the similarity of the symptoms to those of the one that died in which the throat became swollen. Considering this case, I would advise you, in the event of the present sufferer dying, to send the body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem. Meantime, try what the following treatment will do for it:—See that the place where it is kept is quite free from cold draughts, damp, or impure air. In addition to the staple diet give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and a morsel of banana on the alternate days. In the drinking water add twenty drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecac. wine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, and on the intervening days substitute twenty drops of a solution of half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in one ounce of sherry.

ROLLER SINGING, ETC. (R. I. G.).—You should get the "Nutshell" Booklet No. 10, post free, 2½d., for full particulars about feeding Rollers. You certainly ought not to give them egg food every day just because they are fond of it. A small teaspoonful twice a week is quite sufficient for all ordinary purposes, and this can be varied occasionally with a morsel of bread and milk, given as a substitute and not in addition to the egg food. An open wire cage is also most injudicious, and should be strictly avoided unless the bird is in a position perfectly free from cold draughts, and also in a fairly equable place. A box cage—that is, one in which the top, bottom, and both sides are of wood, leaving only the front of wire—is the best. If the bird is young, it will almost certainly sing more loudly in the spring, but a really good trained Roller is scarcely expected to excel in loudness; neither, I should say, is that the type of bird that is likely to prove most attractive in your shop. If a loud rollicking song is of first importance, you cannot do better than get a Hartz Mountain at from 5s. to 7s. 6d., but you must not expect a very high-class performance. They are as hardy as any variety you can get. A mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape is a good staple diet. As regards your other question, I take it you want me to say which of the two varieties mentioned will suit your conditions best, though you write as if you had already decided which you want. If you took the precautions to get a bird which has been bred and kept hitherto in a normal temperature, a Belgian would suit the conditions quite well, and so would a Scotch Fancy. There is very little to choose between the two in hardiness. Neither are of much account as songsters.

BREEDING EVEN MARKED (Amethyst).—(1) No, I do not consider this mating of two wing-marked birds a quite suitable one to fix the eye marks. It is more likely to produce birds with very heavily marked wings and more variegation than you desire in other places. You do not say what amount of dark blood there is in the birds, beyond the remark that the cock is off a clear hen, and this, of course, is of considerable importance in a case of this kind. I cannot do better than advise you to get parts 14 and 15 of "Our Canaries," in which you will find full details of all points about even-marked breeding. (2) The type of markings you should strictly avoid in mating up for even-marks are those with dark marks on the head, except eye-marks, which may, of course, be more or less imperfect, and marks on the neck, breast, and back. (3) In-breeding with unrelated birds of the same strain for one or even two seasons will do no harm, but it is best for a beginner not to carry it any farther, as it must be apparent that birds of any distinct strain must, of necessity, be related to some extent all through. (4) Yes, in-breeding is essential to some degree in building up a strain of birds of any kind, and more so in even-marked breeding than almost any other class of bird. But one must be careful how one goes about it, as it is apt to prove a kind of two-edged sword and fix and exaggerate faults as well as the points desired.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GOLDFINCH FOR BREEDING (H. B.).—If you take the average you will find that the British Finch is the better bird, both for breeding and song. They are smarter and more lively, and are quicker to reply to the call of the hen in the breeding season, and when in health are capital songsters. I would advise you to use English hens, as you will be less likely to be disappointed. You should have no trouble in inducing them to go to nest, if placed in suitable flights and properly treated.

LINNETS AND REDPOLLS (John Harvey).—I have known pairs of both the Linnets and Redpoll to breed in captivity. They are most likely to do so in suitably arranged aviaries or large flights, and the more space each pair has quite by itself, the greater the chances are of success. But as both these species are purchaseable for a few pence, it is hardly worth trying excepting for the pleasure of doing it.

IDENTITY OF BIRD (H.S.).—By your letter I gather that you only saw the back and wings of the bird. I know of none quite answering to your description. The Nuthatch is the nearest, and he has a bluish grey back and wings, with reddish underparts; but he is more likely to be met with in a wood than on a common. I remember some years ago having a similar query to yours; after a time the strange bird was shot, and sent up, when it was easily identified as one of the Tanagers. Possibly your bird is an escaped Forcigner. Try and get another peep at him, with field glasses, if possible, and take particular notice of his markings, colour, and manner of moving.

WILD SEEDS FOR FINCHES (C. E. L.).—The sample of seed sent is certainly rather better than the usual collection from the thrashing machine. As a rule one gets only a very limited variety, whereas yours contains many minute seeds that are generally lost. You can give them to your Finches, but as there appears to be a considerable quantity of dirt in with it, I would advise you to throw some occasionally into the aviary or large flight, and let the birds select what they choose. Do not attempt to force them to eat it. I am afraid that if you try to sift any of the dirt out of the sample, you will lose most of the small seeds, which will render the collection of far less value. I have used these screenings myself at different times, although I prefer hand-picked seeds.

LINNET OFF SONG (Bird Fancier).—You do not say how you are treating your bird, nor the way in which you are feeding him, or I might be able to indicate the weak spot in your management. You had better put him on to the following diet: Stock mixture: Two parts canary and one of summer rape. Then make up the following: Hemp two parts, niger one part, teasle one part, linseed half part. Also, either buy a good brand of wild seed mixture, or make up the following:—Thistle, dandelion, maw, gold of pleasure, and lettuce, equal quantities. Give him a teaspoonful of one of these mixtures on alternate days. Put it in a vessel by itself, not with the stock mixture. Let him bathe very frequently, and on mild sunny days hang him outside for an hour or two. With this treatment you should soon see an improvement in his song. A little green food or seeding tops of chickweed should be given about twice a week.

BLACKBIRD OUT OF CONDITION (R.J.C.).—Your bird is evidently a rather weakly one, and quite out of condition. You will have to take him in hand and be very careful in your treatment if you want him to be of any future use. As regards food, discontinue the liver and crissel and give instead a little raw fresh scraped lean meat, see that it is perfectly fresh and not the slightest bit tainted, and I would advise you to get some of the best insectile food you can procure, and use it for a time instead of your present food. Before putting him on this fresh diet give him a dose of syrup of rhubarb and glauber salts, six drops of the former and a crystal of the salts the size of a pea in his drinking water; let him have a couple of doses of this, missing one day in between. Afterwards you could let him have six drops of tincture of gentian every day for a week, this should act as a tonic and brace him up. When you are mixing his food damp it with fresh milk or some made fairly strong with condensed milk, and occasionally let him have a cube of stale bread soaked in hot milk and squeeze fairly dry. Keep his cage scrupulously clean, not forgetting the perches, and if his plumage is dirty and he refuses to bath, spray him with chilled water and put him in a warm room to preen and dry.

ROBIN IN AVIARY (E.G.B.).—Yes, your Robin will live on the food you mention or any good make of insectile food, he should also have a few meal worms or a tiny scraping of lean meat. I should not advise you to attempt anything in the way of breeding with him and a partner in your aviary along with other birds. The Robin is a delightful pet but a terrible tyrant with other birds, and a partner would make him considerably worse so that he would want the whole of the show to himself; he may not assert himself much now, but he would when the spring comes round. You can soon tame him sufficiently to accept dainties from the hand.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3, "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11, "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FINCHES IN CAGE (Southamptonian).—Your cage is none too large for a collection of Finches, but those that you have in it should do well. If you have any trouble with them and they turn out quarrelsome you had better remove the hen Siskin. Your feeding is about right, excepting that I would advise you to put in a few sunflower seeds every day, they will make a nice variety and the Goldie, Bullie, and Greenfinch are passionately fond of them, and thrive well when allowed to have some. A spoonful of good teasel seed would be useful, if given occasionally. As regards green food, now the weather is mild you can still procure seeding chickweed and groundsel. If they have a little twice a week during the winter months it should be sufficient, but be careful not to give it to them when there is any frost on it. A cold room is certainly best for them.

FINCHES FOR AVIARY (O. J. Stone).—Siberian Goldfinches should be kept caged and properly acclimatized before they are turned into an outside aviary, and even then I would prefer an English bird for constitution and hardiness. If the birds have been caged some time and are perfectly healthy they could be put into a sheltered aviary now, although I would prefer to turn them out in the spring, when they would have the best time of the year before them. A pair of English birds would be more likely to nest, and if they are the only two of the species to go into the aviary they would require no special pairing, as they would naturally seek each others society. Unless your aviary is exceptionally large you would not have much success with other bachelor finches flying about. Your best plan would be to turn in 2 or 3 pairs, or odd cocks, and some Bullfinch hens. In the latter event you might possibly breed one or two good Hybrids.

SINGING BIRDS (Amateur).—If properly treated, and not allowed to breed, all the birds you mention will sing, more or less, from soon after the moult until they are sickening for the moult again. During that time all birds have their periods of silence, particularly the two Softbills you mention, the Thrush and Skylark. Of the two, the Skylark will be the most consistent singer. Of the other batch, the Canary Hybrids will give you more of their music than the others. The singing of the birds is regulated by their state of health and general treatment.

SHOW CAGES (A. W. W.).—(1) There is no actual standard size for show cages for exhibiting the larger British birds each individual exhibitor having his own idea, but there is a certain uniformity about them, as most cage makers make show cages for these birds pretty much of one pattern. The one for a Thrush would be about 20 inches long, sixteen high, and ten wide; for a Jay, twenty-four inches long; and a Magpie should be allowed another couple of inches on account of his tail, which should be in perfect condition to do any good on the show bench. (2) The Softbills you mention would do in your attic equally as well as outside. They do not require artificial heat, but plenty of good food during the winter months. If the outside building is at all damp, I should prefer the attic. Dampness does not appear to affect birds out in the open, but in a closed in place it is certainly detrimental to their health, unless it is freely ventilated.

A ROOM FOR FINCHES (Gostick).—The room you have would do admirably for Finches, but you must keep them as cool as you can, and give

plenty of fresh air, without draughts. This is a rather difficult matter to arrange in a room used as an aviary, because all the birds delight to get in the window, and are consequently mostly sitting in a draught. You had better arrange your perches some distance away, and if you can ventilate the room by knocking out a couple of bricks in the wall and covering with perforated zinc, so much the better. For perches, there is nothing to equal a branch or two of a tree. Place these about the room; see that you have plenty; it prevents quarrelling. The best shrub you can use is a box tree or two in tubs, or big pots. Have an extra one out in the garden, so as to occasionally change it with the one inside. If you give plenty of green food, they will not injure the shrubs much. You could allow fifty birds to fly loose; but do not crowd. You will get more pleasure from a few clean, healthy specimens than a lot in only fair condition. Spread a sack over the floor when you give them a bath, particularly during the winter months; it prevents dampness.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

COST OF ZEBRA FINCH HENS (F. J. Johns).—The cause is very obvious when you know the facts. Of the young Zebra Finches, bred in captivity, seventy-five per cent, or more, are cocks, and from various causes mortality is greater among hens than cocks; thus the matter resolves itself into a mere case of supply and demand.

CORDON BLEU (B. K. G.).—The better plan will be to keep this bird caged up and solitary, or with other hens, as after you have treated her with warmth it will not do to put her out again till next spring. You could give her a little crumbled sponge cake and add a few dried ants' eggs to the seed mixture. Also as she will not take green food try her with a little fruit, such a sweet apple of banana. The only way you can hope to check the continuous egg laying is to keep it in a cage without nest receptacle, or building material of any kind, and, also keep her out of sight of the males, this procedure should have a tendency to check the trouble.

CORRECT NAME (Cornwall).—The popular name is Bare-eyed Cockatoo, and its scientific name Cacatua gymnopis. It is a native of South Australia, and a hardy species in this country, when once acclimatised. A seed mixture of canary, white millet, hemp, dari, oats, wheat, maize, and sunflower seed, about equal parts of each (well mixed) is a good mixture for this species. If it cares for it keep a tin of canary seed in the cage. In addition to the seed diet you must supply nuts, fruit, greenfood, and plain biscuits, or dry crusts of household bread, also grit, cuttlebone, and water regularly. Wood in some form should be kept in the cage for it to exercise its mandibles upon. It should get plenty of light and air, but must be kept out of draught.

AILING PARROT (Mrs. L. A. Fenner).—Your bird will always be out of sorts while it gets its present improper dietary. Gradually stop the table scraps, tea, etc., and substitute a wholesome dietary, and the bird should gradually recover condition, but after ill-treatment for so long, it will necessarily be a work of time. Confine the dietary to seed mixture, fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, stale crusts, and greenfood. This will give ample change, and the bird should do well upon it once it has become accustomed to the change. For a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into its drinking-water every other day, then for another month give the same quantity twice weekly. After the first week, you can put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking-water on the days you are not giving the magnesia. Get a bottle of cod-liver-oil emulsion and spread this thinly over a piece of stale bread, it will help the bird, and also assist in reconciling it to the changed diet. If it has been accustomed to sops, then it will be permissible to lightly moisten a piece of bread or biscuit with a mixture of tepid water and the byno-phospbates. You had better get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. from our manager, it will help you as to treating the bird after the present indisposition is past. Report progress a month hence.

WHAT BIRD (S. M. Wilson).—I make out the birds you describe to be African Bib Finches (Spermestes nana), though your description does not cover all the parts of its body, but I have little doubt but what it is as above. It is the smallest of the Mannikin group, it can be kept in a mixed series and breeds fairly freely in an aviary, where it does well on the ordinary menu supplied to such collections, living largely upon seeds, though not at all averse to a little live food.

AVADAVATS BALD (W. Williams).—There is only one course open to you, viz., to put each bald bird in a separate cage till the plumage is properly renewed, it will not he so while they remain all together, as Waxbills seem to regard it as their mission in life, once any of their fellow captives become bald to keep them so! The only remedy is separation and keeping only fully plumaged together. A course of phosphates and an occasional laxative is about all you can do to help matters. Keep a millet spray continually in the cage, also the usual seeds and green food. Warmth, by this I do not mean a hothouse, will aid the growth of new plumage and keep the birds comfortable.

IN BAD PLUMAGE (B. F. Mann).—This bird is evidently plucking itself and has probably been improperly dieted, but you give me no details of your treatment. Spray it weekly with a tepid quassia solution but guard against a chill while plumage is moist. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water every fourth day, and on intervening days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Confine its diet to seed mixture, fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and greenfood. The biscuit may be moistened, but use only water and phosphates for the purpose. Only lightly moisten; do not saturate, dust the moistened biscuit with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. The following forms a good seed mixture: One quart each Canary, white millet, and white oats; one pint each hemp, paddy rice, dari, and sunflower seeds; half a pint each of maize, pea (monkey) nuts, and a gill of chillies—well mix and store in dust proof tins in a dry place. Report progress in a month.

BUDGERIGARS (E. G. S. S. S.).—Some Budgerigars will attempt to breed in their first year, but it is not wise to let them do so. In the year following their birth they should go to nest freely and should prove prolific. They may be allowed to continue breeding till their young begin to show signs of deterioration, but the latter will not be likely to occur if a little new blood is introduced every other year—the endurance of birds is very variable, but after three or four years of breeding activity their progeny are not likely to be as robust as those from younger birds.

AVIARY QUERIES (S. Perry).—(1) I gather that your aviary is a very large indoor cage. Tits are not songsters, though they utter a few not unpleasant notes. Both the Alario Finch (*Alario alario*) and the Grey and Green Singing-finches (*Serinus leucopygius* and *icterus*) are good songsters, and as bachelors would all agree together in your aviary, they are all three on the market at the present time. (2) The Paradise Whydah takes little beyond seed, green food, and one or two mealworms per diem, while the moult lasts he might have one or two extra mealworms. Half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day would be better than stimulants for your birds. You might put in a tin of crushed oats for such birds as care to help themselves to them. Lettuce, fresh, and with the ribs cut out, is a good winter green food, as also are Canary seedings, grown in a sunny window and supplied to the birds when about two inches high.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (W.H.).—I am sorry to hear of your loss, and though pneumonia may possibly be the cause, I am of the opinion that it was some intestinal complaint that carried off your bird. I should advise, as a matter of precaution, well scalding out the cage, especially all crevices, with boiling water before using it for another bird. The temperature of any ordinary living room is ample for a Blue-front, though its cage must not stand in a draughty position. Foreign Finches can be kept out of doors in winter in your county, at least they are so kept, but of course the aviary must be erected to suit its northern situation, one third of the ground area to be open flight, and the other two-thirds to be equally given up to covered flight and shelter-house; the latter must be well lighted or the birds will not use it, and provision should be made, if needs be, that they may be shut off from the use of open flight during the worst months of the year.

RING-NECK PARRAKEETS, ETC. (W.J.G.)—(1) Half the bulk of seed mixture should be Canary and white millet, the other half of oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; the whole to be well mixed together. Ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits are all very wholesome and may be offered the birds daily. Of course, water, grit, and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. (2) Yes, as soon as they are fully adult and have settled down. (3) If your room is fairly dry and draught proof it should be safe to winter the birds you name without artificial heat, but, newly-imported birds would be better in a minimum temperature of 50 degrees F. for a month or six weeks, and then gradually hardened off. A Clarke's Syphon Gas or Oil Stove is usually safe if kept quite clean, maker's directions carried out and the light watched that it does not rise for the first hour after lighting.

WHAT TO GET? (L. P.)—I gather that you have had no experience, so am only naming hardy and freely imported species as a beginning. All the following will meet the conditions you name: Zebra Finch, Bengalese, Bib Finch, Silverbill, Avadavat, Grey Singing-finch, and Gold-Crested Waxbills. You could include a pair of each of the above in your aviary with a reasonable prospect of most of them breeding with you when they had properly settled down. You could also include a pair each of Orange-checked and Grey Waxbills, these are very doubtful breeders in such quarters as yours, but they are cheap and pretty and would add variety and interest to those named above. You must put up at least one dozen rush nests, husks, and small boxes as nest receptacles, and use twiggy branches as perching accommodation. Your book will tell you how to treat them.

AILING BLUE-FRONT (A. B. C.).—Your diet is about right, but I should give it about a tablespoonful of boiled maize every other day—boil till soft, drain off all water, dust with flowers of sulphur, and when cool supply to the bird; the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day. The bread should be lightly moistened, not saturated, with either tepid water only or tepid water and chemical food, it will help the bird at this juncture if the moistened bread is lightly spread with cod liver oil emulsion. Fruit (any kind it will take) and nuts are very wholesome, practically for all species of Parrots, and should be given regularly. As a safeguard you might spray weekly with a tepid quassia solution, but guard carefully against a chill while the plumage is wet. If the voidings are at all hard give an occasional dose (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) of Dinneford's Magnesia.

AVADAVATS, ETC. (Lotus)—(1) The hen is a little less pure in colour than the cock; the "zebra" stripes on the sides of the body are greyish-black instead of black as in the male, and the yellowish area of the underparts is less and not so rich a hue. However, there are some hens that are almost as brilliant as the males, but usually with birds of about equal age they are fairly easy to sort out. (2) This is always difficult, the bulk of imported Pintails die very shortly after arrival. Keep a tin of Paddy rice continually in the cage, also another of Canary, and white millet seeds; supply green food regularly, they also take a little fruit and an occasional mealworm does not come amiss to them. At this season keep new arrivals in a minimum temperature of 50 degrees F. The hens are quite distinct from the males—sketchily the hen may be described as olive-green above and yellowish below. (3) Melba Finches are not so difficult as some species to establish. Canary, white millet, spray millet, and green food about meet their simple needs, like most other finches they are grateful for a little live food occasionally. Mix two drops of laudunum in an ounce of water daily as the drinking supply while the trouble lasts.

WHAT BIRDS? (Constant Reader).—(1) This is the Giant or Long-tailed Whydah (*Chera procne*), value in full colour about 25/- to 30/-. (2) It is difficult to give you the species of this as your description would suit several Serins, however, I think it is the Cape Canary (*Serinus canicollis*), but it may be the Sulphury Seed-eater. The Alario Finch is known to the Boers as the Mountain Canary, but there is neither green nor yellow in the plumage of this species—perhaps, if you gave me actual measurements from tip of beak to tip of tail, and described their plumage I could give you a definite reply.

SHAMAS (Amb-Egypt).—The sexes of this species are not amiable with each other, and need a roomy enclosure if they are to breed successfully. Most pairs will only agree together during the breeding season, and separation is frequently necessary during the winter months. They need a good insectivorous mixture, more than half the bulk of which should consist of ants' eggs and dried flies, the other portion being some good biscuit meal and sponge cake—make crumbly moist with boiling water, and then stir in a small quantity of either grated carrot or finely minced lettuce. Vary them is the better plan, if you can induce them to become accustomed to the carrot. Give each bird twelve mealworms per diem, also any other insects you can capture for them. If you then suspect the hen to be weakly, then dissolve one teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion in sufficient boiling water to moisten the daily supply of insectivorous mixture, and continue this till she is stronger. Possibly the cock is causing trouble; keep in separate cages and exercise them separately. I should not cut the hen's beak unless it becomes quite abnormal and interferes with her feeding. They adapt themselves to the warm weather usually for their breeding season—in England during the spring and summer. Be very quiet in your movements when near them till they are quite tame; usually they hold their owner in contempt and take all sorts of liberties with him.

COCKATOO (H. Nevi).—You do not say what kind of Cockatoo, but a seed mixture of canary, white millet, oats, hemp, wheat, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts should suit it well. You must also supply nuts, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, stale dry crusts of household bread, also grit, cuttlebone, and water regularly. I should give it, for a week or ten days, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every other day; then for another month or more only give it twice weekly; during the latter period give half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the water when not giving the magnesia. Spray the bird once or twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution, and keep strictly out of draught till dry. A stale crust lightly moistened with a little tepid water and phosphates in equal parts, and dusted with flowers of sulphur, will benefit the bird if it can be induced to take it. Report progress in a month or six weeks.

PEKIN ROBINS AILING (Nemo).—This species is rather subject to this trouble; keep them in some warm, but well ventilated position, and daily at least while the trouble lasts, cleanse the eyes first with tepid water, and then bathe with a rose water and zinc eye solution (from any chemist) daily, but do not let the solution get into the bird's mouth. On receipt of this reply mix one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into their soft food mixture and repeat this once a week while the trouble lasts; on other days, a little cod liver oil emulsion, first dissolved in sufficient hot water, and then used as the moistening medium for the soft food, will help matters greatly. In addition to the soft food you must supply ripe fruit and several live insects per bird per diem. As I have already said, they must have light and fresh air, but without draught. Unless they have gone too far already, the trouble should soon pass; as soon as this occurs they should be put in another cage, and their present one thoroughly cleansed out with boiling water.

PENNANT'S PARRAKEETS (M.D.R.). — The Platycercinae, to which family Pennant's, Rosellas, and the other Broadtails belong, cannot be accounted cage birds; they are for a long period (more or less) very timid and restless, and scarcely ever settle down properly. However, they cannot properly be put out of doors now, but if you could give them a roomy packing case, with a wire-netting front, in some spare room, they would do better, especially if you give them a small barrel in one top corner at the back of the case, as a retiring place, they should soon come into condition, and more quickly get accustomed to human beings. It is the open cage, nowhere to rush to when anyone approaches, that makes them wild with fear. Of course, you must see that they get enough to eat, but should gradually decrease the supply of sunflower seed, only give this in limited quantities. Canary, white millet, and oats (equal parts), with fruit and green food, is ample for this species. Of course, if you require this bird as a cage pet, it will ultimately respond to kindness, and till it is tamer it would be well to gently cover up the cage before cleaning operations are commenced.

WHAT PARROT? (H. Williams).—It is a Senegal Parrot, which ranges over West Africa. While the bird will do well on seed, green food, grit, cuttlebone and water, it will be better for variety. It should be offered (not necessarily all at once) ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and crusts of household bread (stale). The species does not usually make a great talker, neither are they so easily tamed as some other Parrots, yet when once the latter is achieved they make ideal pets, and usually talk a little. As regards value, 40s. and 100s. are the two extremes, number on market, condition and talent being the governing factors—fresh from the ship they may be procured at times fairly cheaply. Your sketch is very good.

GREY PARROT IN BAD PLUMAGE (Glentone).—You are quite right in assuming improper treatment as the cause of its present condition. Confine its dietary to the seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, stale crusts household bread, also grit, cuttlebone, and water. Give it a tablespoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water twice weekly for a month, and on the intervening days put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the water. Spray it at least weekly with a tepid quassia solution. Keep it warm; at the same time it must have light and fresh air without draught.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. Cartwright.—Pulmonary apoplexy, or hæmorrhage of the lungs, following congestion. The bird was over-fat, and therefore predisposed, particularly at such a time.

Mrs. S. R. Castellain.—Death resulted from a fit, probably epileptic in character, particularly as it had previously exhibited the same symptoms.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

S. W. J. F.—We must ask you to kindly excuse us publishing your letter. We presume the statement was made out of "trade rivalry," and we do not see that any good could accrue from discussing the point.

J. M.—If the vendor clearly states that a condition of the deal is that the bird shall be on "four months' approval at his risk," then he must replace it or return your money. You can sue him in the County Court for the return of your money.

W. Tann.—The best plan is for one of the parties to deposit with us the value (cash) of the article he is to have. We hold this cash pending the completion of the exchange. The parties can share the deposit fee if they choose. If goods are sent, it only involves extra expense in carriage.

One Who Was There.—We really do not think this is a matter that need be publicly discussed. Why not lodge a protest direct with the secretary? He may then mend his ways.

J. Claridge.—It is the seed of the Campion, a common plant, known as Red Robin, Poor Robin, etc. We do not know where you could buy it in quantity suitable for using as a bird-food.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Amble C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. Distribution of prizes, etc.; and other important bus.—J. T. Crackett.

Ayr C.B.C.—Nov. 25, Wallace Trevor Hall, 7.30. Classification and judge for club show.—R. Aitken.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. Payment of prize-money. Election of office bearers. Motion by Mr. Steel, Dalkeith, to put back show date.—J. Stirling.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Nov. 27, The Market Tavern, Godwin Street, 7 to 11. To take entries from Bradford and district fanciers for the National Show. Will all intending exhibitors kindly send or bring their entries?—H. Hill.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 25, Park Chapel Schools, 7.15. Members' show; judges, Messrs. R. Halliday and H. H. Towers. Birds staged by 7.15 prompt. Entries taken Monday night and Tuesday at the schools.—H. Hill.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Club Hall, 6.30. Social and other bus.—W. Tomlinson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 24, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Essay competition on "Seeds and Their Uses." Gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 28, George Hotel, 8. Entries for members' show closed; 19 classes for same on Nov. 29.—H. Todd.

Derby C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Members' show arrangements.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Club, 10.30. Special bus.—G. T. Lynn.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Nov. 22, Fountain Inn. 2.30. Members' show; judge, W. Morement; Saturday at 2.30. Entries taken Friday night 8 to 10.30 o'clock, Nov. 21. Good specials.—S. Wilcock.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Marie Stuart Halls, 7.30. Table show, Borders and Yorks., and annual show business.—R. Heggie.

Halifax O.S.—Members' Show, Nov. 22, Plummet Line Hotel, 7. Members' show of cock birds, staged 7 p.m. Entries taken before staging. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock.—H. Clegg.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Nov. 21-22, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, London, N. Three minutes from Junction Road, Midland Railway, and Tufnell Park tube stations. Annual show; judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner.—J. Hyde.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 22, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Entries for annual show, and other important bus.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 24, White Hart Hotel, 8. Open show bus., very important. Final arrangements for tea and prize distributions.—A. Lawford.

Jarrow, Hebburn, C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30. Selection of judge and show bus.—H. Ayers.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Coffee House, 7.35. Final nigbt for receiving entries; subs. to be paid; stewards, etc.—H. Woodhead.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 22, headquarters, 7. Classification must be finished at this meeting.—H. Webster.

Manningham C.B.A.—Nov. 22, Mowbray Arms, 2. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. W. Dewhirst. Entries Nov. 21, 8.10 p.m.—H. Grange.

Newcastle-on-Tyne East End C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Foster's Cafe, 111, Shields Road. Business, rules, etc.—J. W. Coutts.

North-West Glasgow C.B.C.—Nov. 27, Blythswood Halls, 8. Giving out of specials for annual show.—W. Loam.

Northern B.M.F.B.C.—Nov. 25, headquarters, 8. Table show: Linnet; Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; Any Other Variety; and Foreign—4 classes.—W. Curry.

Northern Counties Nor. P.C.—Nov. 26, Lockhart's, 65, Granges Street, 7.30. Table show, 4 classes: Yel. or Buff Cock, ditto Hen (old birds); Yel. or Buff Cock, ditto Hen, unflighted. Judge, Mr. Gillespie, Gateshead.—F. W. Laidlow.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Textile Dining Room, Shaw Road, 8. Table show of Lancs. and Lizards; all friends are heartily invited.—J. Cope.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Annual show bus.—F. Washbourne.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 24, Crumpsall Hotel, Cheetham Hill, 8.30. Usual bus. Pleased to see all old and intending members.—H. Clayton.

Portsmouth and Southern C.C.B.S.—Nov. 26, headquarters, Long's Memorial Hall, 8. Agenda: Ways and Means.—Hall and Joiner.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Fleece Hotel, 8 to 10.30. Entries for show on Nov. 22; judge, Mr. R. Halliday. Birds staged 2.30 prompt.—H. Raistrick.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for show, and other bus.—G. Lord.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting.—Wm. Adams.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Committee meeting Nov. 27, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Bus. important.—J. R. Meikle.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 22, Central Cafe, 7.30. Agenda: (1) Show business; (2) schedule; (3) Border classes; (4) advertising; (5) specials.—J. Peacock.

Tong C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Open show bus.—W. Walker.

Upper Rhondda C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Cardiff Arms, 6.30. Arrangements for evening show, etc.—E. Thomas.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Nov. 24, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8. Arrangements for show.—H. Roebuck.

Wallsend, Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Nov. 26, Station Hotel, 7.30. Show report and drawing of specials, and prize-money paid.—G. Greenwell.

Wandsworth F.A.—Nov. 27, Sutton's Hall. Final arrangements for show.—W. Lightfoot.

Warrington C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' prize-money. Election of officers for coming year.—G. M. Nelson.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Committee meeting Nov. 24, headquarters, to arrange annual show.—T. Callegari.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

Leaflets setting forth the aims and objects of the League will be forwarded, post free, to any reader upon application.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

What the Plumage Bill Means.

It is, of course, very stale news that the importation of the plumage of dead birds into the United States of America is now forbidden, and that the law is carried so strictly into force that not only is it prohibited to import plumage into the States for trade purposes, but plumes of any kind are taken from the hats of ladies landing in New York.

Excepting to smile at the absurdity of the length to which the prohibition is being stretched, we should as lovers of birds not be interested in matters relating to ostrich plumes and such like, and my only reason for again mentioning the subject is that the inevitable sequel to a Plumage Bill is the prohibition of keeping any kind of bird in any kind of cage.

There will, doubtless, be some who have thought me unduly pessimistic in what I have more than once written, but it is now an established fact in the United States that the new law renders it illegal to cage any singing bird whatever. This is what will happen in this country if the projected Plumage Bill ever comes into force. No better means could be devised than the petition to individual members of Parliament to let our law makers know that there are hundreds of thousands of their constituents throughout our country who are bird-keepers and bird-lovers, and who expect their representatives in Parliament to give some heed to their wishes, rather than calmly to allow a bill to be passed which represents only the views on an infinitesimally small number of English people.

I hope, therefore, that if any reader of Cage Birds has omitted to forward to his local member the petition printed in our issue of September 20 last, he will at once cut that petition out and forward it to his representative in Parliament. The Bill will come up for the third reading early in the next session, and it will be passed if individual members of Parliament remain in ignorance of what we can tell them.

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Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary Cage Birds League.
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of Cage Birds League, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the League. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Whitburn (Linlithgow).—Dec. 6, Town Hall. Judges, J. Strachan, W. S. Wilson. 46 classes: Nor. 13, Bord. 13, Brit. 17, Mule 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 29 to R. Lambie, The Aviaries, Whitburn.

Forres (Scotland).—Dec. 3, Mechanics' Institute. Judge, J. Strachan. 49 classes: Nor. 15, Crests 2, Bord. 7, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Nov. 1, Pairs 1, Mules 1, Brit. 15 (1 Nov., 1 Sell.), For. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 26 to W. Cumming, 28, North Road.

Consett, Blackhill (Durham).—Dec. 6, Skating Rink. Judge, T. Dixon. 30 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 11, Bord. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 6, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 28 to J. H. Coupland, Leadgate, Co. Durham.

Stranraer (Scotland).—Dec. 12, Drill Hall, Bellevilla Road. Judge, A. McMecking. 17 classes: Nor. 3, Bord. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Nov. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 5 to W. McMeekan 8, Clenoch Street.

Keith (Scotland).—Dec. 3, Longmore Hall. Judge, T. Arnott. 41 classes: Pairs 1, Nor. 12, Crest 4, Bord. 3, Yorks. 3, Scots. Fancy 2, Sell. 2, Children's 1, Mule 1, Brit. 11 (1 Sell., 1 Children's), For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 26 to C. Rally, 123, Mid Street.

Wandsworth.—Dec. 10-11, Public Baths Hall. Judge, F. Easterling. 40 classes: Nor. 12 (6 Nov.), Yorks. 12 (6 Nov.), Bord. 3, Crest 2, Brit. 6, Mules 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 1 to W. Lightfoot, 86, Heythorp Street, Southfields, Wandsworth, S.W.

Whitehaven (Cumb.).—Nov. 28-29, Tangier Hall. Judges, T. Bennett, J. W. Brace. 43 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 11 (5 Nov.), Bord. 9, Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 9, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 24 to W. J. Douglas, 5, Golden Lion Lane, Roper Street.

Pembroke.—Dec. 5, Market House. Judge, M. Evans. 9 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/- 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 26 to T. Sinnett, Pembroke.

Cleator Moor.—Dec. 6, Market Hall. Judge, J. Wilcox. 13 classes: Yorks. 4, Bord. 4, Nor. 4, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 29 to J. Skillicorn 57, Trumpet Road.

Galston (Ayrsh.).—Dec. 6, Good Templars' Hall. Judges, J. Smith, D. Holden. 20 classes: Scotch Fancy 7, Bord. 7, Nor. 2, Brit. 4. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Dec. 1 to A. Frew Barrmill Road.

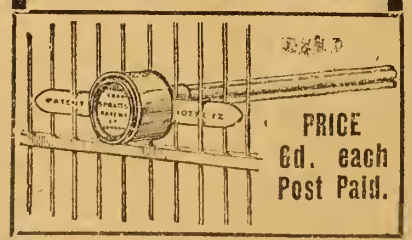
Thornton (Fife).—Nov. 29, Public Hall. Judges, R. Menzies, G. Arnott. 44 classes: Scotch Fancy 10, Nor. 15, Bord. 7, Brit. 7, Mule 2, For. 2, Com. Can. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 22 to T. M. Aitken, 40, Main Street.

Birmingham.—Dec. 3 and 4, Crown Hotel. Judges, J. Robson, W. C. Wells, and M. Jacquemin (Rollers). 51 classes: Nor. 12 (4 Nov.), Yorks. 12 (4 Nov.), Crests 2, Cinn. 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. Can. 2 (1 Nov.), Selling 2, Mules 3, British 8 (1 Nov.), For. 2, Rollers 4 (2 Nov.). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry, 1/6. Fourth prizes if 16 entries. Ent. close Nov. 29 to J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston, Birmingham.

Thurso (Scot.).—Dec. 10, Town Hall. Judge, J. Fulton. 25 classes: Scotch Fancy 2, Nor. 4, Crests 4, Col.-fed 1, Bord. 4, Yorks. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 4, Pairs Can. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 6/6, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 2 to D. Shearer, Sir John Square.

Luton (Beds.).—Dec. 10, Corn Exchange. Judges, J. Robson, J. Frostick. 32 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 6, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 3 to E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Road.

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Correspondence.

Do Winning Border Fancies Vary in Type?

Sir,—There are other reasons, in addition to the variations in type mentioned by your correspondent, "Scottie," in last week's issue, that very often account for the upsetting of previous awards in winning Borders, and incidentally they also apply to other varieties as well. For instance, I visited a show not so very long ago, where some Borders were exhibited belonging to an exhibitor who had been scoring fairly well in the prize list at previous shows. At this particular show the birds were cardless. On looking them up, I soon found out why they failed to score. They were not staged as well as they might have been, therefore other birds, no better in type, but infinitely cleaner and better finished, were in front. Again, in looking through the classes at this show, I noticed standing cardless in a class of seven or eight entries what I thought was the best bird in the class, in the best of order, and well shown. Naturally I wondered, and enquiring round for reasons, I found out from the steward who had attended the judge, that this particular bird had been put back on account of colour—too good in colour for a natural-coloured Border. Doubtless at the next show this bird appears at, under another judge, it may get well up in the prize-list. I think "Scottie" will agree with me that it has to be an exceptionally outstanding bird, especially so in the clears, that scores much and often, the differences betwixt the mentioned birds being often so fine that what is on top this week-end is down the next. Perhaps it is as well that it should be so; it keeps the interest in the shows alive.

Jos. B. Moore.

Sir,—Referring to "Scottie's" letter, to my mind two distinct types of Border Fancy Canary appear on the show bench to-day, and what you have to do is to watch which type is scoring under the various judges, and send your birds to be judged by the judge who favours the type you ae breeding. We down



No 1 Welsh No 2 Scotch

South describe the types as Welsh and Scotch respectively, and of course we also know which birds to send to the particular judge. For those who cannot follow my meaning, I have enclosed two sketches, No. 1 Welsh, No. 2 Scotch, being as near as it is possible for me to get. A great number of the Southern men breed both types, but I may say here that judges vary their fancy at times, and one is never certain as to which type will score. Perhaps these remarks may influence friend "Scottie" to breed both types; even then there are numerous Scotch judges across the Border who will ignore both.

W. E. P.

Sir,—The purport of "Scottie's" letter, appearing in the columns of your valuable paper of the 15th inst., coincides with the experiences of several South Wales Border Fanciers. In addition, I should like to point out another feature which is quite apparent: The size of the present Border winners. I say, let the "Wee Gem" win, not "something" approaching the size of a Norwich.

"Abertawe."

A Yorkshire Canary Club for Wales and Monmouthshire.

Sir,—After your announcement in last week's issue there was a fine meeting held at the Bush Hotel, Swansea, on the 13th inst, about twenty Yorkshire fanciers being present. Business, to determine whether they would form a specialist club or not, and I am glad that they have decided to do so. The members present have formed a committee, sec., etc., and have worked out a code of rules, which will, in the course of a week or two, be sent to all the members. The club decided to put up two cups, one for novices, to be won outright every year, and one cup for the champion, and the club proposes to give £10 10s. for the latter. I am pleased to say that the Y.C.C. of W. and M. has come to stay, for the members present have promised to subscribe for the ten-guinea cup. Mr. J. Steer, of Swansea, opened with £1 10s., which was soon followed by Mr. F. Richards, of Treorchy, that well-known Yorkshire exhibitor, and I think that if it were called in at this moment, we would not be short of £1 for same. I should like to see a few of the Cardiff and Monmouthshire fanciers rally round and become members! Next meeting decided to be held at Llanelly in January, and notice will be given in due course. In the meantime, if any Yorkshire fancier wishes to become a member, send along the entry fee of a shilling to the hon. sec., Hy. Webster, 6, Upper Park St., Llanelly, who has open power to enroll members till then.

Jas. Steer.

Do Early Entries at Shows Get Badly Staged?

Sir,—As a secretary of a society which runs open shows, and also one who takes an interest in other societies' shows, and visits them at every opportunity, I can emphatically say "No" to the above question. How anyone with any knowledge of staging can suggest such a question passes my comprehension. This question is on a par with another that Mr. L. put to me in 1911, which was that he had "been told" that by making entries early, the consequences were that the birds did not get favourably judged, owing to the judge not getting warm to his task until he got to the bottom of the class! My reply to him was that his informant was either lacking in show matters, or that he was "pulling his leg." The question he is asking now is answered by the same reply, and whoever his informant is, I challenge him to prove that the early entries get the treatment the question suggests. It is a great pity Mr. L. does not visit the shows and see for himself, but I understand that he has not the leisure. A visit to any show, and a few explanations would soon explode any such suggestion. Mr. L.'s own experience in showing ought to answer the question, as he is invariably the first to enter in his respective classes, and the result he knows for himself. If only other exhibitors would enter early, it would save the sec. a deal of worry and hurry in getting matter ready for the printer; also possible mistakes, as my own experience is that most exhibitors leave it to the last. I have even received entries a day before the show. No, Mr. L., if all were like you, and sent early entries, a lot of worry would be taken from the sec.'s shoulders, and the exhibitors would receive his gratitude.

W. G. Andrews.

Popularising the Norwich Plainhead Club.

Sir,—To be candid, I was a little disappointed that there was not a bigger response from members giving their views on the suggestions I gave for the popularising of the N.P.C. in your issue of Nov. 1st. At the annual meeting everyone, or almost everyone, seemed to think that it was time something was done for the promoted amateur, and I expected some of them to have overcome their diffidence, and to have ventilated their views on the subject. At any rate, if the N.P.C. is going to get new members, as well as to keep those they have got, something will have to be done that will make it desirable for fanciers to join. I was talking to some young fanciers at a show a few days ago, who were exhibiting Norwich, but who were not members of the N.P.C., and I asked them why they weren't. They answered that they were quite willing to join when the club could offer them some inducement. I pointed out the possibilities of a scheme such as I had outlined in Cage Birds, and said that I had hopes that the club would consider the question. Everyone seemed to think the idea a good one for those not possessing crack teams, as well as for the cracks themselves, because we must all admit that even the cracks sometimes get low down in the prize list. I mentioned the scheme to one of the older members of the club one day, and he seemed to think the scheme a good one, but thought also that the question of funds would be a difficulty. Well, perhaps it would take more money, but I am looking forward to a great influx of new members. The present income (I am writing from memory) is something about £12 10s., and to give an extra two small prizes in 14 classes at five shows would take about £10 10s. That would leave nothing for working expenses; but, as I have pointed out, we should get many new members, because fanciers couldn't afford to keep out for the sake of a paltry half crown. No fancier would deny himself the chance of competing for two extra prizes in each class for the sake of 2s. 6d. a year. Let us hope the N.P.C. will give it their consideration. Mr. Cadman suggests taking from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, and tacking it on to the 5th and 6th. I say nothing against taking it from the 1st, but if he is going to take it from the 2nd and 3rd, he is going to leave those prizes with very little.

Sim Ross.

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The Problem of Migration.

Sir,—Seeing that "Sub Rosa" is at an observatory, I thought he would be taking a keen interest in the migration of birds, but now I see that is not the case. I quite appreciated "Sub Rosa's" humorous remarks, and had a good hearty laugh at them. I did not forget that the earth revolves on its axis once every twenty-four hours, as "Sub Rosa" seems to think, and I am well aware that thousands of birds migrate at night. My contention is that birds feel the heat of the sun, and when the sun is about its hottest, or in the south, birds seem to know that is the direction to fly, whether the sun is set or not. Whether "Sub Rosa" agrees with me or not, I intend to stick to my theory until I see a better one

John Craig.

"Wrong Classed" Goldfinch at Nottingham Show.

Sir, I should be grateful if you could find me space in your well read columns regarding a bird I had disqualified by Mr. C. Houlton on Friday last at Nottingham Show. It was the first time I have shown a Goldfinch at an open show, and I hope to prove to readers of this paper that the bird was honestly shown as a Britisher, and this I still adhere to. On October 23, while visiting Stamford Open Show, my attention was riveted on a large and fine specimen of the Goldfinch placed 2nd by the judge, Mr. Allen Silver, and I might also say that I asked the opinion of a gentleman at the show (who is well-known to all your readers as an expert in British birds) as to the nationality of the bird, and he said it was a Britisher. On the 8th of Nov. this bird was shown by the same exhibitor (by the way, the man who caught it, Mr. W. E. Atkins, of Brigstock, Northamptonshire), and I claimed it at catalogue price. The bird was 1st and sp best Brit. in show. Now, at the third time of asking and under a different judge it is wrong classed as a Siberian. It is a most perplexing situation for me, as on the face of it I am stamped as one trying to pass off a foreigner and win dishonestly. I have taken Mr. Houlton's decision as a sportsman, but yet am certain he is wrong. The decisions are certainly in my favour up to now, and the bird has been shown to several local judges and Goldfinch experts and one is yet to be found who declares it a foreigner.

Arthur G. Lewis.

How to Make Meetings Attractive.

A Suggestion to London Societies.

Sir,—During a conversation I had recently with one of our most prominent judges the subject of how meetings of cage bird societies could be made more interesting, to entice members to attend better, was discussed, and it was suggested by this gentleman that societies should send out challenges to one another (much the same as football clubs) and hold evening table shows. The birds from each club to be placed in one class and judged and the points won by birds belonging to members of each club to be counted to the club and go towards a shield, or cup, same to be held by the winning club for one year. Of course, each club would have to compete during the year, up to the final (much the same as a football club plays up for the Cup final). There are a great many clubs in London and district; cannot someone shape this suggestion, and give it a trial? I think it worth considering, and I would be pleased to subscribe to a fund to supply a shield or cup.

F. Moore, hon. sec. Metropolitan C.B.A.

What's Wrong with Members of the Southern Norwich P.C.?

Sir,—Will members please give the last show (L.C.B.A., Westminster) a record entry of the Norwich. Surely more members have good birds, besides those few who are doing their best to give the bird a run for its money. Let us see a few fresh birds having a try; have owners lost heart or are they taking no interest in the variety? I have noticed very little enterprise this season. If anything is not to the advantage of members, why not come up to the annual meeting and I am sure those that have control of the society will only be too pleased to help. I have no sympathy myself with the owner who lays himself out to get all cups and prizes; he does more harm than good; but I do admire his skill in breeding a good bird. Surely, however, out of over 70 breeders we have hidden somewhere better birds than yet seen on the bench. Try at our last show, so that we finish up well; also it will give your humble servant more satisfaction in keeping on with the work of the club.

F. S. Matthes, hon. sec. S.N.P.C.

Are Singing Hen Canaries Very Common?

Sir,—I read with much interest a letter under above heading last week, as I too have Canary hens that sing. One (a valueless bird, except as a feeder) I was given last spring. She sang so well that I thought I had been sent a cock by mistake. This bird hatched and reared young ones this season. Now that the moult is over, she has started singing again—sweet, full notes. Another hen Canary is a Yorkshire that laid eggs but refused to hatch; she sings occasionally, and is worth listening to.

(Miss) S. G. Ruby.



The Fancy Costume, made out of "Cage Birds" coloured plates, which won 2nd prize for Mr. J. Muggeridge, of Horsham, at a local carnival, against strong competition.

Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League and the L.C.B.A. Show.

Sir,—Members of both associations and the bird loving public generally will be glad to know that Lady Kathleen Pilkington has kindly consented to open the forthcoming exhibition at the Horticultural Hall on Nov. 27. The secretary of the L.C.B.A., Mr. James Bray, junr. (67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W.) says he will be able to take entries posted to him on Saturday, Nov. 22. I trust all foreign bird-keepers will not omit to give him plenty to do in this direction, and as early as possible. It is in the hands of foreign bird exhibitors to make their section a complete success, and in so doing they may rest assured that the league will try to do even more for them on future occasions. In the first instance the extensive classification was only made possible by the chairman of the league having kindly offered if necessary to guarantee 20 or more classes for foreign birds. To take an advantage of a generous offer of this kind was thought unfair by those to whom the matter was referred, and it was eventually decided to attempt to form the league for this purpose. Fortunately a number of generous donors and helpers came forward unsolicited, and made the matter financially possible. The committee are well satisfied with the rapid progress made. Whether their work will be extended in this direction, or otherwise, will depend entirely upon the response from foreign bird exhibitors.

A. Silver, hon. sec.

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THE DISQUALIFIED YORKSHIRE AT HALIFAX SHOW.

Judge Says Case Must Be Reopened.

Procedure of the Council Not in Accordance with Yorkshire Union Rules

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the fact that, according to the rules of the Yorkshire Union, the Council have altogether overstepped their powers in dealing with the case of the disqualified Yorkshire at Halifax. According to the rules there is no appeal from the judge's decision. Rule 6 plainly states: "The decision of the judge shall be final" except in certain cases which do not in this instance apply.

Further, the rules provide that the punishment, if any, for transgression of the rules shall be inflicted, not by the Council, but by the Committee of the Show, and that the person punished may then appeal to the Council of the Union with reference to the punishment, but not from the decision of the judge in the matter of the disqualification.

Another point enforcing the finality of the judge's decision arises in Rule 8 which deals with the reporting of disqualifications to the Union Secretary. That rule says distinctly: "the Council may inflict such *other* punishment as they may decide." In short, they have the power to inflict punishment over and beyond any inflicted by the Committee, but they have no power to alter the judge's decision in the case of disqualification.

From the rules it is clearly shown that the action of the Yorkshire Union Council in this case has been altogether wrong. In the first place they had no power to upset the disqualification, and in the second place they had no power to deal with the case at all, except upon appeal by the exhibitors from the sentence of the Committee of the society holding the show.

From my reading of the Union's own rules the procedure should have been as follows: The disqualification should have been dealt with by the Halifax Committee. The Committee had no power to alter the judge's decision, but had they punished the exhibitor then the exhibitor had the right to appeal to the Yorkshire Union Council against the said punishment only, and the Council had the right to remit or increase the sentence. Neither Council nor Committee have a right to upset a judge's decision.

I have therefore written to the Secretary of the Union calling upon the Yorkshire Union Council to re-open this case and deal with it in accordance with their own rules, or if I am in error to point out to me the particular regulation under which the Council dealt with the case as they did. In the meanwhile I reserve whatever rights the rules give me to maintain the authority and finality of my decision.

My thanks are due to Messrs. MacPherson, Ross, and Robertshaw for their manly and straightforward corroboration of my statement of the case.

C. A. House.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The very interesting point raised by Mr. House has caused us to refer to the rules of the Yorkshire Union. Rule 6 says: "The decision of the judge shall be final, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee (*Note the word "Committee."*—Editor "C.B.") that a bird has been entered in the wrong class or is not the property of the exhibitor or has been fraudulently tampered with, in which case such decision shall be void and the Committee reserve to themselves the right of adjudicating thereon." The finality of the judge's decision is therefore assured, with three exceptions. None of these exceptions seem to us to apply in this instance, and even if they did apply, the onus, according to the rules, is clearly upon the Committee of the show and not upon the Yorkshire Union Council. We cannot find any regulation which to our mind covers the procedure that apparently was adopted in this case by the Y.U. Council, and it will be interesting to hear what is the official reply to the objection which Mr. House has raised.—Editor "C.B."

The View of the Halifax Society.

Sir,—At a special meeting of the Halifax O.S. held at their headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel, on Nov. 15, the case of the disqualified bird was discussed, and the following resolution was carried: "That this Society has every confidence in the judge who was appointed by the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies to judge their annual show, and also their officials who gave evidence before the Union Council on Oct. 13, 1913."

Harry Clegg, sec.

The Camera as a Witness.

Sir,—You will indulge me, I know; it is to permit my offering a suggestion—one which may serve our esteemed cage bird judges in good stead under circumstances similar to what befell Mr. House recently. Were it ever my lot to have occasion to disqualify any exhibit, my instant care would be to have that bird immediately photographed, on the spot, in the presence of responsible show officials, from fellow judges down. The bird itself—please note that this would be the vital issue later on—photographed as held in my hand, a finger of the other hand so placed on the offending spot plainly to indicate the exact cause of my disqualifying it. It can very easily be done. It would also be crowning evidence in my favour afterwards, if I had an enlargement taken of that portion of the negative shewing the area of the "touched up" mischief.

A. E. Morris.

An Offer of Herbs.

Sir,—As some in the Fancy made enquiries last year about the herbs Wormwood and Agrimony, I wish to inform them that I have more of the two herbs than I shall want, as I have grown a larger quantity this year; so I will forward to any sec. of a cage-bird society, or member, a portion of either one or the two herbs, if they will pay carriage of same.

Mrs. M. Anyon.

Parkgate Road, Neston, Cheshire.

What Hybrids are These?

Curious Experiences of a Breeder.

Sir,—The report of the show held at Maidstone last week says that my two Hybrids looked like Greenie-Redpoll and Siskin-Linnets. Sometimes I have had them called Greenfinch-Linnets in show reports. I wonder if the judge would say what cross he considered them? The one that was awarded first and special has not been shown before. I might say that there cannot be any Siskin in them, as I had not got a Siskin at the time that I bred them. I had two nests in my aviary, but only brought up five, all by the same mother, a hen Greenfinch. But the last nest was reared by three parents, the hen Greenfinch and a pair of Goldfinches. I never saw the cock Redpoll feed the young Hybrids, but saw him feed the hen Greenfinch. There were two Goldfinches hatched out with the Hybrids; that is how the Goldfinches helped to feed the Hybrids, as the hen Goldfinch laid in the same nest. As soon as the hen Greenfinch came off to feed, the hen Goldfinch went on to the nest. The only other cocks that were flying about were a Linnet and a Chaffinch. The Goldfinches that were hatched with the Hybrids died in a few days. I have bred several Goldfinches this last few years, but have never had the old birds bring them up. One brood that I had, as fast as they were hatched the old birds threw them out of the nest and killed them. I don't suppose this Hybrid is a Chaffinch-Greenfinch; it is far too small, I think. It will be entered as Redpoll-Greenfinch, the same as I've entered its brothers at various shows last year. They will go to a few more shows in the district, and perhaps outside, if all goes well. I shall then be able to see what they are called at different shows. It is a bit of a puzzle, although I bred them.

W. Bennett.

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Nov. 26-27.—Dublin.—D. Smyth, 14, Tivoli Terrace N., Kingstown.
Nov. 26-27.—Bristol.—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol.
Nov. 27, 28, 29.—London C.B.A.—J. Bray, 67, St. Dunstan's Rd., Hammersmith, W.
Nov. 29.—Bradford West.—A. Cooper, 69, West Park Rd., Girlington, Bradford.
Dec. 3.—Forres.—W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.
Dec. 3-4.—Birmingham.—J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston.

Many thanks for Diploma, which is quite a work of art, and when framed is fit to hang in any room. I have only shown birds one year, and it gives me much encouragement.—W. Bull (Derby).

Thank you very much indeed for the beautiful Diploma received; it is a triumph of artistic skill.—H. L. Huggins (Howes Park).

Many thanks for diploma; it is very nice and neat, and I shall certainly have it framed.—F. Bielby (Holbeach).

Many thanks for the Diploma, which I think is very good.—J. R. Houghton (Gloucester).

Accept my thanks for Diploma of Honour; I think it is very neat and good.—A. Wood (Burton).

Diploma received; I am very pleased with same, and wish your Championship Scheme every success.—R. Parker (Wolstanton).

I received Diploma all right, and must thank you for same. It is really most artistic.—T. Almond (Gateshead).

Received Diploma won at Southend-on-Sea show. I must give the artist praise; it is very pretty.—A. E. Pattrick (Southend).

Received diploma won at Cheltenham. I am very pleased with same; accept best thanks.—T. Herbert (Redditch).

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NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

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2.—No coupons sold after the last day of December, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of the season.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age, and either rung or not rung.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

11.—The Editor reserves the right to alter the conditions from time to time in whatever manner he thinks best in the interests of competitors

HUDDERSFIELD.

Monthly table show, Nov. 10th, at Headquarters. Judge, Mr. H. Mallinson, Huddersfield; 65 birds staged. YORKS. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Lawford and Son; 2, he, Sykes; 3, Cawtheray and Son; vhc, Radley; c, Gledhill. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cawtheray & Son; he, Gledhill; c, Shanks. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 3, he, e, Cawtheray & Son; 2, Lawford & Son; vhc, Sykes. BUFF (10): 1, Clegg; 2, he, Cawtheray and Son; 3, Buttle; vhc, Radley; c, Morriss. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Rhodes; 2, Lawford and Son. HEN (4): 1, Buttle; 2, Sykes; 3, vhc, Rhodes. NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Jackson; 2, Morris; 3, vhc, Cawtheray and Son. BUFF (4): 1, Jackson; 2, 3, vhc, Cawtheray and Son. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Morris; 2, Cawtheray and Son. The special prize winners are: 1, Cawtheray and Son, cup and medal, 332 points; 2, Rhodes, Messrs. Mallinson's gold medal, 269 points; 3, W. Sykes, gold medal, 121 points; 4, Townend, gold medal, 45 points.—A. Lawford, Sec.

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First annual show held Oct. 30 in the Parochial Hall, and we congratulate the committee on their venturing to restart what was once the premier show in Cornwall, and we accord them our best wishes for their future success. The hall is one of the most comfortable in Cornwall for a bird show, good light and free from draughts. Norwich as usual were excellent in quality as well as in numbers, the hen class being champion. Yorks. were a good typical lot, especially the non-lighted, some are not through the moult, but will be heard of later when ready. Hybrid and British classes were good, and silver medal for best in the two sections was captured by F. Collins, Camborne, with his noted four-point Yellow Mule, Plymouth, etc. winner in grand form. The Goldfinch class was good, the winner being last year's champion, coming through moult very well. Members' classes contained some typical specimens which would take some stopping in the open. Mr. Coombe, the hon. sec., is a rare hard worker, not sparing himself in any way and as courteous as he is energetic. The committee we cannot speak too highly of; they are all true fanciers, very enthusiastic, and know how to undertake the management of a show. Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8):— 1, Symons Bros., good size and type, nice head and neck, well braced wings, good colour and qual.; 2, Hoskin Bros., shade smaller, extra type and qual., nice wings, fine subs.; 3, Howard, very nice type, good wings, hardly the col.; 4, c, Sherman, rare subs., lovely texture of feather, good carriage and colour; vhc, Cock and Son; hc, Stroat. BUFF (10): 1, Stephens and Gaved, nice shaped body, rich col., and qual.; 2, Mrs. Pascoe, very neat type, good wings and tail; 3, Collins, good bold type, good wings and tail, well mealed; 4, Uren, good shape and qual., nice wings; vhc, Hill; hc, Coombe; c, Cock and Son. MKD. OR VARIEG. (7): 1, Hill, grizzle head buff, good head, nice back and wings, good col.; 2, e, Stephens, marked right side, buff, capital head and neck, good type; 3, 4, Stephens and Gaved, tkd. eye and head, buff, good head and neck, nice rounded back, 4th mkd. right wing, yell., good type, grand wings and tail, nice col.; vhc, Stroat; hc, Martin. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Howard, tkd. eye, yell., capital shape, feather, and carriage; 2, Sherman, tkd. neck, yell., good col., size, and subs.; 3, Uren, buff, good head, neck and wings, nice col.; 4, Stephens and Gaved, tkd. head and thigh, good type and quality; vhc, c, Stephens; hc, Symons Bros. HEN (12): 1, Hill, buff, mkd. wing, good wing and tail, nice shape and col.; 2, Bagg, tkd. head buff, good feather and wing carr., bit down in col.; 3, Stephens and Gaved, tkd. eye, buff, fine size, good pos. and wing carr.; 4, Sherman, tkd. wing, yell., lovely shape and carr., nice col.; vhc, Martin; hc, Coombe. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Julian, good length, wings, and tail, plenty of nerve; 2, Boundy, grizzle head, big bird, nice col. and shape, good stock bird; 3, hc, Peters, grand col. and qual., neat wings and tail, very nervy; vhc, Harris. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Julian, tkd. head, good length, nice head and shoulders, neat wings and feet, 3rd nice head and shoulders, good pos.; 2, 4, Peters, beautiful qual., well up on leg, good back and wings, 4th grand wings and tail, lovely qual.; vhc, Batten; hc, Cock and Son; c, Ellis. MKD. OR VARIEG. (7): 1, Ellis, heavy variegated buff, good length, nice feather and carriage; 2, Hosken Bros., yell. cinn. mkd., nicely balanced wings, good col. and qual.; 3, 4, Thomas, mkd. yell., nice shape and qual., well braced wings; vhc, he, Patey, junr.; c, Crowle. UNFLIG. (15): 1, 2, Julian, yell., good head and neck, 2nd nicely braced wings, well on leg, good qual.; 3, hc, Ellis, buff, lovely qual., nice wings and tail; 4, Thomas, lovely qual. and col., well on legs, nice type; vhc, Boundy; hc, Peters. HEN (12): 1, Boundy, buff, good length and qual., nice col., nice wings and tail; 2, Cock and Son, yell., lovely qual., good wings and tail, shade small; 3, Peters, buff, grand wings and tail, nice col. and qual; 4, Ellis, yell., lovely wings and tail, good qual. and type. A.O.V. (5): 1, 4, Collins, buff cinn., rare size and shape, even wing carr., teeming with qual., 4th yell. cinn., good cap, nice carr., teeming with rich bronze col.; 2, Rowe and Richards, Green Scotch Fancy, tail well under, grand shoulders, lovely qual.; 3, vhc, Symons Bros., variegated D.C., well radiated crest, good size, nice feather. PAIRS (9): 1, Howard, tkd. eye and wing, yell. hen and buff cock, well matched, good type and feather, Nor.; 2, Ellis, Yorks., good wings and tail carr., lovely feather and cond.; 3, Sherman, yell. hen and buff tkd. cock, the hen pure type and col.; 4, Batey, Yorks., very typical, good cond. LIGHT MULES (3): All Collins, the noted four-point yell., good eye and wing marks, lovely col., 2nd Light Linnet, good eye and cond., 3rd another four-point yell., grand colour, new face, DARK (7): 1, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, 1st Yell. Goldie, good Norwich type, well mkd., lovely col., 2nd Linnet-Can., good size, level col., 3rd Greenf.-Can., in excellent feather, col., and cond.; 4, vhc, Collins, Twite-Can., nice shape, size, and col., pressed hard; hc, c, Ward. GOLDF. (10): 1, 3, Coombe, winner good size, blaze of rich col., well tanned breast, rare good wings, steady, 3rd slimmer in shape, but coming well up in col.; 2, hc, Polkinghorne, nice Finch, good size blaze, nice wings and tannings; 4, Rowe and Richards, cobby Finch, nice wings and tannings, good col.; vhc, Farrell. BULLF. (4): 1, Crowle, grand type, good breast, fine cap and wing bars; 2, vhc, Rowe and Richards, shade larger, well defined cap, nice breast, lovely cond., pressed hard; 3, Hellen, nice size and col., good cap and wings. GREENF. (7): 1, Collins, well up in subs., capital shape, lovely col. and bloom, good wing bars; 2, Rowe and Richards, good size, but slimmer, nice col. and wings; 3, c, Coombe, lovely hen, good size and shape; vhc, Crewes; hc, Berriman. SMALL BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 4, Rowe and Richards, leader Chaffinch, capital shape, col., and feather, rather wild, 2nd Yellow Bunting, steady and good col., well mkd., 4th Cirl Bunting, lovely col., well mkd.; 3, hc, c, Collins, superb Bramble, wonderful size and shape, good col. and markings; vhc, Herring. A.O. BRIT. (7): 1, Rowe and Richards, Thrush, good feather and spangling and condition; 2, vhc, hc, Collins, Yellow Wagtail, well-known, in lovely form; 3, 4, Stephens and Gaved, 3rd Chough, rich coloured beak and legs, 4th Waxwing, fine size and subs., good col., looking soft when judged or would have won; c, Herring. FOR. (7): 1, hc, e, Woolcock, Paradise Whydah, good body, nice col., shown in a very bad cage; 2, Dunstan, Pintail Nonpareils, lovely col. and condition, nice tails; 3, Rowe and Richards, Silky Cowbird, lovely col. and gloss; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; hc, c, Woolcock.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

First show held Nov. 19, in the Town Hall; a more suitable place for holding a cage bird show it would be difficult to find, it is easy of access, roomy, well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries, though not very numerous, were fairly good, considering that it was a first venture, and that several other shows are held in the same week within a comparatively short distance. The society is certainly to be congratulated upon getting 300 entries for a first attempt.

The society is composed of a lot of very enthusiastic fanciers:—Messrs. Elliott and Nattrass (joint secs.), Button (chairman), Messenger (vice-chair), Crowther (treas.), and other members, worked with a will, and had all birds staged in good time; the judging was finished and prize cards all up about one o'clock. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

YORKS. CL., BUFF (11): 1, Simeson, long and slim, good legs, wings, and tail, tight in feather; 2, 3, Thomas, fine length, good wing and tail carriage, grand feather and condition; res, Swinsco; vhc, Chesworth and Mason; hc, Crawhall; c, Brownson and Hornsby. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Crawhall, long and slim, good head, wings, and tail, hot level col.; 2, Pyman, grand length, well on leg, well tapered, tight feather; 3, Nattrass, fine erect pos., capital wings and tail; res, Taylor; vhc, Simeson; hc, Riseborough; c, Johnson. TKD. OR VARIEG. (8): 1, Simeson, cheek mkd., good length and shape, rich level col., close feather; 2, Hutler, tkd. neck, well up on legs, finely drawn, excellent feather, wings and tail; 3, Pyman, fine length and shape, rich col., close feather; res, Swinsco; vhc, Thomas; hc, Wearmouth; c, Vale. BUFF (5): 1, Swinsco, grand length and shape, good wing and tail carr., smooth feather; 2, Crawhall, well up on leg, excellent wings and tail, close in feather; 3, Rand, hot col., close and compact feather, good pos.; res, Hutler; vhc, Pyman. HEN, A.C. (9): 1, Pyman, cl. yell., well up on leg, fine tapered body, capital wings and tail; 2, Crawhall, cl. buff, grand shape and qual., excellent feather, wings and tail; 3, Thomas, tkd. yell., good legs, hot level col., grand shape and condition; vhc, Walton; hc, Button; c, Riseborough. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Simeson, cl. yell., long and slim, well on leg, rich level col., grand cond.; 2, 3, Thomas, cl. buff, good length, very close feather, capital wing and tail, 3rd cl. yell., grand col. and feather, good wing and tail carr.; res, c, Hutler; vhc, Rand; c, Pyman. NOVICE (12): 1, 4, Wetherley, head and wing mkd. buff, well on leg, good wings, tail and feather; 2, Todd, tkd. yell., good length and shape, fine condition; 3, no name, neat head, good wings, tail, and feather; vhc, Button; hc, c, Dodds. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, 4, Brownson and Hornsby, rare size, hot level col., good head and front; 2, March, full head, neck, and chest, good col., close feather; 3, Jeffries, smaller, but good type, col., and qual.; vhc, Wilson. CL., TKD., OR VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Carr, cl., rare shape, full head, neck, and chest, hot level col., 2, Wilson, grand qual., hot colour, good head, and neck, grand cond.; 3, Smith, head mkd., grand head and neck, rich level col., close feather; res, Elliott; vhc, Hunter; hc, Peirson. TKD. OR VAR. BUFF (6): 1, Pickles, hot col., good head and neck, close feather; 2, Smith, grand head and front, good col. and feather; 3, Briggs, great size and subs., rare head, neck and chest, a little long behind; res, Papple; vhc, Jeffries. HEN, A.C.: 1, Pickles, yell., hot level col., good head and front, short level wings; 2, Smith, short and thick set, full head, broad chest; 3, Briggs, good head, neck and wings, close feather; res, Papple; vhc, Carr; hc, Chambers. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Russel and Teasdale, rich col., extra close feather, good head and front; 2, Smith, good shape, hot col., short level wings; 3, Peirson, excellent feather, full head, neck and chest; res, Hunter; vhc, hc, Papple. NOV. (7): 1, he, Wilson, cl. yell., good head, full chest, rich level col.; 2, 3, Stephenson, cl. yell., grand full head and neck, hot col., 3rd tkd. yell. big and thick set, good col.; res, Chambers; vhc, c, Kitchen. BORD. (5): 1, vhc, Smith, yell., a little beauty, nice size, neat round head, grand wings and tail, excellent feather; 2, Ogden, good type, neat size, grand feather and condition; 3, 4, Ogden, four-pointed buff, good type and quality. CREST (6): 1, res, Taylor, good shaped, big crest, well filled at back, good centre; 2, 3, Richardson, both big crests, but not so neat as winner; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Lawson. C.B. (5): 1, Taylor, rare head, heavy lash, plenty of feather; 2, Orton, also plenty of size and feather; res, Lawson; vhc, Jeffries. CREST or C.B. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, Taylor, good sized, well shaped Crest, good droop and centre; 2nd, similar, but not quite so neat; 3, vhc, Jeffries. C.B., good head, plenty of feather; res, Lawson. SELL. 30s.: 1, Richardson; 2, Pickles; 3, Burns and Collingwood; res, Gibson; vhc, Aytess; hc, Sanderson; c, Chesworth and Mason. 15s.: 1, Parnaby; 2, Burns and Collingwood; 3, Rand; res, Russell and Teasdale; vhc, Ridley; hc, Brownson and Hornsby; c, Tracey. 10s.: 1, Richardson; 2, Riseborough; 3, no name; res, Gibson; vhc, Button. MULE: 1, Maddison, var. Greenie; 2, Carr, dark yell. Greenie; 3, Parnaby, dark buff Greenie; res, Crowther; vhc Henderson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Almond, good coloured and conditioned Goldf.; 2, Carr, good coloured, well mkd. Linnet; 3, Walton, Goldf.; res, Maddison, Linnet; vhc, Gibson. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Maddison, Greenf., good size and col.; 2, 3, Foster, Bramblefinch and Twite, good col. and markings; res, March; vhc, Parnaby. NOV. A.V.: 1, res, Gillespie; 2, Ridley; 3, Hugill. FOR.: 1, res, Almond; 2, 3, vhc, Davidson. MEMBERS, YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Brownson and Hornsby; 3, Walton; res, Dodds; vhc, Button; hc, Crowther. BUFF: 1, res, Elliott; 2, hc, Brownson and Hornsby; 3, Button; vhc, Wallon; c, Watson. NOV.: 1, hc, Crowther; 2, Walton; 3, Dodds; vhc, Button; c, Watson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Elliott; 2, Brownson and Hornsby; 3, Burn and Collingwood; res, Chambers; vhc, Wood. BUFF: 1, Brownson and Hornsby; 2, vhc, Elliott; res, Chambers; hc, Wilson; c, Burns and Collingwood. NOV.: 1, Chambers; 2, Wilson; 3, Burns and Collingwood; res, Ross, vhc, Wood. CREST: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Hugill; res, Ridley. C.B.: 1, 3, Orton; 2, 4, Hugill. UNFLIG.: 1, Ridley; 2, 3, Richardson. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Robson; 2, vhc, Ogden; res, Chambers. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Walton; 2, Robson; 3, Walton; res, Parnaby; vhc, Rowlandson; hc, Wilson. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Parnaby.

Rooks Already Nesting!

Owing to the beautiful weather of late, some Rooks are said to be building their nests in the elm trees in Mr. Smith's meadow near the railway bridge at Goring, near Reading. A gentleman who lives near and has been watching them is of opinion that the birds have already begun sitting.

LEYTON.

Seventh annual exhibition held Nov. 13 and 14 at the Grange Park Hall, a building well adapted for a large show. The entry of nearly 700 birds made a fine display. The hall was packed with visitors during the evening, in spite of inclement weather, and one had some difficulty in getting between the tiers to view the exhibits. Yorks and Norwich were in full numbers, and in both sections some of the cream of the South was competing. Messrs. Collings and Hill and Pethick, from the West Country, annexed most of the premier honours, and Mr. Houghton, of Gloucester, put down a grand buff; but the bird that was perhaps the most admired of all was Mr. Collings's lig yellow hen. She is typical as well as of wonderful size. Mr. Wyatt (Walthamslow) staged the winner in an extraordinary class of thirty unlighted birds in Novice Yorks. Borders were very high class, but the competition was almost confined to the successful ones at other shows. Some good British birds made up a very interesting collection.

The management, in the capable hands of Messrs. Forse and Son, was all that could be desired; everything was splendidly arranged, and, considering that many birds were not sent in until the morning of the show, and that there was a long list of valuable specials to get through, the judging was over and the catalogues out in good time. Messrs. Forse and Son were backed up by a grand band of workers, consisting of Mr. S. C. Rhodes, the president; Messrs. H. Ovenden, Bartlett, Watcham, Wallace, Dalton, Smith, Skinner, Marshall, Pettet, Burbidge, Cnstell, Hellens, G. L. Parker, (treasurer), and the assist. sec., Mr. A. W. Farmer, all of whom had a busy day to get the exhibits re-staged after judging and ready for the opening ceremony, which was performed by G. B. Slade, Esq. There was some strong competition in "Cage Birds" Coupon scheme, about eighty birds competing.

There were some wonderfully good birds in the members' classes, all the popular varieties being well represented, and there was some keen competition among them for the valuable specials. Sp ior best champion Nor. went to Mr. W. L. Taylor (Leytonstone), and champion Yorks to Mr. G. King (Leytonstone). Mr. F. Wallace (Stratford) won the Crest Cup. The Amateur Cup for best unlighted went to Mr. J. Wyatt's Yorkie, and the Novice Cup to Mr. F. Marshall's Buff Norwich. The British Bird Cup to Mr. A. J. Marley with his charming Bramble, the runner-up being the same owner's Blackbird. Mr. J. Robson judged Norwich, Yorks, and Crests; Mr. H. Norman the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Collings, two grand birds, leader shade smaller of the two, but lovely type, neat full head and cheeks, bold front, clean cut, in the pink; 2nd grand substance, capital wings and tail, well put down; 3, vhc, Hodder, fine size and subs., splendid head and neck, wedge shape, good wings; 4, Gill and Pethick, wee shade longer, but grand subs. and qual.; hc, Houghton; c, Laccohee. BUFF (9): 1, Gill and Pethick, grand wedge shape, clean cut, nicely braced wings, sound col., beautifully mealed, in fine condition; 2, Houghton, wee shade smaller, but a beauty for type and qual., bold head, well filled neck and shoulders; 3, Rippon, beauty for size and subs., capital depth, wedge shape, full head, good wings, scarcely so tight as winners; 4, Hart, hardly so big, but very typical, A1 cond., close up; vhc, Richardson; hc, Hodder; c, Miles. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Rippon, well-known winner, has improved since last out, lovely qual.; 2, Gill and Pethick, grand bird, mkd. wing and eye, capital size and subs., full head and neck, good rich col., in the pink; 3, Baker, wing mkd., hardly so short as winner, still a grand bird, good head, very fine cond.; 4, Richardson, var., good stamp, nicely moulded; vhc, Miles; hc, Laccohee. BUFF (5): 1, Houghton, a real beauty, lovely tyne and qual., well across the perch, grand head and neck, good width, nicely cut away; 2, Baker, varieg., fine head, set well into body, capital wings, in lovely feather; 3, Hodder, big bold bird, nice full front, good subs. throughout, neat wings, pure qual.; 4, Richardson; vhc, Gill and Pethick. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Collings, lovely cl., gem for type and size, nice wedge shape, good wings, sound rich col., in fine order; 2, Gill and Pethick, varieg., shade larger, but plenty of subs., grand head and neck, nice width of shoulder, rich col., in the pink; 3, Baker, similar, fine subs., good tone of col., capital qual.; 4, Richardson, beautifully tkd., lovely short thick-set type, much admired; vhc, Rippon. BUFF (5): 1, Houghton, grand subs., wee shade long in body, good head and wings, capital qual.; 2, Richardson, smaller, but a beauty for type, nicely proportioned, grand width of shoulders, A1 qual. and cond.; 3, Rippon, short thick-set bird, lovely qual., nicely braced wings, A1 cond.; 4, Hodder; vhc, Miles. UNFLIGH. YELL. (5): 1, Gill and Pethick, very hot col., plenty of subs. for a young one, full head, good wings and tail carr., lovely qual.; 2, Hodder, grand type and subs., good wings, nicely cut away, A1 cond.; 3, Rippon, shade larger in body, neat full head, good wings, capital condition; 4, Hawkes; vhc, Miles. BUFF (6): 1, Baker, varieg., fine subs., good thick-set type, capital full head, good wings, A1 cond.; 2, Collings, typical, good head, set well into shoulders, A1 wings, clean cut, grand cond.; 3, Rippon, hardly the subs., nice qual.; 4, Houghton, grand type, nice subs., beautifully cut away, in the pink, much liked; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Hawkes. NOV. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Hill, grand type, wonderful size, wedge shape, good wing and tail carr., capital head, in fine order; 2, Walmesley, hardly so thick set, but graud subs., well across the perch, sound rich qual.; 3, 4, Cole, 3rd nice bodied bird, good head, wee bit long in neck, but capital wings, lovely quality of feather; 4th close up; hc, Teasdale; c, Biows. BUFF (7): 1, Stubbs Bros., good Nor. type, nicely shaped head, full neck, sound col. and qual.; 2, Cooper, wonderful head, shade long in body and wings, but grand size, capital qual.; 3, Teasdale, the right type and subs., neat head and neck, good wings, A1 cond.; 4, Blows, rare subs., good wedge shape; vhc, Marshall; hc, Jauncey; c, Parr. MKD. (11): 1, Byne, grand varieg. yell., fine type, good front, nice full head and neck, capital wings, A1 cond.; 2, Stuhbs Bros., varieg., shade longer, very hot col., good size, neat head, capital wing carr., in good order; 3, Harris, grizzle cap, real gem for type and subs., full head, good wings, and a neat tail, pale in col., which undouhtedly kept it back; 4, hc, Cole, var. buff, pure type, grand head, neck and shoulders; vhc, Hill; c, King. HENS (8): 1, Marshall, gem for type and qual., beautifully proportioned, tightly packed, put down in the best possihle condition; 2, Teasdale, tkd., not the subs. of winner, but grand rich col., good head, and in nice cond.; 3, Cooper, shade smaller, capital neat head, good wings, A1 cond. and quality of feather; 4, Harris, big bold hird, grand subs.; vhc, Colc; hc, Leech; c, Bailey. UNFLIGH. YELL. (9): 1, 2, King, very hot in col., good head, hold front, capital wings, full of bloom, well put down; 2nd good varieg., fine Nor. type, good order; 3, Stopher, varieg., grand subs., shade feathery, nice head, good depth of body, sound qual and cond.; 4, Parr, typical; vhc, Walmsley; hc, Cooper; c, Teasdale. BUFF (11): 1, 2, c, Byne, grand var., nice full head, good front, capital wings and tail, sound cond.; 2nd hardly as good in head, nor so thick set, good wings, capital cond.; 3, Harris, fails a bit in head, but grand type of body, good wing and tail carr., lovely qual.; 4, Walmesley, big bold bird, grand subs., nice full neck, good qual. of feather; vhc, Askew; hc, Leech. YORKS YELL. (12): 1, grand neck mkd., wonderful size, good head, grand shoulder, nicely packed wings, well drawn, in sound cond.; 2, Clarke, capital, lovely type and style, well up on leg, nice long wings, sound col. and cond.; 3, hc, c, Hawes Bros., beauty, grand length, handles well, good head, well braced wings, pipe tail, A1 cond.; 4, Knight; vhc, Plumb. BUFF (12): 1, Knight, wonderful length, good head, free neck, nice shoulders, well braced wings, A1 qual. and cond., well put down, but hardly so sweetly drawn as 2, Kent, typical, beautifully moulded, good shoulders and wings, full of bloom; 3, Crisp, fine length and style, nicely drawn, neat head, well braced wings, good tail; 4, Easterling and Carson; vhc, Clarke; hc, c, Hawes Bros. MKD. (14): 1, 2, Crisp, grand varieg., splendid length, nicely drawn, capital shoulder and wings, A1 cond.; 2nd four-pointed, hardly so clean cut, still a good one; 3, Clarke, wing and neck mkd., fine type and style, very hot col., sound rich qual., well put down; 4, Kent; vhc, Mahey; hc, Pattrick; c, Hawes Bros. UNFLIGH. YELL. (13): 1, 4, Crisp, beauty for style and type, nicely drawn, good head, well packed wings, A1 qual. of feather; 2, Knight, bonny bird, stands and handles well, capital shoulders, good length of wings, sound rich qual.; 3, Green, beauty for type and length, cleanly cut, well up on leg, but hardly so tightly packed; vhc, Mahey; hc, Easterling and Carson; c, Pattrick. BUFF (13): 1, 4, Crisp, 1st varieg., grand length, round head, well braced wings, wee shade heavy at waist, but perfect cond., a Yorkie all over; 2, Smith, Cinn. mkd., well drawn, and nicely rounded, wings tightly braced, sound boxy feather; 3, Easterling and Carson, lovely type and pos., sweet head, nicely filled all round, Plymouth and Clapham winner; vhc, Mahey; hc, Truclove. YELL. HENS (13): 1, 3, vhc, Hawes Bros., possibly the best Cinn. mkd. hen living, a perfect model, beautifully proportioned throughout, round as a bottle, a beauty; 3rd very stylish and smart, grand wings, A1 qual., well up on leg; 2, Crisp, wonderful pos., beautifully drawn and modelled, nicely packed wings, in the pink; 4, Green; hc, Pattrick. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, hc, Hawes Bros., head and wing mkd., beautifully cut away to a neat tail, splendidly balanced, excels in qual. of feather; 2, Knight, gem for type, nice long wings, round head, well filled all over, in fine feather; 3, Crisp, real Yorkie, capital length, good free style, hardly so good in wing carr.; 4, Pattrick; c, Clarke. NOV. YELL. (15): 1, Tapper, clean cut and very straight, tightly packed wing, grand cond.; 2, 3, Bush, capital pos. and style, beautifully rounded, nice length of wing; 3rd grand stamp, good head and neck, capital back and wings, inclined to open a bit in front, still charming; 4, Bennett; vhc, Farmer; hc, Avis; c, Johnston. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Bush, toppers, leader a winner all over, capital style, handles well, in the pink of condition; 2, Castell, wonderfully good head, nice type, well drawn out to a good tail, excellent qual. of feather; 3, Hume, good length, wee bit thick at waist, still a topper for qual.; vhc, Avis; hc, Johnston; c, Spurgeon. MKD. (6): 1, Bennet, wing and eye mkd., beauty, grand length, handles well, smart wings and tail, well put down; 2, Baxter, romping big Cinn. mkd. buff, grand length of wing, good head and shoulder, wonderful qual.; 3, Cooper, head and wing mkd., fine stamp, good bit of shoulder, capital wings, A1 qual.; 4, Deer; vhc, Hahn; hc, Moore. UNFLIG. (30), a grand class, not a bad one among them: 1, Wyatt, hot col., wing mkd., lovely type, stylish and free, neat head, good shoulders and back, lovely qual.; 2, Castell, wing mkd., red hot, good pos., well up on leg, sound cond., nice free style; 3, Gronnsell, nice length and qual., good head, well braced wings, scarcely so cleanly cut away, some preferred; 4, Avis; ex 4, Poingdestre; vhc, Neighbour; hc, Whiting; c, Johnson. YELL HEN (17): 1, 4, Bennett, grand Cinn. mkd. leading, wonderful type and qual., well up on legs, good wings; 2, 3, Farmer, good var., grand length, handles well, nicely proportioned, beautifully rounded, lovely qual.; 3rd smaller, but nice type, neat wings and tail, lovely cond.; vhc, Johnston; hc, Bush; c, Askew. BUFF (11): 1, Avis, typical, capital length, neat head and wings, good qual. of feather, although plenty of it; 2, Bush, smart upstanding hird, must have pressed, grand length, well braced wings, sound cond.; 3, Harris, grand length, good head and shoulders, smart wings, grand qual.; 4, Aulman; vhc, Castell; hc, Askew; c, Bennett. BORD BUFF CK. (7): 1, vhc, c, Pratt, nice size, beautifully modelled, nice round head, packed wings, neat tail, smooth as glass; 2, Jenkins, topper, beautifully staged, capital head and wings, nice free style, souud col., perfect cond.; 3, Madagan, real Border, magnificent shape, neat head and neck, good wings, A1 cond.; 4, Mahey; hc, McGuffie. YELL. (9): 1, 4, Pratt, gem for type and style, handles beautifully, nicely rounded perfect head and wings, rich col., beautifully feathered; 2, Claydon, hardly the col. of winner, but still lovely type and qual., nicely moulded; 3, Jenkins, beauty, good type and style, neat head and neck, well braced wings; vhc, Madagan; hc, McGuffie; c, Saunders. HEN (8): 1, Saunders, lovely type and style, nice size, moves well, in the pink; 2, Burton Bros., varieg., capital size, typical, good head and wings, sound cond.; 3, 4, c, Pratt, nice qual., wee bit short in body, but good head and wings; vhc, Jenkins; hc, McGuffie. A.O.V. (7): 1, McGuffie, lovely Gr., grand type and qual. of feather, good sheen, rich grassy green; 2, Jenkins, another beauty hard to separate, lovely type, wings hardly so nicely packed, lovely col.; 3, vhc, Pratt, grand wing mkd., typical, neat head, capital wings, A1 qual.; 4, Burton Bros; hc, Lathhury. NOV. BUFF (19): 1, Marriott, lovely type and style, round head, good neck, wings tightly packed, in the pink of condition; 2, Hewett, lovely qual., quite stout enough, good head, cleanly cut, grand con.; 3, Green, nice grassy green, tightly packed, and beautifully rounded; 4, Philpot, beauty for type and style, well braced wings, neatly folded tail, grand cond.; vhc, c, Warner; hc, Stevens. YELL. (15): 1, Daw, grand Gr., lovely type and style, full of qual. and bloom, sound rich col., well shown; 2, Stevens, lovely cl., neat head and neck, nicely rounded body, capital wings, neat tail; 3, Green, topping Gr., nice rich col., typical and stylish, lovely qual.; 4, Hutchinson, capital cl., shapely, moves well, nicely cut away; vhc, Fish; hc, Hewitt; c, Philpot. HYB. (6): 1, 3, Juby, very fine yell. Goldie-Can., shapely, sound rich col., full of qual., well put down; 3rd bouncing buff, bigger, grand shape, nice head and wing, A1 cond.; 2, 4, Suow, bonny Siskin-Can., very shapely, good size, dense markings, grand col. and qual. GOLDF.: 1, Drowley, wonderful square cut face, grand hreadth, hoth top and hottom good wings, nicely buttoned, capital depth of tanning, lovely cond.; 2, Hasler, real topper, but badly staged, nicely proportioned all through, not a particularly large hlaze, but still enough, nice rich col., good wings; 3, Woodcock, capital size, very shapely, wonderful cond., hardly the hlaze of winners; 4, Mays and Wright; vhc, Marley; hc, Pike; c, Tapper. BULLF. (4): 1, Burr, stormer for size, shape and col., grand cap, full neck, good tone of silver, lovely cond.; 2, Tapper, quite as good on points, but scarcely so full of polish; 3, Drowley, capital size, even shape, hardly so rich, might improve; 4, Thomson. GREENF. (6): 1, Hart, beauty for size and shape, grandly proportioned, very rich col., in lovely cond.; 2, Marley, quite as good for size and shape, hardly so rich in col., lovely qual.; 3, Drowley, bonny buff, grand size and in A1 cond.; 4, McNaughten; vhc, Jones; hc, Pike. LINNET (5): 1, Drowley, gem for shape and qual., nice full head and neck, beautifully pencilled, grand order; 2, Marley, nicely proportioned, plenty of work, fine cond.; 3, Golding, grand qual. and cond., scarcely so large as winners; 4, Street; vhc, Byne. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Marley, grand Bramble leading, shapely, nice size, capital depth of col., beautifully spangled, faultless cond., wins ep best Brit.; 3rd another Bramble, stormer for size and shape, hardly the col. or spangling of winner; 2, Hart, capital Chaffie, good size and col., lovely quality; 4, Street, vhc, Drowley. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Drowley, lovely Siskin, beauty for size and shape, good bib, densely mkd., grandly laced; 2, Marley, bonny Mealy, capital size and shape, well pencilled; 3, Jones, bonny Siskin, hardly the qual. of winner, still a good bird; vhc, Pettet; hc, Snow. LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, 2, Marley, beauties, grand size, nicely filled and rounded, well laced, good wings, winner slightly tighter packed; 3, Pettet, grand size and shape, nicely pencilled, hardly the bloom; 4, Drowley; vhc, Street; hc, Dalton; c, Pike. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Hall, capital Gold Crest, charming bird, tight in plumage, and well put down; 2, Woodcock, good Wagtail, grand col. and qual.; 3, Hall, Lesser Whitethroat, grand size and shape, hardly so rich in col. as we like them; 4, Mays and Wright. LARGE (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Marley, grand team, Blackbird leading, followed hy a storming

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.

15th Annual show, held in the Lower Public Hall, Hastings, Nov. 10th. The arrangements were admirably carried out, as usual, with the Hastings fanciers, Miss Kirk-Bullock making a grand secretary, a hint for other societies having a difficulty in finding a secretary. About 300 birds were staged, some of the best seen at Hastings for a long time. Cup winners were: Yorks., Miss O. Dawson, with a cl. yell. cock; Nor., Mr. W. Ellis, with finely staged buff hen, Clapham and Wimbledon winner; Brit., Mr. T. Veness, with locally caught Hawfinch; for., or Hyb., Rev. J. M. Paterson, with a Hyb. between Brazilianhooded Siskin, and Roller Canary, first time of being bred in England. The Kirk-Bullock trophy, a 15th century Renaissance Inkstand, was won with a grand buff Norwich unlig. cock, by Mr. W. Ellis, who staged a splendid lot of Norwich.

The Rev. J. M. Paterson, the president, staged a grand team of foreign birds, some rare ones being among them. Miss Sturton Johnson also exhibited some fine large foreign. The show was opened by Mrs. J. M. Peterson, and the hall was packed. Treas., Mr. T. G. Coombes, has not taken any active part in the show this year, owing to having recently married. Praise is due to Mr. Stevens, Mr. Dawson, and A. E. Godden, for their work. Mr. W. R. Miles, Chichester, judged, and seemed to give complete satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. (8): 1, vhc, Wraight, grand bird, splendid action, nice type and qual.; 2, Rev. Sales, nice type and qual., a little untidy at waist; 3, Rayner, beautiful qual. and style, not quite the length; hc, Walker; c, Askew. TKD. OR VARIEG. (5): 1, sp., Rayner, varieg. yell., wonderful length, good head and wings, nicely shown; 2, Rev. Miller, Cinn., mkd., good style, nice qual., loses in wings; 3, Rev. Sales, nice qual., not quite so smart or so nice in waist; vhc, hc, Wraight. HEN (7): 1, Rev. Sales, grand cl. yell., wonderful col., type and qual.; 2, Rev. Miller, eye and wing tkd., quite a nice hen, but loses in style; 3, Rayner, Cinn. cap and wing mkd., hot col., grand qual., inclined to get wings crossed at times; vhc, Askew; hc, Miss McDonald. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Rayner, bonny buff, nice type and qual., best of style, well shown; 2, vhc, Wraight, nice style, grand qual., a little frilly; 3, c, Walker, good col. and qual., a little unsteady; hc, Miss McDonald. NOR. CL. (9): 1, sp., C. W. Silk, bouncing cl. yell., good head and neck, good qual. and col.; 2, 3, Ellis, bonny buff, rare type, nice qual. and col., 3, yellow, not quite so stout, nice qual. and col.; vhc, Borman; hc, Miller; c, Bellamy. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Greenaway, varieg. yell., red hot col., rare chest; 2, c, Ellis, wing and neck tick, rare subs., nice type, not quite the col. of winner; 3, Gunnell, eye-tick buff, rare size, good head, a little long in barrel, good qual.; vhc, Bellamy; c, Borman. HEN (8): 1, cup, best Nor., Ellis, bonny hen, good head, short neck, nice wings, a sweet exhibit; 2, Pennells, cl. yell., wonderful type and qual., hot col.; 3, C. W. Silk, yell., just loses size, not quite so hot col., but a good hen; vhc, Borman; hc, Gunnell; c, Thurley. UNFLIG. (5): 1, vhc, Rev. Miller, bonny buff leading rare subs., nice type and qual.; 2, Ellis, hot col., nice type and qual., not quite the subs.; 3, Borman, neck and wing mkd., and nice qual., not quite so stout; hc, McDonald. BULLF. OR GOLDF. (5): 1, sp., Relf, nice Goldie, good blaze, nice tanning; 2, Askew, rich coloured Bullie, good cap and bars, in good fettle; 3, Horne, Goldie, a nice Finch, but not quite fit; vhc, Strickland; hc, Mitchell. A.O.V. (5): 1, Gunnell, topping Hawfinch, steady as a rock, nice bib and col., shown in the best condition; 2, vhc, Askew, good coloured yell. Bunting, nicely mkd.; 3, Relf, one of the smartest, and best coloured Hawfinches we have seen for some time, but on the small side; hc, Paterson. FOREIGN, SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Paterson, green Avadavat, in fine fettle, 2, Alario Finch, not quite so good in feather; 3, Diamond Sparrow, a hit rough in feather. MEMBERS, YORKS., CL. YELL. (4): 1, cup, Miss Dawson, real topping Yorkie, good style, nicely carried wings; 2, vhc, Wraight, hotter col., not the length or style, inclined to show a frill; 3, Veness, nice type, qual. and col., loses length. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Veness, two grand exhibits, hard to separate, lovely type and qual.; 3, Wraight, good length, not quite so clean at waist; vhc, hc, George. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Veness, eye tkd, good length, grand col., type and qual.; 2, Wraight, nice style, good qual., loses col.; 3, Morris and Son, varieg., good length, nice style, good qual.; vhc, Dawson; hc, c, George. YELL. HENS (4): 1, Morris and Son, thin. mkd., good style, nice qual. and col.; 2, Wraight, good type, nice qual. and col., loses length; 3, hc, Veness, nice length, good col., well shown. BUFF (5): 1, Dawson, straight as a rush, feathered like wax, a bonny hen; 2, Veness, nice type and qual., not quite the style; 3, Black, nice length, not quite so good qual.; vhc, Morris; c, George. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Morris and Son, grand slim bird, good wings, neat head, nice type and col., 2, Wraight, good type, col. and qual., not the length, 3, hc, Veness, nice style, not the qual.; vhc, c, Dawson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, hc, Veness, good style and qual., might have a bit more col; 3, Dawson, good type and qual., not quite the style; vhc, Wraight; c, Morris. CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Ellis, a grand trio, good enough for the open; vhc, Olle; hc, Paterson. BUFF (7): 1, Elliott, grand thick-set bird, short and cobby, good col.; 2, 3, Ellis, hot col., nice type, but loses a little in head, 3, good qual., not quite so stout; vhc, Wright; hc, Olle. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, hc, Ellis, nice cobby body, good head, short neck, 2, vhc, Pennells, good short body, nice head and neck, loses a little in sub.; 3, c, Olle, good qual., nice type, but hardly stout enough. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Pennells, two good hens, little to choose between them; 2, Ellis, good head, nice short body, not quite so stout; vhc, c, Olle; hc, Elliott. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Pennells, short, cobby hen, good head and neck, nice col. and qual.; 2, 3, Ellis, two bonny hens, loses a little in size, good qual. and col.; hc, Elliott, c, Olle. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Cragg, rare size, nice col., type and qual.; 2, Pennells, short cobby bird, just a trifle smaller; 3, c, Ellis, not quite the subs., good type and qual.; vhc, Coombs; hc, Olle. BUFF (7): Good class. 1, trophy, hc, Ellis, a regular little model, good head, short neck, beautiful qual., will want some stopping with another moult; 2, George, good head and neck, little longer body; 3, Pennells, nice body, a trifle weak in head; vhc, c, Douch. YORKS., NOV., YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Greengrass, two grand exhibits for a novice; 3, Mrs. Greengrass, not quite so good in style. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Dann, good type, qual., and col. HEN (1): 1, Greengrass, nice type, well shown. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Greengrass. BUFF (2): 2, 3, Dann, rather small, nice type and qual. NOR. CL. BUFF (1): 1, Cramp, nice type, well mealed, good qual. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Cragg, grand varieg., yell.; 2, Mrs. Crofts, huff, had been washing. HEN, BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Cramp, bonny hen, nice type; 2, hc, Cragg, rather smaller, good qual.; 3, Wilson, typical, but a hit small. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Cragg, very promising youngster; 2, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Cramp, two nice typical specimens; 3, Wilson, short cobby, good qual.; vhc, Cragg; hc, Crofts. A.O.V. (4): 1, hc, Vale, two bonny Borders; 2, 3, Waymouth, close up. GOLDF. (6): 1, Miss McDonald, nice square blaze, good tanning; 2, Olle, larger, hut not quite so forward, will improve; 3, Ellis, another not ready; vhc, Cragg; hc, Dawson; c, Patterson. BULLF. (2): 1, Rev. Patterson, good hold bird, nice cap and bars; 2, Dawson, brighter col., but not so stout. A.O.V. (9): 1, cup, Veness, bonny Hawfinch, in fine trim; 2, Dawson, nice Yell. Bunting, well mkd.; 3, McDonald, nice Greenie; vhc, Patterson; hc, Elliott. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 3, Rev. Patterson, nice Black Cap and Pied Wagtail; 2, McDonald, yellow Wagtail. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, cup for best Hyb., Rev. Patterson (Hooded Siskin Canary), said to be the only one ever hred in England, a bonny exhibit, a bit of a puzzle to trace the parentage; 2, 3, Pennells, nice Goldie and Siskin Mules, in order named; vhc, Wilson; hc, Cragg; c, Greengrass. FOR., SMALL (18): All prizes to Rev. Patterson. 1st, Diamond Sparrows (pair), 2, Hooded Siskin cock, father of Hybrid mentioned, 3, Long-tailed Grassfinches; vhc, hc, Miss L. Sturton Johnson. LARGE (1): 1, Miss S. Johnson, Indian Mynah, in fine feather. A.O.V. (3): 1, Mrs. Compton, Port Lincoln, good feather and condition; 2, Miss Blomfield, cockatoo; 3, Miss S. Johnson, Great Alexandrine Parrakeet. TEAM (5): 1, 3, Ellis; 2, Pennells; vhc, Rev. Paterson; hc, Morris and Son. PAIRS (7): 1, Ellis; 2, Pennells; 3, Coombs; vhc, Elliott; hc, Morris and Son; c, Douch. LOCAL CAN. (5): 1, Stubberfield; 2, vhc, hc, Jordan; 3, Stoakes; hc, Miss Vale; hc, Miss Drury. BRIT. (3): 1, Stubberfield; 2, Waghorn; 3, Miss Semmens. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, c, Miss Plummer; 2, hc, Banks; 3, Stubberfield; vhc, Mitchell. CHILDREN'S (2): 1, 2, Miss Stubberfield.

Missel, grand size and marking, all in tip-top cond. FOR. (6): 1, Andrews, capital Tanager, good size, richly coloured, A1 cond.; 2, 3, 4, Woodcock, beautiful team, all in the pink of condition, and well put down. MEMBERS' CHAMP. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor. Hen: 1, 2, Taylor. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor. YORKS CK.: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Skinner; 4, King. HEN: 1, Skiuner; 2, Jones; 3, 4, King. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, King; 3, Jones. NON-FED.: 1, Jones. CREST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wallace; 4, hc, Watcham. C.B.: 1, 3, Franz; 2, 4, vhc, Wallace; hc, Watcham. UNFLIG.: 1, c, Wallace; 2, 3, Franz; 4, vhc, hc, Watcham. AMAT. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Evans; 2, Teasdale; 4, Parr. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Evans. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Teasdale; 3, vhc, Parr; 4, Evans. NON-FED: 1, Burbidge. YORKS CK.: 1, 4, vhc, Parker; 2, 3, Fox; hc, Farmer. VARIEG.—1, Fox; 2, 4, Parker; 3, Farmer; vhc, Wyatt. HEN: 1, 3, Farmer; 2, 4, hc, Parker; vhc, Fox. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Farmer; 3, Wyatt; 4, hc, Parker; vhc, Teasdale. BUFF: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Wyatt; 4, Farmer. NON-FED: 1, Parker. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Parker. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, Harding; 2, Tuck; 3, Marsball; 4, Dalton. BUFF: 1, Hasler; 2, Underhay; 3. Burchell; 4, Williams; vbc, Baxter. VARIEG.: 1, Colley; 2, Baxter; 3, Williams. HEN: 1, Colley; 2, Marshall; 3, 4, Dalton; vhc, Baxter; hc, c, Tuck. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Harding; 2, Underhay; 3, Hasler. BUFF: 1, Marshall; 2, Hasler; 3, 4, Tuck; vhc, c, Dalton; hc, Williams. YORKS CK.: 1, vhc, East; 2, Blackman; 3, Marsh; 4, Mrs. Ballard. VARIEG.: 1, Wilkins; 2, Marsh; 4, Mrs. Ballard. HEN: 3, Blackman; 4, Baxter; vhc, Mrs. Ballard. HEN: 1, 2, Marsh; 3, Wilkins; 4, hc, Collings; vhc, Smith; c, Wilkins. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Marsh; 2, Blackman; 3, 4, Corby; vhc, Jacomb; hc, Baxter; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Ballard; 2, Baxter; 3, Marsh; 4, c, Jacomb; vhc, Collinge; hc, Blackman. NON-FED: 1, Hasler; 2, 3, 4, Corby; vhc, Christie. CREST: 1, 4, vhc, Rhodes; 2, 3, hc, Whiller. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Rhodes; 4, hc, Whiller. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Rhodes; 3, 4, Whiller. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Mrs. Ballard; 3, vhc, c Withers; 4, hc, Fish. HYB., LIGHT: 1, 3, 4 Archer; 2 Mrs. Ballard. DARK: 1, Oliver; 2, Christie. A.O.V.: 1, Archer; 2, Reed. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Parker; 2, Evans. GREENF.: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Pettet; 4, Fish. LINNET: 1, Pettet; 2, 3, Parker. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hellens; 2, Evans; 3, Pettet. A.O.V.: 1, Oliver; 2, 4, Parker; 3, Hellens. SOFTBILL: 1, Oliver. FOR.: 1, Reed; 2, Oliver; 3, Parker; 4, Mrs. Ballard.

GALASHIELS.

Fifty-third Annual Show held Nov. 15 in the Volunteer Hall, which is a large and roomy place, and very suitable for such a purpose, being well lighted. The birds were staged round one side and end of hall. One noticeable feature was the way they were hung on hooks, with a background of green cloth, which prevented draughts of any description. We regret to have to chronicle a slight falling off in entries this year, and it is difficult to find the real cause as the society caters well for all sections. Several of the classes had to be cancelled. This show at one time used to be the gathering place of many well-known fanciers and exhibitors. On Saturday a few of the older school met, and it was a pleasure to hear them speak of the days that are gone, but the hope was expressed that the "sour plums" would again hold up their heads in the years to come. In the Scotch Fancy Section several well-known faces graced the bench, the champion yellow cock belonging to Mr. John Dalgleish still taking leading honours; the same gentleman carried off the cup for the best young bird with his buff cock. The B.F.C.C medal was won by Mr. H. Bennet with a cl. yell. put down in perfection. Mr. Noble, Bonnyrigg, who had a grand team of Norwich forward, secured cup confined to Scotland. Messrs. M'Quiston and Patterson had a nice team of Britishers forward and fairly scooped the pool.

The officials are all well known fanciers and right well did they look after the interests of exhibits and visitors alike, headed by the President, Mr. A. Tod, who looked after the Pigeon section. Sec., Mr. John Brown, and Mr. J. Hardie, treas., are two officials of whom any society might be proud, being very courteous and obliging. The judges were: Scotch Fancies, Messrs. James Carson, Easthouses, and Mr A. Paterson, Edinburgh; Borders, Messrs. Jas. Alexander, Lilliesleaf, and J. Tait, Galashiels; Norwich, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Kelso; British, etc., Mr. J. Mason, Peebles. The show was visited by a good crowd during the afternoon.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY, CL. OR FOTL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, sp, best bird, Dalgleish, noted yelt., leading, massive subs., grand trim; 2, Park, fine reach and good top, falls size to winner; 3, Pringle, nice foul, clean cut away, very stylish; 4, Crosbie, good one, scarcely in form yet. HEN (11): 1, Farrell, a clinker, capital size and reach, nice mover; 2, sp, Brown, falls a little in size, but still close up for style, grand action; 3, Dalgleish, nice one for shape and style, capital top and reach; 4, sp, Lees, lacks the size and subs. of winners, but still a good one, in nice order; 5, Crosbie; 6, Lees. BUFF CK. (5): 1, cup, best young bird, fine big one, grand depth, prominent shoulders and drive, extra good qual.; 2, Pringle, another good one, nice top and determined drive, gets tail well under; 3, sp, Allan, good thick one, typical, gets hard up; 4, Crosbie, a real good one, fine style and reach; 5, M'Levy. HEN (6): 1, Pringle, capital size, fine reach and drive, stylish worker, wins; 2, Dalgleish, grand one for type and size, splendid top and reach; 3, Chapman, close up on second, fine length of wing, free and easy action; 4, 6, Crosbie, fine, snaky head, grand subs., very prominent on top; 5, Craig. YELL. PIED OR GRN. CK. (5): Veitch, massive build, fine depth through for a yell., capital shoulders, lovely pos.; 2, Dalgleish, very stylish, grand free worker, gets head well down; 3, sp, Forsyth, very shapely, falls in subs. to leaders, nice style; 4, 5, Crosbie, grand brace, ready and prominent drive, close up. HEN (5): 1, Dalgleish, massive pied hen, plenty of size and subs., fine bloom; 2, West, pied, good size, similar to winner, nice action; 3, Crosbie, nice size, grand top end, determined drive, must have pressed; 4, Park, well to the front for qual. and shape. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Dalgleish, capital shape, rare reach and drive, quick in action; 2, Brown, a real good one, fine depth, very prominent on top, well placed; 3, Park, nice style and action, capital exhibit; 4, Craig, fine reach and drive, nice subs. and qual.; 5, Farrell; 6, Crosbie. HEN (4): 1, sp, Dalgleish, grand model, free and easy in action, plenty of subs.; 2, Allan, one of the right sort, grand reach and top end, free worker; 3, Pringle, similar in size to second, gets hard up, good third; 4, Somerville, well to the front for quality and shape. PAIRS (5): 1, Pringle, yell. ck. and buff hen, nicely balanced, a likely pair; 2, Crosbie, buff cock and yell. hen, rattling pair, with luck should produce something good; 3, sp Duns, stylish buff cock and yell. pied hen, well matched; 4, Park, yell. ck. and buff hen of equal merit. BELGIAN (4): 1, sp, 2, sp, Crosbie, pair of beauties, yell. ck., leading, very prominent shoulders, splendid droop, second similar to leader, just falls in size a little; 3, sp, Farrell, capital Buff, hard up on leg, nice style; 4, Lees, shapely yell., nice style and action. SELL. CK. (6): 1, Crosbie; 2, Pringle; 3, Somerville; 4, Henderson; 5, Laidlaw; 6, Henderson. HEN (4): 1, Crosbie; 2, Craig; 3, 4, Somerville. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, and B.F.C.C. medal, H. Bennet, smart shaped body, well laid on wings, lovely qual. and con.; 2, Halliday, nice col. and qual., finely rounded head and front, neat taper; 3, G. Bennet, good one for type, well rounded head and front, fine weight, must have pressed; 4, Patterson, shade flat on head, well fitted back, neat wings and tail; 5, W. Halliday; 6, Service. HEN (6): 1, Halliday, splendid col. and qual., neat head and front, fine bloom; 2, Gilchrist, close up, very jaunty carr., sweet shape, nicely staged; 3, Espie, grandly moulded, well packed wings and tail, in rare bloom; 4, T. Halliday, good stamp, nice feather; 5, Bennet; 6, Patterson. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Halliday, clinker for qual., a wee shade thick in neck, extra good wing carr., neat pipe tail; 2, Espie, similar to leader, lovely qual., nice weight, well put down; 3, Young, capital head and neck, beaten col., wants more time; 4, Patterson, grand type and col., nice front, sweet shape; 5, Hislop; 6, Gilchrist. HEN (9): 1, sp, Espie, nice type, grandly rounded head and body, shown in the pink; 2, Bennet, falls head to winner, otherwise grand stamp, neatly folded wings, nice style; 3, Gilchrist, well rounded body; tip-top qual. and con.; 4, Patterson, a little beauty, fine taper; 5, Young; 6, Halliday. LVEN MKD: Cane. UNAV. YELL. (4): 1, Brown, well known winner, put down in grand bloom, very stylish; 2, Arnot, grand hen, mkd. eyes, wings, and vent, rare type and qual., close up; 3, Young, mkd. both eyes and right wing, a bit open in feather, scarcely ready yet; 4, Patterson, capital markings, fine qual. and style. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Arnot, lightly mkd. on eye and wings, clinker for type and qual., in rare bloom; 2, Bennet, heavy wing mkd., good type, qual., and style, close up; 3, W. Halliday, good one, neat markings, very jaunty; 4, Espie, nearly ever, sweet shape, well laid on wings; 5, Brown; 6, Patterson. GR. OR CINN. (6): 1, sp, 2, A and W. Thomson, nice ones, leader, best col., 2nd excels in mks., grand bloom; 3, Murray, (fer type than 2nd, capital col. and pencilling; 4, Halliday, nice type and markings; 5, Patterson; 6, Arnot. FOUL (8): 1, Gilchrist, yell. hen, finely rounded head and front, well packed wings, not a feather out of place; 2, Halliday, buff cock, grizzle head, grand qual. and col., capital bloom; 3, Young, capital yell. ck., fine head and neck, very jaunty, neat wings and tail; 4, Halliday, foul on left eye, gem for type and qual.; 5, Bennet; 6, Service. SELL. (9): 1, Bennet; 2, Gilchrist; 3, G. Bennet; 4, Service; 5, Torrie; 6, Patterson. NOR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Noble, lovely varieg., splendid shape, good size and col., rattling cond.; 2, Mabon, foul on head, fine stamp, grand head and front, capital subs.; 3, 4, A. M. Gardiner, beauties, nothing between them, best of heads, teeming with qual.; 5, Wilson; 6, Little. HEN (8): 1, Noble, a clinker of a cl., neat head and neck, good subs.; 2, Mabon, very typical, capital frontal, fine level col.; 3, Gardiner, grand shape and qual., falls wing carr.; 4, Wilson, nat. col., fine bold head and front, well laid on wings; 5, D. Wilson; 6, Laird and Matthew. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, sp, Noble, capital pair, leader, gem of a cl., massive subs., best of heads, wins, 2nd, mkd. left wing, all there for type and qual.; 3, 4, Mabon, 3rd close on heels of winner, lovely texture of feather; 4th shade longer in body, put down in nice bloom; 5, Wilson; 6, Blackhall. HEN (7): 1, Noble, charming cl., leading, finely rounded on front, good head, wings; 2, 3, Gardiner, well up in size and qual., rare mealing, good 2nd, 3rd grizzle on head, nicely rounded chest, clean cut behind, well laid on wings; 4, Mabon, demon for size and col., presses hard on winner; 5, Leyton; 6, Blackhall. SELL. (8): 1, Hughes; 2, Dick; 3, Wilson; 4, Mabon; 5, Bennet; 6, Hay. PET (6): 1, Mrs. Hardie, fair sized Greenie, might have changed places with 2nd, Ballantyne, a Budgerigar, shown in faultless cond.; 3, Trotter, Nor., fair type, nice feather and cond.; 4, W. Trotter, nice col. Bramble, very steady; 5, M'Artney. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, Allan, well-known Goldf.-Bullf., not on the large side, leader wins on col., grand flush face, 2nd paler in col.; 3, Tait, rattling good buff, varieg Goldf. Mule, in grand order. No. 1 supposed clear Linnet Mule, which the judge wrong classed. DARK (9): 1, Young, clinking buff Linnet, well up in size and col., lovely polish; 2, Brydon, Goldf.-Can., nice flush face, lacks subs.; 3, Bell, fine big Greenie-Mule, A1 col., could have been 2nd; 4, 6, Lawson; 5, Bell. BULLF. (11): 1, M'Quiston and Patterson, bouncer for size, rare cap and breast col., wins easy; 2, Lees, equal in size, shade paler on breast, good wing bars; 3, Craig, falls cap, good in breast col., nice bloom; 4, 5, Jaffrey, nice dense cap of good size, extra good con.; 6, Reid. GOLDF.: (9): 1, Laidlaw, wonderful blaze for a Britisher, grand tannings, capital wing bars; 2, Brown, good col., blaze, of nice size, falls tannings to leader; 3, Sauderson, pinched in face, but nice col.; 4, Reid, fair size; 5, Tait; 6, Murray. GREENF. (9): 1, Bell, bouncer for size, noble head and front, good subs., wins; 2, M'Quiston and Patterson, capital yell., put down in grand bloom, capital flights; 3, Whitefield, good size and shape, splendid col. and con.; 4, Southern, falls head, nice col.; 5, Currie; 6, Laidlaw. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, M'Quiston and Patterson, leader, grand Bramble, excels in col.; 2, Lees, good sized Chaffie, not up in col. yet, wants time; 3, Whitefield, nice coloured Bramble, in good order; 4, Southern, Bramble, nice size, falls in col. to winner; 5, Galbraith; 6, Currie. LINNET, ETC. (17), graud class: 1, 2, M'Quiston and Patterson, a gem of a Linnet, rare col. and markings; 2nd, dense coloured Twite, lovely polish and con.; 3, Murray, capital Lesser 'Poll, good col. and cond.; 4, 5, Laird and Matthew, fair sized Twite, nice markings; 6, Macdonald.

SANDY LANE C.B.A.

Second old bird show, held Nov. 8, at Victoria Hotel, with a very good entry. Mr. W. Crahtree, Bradford, judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. OR TK. YELL.: 1, vhc, Drake; 2, Whitwham; 3, 4, vhc, Wilson. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Drake; 3, vhc, hc, Wilson. YELL. HEN: 1, Whitwham; 2, Drake; 3, 4, Thornton and Bower; vhc, Wilson; hc, Moore. BUFF: 1, 3, Whitwham; 2, 4, Wilson. UNEV. CK.: 1, 3, Thornton and Bower; 2, Wilson; 4, vhc, Moore. NOV. CL. YELL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Moore; 3, 4, Holdsworth. BUFF: 1, hc, Moore; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Moore; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Holdsworth. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Ratcliffe; 2, Hanson; 3, Moore; 4, c, Holdsworth; vhc, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, Hardaker; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, vhc, Moore; hc, Holdsworth. UNFLIG.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, 3, Hardaker; 4, Moore; vhc, Hanson.—P. Drake, Sec.

RUGBY C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show held Nov. 8, at the Church House. Entries were slightly below last year, but quality was, if anything, slightly better. It is hoped the balance will be found on the right side this year. Several members put down very good teams notably Mr. W. J. Veasey, in the open and Mr. P. G. Salter in the novice. Several names were not represented at this show, and we regret to hear that at least three are leaving or have left the Fancy, viz., Mrs. Marshall, Superintendent Clarke and Mr. Beet. Special for best bird was won by Mr. W. J. Veasey with his yellow unflighted cock Canary, and Mr. P. G. Salter won special for most points in novice classes. These two gentlemen are also first and second respectively for the members' season special. Mr. Geo. Hall, Leamington, judged, and apparently gave every satisfaction

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2 Veasey; 3, Matthews. BUFF: 1, 3, Veasey; 2, Nelson. YELL., UNFLIGH.: 1, spl., Veasey; 2, Muddiman; 3, Nelson. BUFF: 1, 3 Veasey; 2, Muddiman. YELL. HEN: 1, Muddiman; 2, Veasey. BUFF: 1, Muddiman; 2, Nelson. NOV., A.V. YELL.: 1, Adcock. BUFF: 1, 2, Salter; 3, Whitehouse. YELL. UNFLIGH.: 1, Barnwell; 2, 3, Whitehouse. BUFF: 1, Adcock; 2, 3, Salter. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Skipworth; 3, Shorthose. MULE OR HYB.: 1 Skipworth; 2, Pain. FOR.: 1, 2, Skipworth, a pair Cutthroats and Java Sparrow. GOLDF., ETC.: 1, 2, Ager, Goldf. and Linuet; 3, Wheeler, Goldf. BRIT., SMALL: 1, 3, Pain, Yellowhammers; 2, Garrett Greenf. LARGE. 1, Garrett, Bawfinch.

LLANDUDNO.

Show held Nov. 8, at Cobden's, Mostyn Street, a well-ventilated room with plenty of light; the birds were nicely staged, and qual. throughout was of exceptional standard. Britishers seem to be rather late in getting ready this year, also a few Canaries will be better in a few weeks after tightening up. Yorks. held the pride of place in numbers and quality, some rare youngsters making their appearance; also a few of the old ones retaining their good qualities and none the worse after another moult. Norwich throughout were of medium size and good type. Some Britishers and foreign were in the pink of condition, and beautifully staged. Messrs. Hartle and Berry made energetic secs., and had everything in apple-pie order, the stewards being very courteous and obliging. Mr. E. Nolan, the chairman, is a very worthy official and a true fancier. We were very pleased to see such progress in the society in all varieties. Cards were up in good time. Mr. J. O. Williams judged, and everything seemed to go through satisfactorily.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, W. Davies, good type and wings, neat head and tail. BUFF: 1, W. Davies, good back and wings, very nice head, close feather; 2, Gardiner, natural, but too light, nice cond. YELL. 1913: 1, 4, G. Jones, cl., rich, sound col., good head and neck, plenty of subs., nicely ent away; 4, good size and type, beaten feather; 2, 3, E. Nolan, mkd. wings and neck, good qual., nice head and eye, capital feather; 3, nice head, well carried wings and tail. BUFF.: 1, 3, E. Nolan, lovely size, hot col., good bold type, tkd., nicely balanced wings and tail; 3, very shapely, neat head and neck, unsteady yet; 2, 4, Jones Bros., neat head and neck, good wing carriage; 4, large var., beaten type. NOR. HEN A.V.: 1, 2, Jones Bros., winner good cl., nice type and feather. YELL. YORK.: 1, 2, H. Thomas, grand length, well up on legs, good head and shoulders, full of qual., rich col., a clear winner, 2nd wing ticked, hot col., neat wings and tail, well braced wings, stands well on good legs; 3, G. Jones, good length and pos., very steady, shade paler, good stock bird; 4, vhc, D. Jones, tkd. yell., slim and leggy, beaten outline; hc, J. Edwards; c, W. Davies. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, W. Nolan, unflig. hen, beautiful shape, correct style, nice length, lovely back, exquisite feather round as a pencil, stood well out, 2nd neck mkd., nice length and type, good qual., well-known winner, 3rd wing tkd., straight up, nice feather and qual.; 4, H. Thomas, good length and style, shade browy; vhc, D. Jones; hc, c, R. Thompson. YELL., 1913: 1, 3, W. Nolan, wing tkd. yell. hen, unflig., good col. and qual., nice length and pos., well braced wings, piped tail, 3rd wing tkd., good qual., sweet head and wing carr.; 2, vhc, H. Thomas, good cl., nice length and style, full of qual., rare wings, fair tail; 4, W. Williams, nice yell., slim, beaten length, good col; hc, D. Jones; c, Margetts. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Nolan, tkd., good qual. and finish, boxy feather, standard length, finely drawn on good legs, 2nd cl., grand style, great length, good wing carr., boxy feather, good stock bird, not so finely drawn as winner; 3, W. Williams, rich col., stands well, good back and wings, shade open on chest; 4, vhc, hc, H. Thomas, good tkd., nice length and pose, shade open, wants steadying; c, Margetts. HEN A.V.: 1, 2, W. Nolan, noted; 3, W. Williams, good yell., lovely pos., nice length and qual., not so fine as those above her; 4, vhc, H. Thomas, cl. lengthy buff, good feather, rather heavy moulded, vhc great length, good style, beaten feather and condition to-day; hc, D. Jones. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, E. Roberts, good varieg. Goldies, nice size and qual., rich col., 3rd good stamp, not so clean cut; 2, W. Aitkens, good Dark Greenf.; 4, W. Williams; vhc, Jones Bros.; hc, Relf. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Williams, winner field-moulted, good type, blaze and col., distinct markings, 3rd good shape and col., beaten blaze; 2, c, Williams, medium size, good bars and buttons, fair blaze, might be cleaner in markings. BULLF.: 1, W. Aitken, medium size, good cap and markings, rich col. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 3, hc, Hartle and Berry, well-known Waxwing, in superb form, hard to find fault with, 3rd good Greenie, capital size and col.; 2, J. Fildes, good Siskin, grand black cap, bib and markings, in fine fettle; vhc, Aitken. HEN: 1, J. Fildes, extra good Bullie, great size, lovely black cap, rich col.; 2, Aitken, very nice Yellow Bunting, steady. SMALL FOR.: 1, J. Fildes, good Siberian Goldie, rich blaze, sound col.; 2, 3, Miss Taylor, nice White Javas, in capital order, 3rd good Green Budgerigar; 4, Hartle and Berry. LINNET, ETC.: 1, W. Williams, well pencilled Linnet, lovely order, steady, distinct markings; 2, 4, J. Fildes, good Redpoll, fine cap and bib, well laced, staged in grand order; 3, vhc, W. Aitken, nice size nut brown col., not so well pencilled as winner.

SIDMOUTH.

Eighteenth annual show held in Drill Hall, Nov. 13. The exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after by practical fanciers. Entries were well up to the average, and quality was excellent. Yorks. were a good lot, and the competition keen. Some nice Norwich were staged that were fit to hold their own in much hotter competition. The local classes contained some excellent specimens. Mr. J. Lashbrook makes an ideal Secretary, being most courteous and obliging, and having a good grip of his work, and he was well supported by the cage bird fanciers of the Committee. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Noyce, grand shape, full of qual., nice head, full neck and wide back, good wings and neat tail, level, but not hot in col.; 2, Scholes, lovely col., nice head and neck, good back, bit longer in flights and tail; 3, Redwood, nice col. and qual., neat head, not quite so thick set. BUFF (6): 1, Brown, grand col. and full of qual., nice head and neck, good back, col. well extended down flights and tail; 2, 3, Noyce, nice shape, good head, neck and back, good qual. feather, 3rd nice shape and feather, short flights and tail, not so neat in head; vhc, Taylor; hc, Beck; c, Scholes. MKD., ETC. (2): 1, spl., Pope, yell., mkd eyes and wings, magnificent col., full of qual., nice head, neck and back, chest nicely rounded, a good one; 2, Redwood, neck and wing mkd. buff, nice shape, feather and qual., good back and wings, not quite so short in body. HEN (7): 1, Redwood, cobby shaped cl. yell., good back and head, nicely rounded chest, well across perch; 2, Casley, cl. buff, nice shape, feather and frosting, good head and neck, and round chest; 3, Nicks, head and back, mkd. yell., unflig., nice col., good head and back, shade slack underneath; vhc, Scholes; hc, Munday; c, Beck. UNFLIG. (7): 1, spl., Redwood, cl. buff, beautiful shape, neat head, wings and tail, good back and full neck, nice feather; 2, 3, Rowley, good col., yell., nice wings and tail, beaten in shape, 3rd neck tkd. buff, good size and shape, nice col., beaten in feather; vhc, Pope; hc, Scholes; c, Casley. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, spl., Hill, slim built, grand feather and qual., stands like a soldier, neat head, narrow shoulders and piped tail; 2, hc, Lashbrook, nice stand, grand feather and qual., nice flights and pipe tail, close up; 3, Dykes, thigh tick, well on leg, nice pos. and feather, not so neat in wings and tail; vhc, Elsmore; c, Easterling and Carson. BUFF (10): 1, spl., 2, Harriman, good ones, leader tight as boxwood, grand pos. and style, wings well braced and closely folded tail, nice col. and qual., 2nd shade longer, not quite the pos., good wings and tail, neat waist; 3, Elsmore, good length and style, nice feather and posi., good wings and tail, not quite so smooth at thighs; vhc, Dykes; hc, Richards; c, Lashbrook. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, Nicholls, varieg. yell., slim built, nice pos., grand feathers, well braced wings and tail, neat head; 2, Dykes, mkd. cheek, wings and rump, nice back, wings and tail, good length, beaten in feather; 3, vhc, Lashbrook, varieg. yell., good feather, nice col. and posi., good flights and tail, not quite so slim built; hc, Fawle. HEN (10): 1, Dykes, slashing cl. yell., rare length and pos., well on leg, nice feather, good wings and pipe tail; 2, Lashbrook, cl. buff, lovely feather and col., neat head, stands well, clean cut, nice flights and pipe tail; 3, Fawle, eye tkd, yell., good col. and feather, nice pos., piped tail, beaten in length; hc, Richards; c, Elsmore. UNFLIG. (8): 1, spl., Hill, wing mkd. buff, nice back, wings and tail, good col. and feather; 2, vhc, c, Lashbrook, slim built and good coloured cl. yell., nice pos.; 3, Dykes, good pos., nice wings and tail, shade slack underneath; hc, Nicholls. MULES, LIGHT (3): 1, Rapson, six-pointed buff Goldf.-Can., nice col. and feather; 2, Scribbins, mkd, eyes, wings and tail, yell., good col., not the tight feather of the leader; 3, Voysey, varieg., nice feather and shape. DARK (4): 1, Voysey, Can.-Bullf., grand col., shape and feather, nicely mkd., in good form, easy win; 2, 3, Lugg, nice feathered and good coloured Goldf.-Can., 3rd Linnet-Can., good shape and feather, beaten in col.; vhc, Taylor. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 3, Brown, yell. Cinn., good shape and feather, sound col., nicely pencilled, 3rd yell. Cinn. hen, good shape and feather, nice head, wings and tail; 2, Pope, buff Cinn., good size and shape, nice feather, beaten in col. PAIRS: 1, Scholes, nice shaped Norwich, lovely feather and col., both short in flights and tail; 2, Lashbrook, lengthy pair of Yorks., good stand, col. and feather; 3, Rowley, good shaped Nor. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, Evans, Bullf., nice feather, good cap and bars, nice col. breast and back; 2, Langdon, Goldf., nice feather, bars and buttons, blaze not quite up; 3, no name, Bullf., nice shape and cap, beaten in feather; vhc, Miss Lashbrook; hc, Lugg. SMALL (5): 1, Evans, Buff Greenf., lovely feather, nice shape, good wiug bars, and shows mealing nicely; 2, vhc, Bevis, Bramble, good size and shape, well spangled, wants a bit more col.; 3, Lugg, Linnet, nice shape and feather, well pencilled; hc, Miss Lashbrook. SELL. (5): 1, Casley; 2, Rapson; 3, Pope; vhc, Taylor; hc, Nicks. LOCAL, CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Collier; 2, Curtis. PL.HEAD, YELL. (3): 1, 2, Collier; 3, Davies. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Collier. HENS (5): 1, spl., 2, Collier; 3, vhc, Conaut. YORKS., YELL. (3): 1, spl., Curtis; 2, 3, Collier. HEN (1): 3, Curtis. MULES, LIGHT (1): 3, West. DARK (2): 2, Evans. GOLDF. BRIT. (4): 1, Collier; 2, 3, Houghton; vhc, Mrs. Pile. BULLF. (1): 2, Evans. SMALL. (4): 1, 2, Evans; 3, vhc, Collier. LARGE (2): 1, spl., Evans. NOVICE, CAN. (8): 1, c, Cocking; 2, Conaut; 3, vhc, hc, Stevens.

BOWBURN C.B.S.

4th annual show held Nov. 8, 9, 10, in Wheatsheaf Hotel. Mr. Clark, Sunderland, judged, and gave every satisfaction. CAN. OR MULE: 1, sp., J. Bainbridge; 2, M. Bainbridge; 3, Miller; 4, Toulson; res, Priest; vhc, Laing; hc, Bailes; c, Jordan. NOR. YELL.: 1, Miller. BUFF: 1, Miller; 2, Priest. YORKS.: 1, Bailes; 2, Priest. CRESTS: 1, Miller; 2, Freeman; 3, M. Bainbridge. 1913: 1, M. Bainbridge; 2, Miller; 3, Priest. MULES: 1, Stewart. LINNET: 1, Freeman; 2, J. Bainbridge; 3, Wilson. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Priest; 2, Miller.—J. Miller, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Third old bird show for 1913, held Nov. 15 at headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, when an entry of 156 birds was staged, Mr. F. Self handling the Yorks. classes, and Mr. W. Morcment the Norwich.

YORKS. OPEN, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Naylor; 2, vhc, c, Ludbrook; 3, 4, hc, Elsegood. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Naylor; 2, Helliwell; 4, hc, Rhodes; vhc, Clark; c, Horsfield. A.O.V. YELL. (6): 1, Horsfield; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Ludbrook; hc, Birbeck; BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4, Elsegood; 2, hc, Helliwell; vhc, Clark. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, c, Helliwell; 3, vhc, Birbeck; hc, Naylor; 4, Rhodes. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, Rhodes; vhc, Birbeck; hc, Elsegood. A.O.V. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Morcment; 2, Helliwell; 3, Elsegood. BUFF (4): 1, Birbeck; 2, Elsegood; 3, 4, Morcment. NOVICE., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, Riley; 2, Hunter; 3, Simonett; 4, Rhodes Bros.; vhc, Smith; hc, McEwan; c, Welfoot. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Riley; 2, Smith; 3, Wilford; 4, Bower; hc, Pyrah. A.O.V. YELL. (4): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Riley; 4, McEwen. BUFF (5): 1, Smith; 2, Riley; 3, vhc, Simonett; 4, Bower. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Bower; 3, Smith; 4, hc, Riley; vhc, McEwen; c, Pyrah. BUFF (7): 1, Bower; 2, Simonett; 3, vhc, Smith; 4, Pyrah; hc, Riley; c, Rhodes Bros. A.O.V. YELL. (1): 1, Pyrah. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Simonett; 3, McEwen. NORWICH, OPEN, CL. OR TKD. CK. (5): 1, 3, 4, Clark; 2, vhc, Plowright. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Roe, 3, 4, c, Fortman; vhc, hc, Plowright. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Fortman; 2, 4, hc, Plowright; 3, c, Roe; vhc, Horsfield. CL. OR TKD. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, Roe; 2, Horsfield; vhc, Fortman; hc, c, Plowright. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Fortman. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 4, Roe; 2, Fortman; 3, vhc, hc Plowright; c, Clark. NOVICE, CL. OR TKD. CK (3): 1, Lythell; 2, 3, Airton. A.O.V. (): 1, Lythell. UNFLIG. (): 1, Airton; 2, 3, Hunter. CL. OR TKD. HEN (6): 1, 3, 4, hc, Airton; 2, Hunter; vhc, Lythell. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Hunter; 2, Airton. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Clark.—P. N. Jenkinson, Assist. Sec.

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Nottingham Has Real Hard Luck.

The Society's Enterprise and Splendid Management Ill-Rewarded. What is it Exhibitors Want?

32nd annual exhibition of the Nottingham and Notts. O.S., held Nov. 14th, 15th, in the new Lecture Hall, which is more spacious and better lighted than the old Lecture Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, and possesses every up-to-date facility. The increased expense incurred in engaging this magnificent room, deserved far more generous support. The staging was on the tier principle, and was superbly executed. Flowers and plants decorated the benches, and gave a most pleasing effect to the exhibition. The schedule issued was capital, prize-money, 22s. per class (foreign 26s.), with an abundance of specials. 633 entries was the response to the 73 classes provided, less than 9 per class. What do fanciers want? Nottingham is centrally situated, the management is exceptionally sound, composed of well-known and highly respected fanciers; the show room is one of the very best. The officials are genuine enthusiasts, and extend a hearty welcome to all, and still the entry year after year is far from satisfactory.

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The management on every occasion at this well-known Midland fixture is superb. Mr. R. Rhodes, the worthy chairman and treasurer, is a fine worker, and courteous to a degree; would there were more like him in the Fancy. The vice-chairman, Mr. G. C. Ley, is also one of the best, and always found where the work is most strenuous, for he is no mere figure-head only. With such gentlemen at the helm, one need not wonder at the ship sailing smoothly. The committee consist of well-known, practical and energetic fanciers, full of enthusiasm. The duties that are essential to the success of an open venture, were judiciously and promptly executed by Messrs. G. W. Boaler, W. Bown, W. Cottingham, F. Clarke, G. Hill, T. Hodgkinson, T. H. B. Hayter, G. Sharpe, J. W. Saywell, J. T. Tranter, E. Wolfe, and G. A. White. Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the esteemed hon. sec., is an invaluable asset to the society. His precise method of handling the various details, his straightforwardness, and his frankness, all stamp him as an ideal hon. sec. His right hand man is Mr. J. G. Royce. As an assistant, he would be hard to beat. His work was laborious, but cheerfully executed. Stewards who worked enthusiastically were: Messrs. T. Hodgkinson, G. Hill, Hayter, T.B.H., W. Cottingham, J. Graham, A. Robinson, G. W. W. Boaler, A. Cooper, J. H. Williamson, W. Bown, T. Barker, G. A. White, and D. Hunter (Scarbro'). The Misses Royce and Miss Hill also rendered capital assistance, and deserve the many kind words spoken of them. Catalogues with awards were on sale in good time. Amongst the many visitors, were to be noticed, Messrs. Colton, Fletcher, Mace, and Milne (Sheffield), E. Fox (Long Eaton), and others.

Many Champion Crests on View.

The catalogue opened with the Crests and Crest-breds. Nottingham holds pride of place in the Midlands, as regards the display of "toppins," and one always expects at this function the "great guns" being on view. Such was the case on this occasion. We have seen larger numbers present, but we doubt whether we have seen greater merit. Messrs. Radley and Son took premier honours in the buff Crested hen class, with a most exquisite grizzled tail, D.C. Eclipsing all was the buff mkd. wings C.B., shown by Mr. G. A. White, the local enthusiast, gaining for him CAGE BIRDS 10s., and diploma. Really a wonder, the best we have seen as yet, and it beat on its merits the great green pied tail C.B., the Cheltenham hero, owned by Mr. F. G. Bale, Barnstaple. It has a shade wider width of entrance, and is also a little better back of head. Messrs. Evins Bros. won well, and handsomely in the buff C.B. hens, and the yell. C.B., with a brace of stormers, which stood at the head of affairs in their respective classes at Cheltenham. Mr. G. C. Ley had on view two "knock outs," viz., the green pied tail yell. Crest, winner of many battles, and a current year green pied tail yell. Crest, that has the making of even a greater name than his elder stable companion; a couple of gems to possess.

In the novice classes the leading light undoubtedly was the yell. green Crest, the property of Mr. W. T. Hawkes, this exhibit lifting CAGE BIRDS diploma of honour.

The "Chubby Ones" are very scarce.

Norwich this time did not over flatter. Here and there one located a "right 'un," but collectively they were not as good as one would have liked to have seen. The "twinkling star" was the clear buff cock, staged to the moment by Mr. S. Cook, procuring for him CAGE BIRDS diploma. Another worthy of special mention was the unflig. cl. yell. cock, benched by Mr. W. N. Turner, which, with luck, should be a hard nut to crack another year.

In the amateur classes Mr. G. W. Boaler practically swept the deck with a magnificent team; his marked unflig yell. cock capturing the novice 10s. CAGE BIRDS special and diploma, after a keen tussle with the yell green Crest of Mr. W. T. Hawkes.

Yorks. seem to be catching on better here, and a capital collection was present. Standing out were the unflighted yellow cock (L. Dykes); clear buff (Wells and Clempson), and the buff grizzled neck hen, near on best Yorkie all through the show (G. Hunt), and only catalogued at £3. CAGE BIRDS champion diploma, W. E. Kearns; novice, W. Beers. Lancashires had the extraordinary entry of 17 in 4 classes, with a specialist judge to boot. Truly, some toppers appeared, and, maybe, the best of this breed, but the "Giants of Canarydom" should have been more numerous. Messrs. A. Beattie, with his Manchester winners, and G. Fitton and T. H. Collinge, took the plums. CAGE BIRDS diploma went to A. Beattie. Lizards were 52 in 4 classes. Dainty ones were shown by Messrs. W. P. Barnes (gold cap cl.); J. Rukin (Silver cl. and Silver broken), all Manchester winners, we think; Messrs. F. Hamer, E. Ollernshaw, and A. Bradley. CAGE BIRDS diplomas: Champion, A. Bradley; novice, H. Mawbray.

CAGE BIRDS coupon competition had a capital entry, and keen competition was again in evidence; upwards of 75 specimens endeavoured to secure the valuable cash specials and diplomas of honour. The buff C.B., and the unflighted yell. Nor., that captured the "shekels," were both worthy of these extra specials, and their owners, Messrs. G. A. White, and G. W. W. Boaler, greatly appreciated their wins.

Mr. E. E. Pass, of Hucknall, Notts., the well-known cage maker, had a nicely arranged stall, with hosts of various patterned cages, breeders' flights, and so forth, prices of which were very reasonable, and workmanship good. Business was brisk with him. Messrs. Armitage's stall also gave a good display, the sample of seeds, etc., being of excellent quality; they also appeared to be having a good time.

Special prize winners were as follows: Best Crest, A. J. Smith; best C.B., J. A. White; best 1912 buff Crest, Norwood Bros.; ditto C.B., E. Barker; best yell. c. or C.B., G. C. Ley; diploma for best C. (novice) by the C.C.C., W. T. Hawkes; ditto C.B. (novice), J. Gillespie.

Judges were: Messrs. T. Heath (London), Crests and Yorks; W. Vardy (Hucknall), Norwich; c, Houlton (St. Helens), Brit. Hyb., and For.; E. Fuller (Glossop), Lancs. and Lizards. Their awards were well received. During judging, brilliant light prevailed.

Mr. W. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CHAMP., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Mallinson and Son, grand shape and carr., fine subs., A1 qual.; 2, Sharp, full of col., good head and neck, bold chested, neat wing carr.; 3, 4, Waters, leader we thought best in class, plenty of size, lovely col. and feather, best of shape, jaunty carr., well whipped up behind; 4, teeming with qual. and col., true type, tight as wax; vhc, Humphries; hc Hill, c, Woods. BUFF (8): 1, "Cage Birds" Diploma, Cook, well known, bordering on perfection, hard to find fault with, real knock-out; 2, Beswick, grand shape and size, rich col. and qual., best of carr., hardly ready yet; 3, Hayhurst, shapely, plenty of subs., beautifully clothed, not overdone with col.; 4, Howe, superb feather and col., grand head and neck, bold and broad-fronted, little longer in wings and tail; vhc, Keech and Son; hc, Sharp, c, Wilcox and Son. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Beswick, tkd. eye, bonneer, ablaze with col., rare shape, silky texture, fine carr.; 2, Fox, mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, lovely feather, delightful symmetry, best of wing carr., clean cut away, beaten in subs. only; 3, Bown, var., full of rich col., grand type; 4, Sharp, mkd. wing and head, shapely, good feather and col., nice size. BUFF (9): 1, Humphries, mkd. wing and head, teeming with col., exquisite feather, rare shape and size, jaunty, best of wings and tail, rare eye-opener; 2, Hulse, mkd. eye, A1 qual., capital head and neck points, deep and broad front, fine wing carr., well across, not col. of winner; 3, c, Hill, mkd. wing and neck, fine subs., col., and qual., grand shape and cond., we liked as well as any; 4, Keech and Son, mkd. head, superb qual., rich tone of col.; vhc, Fox; hc, Mallinson and Son. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Turner, mkd. wing and head, elegantly gowned, charmer for shape, rare subs. and carr.; 2, Fielding, eye tkd., beautiful feather and col., fine shape, delightful carr.; 3, Humphries, rare-sized cl., good feather and shape, paler in col., and wants training, very wild; 4, Wilcox and Son; vhc, Osborn. BUFF (5): 1, Bescoby and Righton, mkd. check, body shape excellent, neat short wings and tail, full of col. and qual., good carr.; 2, Hill, green pied tail, rattling head, neck, and chest, good wings and tail, A1 feather, nice size, rightly placed; 3, 4, Beswick, both cl., former cobby, true contour, well up in subs., gem for quality; 4th, grand shape and feather, rich tone of col., best of carr., we liked for 1st; vhc, Keeling. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Turner, topping red-hot cl., magnificent shape and subs., tight as wax, charming carr.; 2, Cook, cl., correct stamp, little behind in col., otherwise equal throughout; 3, c, Fox, cl., ablaze, exquisite feather, shapely, and well up in size, clean cut away; 4, Osborn, mkd. eye, for col., type, and carr. all there, not quite the silkiness or the subs. of those in front of it, yet a beauty; vhc, Drakeley; hc, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Hayhurst, marvellous-sized cl., delightful shape, feather, and col., exquisitely frosted, lovely carr.; 2, 3, Hulse, beauties, both cl., leader rare size, A1 qual. and col., grand shape, neat wings and tail, just beaten in head points; 3rd, teeming with qual. and col., fine head, neck, and chest, longer in build, clean under not far away; 4, hc, Howe, red-hot cl., slashing type, feathered to perfection; c, Adnitt (here we miss poor Driver's name). UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, 3, Cook, 1st, model of a cl. yell., perfect in feather, richly fed, lovely carr., treat; 3rd, buff, mkd. wings and head, round as a ball, superbly gowned, best of col. and frosting, nice size and carr.; 2, Adnitt, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, A1 qual. and col., lovely expression, not quite the thickness through, but very taking; 4, hc, Fielding, buff var., shone like a mirror, sweetly moulded, dainty movement, on the small side rather; vhc, Hulse; c, Sharp. SELL., 40s. (6): 1, Rowbottam; 2, 3, Hill; 4, Fennel; vhc, Woods; hc, Dunkley. 20s. (10): 1, Boaler; 2, Bown; 3, Horwood; 4, Sharp; vhc, Dodd; hc, Keeling; c, Mattinson. AMAT. NOR., YELL. (13), Many in this class were too long in barrel, wings, and tail: 1, Boaler, mkd. head, superlative qual., rich level col., good in head and neck, well up in subs.; 2, Bown, var., full of fire, plenty of size, nice head, neck, and chest, clean cut away, close up; 3, Bircumshaw, heavy var., best shape in class, magnificent feather and col., not so large, but one we liked, and our choice; 4 Porter cl. A1 col. and qual. good body shape, neat carr. of wings and tail; vhc, Robinson; hc, Moult; c, Ellis; No. 10, Lamb, w.c.; Nos. 5, 6, Clough, all buffs. BUFF (12): 1, Bond, mkd. head, fine col., qual., shape, and carr; 2, Keeling, cl., superior feather, grandly fed, capital head, neck, and chest, moves gracefully, not much behind; 3, Bown, mkd. neck and eyes, lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck points, little long in barrel flights and tail; 4, Chitton, neatly-clothed cl., pale in col., nice shape, good wings and tail, fails a little in head; vhc, Hopcroft; hc, Fennel; c, Delancy. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Metcalf, cl., wonderful size, tight as wax, grand shape and carr., not hot, but smart all over; 2, 4, Boaler, plenty of subs., good in shape, feather, and col., pressed hard; 4th, red-hot var., cobby, A1 feather, not overdone with size, lifts one wing somewhat; 3, Beecroft, cl., true type, feathered to perfection, nice level tone of col., on the small side; vhc, Chitton; hc, Porter; c, Fennel. BUFF (14): 1, Collis, lightly ear., short and thick set, tight as a Java, capital col.; 2, Welsh, cl., more subs., shapely, good carr., full of size, not so close in feather; 3, Robinson, mkd. wings and heal, A1 qual., and col., neat head and neck; 4, Watson, mkd. wings and head, capital feather, good tone of col.; vhc, Keeling; hc, Lamb; c, Ellis. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, 4, vhc, "Cage Birds" Diploma, and cash sp., Boaler, mkd. wing and eye, unbeatable for col., close silky texture of feather, nice size, extremely neat; 4th, mkd. wing, head, and tail, col. of the best, A1 feather, good in subs. and carr., might have run 2nd; 2, Porter, bouncing cl., warmly fed, rich qual., grand-shaped body; 3, hc, Bown, cobby cl., ablaze with col.; c, Beecroft. BUFF (13): 1, c, Boaler, mkd. wings and head, teeming with qual. and col., grand shape and size, dainty carr.; 2, Welsh, var., rare subs., equal in col., neat head, neck, and chest, bit too free in feather behind; 3, Bluks, mkd. wing, capital shape and size, tight as wax, pale col., which held it back; 4, Beecroft, lightly var., lovely col. and qual., nice body and wings, not over bold in head; vhc, Robinson; hc, Porter; No. 13, Wardle, absent. UNFLIG. HEN (8): 1, 2, Boaler, beauties, both cl. yell., leader A1 feather, grand shape, nice col. and carr.; 2nd, exquisite qual., true type, jaunty carr., not quite so large; 3, Bircumshaw, buff var., short and thick set, smooth as a bottle, full of style; 4, Collis, cl., silky feather, capital col., neatly frosted, nice size, very promising unflig.; vhc, Robinson, hc, Bown; c, Horwood.

Mr. E. Fuller's Classes.

LANCS. COPPY YEL. (6): 1, "Cage Birds" Diploma, Beattie, marvellous subs., great length, coppy of beautiful spread, eye-opener; 2, 3, Fitton, beauties, 2nd, cl., better col., lovely feather, coppy, very neat, not quite so large, yet one of the best; 3rd, grizzled coppy, rare length of side, beautiful qual., fine subs., beaten a little in spread and size of headpiece; 4, hc, Garner, grizzled coppy, A1 feather; vhc, Ridgard. BUFF (3): 1, Collinge, grizzled coppy, abundance of feather, rare length and subs., grand shaped coppy, falls well from centre, real bargain at catalogue price; 2, 3, Fitton, grizzled coppies, 2nd, wonderful size, heaps of feather, just beaten in shape of coppy spread, very neat, glorious qual., and well shown. P.H. yet a gem; 3rd, good length, not the weight coppy. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Beattie, beauties, clears, leader a monster, wealth of superb feather, wonderful skull, tremendous length of side; 3rd, heaps of feather, magnificent subs. of body, fine back and wings, characteristic head; 2, Fitton, cl., good length of side, capital qual., plenty of feather, neat skull and lash. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Fitton, clears, 1st, marvellous subs. and length, lovely feather in abundance, great width of skull, characteristic sulk; 2nd, heaps of A1 feather, weighty in build, hardly so dense or so wide in skull, still near up, and a clinker; 3, Collinge, cl., very lengthy, nice-sized body, neat back and flights, beaten in head points; 4, Ridgard; vhc, Garner. LIZ., GOLD, CL. CAP (11): 1, c, Barnes, fine shape and size, rich qual., demon for col., profuse and bold in rowing, clear cut cap, pretty as paint; 2, Rukin, not a feather misplaced, shapely, excellent col., wonderful work, pressed hard; 3, Ollernshaw, A1 col. and qual., good size and shape, not quite so bold in spangling, yet a great exhibit, and worth its place; 4, "Cage Birds" Diploma, Bradley, shapely, capital qual., nice tone of col., neat work, not the size; vhc, hc, Hamel. SILVER (13): 1, 2, hc, Rukin, a choice team, superb col., shone like glass, fine shape and size, clean cut cap, delightful rowing, laced well down sides, in the pink of condition; 2nd, shape, qual., and spangling equal to above, nice subs., beaten in col. only, very close up; 3, 4, Hamer, grand col. and qual., full of profuse and distinct work, not quite so large, yet of exceptional merit; 4th, rich col., not a feather wrong, shapely, capital carr., nice spangling, neat cap; vhc, Barnes; c, Hampshire. GOLD. BKN. (13): 1, H. Barnes, superb qual., rattling ground col., fine shape and size, bold and prettily rowed; 2, Rukin, superb qual. and col., well up in size, full of neat work, pressed hard; 3, Hamer, shapely, good feather, nice size, and A1 col., not quite so even in rowing, yet a beauty; 4, vhc, Bradley, rattling col., shone like satin, beautifully rowed, staged delightfully; hc, Barnes; c. Millington. SILVER (15): 1, 3, Rukin, brilliant col. and qual., well up in size, break over beak, beautiful spangling, well laced up sides, eye-opener; 3rd, shapely and tip-top col. and qual., full of capital rowing, smaller; 2, 4, Barnes, we liked 2nd equally as well as 1st; 4th, good shape and size, in the pink of condition, not the col.; vhc, Ollernshaw; hc, Hamer; c, Bradley. GIFT (7): The committee desire to thank all those who so generously supported this class: 1, Binks; 2, Cooper; 3, Boaler; 4, Bown; vhc, Sharp; hc, White; c, Hill.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

CRESTS, BUFF CK. (8): 1, Smith, noted cl. body D.C., marvellous subs, wealth of superb clothing, crest massive and dense, leafy, wonderful radiation, drooped to perfection; 2, Bale, cl. body, grizzled tail, D.C., abundance of A1 qual. feather, plenty of size, beautiful veiny texture, large and dense, round as a hoop, rare droop and centre, pressed strenuously; 3, vhc, Ley, brace of beauties, cl. crest, heaps of feather, exquisite qual., lovely frontal droop, nice back, bit weak at sides, yet a gem; 4, Evins Bros., fine mkd. wings, D.C.; hc, Cooper; c, Col. J. T. Routh. HEN (11): 1, 3, Radley and Son, gems, 1st grizzled root of tail, D.C., any amount of superb feather, giantess, crest of ripping shape, dense and of great size, delightful droop, centre in the centre; 3rd mkd. wings, D.C., for quantity of feather and quality all one need desire, wonderful subs., crest leafy and of rare radiation, thickly packed, fine droop and centre; 2, Ley, mkd. wing D.C., massive in build, heaps of superior feather, crest of beautiful vein, large, dense, magnificent shape, grand droop, neat centre, must have pressed acutely; 4, Mrs. J. Thompson, var. D.C., rare size, plenty of feather, crest leafy and very fine shape, nice droop and centre; vhc, Broad; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Bowers; No. 2, Bale, 9, Mrs. T. Taylor, both absent. C.-B. BUFF COCK (12): charming class, the first four birds possessing sufficient head feather to cover a five shilling piece; 1, diploma, G. A. White, mkd. wings, a demon, abundance of A1 qual. feather, skull of marvellous width and rise, lashed to perfection; 2, Bales, green pied tail, again a marvel, giant, heaps of superb feather, skull of great rise, wonderful width, rattling lash, but beaten to-day, the Cheltenham winner; 3, Evins Bros., monster of a var., wealth of delightful feather, with a headpiece little removed from being as meritorious as above, an eye-opener; 4, Smith, mkd. wings and head, abundance of clothing, well up in size, fine width and rise of skull, hardly so lengthy in head feather, still a gem of gems; vhc, Norwood Bros.; hc, Franz; c, Routh. HEN (6): 1, Evins Bros., bordering on green, pied wings and tail, wealth of very lengthy and superb texture of feather, great subs., skull of tremendous width, rising finely from the beak, delightfully lashed; 2, Bale, var., bouncer, heaps of A1 qual. feather, not quite the breadth of skull, yet wonderful rise, lovely browing, not so far behind; 3, White, gr., exquisite clothing, not the size of skull, but possessing true characteristics, worth its place; 4, Ley, mkd. wing and head, good in feather, very smart; vhc, Shipley, hc, Richards. CREST YELL. (9): 1, H. Ley, pied tail, magnificent feather, fine subs., crest of wonderful size, thickly thatched, round as a hoop, splendid droop, not quite settled in centre, yet walks in, stormer; 2, Franz, mkd. wings, D.C., plenty of feather of superior qual., well up in size, crest hardly so dense, slashing radiation, splendid droop and centre, real gem; 3, Evins Bros., mkd. wing, D.C., exquisite qual., nice subs., crest round as a florin, capital droop and centre, not so massive, living picture, 4, c, White, green D.C., shapely and A1 feather, vhc, Smith. C.B. YELL. (8): 1, Evins Bros., green pied wings and tail, profuse in feather, great subs., massive breadth and cushioned skull, grandly lashed, topper; 2, Smith, green pied tail, superb qual., shapely, fine size, wonderful headpiece, nicely lashed, close up; 3, hc, Ley, mkd wings and head, abundance of clothing, rattling width of skull, hardly the rise, neat brow, well worth its place; 4, Franz, var., lovely feather, good width and rise of skull, nice lashing, vhc, Mrs. L. Litchfield; c, Brotherton. CINN. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 3, Tatman, cl. buff, Cinn. crest, rich qual., good size, capital radiation, droop, and centre; 3rd var. C.-B., A1 qual., shapely, neat character, on the small side; 2, Col. Routh, mkd. wings and head C.-B., good in feather and shape, bit too small. BUFF CREST, 1913 (10): 1, Norwood Bros., var. D.C., tremendous feather, rare subs., thickly thatched, rich leafy texture, perfect droop and centre; 2, Evins Bros., green D.C., wealth of clothing, fine size, fine radiation, hardly the vein yet, wonderful droop and correct centre, gem; 3, Dodd, mkd. wing, grizzled crest, promising; 4, Evins Bros., mkd. wings D.C., plenty of feather, capital subs.; vhc, Reynolds; hc, White; c, Cooper. BUFF C.-B. (12): 1, 2, Barker, wonders, leader mkd. neck, giant in build, great length of feather, lashed to perfection; 2nd mkd. back of head, heaps of superb clothing, well up in size; 3, Evins Bros., heavy var., wealth of superb feather, skull of great width, not the length or density of feather; 4, Bale, green, abundance of feather, true character of skull, nicely browed, smaller; vhc, Holmes; hc, Bowers; c, Ley; No. 12, Mrs. T. Taylor, absent. YELL. CREST (7): 1, hc, Ley, green pied tail, crest of wonderful size and shape, dense, clinking droop and centre, real stormer; 2, Smith, var. D.C., heaps of superior lengthy feather, well up in size, crest large and as round as a rim, neat droop and centre; 3, Brotherton, cl. body, dark grizzled crest, plenty of feather, good size, crest inclined to be shield shape, neat frontal; 4, Mrs. E. Litchfield, cl. body, grizzled crest, heaps of A1 feather; vhc, Reynolds; c, Holmes. C.-B. (5): 1, Brotherton, var., rattling subs. and shape, tremendous feather, fine lash; 2, Ley, green pied tail, good size, heaps of qual. feather, skull not quite the breadth, but capital rise and lash, most promising; 3, Evins Bros., green pied wings and tail, wealth of A1 feather; 4, Twine, profusely feathered var., neat skull and lash, not the size or density; vhc, Smith. SELL., (£3) (16): containing rare bargains and birds good enough to win at majority of shows: 1, 2, Jacklin, leader a very fine buff mkd. D.C.; 3, Reynolds; 4, hc, Evans; vhc, Holmes; c, Twine. 40s. (8): 1, Radley and Son; 2, 3, Evins Bros.; 4, White; vhc, Tatman; hc, White; c, Barber. NOV. CREST (7): 1, CAGE BIRDS diploma, Hawkes, yell. green, rare size, lovely feather, crest leafy and large, fine radiation and droop, neat centre, truly very choice; 2, 3, 4, J. Norwood, grand trio, buff almost green, heaps of feather, good frontal droop, not quite so round as might be, neat centre; 3rd buff green, pied tail, abundance of feather, crest round as a rim, bit flat, which spoils the droop, nice centre, far from a bad one; vhc, Gillespie; hc, Millard; c, Rogers. C.-B. (8): 1, Gillespie, mkd. wings and head, wonderful subs., powerful skull and lash, quite capable of providing sport amongst the "upper ten," gem; 2, vhc, Williamson, var., wealth of superb feather, hardly the width of head, but nice rise and lash, very close up; 3, Mrs. Herrick, cl., plenty of feather, rare skull properties, fine rise and neatly lashed; 4, hc, c, J. Norwood, bordering on green, pied tail, abundance of feather, not quite the width of skull, A1 rise. YORKS., YELL. (12): 1, and "C.B." diploma, Williams, cl., exquisite feather, nice tone of col., straight as a pencil, best of backs and wing carr., nervy; 2, Dykes, grizzled root of tail, smooth as wax, lengthy and upstanding, capital flights and tail, full of swagger, pressed; 3, Kearns, warmly fed cl., stands well, superior feather, good length, style to above, yet good 3rd; 4, Wells and Clempson, cl., rich col., lengthy, grand back, wings and tail, bit wild; vhc, c, Lane; hc, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (15): 1, Hedworth, cl., boxy feather, neat and narrow, lengthy and leggy, very stylish, greatly admired, wins: 2, Dykes, mkd. neck, wonderful length, delightful outline, fine sides, clever loin, very close up; 3, Wells and Clempson, mkd. eye, shooty, superb feather, good shape, stylish; 4, Walsh, cl., plenty of breed, marvellous length, tight as a Java, well on leg, might have gone up one; vhc, Wadsworth; hc, Potts; c, Hymas. MKD. (8): 1, Wells and Clempson, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, beautiful col. and feather, stands like a guardsman, rare length and style, well-known winner; 2, Pass, buff, cinn, mkd. wing and head, rare polish, clinking col., lengthy, fine pos., plenty of daylight between legs, real gem; 3, Hedworth, yell., mkd. wing and head, wedge-shaped, tight as a Java, delightful pos. and length, one we liked immensely; 4, hc, Lane, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, red-hot, stands nicely, superior feather, capital length, on the strong side; vhc, Dykes; c, Williams. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., possessing all the true characters the most captious critic could desire, a very grand exhibit, wins well; 2, Walsh, cl., very lengthy, lovely pos., grand back, flights and tail, clever on leg, feathered like glass, close on the heels of winner; 3, Pass, yell., mkd. wings and head, shone like a mirror, true type, very lengthy; 4, Potts, cl. buff, capital feather and col., lengthy and well on leg; vhc, hc, Lane; c, Williams. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Wells and Clempson, mkd. shoulder, lovely outline, delightful pos., fine length and style, elegantly dressed; 2, Kearns, mkd. wing, full of col., teeming with qual., straight as a rush, grand back and wing carr., staged to the moment, pressed hard; 3, Dykes, cl., ablaze, smooth as a bottle, true type, not of the biggest but of the neatest description; 4, Lane, eye mkd., red hot, A1 qual., hardly so lengthy; vhc, Walsh; hc, Potts; c, Hedworth. BUFF (9): 1, Walsh, exquisitely gowned cl., superb tone of col., beautiful symmetry, rare length, a gem; 2, Wells and Clempson, cl., not quite so lengthy, but charming shape, smooth as wax, delightful finish; 3, Williams, rich salmon tinted cl., erect, rare style, well-filled back, neat carr. of flights and tail, 1913 bred, most

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promising; 4, Lane, grizzled shoulder, straight as a pencil, not a feather misplaced, capitally fed; vhc, Trumun, hc, Dykes; c, Kearns. NOV. YELL. (8): 1, Fisher, very shooty cl., good feather, col. and length, grand back and wing carr., full of nerve;, 2, Sharp and Hibbitt, mkd. neck, richly fed and well clothed, good pos. and length, falls a little in style; 3, Hunt, mkd. head, straight as a gun barrel, smooth as glass; 4, Cantrill, cl., capital stand, superior feather, neat head points; vhc, Kew; hc, Hird; c, Miss Allen. BUFF (9): 1, Sharp and Hibbitt, richly fed cl., clinking pos., smooth as wax, rare back and wing carr., full of action, beauty; 2, 3, Dunkley, chargers, both cl., capitally clothed, not quite the length of winner, 3rd pale col., superior qual., well up and the best of style, smaller, yet all there; 4, Smith, warmly fed, cl., AI feather; vhc, c, Cantrill; hc, Jones. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Harding, buff, mkd. eye, straight as a gun barrel, feathered to perfection, rare length, clever legs; 2, Hunt, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, very lengthy and upstanding, best of backs and wing carr., closely folded tail, real gem, our choice; 3, Hird, cl. buff, teeming with qual. and col., lengthy, not so high on legs or good in head as might be; 4, Hunt, yell., mkd. wing, nice tone of col., well up, but small; vhc, "C.B." diploma, Beers; hc, Dunkley; c, Fisher. HEN (13): nice class: 1, Hunt, buff, grizzled neck, slim and beautiful contour, superb feather and col., lovely back, flights and tail, near on best Yorkie in show; 2, Sharp and Hibbitt, very smart and stylish cl. yell., tight as a Java, rich col. and qual., nice length and well on leg, very close up; 3, Fisher, yell., thigh tick., not a feather misplaced, capital length, pos. and col., full of swagger, again not far behind; 4, Jones, fine lengthy cl. buff, stands grand, neat back and wing carr.; vhc, Hind; hc, Kew; c, Beers.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

Hybrids were not numerous, only 22 in the 3 classes provided, but the Dark Canary class held 14 birds. The British bird classes were not filled by any means, 53 entries in the ten open classes provided. The novice British class brought some very good birds, several of which could hold their own with the champions. Foreign classes certainly were better—there were many rare and beautiful exhibits shown by master hands. Extra prize-money was offered, and guaranteed over the foreign classes, and with very good specials as well, should have drawn even more than were present. Hybrids and British had 4 prizes, viz., 10s., 6s., 4s., and 2s. for a 1s. 6d. entry fee. Special prizes over this section (open) however, were limited. The writer of these notes was asked his opinion as to how Nottingham could secure more entries. My advice is to get members to collect during the coming year as many specials as possible, at least one for every class, and I would say, try 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d. prize-money for a 1s. 6d. entry fee, with a lower half prize-money rule. It would pay to create a guarantee fund for full prize-money in all classes, giving 10s., 5s., and 2s.6d., rather than offer 5s., 3s., 4s., and 2s., and insert a rule that 8 entries means only half prize-money. I have found from long experience of shows that where there are the best and most numerous special prizes, and the lowest half prize-money rule, there the largest entries are obtained. I would not have written this had I not been asked by many of the leading members how to procure better entries in future. They each and all could not quite understand why every section of the show was so badly patronised by exhibitors this year.

"C.B." diploma for best Hybrid went to Mr. W. G. Smith. Best Softbill, Mr. Bent.

GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Col. Routh, smart, good size, clean cut, bright, level col., blaze, plenty body tan, even moons and nice wing bars, silky feather and solid cond.; 2, Bunn, smaller, rich in col., good clean cut blaze, very silky condition; 3, Allen, rather paler and beaten in breast condition; No. 2, Lewis, wrong classed by judge as being a Foreigner. BULLFINCH (4): 1, P. Walsh, storming good bird, grand size, head, and body, rare col., dense cap, wings, and tail, silky cond. and bloom; 2, Truman, paler breast, fine size, shape, and other colours good, pretty condition; 3, 4, Wood, rich col. and nice cond. LINNET (9): 1, Parlett, very large, rare shape, nice markings and solid cond.; 2, P. Walsh, smaller, same stout shape, fine markings and good silky cond.; 3, Col. Routh, fine upstanding bird, grand head and body col., duller markings, but lovely condition; 4, Beswick, good shape, col., and markings, squats on legs at times, wants training; vhc, Hexter; hc, Wood; c, Smith. GREENF. (5): 1, 2, R. Walsh, a pair of grand conditioned birds; 3, Mrs. Harrison, very tight, glossy, conditioned nat. col. bird, very showy; 4, Parlett, soft in condition, grand when tight; vhc, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Cooper, grand tight feathered Siskin, lovely col., cap markings, and polish; vhc, good moulted mealy Redpoll; 2, Caunt, very fine Mealy Redpoll, grand shape, markings, level feather and condition; 3, Fletcher, good Twite, medium size, nice col., markings, and condition; 4, P. Walsh, fine large nat. col. Siskin; hc, Hexter; c, Hayter. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Brotherhood, Bramble, well finished bird, not quite the largest, but best col., markings, and cond.; 2, Hexter, fine large Bramble, paler col., good markings and tight cond.; 3, Hayter, Bramble, shade smaller, but runs both others very tight race; 4, Smith, nice col. Chaffinch, bit wild when we saw it, and roughed thighs somewhat; vhc, Parlett, Bramble; hc, Hattersley. A.O. SEEDEATER (2): 1, Milne, pretty medium sized Hawfinch, in grand order; 2, Saywell, fine Ortolan Bunting, in very good feather. HENS (3): 1, Ecob, good Goldie; 2, 3, Hayter, nice Siskins. SMALL SOFTBILL (6): 1, 4, Bent, 1st CAGE BIRDS diploma winner, fine Nightingale, in best of order, 4th tight feathered Blackcap; 2, vhc, Saywell, grand Whitethroat and a Lesser Whitethroat, both in champion order; 3, Fletcher, lovely Whinchat, in splendid feather, well shown; hc, Milne. LARGE (5): 1, 4, Williams, fine Chough, and smart Magpie, both in grand condition; 2, 3, vhc, Saywell, Waxwing, Jackdaw, and Missel Thrush, all in very fine condition, well shown. CL., ETC., CAN. HYB. (4): 1, Adnitt, pretty 4-pointed buff Goldf.-Can., very silky feather and condition; 2, 3, Mrs. Mallatrat, very large variegated buff Can.-Bullf., in fine feather, and a good variegated buff Goldf.-Can.; 4, Ecob. DARK CAN. (14): 1, 2, Parlett, Greenf.-Can. and Goldf.-Can., well known pair, in grand order to-day; 3, Hayter, equally good Yell. Linnet-Can., in splendid col., feather, and condition; 4, vhc, McLean, another very fine Yell. Goldf.-Can., runs 2nd very close indeed; hc, Binks; c, W. G. Smith, take CAGE BIRDS diploma. A.O. HYB. (4): 1, H. Walsh, Redpoll-Bullf., in fine trim; 2, Hayter, very fine pale breast dark Can. Bullf., in fine feather and condition; 3, H. Walsh, nice Greenf.-Bullf., in good feather, 4, Hodkinson, very nice Goldf.-Greenf. NOV. BRIT. (10):

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

Tenth annual show held Nov. 14 and 15 in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, a new building, and well adapted for a cage bird show, having a splendid light during the day and electrically lighted at night. The staging is on the up-to-date three-tier principle and arranged at a convenient height for seeing the birds; entries were a big increase on any previous show, which is only what this go-ahead society well deserve, as they give a very liberal classification and engage specialist judges. They are very fortunate in having such a man as Mr. Hayver for secretary. The genial George is always obliging and courteous to all, and gets through his duties in a very efficient and unobtrusive manner. J. Hands (Chairman), T. Leck (Vice-Chair) and J. W. Clark (Treasurer) worked like trojans, and were ably assisted by a strong committee, Messrs. Simpson, Crass, Clark, Vallance, Carr, Pattinson, Graham, Fletcher, Purvis, Hillary, Ridley, Walker, Robson, Dodds and Dyer. The stewards kept the judges well supplied, and prize cards were quickly put on cages. The Canary classes were well filled, and competition keen, Borders as usual being the strongest section, averaging just over 14 per class. The silver cup for best bird in show was won by Dobson and Son's grand Crest, which stood right away from anything else in the section.

Norwich were a grand lot, showing plenty of colour, type and quality. The winning yellow of Mr. McGuinn, which took special for best Norwich in show, was much admired. In the 11 classes for champions 135 birds were benched. One class was provided for Cinnamon Norwich and 13 birds were staged, Rev. B. Hume taking the whole of the money prizes with a fine team; his winner, a yellow of grand type and quality, will take a bit of stopping. The two Mule classes only had seven entries, two of which were wrong classed. British and Foreign also were poorly filled classes, but quality was good. The show was well patronised by visitors, there being quite a crowd on the Saturday. The judges were Messrs. Gilchrist, Borders; Cowgill, Yorkshires, Crests, Lizards and Scotch Fancies; and Mundell, the remainder.

Mr. Cowgill's Classes.

CREST CK. (9): 1, spl. best bird in show, Dobson and Son, big dense crest, grand droop, neat centre; 2, Mrs. Taylor, dense crest of good size, not so well groomed as winner; 3, R. Bewick, well shaped crest of good quality and droop; 4, Armstrong, good big crest, scarcely so good in shape and qual.; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Jenries; c, Swan. HEN (10): 1, J. Taylor, nice round crest, good droop and centre; 2, hc, Hutchinson, nice size and shape, veiny feather; 3, 4, c, Dobson and Son, good sized crests, scarcely so neat; vhc, R. Bewick. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Dobson and Son, rare big head, wide entrance, full neck, plenty of feather; 2, Lawson, grand head and neck, plenty of feather, less size; 3, McColl, big body, lots of feather, rather weak in head; 4, T. Bewick, good big body, full head and neck; vhc, Swan; hc, Armstrong; c, Mrs. Taylor. HEN (14): 1, Dobson and Son, big massive body, grand width of head; 2, R. S. Bewick, again grand size, plenty feather, good head and neck; 3, Hutchinson, plenty body feather, not so good head; 4, c, Mrs. Taylor, rare massive body, plenty of feather; vhc, Swan; hc, Armstrong. YOUNG CREST (11): 1, Dickenson Bros., nice round crest, well radiated from a neat centre; 2, Mrs. Taylor, denser and bigger crest, not so neat; 3, R. S. Bewick, good size, shape and droop; 4, Simpson, good sized crest, bit open on side; vhc, hc, Dobson and Son; c, Lawson. YOUNG C.B. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Dobson and Son, rare big birds, plenty of feather, winner has better head; 3, Jenries, full head and neck, slimmer body; 4, Mrs. Taylor, plenty of feather, less size; hc, c, R. S. Bewick. NOV., CREST OR C.B. (12): 1, 4, Tait, C.-B., rare subs., good broad head, 4th Crest of good size and shape; 2, 3, Simpson, Crest, good shape and droop, neat centre, 3rd C.-B., grand size, plenty of feather; vhc, c, Morrison; hc, Gillespie. YORKS., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Dykes, rare length, excellent shape, rich level col., very close feather; 2, vhc, Crawhall, well on leg, grand shape, well carried wings and tail; 3, Deighton, long and slim, good pos., capital wings and tail; 4, Pyman, graud length, erect pos., good wings, tail and feather; hc, Marrison; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Mason, fine length, erect position, rich level col., good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Crawhall, neat head, clean front, well carried wings and tail, close feather; 3, Bailey, plenty of leg, well shaped body, close boxy feather; 4, Dyson, long and slim, good wings, tail and feather; hc, Stewart; c, Thomas. TKD. or VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Bailey, mkd. neck and wings, rare length and shape, rich level col.; 2, vhc, Towers, plenty length, well on leg, close compact feather, good wings and

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A good class: 1, hc, Wood, very good 'Gale leading, best "Cage Birds" novice British; 2, Cooper, very good Waxwing; 3, Darlow, pretty Redstart; 4, c, Beers, good Greenfinch and nice Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Tupholme; hc, Wood. BUDGERIGARS (8): Grand lot: 1, Col. Routh, splendid pair Greens, well-balanced all through; 2, hc, Mrs. Duncan, two pairs of Yellows, former much the best, in grand feather; 3, G. Simpson, very good Greens, run up very close, fine order; 4, vhc, Cottingham, very little if any behind, in fine trim. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Fletcher, well-known Green Leek, and King, both in champion form; 3, Col. Routh, pretty pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds, fine feather. PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, Fletcher, grand large silky cock Eclectus, in very perfect feather and condition; 2, Aulsebrook, good Grey Parrot, in fine plumage; 3, Mrs. Henton, Blue and Yell. Macaw, full of pep just now, or might have gone higher; 4, Cottingham, Blue-front, fine condition; vhc, Ditchfield, Blue Front. MANNIKINS, ETC. (15): Very pretty class: 1, F. Howe, famous pair of grand conditioned White-headed Mannikins, very steady, in perfect condition; 2, vhc, Fletcher, grand pair of St. Helena Waxbills and smart pair of Bengalese, in splendid order, former bit shy of perches; 3, Col. Routh, grand pair very tight smart conditioned Golden-breasted Waxbills; 4, Hattersley, fine pair Zebras, in splendid plumage; hc, c, Mrs. Thompson. FINCH LIKE (14): Very entertaining class of splendid birds all through: 1, vhc, hc, Simpson, very perfect Dominican Pintail Whydah, as pretty as paint; 2, Beaty, lovely Golden-backed, in splendid feather; 3, Fletcher, perfect Bronze Weaver; 4, F. Howe, fine Striated Bunting, in grand feather; c, Col. Routh, very large perfect Diamond Sparrows. TANAGERS, ETC. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Col. Routh, rare team of Tanagers, all in pink of condition, Red-eared, Violet, Scarlet, and Gold Shoulder; 2, Saywell, very pretty necklace Tanager. A.O.S. (2): 1, Fletcher, very pretty Brazilian Hangnest; 2, Simpson, fine Long-tail Glossy Starling.

tail; 3, Dykes, long and slim, good legs, level wings, close feather; 4, Morrison, head and wing mkd., grand shape, good legs, rich level col.; hc, Pyman; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (9): 1, Bailey, neck mkd., erect position, well tapered body, good wings and tail; 2, c, Dyson, cheek mkd., well on leg, rare length of body, neat wings and tail, grand feather; 3, Hall, variog., hot level col., close feather, good length of leg, wing and tail; 4, Dykes, long and well tapered, good qual., col. and feather; vhc, Fowle; hc, Cuthbertson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Casey, cl., erect position, very nervy, long and straight, good wings and tail; 2, Stewart, tkd. wing, fine length and qual., good legs, wings and tail; 3, Bailey, cl., grand length and shape, well on leg, very close feather; 4, Thomas, cl., good legs, wings and tail, close feather; vhc, Mather; hc, Deighton; c, Whitley. BUFF (14): 1, Mason, wing tkd., erect position, well tapered, good wings, tail and feather; 2, Ogden Bros., tkd. cheek, graud shape and qual., close boxy feather, well carried wings and tail; 3, Whitley, clear, rare qual., full of nerve, good length, well up on leg; 4, Stewart, long and slim, good head, wings, tail and feather; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Bailey; c, Deighton. YELL. CK., UNFLIG. (16): 1, Dykes, cl., rare length, well tapered, good head, wings and tail; 2, Deighton, head mkd., long and slim, good shape and feather; 3, Casey, cl., long and straight, hot col., grand feather; 4, Ogden Bros., long and upstanding, grand wings, tail and feather; vhc, Tweedie; hc, Thomas; c, Waters. BUFF (11) 1, Ogden Bros., cl., grand length and shape, very close feather; 2, Thomas, good legs, well tapered body, grand wings and tail; 3, Stewart, wing tkd., fine length, well on leg, good wings, clean feather; 4, Tweedy, cheek mkd., good legs, well carried wings and tail, close feather; vhc, Dykes; hc, Dyson; c, Pyman. HEN (17): 1, Dykes, tkd. neck, yell., very long and slim, grand qual., good wings, tail and feather; 2, Thomas, cl. buff, long and well tapered, good legs, close feather; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., cl. yell., rare length, well on leg, good colour and feather; 4, Pyman, wing mkd. bun, good in shape, wings, tail and feather; hc, Crawhall; c, Arenwood and Laseelles. NOV., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Mirley, grand length, erect position, full of qual., good wings and tail; 2, Medgley, fine length and shape, good col., feather, wings and tail; 3, Leck, well up on leg, good position, wings and tail; 4, Carr, grand shape, well carried wings and tail, close feather; vhc, Ireland; hc, Thurston; c, Gill. BUFF (21): 1, Midgley, cl., rare length and shape, very close feather; 2, Ridley Bros., well up on leg, good wings and tail, fine qual.; 3, Lealman, long and straight, good wings and tail; 4, Mirley, good length and shape, capital wings and tail; vhc, Scott; hc, Nicnol; c, Carr. HEN (22): 1, Leck, cl., buff, grand length, well tapered, very close feather, good qual.; 2, Mirley, wing mkd. yell., long and slim, good legs, wings and tail; 3, J. W. Carr, cl. buff, fine length and shape, good qual. and feather; 4, Ridley Bros., cl. yell., neat head, good wing and tail carr., grand level col. and feather; vhc, hc, Graham; c, J. A. Carr. LIZARD, CL. CAP (8): 1, 4, Barnes, Gold, excellent spangling, well rowed, good colour and feather; 2, Hyslop, Silver, spangling very clear and distinct, grand condition; 3, W. Reid, Gold, less size, but grandly spangled and rowed; vhc, Davidson; hc, Rukin; c, Riseborough. BROKEN (12): 1, Riseborough, Silver, well spangled back and sides, good col. and condition; 2, 3, Barnes, Gold and Silver, both good spangling, a little less size; 4, c, Hyslop, Gold, splendid back spangling, good col. and condition; hc, Reid. SCOTS FANCY, CK. (7): 1, 2, Thompson Bros., grand length, erect position, good shoulders, long neck, head well down, free action, 2nd more bulk, grand shoulder and back, not so free in neck and tail; 3, Craig, grand size, good neck, shoulder and back, stiff tail; 4, vhc, Chapman, grand length, good neck, shoulder and back; hc, Little; c, Churnside. HEN (6): 1, hc, Chapman, stands like a guardsman, great length of body and leg, erect position, head well down, long neck, grand shoulders, round back, free tail; 2, Craig, grand position, well filled shoulders and back, free tail; 3, vhc, Thompson Bros., fine length and position, good neck and back, free action; 4, Little, erect position, good neck, shoulder and back, scarcely ready. MEMBERS' CLASSES: CREST CK.: 1, Bewick; 2, Simpson. HEN: 1, Berwick; 2, Simpson. C.B. CK.: 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Bewick. HEN: 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Bewick. YORKS.. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Crawhall; 2, 3, Graham. BUFF: 1, vhc, Crawhall; 2, Graham; 3, 4, Leck. HEN: 1, 2, Graham; 3, Leck; 4, vhc, Ridley Bros.; hc, c, Havis. AMATEUR: 1, 2, Ridley Bros. R. S. Bewick won the Walter Willson silver cup for most points with three nominated birds.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (11): 1, sp., best Nor.. also Sandiford's, McGuinn, the Hartlepool winner, grand bird, massive head, good chest, grand wings, very short and chubby, rich col.; 2, Seeley Bros., rich col., boxy feather, very short and cobby, grand type, cap, eyes and wing mkd.; 3, Thomas, rich col., lovely qual. of feather, neat round head, full chest, grand wings and short tail; 4, Scott, fails a little in col. to winners, boxy feather, grand shape, cobby; vhc, McKay; hc, Carr; c, Smith. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Hume, 1st, good head, rich level col., beautiful qual. of feather, shines like glass, cobby and true to type, 2nd, loses a little in col., and a shade long, good head, and chest; 3, Crass, neat head, rich level colour, full of qual., a little open on breast; 4, vhc, R. W. Smith, nice type and qual., good head, short and very cobby; hc, Robson and March, a fine type of a bird, but soiled, or no doubt would have been higher; c, Clark and Foster. HEN. YELL. (11): 1, Thomas, rich level col., good round chest, well filled in neck, grand wing car., very short and cobby; 2, Butler, good head, neck and chest, short wings and tail, rich level col., full of qual., cobby; 3, R. W. Smith, nice type, very short and chubby, rich col., full of qual.; 4, McGuinn, good head and neck, round chest, rich col. and qual., short, compact wings; vhc, Sceley Bros.; hc, Fletcher; c, Robson and March. BUFF (14): 1, Thomas, rich level col., full of qual., good head and chest, pair of nice wings, very short and cobby, true to type; 2, Makin, paler in col. to winner, full of quality, good head and neck, short wings and tail, very cobby and nice type; 3, McKay, variog., good head, neck and chest, the best of feather, true to type; 4, Clark and Foster, paler in col., nice qual., good head and chest; vhc, Hands; hc, Burdett; c, Scott. YELL., UNFLIG. (12): 1, Thomas, mkd. head, rich level col. throughout, lovely qual. of feather, good sound head, fails on chest and neck, short flights, well braced to side, short and cobby, nice type; 2, R. W. Smith, grizzled on neck, good head, neck and wings, rich level col., full of qual., nice short, compact wings and tail, very cobby and nice type; 3, Butler, blaze of col., good head, neck and chest, full of qual., true to type; 4, Crass, wing tkd., good head, rich col., full of qual., very wild when handled; vhc, Crasswell; hc, G. Smith; c, Robson and March. BUFF (14): 1, Butler, ticked head, rich level colour, short compact wings and tail, full in neck, clean on chest, boxy feather, short and cobby, true to type; 2, Thomas, cl., good head and neat round chest, rich col., full of qual., grand type; 3, Pierson, cl., rich col., full of qual., good head and chest, short and cobby; 4, Cross, nice qual. and rich col., good head, crosses wings at times, and a bit too long on leg; vhc, R. W. Smith; hc, Sceley Bros.; c, Lawson. YELL. HEN, UNFLIG. (8): 1, 4, Laidlow, cl., rich col., grand head and neck, short and cobby, full of qual., good wing car., true to type, 4, cap and wing marked, rich col., fine qual., short wings and tail; 2, Baker, cl., good head, neck and chest, boxy feather, short compact wings and tail, rich col., true to type; 3, Seeley Bros., eyes and wings mkd., good head, rich, level col., boxy feather, short, compact wings and tail, very typical; vhc, Carr; hc, Robson and March; c, Mourning. BUFF (13): 1, Thomas, cl., rich level col., boxy feather, good head, neck and chest, grand wing carr., short tail, true to type; 2, Burdett, tick on head, rich col., boxy feather, short wings and tail, round head, full in neck and chest; 3, Inglis, cl., short and cobby, true type, rich col., full of qual.; 4, Makins, cl., nice type and qual., short and cobby; vhc, Yetts; hc, Pierson; c, Riding. NOV., CL., OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Wood, cl., good head and chest, full in neck, rich col., boxy feather, nice type; 2, Rowcroft Bros., cl., full in neck, clean on chest, good head, rich col., full of qual.; 3, Wright, rare blaze of col., silky feather, short flights and tail, short and cobby, true to type, we liked; 4, Crosswell, very hot, good head, short flight and tail, cobby, bit rough in feather; vhc, Richardson; hc, Morrison; c, Reed. BUFF (16): 1, Stephenson, cl., good head and neck, short and cobby, rich col., boxy feather, full on chest; 2, Makepeace, eye, head and wings mkd., blaze of col., full of qual., good chest, true to type; 3, Rowcroft Bros., grizzled on neck, rich col., boxy feather, nice head, short wings and tail; 4, Proctor, cl., level col., full of qual., short flights and tail, very cobby; vhc, Fryer; hc, Lumley; c, Page. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Johnson, buff, teeming with qual. of feather, level col., on the small side; 2, Crass, yell., full of qual., true to type, small head; 3, J. H. Cross, buff, good head, rich col., bit loose in feather; 4, McKay; vhc, Dobbs; hc, Morrison; c, Barnes. CINN. (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Hume, 1, yell., true Norwich type, lovely head, rich col. throughout, grand head, wings and tail, wins; 2 Buff good head, rich col., full of qual., grand size, 3rd, buff, another good one, rare size, col. and feather, 4, yell., rich col., full of qual., smaller; hc, Bentley. SELF., 20s. (17): 1, Hay, lovely yell. Nor.; 2, Johnston, buff tkd. Yorks.; 3, Routledge, D.C.; 4, Coomber, buff mkd. Yorks.; vhc, Lawson; hc, A. Lawson; c, Bentley. 15s. (20): 1, Hay; 2, hc, Bentley; 3, Taylor; 4, Gill; vhc, Baker; c, Dickinson Bros. 10s. (15): 1, Bewick; 2, Craig; 3, Bentley. LIGHT MULE (1): 1, Butler; Cl. Goldie-Can. DARK (6): 1, Gilchrist, Goldie-Can., rich col., lovely condition, rare size; 2, Carr, dark Linnet Mule, in the pink; 3, Jas. Johnson, jun., Siskin-Can., rich col., nicely mkd., in the pink of condition; 4, Baker, Cinn., Greenf.-Can., bit loose in feather; No. 1 and No. 4, W.C. GOLDF. (6): 1, Jameson and Johnson, grand square blaze, lovely bars and buttons, rich col., grand cond.; 2, Almond, good blaze, not so rich in col. as 1st, nice bars and buttons, good feather; 3, Maddison, nice blaze, bars and buttons, nicely tanned; 4, Heslop; vhc, Craig; hc, Curry. BULLF. (8): 1, McGregor, good large cap, nice white bars, rich breast, rare size, lovely con., very steady; 2, 3, Barkers, 3, nice cap and breast, good bars, lovely con., very steady, 3, fine, rich col., good cap and bars, rare size; 4, vhc, Jameson and Johnson; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Nixon. GREENF. (7): 1, Maddison, lovely col., great size, in the pink; 2, Reed, good size, lovely feather, and rich col.; 3, McVary, sound col., not so large as 1st and 2nd; 4, Clark and Foster; vhc, Carr; hc, Johnston. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Riding, Twite, rich brown col., well pencilled, in grand form; 2, Curry, Redpoll, nice con. and col.; 3, Robson and March, Siskin, nicely mkd., rich col., lacks con.; 4, Jameson and Johnson, Siskin. A.O. FINCH (4): 1, Stephenson, Chaffinch, lovely con., nicely mkd.; 2, Hopper Bros., Hawfinch, good bib and col.; 3, Jameson and Johnson, Bramble, rich col. and markings. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Hunter, lovely nut brown col., nicely pencilled, very steady, in the pink of con., 2nd, nicely pencilled, con. AI, very steady; 3, Smurthwaite, nutty brown col., nicely pencilled, steady, well shown; 4, McVay, nice type, right in pencilling; vhc, Reed; hc, Carr; c, Carr, jun. F.M. (11): 1, Curry, nice col. and pencilling, lovely shape, very steady; 2, Smurthwaite, nice type, good markings, steady; 3, Watson; 4, Reed; vhc, Coltman; hc, c, Dunn. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Elliott, Bearded Tit. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Christer, 1, red naped Lorikeet; 2, Paradise Whydah; 3, 4, Almond. MEMB., NOR. YELL. (8): 1 Smith; 2, 4, hc, J. Crass; 3, c, Robson and March; vhc, Fletcher. BUFF (9): 1, 4, hc, J. Crass; 2, Walker; 3, Smith; vhc, Robson and March; c, Ridley Bros. HEN YELL. (2): 1, Walker; 2, Robson and March. BUFF (9): 1, Walker; 2, Fletcher; 3, hc, Jas. Crass; 4, J. H. Crass; vhc, Robson and March; c, Ridley Bros. NAT. COL. (9): 1, 4, Jas. Crass; 2, vhc, Havver; 3, Robson and March; hc, Dobbs; c J. H. Crass. AMAT. (5): 1, 3, Reed; 2, Walker; 4, Dobbs. MULE (3): 1, 3, Hands; 2, Robson and March. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, Dobbs; 2, Jas. Crass; 3, Ridley Bros.; 4, Hands; vhc, Graham; hc, J. H. Crass. LINNET (2): 1, Reed; 2, Vallans. LINNET, F.M. (3): 1, Reed; 2, Vallans; 3, J. H. Crass.

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AVONBRIDGE (Stirling).

Held in Avonbridge Hall, Nov. 15. Entries numbered 490, which showed a substantial increase, and quality was quite up to the standard. The new hall is an improvement on the old, the birds being much better staged. There was quite a good attendance of fanciers. Mr. Jas. Hamilton, Eskbank, judged Norwich and Borders, and Mr. J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh, the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. (6): 1, Chalmers, great qualitied Buff, short in body, good full head; 2, Gordon, good, bold-headed yell., nice qual. of feather; 3, Steven, var. yell., nice head and neck; 4, Gentleman, yell., good type, neat head, good cond.; vhc, Rodger; hc, Anderson. HEN (5): 1, Anderson, buff, stormer for size, beautiful head, neck, and wing; 2, Chalmers, excellent buff, not much between these two; 3, 4, Gentleman, well staged, but not so short and typical; vhc, Gordon. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 3, Binnie, nearly self Greens, winner possesses big round, well groomed crest, 2, Dunsmore, Green Crest, wants grooming, good feather. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, sp., Brown, very nice size, good taper and carr., well shown; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, rare good feather and col., well rounded; 3, Dunsmore, lovely shape, good cond. and feather; 4, Smith, good cond., hardly so good type; vhc, c, Gentleman; hc, Haston. HEN (9): 1, novice medal, Harper, little gem, nicely rounded front, good wing carr.; 2, Bennet, close up, splendid qual., type and cond.; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, rare good style and cond., true type; 4, Walker, well staged, good type and qual.; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Newbigging; c, Dunsmore. BUFF (9): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, lovely col., feather and cond., beautiful head and rounded front; 2, Murray, tkd., good shape, head and neck; 3, Thomson, not so neat, capital qual. and cond.; 4, Wood, nice taper and col.; vhc, c, Newbigging; hc, Brown. HEN (8): 1, medal; best in show, Bennet, model for shape, nicely moulded, in faultless cond.; 2, Dunsmore, neat head, beautiful wing carr., grand cond.; 3, Murray, rare good qual., nicely polished, good size; 4, Harper, good jaunty carr., capital condition, good body; vhc, Russell; hc, Lambie; c, Gentleman. YELL. GREEN CK. (12): 1, Thomson, extra good col. and qual., excellent shape and faultless cond.; 2, Douglas, smart shape and good col., well finished; 3, Lambie, good stamp, nice col. and feather; 4, Smith; vhc, Forrest; hc, Grant; c, Spence. HEN (9): 1, Campbell, rich col., good head and body, nice size and taper; 2, hc, Gentleman, close up, grand type, qual., and col.; 3, Thomson, again good col., neat head, nice front; 4, Lambie, fair, good col. and shape, fine cond.; vhc, Lumsden; c, Spence. BUFF GR. CK. (11): 1, Harper, beautiful polish, nicely moulded front, neat head and neck; 3, Thomson, good col., nice wing carr. and taper; 3, 4, Gentleman, both very nice col. and shape, fair good neck; vhc, Stewart and Fairley; hc, Arnot; c, Wilson. HEN (5): 1, sp., Johnstone, very good size, shape, and feather, excellent col., wins; 2, Spence, faultless cond., very nice col. and neat head; 3, Stewart and Fairley, not so nicely moulded, but useful hen; 4, Dick, good shape and col., lacks finish; vhc, Campbell. FOUL GR. OR CINN. (8): 1, Thomson, Gr., rare good col., mkd. on neck, excellent front and head; 2, Gentleman, capital Gr., best of feather and shape; 3, Forrest, Gr., good col., nicely tapered, good wings; 4, Lambie, very good Green, looking trifle soft, capital style; vhc, Johnston; hc, Campbell; c, Smith. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, Bennet, rare good col. and feather, nicely moulded, smooth as a bottle; 2, 4, Gentleman, both teem with quality; 2nd, better type and col.; 3, Dunsmore, good shape and col., well put down; vhc, hc, Lambie. BUFF CINN. (5): 1, Gentleman, rare type, good jaunty carr., best of col.; 2, Bennet, another good one, close up; 3, Arnot, good stamp, nicely rounded, good head and col.; 4, Dunsmore, trifle thinner got up; vhc, Lambie. A.O.V. (8): 1, Crabb and Finlayson, uneven Buff, gem for type, carr. and condition; 2, Strachan, shapely yell., tight as wax, good wings; 3, Arnot, very nice Buff, good head, neck, and front, rare good feather; 4, Johnston, thinner in build, good head and feather, var. yellow; vhc, Douglas; hc, Sloan; c, Russell. HEN (5): 1, Walker, uneven buff, jaunty style, beautiful quality and finish; 2, Thomson, smart buff, excelling in type; 3, Grant, buff, good head; 4, Gentleman, good typical yell., mkd. cheek and head; vhc, Arnot. SELL. (11): 1, Bennett; 2, Dunsmore; 3, vhc, Gentleman; 4, Murray; hc, Smith; c, Sloan. MULES, DARK GOLDF. OR LINNET (8): 1, Gentleman, Goldf., good col. and size, well staged; 2, Reid, Linnet, plenty of size, excellent col.; 3, vhc, hc, Steven, Goldf., good face and sub., nice col.; 4, Bell, very good Goldf., well known; c, Haldane. A.O. HYB. (6): 1, Perrie, good Redpoll-Bullfi, nice size, faultless cond.; 2, Yates, varieg. Mule, nice light markings, good size and qual.; 3, Craig and Son, good Siskin Mule, well staged, wants more col.; 4, Bell, well known, good cond. and col.; vhc, Russell; hc, Brannan. GOLDF. (7): 1, Pringle, good square blaze, wonderful head and tanning; 2, Grant, good big blaze, capital breast and back; 3, Morton, good square blaze, rich col., nice polish; 4, Scobbie, good wings, nice blaze; vhc, Bell; hc, Calder; c, Smith. BULLF. (5): 1, Palmer, big, expansive cap, grand size, best of col.; 2, Bell, rare good col., broad cap, we liked as well; 3, Calder, good size and finish, not quite the col.; 4, Liddle, nice cond., paler on breast col.; vhc, Haldane. HEN (6): 1, Perrie, large, good head, perfect cond.; 2, 3, 4, hc, Gentleman, grand team; 2nd and 3rd both very large hens, shown in faultless trim; vhc, Bell. SISKIN (7): 1, Morton, excellent bib and wings, grand col.; 2, Sykes, good col., cap and flanks; 3, Calder, not so distinct in bib, nice flanks; 4, Semple, unfed, good cap and wings; vhc, Bell, very good Siskin, unlucky; hc Yates; c, Gentleman. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, 2, Robertson, grand, shapely birds, rare good size and col., capital pencilling; 3, Morton, very good shape and breast, well pencilled; vhc, McKechnie; hc, Bell; c, Scobbie. F.M. (5): 1, Calder, good breast work and size, well staged; 2, Liddle, good, rich col., nicely pencilled; 3, Connachan, good shape, size and col.; 4, Morton, nice sub., good cond.; vhc, Gentleman. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (5): 1, good-coloured Mealy, capital flanks, splendid cond.; 2, Nicolson, Twite, grand cond., col. and breast; 3, Gentleman, Mealy, nicely laced on flanks, good cond.; 4, Bell, Twite, very good breast, not so large; vhc, Liddle. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. (5): 1, McGillivray Bros., little gem, excelling in col. and markings; 2, Perrie, sire of winning Hybrid, grand stamp and cond.; 3, 4, Gentleman, both good in col., nice flanks; vhc, Morton. F.M. (8): 1, Connachan, rare good 'Poll, nice bib and col.; 2, Bell, excellent col., nice bib and lashing, our choice; 3, Gentleman, good distinct bib, good lacing; 4, Liddle; vhc, Sykes; hc, Calder; c, Perrie. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (11): 1, 2, Sykes, 1st, Chaffi., just about the best out, great size and col.; 2nd, rich coloured Bramble, plenty of size, great back and breast; 3, Sharp, Chaffie, lovely shoulders, good head and size; 4, Robertson, smart Bramble, rich col., beaten in size; vhc, Stewart and Dalling; hc, Haldane; c, Morton. GREENF., FLD (5): 1, Morton, rare good size and col., remarkable polish; 2, Reid, good bodied Buff, with bold head and front; 3, Gentleman, grand size, excellent shape and col.; 4, McKechnie. NON FED (5): 1, McLean, good head and body, rare good qual. of feather; 2, Sykes, very similar all through, not much between them; 3, Bell, big, good-bodied Buff, rare col. and finish; 4, Dunsmore; vhc, Sharp. F.M. (3): 1, Palmer, nice head and front, good col. and feather; 2, Sykes, big bouncing Buff, all there for col. and head; 3, McLean, not in same bloom, but capital col. A.O.V. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Gentleman, good trio, Hawfinch, Yellowhammer, and Siskin, all staged excellently, and good in col.; 4, Sommerville, big, bouncing Greenfinch; vhc, Livingston. A.O.V. (5): 1, sp., Gentleman, massive Hawfinch, great col., cond., head and beak; 2, Bell, charming Yellow Wagtail, in faultless feather, excellently staged; 3, Anderson, big, good Magpie, grandly cut, rare cond.; 4, Stewart and Dalling. FOR., GOLDF. OR BULLF. (3): 1, Nicolson, well-known, excelling in blaze, face and buttons; 2, Reid, big, good ripe face, nice breast; 3, Gentleman, nice blaze, hardly so large, all Goldfinches.

BODMIN.

21st annual show held Nov. 12. The section was a great improvement on the last four shows, both in numbers and quality, and the society well deserved their good fortune, having given (per Mr. W. G. Tickell, a Cornish fancier, now in South Africa) a 5-guinea cup for most points in show. The Agar Hall was reserved for cage birds only, and a better place for the purpose could hardly be found, being free from draughts, and with a good light. Norwich made a wonderful show of 60 in 5 classes, some well-known western birds being staged. Messrs. Symons Bros.' cl. yell. that made such a sensation at Plymouth Show again winning in its class. W. Spillman, Devonport, showed a grand team. Yorks. had 52 entries in 4 classes, Mr. Boundy doing well, whilst Mr. Ellis's winning young buff was greatly admired. Mules were a real good class, and two sets of winners could have been found. In small British again quality was evident, Mr. F. Collins winning with his Palace Yellow Wagtail. The total entry amounted to 250, being 80 in excess of last year. Mr. Jago was as usual a most obliging general secretary, whilst Mr. W. E. B. Lee was particularly interested in the welfare of the cage birds, ably assisted by Messrs. Hender, Hone, Kendell, Shelly, Tickell, and Wellington. Mr. F. Collius, Camborne, was fortunate enough to win both the extra specials, scoring 74 points throughout the show for the 5-guinea cup, and also winning the clock for the largest entry. Bodmin, and it might be said all Cornish folk within easy distance make the annual show a holiday, and the attendance this year bids fair to create another record. Mr. S. Tickell judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Symons Bros., Plymouth winner, grand shape, one of the best in the show room; 2, Howard, on the small side; 3, vhc, Spillman, leader nice type, good head, fails colour; hc, Edwards; c, Collins. BUFF (8): 1, c, Stephens and Gaved, leader Exeter winner, grand shape and qual.; 2, Hill, good head, not so fine in feather as might be; 3, Spillman, beautiful type, grand size; vhc, Collins; hc, Edwards. MKD. CK. (14): 1, 2, 3, Spillman, good team, leader, cap cuff, a well-known winner; 2, the old tkd. yell., carries his 7 years well, in grand trim; 3, nice tail, mkd. buff; vhc, Sherman; c, Garland. HEN (13): 1, Hill, neat buff; 2, Garland, well-known yell., frequent winner; 3, Symons, buff, good shape and feather; vhc, hc, c, Spillman; we preferred vhc for higher honours, a grand non-flight., 2nd Paignton. NON-FLIG. (16): 1, Fox, cl. buff, bouncing bird, fails a little in head; 2, Collins, and extra 3rd, cl. yell., nice type; 3, vhc, c, Spillman, yell., good type and feather, down a bit in col., vhc, the Dulwich and Peckham winner, grand shape, feather, and col.; hc, Symons Bros. CREST AND C.B. (7): 1, 2 spls, Davey, well-known variegated. Crest, good spread and shape, an easy win; 2, Russell, good cl. body, fine size, neat crest; 3, hc, c, Symons Bros., leader good cl. body, fails size and crest to winner; vhc, Edwards. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Allen, well up on leg, nice back, good style; 2, Boundy, close up, grand length; 3, Peters, good feather, well up on leg; vhc, Richards; hc, Sleeman; c, Thomas. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Boundy, gem, grand style and feather; 2, Snead, nice wings and breast; 3, Julian, fails a bit in length to leaders: extra 3rd, Peters; vhc, Snead; hc, Thomas; c, Richards. MKD., ETC. (13): 1, Allen, tkd. buff, well up on leg grand feather; 2, Boundy, tkd. yell., well known winner, in the pink; 3, Snead, another good yell., close up; extra 3rd, Peters; vhc, Andrew; hc, c, Julian. NON-FLIG. (16): 1, Ellis, buff, a stormer, smooth as glass, grand shape, lovely wings, and well up on leg, easy win; 2, Boundy, another good buff, grand length and well up on leg; 3, Sleeman, cl. yell., well placed, loses in length to winners; ex. 3rd, Allen, var. buff; vhc, Wills; hc, Thomas; c, Julian. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, Pope, yell. cinn., unbeaten to date, sixth 1st prize; 2, 3, vhc, Collins, buff cinn., well-known winner in Cornish shows; hc, Sherman; c, Cock. MULE (13): 1, sp., Hotta and Sou, Goldie-Bullie, good bird, in splendid feather, rather on the small side; 2, vhc, Edwards, leader Greenie-Bullie, good size and cond.; 3, ex. 3, c, Collins, leader the well-known four-point yell. Goldie-Can., might have won here; vhc, hc, Edwards. GOLDF. (6): 1, sp, 2, Coombe two nice Finches, grand feather and nice shaped blaze, not much between them; 3, Cooper, fails in bloom to winner; vhc, c, Edwards; hc, Cock. SMALL (12): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Collins, leader the well-known Yellow Wagtail, in excellent condition; 2, Blackcap, well shown; 3, grand Bramble in good feather; hc, Edwards. LARGE (3): 1, sp., 2, Stephens and Gaved, leader well-known Chough; 2, grand Waxwing in good trim, a taking exhibit. CAGE OF FOUR (6): 1, Spillman Bros., Crests, good shape of crest, nice spread; 3, Howard, buff Nor. FOR. (3): 1, sp, Hon. Agar Robartes, Hill Mynah, in grand fettle; 2, Stocker, Lemon-crest Cockatoo; 3, Wright, Amazon. SMALL (7): 1, Dunston, Pekin Robin, looking well; 2, Woolcock, Whydah; 3, Stephens and Gaved, Diamond Finch; vhc, Pears; hc, Stephens and Gaved; c, Bunt. SELL., 15/- (19): 1, vhc, Collins; 2, Rallinbury; 3, Boundy; hc, Lobb; c, Garland. 7/6 (16): 1, no name; 2, c, Collins; 3, Thomas; ex. 3, Spillman; vhc, Pope; hc, Symons. CAN., LOCAL (7): 1, 3, Wills; 2, vhc, no name. BRIT.: 1, c, Pearce; 2, Hellen; 3, Wall; vhc, Thomas; hc, George.

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GLASGOW (West End).

Fourth annual show, held Nov. 15, in the Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, a very comfortable one for the purpose, fine temperature, free from draught, and well lighted with electricity. The management was all that could be desired. Secretary Mr. W. Proudfoot we found very capable and obliging; he had all arrangements well on hand, he was ably assisted by Pres. Mr. C. Campbell, Vice-Pres. Mr. W. G. Hamilton and Mr. J. M. Bannerman, along with the committee, Messrs. A. Symington, A. Gillespie, J. Campbell, D. Lunn, W. Kane, and R. Prentice, who all worked well towards the success of the show. If this progressive body of fanciers go on as they are doing they will require a much larger hall, as it was packed to its utmost. The entry totalled 250, a slight decrease from last year, but quality was very good, especially in Borders. B.F.C.C. medal was won by Mr. D. Lunn with a beauty of a cl. yell. cock; the Pearson Challenge Rose Bowl for best young Nor. by Mr. J. Tawse with a nice typical yell. variegated cock; Macfiab Challenge Cup for best young Yorks., Mr. W. Cochrane, with a fine outstanding cl. buff cock of nice length, also wins gold medal very generously granted for the fourth time by Mr. W. Gibb Macnab for best young bird in hall; cup for best young Mule, Mr. G. McGowan; special best Brit., Mr. G. G. Henderson; best Foreign, Mr. W. Proudfoot, with his well-known King Parrot; Hyde's special, Mr. J. Henderson. Judges were: Plainheads and Crests, Mr. J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; Borders and Yorks., Mr. G. Hislop, Stirling; Brit. and For., Mr. R. V. Raine, Catheart.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS, C.B. (3): 1, sp., 2, 3, Hamilton, leader excels in size and sub., plenty of feather, well lashed, fine cond.; 2nd, good qual., good entrance; 3rd, fine cond. and length of feather. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL CK. (5): 1, Sheridan, fine one for qual., good head and front, medium size; 2, J. Campbell, fine shape and col., neat wings, lacks sub. of winner; 3, 5, J. Henderson, 3rd, fine make and col.; 4, G. Henderson. BUFF (2): 1, C. Campbell, good stamp, lovely qual., in rare order; 2, Tawse, more size and subs., good feather and cond., we liked. YELL. VARIEG. (2): 1, 3, sp., Tawse, eye and wing mkd., rare qual. and col., fine cobby body, nice short wings and tail; 2, G. Henderson, fine qual. of feather, good col. and cond. BUFF (3): J. Henderson, fine head and qual., good subs., neat wings and tail; 2, Campbell, short cobby body, good qual., beaten head; 3, sp., Sheridan, good qual. and cond., fails size. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Hyde's sp., J. Henderson, fine cl., good head and front, rare qual., medium size; 2, G. Henderson, fine size, good qual. and cond., trifle long behind; 3, Sheridan, rich qual., rare wings and tail, fails head. BUFF (4): 1, 2, sp., 3, C. Campbell, 1st, sweet typical cl., lovely qual., fine wings and tail, very stylish; 2nd, tkd. head, more subs., lacks cond.; 3rd, tkd. neck, fine qual.; 4, Sheridan. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (1), I, J. Henderson, very rich qual., good cond. BUFF (2): 1, sp., C. Campbell, head and eye mkd., grand shape, rare qual., perfect wing and tail carr.; 2, J. Henderson, lovely qual., neat head, in grand order. CINN. OR GR. (6): 1, sp., 4, 5, Hamilton, 1st, cinn., rare size, fine head and neck, grand col., could do with more subs.; 2, J. Henderson, gr., very rich col., well laced back, fine wings and tail, same fault; 3, sp., G. Henderson, cinn. fine qual. and col., lacks size. NOV. (2): 1, J. Henderson, mkd. head, fine size and qual., neat head and front; 2, J. Campbell, mkd. wing, yell ck., rare good qual. BORDS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, sp., D. Lunn, beauty for type, qual., and cond., perfect wing and tail carr., in rare bloom, wins B.F.C.C. medal; 2, Newgreen, shade too stout in body, lovely qual., neat head, wing, and tail carr.; 3, W. Lunn, sweet shape, qual, and cond., fine jaunty carr., well placed; 4, 5, 7, Proudfoot; 6, J. Campbell. HEN (10): 1, sp, Symington, very rich qual. and cond., neat head and neck, fine tapered body, tight as a drum; 2, D. Lunn, sweet shape and qual., fine col. and cond., faulty wings; 3, J. Campbell, neat head and body, grand feather, fine carr.; 4, W. Lunn; 5, 6, D. Campbell; 7, Proudfoot. BUFF CK. (12): 1, 4, 5, Symington, 1st, lovely feather, nice head, wings, and pipe tail, full of style, wins well; 2, Newgreen, fine one, beautiful shape, grand feather, very tight, fine jaunty carr., close up; 3, D. Lunn, very rich qual. and cond., fine wings, A1 bloom, well placed; 4, 5, Symington; 6, W. Lunn; 7, Proudfoot; very fine class. HEN (10): 1, D. Lunn, coat of lovely shining feathers, fine jaunty carr., in the pink of cond.; 2, sp., Walker, grand shape, well tapered body, well braced wings and pipe tail, full of qual.; 3, 5, Proudfoot, sweetly made, splendid carr. and cond.; 4, J. Campbell; 6, 7, D. Campbell. VARIEG. YELL (2): 1, 2, D. Lunn, grand pair for qual. and cond., leader excels wing carr. BUFF (5): 1, D. Lunn, wing mkd., sweet shape and cond., well-braced wings and tail, full of style; 2, Sellars, heavily mkd., neat head, wings, and tail, shade long in body, fine carr.; 3, Newgreen, varieg., neat head, very tight feather, nice bloom; 4, 5, Proudfoot. GR. OR CINN. (6): 1, sp, 2, sp, 3, 4, D. Lunn, grand team, leader cinn., sound col.; 2nd, yell.-green; 3rd, buff-green; 4, cinn., all staged in spotless cond.; 5, Whyte. NOV. (4): 1, sp., J. Campbell, cl. yell., grand shape, feather, and cond., well-braced wings and tail, stylish carr., well put down; 2, Walker, neatly made, full of qual., lovely wing and tail carr., close up; 3, Walker, very neat, sweet, and tidy, rare bloom; 4, Newgreen. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Cochrane, grand pair, fine pos., well-braced wings and neat tail, grand feather, leader excels in qual. BUFF (5): 1, 2, sp., 3, Cochrane, really grand trio, leader wins medal and cup best Yorks., and best bird in hall, rare length and pos., excellent qual., well up on leg; 2nd, beaten on breast; 3rd, fails length; 4, Henry; 5, Proudfoot. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Cochrane, 1st rare good qual., fine length and pos.; 2nd, good feather, well drawn out, scarcely the length; 3, Hendry, beautifully tapered, fine qual., stands well. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Cochrane, 1st, straight as a rush, lovely qual., fine pos., good flights and pipe tail; 2nd, nice length, well on leg, trifle rough in feather; 3, Hendry, fine one for length and pos., close up. NOV. (1): 1, Kane, slim built, narrow shoulders, lovely qual., neat head and wings. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2 sp., 2, McGown, both variegated. Goldf.-Can., fine size, grand qual feather, in good order; 2nd, shade smaller, fine cond. DARK (1): 1, J. Campbell, very nice rich col. Linnet-Can. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, sp., 2, 3, Gillespie, common Canaries, singing well. OLD BIRDS, CREST (2): 1, 2, Hamilton, 1st, gr., grand size and subs., nice crest, well radiated; 2nd, gr., lacks size, neat crest, fine leafy feather. C.B. (2): 1, sp., Whyte, variegated, fine size and subs., well lashed, good entrance, rare length; 2, Hamilton, grizz. top, otherwise cl., fine skull, not so long in feather. P.H., CK. (3): 1, sp., Tawse, buff, fine front, lovely qual., neat size and shape; 2, 3, C. Campbell, good size and subs., not so good qual., fine wings and tail; 3rd, buff head and wing mkd., fair cond., lacks size; 4, Mrs. Pearson; 5, McGown. VARIEG. (3): 1, McGown, buff, fine head and qual., trifle long in barrel; 2, C. Campbell, yell., rare qual. and col.; 3, Stewart, buff, fine size and subs., little coarse in feather. CL. HEN (3): 1, 2, sp., Tawse, tkd. yell., excellent qual., neat head, grand front; 2 Kane, tkd. yell., neat shape, fine qual. and cond.; 3, Stewart, cl. buff, nice qual. VARIEG (2): 1, Tawse, buff, fine size and subs., nicely mealed; 2, G. Henderson, eye mkd. buff, nice cobby body, good flights. GR. OR CINN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, three fine cinns., winner best head. NON-FED (4): 1, sp, McGown, cl. buff, fine size and subs., good head, could be shown in better cond.; 2, 4, Stewart, 2nd, cl. buff, nice shape and cond.; 3, G. Henderson, cl. yell., on the small side. BORD., CL. YELL. (10): 1, sp., Symington, wee beauty, lovely qual. and cond., best of wings, fine carr.; 2, 4, W. Lunn, 2nd, close up, excellent cond., rare qual., fine style; 3, Proudfoot, sweetly made, grand qual. and cond., crosses at times; 5, Sellar; 6, 7, D. Campbell. BUFF (9): 1, Newgreen, very neat, clean and tidy, good order; 2, D. Lunn, tkd. head, lovely qual., well laid wings, fine carr.; 3, 4, Proudfoot, very neat pair; 5, W. Lunn; 6, Robertson; 7, Sellar. YELL. VARIEG. (2): 1, Proudfoot, eyes and rump mkd., grand qual. and col., neat shape and carr.; 2, Newgreen, heavily mkd., rare qual. and col., crosses at times. BUFF (3): 1, Walker, eye, head, and wing mkd., sweetly made, fine carr. and cond.; 2, Newgreen (marked soft), grand trim when taking notes; 3, Robertson, lovely feather, neat. GR. OR CINN. (5): 1, 2 sp., 4, W. Lunn, 1st, cinn., sound col., lovely feather and cond., fine carr.; 2, D. Lunn, gr., rare col., well mkd. on back, fine carr. and cond., close up; 3, Sellar, gr., very rich col., well laced, tight feather, in good trim; 5, Whyte. YORKS., CL. CK. (8): 1, 2 sp., 7, Cochrane, buff, grand length, well up on leg, fine pos., rare qual. and wings, wins; 2, 3, Hendry, both yell., fine pair, leader tighter feather; 4, Proudfoot; 5, Gillespie; 6, Weatherhead. HEN (6): 1, 2, Cochrane, 1st, yell., slim built, rare length and pos., free from frill, lovely qual.; 2nd, tkd. buff, fine length and pos., not so slim, built as winner; 3, Weatherhead, cl. yell., fine qual. and pos., not same length; 4, 5, Kane. A.O.V. YORKS. (1): 1, W. Lunn, buff varieg., rare length and pos., well on leg, good feather. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, sp., 2, Stewart, very good pair Scotch Fancies, 1st, piebald buff, fine reach and depth through; 2nd, grizz. cap, buff, good mover, fails thickness. GOLDF. (1): 1, G. Henderson, fine size and shape, nice blaze, not finished yet. BULLF. (3): 1, sp., G. Henderson, not big, fine col., cond., and wing bars, broad cap; 2, Tawse, more size, fine big head and neck, lacks col.; 3, Gillespie, fine size and shape, trifle rough. LINNET (6): 1, sp., G. Henderson, rare size and shape, well laced, good back and flights; 2, Symington, better col., nicely laced, shows himself well, steady, lacks size; 3, Gillespie, good size and shape, rough in feather; 4, Gillespie; 5, Taylor; 6, Robb. LESSER REDPOLL (4): 1, 4, Robb, 1st, f.m., neat size and shape, fine head and bib, nicely laced, good col.; 2, 3 G. Henderson, both b.m.; 2nd, better size, not so neat shape; 3rd, fine col. and cond. MEALY 'POLL OR TWITE: 1, 2 sp., G. Henderson, 1st, Mealy, fine size and shape, nice sheen and cond.; 2, Twite, rare good col., well-laced breast, fine size, grand whites, unsteady. GREENF. (2): 1, G. Henderson, fine big yell., good head and flights, rare qual.; 2, Gillespie, yell., fine size and shape, not so good feather. CHAFF. (2): 1, sp., 2, G. Henderson, two grand birds, size, shape, and bloom, good wbites. BRAMBLE (2): 1, G. Henderson, fine one for size and col., grand hood; 2, Gillespie, good size and shape, lacks col. BUNTING (2): 1, 2, G. Henderson, very finely marked Meadow; 2nd, rare good col. yell., good one. HEN (2): 1, sp., G. Henderson, fine Bramble; 2, Taylor, we could not find. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, sp., G. Henderson, grand Hawfinch, rare head and bib, takes sp. best Brit. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, sp., 2, G. Henderson, 1st, hen Bullf., fine bold head, neck, and front, good bars, rare style; 2nd, Goldfi., good size and shape, rare blaze, of good col., trifle unsteady. LARGE (3): 1, sp., Proudfoot, well-known King Parrot, still looking well; 2, 3, Mrs. Pearson, 2nd, very nice Grey Parrot; 3rd, grand-feathered Rock Parrot, fine talker, much admired. SMALL (2): 1, sp., 2, G. Henderson, 1st Diamond Sparrow, rare cond.; 2nd, Madeira Chaffinch, great size and cond. SELL. (2): 1, C. Campbell; 2, G. Henderson. GIFT (14): 1, sp., McGown; 2, D. Lunn; 3, Hamilton; 4, C. Campbell; 5, J. Henderson; 6, G. Henderson; 7, Proudfoot.

CLACTON-ON-SEA.

Show held Nov. 12. There was one class only for cage birds. Awards: CAN., A.V. (10): 1, 3, r, vhc, hc, Carling, Cl. Nor., good type, col., and carr.; 2, Miss Plummer, very stylish Yorks., in good form; hc, Moses.

TETBURY.

Nice little show held Nov. 12 in the Town Hall. Managed by a capital committee and real good secs., Messrs. Phillips and Pettifer, all was well carried out. Mr. J. E. Woodford, Oxford, judged; giving every satisfaction. The attendance was good.

CAN. COL. FED: Cancelled. NON FED: 1, Ireland, good Crest; 2, Clark, Yorks., nice long upstanding bird, fine feather, shows well; 3, James, another good Yorks.; res, Harris. LOCAL (11): 1, 2, sp, James, two good Yorks.; 3, Clark, a nice Border Fancy; res, Young, nice Nor.; vhc, Harris, Vick; hc, Clark. BRIT. (3): 1, sp, Clark, good Goldie, nice blaze, bars, and buttons; 2, Clark, bonny Greenfinch, lovely feather, good col., fine size; 3, Ireland, nice Bramblefinch; res, Young; vhc, Miss Tugwell. FOR. (2): 1, sp, Lewis, nice Amazon Parrot, lovely feather; 2, Miss Pettifer, Yellow Budgerigars.

BONSALL.

Show held in the Public Hall, Nov. 13. The room was none too light. Mr. S. W. Bateman, the sec., and his stewards looked well to the birds. Mr. Charles Ward judged.

YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, res, Brotherton, lengthy, cl., grand pos. and feather, nice type and qual.; 2, Sheldon, good col. and shape, nice length and finely drawn; 3, Botham, cl., nice col. and feather, well placed; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Richards; c, Bateman. BUFF (5): 1, Richards, nice length, good col. and feather; 2, 3, Brotherton, leader really smart, well shown cl., well up on leg, nice type and qual., smooth feather, we preferred for 1st place; res, Botham; vhc, Bateman. NOR. (3): 1, 3, Peddar, capital shaped cl. buff, nice skull, rich col. and meal wins, 3rd good cl. buff, hardly so good in skull; 2, Bull, yell., nice skull, good neck and chest, hot col., well shown. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Bull, noted Hawfinch, slashing col. and shape, neat size, rare head and neck, Matlock sp and diploma winner, 2nd smart all round Goldie, steady, good col. and shape; 3, Holbrook, pretty Skylark, nice cond. and feather; 4, Prestwich.

A Mammoth Double Number Next Week.

KEITH.

Second annual show held in the Longmore Hall, Nov. 12. 140 entries faced the judges, Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen), and Mr. H. Thomson (Keith). The hall is one of the best for a cage bird exhibition, being well lighted on both sides, and the birds were staged to advantage. The entry in the Canary section was disappointing, especially in Norwich classes, as Mr. W. B. Mackie is one of our best judges. Mr. H. Thomson got a fairly good entry in British and foreign, and there was a good turn out of Yorks. and Borders. Some grand exhibits were staged in all the sections. We hope the venture has turned out a financial success, although the gate did not appear to be so large as it should have been. Mr. A. Rhind, the energetic, courteous, and obliging secretary had all arrangements well in hand, and must be complimented on the success of his labours. He was ably assisted by a hard-working committee of fanciers, who had everything well up to time. Challenge cup for most points in show was won by Mr. Craigen Huntly. Silver medal for the best Yorks. or Border, Mr. A. Junor; silver medal, best Norwich, Mr. D. Craigen; silver medal, best Mule or Hybrid, Mr. G. Baxter; silver medal, best Softbill Brit., Mr. R. J. Robertson, with a black Redstart; silver medal, best Hardbill, Mr. Wm. McAdam; sp. best buff Yorks., Mr. A. Rhind. The awards were well received, grumbling being conspicuous by its absence.

The Critique.

BORD. YELL. (7): 1, sp., Connachie, variegated, mkd. eyes, wings, and neck, rare col. and qual., nice type, fine wing and tail carr., good head and neck, well staged; 2, hc, Stewart, eye mkd., good col. and qual., nice head and neck, loses in type to winner; 3, Bruce, green, grand col. and qual., nice wing carr., good head and neck; vhc, Smith; c, Blackie. BUFF (6): 1, Connachie, cl. buff, nice type, col., and qual., rnrc wing carr., fine head and neck, in nice trim; 2, Smith, cl. buff, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, presses winner hard; 3, vhc, Blackie, variegated, nicely mkd., good col. and qual., nice type, well shown; hc, Stewart. NOR. YELL. (1): 1, sp., Fraser, grand size, col., and qual., good body, head, and neck, not quite finished. HEN (1): 1, sp., Ross and Duncan, large bodied hen, grand head and neck, rare col. and qual., nice type, well staged. BUFF CK. (2): 1, sp., Grant, good bodied cl., buff, rare size, col., and qual., in nice bloom; 2, Fraser, eye mkd. buff, rare size and body, nice head and neck, fine col. and qual. HEN (2): 1, sp., Ross and Duncan, nice typical hen, good head and neck, rare col. and qual., fine body and size, in tip-top order; No. 2, Maclean, W.C., cl. yell., grand size, col., and qual., would have won in her own class. YELL. VARIEG. (1): 1, sp., Ross and Duncan., dark, rare head and neck, good col. and qual., fine size, body and type, well put down. BUFF (3): 1, sp., Maclean, heavy, rare size and body, fine col. and qual., good head and neck, in good order, wins; 2, Robertson, light, grand size and col., good body and neck; 3, Ross and Duncan, dark varieg., rare col., and qual. NOR. YELL. COL.-FED (2): 1, sp., Baxter, jun., good size, body, and type, rare head and neck, grand col. and qual., in rare bloom; 2, Ross and Duncan, large, good body, head, and neck, fine col., not so well finished. HEN (1): 1, sp., Reid, nice type, col., and qual., nicely staged. BUFF CK. (4): 1, sp., Stewart and Son, grizzled cap, fine even col., grand size, body, and qual., good head and neck, in rare trim; 2, Ross and Duncan, cl., rare size and body, good head and neck, nice type and qual., loses in col., not so well finished; 3, Mackie, nice cl., good col., size, and body, fine head and neck, rather heavy at eyebrows; vhc, Craigen. HEN (4): 1, sp., medal, 2, Craigen, typical cl., grand col. and qual., rare head and neck, good body and size, fine wings, perfect condition, 2nd, grand cl., close up, not so well finished; 3, Mackie, nice size and body, fine head and neck; vhc, Ross and Duncan. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, sp., Ross and Duncan, mkd. head and wing, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, fine wing carr., well shown; 2, Reid, dark, good size and body, nice col. and qual., fine head and neck; 3, Grant. BUFF (3): 1, sp., Reid, large bodied bird, rare head and neck, good col. and qual., well staged; 2, Reid, good size and body, nice col. and qual., loses in head points; 3, Hird, rare size, col., and qual. YORKS., YELL., COL.-FED. (11): Grand class: 1, sp., medal, vhc, Junor, cl., rare size, body, and reach, fine col. and qual., good head and neck, nice wings and style, shown in rare bloom; 2, 3, hc, Rhind, cinn. varieg., grand col. and qual., good head and neck, nice reach, close up, 3rd dark varieg., grand reach, col. and qual., nice body, head, and neck, wants staging, otherwise presses winners hard; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (8): 1, sp., 2, 3, Rhind, varieg., rare col. and qual., good head and neck, grand reach and style, fine wings and tail, well shown, 2nd tkd., good size and body, nice col. and qual., fine head and neck, loses in style, 3rd cl., good col. and qual., nice head and neck, fine style; vhc, hc, Junor; c, Wilkinson. NAT. COL. (6): 1, sp., Junor, buff, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, fine style and reach, wins; 2, Shearer, buff, nice col. and qual., good size, body and head, nice reach, loses in style; 3, Ross and Clunas, yell., fine reach and style, good head and neck, nice col. and qual., not quite finished yet; hc, Mrs. Murray; c, Mrs. Gillies. CREST (4): 1, sp., Todd, rare size and body, grand head and neck, fine col. and qual., plenty of feather, well formed crest, nicely carried, well shown; 2, Todd, dark varieg., another grand bird, close up, crest not so well carried as winner; 3, vhc, Craigen, rare col. and qual., fine length of feather, well formed crest, loses in size to winners. C.B. (6): 1, R. and R. Webster, grand body and size, rare head and neck, fine col. and qual., plenty of feather, well carried, in nice bloom; 2, Grant, varieg., good size head and neck, nice col. and qual.; 3, Todd, fine col. and qual., good body and size, nice length of feather; vhc, Craigen; hc, Simpson. PAIRS (3): 1, sp., R. and R. Webster, well matched variegated. Crest and C.B., rare sized bodies, grand heads and necks, fine col. and qual., plenty of feather, in tip-top order; 2, Duncan, cl. bodied D.C. and varieg. C.B., fail in size to winners; 3, Wilkinson, nice pair of Yorks. A.O.V. (4): 1, sp., Wilson, yell. cinn., nice size, good body, head, and neck, rare col. and qual., well mkd.; 2, Wilson, buff cinn., large good body, and qual., rare head and neck, not so well coloured; 3, Todd, nice cl. buff Scotch Fancy; vhc, Craigen. BOY OR GIRL, LOCAL CAN. (7): 1, sp., James Rhind, cl. yell., col.-fed Yorks., rare col. and qual., good head and neck, fine reach and style, wins easy, fit for open competition; 2, C. S. Rhind, yell. variegated Yorkie, nice col. and qual., very showy; 3, John Maclean, cl. buff Nor., good head and neck, nice body col. and qual.; vhc, Mina Rhind; hc, Webster. LIGHT CAN. MULE (1): 1, sp., Hird, variegated Goldie, good size, col., and qual., nicely mkd., well put down. DARK (7): 1, sp., vhc, hc, Hird, Goldie, nice blaze, fine size and body, good col. and qual., well fed, nicely mkd., in rare bloom; 2, Todd, another nice one, loses in head and col. to winner; 3, Knox, Goldie, fine col., well mkd., nice carr.; c, Stewart and Son. A.O.V. HYB. (2): 1, sp., medal, Baxter, fine exhibit, Goldie-Bullie, rare size, col., and qual., nicely, mkd., in rare bloom; 2, unc, Linnet-Bullie, sweet exhibit. PAIRS: Canc. GOLDF. (1): 1, sp., Junor, good size and col., fine rich blaze, well mkd. BULLF. CK. (3): 1, sp., Craigen, rare size and col, good head, cap, and bars, in tip-top order; 2, Baxter, nice one, loses in breast col. to winner; 3, Junor. HEN: Cancelled. LINNET (1): 1, sp., Hird, grand col. and markings, nice size and qual., well shown. SISKIN (5): 1, sp., medal, 2, McAdam, rare col. and size, good cap and bib, nicely laced, very showy, 2nd not far behind; 3, Junor, good size, nicely mkd.; vhc, Morrison; hc, Craigen. GREENF. (4): 1, sp., Baxter, yell., good size, col., and qual., well mkd., in good cond.; 2, Grant, buff, large, good body and col., not so well finished; 3, Craigen; vhc, Livingstone. REDPOLL OR TWITE (3): 1, Knox, Twite, good size, col., and qual., nicely laced, fine whites, shows well; 2, Barrie, Mealy Redpoll, fine cap and bib, well mkd., good size, close up; 3, Robertson, Lesser Redpoll. BRAMBLE, ETC. (1): 1, Robertson, Yellowhammer, rare col., well mkd., in nice bloom. A.O. SMALL (2): 1, sp., medal, Robertson, Black Redstart, rare size, col., and markings, shown in tip-top order, wins; 2, Robertson, Bearded Tit, grand exhibit, presses hard. LARGE (3): 1, sp., Grant, fine col. Blackbird, good eye and beak, fine size, in rare cond.; 2, Grant, Thrush, good size, col., and markings, close up; 3, Grant, Elgin, Hawfinch. FOR., GOLDF. OR BULLF.: Cancelled. LARGE (2): 1, Ruxton; 2, Mrs. Simpson. SMALL (1): 1, Craigen, well shown Paradise Whydah. BOY OR GIRL, LOCAL BRIT. (4): 1, sp., Jas. Angus, good coloured Bullie, nice cap and bars, fine size; 2, Smith, Bullie hen, rare size, head, and cap, presses hard; 3, John Angus; vhc, Robertson.

PEMBROKE DOCK.

Cage birds had only a small classification at the show of the County of Pembroke F.A., held in the Market House Nov. 12. Entries came up well, and largely exceeded the figures of last year, whilst the quality was really much better than one expected at such an unpretentious exhibition. Competition was generally keen, especially in Yorkshires, Norwich, and Mules. The exhibits were very nicely staged, and their wants well looked after by the committee, special stewards for our section being Messrs. T. E. Williams, B. Lewis, D. O. Williams, J. H. Brown, T. Matthias, W. H. James, A. Noakes, T. Griffiths, and A. James. Messrs. T. D. Williams, the hon. sec., and A. E. Catherall, gen. sec., were most courteous and energetic in the discharge of their duties. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (15): 1, spl best Can., res, Jones and Davies, grand shaped buff, lovely col., beautifully marked; 2, Edwards, another nice shaped, sound buff, not quite so silky in feather; 3, R, Bevan, shapely, good bodied yell., nice col., not so tight in feather; vhc, Bond; bc, Betty; c, no name. YORKS. (18): 1, spl, vbc, hc, c, Tucker, rattling good yell., neat head, grand wings and tail, lovely feather, shape, and style; 2, 3, Smith, close silky feathered buff, grand shape and style, not so long on leg; 3, good shapely yell., of nice length, not so steady when handled; res, Phillips. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Tallett, nice Green Crest, pied tail, not quite ready; res, Phillips. MULES (10): 1, Jones and Davies, grand shape and feather, very showy, Siskin-Greenie; 2, res, M. Evans, cinn. Can.-Greenie, capital feather, col., and style; 3, Lloyd-James, very nice Greenie-Bullie, good col. and feather; vhc, no name; hc, Emmet; c, Phillips. GOLDF. (8): 1, Ray, nice clean-cut, rich coloured blaze, level body col., grand bars and buttons, in good form; 2, Stone, capital shape and style, lovely chestnut, rich coloured blaze, not so fit; 3, Betty, very nice blaze, bars, and buttons, not so steady; res, Bond; vhc, Thomas Thomas; hc, Jenkins. A.O. FINCH (5): 1, withheld, very hard lines indeed on 2, Muscott, a magnificent Bullie, which took spl. best British, grand glossy deep-cut cap, rich breast, rare shape and feather; 3, Ray, fine big, well mkd. Hawfinch, capital col., bit rough in tail; res, Horris; vhc, W. Hughes. A.O.V. (3): 1, witbbeld; 2, Miss A. Johns, very rich, lustrous coloured Blackbird, grand shape, style, and feather; res, R. W. Johns; vhc, Deakin.

HARLECH.

Show held Nov. 10 in the Town Hall, under the patronage of the Countess of Winchelsea and Nottingham, and Countess Amherst. Mr. T. H. Rice held the secretarial reins in a very capable manner. Treas. Capt. Wynne Jones acted as steward of the show; chairman Mr. O. Morris and a committee of well-known fanciers were at the head of the arrangements. Mr. J. E. Jones shared well in the work as usual. Some good exhibits were on view, especially in Norwich and British. Mr. W. H. Williams winning the cup for best bird with his well-known Hawfinch in superb form; also best Norwich and British; Mr. O. Hughes best nat. col. Nor. and two specials in Yorkshires; Mr. James Jones special unflighted; Messrs. Jones and Davies best Mule or Hybrid, with a good Siskin-Greenfinch; Mr. W. R. Roberts, best Goldfinch; Mr. Gwrthcyru Jones Hyde's special. Mr. R. E. Griffith judged and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., A.C. (7): 1, 3, W. H. Williams, 4-pointed buff leading, massive, good round head, well filled neck, compact body, sound col. and qual. 3rd cl. yell., lovely col., fine feather, clean cut away, grand Norwich proporties, both 1st Manchester; 2, Jones and Davies, cl. buff, good qual. and feather, nice type and subs., heaten head; res, O. Davies; vhc, Evans and Roberts; hc, James Jones; c, Cheesman. NAT. COL. (3): 1, sp, O. Davies, cl. yell., great size and subs., good stock bird; 2, Owen G. Jones, good qual. cl. yell. hen; 3, E. D. Lloyd, variegated. buff. YORKS., ANY COL. (6): 1, sp, hc, O. Hughes, tkd. yell., nice length and pos., good col. and feather; 2, vhc, Sergt. Evans, wing and neck tkd. yell., good length and feather, stands well; 3, James Jones, neck tkd. yell., good pose and feather; res, J. Jones. NAT. COL. (7): 1, sp, O. Hughes, good type and qual. tkd. yell. hen, medium length, nice style; 2, J. E. Jones, cl. yell., nice type and col.; 3, H. Pugh, cl. yell., leggy and stylish, rather thin in neck and flat on head; res, Mrs. M. Edwards; vhc, I. M. Evans; hc, R. G. Edwards; c, R. Roberts. CAN., 1913 (10): 1, sp, vhc, James Jones, cl. yell. Yorks., fair length, good style and qual., stands well, rich col.; 2, res, W. H. Williams, cl. buff Nor., good head and neck, grand type and qual., our choice; 3, R. and D. G. Green, capital Border, yell. mkd., good shape, jaunty carr., tight feather; hc, Sergt. Evans; c, H. Pugh. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, sp, Jones and Davies, Siskin-Greenfinch, good qual. and col., very fit, stood well out; 2, C. S. Maidment, Dark Goldie Mule, good type and feather; 3, D. W. Evans, Buff Greenf. Mule. GOLDF. (13): 1, sp, W. R. Roberts, good size and col., rich blaze, sound undercol., well defined bars; 2, W. H. Williams, nice size, tan, and markings, good blaze, close up; 3, c, E. Hughes, good shape and col., size smaller, hardly ready, a good class; res, Evans and Roberts; vhc, Ed. Jones; hc, J. M. Evans. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 3, two spls, W. M. Williams, well-known Hawfinch, in grand form, an easy win, 3rd good Bullie, lovely col. and cond.; 2, res, Evans and Roberts, good rich coloured Twite, capital lacing, little to choose; vhc, James Jones; hc, Green.

COVENTRY.

87th annual show, held at headquarters, the Sydenham Palace, Nov. 15. The room is acknowledged to be one of the finest in the kingdom for the purpose, being spacious, well ventilated, free from draught, and lighted by electricity. The show proved a great success, and the critics said they had not seen such a show of Norwich in the Midlands for some time. Such was the competition that many noted winners had to take a back seat, some being absolutely cardless. The society is to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which the exhibition was carried out; the officers, who are as follows, all worked splendidly: Pres., Mr. G. Peters; vice-pres., T. Gilbert and T. Judd; committee, Messrs. G. Lawrance, F. Swift, W. Davis, H. Butler, W. Slaymaker, H. Spann, and G. Coates; hon. treas., Mr. J. Corrall; auditors, Messrs. G. Turrall and H. Mann; show stewards, Messrs. J. Tipping, W. J. Rowley, A. J. Lucas, F. Swift, W. H. Raven, A. Orton, W. Slaymakers, A. J. Smith, H. Cowley, H. A. Adams, and J. Parker; hon. sec., A. J. Barratt. Mr. J. Robson judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Some thought it peculiar that the colour feed specials given by different manufacturers should both be won by one exhibitor.

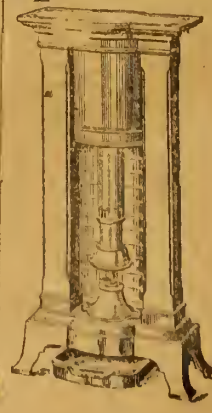
The Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, Walton and Noakes, fine, large bird, good head and neck, grand col., nice wings, hardly ready; 2, Harding, good col., nice qual., neat head and neck, good wing car.; 3, Corrall, lovely rich even col., nice type, good head and neck, nice fitting wings, must have pressed winners; vhc, Judd; hc, Hall; c, Bott. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Whetstone, splendid type, nice rich even col., grand head and neck, well fitting wings; 2, Judd, lovely type, nice wings and tail, fails col. to winner; 3, Elliott, rich col., good head, bit loose at thighs; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Corrall; c, Willoughby. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Elliott, large, heavily variegated, very typical, grand bird for stock, good, thick-set head and neck, neat wings; 2, Judd, variegated, not so large, but lovely qual., mkd. eyes, wings and head, very taking exhibit; 3, Holder, very similarly mkd. to 2nd, good col. and type, grand qual. of feather; vhc, Eckersley; hc, Holder; c, Walton and Noakes. BUFF (8): 1, c, Hathaway cap and wing mkd., exquisite type and qual., nice neat head and neck, lovely bloom, in the pink; 2, Harding, 3-pointed, nice qual. of feather, good wing car., hardly the type and col. of winner; 3, Eckersley, tkd. eye, thick set, nice qual. of feather, neat wings and tail; vhc, Jeyes; hc, Dodd. HEN (21): 1, vhc, Eckersley, grand cl. buff, excellent type and qual., neat wings and tail, lovely col. and bloom, a perfect lady; 2, hc, Whetstone, yell. grizzle tail, a gem for shape and qual., lovely col., nice wing car.; 3, Wood, another of exquisite type, grand qual., neat wings and tail; c, Growdridge. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, 2, Whetstone, grand youngsters, cl. yell., leading, superb col. and qual., good wing carriage, nice neat head, 2nd, grizzle mark on neck, better in head and neck, but not cut so nicely at sides; 3, Hathaway, nice type, col. and qual., good wing car., close up; vbe, Packer; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Irons. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Eckersley, lovely col. and qual., full of bloom, good wing car.; 2, Hathaway, wing and cap mkd., extraordinary good head and neck, nice type, good wings and tail; 3, Judd, lovely col. and qual., neat wings and tail, full of bloom, a beauty, beaten only in size; hc, Whetstone; c, Barratt. UNFLIG. HEN (24): 1, Garfield, good large yellow, grand type, good head and neck, neat wings, well cut away at thighs; 2, hc, Eckersley, cl. buff, grand qual., neat head, nice wing car., full of bloom; 3, Judd, charming buff, grand qual., must have been close up; vhc, Willoughby; c, Elliott. NAT. COL. (13): 1, Hulse, green, nice type and size, very typical, nice short wings and tail; 2, Growdridge, cap and wing mkd. yell., grand qual., nicc rich, nat. col., in the pink of condition; 3, Judd, varieg. buff, exquisite qual., nice neat wings and tail, grand condition; vbc, Hatbaway; hc, Adams; c, Barratt. OPEN NOV. NOR. (13): 1, Johnson, tkd. wing, yell., large, grand type, good col. and qual., nice compact bird, would do justice in the open; 2, c, Dickinson, buff, lovely col. teaming with qual., nice head and neck, trifle long; 3, hc, Veasey, yell., of qual., nice, even, rich col., deserves its position; vhc, Thompson. NOV., HEN (7): 1, Herbert, large bird, good type and qual., with a little more bloom, would give the open a run; 2, Veasey, tkd. eye and wing buff, nice type and qual., rather pale; 3, Newitt, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., trifle long; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Spann; c, Bell. UNFLIG. (12): 1, vhc, Boswell, grand type and qual., nice even col., good head and neck, wins; 2, Thompson, grizzle tail, yell., lovely col. and qual., nice neat wings and tail; 3, Bell, tkd. wing, good col. and qual., carries wings perfectly; hc, Veasey; c, Thornecroft. CREST (6): 1, Marshall, wing mkd. D.C., lovely droop, nice neat centre; 2, Smith, heavily variegated, neat crest, nice veiny feather, good droop, hardly so expansive; 3, vhc, hc, Peters, even mkd. D.C., nicely shown, rather hairy in crest to winners; c, Green. C.B. (5): 1, Mills, large buff, variegated, grandly cushioned head, wealth of lovely feather; 2, Peters, nearly green, grand qual. of feather, nicely browed; 3, Marshall, green, pied tail, good size, nice cushion head; vhc, Green; hc, Smith. C. OR C.B., 1913 (7): 1, 3, c, Mills, 1, gem of the first water, lovely, large, well radiated Crest, nice veiny feather, neat centre, good front, followed by tkd. wing, D.C., lovely droop, nice neat centre, a pair to be proud of; 2, vhc, Smith, variegated, large, neat veiny Crest, grand youngster, shown in the pink; hc, Peters. CINN. (4): 1, Hart, buff, good col. and qual., nicely laced, fair size; 2, Wright, yell., good type, nice even col.; 3, Roycroft, large buff, good type; vhc, Mills. YORKS., CK. (7): 1, North, yell., nice style, lovely qual. and col., neat wings and tail; 2, vhc, Buckingham, good lengthy buff, nice even col. and qual.; 3, Dimmock, buff, very stylish, just beaten in qual.; hc, c, Fancourt and Harrison. HEN (6): 1, 2, Buckingham, leader cl. buff, very stylish, nicely drawn wings and tail, 2nd, cl. yell., nice qual., good wing car., neat tail; 3, North, variegated yell., good length, nice qual.; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Lew; c, Spann. YORKS. OPEN NOV. (8): 1, Croft, cl. yell., grand, lengthy bird, well drawn wings and tail; 2, Philpot, very typical yell., hardly so long; 3, Swinden, nice yell., fails col. to winners; vhc, Dakin; hc, Foxon; c, Lew. A.O.V. CAN. (19): A hot lot, comprising teams of Lancashires, Dutch Frills, Scotch Fancies, Yorkshire Greens, and sufficient even-marked Norwich to make a class. 1, vhc, Gilbert, even mkd. yell. Nor., splendid eye mks. and wings, grand col. and qual, lovely condition; 2, c, Green, yell Lancs. P.H., grand feather and plenty of it; 3, Fifield, Dutch Frill, in fine condition; hc, March. MULES, LIGHT (7): 1, 3, hc, Lawrance, leader even wing mkd. Linnet-Can., followed by tkd. Goldf. and Can.; 2, vhc, Gilbert, tkd. wing Goldf.-Can., all the winners being well known, and in fine form; c, Hart. DARK CAN. HYB.: 1, 3, Walsh, Greenf.-Can., lovely col., qual. and con., followed by Goldf.-Can., grand col., well shown; 2, hc, c, Lawrance, Cinn. Linnet-Can., pretty exhibit; vhc, Poole. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. OR CAN.-BULLIE (7): 1, Hart, Goldie-Bullie, lovely col., grand exhibit; 2, vhc, Lawrance, Can.-Bullie, not large, but a very nice one; 3, c, Gilbert, well-known Chaffie-Bramble, nice condition; hc, Child. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (10): 1, Pitchford, Goldfinch, nice rich blaze, well tanned, distinct buttons and bars; 2, c, Davies, Bullfinch, lovely cap, nice rich breast, splendid con., very steady; 3, Gilbert, Goldfinch, hardly so large, but lovely rich, nutty brown col., good face, lovely con.; vhc, Woods; hc, Raby. GREENF. (4): 1, Lawrance, grand size, col. and con.; 2, Gilbert, good con., hardly so large; 3, Garratt, nice size and shape, fails col.; vhc, Tew. LIN. (7): 1, Walsh, grand col., nicely laced, rich nutty brown; 2, Pitchford, good col. and con.; 3, vhc, Davies, lovely col. and qual., hardly so nicely laced; hc, Jennings. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Davies, Redpoll, and Siskin, lovely rich col., nicely laced; 3, Wood, Redpoll, hardly so rich in col.; vhc, Jennings; hc, Raby; c, Sexton. A.O.V. (7): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, lovely col., fine con.; 2, Walsh, yell. Bunting, grand col. and qual., nicely mkd.; 3, Jennings, very pretty Chaffinch; vhc, c, Lawrance; hc, Gilbert. HENS: 1, Lawrance, good coloured Bramble; 2, 3, Gilbert, Bramble and Hawfinch. INSECTIV., SMALL. (4): 1, Burrows, very pretty Redstart, shown in A1 form; 2, Jennings, Wagtail, splendid condition; 3, vhc, Bull, Redstart. LARGE: 1, Hammond, Magpie, in fine plumage. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Buckingham, the only exhibitor, takes 2 specials, best exhibit, and most entries. Now ye foreign bird men, where are you? A grand team, in fine condition. Ruficauda Finches, Golden Breasted Waxbills, and Black-faced Gouldian Finches. SELLING: 30s. (14): 1, Packer; 2, Cooper; 3, Hall. 21s.: 1, Cooper; 2, Hathaway; 3, Gilbert. 12s. 6d.: 1, Cooper; 2, Adams; 3, Mann. GIFT: 1, no name; 2, Corrall; 3, Turrall. STOCK: 1, Dickinson; 2, 3, Corrall.

ILFRACOMBE.

Show held Nov. 13 in the Grand Alexandra Hall, an ideal place for an exhibition, free from draughts, nice and warm, and beautifully lighted up with electric light. Entries were not over large, but quality was very good. The hall was packed with visitors and fanciers. The working committee consist of real fanciers, while Mr. Gibbs made an ideal secretary. Mr. W. G. Elsmore judged.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, sp., cup best bird, 2, T. Richards, nice qual., red-hot col., faultless condition, wins; 2nd, another nice bird, not quite so hot in col., nice head and body; 3, res, Turner, not so good in col., nice shape body, fails neck and head; 4, hc, Southcombe. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Turner, 1st, smart buff, nice col., good head and body, fine qual. feather; 3rd, similar; 2, hc, T. Richards, dark cap and wing mkd. buff, very smart, larger than 1st, bit open in feather; 4, res, Southcombe. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, sp., Gardner, rare length, well up on leg, beautifully drawn, tight as a Java, wins; 2, Oddy, put down in nice condition, not quite so nicely finished off at waist; 3, Stone, head and wing mkd., very nice exhibit, fails somewhat in length to above; 4, Richards; res, Hill; hc, c, Reynolds. BUFF: 1, Oddy, stands up well, in beautiful feather, polished like marble; 2, Gardner, not quite so breedy looking, but nice exhibit; 3, Richards, our choice for 2nd, good leg and carr.; 403, Yell. Nor. in wrong class, T. Richards, even better bird than his cup winner; 4, hc, Reynolds; res, Stone. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, sp., res, Richards, tkd. head, grand hen, put down in A1 condition, wins; 2, Gardner, extra good qual., not quite so nicely finished off at waist; 3, Reynolds, another nice hen, close up; 4, Oddy; hc, Stone. BUFF: 1, Oddy, sweetly moulded, nice on leg, good boxy feather; 2, Gardner, similar; 3, hc, Richards; two very nice exhibits; all close up. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, res, Richards, 1st, tkd. neck yell., straight as a rusb, on nice legs, good length, in tip-top condition; 2, 4, Hill, grand feather and cond.; 3, Gardner, another nice bird; hc, c, Reynolds; c, Pitt. PAIRS: 1, sp., hc, Richards, 1st nice pair of Nor. Cinn., good size and nice col.; 2, Gay, Green C.B. ck. cl. body, grey crest hen, nice pair, hardly large enough, but nice qual.; 3, c, Mrs. Smyth Richards, Borders, nice qual.; 4, res, Reynolds. MULE: 1, sp., 3, Southcombe, nice col.; 2, Garnish, variegated. Nor., very large, very nice. GOLDF.: 1, sp., 3, Southcombe, 1st, nice Finch, in good feather; 2, Garnish, Barnstaple winner, much the same as 1st, but smaller. FOR.: 1, Lovering, many-coloured Parakeet, nice plumage; 2, Fullport, Amazon, nice condition; 3, Southcombe, Amazon; 4, Gumm; vhc, Pine, Barnstaple winner; hc, Lovering.

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Fine 'Quality' Show at Cowdenbeath

Held Nov. 17 in Drill Hall, without doubt one of the finest in Britain for such a purpose, combining as it does the qualities of practically unbroken light from roof, space, and comfort. This event has caught on, and creates great interest in the little Kingdom, which now may claim to be the most profuse in fanciers of any non-city area of a similar radius. The fact that no less than 13 open events are held within a radius of a few miles is illustrative of this. Perhaps an amalgamation would be beneficial, and the question of dates which at present threatens to create discord would be also disposed of. There is no doubt that Cowdenbeath holds pride of place for quality of exhibits, most of the winners having already qualified for nomination here, and many had their first eclipse, partial or total, as many classes had birds good enough to furnish two sets of winners. This was particularly noticeable in the Border section, quite a few of those which had sported the red card the previous two Saturdays at Kirkcaldy and Kelty being relegated to the ranks of "also rans" here, and such happenings merited a close scrutiny of those which annexed the honours.

Yorkshires were forward in force; the society's enterprise in bringing such an acknowledged authority as Jim Bailey all the way from Bradford to adjudicate, merited even better support; but if Yorkies should fairly catch on in Scotland, which we do not doubt, Fife may claim no small share of the honour of first footing the variety.

British, despite the patronage of the S.B.B.M.C. were down in numbers, although quality was there in the highest degree. This section provided a sensation, the judge, Mr. Bald, failing to discern the bona-fides of Mr. A. Anderson's well-known British Goldfinch, and adjudging it to be a Foreigner. This bird has now been on the show bench for quite a few years, and been awarded highest honours by many experts (including 1st Scottish National), so its owner seems to have been unfortunate to have met such treatment twice this season.

Scots Fancies were handled by a recognised expert (Mr. Stenhouse), grumbling being quite absent. It must have been gratifying to that gentleman to overhear the often repeated statement, "Yes, a'm bate the day, awl gie in." Mr. Higgins secured cup for best in section with a massive bull pied cock, a popular win. Norwich were a very fine lot and were well handled by Mr. A. Sloan. Mr. Paul's awards in Crests were also well received.

Mr. Heggie performed the hat trick in Yorks. section, being winner of Burgh Arms cup for best bird in show, Empire cup for most points over show, a close race with holder (Mr. J. Sykes), and only won by one point (Heggie 77, Sykes 76); and Yorkshire challenge cup for most points in Yorks. Fife, Kinross Phd. medal best cock, W. Spence, best hen, McConville; Scottish Phd. Club medal, best cock J. Murray; hen J. Taylor; Hydes' special, J. W. Holmes; Dick cup most points in Phd. section W. Grewar; Border C.C. medal J. Craig; CAGE BIRDS Coupon winners: Norwich champion, 10s., Harris, nov. M'Ivor; Diplomas: Border champion Craig, nov. Murray; Yorks., nov. Anderson, champion Heggie; Crests, champion Howie, nov. Scott; Brit., champion Sykes; For., champion Sykes, nov. Baxter.

The management of the show left nothing to be desired with the exception of a board announcing awards, as the charge for admission only granted a seat in gallery during judging, and as catalogues of awards were not ready till well on in afternoon the board would have been greatly appreciated. The committee were a band of willing workers actuated by one desire, to make everything go smoothly; and they succeeded admirably. The genial sec., Mr. Holmes had everything well in hand, and has little to learn in the art of show running. Valuable assistance was accorded by that doyen of managers, Mr. Joe Reid, than whom it would be difficult to find a more efficient first-mate, he having chosen that post as giving him greater scope for activity than the captain's post he previously held. The attention paid to exhibits excited everyone's admiration. The show was well patronised and towards the close had that animated aspect which brings joy to the heart of its directors. Unfortunately the weather was of the worst, but this perhaps helped to swell the visitors' list as the hall is well served with trams and is contiguous to the station.

The Canary Classes.

SCOTCH FANCY, CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (4): 1, Archibald, all there for quality, grand drive, very nervy, excels shoulder, wins; 2, 4, Clark, former more Belgian in type than leader, good head, works well, good second; 3, Menzies, does not come down so well, good head, nice side. HEN (4): 1, Cook, foul head and wing, good subs. for hen, grand worker, excels circle; 2, 3, Anderson, former scarcely subs. of leader, yet all there for drive and work, 3rd just fails subs., and hardly equal in drive; 4, Fulton. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Keill, good thickness through, good top end, comes well down, wins; 2, Thomson, tick head, scarcely weight of leader, good action and shoulder, very nervy, good side, well placed; 3, Fulton, just beaten drive, fine action, nice small head; 4, Cook; 5, Anderson; 6, Menzies. HEN (4): 1, 4, Cook, very good subs., rare drive, excels side, grand worker; 2, Cowan, good pos., comes well under, very snaky, just beaten top end; 3, Keill, fails top end, very nervy, wants working a bit. PIED OR GR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Higgins, grand action, comes down well, good length side, wins well, grand one; 2, Cook, just beaten thickness through, equal drive, nice head, excels shoulder; 3, Keill, scarcely the subs., rather stiff, nice head, not up to form to day; 4, Stirling; 5, Thomson. HEN (4): 1, Higgins, grand lady, rare drive, very nervy, wins with something to spare; 2, Keill, good one, comes well down, good shoulder, fails sub. and circle to leader, no disgrace here; 3, Stirling, hardly so good drive, nice head, fails top end and weight; 4, Cook. BUFF CK.: 1, best in section, Higgins, rare subs., side, and thickness through, drives well, popular win; 2, Anderson, comes well down and under, very nervy, excels shoulder; 3, Cook, fails weight to leaders, good head, comes well under, beaten drive; 4, Menzies. HEN (6): 1, Thomson, wins in good company, grand drive, very snaky, comes well under, excels top end, must have pressed for best in section; 2, Archibald, grand circle, fine length side, drives well, just beaten in weight and top end; 3, Cowan, fails subs. and circle, useful one; 4, Anderson; 5, Cook; 6, Menzies. SELL CK.: 1, Anderson; 2, Cowan; 3, 5, Fulton; 4, Thomson. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Cunningham, good one, nicely rounded, fine col., nice head and texture, just fails wings, wins in strong class; 2, Little, scarcely weight of leader, even better in back and wings, beaten col., excels head, must have pressed; 3, Smith, real good one, excels poise, nice head and texture, just beaten front, very jaunty, well placed; 4, Craig, best texture, excels head and front, just on short side, rare stock bird, nice pipe tail, we liked; 5, Hutchinson; 6, Little, a good class. HEN (19): 1, Craig, often described, a model Bord., wins easy even here; 2, G. Bennet, Kelty medallist, beaten here, yet a good one, scarcely so well moulded as leader, well braced, very jaunty, good 2nd; 3, Robertson, very similar type, just a little flat on back, fit to win in most classes, but beaten here, inclined to drive over perch; 4, Shields, nice head, well packed wings and pipe tail, just falls back, a good one; 5, Brackie; 6, Weir. BUFF CK. (11): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Craig, gem for col., texture, and type, excels all points, but inclined to open wings; 2, Burt and Baxter, Kelty winner, beaten well here, excels texture, front, and taper, but falls poise and col. to leader; 3, Beveridge, neck tick, grand front and qual., fails curve from head to shoulder, well staged, good 3rd; 4, Hutchinson, good one, rare quality, nicely braced, very jaunty, greatly fancied for 3rd, excels poise; 5, Little; 6, G. Bennet. HEN (16): 1, Craig, grand col. and texture, Java like, model in every respect except curve from base of skull to shoulder, flat here spoils poise, wins easy other points, yet we prefer; 2, Bennet, rare moulded, feather like wax, excels poise, very jaunty, a gem all over; 3, Beveridge, another front ranker, hardly cul. of leaders, well-known winner, not put out clean, well placed; 4, Brockie, head tick, rare qual. feather, just lacks front; 5, Crabb and Finlayson; 6, Murray; Grand class. EVEN MARK (3): 1, Hamilton, rather faint eyes, nice wings, excels qual. feather, wins on type; 2, W. Hamilton, heavier stamp, rather run in eye marks and slightly flat on back, nice texture, very jaunty; 3, Nelson, yellow, best marks in class, fails front and texture, slack in wings. UNEVEN YELL. (9): 1, Clark, nicely rounded back, excels texture and head, fails front and taper, very jaunty action; some preferred 2, Anderson, almost four-point, better col. and front, excels taper, packs like a Java, good one, staged to win; 3, Smith, wings and cap grand quality, excels wings and tail, nicely rounded front, fails back to leaders, a good one, very jaunty; 4, Duncan, cinn. mark, just ou small side, yet a real good one, excels col. and texture, nice poise, well braced, must have pressed, we liked; 5, Hutchinson; 6, Craig, difficult class to separate. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Marr, leader gem, nice head poise and curves, feathered like satin, very jaunty, wins well, 4th just fails head, nicely packed wings and tail, scarcely roundness on back of leaders; 2, Gilchrist, another gem, wings and cap mark, rare contour, packs well, excels texture, better even than leader in head, must have pressed, fails col. only; 3, Duncan, good one, handicapped, sweetly moulded all over, excels front and poise, very jaunty, needs a wash; 5, King; 6, Guthrie. GREEN (9): 1, 4, Wilson, leader yell., nice grassy col., nicely pencilled, excels type all over, 4th fails tone, rather flat on back, nice head, useful one; 2, Henderson, fails head and tone to leader, yet a good one, no disgrace here; 3, Nelson, nice texture, very jaunty, but not up to leaders' tone or type; 5, D. Hamilton; 6, Guthrie. CINN. (10): 1, D. Hamilton, City winner, needs no comment, a model; 2, 3, Wilson, also often described, a trio this; 4, Cowan, drops tail flat on back, fair col., nice head and wings; 5, Hutchison; 6, Henderson. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 3, 6, Heggie, leader grand one, straight as a gun barrel, well up on leg, excels head, clean front, wins well, 3rd scarcely length, very nervy, hardly free in front, well put down; 2, Crighton, another guardsman, stands well up, just fails front, beaten in head, yet a good one; 4, Gray, useful, nice length, good head, just fails leg and rather frilled front, useful one; 5, Christie. HEN (6): 1, Heggie, grand one, well up on leg, nicely rounded, excels texture and head, wins rather easy; 2, Clayton, scarcely length, rather coarse head, good col. and texture, well placed; 3, Gray, better texture, fails raciness, excels head, beaten length; 4, Crighton, scarcely so well drawn, rather frilled front, fails leg, longer stamp; 5, Wilkinson; 6, Cochrane. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 5, Heggie, we failed to find; 2, Wilkinson Bros., nicely drawn, well up on leg, fails front texture; 3, Reilly, head tkd., scarcely length, very nervy, useful one; 4, Clayton, close up, fair length, hardly so racy, frilled a little; 6, Cochrane. HEN (14): 1, 3, 5, Heggie, leader grand one, well up, finely drawn, very nervy, wins with something in hand, 3rd hardly so boxy in feather or hard up on leg, yet a good one, excels head; 2, quickly claimed, G. Crighton, rare length, nicely braced wings and piped tail, excels texture, beaten front; 4, Gray, heavier stamp, scarcely so well drawn, nice wings and tail; 6, Christie. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, Gray, buff, grizzle head, good length, nicely braced, well up, good one, wins; 2, 3, 5, Heggie, four-point leading, grand qual., excels head, beaten front and raciness, must have pressed, 3rd yell, scarcely length, nice col. and qual., very nervy; 4, Park, three-point, nice length, fails head and front, nicely braced; 6, Cochrane. HEN (11): 1, Clayton, very finely drawn, excels leg and front, very nervy; 2, Leishman, close up, better head, just beaten length and col., nicely braced; 3, Wilkinson, cinn., hardly so finely drawn, fails leg and front to leaders, excels texture, useful one; 4, 6, Heggie; 5, M'Queen. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 5, Heggie, real Yorkie, straight up, nicely braced, good texture and col., wins easy; 2, Wilkinson Bros., another nice one, well up, draws well, nice head and piped tail, good 2nd; 3, Ewenson, fails head and length to leaders, nice texture, scarcely so nervy well put down; 4, Kinnear, similar stamp; 5, Heggie; 6, Clayton. BUFF (4): 1, Lister, rather thick at waist, fairly up on leg, nice wings and head, excels texture; 2, Christie, scarcely up in col., better leg, fails front to winner; 3, Clayton, similar stamp; 4, Reilly. HEN (10): 1, Heggie, very racy, well up, excels col., nicely braced wings and piped tail, wins; 2, Bell, another good one, plenty of daylight, very nervy, must have pressed; 3, Gray, beaten length, scarcely so well drawn, fails front and neck, nice texture and wings, good 3rd; 4, Park, similar stamp, fails waist, well up on leg, hardly texture; 5, Holmes; 6, Clayton. SELL (6): 1, Crighton; 2, McQueen; 3, 6, Gray; 4, Holms; 5, Leishman. CREST CK. (7): 1, medal, McLaren, we failed to find; 2, Cram, good subs., nice centre and radiation, leafy texture, well groomed; 3, 4, Howe, just fails radiation, nice droop; 5, 6, Sneddon. HEN (6): 1, 5, Sneddon, rare size, good droop and radiation, well-known winner; 2, 3, McLaren, nice cushion and radiation, loses sub. and density, hardly so well veined as leader, 3rd loses in centre and droop to leaders; 4, Baxter; 6, Govan. C.B. CK. (8): 1, 2, Cram, leader massive size, grand lashing and entrance, nicely domed, 2nd hardly subs. or lashing of leader, yet a grand one, well placed; 3, Whitton, nice subs., loses in entrance and lashing; 4, Sneddon, very similar stamp; 5, Summers; 6, Govan. HEN (12): 1, Fox, rare subs., plenty length feather, excels entrance and wins well; 2, 3, Howie, Kelty winner, beaten here, just fails to leader in lashing, grand hen, 3rd scarcely width, entrance, or density of leaders, yet a good one; 4, Cram, some fancied for 3rd, good length feather, scarcely up in lashing; 5, Whitton; 6, Baxter. GRIZZLE (4): 1, Mutter, well radiated, nice centre, droop, and leallness, good one; 2, Lindsay, neat crest, loses in subs., well groomed; 3, Fox, very similar, close up; 4, M'Laren, good one in good company. CK., 1913 (4): 1, McLaren, grand subs., wealth of feather, droops and radiation excellent, grand one; 2, Cram, hardly subs. of leader, good droop, fails radiation, beaten here; 3, Murray, similar stamp, loses in droop and length feather; 4, Lindsay. HEN (3): 1, Summers, green, good subs., nice centre and cushion; 2, McCall and Henderson, fails centre to leader, good length feather, well placed; 3, Baxter. C.B. CK. 1913 (13): 1, Summers, grand subs. and length of feather, wide entrance, nicely domed, wins in strong class; 2, Howie, just fails entrance and lashing, yet a good one, well placed; 3, McLaren, scarcely subs. or length feather; 4, Blyth, similar stamp; 5, Lindsay; 6, Scott and Comber. HEN (7): 1, Scott, very massive, wealth of feather, grand entrance and lashing, wins well; 2, Blyth, hardly so strong in entrance or massive, yet a good 2nd; 3rd very similar stamp; 4, Mutter; 5, Thomson; 6, McLaren. SELL CREST (3): 1, Cram, quickly claimed; 2, Sneddon; 3, Baxter. C.B. (5): 1, Blyth; 2, 4, Sneddon; 3, Fox; 5, Cram. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Thomson, Silver Lizard, nice cap, fair rowing, well put down; 2, Langan, Nor. Cinn., good size, fails head; 3, Wildridge, another Cinn., hot colour, fails size. COM. CAN. (10): 1, Sneddon; 2, 5, Bell; 3, Sandilands; 4, Lister; 6, Ewenson. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, McCue, cl., good size, fine head and neck, nice body, fails wing carriage, good quality, a bit flat on sides; 2, S.P.C.C. medal, Murray, our choice, grand bold head and neck, nice rounded chest, teeming with qual., fine col., perfect wing carr.; 3, Barron, grand size, nice head and neck, good front, fine qual., in nice cond.; 4, sp, Johnstone; 5, Grewar. HEN (10): 1, Gardiner, fine one, nice stamp, grand head and neck, fine qual., wins; 2, McConville, on the long side, good head, frills a bit in neck, loses in body, good qual.; 3, Wildridge, a bit soft, best body, fails head and neck, patchy in col.; 4, Barclay; 5, Moffat; 6, Harris. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Fleming, strong head and neck, good front, fine shape, lovely col.; 2, Harris, first defeat, grand head and neck, fine front and qual., a bit puffy, wind seems affected; 3, Martin, fails in weight, a bit flat on sides, lovely col. and quality., staged in grand order; 4, McLeod, must have pressed; 5, Barron; 6, Christie. HEN (12): 1, sp, F. Taylor, cl., in fine order, good head and neck, short stout body, fine qual., nice stamp, good wings; 2, McConville, good type and qual., nice body, not the best of wing carr.; 3, Martin, our choice for 2nd, better head, nice neck, short body, fine col. and qual., in fine order; 4, sp, Watt; 5, Strachan; 6, Christie. YELL. VAR. CK. (13): 1, Barron, well-known, a good one, fine head and neck, nice body, good wings and tail, fine qual. and col., wins; 2, Gallacher, fair, good type qual., head, fails neck, good col.; 3, Harris, strong head and neck, a bit horned; 4, Gardiner; 5, Gibson; 6, Skinner, a few good ones out of the tickets that might have been in. HEN (8): 1, Grewar, extra good in head, frill in neck, good body, fine wings and tail, hot col., fine qual.; 2, Dickson, almost even mkd., fails head, fine shape, lovely qual., good wings, in fine order; 3, Gardiner, grand head and neck, not so stout in body, fine wings, fails col., good qual.; 4, Kirk; 5, Harris; 6, McLeod. BUFF CK. (14): 1, F. and K.P.C. medal, Spence, great head and neck, stout body, good quality, crosses wings at times; 2, Smeaton, our choice, grand head and neck, a bit long in barrel, fine wings and tail, lovely quality, nice col., in fine order; 3, Thomson, fails bead to winners, good body, fine wings and qual.; 4, Martin; 5, Mitchell; 6, McConville. HEN: 1, S.P.C. medal, J. Taylor, fine stamp, good head, neck, and body, nice quality, good wings; 2, Harris, good head and neck, stout body, a bit feathery, good wings; 3, sp, Grewar, good head and neck, fine body and wings, nice qual., lacks finish; 4, McConville; 5, Dickson, Kelty winner; 6, Skinner. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (14): 1, McLeod, a big one, hot col., fails a bit in neck, stout body, fine wings and qual.; 2, F. Taylor, var., nice head and neck, fine body subs., grand qual., fine wings; 3, Fleming, a nice one, fine col. and qual., good bead, neck, nice body; 4, Smith; 5, Grewar; 6, G. Taylor. HEN: 1, McCue, heavy var., weak in head, rather too fat, spoils the outline, short wings and tail; 2, 5, Grewar, City of Glasgow winner, hardly looking so well to-day; 3, Strachan, good head and neck, fine front, good wings, paler in col., fine qual.; 4, Smith; 6, McLeod. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Barron, a big one, fine head and neck, fine width of front, nice body shape, good qual. and col., nice wings, wins; 2, Martin, well-known winner, beaten to-day, drawing too much, showing crossed wings, lovely qual. and col.; 3, McCue, some thought a bit lucky, long in body, good qual. and wings; 4, Mitchell; 5, Spence; 6, Watt. HEN (12): 1, Smeaton, good head, frill in neck, good body, fine qual., good wings; 2, Barron, our choice, hardly so strong in head, extra short stout body and wings and tail, fine qual. and col.; 3, Prentice, good head and neck, nice body, good wings; 4, Murray; 5, Dowall; 6, McCabe. NON-FED CK. (8): 1, Smeaton, well-known winner, cl. yell., a bit browy and drawn in neck, good qual.; 2, 5, Grewar, cl. yell., leading, better head, neck and body properties, fine qual., in the best of order; 3, Wildridge, yell. green, good head, stout body, good wings; 4, Mitchell; 6, Sinclair. HEN (8): 1, Martin, var. buff, grand head and neck, good qual., fine wings; 2, J. Taylor, cl. buff, good head and body, bad wings, wants a wash; 3, Smeaton, our choice for 1st, nice bead and neck, great body properties, good wings and tail, nice qual., a big one; 4, Grewar; 5, Watt; 6, McCabe, a good class.

The Mules, British, and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE, EXCEPT BULLF. (5): 1, Heggie, well-known Cl. Greenf., often described, needs no comment; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, same cross, lightly mkd., equally well-known; 3, 4, 5, Jamieson, former Yell. Goldie, eye and wing mkd., rather rough on head, tail incomplete, good col., 4th five-pointed Buff Goldie, rather unfinished, will make a good one. DARK (11): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Greenie, often described, wins well in strong class; 2, McLaren, Goldie, not largest, but all there for col., nice finsh and wings, well staged; 3, 4, 5, former Linnet, some preferred for 2nd, nice size, cobby shape, excels col., typical, 4th Goldie, not up to subs. or col. of leader; 6, Coleman. SELL (9): 1, 5, Cooper; 2, Storrar; 3, Adamson; 4, Forley; 6, Fraser. HYB., EXCEPT BULLF. (5): 1, Mitchell, Redpoll-Goldf., grand order, good size for cross, shows parentage, wins well; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, Goldf.-Greenie, grand size, rare flush and wings, good one, well placed; 3, Muir and Heenan, Twite-Goldf., good order, very typical, fails col., good condition; 4, Whitbrook and Allen, Redpoll-Greenf., fair size, shows distinct bib, good order, beaten cross and col.; 5, Chalmers. BULLF. HYB. (3): 1, Chalmers, Goldf.-Bull., not largest, but rare col., rather slack at thighs, yet a nice one; 2, 3, Jamieson, former Linnet-Bull., nice size and shape, rare depth col., shown in tip-top order, we preferred, 3rd Goldf.-Bull., fails col. GOLDF. (5): 1, Aitken, good col., and expanse of blaze, rather pinched head, excels moons and wings, nicely tanned; 2, Sykes, better size and shape, more expansive blaze, beaten col.; 3, Smith, good tans, nice shape, fails blaze, and inclines to hang wings; 4, Lister, F.M., good blaze, excels wings, rather wild, should make a nice one, No. 5 Anderson, marked W.C., we make best in class; No. 2, Watson, late Nicolson, same fate. BULLF. BRIT (5): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, great size, dense and expansive cap, rare breast col., hardly level in tone, wins well; 2, 3, Sykes, quite equal in cut to leader, beaten breast col., and size, just a little slack at thighs, excels wings, we preferred 3rd, better shape, quite equal breast, grand cond.; 4, Jamieson, smaller, 5, Lister. GREENF., FED (6): 1, Stewart and Dalling, good size, hot col., rare wings, put down in good order; 2, Rodney, better shape, more cobby, quite equal to leader in col., hardly size, but nice one; 3, Aitken, another cobby one, rather rough on head and neck, nicely fed, will improve; 4, Moreland, our choice for fit, rare cobby shape, nice rise on head, excels wings, a good Greenie, properly fed; 5, Barclay; 6, Anderson, Kelty winner. NON-FED (14): 1, 3, Sykes, leader grand one, looking his best to-day, rare size and col., well put down, 3rd just a little pinched in head to leader, best of wings in class, shining cond; 2, Messer, quite equal to leader in all points but size and there a good one, well placed; 4, Black and Lumsden, old stager, not looking his best to-day, rather slack in wings; 5, Aitken; 6, Adam on. LINNET, C.M. (12): 1, 5, McQuiston and Paterson, well-known winner, often described, leads easy; 2, Stuart and Dalling, good size, nice peg top shape, good tone, well pencilled; 3, Muir and Heenan, nearer, but hardly so well shaped as leaders, better whites, just a little open in front, well placed; 4, Barclay, another good one, rare breast work; 6, Walsh, strong class for quality, some good birds cardless here. F.M. (15): 1, McGregor, rare size and shape, gem for col. and breast work, nice wings, wins in good company; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, well-known winner, gem for size, beaten in front here hardly up to form to-day, yet some preferred for 1st place; 3, Muir and Heenan, another good one, scarcely so cobby as leaders, yet all there for tone and pencilling, excels whites, very steady; 4, Hardy, good one all over, very good shape, just fails steadiness; 5, Robson and Dewar; 6, Fraser, another strong class, many good birds having to stand down. SISKIN (6): 1, Moreland, unfed., good shape, excels cap, nice tone of col. and flanks, distinct bib; 2, Whitbrook and Allen, fed, nice dense cap, clean cut, faint bib, loses flanks and bib to leader, well placed; 3, Grewar, similar stamp, better bib, just beaten col. and flanks, nice one; 4, Barclay, scarcely expanse or density of cap, superior in most other points, no bib, best flanks in class, rather unsteady; 5, Rice. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (6): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, rare size, often described, good Twite; 2, Messer, Mealy 'poll, great size, excels tone and flanks, unfortunately drops wings; we preferred 3, Leitch, nice Twite, good tone and pencilling, little run, but still a good 2nd here, well put down; 4, Muir and Heenan, fair size, distinct heavy pencilling, nice wings, fails head; 5, Coleman; 6, Campbell. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, often described, needs no comment, looking his best to-day; 2, Sykes, hardly subs. of leader, and beaten col., excels flanks, good 'poll; 3, Hamilton, F.M., fair size, grand colour, expansive jetty bib, best flanks in class, rather unsteady and crosses wings, or would surely have gone up; 4, Webster, nice shape, scarcely weight of leaders, beaten tone and flanks; 5, Lister; 6, McGillivray Bros., strong class. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (7): 1, 2, 3, Sykes, the inseparables, Bramble and Chaffie lead easy here, need no comment, 3rd fair Bramble, rather overshadowed by champion, good size, well placed; 4, Barclay, Chaffie, nice breast, hardly subs., fails head, still a nice one; 5, Russell; 6, Leitch. BUNTING: 1, McQuiston and Paterson, well-known Corn, might have won owner cup last week, needs no comment; 2, 5, Russell, Meadow, Kelty winner, nice markings, in A1 order, well placed; 3, Hardy, Yellow, nice V and cheeks, good col., outclassed here; 4, Richardson, Corn, fails size and breast work; 6, Milligan, well mixed class. A.O. HARDBILL (3): All honours Sykes, champion trio Hawfinches, often described. HEN (12): 1, Mackie, Bullie, a gem, well-known winner, simply perfection; 2, Sykes, Greenf., marvel for a hen, some preferred for 1st, must have pressed, even better wings than No. 2, which was a cock; 3, McQuiston and Paterson, Linnet, champion lady, what a trio; 4, 6, Taylor, Bramble, nice spangle and sheen, hard lines to meet such company; 5, Millar, difficult class to separate. SOFTBILL SMALL (2): Both Taylor, Redstart leading, well-known winner; 2nd Grey Wagtail, in grand order, nicely staged. LARGE (3): 1, Sykes, Chough, well-known, wins easy; 2, Henderson, Waxwing, not largest, grand sheen, fails wings, might be better staged; 3, Harvey, Missel, fails size and arrows, pale. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, Howie, Goldf., great size, good blaze and moons, grand Finch; 2, Robertson, Goldf., fails size to leader, but excels in cut and colour of blaze, superior tans, our choice; 3, Adams, Goldf., best colour blaze in class, but not clean cut, nice wings, fails size and skull, well placed; 4, Marshall; 5, Baxter; 6, Cunningham, all Goldies. FOR. SMALL (2): 1, Colville, Whydah, in grand order, well put down; 2, Simpson, Lovebird, in nice order. LARGE (2): 1, Sykes, Glossy Starling, not up to form to day, slack; 2, Jamieson.

CREWE C.B.S.

Show held in the Lesser Co-operative Hall, Nov. 8, about 98 birds being staged. Mr. P. V. Williams's cup was won by J. W. Lawton for the third time in succession, and it becomes now his own property. Mr. E. Jaycott carried out his secretarial duties in a very able manner, and is just the right man in the proper place. Mr. A. Royle, Sale, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Other specials were won by E. Jaycott, most points Nov., ditto Brit.; S. Potts, most points Nor.; J. L. Lawton, most points Yorks. Medals for best birds: 1, S. Potts; 2, W. Betterley; 3, J. W. Lawton. Novice medals: 1, G. Dunn; 2, E. Jaycott.

CL. OR TKD. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Potts; 3, Dunn. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Lawton; vhc, hc, Potts. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Lawton; 3, Potts; hc, Elks.; hc, c, Dunn. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. CK. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Lawton; vhc, hc, Potts; c, Dunn. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Lawton; 2, Potts; c, Dunn. CL.: 1, 2, Betterley; 3, Jaycott; vhc, c, Lawton. BORD., MKD.: 1, Lawton; 2, 3, 4, Jaycott. YELL. GR.: 1, 2, Lawton. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, c, Dunn; 2, 3, Potts. DARK: 1, Elks; 2, 3, Potts; vhc, c, Dunn. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Dunn; 2, Betterley. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Jaycott; c, Elks. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, sp., Dunn; 2, 3, Betterley. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, 2, 3, Potts; vhc, hc, Lawton.

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STOKE ON-TRENT.

Third annual show held in the Sutherland Assembly Room, Nov. 13. The room is splendidly adapted for the purpose, being very spacious, thus providing any quantity of room for staging, and at the same time having ample space between the aisles for the numerous visitors. The lighting was excellent, being all top light. The entry was a capital one, 400, which must have been gratifying to the Executive, who richly deserve a good entry, for they are a hard-working set of thorough fanciers. With such a splendid entry, and in order to get judging over in good time the committee wisely decided to call in another judge to assist Mr. Roe, and judging was completed and all awards up in good time. Norwich were a splendid collection, and competition in most of the classes was very keen. Yorks., although not over numerous in the Champion classes were a good lot for quality. British were splendid, a great many of them being well-known winners and staged in grand form. The Novice section was indeed excellent, both for numbers and quality, the Yorks. classes in this section having the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. CAGE BIRDS Cowpon Competition was in vogue at this fixture, and right well was it patronised, over sixty birds being nominated for the various diplomas and cash specials. The following were fortunate winners: Champions: Cash spl. and Yorks. diploma, Mr. G. Lawton; Nor., Mr. J. Thomas; Brit. Hardbill, Mr. J. Pitchford. Novice: Cash spl. and Yorks. diploma, Messrs. Werkes Bros.; Nor., Mr. R. Leese.

The arrangements were in every way most excellent, everything being in apple-pie order. The whole of the exhibits were splendidly staged, every attention being paid to them, and awards quickly up as the classes were judged. The management of the show was in the capable hands of the following: Chairman, Mr. T. Hawley; Vice, Mr. F. W. Alcock; Treas., Mr. W. Roberts; Committee, Messrs. F. W. Alcock, J. Bowers, J. Bagshaw, I. Butters, C. Beckett, C. Clay, J. Davis, I. Hawley, J. B. McMurtrie, R. Parker, A. Peake, J. Peake, G. Salt, R. Ratcliffe, I. Walker, R. Smith, W. H. Walton, G. Chadwick, M. Leese, E. Ousman, E. Hodgkinson, H. Pointon, G. Lawton, H. Fox, J. Lockett, senr.; while nt the head of this band of thorough fanciers, in charge of the onerous duties of hon. sec., was Mr. J. Pitchford, whose great experience as an exhibitor leaves him with every little detail at his finger tips. We noticed the worthy Vice-Chairman (Mr. F. W. Alcock) was no mere figure-head, but rendered valuable assistance in the Secretary's office the whole of the day. Sales were pretty brisk, many birds changing hands, including the champion Yorks. diploma winner, which was claimed at catalogue price. Mr. F. Pate judged Novice, Norwich, Selling and Members' classes, Mr. J. H. Roe taking remainder.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (12): 1, P. V. Williams, well known cl., looks grand to-day, wins nicely; 2, Thomas, tkd. neck and wing, rare size and shape, nice snb., well cleaned out, hardly so full in head and neck as winner, fine col. and qual.; 3, Harding, nice size and shape, good head, shade longer in barrel, fine col. and qual., bit open at throat; 4, Bowyer, shapely, good headed cl.; vhc, McConaghey; hc, Roberts; c, Crawshaw. BUFF (11): 1, Whetstone, well-known cl., looking grand to-day, tight as wax, delightful sheen; 2, C.B. diploma, Thomas, neck tkd., nice size and shape, lovely head and neck, not the subs. of leader, fine col. and qual.; 3, P. V. Williams, fine size, grand head, fine subs., rare width and depth of chest, bit thick behind to-day; 4, Cundiff, good size, bit longer in build; vhc, Barnes; hc, Parker; c, Brotherhood. UNEVEN (7): 1, hc, Rathbone, yell., mkd. head and wings, very good size and shape, nice full head and neck, fine subs., good carr. and qual.; 2, Crawshaw, uneven buff, good size, lovely type and qual. nice head, well cut away, rare col. and frosting; 3, Hirst, buff, well up in size, true Nor. type, good head and qual., bit patchy on back; 4, Bowyer, heavily var. yell., rare size and qual.; vhc, Barnes; c, McConaghey. DITTO HEN, YELL. (11): 1, 2, Whetstone, leader tkd. head, lovely shape, full head, short and compact, grand qual., well cut away, 2nd dark tail, very fine size and shape, carries more subs., well cleaned out, shade thicker than 1st, beaten width of skull only; 3, c, Bowyer, neat cl., good head, nice shape and qual., hardly so cobby as leaders; 4, Thomas, grand shape cl., rare size and qual.; vhc, Lees; hc, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Thomas, cl., nice size and type, good head and neck, short wings and tail, well cleaned out, fine subs. and qual., carries grand bloom; 2, Bagshaw, cl., grand size and shape, nice width and depth of front, good head and carr., bit loose behind; 3, P. V. Williams, hardly the size of leaders, good shape, nice head, well filled neck, grand qual., good wing carr.; 4, James, shapely cl., not so strong in head; vhc, James; hc, Blease and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, P. V. Williams, bonny cl., fine size, grand shape and subs., rare good head, short wings and tail, best of col. and qual.; 2, c, Whetstone, cl., nice size, not the line type of leader, good head, well cut away, nice qual.; 3, Thomas, cl., very neat and shapely, medium size, well cleaned out, neat head, wings and tail, not so warm in col.; 4, McConaghey, var., good size, col. and qual.; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Bowers. BUFF (7): 1, Thomas, grizzle back, nice size, lovely type, rare subs., full, well chiselled head, short wings and tail, fine col. and qual.; 2, Crawshaw, uneven mkd. well up in size, splendid type, grand front, good head and carr., well cut away, best of col. and qual.; 3, Whetstone, head and neck mkd., good size and shape, hardly the subs. of leaders, nice col. and qual., carries nice bloom; 4, Cundiff, nice size, loses head and col; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Barnes; c, Blease and Son. HEN (9): 1, Roberts, bouny col. buff, grand size and type, full clean cut head, well filled neck, short and compact, in fine trim; 2, McConaghey, uneven mkd. buff, nice size and shape, weak in head short wings and tail; 3, Bowyer, buff, dark tail, good size, fine shape, gets well across perch, well cleaned out, rare qual., might have been 2nd; 4th, James, cobby cl. yell., looks bit down; vhc, Roberts; hc, Brotherhood; c, Cundiff. YRKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Lawton, thigh tkd., fine length, good head, nicely filled neck, rare back and waist, straight as a rush nice style and carr.; 2, P. V. Williams, neck and wing tkd., very nice length, well drawn, long sided, very neat, good qual., bit unsteady; 3, Weidall, head mkd., rattling length, well filled back, very neat at girth, nice pose and qual.; 4, Ramsden, grand length and style, rather open on face; vhc, Piggot; hc, Beaumont; c, Hawley. BUFF (10): 1, C.B. diploma and cash spl., Lawton, medium size, very prim and shapely, neat shoulders, nice head and carr., rare qual., feathers twisted at throat, which might have kept it down a bit; 2, Weidall, fine length, nice pos., well filled back, well up on good legs, grand qual.; 3, Beaumont, wing tkd., rare length, hardly so long-sided, neat head, fine qual. and style; 4, P. V. Williams, fine wing tkd., rare length, style and qual.; vhc, Piggott; hc, Ramsden; c, Cockram. UNEVEN. (4): 1, Hirst, eyes and wing tkd cinn. mkd. buff, fine length, neat head, good back and waist, well up on leg, nice style and qual.; 2, Wells and Clempson, heavily mkd. yell., fine length and shape, long-sided, well cut away, in fine order; 3, Hawley, uneven yell., nicely drawn, well packed wings and tail, rare qual. and style; 4, Piggott, cinn. mkd. buff, nice length and shape, grand bloom and qual. DITTO HEN, YELL. (5): 1, Thomas, beautiful length and shape, neat head, nice shoulder and back, rare style and carr.; 2, Weidall, shade longer, hardly so fine in build, stands well on good legs, nice qual. and con.; 3, Beaumont, lovely length, neat narrow shoulders, grand style and posi., well packed wings and tail, grand legs, we liked for 2nd; 4, Hawley, very neat var., rare col. and qual.; vhc, Lawton. BUFF (6): 1, Thomas, very fine cl., medium length, round neat head, nice wedge shaped, best of qual., very stylish; 2, 3, Lawton, leader rattling length, nice long-sided bird, uneven mkd., full G style, gets well up, 3rd nice cl., good qual., hardly the length of leader; 4, Hawley, nice length and qual.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Wells and Clempson. UNFLIG. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, Thomas, cl., of rattling length, fine head and neck, nicely filled back, stands well on grand legs, straight as a rush, in fine order; 2, Cockram, cl., bit warmer in col., nice length, neat head, bit loose at waist; 3, Lawton, rare size, fine shape, nice length of side, stands well on grand legs, must have pressed; 4, P. V. Williams, fine length, not so neat in wing carr.; vhc, Hawley. HEN (7): 1, Beaumont, cl. yell., sweet shape, nicely drawn, round as a ruler, rare qual., very stylish, nice one; 2, Robinson, cl. buff, nice length and style, very shapely, neat head, well carried wings and tail, best of qual.; 3, Lawton, yell., rare length, well cut away, grand legs, neat shoulders, stands well, bit paler in col.; 4, Thomas, uneven yell., rare length, bit stronger in build; vhc, Wells and Clempson; hc, Weidell; c, Hawley. A.O.V. CAN.: Cancelled. MULE, DK. (7): 1, vhc, Chadwick, yell. Gold-Can., nice size, well up in flush, good qual. and cond.; 2, Lovatt and Mason, buff Linnet Can., rare size and shape, nice col. and feather; 3, Pitchford, Greenie-Can., buff, well up in size, nice col., in fine bloom, bit unsteady; 4, Ellis, Linnet-Can., rather small, very neat and shapely; hc, Redfern; c, Miller. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB.: Cancelled. GOLDF. (11): 1, C.B. diploma, Pitchford, last year's champion, fine expanse of blaze, squarely cut and brilliant in col., rare depth of body col., best of wings, in superb form; 2, Brookes, bit smaller, nice body col., square cut blaze, good depth of col., narrower in face and black on poll, runs very forward into blaze, good wings and condition; 3, Pitchford, Sheffield winner, grand size, rare width of face, square blaze of splendid depth, comes well back and clean cut all round, better tanning and more of on breast, best of wings and condition, we preferred for 2nd; 4, vhc, hc, Davis, splendid Finch, very rich body and blaze, very fit; c, Lockett; good class for quality. BULLF. (7): 1, Brookes, nice size and shape, rich well-cut cap, nice breast col., very distinct bars, shade unsteady; 2, Griffiths, shade larger, grand breast and back, well cut ebony cap, very steady, in nice order, we liked; 3, Lovatt and Mason, rare size and shape, rich breast col., splendidly cut cap, in nice trim, not so steady; 4, Barker, nice Finch, feathers missing in left wing; vhc, Davis; hc, Child; c, Miller. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, c, Pitchford, fine size and shape, rich body col., very bold in pencilling, well-known winner, in splendid fettle; 2, 4, Davis, leader grand size, fine type, splendid body col., finer pencilling, good whites in wings, in equally good order, 4th nice size and body col., not so full of work on breast; 3, Barker, hardly the size, grand wings, nice bold pencilling, shade open at throat; hc, Fairhurst. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Davis, leader Lesser Redpoll, bonny bird, grand size and marking, rich col., nice bib, in delightful trim, one of the best; 2, Fairhurst, Siskin, nice size, good col. for a buff, nicely broken cap, well mkd. wings, good flank lacing; 3, Taylor, Mealy Redpoll, good size and shape, nicely mkd., very steady, in nice trim; 4, Davis, fine Siskin, looks a bit down to-day; vhc, Miller; hc, Siddall; c, Jaycott. A.O. HARDBILL (7): 1, Brotherhood, well-kuown champion Bramble, looking extra well to-day, makes his 30th first; 2, 3, Brookes, leader fine Chaffinch, good size, coming into nice breast col., grand cap and wings, steady, in good bloom; 3, Greenf., nice size and shape, good bars and body col.; 4, Pitchford, Yell. Bunting, rare size, col. and marking; vhc, Gunn; hc, Miller; c, Jones. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. FOR.: Cancild. SELL., 20s. (16): 1, Lesse; 2, Rathbone; 3, Spilby; 4, Pitchford; vhc, Windsor; hc, Garbutt; c, Garton. 12s.6d.(19): 1, Flitchett; 2, Bowers; 3, Barker; 4, Spiby; vhc, Wild; hc, Robinson; c, Leese. NOVICE, NOR., YELL. (20): 1, Johnson, rattling size and shape, grand head, well cleaned out, nice col. and qual.; 2, C.B. diploma, Leese, well up in size, rare full head, inclined to brow, bit thicker behind, fine col. and qual.; 3, Girle, bit longer in barrel, good head, grand qual., loses shape; 4, Jones, neck tkd., nice shape and size, not the qual.; vhc, Bielby; hc, Redfern; c, Catterall. BUFF (25): 1, 2, Sykes, cl., grand shape, nice subs., good head, nicely cut away good col. and qual., followed by a cl. of good shape and qual., in fine bloom, but rather wild; 3, Fox, cl. yell., a mistake, should have been wroug classed; 4, Rhodes, nice cobby bird; vhc, Day; hc, Colclough; c, Garbutt. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Greatbatch, neck tkd., fine size and shape, nice full head, rare subs. and qual.; 2, Garbutt, cl., very cobby, short and compact, neat wings and tail, nice qual.; 3, Bracegirdle, uneven, nice size, bit longer behind perch, not so rich in col.; 4, Ford, nice shapely bird, not so strong in head; 4, vhc, Day; hc, Wild; c, Gough and Loach. BUFF (14): 1, Ford, cl., grand shape, nice head, rare full chest, nicely cut away, grand subs.; 2, Redfern, cl., hardly so chubby, good head, lovely col. and frosting, fine bloom; 3, Garbutt, tkd. wing, very shapely, good head, hardly the qual.; 4, Dalzell, head mkd., good type, col. and qual.; vhc, Everett; hc, Leese; c, Rhodes. UNFLIG. YELL. (1): 1, Ford, rare size, good type, nice head and neck, plenty of subs., rare col. and qual.; 2, Jones, bit smaller, very neat type, good head, well cut away, best of qual.; 3, Filkin, well up in size, bit longer in barrel, nice col. and feather; 4, Bailey, head mkd., shapely and fine qual.; vhc, Steele; hc, Catterall; c, Ousman. BUFF (13): 1, Ford, wing mkd., rare full head, good type, well cleaned out, best of col. and qual.; 2, Day, eye and neck mkd., well up in size, grand head, nice col., bit loose behind; 3, Fitchett, uneven, very fine shape, well cleaned out, short wings and tail, we liked for 2nd; 4, Mollard, shapely cl., grand qual.; vhc, Girle; hc, Steele; c, Ousman. HEN (7): 1, Ford, cl. yell., bonny type, short and compact, nice head, well cut away, good qual.; 2, Day, cl. buff, nice size and shape, good head, shade longer in build; 3, James, yell., well up in size, good shape, not so tight in feather; 4, Garbutt, mkd. yell., good qual., not so shapely; vhc, Redfern; hc, Bailey; c, Miller. YELL. (19): 1, Butler, grand cl., fine length and shape, stands well on grand legs, good style and carr., rare col. and qual.; 2, Jones, wing tkd., grand length, neat in build, well cut away, bit nervous; 3, Everett, cl., nice length and shape, good head and back, loses wing carr.; 4, Lawton, fine length and shape, we liked for 3rd; vhc, Sutton; hc, Ratcliffe; c, McMurtrie. BUFF (16): 1, Sutton, cl., rattling length, neat head, good back and waist, gets well up on rare legs, fine qual.; 2, 3, Smith, leader wing tkd., shade stronger in build, fine length, bit heavier at girth, 3rd very good length, cl., grand shape and qual., loses wing carr.; 4, Weekes Bros., head mkd., nice length and style; vhc, Walker; hc, c, Lawton.

SHIPLEY.

Annual exhibition held Nov. 15, in the Central Schools. Entries numbered 424 in 26 classes. The novices are proving that they are the mainstay of the Yorkshire Union shows, no less than 211 were entered in the ten novice classes. In the champion section the most attractive classes were the unlighted with 22 entries, and the buff hen class, 21; several grand specimens were to be seen. The selling classes are not filling up as we have been used to seeing them in the past. In the novice section the entries were really marvellous, the first six classes averaging 28 per class. This being the first show for novices in the second half of the season, several new fanciers led off with a few points, and this caused great interest amongst the regular exhibiting novices. The winning buff was quickly claimed. Special for most points by a member in the champion classes was won by Mr. H. H. Towers, and in novice by Mr. Crossland.

The management was exceptionally good. The Sec., Mr. E. Grange, got through his duties in a very able manner, and he was backed up very well by his assistant, Mr. A. M. Craven, while the other officials, Messrs. Brown, Towers, Barker, Sutcliffe, Martin, and Merrall, did their duty in a very business-like manner, and everything was through in nice time. Mr. W. A. Cowgill placed the awards, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YKS. (12): 1, Snead, slightly tkd. on head and neck, grand length, lovely qual., correct pos., well braced wings, pipe tail, good legs and feet, put down in fine style; 2, Bailey, cl., very long bird, hot col., neat head, wings, and tail, not as straight as 1st; 3, Craig, tkd. check, hot col, A1 pos., very stylish, only fails in length; 4, Towers, cl., wonderful length, well placed wings and tail, good qual., good stock bird; vhc, Hill; hc, Radley; c, Long. BUFF (18): 1, vhc, Sutcliffe and Son cheek tkd., extra length, rich col., good head and shoulders, well filled up, grand wings and pipe tail, stands well up, shows well; 2, Saville, cl., lovely qual., very stylish, nice shape, neat wings and tail, only fails in length; 3, hc, Ogden Bros., cl., good length, level col., nice head, well filled neck, good wings and tail; 4, Bennett, wing tkd., very stylish, lovely qual., stands well up, only fails in col.; c, Brown and Son. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, cl. yell., grand length, very slim and stylish, sound in col., lovely qual. of feather, well drawn, neat wings and tail, correct pos., staged well; 2, Mason, cl. buff, standard length, beautiful qual., wings and tail perfect, very close up; 3, Bailey, tkd. yell., very straight and slim, grand qual., lovely shape and style, shows well; 4, Chittenden, buff, tkd. on cheek, boxy feather, nicely made all round, but on stout side; vhc, Briggs; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Bennett. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Smith Bros., cl., rich col., feathered like glass, nice round head, well filled neck, grand shoulders and back, well placed wings and tail, stands correct, a gem; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cl., another good 'un, lovely qual. and style, not quite as steady as 1st; 3, Bennett, cl., nice stylish hen, shows a bit of breed, well put down; 4, Brown and Son, cl., beautiful shape and style, rather coarser in feather; vhc, Stobart; hc, Radley; c, Craven. BUFF (21): 1, Hill, cl., grand length, lovely qual., sound col., wings and tail perfect, stands well on good legs and feet, grand condition, a gem; 2, Clegg, cl., beautiful feather and shape, well placed wings and tail; 3, Craig, cl., nice stylish hen, good shape, but rather pale, will improve; 4, Dykes, cl., grand pos., good wing carr., very nice, but on stout side; vhc, c, Beaumont; hc, Tidswell. GR. MKD. YELL. (17): 1, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, blaze of col., silky feather, grand length, nice back and wings, piped tail, position A1, put down in fine style; 2, Mason, mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful style and qual., nicely made, only falls in col.; 3, 4, Chittenden, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape and style, 4th nicely mkd. even, grand qual. and shape, but rather less, and not as good in col.; vhc, Bailey; hc, Morrison; c, Thomas. BUFF (10): 1, Hall, mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, rich level col., full of qual., well drawn out, wings and tail perfect, legs and feet correct, pos. A1, gem; 2, 3, Morrison, mkd. both eyes and one wing, very long and slim, lovely qual., very stylish, 3rd mkd head, eyes, and wings, beautiful feather, nice pos. and shape, inclined to cross wings; 4, Dykes, varieg., grand shape, good head and neck, well placed wings and tail, rather pale; vhc, Towers; hc, Fowle; c, Clegg. MKD. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Thomas, nicely mkd. eyes and wings and cheeks, lovely shape, silky feather, rich level col., wing carr. and tail correct, plenty of nerve, shows well when handled, a gem; 2, Dykes, mkd. head, eye, and wings, nice level col., grand qual. and shape, very stylish; 3, Craven, mkd. head, eyes, and wings, full of bloom, boxy feather, closely fitting wings and tail; 4, Snead, varieg., grand length and qual., plenty of style, rather pale, will improve; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Fowle; c, Towers. BUFF (9): 1, Ogden Bros., nicely mkd. on head, eyes, and wings, rare length, level col., feathered like glass, well fitting wings and tail, good legs, pos. correct, shows well; 2, Tidswell, mkd. one wing, head, eyes, and neck, beautiful pos. and style, only fails in length; 3, Dykes, mkd. eyes, wings, and head, and wing, lovely qual. and shape, neat wings and tail, not as full in neck; 4, Morrison, nicely mkd. eyes, wings, and cheeks, very stylish hen, grand qual. and col., rather less; vhc, Hall; hc, Saville; c, Myers and Lumb. CINN. MKD. YELL. (13): 1, Thomas, mkd. head and wings, grand length, lovely shape and style, nicely feathered, silky feather, beautiful wings and tail, stands correct, well shown; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, and cheek, hot col., qual. and shape A1, only fails in length; 3, Mason, mkd. one wing and neck, wonderful length, very slim and stylish, not as tight, will improve; 4, Morrison, mkd. wings and eye, grand qual. and shape, wants more length; vhc, Towers; hc, c, Brown and Son. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Bailey, 1st mkd. eyes, wings, and neck, lovely qual. of feather, nice shape, rich level col., well braced wings, piped tail, well up on leg, grand position, shown well; 3, mkd. eyes, cheek, and wings, another good 'un, nicely made all round, only fails in length; 2, Towers, mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful feather, nice head and back, good wings, rather stout; 4, Chittenden, variegated, grand length and qual., not as good in wing carr., good stock bird; vhc, Atkinson and Firth; hc, c, Morrison. CINN. MKD. HEN, YELL. (15): 1, Morrison, mkd. head, eyes, wings, and tail, rich level col., lovely qual., good wings, well carried, plenty of nerve, nice tail, stands well on good legs, staged well; 2, Bennett, mkd. round neck, eyes, wings, beautiful qual., sound col., good round head and shoulders, well placed wings and tail, only fails in length; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. head and wings, nice shape and qual., not so good in col.; 4, Hall, mkd. eyes, neck, and wings, good stylish bird, but rather slack, will improve; vhc, Towers; hc, Thomas; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Towers, mkd. head, cheeks, eyes, and wings, grand length, nice head, well filled neck, good shoulders and back, well braced wings, piped tail, rich level col., A1 position, well benched; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful qual., nice shape and style, closely fitting wings and tail, stands on good legs, good stock hen; 3, 4, Casey, mkd. eyes and wings, nice stylish hen, rather short flights, 4th mkd. eyes, one wing, good length, not quite tightened up; vhc, Myers and Lumb; hc, Ramsden; c, Morrison. SELL., CK. (15/-): (23): 1, Smith; 2, Myers; 3, Barnes; 4, Livesey; vhc, Marsh; hc, Hadwen; c, Haggis Bros. HEN (12/6) (13): 1, Haggis Bros.; 2, c, Crossland; 3, Mason; 4, Marsh; vhc, Stebbings; hc, Webb. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (23): 1, Hutchinson, cl., grand length, lovely style and shape, nice level col., beautiful feather, good head, shoulders and back, well braced wings and tail, nicely drawn, well staged; 2, Mosley, cl., nice length, very stylish, good qual., well up on leg, not as good in body shape; 3, Chew, tkd. on head, beautiful qual., good head, wings, and tail, only fails in col.; 4, Greenwood, cl., good length, very slim and stylish, well placed wings and tail, not as straight; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Swaine; c, Exall. BUFF (35): 1, Mosley, cl., rich in col., correct length, well up on leg, feathered to perfection, well drawn, nice fitting wings and tail, a gem (claimed); 2, Duckworth, cl., grand pos., boxy feather, good wings and tail, only fails in length; 3, Sheard, wing tkd., nice shape and style, breedy, good qual. wings and tail, pale in col., will improve; 4, Radley, cl., lovely qual., well filled up, neat wings and tail, stands well on good legs; vhc, hc, Dibb; c, Allatt. YELL. HEN (21): 1, Sutcliffe, cl., grand length, good round head and shoulders, nicely filled neck, nice back, well braced wings, piped tail, rich sound col., stands well up, shows well; 2, Hamlyn, cl., beautiful feather, very stylish, good wings and tail, not quite as full in neck; 3, Farnish, cl., sound col., grand qual., well up on leg, very stylish and slim; 4, Ratcliffe, cl., nice shape, lovely qual., very clean made, rather pale in col.; vhc, Barnes; hc, Murgatroyd; c, Shaw. BUFF (24): 1, H. Radley, cl., grand shape and style, lovely qual., stands well up, nice position, neat head, well filled neck, well placed wings and tail, put down in fine style; 2, Hersey, cl., very typical, nicely drawn, level col., A1 qual. and position, close up; 3, Greenwood, cl., nice length, boxy feather, very stylish, inclined to cross wiugs; 4, Radcliffe, cl., well up on leg, nice qual., grand shape, only fails in col.; vhc, Hirst; hc, Livesey; c, Kirkbright. GR. MKD. YKS. (30): 1, Hirst, buff, mkd. head, cheeks, wings, wonderful length, rich level col., extra qual., wings well carried, piped tail, nicely drawn out, A1 position, good legs and feet; 2, Bennett, yell., mkd. head, cheeks, wings, grand length, silky feather, well braced wings and tail, good head and shoulders, very stylish, not quite as tight as 1st; 3, Townley, mkd. eye, wing, nice level col., lovely qual., fails in wing carr.; 4, Sheard, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, grand type, neat head, wings, tail, full of qual.; vhc, Hamlyn; hc, Mosley; c, Bushby. HEN (26): 1, Sheard, yell. mkd. eyes, cheeks, and wings, wonderful qual., nice length, good head, well filled neck, nice back, well placed wings and tail, a gem, shown in grand condition; 2, Hirst, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely qual., grand pos. and style, not quite as long as 1st; 3, Bennett, yell., mkd. head and wings, good length, very stylish, long flights, neat wings and tail; 4, Greenwood, buff, slightly tkd. on wing, beautiful qual., lovely shape and style, on stout side; vhc, McLaughlin; hc, Padgett; c, Child. CINN., MKD. (12): 1, Rhodes, yell., mkd. head, eyes, and wings, rare length, rich level col., stands well up, well braced wings, piped tail, fine position, nice qual., shown in good style; 2, Bushby, buff, mkd eyes, cheeks, and wing, lovely qual., grand wings and tail, only fails in length; 3, McLaughlin, yell., mkd. head, check, and wing, grand pos., wings and tail well placed, very stylish; 4, Bailey, yell., slightly tkd. eye, nice qual., stands well up, rather unsteady; vhc, Ward; hc, Leather; c, Grange. HEN (16): 1, Chew, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, grand position, level col., neat round head, feathered to perfection, well carried wings, neat tail, a lovely lady, well staged; 2, Hudson, buff, mkd. very slight eyes and wings, very stylish, grand qual., good head and wings; 3, Hersey, buff, mkd. head and wings, nice stylish lady, lovely qual., only fails in length; 4, Johnson, yell., mkd. head, wings, and tail, grand pos., level col., grand shape, only half of tail in; vhc, Marshall Bros.; hc, McLnughlin; c, H. Grange. A.V. NOR. (8): 1, 4, Lord, cl. yell., brimful of col., very shapely, plenty of subs., stands well across perch, good head and breast, well oalnneed, well shown; 2, c, Naylor, buff, wing tkd., rich level col., good head nnd chest, not as steady as 1st; 3, Pedder, cl. yell., hot col., nice shape, fails in head and breast; vhc, Spencer; hc, Cawthra. HEN (7): 1, Cnwthra, cl. buff, full of bloom, plenty of subs., good head and breast, very shapely, stands well across perch, benched in fine style; 2, 4, Lord, cl. yell., lovely shape, grand condition, fails in col. to winner, 4th cl. buff, nice shape, good head and chest, will improve; 3, Spencer and Maldon, buff, hot in col., grand head, good condition, fails in breast; vhc, Pearson; hc, c, Naylor.

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YELL. HEN (5): 1, Smith, very nice cl., rare length and shape, nicely cut away, very stylish; 2, 3, Salt, leader medium length, lovely qual., very shapely, neat head, 3rd bit longer, shade flat on back, nice shape and pose; 4, Hunt, uneven mkd., rare length, good qual.; vhc, Walker. BUFF (6): 1, c, Ratcliffe, cinn. mkd., very nice length and shape, neat shoulders, well cleaned out, stands well; 2, Everett, wing tkd., fine length, good shape and qual., not so fine at girth; 3, Clay, smaller, very neat and stylish, wings and tail well packed; 4, Weekes Bros., cinn. mkd., good shape and qual.; hc, Austin. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, 4, Swindon, leader cl., of fine length, nice length of side, fine col. and qual., bit loose at waist, 4th rare length, trifle thin in neck; 2, C.B. cash spl. and diploma, Weekes Bros., fine length, neat head, nicely tapered, gets well up, good col. and qual.; 3, Austin, uneven mkd., grand length, very shapely, pale in col.; vhc, Hunt; hc, Harrison and Rogers; c, Lawton. BUFF (14): 1, Jakeman, wing mkd., splendid length, nice head, good wedge shape, rare qual.; 2, Redfern, very nice cl., shade shorter than 1st, but fine shape and qual., rare position; 3, Hunt, great length, bit stronger in build, gets well up on good legs; 4, Baylis, hardly the length, but good shape and qual.; vhc, Lawton; hc, Alcock; c, Ratcliffe. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, Darlington Bros., uneven yell., rare length and shape, well filled back, stands well; 2, Hunt, cinn. mkd. yell., shade shorter, nice qual., looked bit down; 3, Ratcliffe, eye mkd. buff, fine length and shape, hardly at her best; 4, Beckett, cl. yell., good length, shape and style; vhc, Salt; hc, c, Walker. MEMBERS, CK. (7): 1, Walker; 2, Bowers; 3, 4, Ousman; vhc, Leese; hc, Fox; c, Davis. HEN (1): 1, Bagshaw. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, vhc, Hawley; 2, 4, hc, Lawton; 3, Alcock; c, Chadwick. HEN (8): 1, Hawley; 2, 3, hc, Lawton; 4, c, Alcock; vhc, Walker. BRIT. (9): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Davis; 3, hc, Pitchford; c, Chadwick.

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SELBY.

Aunual show held Nov. 13, in the Museum Hall, which has a nice top light, is of good size, free from draughts, and in close proximity to the station. The response to the capital schedule issued was of a very satisfactory order, viz., 354 in the 33 classes. Yorks., as is generally the case around this district, were the feature, and magnificent were some of the birds put down. Special for best Yorks. went to a fine unflig. yell. cock, staged to the moment by Dr. Craig (Sheffield). Norwich were also a fine collection, the largest plums being captured by Messrs. J. Thomas, T. Hemming, D. McMillan, and W. Stafford. Special for best Norwich went to Mr. J. Thomas, a grand cl. yell. cock proving his worth. British were of capital merit, Mr. R. D. Parlett claiming all the first prizes, viz., 5 all told; truly a field day. In the Mule class the same exhibitor's noted yell. Grecnie-Can. once again was "top rung." Amongst the novices were some "right stuff," Messrs. T. Gill, F. Radley, W. E. Hutchinson, and J. W. Bedforth (Yorkshires) and J. Wilson, T. Green, M. Bennett and G. H. Oliver (Norwich) staging gems which were a credit to them. Members put down some nice birds. Sp. for best member's Yorks was captured by H. Stripe, 2nd best H. Wilson, best Nor. G. Hallett; most points throughout the show, Mr. R. D. Parlett, 2nd Mr. J. Thomas.

The President, Mark Scott, Esq., J.P., officiated at the opening ceremony, his speech being of an up-to date and appropriate character. Vote of thanks for so kindly officiating was proposed by Councillor Bowe, J.P., seconded by Councillor Lee. The Society have a nice list of hon. supporters, while the committee consist of capital workers, praise being due to Messrs. G. Hallett (chairman), a right man in the right place, and Messrs. H. Mathers, A. Stripe, H. Wilson, J. Cliffe, A. Parvin, J. Fletcher, C. Pickering, W. H. Ward, H. W. Lee, Jennings and Prankett. The hon. show sec. is Mr. John Hy. Dixon. For tact, promptness, courtesy and business-like methods, J. H. D. would take some beating. With such a stalwart to control Selby show is bound to make a name in the near future.

Stewards who rendered most useful service precisely and correctly were Messrs. G. Hallett, Allen, Matthews, Lee, Punch, Stripe and Parvin. Staging was neatly executed; every bird was judged as it stood, a testimony to the excellence prevailing as regards the light and staging. Catalogues with printed awards were on sale in good time; visitors flocked up in fair style; everything went as smooth as marriage bells.

The show was the initial show as regards cage birds only, the past shows having been of the mixed variety, poultry, rabbits, etc. The society has not many members, all told about 12, but they are of the right sort, and they are to be complimented on their enterprise in running an open show. There are a fair number of breeders in Selby, and they have here a chance to throw in their lot and make their presence felt. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. YORKS. (17): 1, Dr. Craig, mkd. wing, straight as a gun barrel, smooth as polished granite, fine length, full of nerve, well known winner; 2, Simeson, mkd. neck and eye, feathered like glass, erect, delightful outline, well filled back, neat wings and tail, close up; 3, Helliwell, mkd. wing, little stronger in build, yet of good stand and length, well on leg, superior feather and col., not far behind; 4, Thomas, mkd. wing, not so lengthy, but full of qual. and col., sweet carr.; vhc, Stripe; hc, Simeson. BUFF (14): 1, S. Radley, marvellous lengthy cl., tight as a Java, lovely expression of head, well filled neck, smart shaped body, clever legs, real charmer; 2, vhc, Simeson, grizzled head, as though chiselled out of marble, teeming with qual and col., lengthy and well on leg, long sided, neat waist, pressed hard; 3, Thomas, lovely feathered cl., rich col., straight up, graud back and wing carr., beaten a little in length, worth its place; 4, Tate and Haley, grizzled shoulder, stands like a guardsman, tight as a Java, full of nerve, deficient in tail feathers or might have been higher up; hc, Stripe; c, Dixon. YELL. HEN (12): 1, A. Radley, cl., beautiful feather, lovely symmetry, neat and narrow, full of action, treat to observe, in the pink of condition; 2, Watts, mkd. wing, delightful col., capital feather; nice back flights and tail, lengthy, beaten a little in pos., still extremely choice; 3, Campling, cl., slim and upstanding, smooth as wax, fine back and wing carr., clever legs, neatness itself; 4, Stripe, cl., stands well, rare length, good hack and wing carr.; vhc, Lister; hc, Pyman; c, Simeson. BUFF (8): 1, Lister, cl., clothed to perfection, delightful pos. and length, perfect back, lovely wings and tail, clever legs, took one's eye immensely; 2, Radley, mkd. eye, lovely feather, rare length, stands like a rush, full of col., leggy, very close up; 3, Veitch, mkd. wings and cheek, smooth as wax, teeming with col., nice back and flights, neat tail; 4, Helliwell, mkd. head, stands well, superb feather and col.; vhc, Pyman; hc, Dr. W. Craig; c, Tate and Haley. YELL. 1913: 1, Dr. Craig, richly fed cl., wonderful length, magnificent feather, grand head and neck, beautiful shaped body, neat waist, clever legs, a topper; 2, G. Simeson, cl., feathered to perfection, straight as a gun barrel, nice tone of col., close on the heels of winner; 3, Watts, cl., slim and upstanding, not quite the character, yet of A1 qual. and col., lengthy, in fine trim; 4, Thomas, cl., hardly the style, but superb qual.; vhc, Veitch; hc, Pyman; c, Helliwell. BUFF (10): 1, S. Radley, magnificently clothed cl., neat and narrow, upstanding, rare length, perfect back, delightful wing carr., pipe tail, exceedingly promising; 2, A. Radley, cl., hardly so good in feather, but splendid pos., lengthy and well on leg, full of nerve, pressed hard; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings and eyes, delightful col. and qual., straight as a pencil, full of swagger, pulls a bit thin in neck, yet extremely choice; 4, A. Radley, mkd. wings and head, tight as a Java, delightful pos., promising youngster, a hen; vhc, Simeson; hc, Spencer; c, Wheldrake. HEN 1913 (12): 1, S. Radley, yell., mkd. left cheek, smooth as glass, straight as a gun barrel, lovely back and wing carr., well on leg, full of nerve, gem; 2, Veitch, very smart and stylish cl. buff, rare qual., fine length and pos., not a feather misplaced; 3, hc, Pyman, cl. yell., rare length, capital col., neat wing carr., hardly so close in texture; 4, Precious, cl. buff, neat and narrow, full of true character; vhc, Watts; c, Spencer. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, Thomas, rattling sized cl., lovely col., exquisite qual., grand shape and carr., put down in the pink; 2, Wilson, red hot cl., silky texture of feather, marvellous subs., fine head and neck, deeper chested, jaunty carr., must have pressed acutely, a topper; 3, vhc, Parlett, bouncing cl., magnificent shape and subs., superb feather and col., jaunty carr., we preferred to winner; 4, Mennard, cl., superb feather, nice head and neck; hc, Livingstone; c, Harland. BUFF (8): 1, Hemming, bouncing cl. buff, short and thick set, delightfully clothed, rich tone of col. perfect wing carr., clean cut away, gem; 2, Harland, mkd. wings and head, ablaze with col., rare subs, neat head and neck, good front, shade longer in barrel, flights and tail; 3, Johnson, mkd. wings, one of the hottest imaginable, cobby and as tight as wax, free action; 4, Parlett, cl., near on biggest in class, fine shape, good col. and qual.; vhc, Wilson; hc, Hemming; c, Hallett. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Thomas, the noted mkd. wings, eyes and tail, a marvellous hen, often described, looking a picture; 2, Harland, warmly fed cl., fine shape, not quite the size, but a true Norwich; 3, McMillan, finely built cl., full of col., very shapely, plenty of subs., crosses wings, and not so close in texture, still bonny damsel; 4, Pepper, cl., plenty of col., A1 qual., good head, neck and chest, vhc, Sykes, hc, Mennard; c, Parlett. BUFF (9): 1, McMillan, cl., round as a ball, slashing feather, good subs. and carr., good tone of col.; 2, Sykes, cl., better col., fine qual., grand shape, beautiful action, not overdone with size, but all there otherwise; 3, Parlett, mkd. back and head, wonderful col. and feather, rare size, fine bold head and thick neck, full fronted, appeared to be bit soft or might have won; 4, Glashy, mkd. wing and eyes, smooth as a bottle, sweet outline, not quite the subs.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Thompson; c, Harland. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Thomas, mkd. eye, teeming with qual. and col., lovely contour, rare size, not a feather misplaced, perfect wings and tail, a topper; 2, Clayton and Smith, grandly fed cl., round as a ball, superb clothing, nice subs., clean under, pointing to having a great future, close up; 3, Harland, cl., heaps of col., soft silky texture of feather, neat head and neck, not so deep fronted, jaunty carr., worth its place; 4, Axe, mkd. wing, cobby, and excellent col.; vhc, Pressey; hc, Tose; c, Pepper. BUFF (5): 1, Thomas, cl., wonderful size, rare shape, lovely feather and col., best of wing carr., short tail, clean sweep, a beauty; 2, Dunford, var., full of fire, tight as a drum, cobby in build, stately movement, shows for all it is worth, with time should make "one of the nuts"; 3, McMillan, bonny shaped cl., plenty of subs., good in head points, short thick-set body, hardly so warm in col.; 4, Parlett, brightly fed cl. yell., rattling feather, excellent carr., one we liked immensely; vhc, Tose; hc, Douse; c, Clayton and Smith. UNFLIG. HEN (11): 1, Stafford, model of a cl. buff, rattling feather, col. and frosting, well up in subs., delightful action, with luck should make a "clinker," greatly admired; 2, McMillan, cl. yell., short and thick-set, exquisite qual. and col., nice size and carr., and must have pressed; 3, Tose, cl. buff, plenty of size, capital feather, neat head expression, not quite so broad or so deep in chest properties, nevertheless very charming; 4, Harland, cl. yell., all right for qual., good head and neck, nice front and wing carr., clean cut; vhc, Green; hc, Dunford; c, Johnson. A.O.V. void. SELL., 20s. (15): 1, Parlett, var. yell. Nor., bargain; 2, S. Radley; 3, Clayton and Smith; 4, Miss D. Hunter; vhc, F. Radley; hc, A. Cass; c, Morley. 12s. 6d. (12): 1, Potts; 2, Parlett; 3, Carter; 4, F. Radley; vhc, Simeson; hc, Norwood; c, Axe. GOLDF. or BULLF. (13): 1, Parlett, Goldie, magnificent large square-cut blaze, lovely col., fine bars, clear and distinct in button, not in the best of form, might have given way to 2, Woods, Bullie, slashing shape, smooth as wax, fine depth of breast col., well up in subs., dense and well cut cap, highly polished, gem of gems; 3, Watson, Bullie, hardly the richness of breast, but nice shape and size, neat cap and bars, well staged; 4, hc, Blanchon, Goldie, superb col., good size and carr., neat bars and buttons; vhc, Watson; c, Dr. Wilson. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Parlett, beauties, 1st well up in size, capital shape and col., nicely mkd., good qual., fit; 3rd, more subs., equal shape, delightful col. and qual., profuse and defined pencilling, sweet carr., our choice; 2, Veitch, shapely, A1 col. and markings, not a feather wrong, not of the biggest but of the best; 4, Jennings, neatly pencilled, capital col. and feather; vhc, Macpherson; hc, Wilson; c, Allen. GREENF. (5): 1, Parlett, marvellous subs., fine shape, grand depth of col., carries itself immensely, real charmer; 2, Cuss, not quite so massive in build, but brighter in col., lovely shape and carr., no one could have grumbled if this had won, really a great exhibit; 3, Templeton, shapely, excellent feather; 4, Middleton. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Parlett, Twite, exquisite col., fine shape and size, profusely and distinctly pencilled, in perfect fettle, and shown in masterly fashion; 2nd, beautifully coloured Siskin, sweet shape; 3, c, Pogmore, very smart Mealy Redpoll, shapely, nice size, rich col., neatly mkd.; 4, Toulson, Lesser Redpoll, smooth as wax, A1 col. and qual., in the pink; vhc, Dr. Wilson; hc, Jennings. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, Parlett, gem of a Bramble, fine size and shape, lovely col., profuse and distinct in spangling, steady as a top, most bewitching; 2, Bousfield, Reed Bunting, superb col. and markings, fine size and shape, shows finely, in faultless trim; 3, Jennings, Chaff., good size and shape, capital col. and markings, bit wild and does not show; 4, Macpherson, Bramble, A1 col. and feather, very neat; vhc, hc, Middleton. MULE or HYB. (10): 1, 2, 3, Parlett, a topping trio, the noted yell. Grecnie-Can. leading, so often described unique specimen that further comment is needless, truly a stormer; 2nd, yell. dark Goldie-Can, magnificent col. and qual., well up in subs., rattling face, parentage distinctly portrayed, gem of gems; 3rd, yell Goldie-Can., mkd. slightly one wing, capital qual., shapely, nice size, full of col., moves well, might easily have gone up one; 4, Dr. Wilson, smart and stylish Lin.-Bullie, not a feather wrong, good subs., lovely col., pretty as paint, well worth its place; vhc, Carter; hc, Allen; c, Middleton. SOFTBILL cancelled. YELL. YORKS., £3 3s. (18): 1, Gill, wedge shaped cl., capitally fed, delightfully clothed, neat back, flights and tail, well on leg, capable of doing well in the upper circle; 2, c, Ware, cl., rich col., stands like a guardsman, smooth as a Java, clever legs, uot far away; 3, Smith, mkd. wings and head, slim, lengthy and upstanding, superbly clothed, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 4, Morley, smart, stylish cl., A1 col. and feather, nice wing carr.; vhc, Hunt; hc, Baldwinson. BUFF (19): J. F. Radley, mkd. head, delightful pos., very lengthy, teeming with qual. and col., well on leg, capable of winning in open classes; 2, Ware, cl., beautifully clothed, rare length, stands like a soldier, best of backs, flights and tail, close on the heels of winner; 3, Hutchinson, cl., paler col., boxy feather, stands beautifully, worth its place; 4, Everett, mkd. wings and neck, rare length, erect, A1 qual., rather thick waist, still a grand specimen; vhc, Stripe; hc, Bedforth; c, Firth. HEN (20): Fine class; 1, Hutchinson, stylish, exquisitely gowned cl. yell., fine length and carr., full of rich col., found many admirers; 2, Bedforth, cl. buff, smooth as wax, straight as a pencil, well filled back, neat wings, clever legs; 3, Everett, yell., wing mkd., neat and narrow, lengthy, A1 qual., lovely expression of head, capital shaped body, wee bit open in tail; 4, Smith Bros., very lengthy cl. yell., heaps of col., silky texture of feather, good length, loses a little in style; vhc, Toulson; hc, Evans; c, Hunt. UNFLIG. (29): rare

ALNWICK.

Sixth annual show held Nov. 12, in Century Hall, an ideal place, free from draughts, but airy. Entries were unfortunately down, the best-filled section being the Borders, the committee putting on the B.F.C.C. classification and securing the medal. Mr. Smart took medal with a nice foul buff cock, which was closely followed by a nice yell. hen the property of R. Watson; A. G. Cameron took Sandiford's medal, Mr. A. Wilson spl. for best in show with a nice Canary-Bullie, J. Douglas second best with a nice Nor. CAGE BIRDS rompon spls. were won by J. Scott in champion section with a lovely Chough, while Crackett and Hume took the novice spl. with a nice Nor. Unfortunately rain fell heavily all the forenoon, which told against the gate. We found in the Society a fine lot of fanciers ever willing to oblige one and all. The committee were Messrs. Wake, Dixon, Pope, Robinson, Davison, Swan, Scott and Broadley. Mr. Broadley took up the role of assist. sec. and right well did he assist Mr. Forster, the original. Quite a lion's share of work fell upon Mr. Broadley. The secretarial duties were well looked after by Mr. Forster. We were pleased to see the president and others in the show, taking a lively interest in the birds, and we hope to hear of the show proving a success. Messrs. Hay, Berwick, and Maddison, Newcastle, judged, and their awards seemed to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. Hay's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Smailes, cl., hot col., deep bold chest, rare wings and tail; 2, McKay, cl., neat head, nicely balanced wings, beaten in col.; 3, McFinn, cl., hot fed., nice Bullie body, grand tail, inclined to be lashed over eyes; 4, sp, Cameron, cl., hot col., grand skull, deep massive chest, not so nicely cut away behind; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Douglas; c, Lane. BUFF (7): 1, Cameron, cl., rare type, heavy, bold chest, grandly balanced wings; 2, Archbold and Lascelles cl., grand Bullie body, broad well-rounded skull, beaten in col.; 3, Smith, C.B. diploma, neck tick., rare type, hot col., nicely cut away, fails a little in wing carr.; 4, c, Rowell grand chest, nice wings; vhc, McKay; hc, Armstrong. MKD. (11): 1, 2, Cameron, toppers, varieg. buff leading, rare chest, best of wings, well put down; 2, cl. yell., hot fed, deep chest, slim, cut away; 3, c, Rowell, cl., rare broad skull, massive chest, on the long side; 4, McFinn, cl. yell., nice type, fine head, fails col.; vhc, Morland and Meston; hc, Scott. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Douglas, varieg. yell. leading, rare head, grand heavy chest, well carried wings; 2, cl., similar body, nicely cut away, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Summers, varieg., grand breadth of skull, nice bold eye, deep chest, beaten in feather; b, Morgan, hot col., rare type of body, nice wing, W. C. Lane Yell. Border. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Douglas, varieg., a model, deep massive chest, grand wings, takes spl for 2nd best in show; 2, Crackett and Hume, cl. buff, grand type, rare wings, neat head, winner of novice C.B. spl.; 3, Cameron, cl. buff, hot col., sweet head, nice wings; 4, Armstrong, head tkd., grand type, rare chest, beaten behind; hc, no name; c, Archbold and Lascelles. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Graham, cl., grand type, box feather, shapely body; 2, Smart, cl., nice round head, grandly cut away; 3, Hodgson, grizzle back, sweet type, nice head, well balanced wings, nice pipe tail, close up 4, Young, grand boxy feather, rare chest, not so well in wings; vhc, Purvis; hc, Irvine; c, Blackhall; No. 7, Graham, a good one, but soft when judged. HEN (8): 1, Watson, sweet lady, correct type, grand head and wings, nice tail, runner up for medal; 2, Purvis, grand type, neat head, well cut away, close up; 3, Morland and Meston, nice type, rare head, nice chest, grand wings and tail, hardly so well filled in back; vhc, Smart; c, Wakenshaw. BUFF CK. (16): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Smart, neck tkd., grand type, rare wings and tail, well cut away behind; 2, Morland and Meston, grand boxy feather, well carried wings, close up; 3, Purvis, L. wing tkd., nice stamp, round head, fine silky feather, beaten in wing carr.; 4, C.B. diploma, Lloyd, nice type, grand col., fine chest, not so well cut away behind; vhc, Young; hc, Espie; c, Irvine. HEN (11): 1, Wakenshaw, neat cl., grand head, like wax in body, easy win; 2, Smart, rare type, not so nice or silky in feather; 3, Watson, rare type, nice head, shows too much feather underneath today; 4, Espie, grand head, rare wings, a little on the stout side; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Ross; c, Ross. EVEN MKD. (14): Darling, W.C., an uneven. UNEVEN (13): 1, 3, Willis, buffs, almost evens, correct type; 3rd rather unsteady; 2, Blackhall, yell., cinn.

SELBY SHOW.—Continued.

class; 1, 2, Bedforth, yell. mkd. wing, tight as a bottle, slim, excellent pos., full of true character, several claimed at catalogue price; 2nd, buff mkd. wiug, wedge shaped, smooth as a bottle, grand pos. and length, best of backs, well on leg, gem; 3, Everett, yell. mkd. neck, tight as wax, teeming with col. and qual., stands nicely; 4, Hutchinson, very smart cl. yell., feathered like glass, very catchy specimen; vhc, c, Hamlyn; hc, Potts. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Wilson, cl., good subs., grand head and neck, fine chest, broad and deep, red hot, lovely carr., gem; 2, Baldwinson, cl., wee bit longer in build, nice head and neck, superb feather, nice carr., fit as a fiddle; 3, Appleyard, cl., sweet carr., capital col., nice size and shape; 4, Mallinson, mkd. wing and eye, full of col. and qual., neat head and neck; vhc, Smith; hc, Potter; c, Bennett. BUFF (9): 1, Green, bouncer of a cl., tight as a Java, superior feather and col., jaunty carr.; 2, Kennerson, cl., shapely, superb qual., warm col., well up in subs., clean cut away, must have pressed; 3, Smith, cl., lovely body shape, little weak in head and neck, yet exquisite qual. and col., worth its place; 4, vhc, Mack, mkd. back, smooth as a hottle, round as a ball, full of col.; hc, Mallinson; c, Oliver. HEN (10): 1, Bennett, choice cl. yell., sweetly moulded, good size, A1 col. and qual., jaunty carr.; 2, Cuss, fine sized cl. buff, excellent shape, col. and qual., graceful movement, presses hard; 3, Kennerson, cl. yell., shapely, lovely col., good size, silky texture, little loose in feather behind, which tells against it; 4, Bennett, hull mkd. neck, smooth as wax, rare shaped body, good carriage; vhc, Gray; hc, Miss Hunter; c, Potter. UNFLIG. (17): Capital class; 1, Oliver, buff thigh tick, nice col. and qual., grand shape, not a feather wrong, most promising youngster; 2, Mallinson, shapely cl. yell., sweet outline, teeming with qual., warmly fed, jaunty carr., a good one; 3, Bennett, bouncing buff mkd. wings and head, rare col., well clothed, clean cut away, many preferred as winner, certainly very bonny; 4, Smith, cobby cl. yell., tight as a drum, shapely and full of rich col., on the small side; vhc, Appleyard; hc, Cranshaw; c, Heseltine. MEMB. CAN.: 1, Wilson, smart cl. yell. Yorks, straight as a rush, tightly clothed, lengthy and well on leg, full of style; 2, Prankett, cl buff Yorks., nice feather and col., stands well, good back, flights and tail, clever legs; 3, Wilson, cl. yell. Yorks, true character, smooth as glass; 4, vhc, Cliffe, cl. buff Yorks., full of qual., good pos., neat wiug carr.; hc, Dixon.

mkd., grand col, nice head and chest, beaten only in wing carr.; 4, Espie, buff., cinn. mkd., fine wax, rare head, grand wings and tail, body on the short side; vhc, Young; hc, Lloyd; c, Sutherin. LINNETS (14): 1, 4, Greenwell, bull heading, rich grand col., rare pencilling, well lashed on nice, 4, yell., nice col., rare type, not so likely laced on flights; 2, Graham, yell., grand col., nice pencilling, well lashed, presses winner hard; 3, Davison, buff, rare pencilling and col., not so well laced in back; vhc, W. Scott; hc, Patterson, c, G. W. Scott. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Mather, cl. buff, nice length, fine head, well drawn, easy win; 2, 4, Whittle, buffs, little to choose, 2nd hottest col.; 3, C.B. diploma, hc, Wriggleworth, yell., hot col., rare length, nice wings, boxy feather; vhc, c, Arris. HENS (5): 1, Mather, cl. yell., hot col., rare type, nice wings, well balanced, 2, Arcutson and Lascelles, wing tick, buff, nice boxy feather, rare position, neat head, shows a little cast on chest; 3, 4, Whittle, cl. buffs, 3rd not so fine in feather as winner; 4th bit on the slim side; vhc, Darning. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Rowell, variog. buff, Dk. Crest leading, crest well radiated, set down in grand order; 2, cinn. Nor., hot col., correct type, rare chest and wings; 2, Summers, even mkd. buff Nor., lovely type, deep massive chest, we liked very much; 4, vhc, Bewick, Crest-bred. MEMBERS, NOR. CK. (1): 1, Dixon. Hen (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dixon. NAT. COL. (4): 1, 2, Dixon; 3, Tate; 4, Willcox. BORD. CK. (7): 1, 2, 4, Robinson; 3, vhc, Rogerson; hc, c, Broadley. HEN (9): 1, 4, Broadley; 2, 3, vhc, Rogerson; hc, c, Robinson. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Arris.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

LINNET: 1, J. Walsh, grand level nutty brown col., very full, well rounded front, beautifully pencilled, put down in grand order; 2, Davidson, good size, col., and spangling, shimmer in shape; 3, W. Hunter, fine stamp, but not quite the col. and polish, 4, J. Hunter, good for col. and markings, scarcely the subs.; vhc, W. Hunter; hc, Morgan; c, Scott. GOLDF.: 1, Almond, not over big, but good in colours, well polished, rich blaze, plenty of rich tanning and good wings; 2, M. A. Wilson, more size, but not the brightness of colours, still a good Finch; 3, Jamieson and Johnson, fine big face, good wings, beaten tanning; 4, Scott, good coloured blaze and tanning; vhc, Young. BULLF.: 1, Barkass, very thick-set body, broad, glossy cap, clear wing bars, rich breast col.; 2, Jamieson and Johnson, very bright coloured breast, beaten subs.; 3, D. W. Scott, good cap and wing bars, not so good in condition; 4, W. Davidson, fine size and shape, wants polish; vhc, Harkus. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, J. Maguire, Redpoll, fine cobby shape, good cap, bib, and breast; 2, M. A. Wilson, upstanding Twite, good markings and condition; 3, J. Davidson, Siskin, grand cap, and flank markings, good col.; 4, G. Lane, Mealy Redpoll, good col. and markings; vhc, Irvine; hc, Petterson. GREENF.: 1, R. Gentleman, grand col. and qual., good size for a yellow, well shown; 2, W. J. Thompson, rare big non-fed bull, good wings and feather; 3, McVay, fine thick-set Greenie, good col., scarcely ready; 4, E. B. Hooper, good col. and condition, smaller; vhc, M. A. Wilson. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF.: 1, M. A. Wilson, Chaffinch, good size and shape, grand cap, wing bars, and breast col.; 2, Jamieson and Johnson, Bramblefinch, well spangled head, back, and flanks, rich coloured chest, in tip-top condition; 3, G. Lane, Chaffinch, very bright in all colours, beaten in subs.; 4, Allison, Bramblef., good size, shape, and spangling; vhc, McVay; hc, Jamieson and Johnson; c, Foster. A.O. FINCH OR LUNT.: 1, J. Walsh, Yellowhammer, very perfect in head and cheek marks, beautifully mkd. body, grand condition; 2, R. Gentleman, Hawfinch, fine clear cut bib and wing bars, good feather; 3, Bruce, Corn Bunting, fine size and breast marking, scarcely at its best; 4, J. Scott, hen Bullfinch in nice order. SOFTBILL: 1, spl. for best "Cage Birds" Coupon bird, J. Scott, Cornish Chough in the very best possible condition; 2, Bruce, Song Thrush, Border Queen, in grand order; 3, Davidson, Waxwing, good wings and tail, outclassed to-day; 4, Roper, another good Thrush, only beaten by an extra good one. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: 1, sp. best bird in show, M. A. Wilson, very bright coloured Canary-Bullfinch, in the pink of condition. DARK MULE: 1, J. Walsh, Goldf., grand face and wings, shining condition; 2, 3, M. A. Wilson, yell. Linnet, fine size, shape, col., and cond.; 3, Redpoll, good size for this cross, fine col. and cond.; 4, J. Walsh, yel. Greenfinch, excellent col. and qual., not big; vhc, Baker; hc, Thompson. FOR., LARGE: 1, Thompson, Cardinal, grand col. and feather. SMALL: 1, Bruce, Crimson-finch in grand bloom; 2, Almond Ruficauda Finch, also in capital condition; 3, Petterson, St. Helena Waxbills; 4, Almond, Diamond Finches; vhc, c, Scott, H. Davison. SELL., 15/-: Elliott; 2, W. Hay; 3, Bruce; 4, Willis; vhc, Baker; hc, W. Hay; c, Willis. MEMBERS, GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, J. Robinson, Bullf., good size and shape, grand cap, wing bars, and breast col.; 2, W. Arris, Bullf., good in colour, but smaller; 3, D. W. Scott, Bullf., bigger, not so bright in col.; 4, Broadley, fine big Goldf., scarcely up in col.; vhc, Scott. GREENF., ETC.: 1, J. Robinson, big, good coloured Greenf.; 2, Rogerson, Chaffinch, capital size and shape, good cap, wings, and breast col.; 3, R. Foster, Bramblef., well spangled head and back, good size; 4, Scott, Chaffinch, good col., bit smaller; vhc, Foster; hc, Broadley; c, Wake. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Willcox, cobby Siskin, good cap, bib, col., and markings; 2, Redpoll, well tanned breast, nice cap, bib, and markings; 3, Broadley, Siskin, good size and col., faint bib; 4, Wake, Redpoll, nice bird, scarcely the col.; vhc, Foster; hc, Broadley. LINNET: 1, Broadley, fine size, col., and markings; 2, Willcox, good col., size, and shape; 3, Willcox, grand col., not so well pencilled; 4, Robinson, very bright col., but small; vhc, Robinson; hc, Foster. A.O.V.: 1, Foster, good col. Reed Bunting; 2, Foster, Corn Bunting; 3, Rogerson, well spangled Starling; 4, Foster. REED BUNTING, MULE, OR HYB.: 1, Dixon, variog. Linnet; 2, Straughan, Dark Goldf.; 3, Willcox, Dark Linnet; 4, Robinson, Siskin; vhc, c, Foster; hc, Robinson.

IDLE.

Second Old Bird Show held at the White Bear, Nov. 8. Mr. F. Self judged and gave general satisfaction. CHAMP. SECTION: Class 1: 1, 3, vhc, spl., Studd; 2, 4, Elsegood; hc, Sparks. Class 2: 1, Sparks; 2, 3, Hylton; 4, vhc, Pearson; hc, Studd. Class 5: 1, Sparks; 2, 3, hc, Hylton; 4, Pearson; vhc, c, Studd. Class 6: 1, 2, Sparks; 3, Hylton; 4, Elsegood; vhc, Studd; hc, Pearson. NOVICE CLASSES: Class 10: 1, 4, Thomas; 2, 3, Hodgson; vhc, Pitts; hc, Baxter; c, Palmer. Class 11: 1, 3, Hodgson; 2, Thomas; 4, Pitts; vhc, Major Hall; hc, c, Renton. Class 12: 1, Pitts. Class 13: 1, Major Hall. Class 14: 1, 3, Hodgson; 2, Major Hall; 4, Renton; vhc, Baxter. Class 15: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Pitts; 4, Baxter; vhc, Palmer; hc, Major Hall. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Pearson; 4, vhc, c, Elsegood.—T. Elsegood, Sec.

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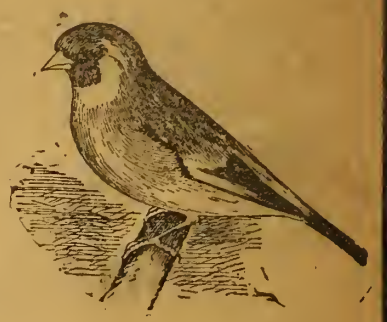
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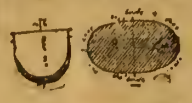
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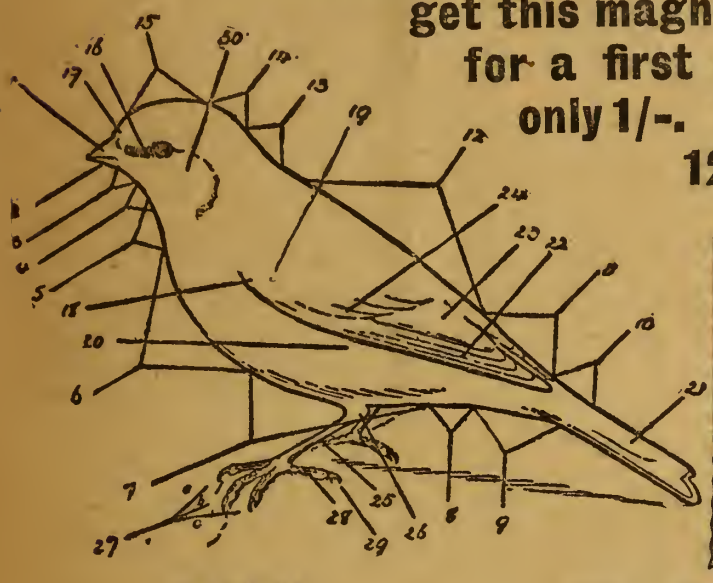
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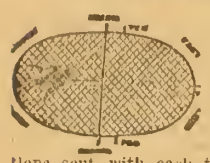
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Gentlemen, when you place your order with me, you place it with the only advertiser in Hull competent to pick you a bird for exhibition, having been a breeder and exhibitor over 30 years; what I don't know about birds, both for show and song, is not worth knowing. See report Hull show, November 15th; Mr. Hogg won special for best Linnet in the show, supplied by me week before the show; seven birds supplied by me took high honours at Selby show; in fact, I am supplying winners all over England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Please read a few letters received last week.—"Nottingham.—Sir,—Birds arrived safe; am very pleased with them; can do with more if as good.—Mr. Hayter to Mr. Day." "12, Anchirath Row, High Blantyre, Lanarkshire. — Dear Sir,—Received birds safe; highly pleased; they are A1 value; please send another Siskin as good as last, better if possible; thanking you for quick despatch.—R. White to Mr. Day." "13, Church-st., Dumbarton.—Dear Sir,—Birds arrived safe; thanks for quick despatch; I must say I am well pleased with them, also with the others I got from you; thank you for honest dealing.—J. Currie to Mr. Day." "110, Chenies Mews, Tot. Ct. Rd., London.—Dear Sir,—Bird arrived safe; very pleased with him.—G. Turney to Mr. Day." "Lilac Cottage, Burnhead, Larkhall, Lanarkshire.—Dear sir,—Birds arrived in good order; am very pleased with them; please send me, etc.—G. Boag to Mr. Day." "2, Clifton Rd., Belfast.—Dear Sir,—Received Siberian Bullie hen in the pink; was astonished at the value; I have never seen one to equal it at double the price.—P. Riguu to Mr. Day." "West Roddymoor, near Crook, Co. Durham.—Dear Sir,—Birds arrived safe; am quite satisfied; enclosed p.o. for best cock Bullfinch; thanking you for straight dealing.—W. Rutherford to Mr. Day." "51, Scot-st., Treherbert.—Dear Sir,—Birds arrived safe; am very pleased.—T. Bremmer to Mr. Day." "33, High-st., King's Lynn.—Dear Sir,—A line to let you know I got first and special with bird you sent me; please send Siskin, p.o. enclosed.—J. Riley to Mr. Day." "Blanket Row, Norwich.—Dear Sir,—The Siskin you sent me got first, he was much admired; please send another as good; p.o. 7/6 enclosed.—G. Dixon to Mr. Day." These are names and addresses in full. Now, gentlemen, I have over three hundred cock Siskius just arrived, and amongst them some of the largest and best ever seen. I have picked out a few large, rich, yellow cocks, with broad black caps and bibs, grandly laced, bound to win, 7/6 each; other good yellow cocks, 3/6, 4/6 each; all guaranteed yellows, with caps and bibs; other healthy Siskins, 18/- dozen; don't hesitate, but send at once. Siberian Bullfinches, cocks or hens, real giants, not from Gothenberg, which are palmed off by some as Siberians, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; two extra good cocks, very rich in colour, grand caps, 10/6 each; three monster aviary-moulted Siberian Bullie hens, finger tame, 10/6 each, and over a hundred very large Siberian cock Goldfinches, biggest and best ever imported to England, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; and a few specials, can win at once, 7/6, 10/6 each; British cock Goldfinches, full colour, 2/6, 3/-; a few picked for show, with lovely square cut blaze, nicely tanned and buttoned, 5/6, 6/6 each; also three monster cock Linnets, grand shape and colour, well pencilled, exactly the same as supplied by me to Mr. Hogg, winner of special prize for best Linnet at Hull show last week; he is a fancier whose knowledge of British is second to none; 2/6, 3/6 each; I also have two of the best Lesser Redpolls ever caged, sure winners, 2/6, 3/6 each; and a grand lot of cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 6/6, 7/6 each. Just arrived: my first consignment of Leipzig Rollers, on full rolling song, with many lovely changes, free from any harsh notes, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, and a few extra good schoolmasters, 10/6 each; Hartz cocks, on full song, the ones to wake you in the morning, 4/6, 5/6 each; a few extra good singers, 6/6 each; dealers send for price per stick. Rollers or Goldfinches; I guarantee you satisfaction, one of the best talking Grey Parrots living, can say over a hundred words as plain as human beings, sings, laughs, cries, £12; also two Blue faced Amazons, fine talkers and mimics, £3 10/-, £4 10/- each; and a very good talking Indian King Parrot, imitates dogs, cats, sings, laughs, can say fully 50 words, 30/-, with large square cage 35/-; also two lovely Yorkshire terrier dogs, good pedigree, £2 10/- each. If you want dogs, cats, monkeys, animals, or birds of any description, write to me; all on approval, cash or deposit. Note, all postal or money orders should be crossed "and Co.," for safety. Zoo Inn. The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. Private Address, 77. (1034)

WATSON'S AVIARIES

Champion show cock Linnets, Chaffinches, Twites, Redpolls, Bramblefinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, two 1/3, six 3/-; cock Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, 4/- dozen; Linnets, 3/6 dozen; Whippet pups, 6/-; pair rabbits, 4/-; pair Antwerp pigeons, 15/-; exchange singing Mules, gramophone, Canaries; offers: Littleport, Cambs. (1054)

BRITISH

If you require anything in this line, either for exhibition, muling, aviary, or resale, drop me a postcard; state wants; shall be pleased to make offer; wanted Canaries or Mules for picked British: Bannister, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley. — (1058)

TRY DAY FOR HIGH-CLASS

birds; seven of the finest cock Waxwings ever seen in England, in grand health and feather, 25/-, 30/-, and one fit for the Palace, 40/-; also a large dark yellow cock Goldfinch Mule, colour-fed, a sure winner, 15/-; ditto buff, bit smaller, 8/6; also a very large yellow cock Siskin, with grand cap, bib, well laced, wins anywhere, 7/6; and a very large Siberian cock Goldfinch, lovely colour, square cut blaze, well balanced, a real gem, 10/6; also a large Siberian Mealy Redpoll, a winner wherever shown, 2/6; also a large Siberian cock Greenfinch, a beauty, 2/6; and two grand British cock Goldfinches, showing grand tanning, well buttoned, nice square cut blazes, 3/6, 4/6 each; also a large cage moulted cock Linnet, plenty of colour, pencilled all over the body, win in good company, 7/6; approval with pleasure: John Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1064)

MOST OF YOU

have had a little experience of sending for birds by post. May I ask: Has the result always been to your satisfaction? Haven't you felt just a little disappointed when you found that the stock which you expected was gong to "lick creation" was only just the ordinary after all? By dealing with me you avoid all this. I guarantee everything I sell to be accurately described and exactly as represented in my advt., so that by sending to me you know exactly what to expect. Moreover, I send everything on approval (as per "Cage Birds" rules) on the distinct understanding that unless you are perfectly satisfied you have only to return birds and the whole of your money is promptly and cheerfully refunded. I have on hand a splendid lot of genuine Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health and feather, all warranted clean moulted, in full colour and superb condition, 2s. each, three 5/-, six 8/6, twelve 16/-; grand lot of selected steady cocks, all separately caged and in free song 3/ each, three 7/6; few real exhibition birds, with full complement of show points, 4/- and 5/- each; hen Goldfinches 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/6. Handsome lot cock Siskins, in full colour, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6, twelve 16/-; selected birds, 3/-, three 7/6; exhibition specimens 4/- and 5/- each; hen Siskins, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-, twelve 7/-. Grand lot cock Brown Linnets, in superb condition, 9d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/6; selected steady cocks, guaranteed in song, 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6, twelve 6/-; exhibition specimens 2/6 each. Cock Greenfinches 6d each, three 1/-; exhibition yellows, 2/6 each. Cock Chaffinches 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-. Cock Bramblefinches 1/- each, three 2/-; cock Twites 1/- each, three 2/-; cock or hen Redpolls 6d. each, three 1/3: magnificent stock cock Larks, all big hold birds and real cocks, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; selected steady cocks, guaranteed in song, 1/6, 2/- and 2/6 each; cock Bullfinches, 2/- and 3/- each, hens 1/- and 1/6 each; special travelling cages, 3d. per three birds extra. Exhibitors please note: I do not tell you a lot of rot about "massive giants," and "best in world," etc.; sufficient for me to say is that what I call an exhibition bird is a bird good enough to win first prizes. I know what is wanted, and I know that you know that also. I probably handle more English hardhills than any other three men, and out of them get a few tip-toppers weekly, and as I do not exhibit birds, all are for sale. Every bird I sell is guaranteed properly netted by expert catchers working solely for myself. I get the whole catches, and do not buy from any man that advertises: W. Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1024)

HARRY ALLEN, THE ORIGINAL LINNET KING

CANADA, FRANCE, AND SCOTLAND

I have received another good order from Canada, France, and Scotland. I am sending Editor letters for proof. I could fill this paper with nothing but good testimonials I have received this last week. I have sold 27 winners in six weeks. My Rollers can beat the world for pure Canary singing, for length, turns, and form, and deepness of tone, and the changes in each note are beautiful; price 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-, and one of the best Canaries ever heard in a cage, 25/-; this Canary is well out on his own, and can beat any Canary I have heard for 20 years. If you want a real one, this is him; he is trained to perfection. Real Siberian cock Goldfinches, the largest in the world, with deep square-cut scarlet blaze, well tanned, with beautiful wing bars and nicely buttoned, 5/6, 6/6; and real champions, can win under any judge, 7/6 and 10/-. Real English Peartree cock Goldfinches, the largest in England, with deep square-cut scarlet blaze, with good broad heads, well tanned and nicely buttoned, 2/6, 3/6; and real prizewinners for the bench, 4/6 and 5/-. These Finches cannot be beaten; try one. Very large cock Bullfinches, with beautiful cap and bib, and double rich coloured breasts, splendid wing bars, 3/-; sure prizewinners for the bench, 4/6 and 5/-. Linnets—I have the largest Linnets in England. My A1 specials can beat the world for steadiness, size, colour and markings, 2/6 and 3/6; and extra specials, 4/6 and 5/-. I have 200 yellow cock Siskins in stock, very large birds and beautiful colour, like paint, with splendid cap and bib, sure prizewinners for the bench, 4/6, and one extra special, 5/6. Very large yellow cock Greenfinches, sure prizewinners for the bench, 2/-. Linnets taught by the Champion Linnet of the World, with new cage and my book of secrets, 3/6; they are right for catching or contest singing; a few with quality notes, sing indoors or out, 5/-. Linnets from the same place as the Champion Linnet of the World; they can sing like Germans, 1/6; everybody delighted with them. Yellowhammers, Redpolls, Chaffinches, sure prizewinners, 2/- each. Larks, singing daylight and gaslight, a treat to hear, 1/6 and 2/-; a few hand-reared ones, finger tame, 4/6. I have the finest strain of quality singing in the world, and everybody welcome to see and hear what they are buying. Trippers cordially invited. If you want real sound honest value, send to the old original firm: Harry Allen, British Bird Champion, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds. (1007)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

WANTED for Churnside (continued) show on New Year's Day judge for Border Section (club members); state fee inclusive to Alec Smell, Sec., Churnside, Berwickshire. (1046)

PRIZE Borders, clears and marks, matched pairs; approval, stamp: Robertson, 7, Albert-pl., Brechin.

GREEN Borders, extra show birds, approval; stamp: Hudwin, 68, Canterbury-st., Liverpool.

GRAND Borders, one pair 20/-, three pairs 55/- pair; L. Hutchinson, 58, Bank Buildings, Christ-st., Poplar.

SOME grand Borders for disposal, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6: Burton Bros., 126, Leed-rd., Lee Green, S.E.

NOTICE, giving up.—Greens and clears for sale, cocks 7/6, hens 4/-; prize strain: 124, Milton-terr., Swansea. (1061)

FEW good winning Borders for sale, Greens and Cinnamons; stamp reply: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire. (1070)

BORDERS, cocks 5/6, 12 hens 14/-, 1913 birds; Scotch Linnets, 1/6 each: Audw. Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1058)

PRIZE-BRED cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; good birds; approval: Henry Wilson, Hill View, Station-rd., Bannockburn. (1098)

GOOD class Borders for sale, clears, yellows, and buffs, price moderate; approval, deposit: Edwards, 5, Victoria-st., Exeter. (1051)

SOME nice Borders, clears and marks, from my winners; cocks 5/-, hens 2/6 up; stamp: Haston, Netherburn, Lanarkshire. (1061)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Border Fancies, for show or song, prices low, easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

HIGH-class Borders, clear yellow and buff hens, winning strain; see show reports; approval: Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth. (1059)

BORDER hens, bred from my Palace winner, mated to my winners, of this year, from 3/6: Claydon, Oatlands-drive, Weybridge. (1053)

TYPICAL Greens, few to spare, cocks 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6; pairs, 9/-, 10/-; approval; wanted Roller: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (1053)

BORDERS: Last five shows won 20 1sts, two cups, three club medals; exchange all varieties; state wants, stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin. (1060)

HIGH-CLASS Borders, greens and buffs, grand stock birds, matched pairs, 7/6 and 9/6; some fine cocks from 6/-; hens, 3/6: Clark, Westlow, Biggar. (1051)

HAVE these on approval; three pairs really good Borders, from winners, 8/6 pair; two buff yellow hens, 3/-, 3/6: Forsyth, Gray-st., Workington. (1065)

BORDERS from my Palace strain, from 8/6 pair; see reports, Ilkeston, Liverpool, Warrington, Preston; approval: Hancocks, Stewart-st., Crewe. (1064)

GEORGE LARGE, 75, Dalton-rd., Barrow-in-Furness, has some real good Borders for sale, correct type, now ready; can win; approval; stamp reply.

GRAND lot of Borders for sale, cocks from 4/6, hens from 2/-, pairs from 6/- upwards; or exchange British birds: James Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (1058)

IF you want best Borders at lowest prices, send for list. I have some good evenly marked: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

EXHIBITION Border cocks, unflighted McLure's strain, yellow, 1st Larkhall, buff, 3rd Larkhall; also green; exchange for Yorkshires: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole. (1057)

MATCHED pair, yellow cock, buff hen, both winners; also few grand cocks or hens from Evans and Sampson strain; price reasonable: Eley, Queens-rd., Mumbles. (1063)

BORDERS, yellow Cinnamon cock, 7/6; others, 5/-; hens, 2/6; all colours; winning Golden Lizard, two 1sts, 2nd, and silver hen, 10/- pair: David Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (1069)

BORDERS: Select birds in clears, marks, and greens, winners; see reports; others fit to win; pairs 10/6 upwards; state wants; stamp, approval: Campbell, Ardmore, Biggar. (1055)

HIGH-CLASS Borders, see wins Glasgow and Vale of Leven shows; large stock for sale; cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6 up; approval: John Campbell, 279, Main-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (1065)

TWO yellow cocks, three yellow hens, three buff cocks, five buff hens; no reasonable offer refused, or sell separate, or exchange for exhibition British: R. Mugford, 30, James-st., Swansea. (1051)

HIGH-CLASS green Borders, choice yellow and buff cocks from 10/-; grand pair cinnamons, yellow cock and buff hen, well matched, 15/-; approval: Farrer, 222, Jefferson-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1068)

GREENS—Mr. Sampson, Pontardulais, has his entire stock for disposal, including five 1912 cocks, bred from first prize cock last Crystal Palace show; prices, 10/- to 15/-; fit for immediate show; sure winners. (1067)

MY prize strain Borders, winners Leyton, Ilford, Newcastle, L.C.B.A., Crystal Palace, clears, marks, cinnamons; cocks, 7/6; hens 3/6 upwards; approval, deposit: Stevens, 51, Nigel-rd., Forest Gate, E.

CHAMPION Borders, all varieties for sale, some choice pairs, also smart yellow and buff cocks, all bred from and related my winners, leading shows; see reports; approval: Nicholson, Westgate, Hall-whistle. (1070)

SELECT Borders, winning strain; about 30 for sale, mostly buff cocks, 6/- each; buff ticked cock, 3rd Chester-le-Street, see report this issue, 7/-; inspection invited: Lock, 21½, Monkseaton-terr., Hirst, Ashington, Northumberland. (1065)

WALTER S. Wilson, on Saturday, with 16 birds, had 17 tickets, including 1st and 3rd Arbroath, 1st Haddington, 2nd Uddingston, with his noted Cinnamons; all colours supplied cheap; state wants, stamp. "Glendyne," South Park-rd., Hamilton. (1059)

"THE Border Fancy Canary" (Nutshell No. 23), explains fully how to manage these "wee gems" during the breeding season, how to keep them in health and song, how to select ideal pairs, and the general management of this popular variety; send at once for a copy, 2½d. post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C., or from any of our Nutshell agents. (Lists published frequently.)

Crests and Crestbreds.

HIGH-CLASS Crest and Crestbred for sale, price reasonable: H. McColl, 7, Suffolk-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

GIVING up Crests; Norwich Crested hen, Crestbred cock, 30/- pair; Crestbred hen, 10/- pair; Norwich Plainheads, 10/- pair: Renwick, 126, Ingleby-drive, Glasgow. (1059)

REPEATING OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser.—ADVT. MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS."

CREST and Crestbred; a few for sale; same strain as my winners: Routledge, Dene Bank, Hamsterly Colliery. (1065)

GIVING up breeding, all my birds for sale, very cheap; approval; stamp: Alex. Onion, Sir Rowland Hill, Nottingham. (1052)

IF you want quality Crests or Crested-breds at fairest prices, send for current price list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

OWING to the death of my wife, I must clear out all birds; approval, stamp: Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle. (1040)

JIM TAYLOR can spare, show or stock, Crests or crest-breds, reasonable approval; see report; stamp: Robson-st., Shildon. (1030)

HIGH class Crests and crest-breds, for sale; a grand selection; price reasonable; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1052)

TWO Crest-bred cocks, two Crest-bred, two Crested hens, winning strain, 10/- to 15/- each; 1912 bred: Gillespie, 17, Allergate, Durham. (1062)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Crests and Crestbred for show or stock, reasonable, easy payments arranged: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale; pairs or single; good stock birds; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (1060)

FEW clear bodied Crest and Crestbred left, working-man breeder; particulars, stamp reply: Walker, 6, Lambert-ter., Aberdare, Wales. (1058)

CRESTS, grand clear body cock, £4; heavily variegated cock, £3; several green do. from £1; approval: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich. (1034)

GRAND Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, from £1 to £5; approval, stamp: David Scott, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1022)

FORTY Crests and Crestbreds, from 10/- each, best blood in the world, like Manchester winner: Laithwaite, Rigby Lane, Bradshaw, Bolton. (1003)

MONSTER unflighted variegated Crest-bred buff cock, heavily feathered, bred from the best, 10/6: Blake, Ledbury-rd., Ross, Herefordshire. (1052)

I HAVE a few Crests and Crestbreds, bred from my cup winners, massive birds, cheap; approval: Bennett, 168, High Town-rd., Luton, Beds. (1056)

PAIR good Crests, including breeding cage, 15/-; approval, deposit; Norwich, unfed, hens, 2/- each; overstocked: H., 35, Park-rd., Battersea. (1054)

CREST and Crestbreds from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood Avenue, Plymouth. (976)

CHAMPION Crests and Crested Breds; reasonable prices; also Norwich Plainheads; stamped addressed envelope for particulars: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (1057)

MASSIVE feathery all green Crested cock, from winners of over forty firsts last season, Ley's strain, bargain, 12/6: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1067)

A LARGE Yellow Green Crestbred cock, winner, £2; also some grand pairs for sale; all good and reliable birds; approval: H. Cowperthwait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham. (1061)

VARIEGATED C.B. cock, 12/6; dark Crested cock, 12/6; best blood at waster prices; "Lewer's Canaries, Hybrids, and British Birds," handsomely bound, 9/-: Smith, 13, Bedford-place, Aberdeen. (1061)

FEW young variegated Crestbred cocks, from 20/-, 30/- and 50/- each; from our winners at leading shows; approval: Walter Radley and Son, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1065)

CRESTS and Crestbreds: Best blood in the world. Matched pairs 40/- up, singles 40/- up; many winners bred from pairs bred and sold from this stud. Stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (971)

A FEW good Cinnamons for sale, bred same way as my birds now winning; also a few good Norwich and Greens; inspection invited; approval; stamp.—Mrs. Tweddle, Wimberley-st., Blackburn. (1049)

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, 10/-, 15/- each; bred from birds that cost £10 a pair; approval, stamp reply: F. Jones, Arden Cottage, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham. (1053)

HAVING to reduce my stock of Crests and Crestbred, I offer some good birds from 7/6, my own breeding, cold room, approval, deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex. (1031)

5/6, 30/6, 40/6, 50/6 the pairs; single birds, from 10/6; show birds, from 40/-; state wants; approval: C. Roberts, Stanmaday, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

1st MANCHESTER, variegated buff Crest-bred cock, 60/-; clear buff Crestbred cock, 20/-; variegated buff Crest-bred cock, 12/6; grizzle double-crested hen, 12/6; yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, 17/6: William Stevens, 9, Colville-st., Derby. (1034)

HIGH-CLASS Crests, best blood in the Fancy. I don't exhibit now. I breed for others to win; 35 years breeder; judge at 100 shows. I have some grand birds for sale; reasonable; approval.—T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1014)

LARGE Crest-bred cock, 20/-; grand Crested hen, good breeder, 20/-; young dark Crested cock, 20/-; young Crest-bred hen, 20/-, bred from winners, Sheffield, etc., dirt cheap; approval: Radley and Son, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1062)

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give, on approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1038)

G. M. DAVEY, winner of Challenge Cup, Barnstaple, also 13 firsts, 12 seconds, CAGE BIRDS 10/- special and diploma this season, has a few real good Crests and Crestbreds for sale; guaranteed to be bred same as winners; from 25/- upwards: 1, Henry-st., Plymouth (1055)

STARTLING Information.—W. Gutteridge, Grocer, Haliburton-rd., St. Margaret's-on-Thames, has decided, owing to increase of business, to dispose of all his Crests and Crestbreds, cages, etc., at less than half their value to effect a speedy clearance; inspection invited; ten years a breeder. (1063)

MARK S. ADAM offers the following to clear: 3 clear body dark cocks, 25/- each; variegated, 10/6; yellow green, 2 variegated, Crestbred cocks, 15/- each; clear buff, 25/-; 2 variegated, clear body dark, clear body grey hens, 20/- each; 3 Crestbred hens, 15/- each; approval: 24, Willey's-aven., Exeter. (1057)

EVINS BROTHERS have for sale several good stock birds, bred the same as our winners at Cheltenham, Nottingham, etc.; pairs, or single, sure to please; reasonable prices to suit all pockets; birds we have supplied are winning all over the country; just try us; state price prepared to pay; we will give you top value; approval: 259, High-st., Exeter. (1053)

CHAMPION Crests.—Several real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, including several winners, only 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; also judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 30/-, to £5 pair; all strong, healthy and vigorous; Barnett's Palace winning strains; all cold room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-road, Norwich.

MASSIVE feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; grand large dark crested cock, lovely neat crest, only 12/6; monster Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice dark crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 10/6; also several other real good, massive, feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 21/-; each all strong, healthy; cold room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Aylsham-rd., Norwich. (1043)

Lizards.

FEW pairs prize-bred Lizards for sale; cocks, 8/6; hens, 4/6; pairs, 12/6; exchange Yorkshires or British; stamp; Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1061)

Lancashires.

A FEW good high-class cocks and hens to part with, prices reasonable: Hordern, 76, George-st., Heywood. (1037)

LANCASHIRE buff Plainhead cock, 8/6; also 7/6; yellow do., 8/6; buff Plainhead hen, 5/6; variegated hen, 5/-; approval: Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds. (1067)

London Fancies.

OVERSTOCKED, matched pairs, odd cocks, cheap to clear, related to best blood, perfectly healthy; Filby, Ealing Common. (1059)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Parisian shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France. (953)

Cinnamons.

CINNAMON and Norwich to clear; cocks from 15/-, hens, 8/6 upwards; stamp; approval: Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn. (1064)

CINNAMONS, a few grand birds for sale, also Norwich Plainheads; all birds sent on approval, stamp reply: J. E. Hartup, 131, Higher Antley-st., Accrington. (1030)

WANTED, several large typical yellow and buff Norwich Cinnamon hens; must have plenty of size; for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1067)

CINNAMONS and Plainhead Norwich for sale; pairs from 20/-; single cocks or hens from 10/-; approval: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (952)

CINNAMONS, Norwich type, winners of two cups this year at Plymouth, also other events; several to be sold cheap, pairs or single; stamp for reply: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Peverell, Plymouth.

CHAMPION Cinnamon for sale, buff, yellow cocks, 15/- upwards; buff, yellow hens, 10/6; yellow hen, third Morpeth, 25/-; also few green Norwich; approval, stamp: Roberts, 4, Balfour-st., Blackburn.

LARGE yellow cinnamon cock, grand head, neck, stout chest, bargain here for someone, 15/-; clinking buff cinnamon cock, rare head, quality, Bormer's strain, price 15/-; two very large yellow cinnamon hens, one buff hen, best of type, good heads, necks, in rare condition, yellows, 10/6, 12/6 each; buff, 7/6; all 1913 bred and from champion prize winners; first orders to hand gets them: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1067)

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Having purchased this famous stock entire, can offer Buff cocks, flighted and unflighted, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; Buff hens, 10/- upwards; fine chance for novices; approval; winners for sale: Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland. (See Norwich.) (1056)

Belgians.

BELGIANS, fine good birds, bred from winners, no fancy prices; approval: F. Butts, 12, Lower Maudlin-st., Barnstaple. (1063)

CHAMPION Belgians, fit to win, single or pairs, from my champion winners; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-rd., Barnstaple. (1063)

CHAMPION strain Belgians; several grand high-shouldered young birds for disposal, prices reasonable, approval: A. Baker, 35, Richmond-st., Barnstaple (removed from Kingsley-avenue, Barnstaple).

GRAND large prize bred, high shouldered Belgians for sale, reasonable prices; approval: Geo. Baker, 24, Reform-st., Barnstaple. (1068)

Greens.

YORKSHIRE and Border Greens for sale, prices reasonable; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (1069)

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshire Greens and clears, pairs, 12/6 upwards, hens 5/- upwards: Rawsthorne, 20, Beech Grove, Seaforth, Liverpool. (1070)

YORKSHIRE Greens, stock or exhibition pairs, singles; reasonable; state requirements, deposit: Benson and Young, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard. (1058)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

ROBERT YOUNG has some good stock birds for disposal, cheap, in greens, cinnamons and marks; approval; stamp: 177, Wharton-terr., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1059)

BIG Greens, bred from green Crestbred cocks and green Norwich hens; will increase size in every strain; 20/- and 30/- each; approval: Joseph Guy, Crosland-ter., Helsby, nr. Warrington. (1059)

EXTRA large 1913 Norwich Green cock, from cup winners, tight feather, stout chest, good head, neck, rare quality, first order 15/6 secures this bargain: Geo. Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton.

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 24." "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds." 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

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WANTED, Norwich; Pearson, Greenwich. (1067)

A FEW good Norwich for sale, overstocked: Hyde, 1, Raydon-st., South Highgate, London, N. (1024)

A. FLEET, 16, Kings-rd., Upton Park, breeder and exhibitor, has few good birds to spare; see reports.

WANTED a large quantity of Norwich for export, best price given: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil.

GRAND Norwich for sale, colour fed, singles from 6/6, pairs from 15/6: R. Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1052)

SOME good pairs at 10/-, 15/- and 20/-; must clear at once: Henderson, 952, Crow-rd., Temple, Glasgow. (1056)

TWO 1913 Norwich var. cocks, 4/6 each; also 1912 ditto hen, 2/-: Miss Hoare, Railway Approach, Worthing. (1054)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards per pair; best blood in Fancy: Long, 116, Abbey-st., Rugby. (1059)

NOTICE.—20 very good Norwich Canaries for sale: Particulars, address, B. Thorpe, Northwold, Brandon, Norfolk. (1062)

NORWICH, 6 cocks, 5/- each; 4 hens, 2/- each; cold room bred: Hebditch, 44, St. John's-rd., Scarborough. (1049)

FOR sale, a few Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, from 6/- upwards: Southworth, 6, St. Mary's-st., Clitheroe. (1050)

OVERSTOCKED, 1912 cocks, 7/-, hens 2/6, grand birds, bargains: Ives, 115, Bride-st., Barnsbury, London, N. (1056)

LARGE cocks, 6/6, large hen, 5th Uddingston open, £1; another, 4th selling, 8/6: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1058)

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 12/6, hens 4/6 to 10/6; approval: Ronald, 70, Carlton-st., West Hartlepool, Durham. (1059)

NORWICH cocks, for songsters, 1913 bred; 7/6, 10/6 each; no hens; stamp: Miss Edwards, 54, Reigate-hill, Reigate. (1060)

F. CUNLIFFE.—I have some grand birds to dispose of; inspection invited; approval; stamps: 19, Lark-st., Burnley. (1055)

NORWICH buff cocks and yellow hens, also cages, cheap; seen any time: Somerville, 42, Brown's-pl., Hope-st., Motherwell (1066)

SELLING off, some good Norwich stock birds, from 15/- pair: Brewster, Monumental Works, Magdale-rd., Norwich. (Stamp.) (1043)

FIFTY good Norwich for sale, prize-bred, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/- upwards: A. Wakefield, 3, Long-lane, East Finchley. (1040)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- each: William Gordon, 16, Wallfield-place, Aberdeen. (1047)

FOR sale, fourteen Norwich Canaries, including five or six cocks, will accept 28/- for lot: Williamson, Carrier, Heanor. (1058)

WHAT offers for twenty-two Norwich Canaries, take them as 1913 bred?: Robert Greenhalgh, 23, Crumpsall-st., Bolton. (1062)

T. IRONS, Champion Breeder and Exhibitor, has some choice 1913 birds for sale, prices reasonable: Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1036)

FEW good yellow Norwich, colour-fed, 1913, cocks 10/6, hens 6/-, from winners: Bonniwell, 63, Highlever-rd., North Kensington. (1052)

1913 NORWICH and green Canaries, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; 7/- pair; healthy, singing: Pembridge, Fairfield, Ranelagh-st., Hereford. (1062)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold room bred; cocks 6/6, hens 3/6; approval; cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1068)

UNFLIGHTED buff hen, sister 3rd Cardiff, 25/-; also large buff hen, 25/-, approval: F. Slocombe, 21, Platinum-st., Cardiff. (1060)

WANTED, for re-sale, two unflighted Norwich hens, fit win small shows, cheap, deposit: Anstee, 74, Inkerman-st., Luton. (1038)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; a few pairs, also single cocks, cheap; cold room; approval: Chas. Makins, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1066)

CLEAN, healthy birds from well known breeder; songsters from 5/- upwards: "Pets" Supply Co., Coppice Drive, Harrogate. (1062)

SEVERAL well-bred Norwich for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval: A. J. Horwood, Lawson-ave., Long Eaton. (1038)

THREE Buff cocks, Trengove, Vardy, etc., 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; clearance prices; approval: Wilcox, Ivy Cottage, New Sawley, Derby. (1054)

TWENTY unflighted Norwich cocks and hens, all colours, from 8/6 to 15/; approval; Davidson, 55, East Prince-st., Helensburgh. (1067)

J. TRENGOVE and Son have decided to reduce their stock of well-known Norwich; approval, stamp: High-st., Rishton, Blackburn. (994)

COLOUR fed Norwich, clear yellow cocks, 7/6, buff cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (1068)

GRAND pair of unflighted Norwich for sale, 15/-; also few cocks and hens, reasonable; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton. (1058)

NORWICH Roller cocks, bred for quality of song and size, warranted, 7/6 upwards: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1059)

TWO yellow green Norwich cocks, unflighted, good size, splendid quality of feather, 17/6 each; approval: Cherry, Peel-st., Luton. (1053)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, has a few for disposal: 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N. (1043)

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, pairs 10/- upwards; approval: Gilbert, 50, Browning-st., Leicester, late Newtownards, Ireland. (1040)

FIVE hens, 3/- each, or nearest offer; will exchange for good cock; approval, deposit: S. Large, 65, Earl-rd., Bermondsey, London. (1052)

SIX large yellow Norwich cock Canaries, own breeding, Robert's strain, in song, 1913 birds, 7/6 each: Wheeler, Griffins Wood, Epping. (1066)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (990)

REDUCING stock; 50 for sale, including winners; cocks 10/-, hens 7/6 (stamp): Robert Johnson, Ashlea Terrace, Longton, near Preston. (1056)

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TEN pairs prize and prize-bred Norwich, clear cheap; ten pairs Borders, from 5/6 pair; approval, deposit: Anderson, Carlsrnhe, Darvel. (1058)

NOTICE. 40 Norwich cold-room cocks, 5/; hen, 2/-; 6/-; hens, 11/-; approval, deposit: Royston, Trentlocks, Westbridgford, Nottingham. (1050)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, Breeder and Exhibitor of high class Norwich; a large selection of birds to choose from; no fancy prices. (1058)

FOR sale, Crystal Palace aviary; 7 1913 Norwich Canaries, four cocks, three hens, prize strain, £2: Mrs. Cardwell, 21, Ranelagh-rd., Ealing. (1053)

CHAMPION high-class Norwich and Cinnamons, through moult, to dispose of; state wants; approval: Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn. (1020)

WINNER this season, 8 cups, 5 medals; can spare 20 unflighted cocks and hen pairs from 10/- upwards; approval; G. Bennell, North-st., King's Lynn. (1063)

GRAND lot Norwich Canaries, cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6; cash or deposit; approval: Grout, 1, Milton-st., Norwich. (1063)

TWO buff cocks and three hens for sale, related to Cook's Nottingham winner, cheap to make room; approval: Harris, Codsall, Wolverhampton. (1057)

NORWICH, unflighted buff cock, he at Exeter last (improved since show), 15/-; also unflighted yellow cock, 10/-: Tyler, South-st., Yeovil. (1055)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

WINNER of gold medal 1913.—Watson, 49, Claptonav., Halifax.—High-class Norwich, colour-fed; cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-; or 10/- pair upwards.

FIVE pairs of colour-fed Norwich Canaries, fit for any show bench; approval or deposit; 15/- pair: T. Green, Confectioner, Bull-st., West Bromwich. (1066)

FIVE buff variegated (cocks), 3 buff variegated hens, 2 clear buff hens, all unflighted, seen any day, Sunday included: Turnbull, 50, Castle-st., Montrose.

TWO clear yellow hens, one yellow var. hen, one cinnamon yellow var. hen, one clear yellow cock, also buff hens and cocks: Thom, Kinnaul, Lenzie.

PRIZE Norwich cock, 25/-, unflighted, yellow marked, or exchange for exhibition Goldfinch or Greenfinch: E, Roper, 24, Sadler-st., Moss Side.

A few good buff and yellow cocks for sale, bred from my winners, 6/6 to 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit: Baker, 44, Bowthorpe-rd., Norwich.

BUFF unflighted variegated cock, 15/-; four buff hens, 20/- lot; yellows from 6/- upwards; related to winners: Buck, 4, Beatrice-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

NORWICH; grand lot of short, fine feathered birds, yellow and buff, single from 7/6, pairs from 15/-; approval: T. Ballantine, 15, Caledonian-place, Edinburgh. (1067)

WILLIAM MORRIS wishes to dispose of his well-known Norwich at reasonable prices; approval, stamp for reply: 15, Castlewood-rd., Stamford Hill, N. (1055)

NORWICH cocks, on full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy, 1913; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (1053)

HOLDEN'S noted Norwich. Birds from this strain have been winning at all Northern shows this season; state wants; stamp: 59, Hartington-st., Gateshead. (1068)

FEW good colour-fed Norwich, related to winners at leading shows, cocks 7/6 and 10/-, hens 3/- and 5/-; approval, deposit: Wood, 72, Southgate, Gloucester. (1067)

TWO large Norwich hens, good shapely birds, correct wing carriage, one clear yellow, one buff ticked, 10/6 each; bargains: Sam Bingham, Long Sutton, Wisbech. (1064)

MISS GWYN, winner five 1sts Ramsgate, has some grand birds, bred from the winners, typical, big heads, cocks 12/6 to 40/-: Somerville N.-avenue, Ramsgate. (1054)

BARGAIN, several good-bred Norwich stock birds for sale, cocks from 7/-, hens from 3/6 each: H. Danvers, Bootmaker, Charnwood-rd., Shepshed, Leicestershire. (1058)

GRAND buff cock, 20/-; unflighted yellow cock, 20/-; unflighted buff hen, 15/-; can win in novice classes; approval: Roberts, 41, Haywood-st., Skelton, Stoke-on-Trent. (1062)

CHAMPION Norwich. T. H. Mason has a few nice birds for disposal, same strain as winners at all leading shows; approval, stamp: 11, Victoria-square, Ella-st., Hull. (1055)

HAVE few typical, quality, unflighted Norwich, cocks, hens, related to my winners, from 10/-, approval, cash, deposit: George Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (1000)

COCKS, in full song, bred from the best blood in the country, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval: Cottingham, 7 and 9, Peverilst., Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; few good unflighted Buffs, Variegateds, and Clears, all off winners; grand typical youngsters; approval: J. Logan, 23, High-st., Dysart, Fife. (1018)

FEW pairs Norwich, 7/- pair; cock, 5/-, hens 2/-; few crested bred cocks and hens; or exchange for Yorkshire, all 1913: H. Wingham, 33, St. James Park, Tunbridge Wells. (1062)

WANTED large Norwich type C.F. Canaries, also Norwich Cinnamons, must be good birds and cheap for cash; on approval: Bingham, 1, Alexandra-terr., Long Sutton, Wisbech. (1064)

RIGHTLY bred from my winning strain, two unflighted variegated yellow cocks, 15/-, 20/- grand buffs, 10/- to £2; few hens to spare; approval: Jones, Lydgates, Lynton. (1064)

CHAMPION Norwich, few good unflighted and 1913 birds for sale, prices reasonable, state wants latest wins, see Lowestoft report this week: Clarke, 89, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich. (1065)

1913 Norwich ticked buff cock, vhe, third, nest feather shows, fifth Plymouth, 18/-; clear yellow cock, 8/6; clear buff hen, 5/-; both 1912: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-terrace, Plymouth. (1054)

FOUR chubby natural colour yellow hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, or 40/-, to clear; several good buff hens, natural colour, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, each; approval: Jones, 81, Langsham-rd., Teddington. (1057)

PAIR high-class Norwich, deep yellow cock, rung; buff variegated hen, 1912; short flights, tall, good heads, neck, good ones, 15/6 cash; approval: John Harvey, Measham, Atherstone. (1054)

THREE pairs of buff Cinnamon Norwich at 15/- pair; 1 yellow Norwich cock and Cinnamon marked hen, 12/6; 5 others, as bred, 25/-; approval, deposit: F. Barrett, West End, Sedgefield. (1055)

TWELVE pairs good typical Norwich, from open winners, cheap to clear, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, pairs from 12/-; approval, stamp: G. Sharp, 74, Cedar-rd., Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. (1061)

LARGE Norwich cocks and hens from 10/- each; also cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6 and 10/6 upwards; approval, deposit; see Sittingbourne show report: W. Jarrett, 19, Tong-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent. (1065)

SOME high-classe Norwich for sale, variegated yellow cock, 7/6; clear buff cock, 10/-; also 2 yellow hens, 5/- each; buff Yorkshire cock, 7/6; approval: Tait, Brighouse Lodge, Westfield, Bathgate. (1061)

CHAMPION Norwich matched pairs, 15/6, 20/6, 25/6, 30/-; single cocks, or hens, from 10/6; few special pairs, 60/-; state wants; approval: C. Roberts, Stanmahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1069)

C. H. GOODMAN has some lovely unflighted yellow cocks at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 17/6. If you have one you will want another. Call any time, or approval: 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford.

CLASS Norwich, unflighted yellow and buff cocks and hens, winners at Vale of Leven show, also several year bred birds; prices from 6/- to 25/-: R. Maltman, Braebead, Bonhill, Dumbartonshire. (1058)

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical, colour-fed and natural colour Norwich Plainheads; all cold room bred; large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

L. J. RICHARDSON winner of shield bowl, cup, value seventeen guineas, this season; see wins; birds related to winners; pairs from 30/- to 60/-; state wants; approval: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London.

GRAND Norwich, bred from winners, healthy birds, cocks from 7/-, hens 4/-, matched pairs for breeding 12/- upwards; bargains; approval, cash or deposit: Bland, 4, Paradise-pl., Scoles Green, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, grand matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (1061)

NORWICH Canaries, outdoor bred, 20 unflighted for disposal; cocks from 6/6; few pairs of good stock birds from 10/6; approval, cash or deposit; state wants: Wm. Hardman, 12, Chandos-st., Hereford. (1052)

MR. S. HARBOUR, breeder of high class Norwich, has some typical birds—all 1913—variegated, buff, yellow, large, splendid birds; cocks from 6/6, hens 3/6; approval, inspection: 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (1058)

MR. F. J. MARTIN, 54, Battersea Park Road, S.W., has his whole stud for disposal, which emanate from one of the most consistently successful strain in the Fancy; singles from 10/-; see reports. (1021)

SEE South London report, three 1sts, six 2nds, one 3rd, with ten entries; winner over 30 1sts; grand unflighted cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-; see pairs, L.C.B.A. stock class: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (1052)

T. HERBERT, 35, Louth-st., Redditch, winner 1st Cheltenham, CAGE BIRDS diploma, 1st Coventry, 1st West Bromwich; see reports; good birds, same strain, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-; cold-room; approval, deposit. (1054)

POTTER'S winning Norwich; can spare variegated yellow cock, red-hot, clear buff hen, 30/- the pair; unflighted, clear yellow cock, unflighted, 25/-; also few clear buff cocks, unflighted, from 15/-; stamp: Thoresby-st., Hull. (1065)

A FEW grand Norwich cocks for sale, bred from winners, colour-fed, 7/6 each; hens to match, 5/- each; 1 yellow hen, can win, only 12/6; worth double; giving up Norwich: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1069)

WANTED, large unflighted yellow Norwich hen, also large unflighted buff hen, both must be typical, with good head and neck, short, thick-set, and colour fed: State price to W. Smith, 6, St. Peter's-place, Montrose. (1057)

LARGE typical Norwich, the strain that breeds winners, unflighted yellow, buff cocks, 10/-, 20/- each; unflighted buff hens, 7/6, 10/- each; approval; inspection invited: Arthur Wake, 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough. (1036)

J. BOSWELL, 22, Lower Priory-st., Northampton, winner 1st Northampton, 1st and special County Show, 1st Coventry (see reports); good birds, same strain cocks and hens, from 7/6, pairs 15/- to 25/-; approval, cash or deposit. (1056)

PLAINHEAD cold room bred Norwich cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 25/- each; hens, 7/6, 10/-, 20/- matched pairs 15/- to £2; house moulted Linnet cock, 5/-; British Goldfinch, sure winner, 7/6; what offers for lot?: Brotherton, Fenton-st., Alloa. (1068)

EXHIBITION unflighted buff Norwich hen, winner of several honours, a real gem, in every respect, accept 21/-; another grand specimen, unflighted buff hen, 2nd Leyton last week, 15/-, compulsory sale; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, best blood in the Fancy. I don't exhibit now; I breed for others to win; 35 years breeder, judge at 100 shows. I have bred some grand birds for sale, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1014)

WINNERS at Rutherglen for sale, 2nd prize clear yellow hen, 12/6; 4th prize clear buff cock, 15/-; 4th prize variegated buff cock, 15/-, unflighted; sister of same, variegated buff hen, 7/6; lot £2; few others cheap: A. Gilmour, 782, London-rd., Glasgow. (1061)

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, 15/-; grand ticked buff hen, to match, unflighted, winner, 10/-; 1912 clear yellow cock, 10/6; buff hen, to match, 7/6; 1912 ticked yellow hen, winner, 22/6; 1912 clear yellow hen, 15/-; approval, deposit; stamp reply: Dalzell, Ormrod-st., Oldham. (1069)

GREAT sacrifice, unflighted, hot colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, also hot fed buff cock, both have won at young stock shows, gems for shape, style and quality, accept 10/- each, worth treble for stock or exhibiting; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1067)

INIMITABLE bargains, massive, short, thick-set, clear buff hen, only 10/-, worth 30/-; gem of clear yellow Norwich hen, stout chest, good head, colour, feather, beauty, 12/6; variegated yellow hen, clinker for type, colour, head, and quality, 12/6; big marked buff hen, massive head, neck, chest, price 11/6; these can win good shows; all 1913 bred, colour fed; send early for these: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1067)

TWENTY unflighted Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, at reasonable prices; see report of South London show this week; with 5 birds I won the Lee trophy, three 1st prizes, two 3rd prizes, and four specials; stamp for reply: Hodson, 28, Barry-rd., East Dulwich, S.E. (1066)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, head and wings ticked, medium size, grand type and quality, also 1912 clear buff cock, medium size, good colour, rare type and quality, 15/- each; see show reports, Leeds, Halifax, and Nottingham; approval, deposit: Robinson, 46, Markham-st., York. (1041)

4th LEYTON last week, thick set, colour-fed, unflighted yellow cock, accept 12/6; also another smart unflighted yellow cock, 2nd same fixture, 15/-; exceptional offer, must sacrifice; cannot accommodate all my stock at my new premises: A. L. Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1067)

OWING to being overstocked, can offer well matched pairs for breeding winners, from 12/6 to 30/- pair, equal to "dealers'" double the price; guaranteed all my own breeding, from my winning strain, approval, stamp reply, single birds cheap: W. Pepper, 5, Greek-st., Hull. (1054)

SPECIAL! Special! Special! My birds are giving highest satisfaction with repeat orders; grand yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; matched breeding pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 20/- upwards; approval, cash or deposit: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich. (1054)

HIGH class Norwich; 2 unflighted buff variegs. hens, 1st, 2nd, only time shown, 10/6 each; clear buff hen, rare type, 17/6; yellow variegs. cock, Maxwell, Partick, strain, 12/6; yellow tick cock, 7/6; buff hen, 7/6; yellow hen, 5/-; approval: Morland, 65, Ravensdown, Berwick-on-Tweed. (1050)

CHAMPION unflighted clear buff cock, two 1st prizes and special at nest feather shows, 2nd Norwich great show, grand quality, 30/-; also other grand birds for sale; state requirements; 42 prizes, specials, medal, etc., this season; approval, cash or deposit: W. H. Davison, 87, Ashby-st., Norwich.

SUPERB type and exquisite quality distinguish birds bred from my strain: some grand birds to spare; few bargains in pairs for amateurs, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 40/- (see reports Wolverhampton, Coventry, and West Bromwich shows, only times out): J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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To past purchasing clients and others: My new season's stock of Yorkshire Canaries, in all varieties, are now about finishing moult, and in the pink of condition and health; cold room bred, reared, and kept; selected unrelated pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; single birds proportionately; also few fit for exhibition, full price list post free from Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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WANTED, Canaries and Mules, either sex, colour-fed preferred, state lowest price for prompt cash: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London. (1058)

WANTED pure Randall ring cock Roller; exchange pair clap nets, six cages, pair skates; exhibition cage-moulted Redpoll, sell 12/-; deposit: 33, Edward-rd., Bedford. (1049)

WANTED, surplus stocks Canaries, all breeds, state particulars and price, prompt cash paid, and strictly honourable dealings guaranteed: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1002)

WANTED, fanciers to sell watches. I supply cheapest in trade, perfect timekeepers, 10/- half-dozen; sample watch, with chain, 2/- post free: Bell, 3, Grecian-st., Tunbridge Wells. (1031)

WANTED, glazier's diamond, good, in exchange for champion Yorkshires; see my other advert. in Breeders' Cards, Yorkshires: Bennett, 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. (1063)

WANTED to do business with small or large private catcher of cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc.; state particulars and prices to: Allison, Market-place, Blyth, Northumberland. (1034)

NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires, colour-fed preferred; also wanted Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Borders, any number, cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas. (990)

WANTED, two Border Fancy cocks, buff and yellow; exchange 15-egg copper tank incubator, guaranteed perfect; mutual approval; birds first, sell 18/-; Foreign offers invited: R., 118, Choumert-rd., Peckham, S.E. (1064)

NORWICH wanted, for Edison Gem gramophone, with 33 records, and record carrier, sell 30/-, cost £4 4/-; also large aviary, cost 24/-, sell 10/-; almost as new; offers wanted; particulars: H. Epps, 64, Gordon-rd., Herne Bay. (1064)

WANTED, 3/6 for gent.'s watch; another, 5/-; guaranteed in perfect order; lady's silver pocket or wristlet watch, recently cost 30/-, sell 15/-; approval; make useful Christmas presents: Atkinson, Market-place, Guisborough. (1070)

WANTED, Norwich show cages in exchange for two singing cocks, also a good buff Norwich hen, with size, shape and feather, for Norwich cocks, 1913 bred, or sell 10s. upwards; approval both ways, yours first: Furniss, 19, Cowper-st., Middleton Junction, Manchester. (1055)

FIRST-CLASS specimens; one each Haw, Gold, Green, Bullfinch, Siskin; must be fit when moulted to win in keenest competition; will deposit up to £1 each; 4 days' approval; will exchange Borders, winners, out of winners, or lovely young Chinchilla Persian tabby for good stock Nor., British or Foreign; approval: Steel, Bird Judge, Dalkeith, Scotland. (1059)

Wanted For Export

5,000 pairs of Canaries wanted for Germany; Norwich Plainheads, natural colour, colour-fed, also Lizards, Cinnamons, Crests, Scotch Fancies, Mules. We are the largest buyers in the British Empire. Annual sale 60,000 birds: Howard and Sons, 77, Pitt-st. Norwich. (1056)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

PAIR black self Tumblers, 7/6; two Border hens, 2/- each; exchange British: Cochrane, Anerum, Roxburghshire. (1063)

WILL exchange high-class British for Canaries, Mules, or Budgerigars: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds. (1069)

WILL exchange two grand exhibition cock Bullies for a large unflighted Yellow Norwich hen: H. Pinnell, Warminster (1064)

WILL give grand large cock Goldfinch for gent.'s left-off overcoat or clothes: Rathbone, 29, Horse-market, Northampton. (1057)

C.P. AVIARY, hand reared hen Bullfinch, house-moulted rock Redpoll, 10/-; exchange: Miller, Bootmaker, Shortlands. (1060)

SELL six Redpolls (three pull seed and water) and cages; exchange anything: Needham, 71, King-st., Clown, Chesterfield. (1061)

EXCHANGE six Ben Nevis Mealy Redpolls for first-class Goldfinch; approval: Hugh McPherson, Middle-st., Fort William. (1061)

EXHIBITION cock Redpolls, selected, 1/- each; others, 9d.; or exchange other British hardbills: Wm. Stewart, Mill-sq., Montrose. (1056)

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet and large Buff Norwich hen, Mule Breeders, 6/- pair; or exchange: Coulthard, Station Hill, Wigton, Cumberland. (1065)

EXHIBITION dark Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; large blaze; approval; wanted, good British or Yellow hens: Brewer, Sandhurst-pl., Bedford. (1062)

TO catchers; exchange 1913 dark Goldfinch Mule, Finch note, for field-moulted Goldfinch; must have size and big head: Castle, Westonrhyn, Oswestry.

GRAND show Chaffinch, perfect condition; exchange for good big coloured and well-pencilled Linnet; approval: Whalley, Lenardgate, Lancaster.

HANDSOME Blackbird and show cage (winner), good songster, and shop attraction, 20/-; or exchange: Shearn, Tobacconist, Market-st., Hanley.

SELECTED cock Finches, fine stamp and colour, rattling good birds, healthy; exchange young Canaries, healthy: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton.

TWO h.m. Larks, new cages, 5/- each; clap nets, six yards, complete, 6/-; exchange exhibition Hard bills or cock Goldfinches: Brown, Station-rd., Radlett. (1066)

SELECTED cocks; Goldfinch, 2/6; Linnets, 1/6; Chaffinch, 1/6; mealy Redpoll, 1/6; Lesser Redpoll, 1/-; approval, deposit: Arnold, High-street, Rainds. (1057)

WANTED, exhibition cock Goldfinch, Roller cock, for twice house moulted cock Bullfinch, winner of second, third, sell 10/-; yours first: 121, Canmock-rd., Chadsmore. (1053)

SPLENDID house-moulted cock Bullfinch, hen Goldfinch Mule, marked Norwich cock Canary; exchange clogs, anything useful; yours first: Ayres, 35, Tower-st., Peterborough. (1053)

HAND-REARED Thrush, this year's, good songster; sell 7/6; or exchange pair Golden-pencilled Hamburgh Bantams: C. Labrum, 50, St. Edmunds-st., Northampton. (1057)

COCK Goldfinch Canary Mule; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, muler, clean moulted, on song; exchange something useful; sell, cash 14/- the pair: Murray, Peel-st., Macclesfield. (1049)

LARGE selected Linnet, 2/6; Greenfinch, 2/-; Chaffinch, 2/-; Mealy Redpoll, 2/-; genuine; approval, deposit; offers, disc records, anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1068)

CHAFFINCH, Redpoll, Bramble, Greenfinch, Yellowhammer, Linnet, cocks, flying with Canaries three months; exchange cock Canaries: Higgins, 36, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester. (1066)

WILL exchange exhibition colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires for exhibition Hawfinch, Bunting, Goldfinch Mule, Hybrid, or other British: A. L. Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1067)

SALE or exchange, exhibition cock Chaffinch, twice H.M., 7/6, also twice H.M. Goldfinch, proved muler, 5/6, or exchange Lizards; approval both ways: Cawthra and Crowther, Holmfield Aviaries, Liversedge, Yorkshire. (1055)

WANTED, house moulted Linnets, Linnet Mules, cocks in full song, also Goldfinch Mule cocks, full song, in exchange for genuine large Siberian cock Goldfinches or Rollers; approval each way: Lloyd, 707, Bolton-rd., Pendlebury. (1055)

TWO twice h.m. cock Brown Linnets, 4/-; one twice h.m. cock Greenfinch, 4/-; large cock Linnet Mule, singing fiercely, 7/6; Lancashire-Norwich, first cross, cock and hen, large birds, 10/- pair; exchange cycle; part exchange Goldfinches: Fordey, Pym-st., Rochdale. (1065)

WIRE-HAIRED Terrier dog, coming two years, no fault, broken to gun and ferrets, pedigree sent, 20/-; English doe and four young prize-bred, 5/6; pair working homer pigeons for pen or road, Metcalf's, 20/-; exchange Goldfinches: Wyer, New Sawley, Derbyshire. (1048)

EXCHANGE for Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, for outdoor aviary, carpenter's tools, three vols. Fine Art Magazine 1851, one vol. Sunday Home 1869, one vol. Architect Building Operative 1849, four old tea caddies; stamp particulars: Barley, 179, Cromwell-rd., Peterborough. (1066)

TWO beautiful cock Goldfinches, fit for show or muling, good square blazes and markings, 2/6 each; six splendid cock Linnets, 3/-; hand-reared hen Bullie, linger tame and twice house-moulted, cock Greenfinch, a beauty, 3/-; all approval: Bowerman, Williams-buildings, Dry Dock, Bridgwater. (1038)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches and Siskins also all kinds of British, birds for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds. Notice, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollingshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1044)

Mainly Canaries.

BERRIED holly wanted; exchange for Canaries: Taylor, Greengrocer, Old-rd., West Gravesend. (1062)

1912 Buff Norwich cock for Cordon Bleus or Zebra Finches, or sell 12/6: Ayers, 28, York-st., Jarrow. (1059)

EXCHANGE one high class Yorkshire cock, full song, for Roller cock, full song: Haslett, Takeley. (1054)

SALE or exchange high-class Norwich Canaries, sheeting, or offers: Long, 116, Abbey-st., Rugby. (1059)

TWO Yorkshire hens, sell for £1, or exchange for records or offers: F. Cundy, 5, Priory avenue, Pritlewell. (1065)

WHAT offers in exchange for two pairs of real good Norwich Canaries? Moss, 23, Lavender-rd., Hitchin. (1064)

EXCHANGE good pair Borders for two good yellow Yorkshire cocks: R. Rimmer, Craig Park terrace, Windermere. (1063)

WANTED Border show cages or British birds in exchange for six hen Canaries: Brown, Sydney-t., Brighton. (1053)

SALE or exchange eight Roller hens, 1/6 each; or 10 lot. Edwards, 5, Duke-st., Bulbage, Buxton, Derbyshire. (1061)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Canaries, cold reared; sell cheap or exchange 19, Mandalavenue, Ilkeston Hill, Leeds. (1062)

EXCHANGE yellow green Crested cock for Crest-bred hen or yellow Yorkshire cock. J. Richmond, Patchy Bridge. (1063)

THREE hen Canaries, one hen Mule; exchange hen Bullfinches, or offers; Connell, 72, East Main-st., Darvel, Ayrshire. (1065)

YORKSHIRES, 1 grand bred rocks, 4th bred, 7/6 each; or exchange new caught British grey; 60. Goodramgate, York. (1040)

EXCHANGE one buff, one variegated Seifert hens for green cock or two green hens: Dyer, Vine Cottage, Iron Acton. (1059)

THREE Yorkshire cocks, one hen, 27/6; or exchange anything useful for home: Willis, Park-view, Rothwell, Kettering. (1035)

GENUINE bargain; pair Seifert Rollers; sell 10/-; exchange good clear yellow Yorkshire cock: Mellor, Water-st., Bakewell. (1055)

EXCHANGE three 1913 hen Canaries for two young cock Bullfinches; yours first: G. Hicks, 11, Prospect-pl., Doncaster (1058)

BUFF Piebald Scotch Fancy cock, 15/-; exchange for pair Norwich or Hartz Rollers: Dear, 7, West Blackhall-st., Greenock. (1064)

EXCHANGE two Norwich hens, unflighted, for clear Norwich cock with good head: W. Cresling, 8, Fern-st., Darlington. (1055)

THREE Norwich pairs; exchange for good unflighted yellow or buff: Roberts, 41 Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. (1062)

COCK Canary, in full song, also 2 hens, young birds, 12/6 the three, or would separate: England, Warsop Vale, Shirebrook. (1053)

OLD English Spangle Game Bantam cockerel, 2 pullets, sell 10/-; exchange pair Norwich Canaries: McNaughton, Alne, Yorks. (1061)

GOOD Yorkshires, 1913; cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/-; 9/- pair; exchange early-hatched pullets: Clarke, The Cricketers, Chatteris, Cambs. (1065)

NICE pair Norwich Canaries; sell 7/6 or exchange complete pair clapnets, anything useful; offers: Kirby, Dixon-sq., Lutterworth. (1063)

EXCHANGE one green cock Canary, two 1913 buff Yorkshire hens, for Yorkshire cock, or sell 8/-: J. R., 19, Queen's-rd., Jarrow-on-Tyne. (1050)

TWO grand 1913 cock Siskin Mules, singing, 6/6 each; exchange 1913 Roller Schoolmaster, or offers: W. G. Blythe, Russell-st., Bacup. (1069)

CINNAMON-bred Yorkshires, 1913 birds, cocks and hens; sale or exchange fowls, anything: Rostron, Pilsworth-rd., Heywood, Lancs. (1057)

FOUR pairs Yorksbires, 3 pairs Borders, 5/6 pair; 3, Seifert hens, 5/6, carriage paid, approval: China Stores, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire. (1058)

WINNER 2nd prize Wisbech show last month, 17 in class, buff Norwich cock, 15/-; yellows, 10/-: Breeze, Meadow View, Littleport. (1055)

FOR sale or exchange, two pairs prize-bred Yorkshire Canaries; violin or anything useful; approval: Brown, 87, Sherburn-terr., Consett. (1055)

EXCHANGE young Crested Roller cock for house-moulted cock Goldfinch and Linnet; yours first: A. Twaits, Longham, East Dereham. (1059)

EXCHANGE pair exhibition Borders for good exhibition yellow unflighted Yorkshire hen, sell 15/-: Wall, Mead Aviaries, Street, Somerset. (1070)

GENT'S cycle, good condition, cost £12, take £6, approval; exchange good Norwich or Crests: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1040)

LANCASHIRE Coppy hen, Plainhead cock; gent's raincoat, pair leggings, pair lace curtains; exchange Canaries: Rnsson: 2, Bush-st., Burnley. (1054)

EXCHANGE four stones best dog biscuits, value 10/-, for pair Yorkshires, Norwich or Rollers: Mr. Scorah, Arnold-st., Liversedge, Yorks. (1056)

EXCHANGE prize-bred Borders for exhibition British or foreign softbills or hardbills; mutual approval: Wilson, Wybrow-terr., Workington. (1054)

PAIR Borders, from winners, exchange large Siberian Goldie (cock), approval both ways; must be good: Haston, Netherburn, Lanarkshire. (1064)

FOUR Norwich show cages and case, 8/6; pair clear Borders, 10/-; foul yellow cinnamon hen, 3/-; exchange: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (1069)

EXCHANGE one clear buff, two ticked buff hens, one yellow cock Norwich for good 1913 yellow Norwich cock: Barnett, 55, Bannawell, Tavistock. (1057)

TICKED buff Norwich cock, Judge Barnes' strain direct, cost £2; exchange good thick-set yellow stock cock; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. (1051)

WANTED war medals or collection of used English postage stamps; exchange Canaries, Yorkshires or Borders; approval: Feven, Bridgwater, Somerset.

NOTICE, two very large cock Goldfinches, 10/6 each worth more; wanted, Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries in exchange: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

WHAT offers in good large chubby Norwich hens or winning British, for 12 Yorkshire Roller cross, as bred, sell 30/-: 266, Windham-rd., Bournemouth.

SIXTY pairs of high-class Yorkshires for show or stock; hens from 3/-; cocks from 5/-; offers exchange: Halliday, 6, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

WANTED, large Buff Cinnamon cock, unflighted Norwich, with good head; exchange smart yellow cock, buff hen; sell 15/6: Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield. (1057)

OVERSTOCKED.—A few good Yorkshires for disposal; would exchange gramophone, camera, poultry, anything useful: Collinge, Platting-lane, Rochdale. (1057)

WANTED good cock Goldie for muling; will give good Seifert Roller in full song; approval; yours first: Parkes, 8, Green-lane, Blackheath, Birmingham. (1059)

WANTED offers for four Yorkshire cocks, or exchange unflighted yellow hens or Yorkshire show cages and case; yours first: Dowson, Church-st., Coxhoe. (1066)

EXCHANGE champion Yorks or Norwich Canaries for scrap brass, copper, block tin (see advt. Yorks. and Norwich): North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1069)

GRAND Roller songsters, also dulcimer; will exchange for gramophone, gramophone parts, poultry, or anything useful: J., 8, Sheredan-rd., Highams Park, London. (1058)

NOTICE: Two lovely cock Goldfinches, one winner, and two lovely cock Linnets; sell, or exchange extra large yellow Norwich hen for stock: Basler, Wennington, Essex. (1052)

GRAND yellow Norwich cock Canary; sell 7/6; worth double; or exchange; wanted, good cock Siskin, Linnet, and Redpoll; approval: Cockram, Tatworth, Chard. (1055)

WINNING blood; large green Crestbred cock, 15/-; big Crestbred hen, 15/-; buff Norwich cock, 8/6; approval; exchange Crest hens: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater. (1056)

TWO yellow Norwich cocks, both winners, two buff hens, 40 the four, or exchange for exhibition Goldfinch, winner, approval Bonfield, Saddler, Briggate, Knaresbro'. (1053)

EXCHANGE three grand Yorkshire Canaries, singing, house moulted Goldfinch, cages, for talking Parrot and cage, or accept 35/-: Charles, Brickyard, Scarborough rd., Norton Malton. (1062)

EXCHANGE Buff Cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen for long yellow Yorkshire hen; Yorkshire corks, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/6 approval, deposit: E. Firth, Home-st., Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. (1055)

ONE pair typical Yorkshires, 15/-; 4 good clear yellow hens, 6/- each; exchange any for good short clear, unflighted yellow or buff Norwich hen; approval: Watts, 11, Phillips-lane, Colne. (1061)

PAIR Yorkshires, cock 2nd Enfield, hen ybc Stratford, 12/6; also three Norwich cocks, 5/6 each; and two Norwich hens, 2/6 each; exchange anything useful: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria rd., Leytonstone. (1046)

HIGH CLASS Borders, cold-room bred; cinnamons, etc., 10/- to 30/- pair; approval; exchange pair for Goldies, Siberians preferred, or good Goldie Mules: Robert Dyer, Haystown Farm, Peebles, N.B. (1070)

LOVELY pair Crests, £2; Crested cocks, 7/6, £1; heavily feathered; bargains; exchange pair Cinnamons or Scotch Fancy hens; large Norwich cock, 7/6; exchange really good hen: A. March, Evesham.

TWO good Buff Norwich cocks, h.m. Bullfinch hen, bred with one of these cocks; exchange Borders, Green or Cinnamon preferred; mutual approval: Livingstone, 188, West Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. (1062)

COCK Goldfinch Mules, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; cock Goldfinch, 2/6; Norwich hen (bred mules), 3/6; cock Roller, British schoolmaster, 10/6; trio high-class Crests, 21/-; clearing; exchange: Pittley, Hope-pl., Liverpool. (1059)

WILL exchange high-class exhibition, rich, coloured Norwich or Yorkshires, fit for any open competition, for jewellery, disc records, or typewriter; approval both sides: A. L. Hawkes, 26, Prestoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1067)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; sell or exchange for joiner's rachet brace, gent.'s boots, or travelling hampers, show chains, etc., suitable for fox terriers: Harry Rennicks, Rendale Kennels, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland. (1067)

EXCHANGE two stout Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, and three hens, also two breeding cages and three single cages, as new, for double or single breech-loading gun: W. Collings, 114, Verdant-lane, Catford. (1052)

EXCHANGE for Canaries or cock Mules, twelve good 10in. double-sided records, cost 2/6 each, or sell 14/-; house-moulted cock Linnet, 3/-; four grand cock Redpolls, 2/-: Silvester, 27, Retcar-st., Dartmouth Park Hill, Highgate. (1052)

TWO full cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hens, 10/-; four cages, 20 x 15½ x 10½, whole hacks, 1/6 each; bath, 1/-; two show cages, 3/-; glasses, seed hoppers, nest pans, cheap; exchange offers: Stuttard, Square, Walsden, Todmorden. (1066)

EXCHANGE pair of Borders for buff cock, also hen for self-green hen; change wanted; Yorkshire hens for yellow Norwich hens; 12 books on photography, cost 12/-, for yellow Norwich hens: Narburton, 73, Ellesmere-rd., Lower Walton, Warrington. (1063)

GIVIN Gup; high-class Norwich and Yorkshires; large clear Yellow Norwich cock, 1st prize in champion class of 18, and clear Buff chubby hen; two large Yellow unflighted cocks, equal to above, and one Yellow hen; six Yorkshire cocks, eight lengthy hens, splendid quality; ten double breeders, three 3-compartment cages, three Norwich, one Yorkshire show cage, with accessories; bargain £5; would exchange for good camera or lens; yours first: Browne, 5, Tunley-rd., Balham. (1062)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE Parrot, commencing to talk, with or without cage, for Canaries or other birds, value 25/-; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester.

PAIR of Blue Tits and new cage, 6/-; pair of Oxeye Tits and new cage, 7/-; cock Blackbird, hand-reared, 2/6; or I will exchange for new clothing or any kind of live stock; no rubbish offered or wanted; offers to: Wm. Roper, 121, South-st., Keighley. (1066)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, anything alive: Pearson, Greenwich. (1067)

WANTED, Talking Parrot, grey or green, for cash or jewellery: L. Charles, 18, Merton-rd., Norwich. (1070)

WILL give pair heavy blankets for three pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1064)

25/- BOOK Canaries; exchange for household goods or good cutlery: R. Irvine, 166, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1063)

CHILD'S push-chair, just been re-tyred, good as new, sell 10/-; approval, deposit: 33, Victoria-rd., Bedford. (1049)

PURE bred wire-haired Fox Terrier dog, 18 months, exchange birds, or sell £1: 91, Woodford-lane, Over Winsford. (1053)

THREE pairs homers, grand birds, 11/6 lot; or exchange anything useful: G. Pearce, Buscot, Lechlade, Glos. (1061)

WHAT offers in British for pair hand-reared Wood Pigeons; large hen Bullfinch wanted: Brown, Sydney-st., Brighton. (1053)

WHAT offers in birds, china, anything useful, for Edison Home Combination phonograph: Meaden, Tisbury, Wilts. (1049)

WANTED, singing Yorkshire or Norwich for large-size dressed doll, balance eyes: Julian, 34, Falcon-rd., Battersea. (1070)

WANTED, exchange in Yorkshires or muling British, for Gem airgun, cost 21/-: Graham, Ballybrack, Dublin. (1059)

GOOD bred Fox Terrier dog, 12 months; exchange cage birds; offers: H. Fry, Watercress Farm, Ashley Vale, Bristol. (1060)

EXCHANGE violin, bow, case, good condition, for Yorkshires, good strain: C. Eeles, 29, Granville-pl., Aylesbury, Bucks. (1053)

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary for clap nets, without fittings, or sell 8/6: E. Alleu, 29, Caplandst., London, N.W. (1054)

SAFETY razors, new, 2/6; or exchange one for Roller hen or Norwich show cage: 3, Kates-terr., Wassand-st., Hull. (1065)

WANTED, Norwich cocks in exchange for Yorkshire bitch, 12 months, 25/-: Mayo, 41, Rosoman-st., Rosebery Avenue, E.C. (1063)

WANTED, cycle lamp; exchange real good Borders; or offers; Muling Goldie: T. Young, 27, Boca Chica, Carbois, Blyth. (1067)

FOR sale, set of new spring dumbbells, cost 15/6; also whippet bitch, won handicaps, one of the best killers living; or exchange anything useful: Apply 19, New-st., South Normanton, near Alfreton.

GENT.'S cycle, 20/-; exchange large Norwich, gramophones, anything useful, Bates, 108, Great Tindal-st., Birmingham. (1064)

WANTED, pair of Canaries, exchange silver lever watch, new; sell 15/-; your 8ct. Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1056)

WANTED, offers Canaries, exchange indigo blue all wool serge suit length, sell 20/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (914)

TWO show homer cocks, ring, 12/-; 60 coloured plates; wanted, buff Yorkshire hens, 1913: 15, Frome-terr., Dorchester. (10.6)

ELEPHANT gun; exchange good rabbit rifle or 410 collector's gun; approval both ways: Dyke, 122, Gladstone-rd., Wimbledon. (1056)

WANTED Canaries or British in exchange for 20 phonograph records, most Edison's, or cash 7/6: Driver, Steeton, Keighley. (1048)

WHAT offers in cages, Canaries, or anything useful for Bull Terrier dog, five months?—Trewhella, River-st., Truro, Cornwall. (1057)

WANTED, two singing Yorkshire or Norwich, for 21-piece china tea-set, handsomely decorated: Julian, 34, Fabon-rd., Battersea. (1070)

GENT.'S second-hand overcoat, blue Melton, large size; exchange Canaries, Mules; offers: Thomson, 111, High-rd., Willesden Green (1069)

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for dog or bitch Welsh Terrier pup, 2 months old?: Watts, Grocer, Albert-st., Merthyr. (1053)

WANTED offers in Norwich for old coloured print, "Mutiny of the Bounty," 1790: Stapley, Bakehouse Yard, Haggersgate, Whitby. (1063)

GEM phonograph and six records, £1; sell or exchange; no reasonable offer refused: Lacey, Nashleigh Hill, Chesham, Bucks. (1068)

WANTED, Talking Parrot, exchange working black Spaniel dog or pigeon, blue bobtail bitch, or cash: Keech, 2, Hassett-st., Bedford. (1059)

SPLENDID plated banjo, first-class condition, and case, sell 20/-; or exchange Canaries: White, 11, Church-view, Sandal, Wakefield. (1051)

WHAT offers 130 bronze and silver coins, gramophone and records, magic lantern and slides: Hatton, Boss's Gardens, Brighton. (1066)

TWO high-class Norwich hens, yellow, buff, 15/-; exchange lady's and gent.'s umbrella; no rubbish: Cole, 14, Levington-rd., Ipswich. (1063)

WANTED, cock Canaries in exchange for Blue Manchester, 18 months, very game, 30/-: Mays, 41, Rosoman-st., Rosebery Avenue, E.C. (1063)

SALE or exchange Himalaya rabbits, five does, buck, for anything useful, gramophone; offers: Wright, 91, Wheeler-st., Maidstone. (1059)

EXCHANGE overcoat, man 5ft. 7in., for two cock Goldfinches, one Linnet, pair Bullfinches: Wahl, 4, Kensington Palace-gardens, London. (1050)

FROCK coat and hat (£2 4s.), worn twice, chest 38; exchange Norwich or Yorks. Canaries: Jones, 106, Gwendoline-avenue, Upton Park. (1063)

WHAT offers in cock Mules for book, "Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds," cost 25/-; guaranteed unsoiled: Eley, Queen's-rd., Mumbles. (1064)

EXCHANGE two pairs wooden and one pair skeleton skates, value 9/-, for Canaries; what offers?—Dracup, 2, Welbeck-st., Nottingham. (1061)

LAYING pullets, Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, Parrots, Dogs given in exchange for other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1070)

EXCHANGE pair of Owls, Blue English hen, Silver African cock, both pen winners, or sell 15/-: Hall and Clennell, Kensington, Cockfield, R.S.O. (1055)

HANDSOME new wicker cradle, complete, cost 12/6; exchange pair good breeding birds, or British: Whatley, No. 1, Warlow-st., Merthyr. (1058)

BUFF Orpington cock, eight months, highly commended, Worthing; exchange Canaries; sell 5/-; write: Price, 28, Sugden-rd., Worthing. (1053)

EXCHANGE breeches, as new, dark grey cloth, cost 21/-; for two large clear buff Norwich hens: Wahl, 4, Kensington Palace Gardens, W. (1055)

TWO plots freehold land, close to Southminster, Essex; what offers? Exchange or cash £15: Totman, 18, Harrogate-rd., South Hackney. (1056)

WANTED, good Hawfinch and Bullfinch; exchange choice named herbaceous plants to value: G. Barker, 29, Daventree-rd., Liscard, Cheshire. (1056)

EXCHANGE tailor's cutting-out square, boxwood, for one cock Goldfinch and one hen Canary: H. Milner, Robin-Royd-lane, Mirfield, Yorks. (1055)

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Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for as advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly contest for time singing at "George and Dragon," Bridge St., Nov. 22. Winners: 1, S. Morley; 2, J. Wainwright; 3, W. Nelson. On Nov. 8th the winners were: 1 S. S. Morley; 2, Wainwright. J. Brindley, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet Club, Headquarters, Empire Hotel, Bolton Road, annual audit meeting was held, Nov. 22, and everything was found in perfect order. There is a fair balance to start next season. General meeting Dec. 5, when we hope to see old friends and new. T. Haghurst, Sec.

LEEDS.

There was a large number of birds at the "Prince Albert" Linnet Club, Newtown, Leeds; 25 sang. Every bird sang well considering the weather, and birds have come through the moult well. 1, Brinner; 2, Chipindale; 3, Binner. Judges, C. Lorrimer and A. Lorrimer.—M. R. Ridyard, Sec.

Quality singing contest held Skinner' Arms, Bustingthorpe, Nov. 22, when 19 birds sang. 1, Ward, 2, Biggs; 3, shared by King and Hayes. Also Nov. 23, when some very good singing was heard. The winner sung beautifully. A good sum of money was offered for the winner, but Mr. Ward refused. 1, Ward; 2, Buttery; 3, King. Judges, Messrs. Granger and Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest for quality linnet singing held "King's Head," Shannon St., Nov. 23, when 19 birds sung. 1, Nicholson; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, W. Simons. Judges, A. Jennings, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor. Open contest for Rollers, at the above house, Nov. 30; first pair to be hung at 8 p.m. prompt.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

AINTREE, FAZAKERLEY, AND DISTRICT F.S.

Annual members' show will be held Dec. 3, in the Church Hall, Long Lane. Mr. L. S. Hamilton (Bootle) will judge. All stock to be benched by 3 p.m. Local fanciers, non-members, invited to exhibit their birds, at an additional entrance fee of 3d., prize-money on a sliding scale. Schedules now ready. Entries close Nov. 29. Members are requested to return all unsold tickets or monies before day of show.—J. A. Anderson, Hon. Sec. (58, Long Lane, Aintree).

LLANDUDNO O.S.

Committee meeting held Cobden Hotel, Nov. 18. Mr. E. Nolan in chair. Decided to hold next monthly show Dec. 13, and to give fixed prize money, viz., 3s., 2s., 1s., for entry fee 6d. per cage. Also decided that cup and rosebowl for most points through out season (one in Canary section, the other in British and Mule section) shall be won outright, and not be held for twelve months, as previously stated. We have three valuable prizes, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, most points for novices throughout the season. Shall be pleased to give any fancier in North Wales further particulars.—Hartler and Berry, hon. secs.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, held Nov. 15 at Bird Inn, Mr. J. H. E. Elliott in the chair, who spoke feelingly of the loss our society had sustained by the death of Mr. Knowles. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. and Miss Knowles. The members of the various cage birds societies locally attended the funeral, and several wreaths were sent by the local societies. Messrs. Peart and Cresswell have consented to act as secs. for this year, and it was decided to postpone annual show till we can find a suitable date. We cordially invite any fancier to join this society; it is standing well financially, and it is one of the oldest in the district.—Peart and Cresswell (15, Kay St., Stanley).

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 18 at the White Swan. Mr. Gibbons presided over a large attendance. Several new members were elected. Proposed and seconded that the classes for night shows drawn up by the committee be adopted, and that Messrs. Macarter, Wheatley, Stevens, and Heighton be asked to judge same. A member generously promised to give a rose bowl to be won outright for most points in novice section, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birds only to count. Prize money and specials in connection with the late show were paid out and the cups were distributed as follows: Points cup C. B. Day, "Westby" cup E. Kilsby, "North" cup W. Neal, young bird cup E. H. Hulse (fourth consecutive year). Decided to hold next All-England Show, Nov. 6 and 7, 1914.—A. Freestone, sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Nov. 22, Mr. Farrer presiding over a very good attendance. Show business was gone into, and several matters disposed of, including the questions of advertising and printing, and also admission tickets. Sec. reported that we had been granted the patronage of the B.F.C.C., with medal for best bird, confined to members. Our open show will now have the patronage of six specialist clubs. The Sandiford medal is again for competition in the members' classes. Sec. was instructed to write Miss Briggs expressing our real sympathy in her sad bereavement through the loss of Mr. Briggs. Mr. Briggs had always been a good friend to us, both financially and otherwise, and this society has experienced a severe loss in his decease.—J. Peacock, Hon. Sec.

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PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Committee meeting held at 109, Raglan Road, Nov. 21, to make arrangements for social gathering to be held Dec. 18. After a deal of discussion it was decided to place the matter in the hands of a sub-committee which was elected as follows: Messrs. Newnham, Thorne, and Glenn, who were instructed to make all necessary arrangements. The above-named will be glad to hear from any member who can contribute towards making this evening a success by assisting with either vocal or instrumental talent. The committee will also be glad of the assistance of a few lady friends, to dispense light refreshments. Several ladies have volunteered to supply various articles for this purpose gratis, and the committee will be pleased to hear from any other lady who would be willing to help in this way. Resolved to present prize money and cups also specials that were won at annual show on this occasion.—J. W. Thorn, hon. sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Committee meeting, Nov. 18, Mr. F. Jones (Pres.) in the chair. Business: Allocation of specials for members' show, Dec. 6, in the Montgomery Hall. Novice, Brit. section, 2s. 6d. cash most points; Mr. Fatding's, sp. second, most points; Mr. Hobson gives book for third. 2s. 6d. for best Crest or C.B.; Mr. Drabble gives sp. most points Champ. Yorks.; Mr. Furniss (value 10s. 6d.) most points Canary section; British and Nor. sections have 2s. 6d. each most points; 2s. 6d. best For Mr. Memmott gives double stock cage most points by novice, any section. Mr. Catley's spl. is for best novice Nor. Mr. J. Woolhouse gives 20s. for rung birds, divides 5s. for best champ. Yorks., 5s. Norwich, also two 5s. for novice Yorks. and Nor. Messrs. Jones and Thorpe give 2s. 6d. each for best rung Mule or Hybrids. In case none are staged, their specials go to, 2s. 6d. most birds staged, and 2s. 6d. best novice Yorks. There will also be six challenge cups and Mr. Jones' shield up for competition. Decided to have social and prize distribution on February meeting night. Several other items of importance decided will be brought before members at December meeting. Will holders of cups kindly bring them in at show, either Friday night or Sat. morning? J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held Nov. 24, Mr. W. A. Shepherd in the chair, and 32 members present. Mr. Giles, Cricklewood, was nominated for membership. The chairman presented medals to winners of Yorkshire judging competition, Messrs. Styles, Eaton, and Sanders; and also to winners of washing competition, Messrs. Salter, W. Knight, and Sanders. The hon. sec. then read out the points for cups, etc., gained at Pair, Young Bird, and Annual Shows, and paid out prize-money and specials won at Annual Show. Mr. Marley moved a vote of thanks to the stewards and helpers at the Annual Show, and paid high tribute to our hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn, for the energetic work he had given to make such a successful show. An essay competition on "Seeds and their uses," was the fixture for this date, but only one competitor sent in. This essay was read, and proved to be very well written, containing some very instructive remarks as to the properties contained in the various seeds and the effects of feeding Canaries and British birds on them at certain seasons during the year. Mr. A. H. Hobden, the author, was heartily congratulated for his interesting contribution, and was unanimously voted the association's silver medal. Mr. Marley having enquired as to the winner of the Wyse cup, after discussion the matter was referred to the council. Border Fancy judging competition at next meeting, Mr. Norman final judge; and the chairman specially asked members not to forget date of concert, Dec. 11th.—F. Thynne, assist. hon. sec.

CRADLEY HEATH.

The cage birds were limited to a 12 miles radius at above show, which was held in the Baptist Schools, Nov. 19 and 20. There were some good birds on view. The winning Yorkshire was a grand bird, well up on leg, and smooth as a Java. British were good classes, and in the Sottbills Mr. Hingley's noted Clough carried off the challenge cup for best bird in the show. Mr. W. Broadbent, the genial hon. sec., and his stewards looked well to the exhibits. Mr. C. Ward (Derby) judged.

NOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Hingley. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, vhc, he, Hingley; 3, res, Basterfield; he, Riley. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, res, Hingley; vhc, Burrows. BRIT. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Hingley. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, 3, Hingley; vhc, Riley. FOR. SINGLE: 1, 2, 3, Hingley. PAIRS 1, 2, 3, res, Hingley.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Last monthly show of the year, held at headquarters, Nov. 12. Sixty birds were staged. Mr. W. Swaysland judged. YORKS., COL. FED: 1, 3, Dandridge; 2, he, W. Wall; vhc, Gibb. NON-FED: 1, 2, 3, c, Dandridge; vhc, Gibb; he, Morrish. NOV.: 1, Morrish; 2, Beck; 3, Williams; vhc, Holley. NOR., COL. FED.: 1, 3, Rev. Miller; 2, Absolon; vhc, Gibb; he, c, Wall. NON-FED: 1, 2, Gibb; 3, Rev. Miller; vhc Wall. NOV.: 1, 2, Beck. A.O. CAN: 1, Mrs. Gibb, Border Fancy; 2, Gibb, C.B.; 3, Pinyoun, Gr. Crest; vhc, he, Dean, Crest and C.B.; c, Brown, Border. GOLDF.: 1, Pazel. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Wall; 2, Morrish; 3, Farncombe; vhc, Pazel. GREENF. OR CHAF.: 1, Morrish; 2, 3, Miss Mantell; vhc, Miles. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Pazel, Robin; 2, Farncombe, Thrush.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Members' show, held Nov. 12, at headquarters, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington; judge, Mr. J. Greaves, who gave every satisfaction in the list of awards. There were 100 entries. Mr. E. Clegg won specials for best yellow and buff birds.

CHAMP., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS: 1, Midgley; 2, Clegg; 3, Crabtree; 4, Whitwam; vhc, Cooper. BUFF.: 1, he, c, Cooper; 2, Crabtree; 3, Clegg; 4, Whitley; vhc, Whitwam. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Tlegg; 3, Cooper; 4, Whitwam; vhc, Crabtree. BUFF: 1, 2, he, Clegg; 3, 4, Crabtree; he, Whitwam; c, Midgley. UNEV.: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Crabtree; 4, Whitley. HEN: 1, Clegg; 2, Cooper; 3, Midgley. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Ratcliffe; 2, McEwen; 4, Butterfield; vhc, he, Neeson; c, Terry. BUFF: 1, he, Ratcliffe; 2, Hill; 3, c, Neeson; 4, Butterfield; vhc, Brook. YELL. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, 4, G. A. Bennett; vhc, Terry; he, McEwen; c, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Shaw; 3, Neeson; 4, Goodwin; vbc, Bennett; he, c, Kitchen. UNEV.: 1, vhc, he, G. A. Bennett; 2, 3, Butterfield; 4, Shaw. HEN: 1, 3, 4, G. A. Bennett; 2, Butterfield; vhc, Terry; he, Riley; c, McEwen. HEAVY VARIEG. GR. OR CINN.: 1, vhc, Terry; 2, Neeson; 3, Ratcliffe Bros.; 4, Robinson. HEN: 1, Neeson; 2, Robinson; 3, Kitchen, 4, Hill.—A. Cooper, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Twenty-fourth annual show, held Nov. 6th, in the Crown Halls, Sauchiehall Street, the best hall in the city for the purpose. Plenty of room, light and cosy, and in a prominent place, with good drawing powers, a very important item. Birds were nicely staged on both sides, as this enterprising body of fanciers know how to do it. The entry totalled 350, close up on last year, Norwich being the mainstay, and containing some very prominent winners, quite a treat to look at. Being under the patronage of the Scottish Philnhead Club helped to swell the entry. Mr. R. Martin won club medal, also Ferguson Cup, gold medal and special best Nor. The Jarvie Cup for best opposite sex went to Mr. E. Barron, also S.P.C. medal, best hen. Borders were not so numerous, but quality was good. Special for best old bird was found in this section, a very neat even marked yellow cock belonging to Mr. D. Cunninghaun. Spl. best young Border was won by Mr. A. K. Chalmers with a beautiful yellow mkd. cock. Best young Mule, W. C. Cunningham. Best British, Mr. M. Craig. Foreign, Mr. M. Craig. Novice Cup, Mr. W. Dunlop. The office bearers are a splendid lot of workers. President Mr. M. Craig is a glutton for work, has a lot to do with the success of the show. Mr. Frank Taylor we found a very obliging and courteous sec., who carried out his duties in a very efficient manner; he was rendered every assistance from a willing committee, comprising Messrs. A. Sloan, R. V. Raine, R. Martin, A. K. Chalmers, E. Barron, J. Brown, R. B. Jarvie, J. McLay, R. G. Chubbs, J. F. Park, T. C. Dowell, W. Barrie, and A. Smith, who all did their best. The judges were: Nor. and Crests, Mr. W. Simpson (Airdrie); Yorkshires and Bord., Mr. Fred Bowman. Mules, Brit. and For., Mr. McGillivray (Bo'ness), and their awards met with general approval.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS: NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Barron, nice youngster, good head and neck, fine front, rich qual. and col.; 2, 3, Jarvies; 2nd, close up, grand shape, fine short flights and tail, good col. and condition, scarcely the rich qual. of leader; 3rd, not so chubby, otherwise good; 4, 6, Maxwell; 5, Sloan. BUFF (12): 1, 4 sp., Martin, great winner, often described, hard to find a fault, City of Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, and Lochgelly hero; 2, Barron, good size, fine head and neck, rare front, trifle rough, looks a wee bit soft; 3, sp., 6, Maxwell, nice head and neck, rich qual.; 4, sp., McLeod; 5, Jarvie. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, Martin, grand shape, fine, bold head and front, rare col. and qual.; 2, Taylor, good size and subs., fine qual., neat wing carr., lacks col. of winner; 3, Sloan, head and wing mkd., lighter build, good qual.; 4, Barron, we liked for higher honours; 5, Smith; 6, Jarvie. BUFF (8): 1, Maxwell, well up in size, very rich qual., good head and neck, trifle long in body, still wins; 2, sp., Barron. Foul Gr., cobby shape, fine col., trifle rough in feather; 3, Hadley, good head, nice qual., shade smaller; 4, sp., Sloan; 5, 6, Taylor. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, sp., Maxwell, 1st good size, excellent qual., fine wings and tail, looks lumpy on chest, we liked; 2nd, grand type, rare short feather of lovely qual., looks like Partick winner; 3, Barron, another fine one, sweet shape, good qual., close up; 4, sp., 5, Taylor; 6, Barrie. BUFF (10): 1, 3 sps., Barron, Lochgelly winner, grand size, plenty of sub., lovely qual., well laid wings and tail, a shade weak in head; 2, Chalmers, good all round type, fine size and qual., not so good in sub. as winner; 3, Taylor, another fine one of good size, grand qual., close up; 4, 6, Maxwell; 5, Barron. YELL. VARIEG. (7): 1, Jarvie, wing mkd., fine head, very rich qual., good front and wings; 2, Sloan, variegated, very neat, typical Nor., could do with more size; 3, Braid, same remarks apply here; 4, Smith; 5, 6, Taylor. BUFF (7): 1, Chalmers, head, neck, and wing mkd., rare rich qual., fine shape, good wings; 2, Smith, rare size and sub., nice qual., presses; 3, Sloan, grizzled head, finely moulded, rare cond.; 4, 5, Taylor; 6, Smith. NON-FED CK. (1): 1, Chalmers, fine fronted bird of rich qual. HEN (4): 1, sp., Martin, City of Glasgow and Kirkcaldy winners, Varieg. Buff, rare type, fine short, cobby body, grand flights, right good one; 2, sp., Maxwell, Cl. Yell., Partick winner, grand type, rich qual., rare col.; 3, Sloan, Cl. Buff, not so chubby, fine qual., good cond.; 4, Rosemond, CREST (2): 1, 2, Barron, 1st, fine headpiece, plenty of feather; 2nd, scarcely so dense in feather, still neat. C.B.: 1, Barron, Varieg., fine subs., good head, well lashed. BORD. CL. YELL. (2): 1, sp., Chalmers, best Young Bord., very neat shape, lovely wing carr., and cond., extra good qual., nice one; 2, Cunningham, rare qual., fine wings and tail, trifle heavy in body. BUFF (4): 1, 2, sp., 4, Swan, fine team, 1st little beauty, feather like boxwood, neat shape, well braced wings, wins on cond.; 2nd, close up, very neat and typical; 3, Cunningham. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Cunningham, mkd. head, excellent qual. of feather, rich col., neat shape and wings, fine sheen; 2, 3, Swan, nice Borders, well staged. BUFF (2): 1, sp., Cunningham, saddle mkd., sweetly made, lovely qual., grand wings; 2, sp., Swan, mkd. head, very neat. GR. OR CINN. (1): 1, Cunningham, Gr., rich col. nicely pencilled, fine cond. YORKS. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Syson, grand length, well tapered, rich qual.; 2, Martin. BUFF (2): 1, Park, well tapered, beautiful feather, fine style; 2, Syson. YELL. HEN (3): 1, sp., Martin, rare length, well upon leg, splendid feather, hot col.; 2, sp., 3, Syson, grand pair, 2nd excels in wing carr. BUFF (4): 1, Martin, grand youngster, extra good qual., rare pos., nicely tapered; 2, Park, fine shape, good qual., best of wings, not quite the length; 3, Syson; 4, Webster. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, sp., Cunningham, 4-pointed Goldie, fine size, good face, well balanced marking, lovely cond., wins; 2, Wallace, Varieg. Goldie; 3, McNicol, Varieg. Goldie. DARK (3): 1, 2, McNicol, Greenies, extra good col., fine size, rare head and wings; 3, Dunlop. OLD BIRDS; YELL. NOR. CK. (9): 1, Maxwell, Glasgow and Brechin winner, great size, fine head, rare front, grand qual., wins well; 2, Barron, fine one, grand head, nice size and subs., trifle corded in front and cross wings at times; 3, Sloan, shade smaller, still good one, rich qual., fine shape, best of wings; 4, Craig; 5, Taylor; 6, Rosemond. BUFF (11): 1, Martin, medium size, rare head and neck, fine, deep, broad front, rich qual., best of cond., wins; 2, Barron, fine size, equal shape and qual., not so good in front; 3, Taylor, close up, fine head, grand front, well laid wings, rich qual., and right type; 4, Rosemond; 5, McLeod; 6, Braid; good class. YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, Barron, Lochgelly winner, great size and subs., rich qual. and col., easy win; 2, Taylor, grand fronted Nor., fine cobby shape, rich qual., nicely cut away behind, close up; 3, Hadley, head and wing mkd., fine qual. and col., lacks size and subs. of leaders; 4, 5, Braid; 6, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, Martin, Glasgow and Kirkcaldy winner, still going well, rare size, bold head and front, very typical, wonderfully well mealed; 2, 3, Taylor, 2nd, another fine one, grand head, fine cobby body, good qual. and cond.; 3rd, nice size, not so chubby; 4, Hadley; 5, Barrie; 6, Smith. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Taylor, fine type and qual., rare flights and tail, good style; 2, McLeod, nice size and subs., slightly pinched on head, still good; 3, Jarvie, fine qual., neat shape, smaller; 4, Braid. BUFF (14): 1, Martin, Glasgow and Kirkcaldy winner, well known; 2, Taylor, fine one for shape, well carried wings, lacks qual. of winner, still good; 3, Sloan, nice one, right stamp, of medium size, fine qual., neatly cut away; 4, Smith; 5, Sloan; 6, Barron; fine class. YELL. VAR. (9): 1, Maxwell, Glasgow and Brechin winner, almost Gr., grand hen; 2, Dowell, Varieg., fine qual. and col., neat shape and wings; 3, Sloan, head and wing marked, fine size and frontal, we liked for 2nd; 4, Smith; 5, Jarvie; 6, Barron. BUFF (7): 1, McLeod, medium size, lovely qual., fine wing carr., not in cond., somewhat lucky; 2, Taylor, our choice, good size and sub., fine qual., nice style; 3, Chalmers, shade smaller, good qual.; 4, Maxwell; 5, Smith; 6, Jarvie. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Chalmers, fine, big Cl. Yell., grand head, rich qual. and col., wins; 2, Braid, Cl. Buff, fine type, good col. and size; 3, Sloan, good all-round Nor., well placed; 4, Jarvie; 5, Smith; 6, McLeod. HEN: 1, Jarvie, fine Cl. Yell., grand shape, excellent qual., good size and cond., wins; 2, Sloan, very neat shape, rare col. and cond., close up; 3, Chalmers, fine head and qual., lacks size. CINN. (1): 1, Sloan, fine shape, sub. and col. CREST (2): 1, sp., 2, McLay, City winner, almost Gr., great size and sub., plenty of feather, fine top piece, good one; 2nd, almost CL. D.C., fine top, well radiated. C.B. (2): 1, 2, McLay, grand pair, well lashed, good qual. BORD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Cunningham, very neat shape, lovely qual., grand wings and cond.; 2, 3, Swan, 2nd, grand qual., sweetly made, very neat and tidy, close up; 3rd, nice col. and qual.; 4, Park; 5, Braid. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Swan, grand team, winner excels in qual. and cond.; 4, Cunningham. VARIEG. YELL. (1): 1, Swain, nice, typical Border. BUFF (2): 1, Cunningham, sweet shape, fine carr. and cond.; 2, Park, fine qual. EVEN MKD. (1): 1, sp., best old bird, Cunningham, gem of the first water, 4-pointed, well balanced, lovely shape and qual., very neat, jaunty carr., still we thought lucky. GR. (1): 1, Cunningham, rare col., well pencilled, fine wings. YORKS. CL. YELL. (2): 1, sp., Martin, fine length and position, good on legs; 2, sp., Syson. BUFF (2): 1, Martin, good one for qual., sweet head and front, well drawn; 2, Webster. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Syson, fine length, rich qual., faulty wings. BUFF (2): 1, Park, fine length and posi., rare col.; 2, Dr. Syson, close up. VARIEG. (2): 1, Park, eyes and wing mkd., fine one, rare length, grand pos., well drawn, well staged; 2, Webster, A1 qual., fine length. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, G. Chalmers, Cl. Yell. Scotch Fancy, good top end, fine depth through, and stylish; 2, 3, Barron. SELL.: 1, Hadley; 2, Baird; 3, Barron; 4, Baird. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (2): 1 sp., Craig, Goldie-Greenie, fine size and col., shows cross well; 2, Craig, varieg. Goldie, rare size, good face, fine cond. DARK (5): 1, Webster, very fine Twite, good size and col., well laced; 2, Martin, Goldie, fine col.; 3, Craig, Goldie; 4, Taylor, Greenie-British. GOLDF. (4): 1, Morrine, enormous face, pale col., well tanned body, trifle slack in feather; 2, McNicol, fine square face, not up in col., yet otherwise good; 3, sp., Dunlop, we liked for 1st, grand face of rich col., nice shape and cond.; 4, Raine. BULLF. (1): 1, sp., best Brit., Craig, fine size, grand cap, good bars, could do with more col. LINNET (2): 1, Park, fine size, shape and col., well laced, in good order; 2, Craig, nice col., good whites. H.M. (5): 1, Craig; 2, Webster; 3, Raine; 4, Webster; 5, Chalmers. SISKIN FED (1): 1, Craig, fine shape and col., trifle unsteady. NON-FED (2): 1, 2, Craig, 1st grand size, great cap and bib, fine col., appears lumpy on chest; 2nd, better shape, fine col. MEALY 'POLL OR TWITE (3): 1, sp., Craig, very nice Twite, fine col. and size; 2, Dunlop, Mealy, good head, cobby shape; 3, Webster. LESSER (6): 1, Craig, fine size and col., nice shape and well laced flanks; 2, Webster, close up, fails in col. only; 3, sp., Braid, F.M., rare col., well laced, fine bloom; 4, Dunlop; 5, Raine; 6, Chalmers. GREENF. (4): 1, Webster, fine, big, outstanding Yell., grand qual. and cond.; 2, Braid, Buff, grand head, rare flights, A1 bloom; 3, sp., Dunlop, Buff, fine col. and qual., well placed; 4, Craig. BUNTING (4): 1, sp., best Novice, Dunlop, Yell., very rich and pure col., nicely mkd.; 2, Craig, yell., fine size, fails col. to winner; 3, Webster, yell., good shape and steady; 4, Craig, Cornbunting. CHAFFINCH (5): 1, sp., Clubbs, rare size and shape, very fine col. and cond., grand whites; 2, Raine, another nice one, very close up, shade smaller; 3, Dunlop, fine size, fails col.; 4, J. Chalmers. BRAMBLE (4): 1, Raine, nice one for col., grand size and shape, very steady; 2, Clubbs, good size, well spangled; 3, sp., Craig; 4, Dunlop. BULLF. HEN (3): 1, Raine, grand stamp, fine head and wing bars; 2, Hadley, nice shape and col.; 3, Craig. A.O. HEN (5): 1, sp., Braid, rare big Greenie, grand head, plenty of sub., wins; 2, J. Chalmers, Greenie, fine col., and cond.; 3, Craig, very nice Goldie, fine size and shape; 4, Webster, sweet little Siskin; 5, no name. SMALL SOFTBILL (1): 1, Craig, Yell. Wagtail, fine cond. LARGE (3): 1, sp., J. Chalmers, Song Thrush, fine ground col., well mkd.; 2, Craig, Hawfinch, fine size, and col., good head and bib; 3, Clubbs, Missel Thrush, great size, fine col., well mkd. FOR. GOLDF. (3): 1, sp., best For., Craig, grand size, fine, big, square face of rich col., wins; 2, Wallace, good face, lacks col. of leader; 3, Webster. SMALL FOR.: 1, 3, Webster, 1st, well known Diamond Sparrow; 3rd, Black-headed Lovebird, Partick winner, slightly damaged tail; 2, sp., Park, pair Diamond Finches; 4, Park, pair Avadavats. LARGE (1): 1, Craig, very nice Mealy Rosella.

WORTHING F.A.

Show held in the Literary Institute, a nice collection being staged. The British classes contained some grand specimens. The management was excellent, Sec. Mr. H. Tate having matters well in hand. Mr. H. T. Gibb judged.

YORKS.: 1, Hopper, good length and carr.; 2, Wall, smart bird, not so long; 3, Ramsey, good qual. buff, stands well. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Gale, neat Crest, good centre; 2, Stubbs, fine C.B., well up; 3, Gale, Crest. GOLDF.: 1, Burr, rich blaze and col.; 2, James; 3, Burr, splendid trio. BULLF.: 1, sp., Burr, beautiful breast col.; 2, James, large, good cap, not quite so pure in col.; 3, Burr, another beauty, a grand class. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Burr, very rich-coloured Linnet, grand size; 2, James, nice Siskin, good cap and markings; 3, James, Linnet, full of qual., but not the size. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Hopwood, Blackcap, large and shapely; 2, 3, Mantell, Chaffinch, lovely blue cap, in grand feather, and Greenf., large and rich in colour. FOR.: 1, Corps, pair Quaker Parks., in faultless plumage; 2, Mantell, nice pair Cutthroats; 3, Robinson, Whydah.

BLAIRGOWRIE.

Fifth annual show, under the auspices of the East Perthshire O.S., held in the Public Hall, Blairgowrie, Nov. 22. In spite of all former endeavours, the executive have never been able to win the confidence of the exhibiting cage bird men; no doubt this is greatly due to the clashing of shows in the district. On this date very little support is received from Forfarshire and Fifeshire, owing to Arbroath and Buckhaven shows being held on the same day. We are pleased, however, to record a marked improvement in many of the classes, and no doubt perseverance will in time bring its own reward. The management could not be improved upon, and the ever courteous sec., Mr. M. Irvine, is a perfect glutton for work. He is the leading spirit in the show, and is never tired of working in the interests of his society. He receives able support from a strong committee, who keep all things moving in the correct grooves. We hope by another year cage bird men will give this fixture more generous support. The promoters deserve it, and before long we have little doubt, will be in a position to command it. The attendance was very good, and quality was much above the average. Mr. John Goodfellow, Edinburgh, judged, and his awards were well received. The birds were staged on the platform, and made quite a brave show in themselves, but once the doors were thrown open to the public, moving space was at a premium. Judging was got over in good time, and the prize cards were quickly affixed to the winning cages. The show is quite an event in the district, and should prove a financial success.

The Critique.

CREST. (4): 1, Whitton, rare good D.C., variegated, splendid body and feather, well groomed; 2, vhc, Black, very good Green, well centred crest, good quality of feather; 3, McIrvin, good green, not so good in front. C.B. (9): 1, Black, great skulled, variegated, grand entrance and lashing; 2, Whitton, similar, good subs., grand entrance and feather; 3, Blyth, typical, beaten in size. CREST OR C.B., 1913 (9): 1, 2, Low, very good C.B. and Crest, both grand in body, size and qual.; 3, McIrvin, crest nicely placed, good feather; vhc, Bruce; he, Cameron; c, Dott. NOR., CL., etc YELL. CK. (2): 1, Adams; 2, Sharp, two big, bouncing clears, both good short bodies, and flights, nice in skull. BUFF (3): 1, Lumsden, good, typical cl., rare good head and front; 2, Adams, rare good type, grand qual. and finish, hardly so good in head; 3, Sharp, fair good body and flights, fair front. YELL. HEN (2): 1, 2, Adams, rare good shapely yellows, nice in head and front. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Adams, two very qualified hens, winner better in substance and head; 3, vhc, Lumsden, fair good size, loses trifle in head; he, Brown. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Fairweather, very nice type, good quality of feather, neat head; 2, bnk; good front and size, nice body; 3, Moir, thinner in build, nice qual. BORD., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Shields, rare good rich coloured yell., excellent type, in pink of condition; 2, Lumsden, good, typical, even mark, not quite so nice in head; 3, Ayton, smart cl., good qual. of feather, nice back; vhc, Moir. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Lumsden, smart cl. and tkd., rare good polish, grand in shape; 3, Fairweather, thinner in build, good size. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Ayton, very tight in feather, grand head and back; 2, Fairweather, neat head, good front and car. BUFF (5): 1, Shields, rare good stamp, marked, nice qual. and head; 2, vhc, Lumsden, good, useful cl., nice shape and qual.; 3, Bruce, good finish, nice back and wings; he, Fairweather. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Symon, buff, Scots Fancy cock, nice top end and drive, 2, smart green pied, good qual., and nice rib; 3, Swanson, good bodied Yorks., nice tail; vhc, Ie Nicol. MULE, DARK (5): 1, 2, Nicoll, 1 rare big, good qualified yell., Goldie, capital shape and sub.; 2, same variety, almost equal in col., but not so large, and not so good in blaze; 3, Moir, good, shapely buff Linnet, good size; vhc, Smith; he, Prain. LIGHT (5): 1, Nicoll, smart Linnet-Bullie, good con. and size; 2, Wilkie, very nice Goldie-Linnet, good col. and size; 3, vhc, he, Irvine, Linnet-Greenie, nice feather, good col. GOLDF. (8): Good class, all typical British bird. 1, Christie, scores in blaze, nice size, good condition; 2, Phillips, largest, but not so good blaze; 3, Pennycook, very nice size and con., darker in col.; vhc, Mann; he, Irvine; c, Finlay. BULLF. (10): Another good class. 1, Christie, big, splendid fronted cock, rare broad, expansive cap, good col.; 2, Mann, good in size, nice rich col., well carried back, good cap; 3, Jamieson, nice level col., hardly so large, capital polish; vhc Wilkie; he, c, Irvine; c, Prain. SIS., REDPOLL OR TWITE (13): 1, Black and Hendrie, rare good coloured yellow Siskin, good cap; 2, 3, 4, Irvine, 2, big, bouncing Mealy Redpoll, grand markings, 3, very good yell. Siskin, excellent throughout, as good as any; 4, nice coloured Twite, fair size; vhc, Hovelsrond; he, Brown; c, Gray. LINNET, nice class of (8): 1, 3, Robertson, 1, good size and con., splendid solid col., finely finished, 3, good, but shade darker in col.; 2, Irvine, larger, hardly so good in finish or col.; 4, Black and Hendrie, fairly steady, nice ground col.; vhc, Gray; he, Downie; c, Duncan. A.O.V. (7): 1, 4, he, Irvine, rare good Blackcap, put down in charming condition; 2, Robertson, good big Bramblefinch, nicely spangled back, good colour; 3, Hovelsrond, good headed Greenfinch, good col.; vhc, Moir; c, McDonald. PARROT OR COCKATOO: 1, Robson. SMALL FOR. (3): 1, Irvine, scores in condition and polish; 2, Harper, good rich coloured Orange Bishop; 3, Hovelsrond, nice faced foreign Goldfinch, fair size. SELL., 10s. (14): 1, Lumsden; 2, Cowie; 3, Nicoll; 4, Adams; vhc, c, Cameron; he, Lindsay. 5s. (9): 1, Lumsden; 2, Adams; 3, 4, Symon; vhc, Blyth; c, Lindsay. LOCAL (7): 1 Irvine; 2, Saunders; 3, McDonald; 4, Duncan; vhc, Adams; he, c, Webster.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show, held Nov. 22, at Plummet Line Hotel. Mr. S. Wilcock, Bradford, judged, and gave complete satisfaction. 112 birds were staged. Mr. J. Mottram champion special with 17 points, and Mr. A. Mann novice, 11 points. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 3, Walsh; 2, he, Stobart; vhc, Pilling; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (13): 1, Walsh; 2, Townsend; 3, Pilling; vhc, he, Saville; c, Burdekin Bros. DARK VARIEG. (7): 1, 3, Wilkinson; 2, Ross; vhc, Pilling; he, c, Burdekin Bros. GREENS (4): 1, 2, 3, Riley; vhc, Pilling. NOV. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, he, Ogden; 2, Holroyd; 3, Barnes; vhc, Child; c, Jackson. BUFF (17): 1, Mann; 2, Speak; 3, Smith; vhc, Barnes; he, Lord; c, Child. DARK VARIEG.: 1, Sladdin. GREENS (6): 1, Sladdin; 2, Mann; 3, vhc, Woodhead; he, c, Sharp. NOR., YELL. (3): 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Clegg. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, c, Mottram; 2, vhc, Pickles; 3 Clegg. NOV., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Lord; 3, vhc, Corney. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Corney; 2, Lord. DARK VARIEG. (2): 1, 2, Corney. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, 2, Mottram; 3, Helliwell; vhc, he, Macpherson; c, Benn. A.O. BRIT. (4): 1, Macpherson; 2, vhc, Mottram; 3, Helliwell. SELL.: 1, Helliwell; 2, Burdekin Bros.—H. Clegg, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 115, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist Terms moderate.

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C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

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J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucestor Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Lougton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate

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NEWTONGRANGE

C.B.S. 1st Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Brit. and Foreign Birds, will be held in **Lothian Hall, on Sat., 20th Dec. Popular judges:** Mr. Alex. Fleming, Musselburgh, Nor. and A.O.V.; Mr. James Smillie, Kilmarnock, Bord. Fcy., Scotch Fcy., Yorks.; Mr. John Allan, Leith, Mules, British and For. **This is a "C.B." Coupon Show, and under the patronage of the B.B.F.C. and S.B.B. and M. Club. 197 Specials over 45 classes. Entries close Dec. 13th.—Sec., Wm. Bryson, 42, Fifth St., Newtongrange.**

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MUSSELBURGH

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GLASGOW

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.S. 5th Ann. Show for members will be held in **Victoria Rooms, Victoria Rd. (adjoining Queen's Park Station), Crosshill, on Sat., 6th Dec.** Doors open 1.30 p.m. Open classes for Norwich. **Judges: Messrs. R. Martin and J. W. Bruce. Entries close 2nd Dec.—Robt. Heggie, Sec., 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida.**

GALSTON (Ayrshire)

Poult., Pig., and Cage Birds, Sat., 6th Dec. Scots. Fancy, judge, Mr. John Smith, Howwood; Bord., Nor., and Brit., Mr. D. Holden, Muirkirk. **Schedules —Alexander Frew, Sec., Barrmill Road.**

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The 17th Ann. Members' Show will be held in the **new Guildhall, 638-640, Wandsworth Rd.** (a few doors from Queen's Rd.), on **Sat., Dec. 6th. Admission 3d. Catalogues 3d.—Hy. A. Freeman, Hon. Sec.**

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December 10th and 11th

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TREDEGAR SHOW

See Review of Schedules this issue.—W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.

LARNE

and Dis. C.B. and Pig. Ass. **5th Ann. Show of Cage Birds and Pig.** will be held in **McGarel Town Hall, Larne,** on **Thursday and Fri., Dec. 11 and 12.** Under pat. of Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland. **Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entries close Dec. 6. Schedules: Thos. Mayne, 35, Barnhill, Larne.**

STRANRAER and Dist.

Dec. 12th. Cage Birds,—17 classes; 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 17 Specials (open); popular judge. **Entries close Dec. 5th.—W. McMeekan, 8, Clenoch St., Stranraer.**

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AUCHTERARDER

Show of Cage Birds, Sat., 13th Dec. Popular judge; good classification. **Entries close 8th Dec.** Schedules from—**James Dow, Junr., Hon. Sec., Auchterarder.**

BOWHILL

and Dist. O.S. Show of Poul., Pig., and **Cage Birds, held in Gothenburgh Halls, on Sat., 13th Dec. Canaries and Cage Birds will be staged in a separate hall from poultry. Entries close Mon., 8th Dec.—Robert Taylor, 5, Balgonie Terrace, Cardenden, Fife.**

WICK

Show of Poul., Pig., **Cage Birds,** and Fur, on **Dec. 17 and 18.** Prize list includes cups, medals, and a large number of specials. **Entries** for catalogue **close on 8th Dec. Schedules free from the Hon. Sec., Wm. Corner, Wick.**

ASHBOURNE (Derby) **December 20.** Full Classification. December 6. Judges: R. Hanford, C. Ward. **Hon. Sec., W. H. Dixon.** (No Schedules.)

BLACKWOOD (MON.)

A grand Open Show of Cage Birds, etc., will be held at **Blackwood, on Tues., Jan. 6th.** Schedules nearly ready. Specials in all classes. Popular judges.—**W. H. Coleman, Sec., 2, Coronation Road.**

SALE OF BIRDS IN ROCHDALE ORN. CLUB

in the new premises, Clarke's Place, Penn Street, on Sat., Dec. 13th. Entrance free. 10 per cent. deducted from sales. Particulars from Secretary Members' Show Jan. 10th, 1914.

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Twitterings.

The winner of 2nd in the Nov. Nor. Cl. Yell. Hen class at Cardiff was Mr. H. Coker.

Wick show, the popular fixture right on the north coast of Scotland, is to be held on Dec. 17 and 18 next. (note advert.).

Entries for Watford show will be accepted up to Dec. 2nd (note advt. in this issue). The hall is a grand one, large and well lighted.

I lost my Crystal Palace winning Goldfinch last Friday, writes Mrs. Hughes (Llandudno). It was thought a lot of up in North Wales, having won numerous prizes.

Longton (Lancashire) will hold on Dec. 27th, an open show, judge, Mr. T. H. Dent (Preston). The cage-bird classes are all guaranteed.—R. Johnson, sec.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address: Mr. J. Waugh, to 519, Springburn Rd., Springburn, Glasgow; Mr. R. Blincoe, to 160, Drake St., Rochdale.

The date of the next members' show of the Great Horton O.S. has been altered, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the sec., owing to the Bradford National show; it will be held one week later.

I have sold my Goldfinch, 1st Sheffield, Leicester, Coventry, etc., to Mr. W. Portman, of Cardigan, for whom I hope he will do well, writes Mr. J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent).

Any fancier not getting a schedule for Stranraer Show (splendid specials, barometer, and cake stands, etc.) should apply at once, writes Mr. McMeekan, sec., 8, Clenoch Street, Stranraer.

I have sent out a good number of schedules of Musselburgh Show; any exhibitor overlooked should send me a post card, writes Mr. A. Hoyle, sec. 3, Parsonage Cottages, Musselburgh, N.B.

In the Norwich Plainhead advertisement last week of Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known dealer, of Norwich, the headline (30 per cent. to 15 per cent.) should have read 30 per cent. to 50 per cent.

We hear from Mr. J. R. Chestney, hon. sec., Cramlington C.B.S., that the special winners were as follows: Cup and Sandiford's, W. Lascelles; best members' Bord., and best member's Brit. S. Wilson.

Owing to an error on the part of our printer, a wrong line was substituted in Watford show advt. in Nov. 22 issue. The first line of small type should read "on Dec. 9 and 10; 30 classes for Cage Birds."

At Canterbury Show we are putting in two extra classes, one for Yorks. adult hens, No. 86a, and one for adult Borders, 87a; both these were omitted from the printed schedule, writes Mr. J. W. Sargeant, the sec.

I am very pleased with results from advertising in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. B. Savory (Birmingham). I have kept fanciers waiting a little, but I have more hands now to cope with orders.

I wish you would kindly impress upon your readers that orders for my books must be sent to your office, and not to me, writes Mr. C. P. Arthur (Melksham), for as soon as my address appears in CAGE BIRDS, I get people sending to me.

I have sold my Dark Yellow Goldfinch-Canary Mule (2nd City of Glasgow) to Mr. R. Jamieson, of Linlithgow, writes Mr. J. McWatt (Bonnybridge; and he has already won 1st Glasgow and Dist. Show. I hope he may win many more prizes with him.

In the schedule of Walsall C.B.S., writes Mr. F. Price, hon. sec., class 15 should read Yorks, cl. or tkd. yell. ck., and class 16 Yorks, cl., or tkd. buff. Fourth prize card will be given in all Yorks. classes on account of the points competition of the M.C.Y.C.C.

Fanciers are asked to give Brighton show, Dec. 9 and 10, a bumping entry, writes Mr. Gibb, the hon. sec. (19, Bond St.). Prize-money for 1s. 6d. entry, 10s., 6s., 4s.; also six money prizes in British classes. Entries extended till Friday next, Dec. 5. Exhibitors, please help us.

Please announce through your valuable columns, write Messrs. Elliott and Nattrass, that the Bishop Auckland C.B. Society's first annual show has been a financial success, and that all prize-money has been paid; if any exhibitor has been missed, kindly communicate at once.

All prize money won at our show was paid to open exhibitors by Tuesday night—three days after show—writes Mr. R. Ward, sec. Chester-le-Street C.B.S., and all birds were in the hands of the railway company by 6.50 on Saturday evening. We trust everyone received them safely and well.

At our meeting on Monday next, Dec. 1st, at 6, Broadway, Mr. A. E. Pattrick, of Southend, has very kindly promised to come and give a washing exhibition. All fanciers are invited to avail themselves of the opportunity of watching such an experienced hand, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. sec. Wimbledon C.B.S.

Kindly state in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. G. Andrews, hon. sec., that West Bromwich C.B.S. has paid out all prize money, except members. We wish to thank exhibitors for support, and trust all birds arrived safely on Saturday night; the whole of the birds were packed and in the railway officials hands at 8.30.

Please accept my very best thanks for illustration on the front page of CAGE BIRDS of my Linnet Mule, winner at Leyton, writes Mr. J. Juby, Plumstead. I have taken CAGE BIRDS for years, even before I took up breeding for exhibition. I therefore attribute what knowledge I have solely to CAGE BIRDS, the paper of information.

OBITUARY.

We regret to hear that Mr. Walter Connelly, the much respected Glasgow fancier, has had the misfortune to lose his brother, who died suddenly on Nov. 22, in the Victoria Infirmary.

It is with deep regret I have to inform you of the sad loss sustained by our esteemed chairman, Mr. Wm. Rushton, who has lost his only son at the age of 14 years. I feel sure that all fanciers will extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rushton and family in their sad bereavement.—J. W. Robson, sec. Burnhope C.B.S.

I received the specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. A. Walker, sec. Loughborough C.B.A., and they went well at the show; in fact one fancier insisted on paying 1d. for one, which I think speaks highly of our paper, when people are willing to pay for old copies. We have made four new members, as a result of publishing the reports in your paper.

At the show of the Frome F.A., held Dec. 11, the prize cards are quite artistic. In ornamented panels are pictures of St. John's Church, Frome, famous as the resting place of Bishop Kerr, the Market Place, showing the old market cross, and Longleat House, the seat of the Marquis of Bath. This mansion and its beautiful grounds are at all times open to inspection. The classification comprises 47 classes, 36 open and 11 members'. Mr. H. Norman will judge. The hon. sec. is Mr. C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.

We are in no way shop-keepers, or warehouse men, write the Pets Supply Company, of Harrogate. All our stock is kept in outdoor aviaries, with the exception of the Canaries and other birds, which will not live outdoors, and for these we have erected magnificent bird-rooms on hygienic principles. Our main object is to send out healthy stock, and to advertise only stock that we have on hand. We are situated in the country, away from all factory smoke. In our foods department, everything is kept in specially-constructed bins, free from all vermin, and we purchase and sell none but the best.

As the Show Hall at Whitburn, writes Mr. R. Lambie, the sec., is over a mile from the station and I have heard several complaints about fanciers not getting their birds away to catch their connections, would you kindly state that all fanciers this year will be allowed to go away in good time to catch the train best suiting them. All birds that can reach home on Saturday night will be sent, the others carefully attended to and sent first train Monday. Now, fanciers, with good classification, good prize money, numerous specials, judges well-known to the Fancy, and an energetic and careful committee, I will expect your largest entries.

In connection with the Cattle Show, excursions to Birmingham are being run on our show dates, Dec. 3 and 4, writes Mr. De Maillet (City of Birmingham C.B.S.). Midland: Dec. 3, Bristol, Bath, Worcester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Evesham, Alcester, Redditch, Rotherham, Sheffield, Chesterfield, and Nottingham; Dec. 4, Worcester, Bromsgrove, Tewkesbury, Evesham, Alcester, Redditch, Leicester, Hinckley, and Nuneaton. L. and N.W.: Dec. 3, Lichfield, Leamington, Warwick, Rugby, Coventry, Stafford, Rugeley, Cannock, and Walsall; Dec. 4, Lichfield, Leamington, and Warwick. We trust all Midland exhibitors will support us, and we hope to see a good number of visitors, too.

THE NOVICE'S FIRST EXHIBIT.



How he imagines it will look when the judge comes along!

Kindly state, writes Mr. R. Lambie, that class 31 in the schedule of Whitburn C.B.S., Greenfinch fed, should read Greenfinch housemoulted. There is a 2s. spl. by Mr. John Boag, Broxburn, for best variegated. Border, open; also a spl. by Mr. E. Steel, Glasgow, for the best Green or Cinn. Border, out of money; "specials 38 to 41" should be 38 to 40.

Entries Extended.

Watford (W. Herts F.A.) to Monday's post, Dec. 1; Brighton, Dec. 5, first post; Consett, Blackhill, to Monday's post, Dec. 1.

London's Latest Bird.

A bright green Parrakett, a lost bird, no doubt, has taken up its residence in Kensington Gardens, London, in the elms where the veteran Magpie and the Jackdaws live.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Alnwick, Mr. McGinn won 3rd in Nor. Yell., not McFinn, as printed; Mr. J. Burnell won 2nd in Linnets at Selby, not Veitch; at Pembroke Dock sp. for best British went to Mr. Lloyd-James, not Muscott, as reported.

Winners Changing Hands.

I have disposed of my shield and bowl winner, also my Holborn Hall and Dulwich winner, at good prices, to Mr. W. H. Howe and Mr. P. Muscott, and hope they will do good service to their new owners, writes Mr. L. J. Richardson (Rotherhithe).

Prize-money Paid.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries: Bournemouth, Llandrindod Wells, Galashiels, West Bromwich, Chester-le-Street, Sheffield, Boldon Colliery, Cardiff, Ramsgate.

Bournemouth's Great Success.

I have received a quantity of letters from exhibitors thanking me and congratulating the committee on such a well-managed show, and on receiving their birds back early, in the pink of condition (Messrs. Silk, W. M. Midgley, G. J. Slade, G. W. Saunders, and others). This is very gratifying to the management. Date of 1914 show, Tues. and Wed., Nov. 10 and 11; plenty of notice, so there may be no clashing of date.—J. A. Crawshaw, hon. sec. Bournemouth C.B.A.

Cockatoo that "Chops" Wood.

Mr. John Rute, of Kingscliffe, Northants, has an eighteen-year-old Australian cockatoo which not only talks and "sings," but has a mania for "chopping" wood. Each day the housekeeper provides her helper with a starch or soap box, and the bird breaks it up with its beak into short and thin pieces suitable for firewood, any nails in the way being drawn. "The amount of labour that bird has saved, in the way of wood-chopping, is enormous," says the housekeeper. "The only thing I have to do is to see that there is no paint on the boxes."

Who Won the Canary?

The winning number of the bird and cage given away at our recent show, is No. 152. Winner can have the same by applying to me, writes Mr. A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon St., Leicester, sec. Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. We have fixed Nov. 6-7, 1914, for our next open show.

Helping the Hospital.

The Deal, Walmer and Dist. F.A. after paying all expenses handed over to the local hospital the sum of seven guineas, being the profit from annual show held Oct. 29 and 30 last, write Messrs. Thompson and Lacy, the hon. secs. Our next annual show will be held Nov. 13 and 14, 1914.

Diplomas at Chester-le-Street.

The CAGE BIRDS diploma winners at Chester-le-Street show were: 10s. cash sp. and diploma champ., Mr. H. Briggs; nov., Riley Bros. Diplomas Champion: Lindsay, North, Bewick, Lock, Gregory, Davidson. Nov.: J. Robson, Cresswell, Price, McVay. The awards in the members' classes will appear next week.

Nest Among Big Guns.

Gunners at the Cliff End Battery at Totland Bay found a nest containing four young Goldfinches. They placed it in a cage near the spot, and the parent birds came regularly to feed the nestlings. The cage was then put in the middle of the battery, where the parent birds feed the little ones quite unalarmed by the firing of the big guns.

Judges for Palace Show.

The judges at the next Crystal Palace show, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the manager, will be Messrs. H. W. Battye, H. T. Camps, R. L. Crisp, J. F. Dewar, H. J. Fulljames, G. Gardner, T. Heath, J. Hodder, C. A. House, E. J. Lamb, W. Mundell, H. Norman, F. Oldroyd, A. Silver, W. Swaysland, G. E. Weston, J. Wones

Happy Highgate.

The prize distribution of the Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S., held Nov. 24, was distinguished by an exceptionally enjoyable musical entertainment, generously provided and organised by Mr. C. W. Law (the late sec. of the society, and present sec. of the L. and P.O.S.). Mr. Fred Gibson's concert party provided the programme, and these talented ladies and gentlemen hugely delighted the large audience, encores of every item being the order of the evening. Societies, in fact, desirous of ensuring their members of a genuinely entertaining and amusing time, could not do better than leave themselves in Mr. Gibson's hands. It is many a long day since we enjoyed ourselves as we did on this occasion. The duties of the chairman were shared by Mr. Geo. Gardner and Mr. G. E. Weston. The society is now prospering exceedingly.

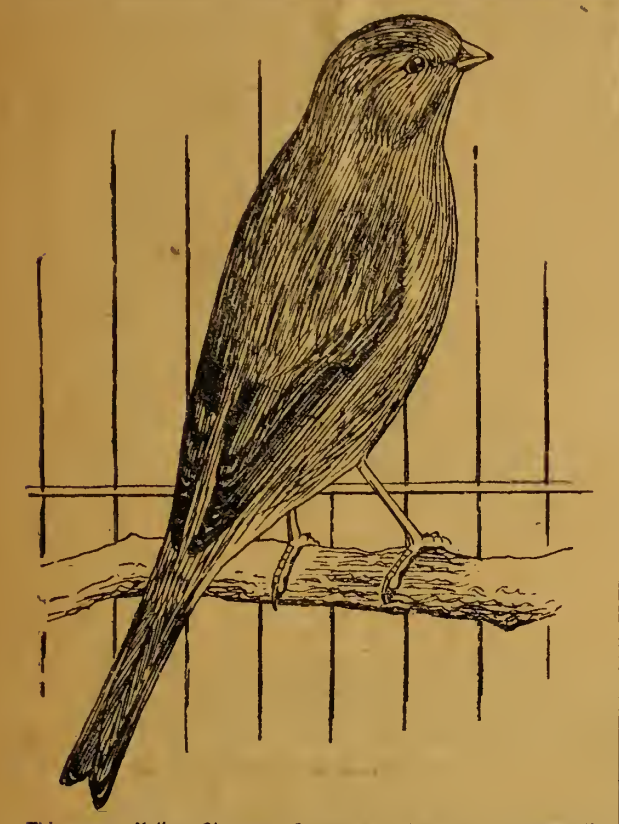
CANARY BREEDING AND THE LAWS OF INHERITANCE.

By MISS L. M. DURHAM.

On November 20 last, at the headquarters of the London and Provincial O.S., the following paper, on the laws of inheritance and their application to Canary breeding, was read by Miss Durham, a lady associated with Professor Bateson in scientific work, and who takes considerable interest in bird breeding. Mr. G. Crabb ably presided, and there was an excellent attendance, including many ladies. An instructive discussion followed.

THE subject of inheritance and the laws which govern it are of paramount importance to the breeder whatever the material which he chooses to work upon may be, whether plant or animal. We owe the first elucidation of the principles which underlie the phenomena of inheritance to an Austrian, Gregor Mendel, by name. The story of his life and work has often been told, but I may be permitted perhaps to repeat it shortly here, as it proves a veritable romance in the history of science.

Gregor Mendel was born in 1822 of Austrian peasants. He became abbot of a monastery at Brünn, near Vienna, and it was in this monastery that he carried out his classic experiments on the edible pea—Pisum Sativum, by means of which he was able to enunciate the laws which now bear his name. His results were published in a somewhat obscure journal, the Proc. of the Nat. Hist. Soc. of Brünn; and



This young Yellow Cinnamon Canary has been very successfully exhibited at West-country shows by Mr. T. Pope, of Plymouth. It is described as the most promising Cinnamon bred in the West for a number of years.

partly owing to this fact and partly owing to the fact that the scientific world was entirely occupied with the work of Darwin, published some six years previously, remained unknown and unnoticed. Thirty-five years later, in 1900, his work was re-discovered independently and simultaneously by three separate observers in different parts of Europe, De Vries, in Holland; Couens, in Germany; and Tschermal, in Austria: and as each of these observers were engaged on analogous problems they were able to confirm his work from their own results.

Since that time a great deal of work has been done and the results have been repeatedly confirmed and his laws have become extended and amplified. Mendel realised that in order to obtain a clear result it was absolutely necessary to start with pure breeding material and to consider each character separately, and on no account to confuse the different generations together. He also realised that the progeny of distinct individuals must be separately recorded. He chose the edible pea for his work because the varieties in cultivation are distinguished by striking characters, easily recognisable, and also these plants are habitually self-fertilised, a fact which obviates many difficulties. I will not deal in detail with all the characters whose inheritance he investigated, but take as an example the question of height. Certain varieties of peas grow very tall and others have a short or dwarf habit.

The Secret of the Pea Revealed.

Mendel commenced by crossing these two varieties, tall and dwarf, together. He then crossed them reciprocally, that is, he used the dwarf pea as the male parent and the tall pea as female parent, and also he used the tall pea as male parent upon the short pea as female parent. The seeds were carefully collected and carefully sown. In each case the result was the same—the offspring was tall like the tall parent. This is the first generation F_1. This generation he allowed to self-fertilise itself. The seed was again carefully collected and sown; no family being mixed with any other. When this second generation F_2 had grown he found he had two kinds of plants, one tall, the other short, resembling in every way the grandparents. He found on counting the plants that the proportion of talls to shorts was 3 to 1.

These plants were again allowed to self fertilise themselves, and the third generation, F_3, was thus obtained. He then found that the dwarfs had bred true to dwarfness, but among the talls there were two kinds, those which bred true and those which gave talls and dwarfs in the proportion of 3 to 1. We can represent these results in tabular form:

TT (tall) x DD (dwarf)

TD x TD (impure tall)

TT	TD	TD	DD
1 tall	2 impure tall		1 pure dwarf

He gave the name of Dominant to the character which is the most prominent, masking the other in the first generation, and he called the character which is masked, Recessive.

Facts Concerning the Inheritance of Colour.

I have brought with me to-night skins of mice used by me in my own experiments to determine the inheritance of colour in mice, and I propose to illustrate the further application of Mendel's laws by recounting some of these experiments, using the skins as demonstrative specimens. A pure black mouse (that is a black mouse which breeds true to blackness) was mated with a pure chocolate mouse. The first generation was all black because black is D to chocolate. In the second generation, F_2, I obtained three black to one chocolate. Proportion: One of three black is pure; two are impure; and the chocolate is always pure. The impure black mouse is carrying reproductive cells of two kinds. Some which have the character for blackness only, and some which carry the character for chocolate only. Each reproductive cell can only carry one character. This is what we mean when we talk of the segregation of characters.

If the impure black mouse is mated with a chocolate then the offspring will be of two kinds, impure blacks and chocolates in equal numbers. The "black" reproductive cell will unite with a "chocolate" cell to form a new individual, and the "chocolate" reproductive cell will unite with a "chocolate" cell, and so we get an impure black and a pure chocolate.

On the other hand, when the impure black is mated with a pure black only blacks can result, because there are only "black" cells for the two kinds of cells, black and chocolate, to unite with; but you will easily see that the blacks will be of two kinds, pure blacks and impure blacks. I want to insist upon this point because it is just here that we find confusion and misunderstanding; you will often see it stated that a pure race will "throw back," or "revert," and that the Mendelian laws do not therefore hold true. A man will go on inbreeding with an apparently pure race and one fine day he will find impurity in his stock. The reason is that, unwittingly, he has mated together two impure individuals.

How Different Colours "Play Hide and Seek."

Sometimes one of the characters inherited is dependent for its manifestation upon another character. Thus in these pale skins of mice the paleness or dilution, the suppression of the depth of colour, can only be shown when colour is present. Nevertheless, this character can be inherited. We have blacks (full black), and blues (diluted blacks), chocolates (full chocolate), and silver-fawns (diluted chocolates). In the case of the blue mice which have the character blackness and the character dilution, and in the case of a full chocolate we have the character chocolate and the factor for deep colour.

In the case of the silver-fawn mouse we have the chocolate factor and the dilution factor, and for the black mouse we have blackness and the deepness of colour. You see, therefore, that if I mate a blue mouse and chocolate, or a silver-fawn and black, the offspring in each case will carry the same factors. The offspring are black because black is D to chocolate, and they are all black because the deep colour is D to dilution. In F_2 we get blacks, blues, chocolates, and silver-fawn, in the proportion of nine blacks to three blues to three chocolates to one silver-fawn. I will not stop to develop the scheme which shows this must be so, as I do not want to take up too much time. It is very fully put forth in the various books dealing with this subject.

One more illustration from mice and then we will turn to the Canaries. The albino mouse is a white mouse with a light pink eye, because the pigment is lacking absolutely for this animal. Albinos bred together always breed true. But now suppose you breed an albino with a coloured mouse. What happens. This experiment is of particular interest because it shows that a character can be inherited by an individual although there is nothing in the appearance of the animal to indicate its character. Albinos, as I said before, bred together never produce anything but albinos. But,



The Whistling Thrush, from the Himalayas, is curiously marked, which gives it a Starling-like appearance; the markings, however, are a lovely cobalt-blue, and the ground-colour black, carrying a glistening bluish sheen—a bird of great beauty.

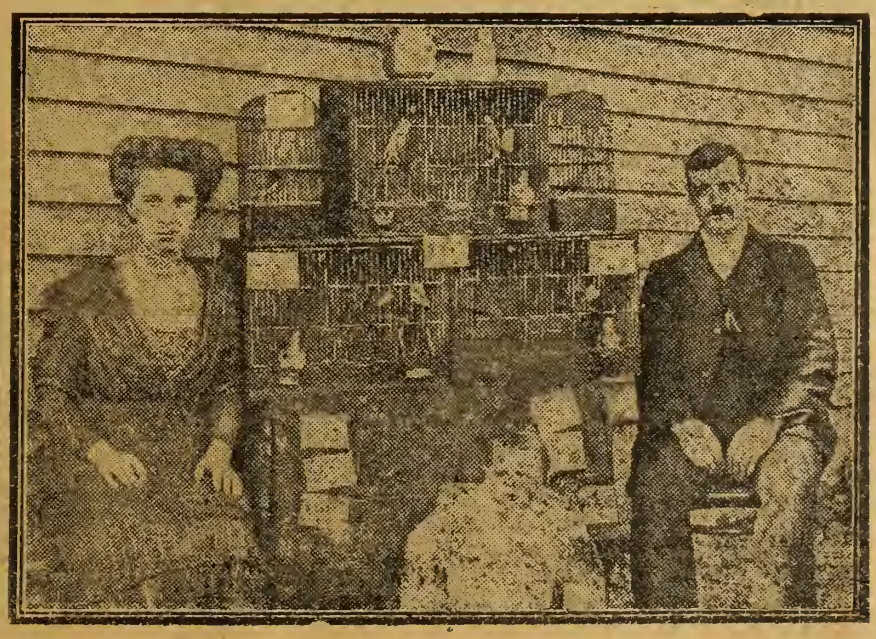
nevertheless, there are as many varieties of albinos as there are coloured mice. Something we do not know is what it is prevents the albino mouse from being coloured, and yet it can carry the factor for making colour if it meets with the right factor in its mate.

Thus you can have an albino carrying the factor for blackness. This albino mated with a chocolate mouse will in F_1 give nothing but black mice, and these mated together will produce again blacks, chocolates, and albinos. Nine blacks, three chocolates, four albinos. You see three coloured to one non-coloured, nine blacks to three chocolates, and if you analyse the albinos you find one albino carrying black, two carrying black and chocolate, and one carrying chocolate only.

In this case analyses have shown that each parent behaves similarly, and it does not matter whether the D is carried by the male or the female; but when we come to analyse other forms we sometimes, and more often than might be supposed, find that it does make a difference as to which way the mating is made, and that the female differs from the male in the characters which she may carry. The interesting point is that in a so-called pure race we find that the female may always be impure while the male is pure.

This can only be found out by crossing with some other different form and doing the reciprocal cross. Thus, Prof. Bateson showed that in the peculiar fowl known as the Silky Fowl, the hen when crossed with a Brown Leghorn gave different results from that yielded by mating a Brown Leghorn hen with a Silky cock, and in Canaries we have an example of this sort.

(To be continued.)



A NEW ZEALAND BIRD-LOVER. . . .

Mr. S. Burman, of Onehunga, Auckland, with his wife, son, and some of his pets.

This fancier has sent us an interesting letter, which will be found in our correspondence pages, concerning the progress of the hobby in New Zealand.

Evening Amusement for Border Fanciers.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(Continued from page 312)

How a Good Show Cage Can be Well and Cheaply Made.

I MAY add that it should never be attempted to drive a brad without first boring a hole with the bradawl to the full depth necessary (½in.). A useful check to prevent the awl going too deep may be improvised by slipping a small piece of cork over point of same, which allows only the requisite length to project. It will be noticed, by reference to later sketches, that these brads are always driven obliquely to each other. This adds greatly to their holding power, two nails so applied being better than twice that number straight driven.

Spires: These are the small wood ornaments which are placed on top of each post; they are turned from hard wood, and are procurable from cage makers. I always get a supply from Friend MacKay's stall at the Scottish National Show, in addition to one-fourth of their number of small knobs for seed drawers.

A Pastime for the Ladies.

The soldering I propose devoting particular attention to when I come to the wiring; the using of a soldering bolt is such a simple matter, when understood, that I know quite a few ladies who undertake this part of the work for their fancier sons or hubbie.

For bottom, take a piece of wood 13in. by 4¾, cut square; this allows for a projection of about ¼in. at both ends, and in front. Apart from adding to the appearance of the cage, this projection facilitates handling, providing, as it does, a grip for the thumb, and without which the judge must either use both

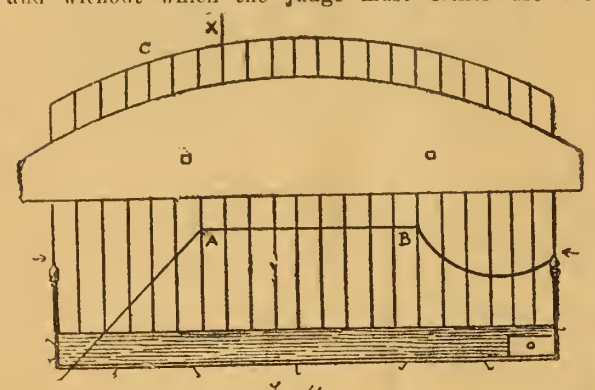


Fig 4

hands or grasp the wires, which sometimes is sufficient to drive a nervous exhibit on to the wires of the cage. (Show stewards, please note.) These edges should be chamfered; that is, the top corner bevelled off with the plane.

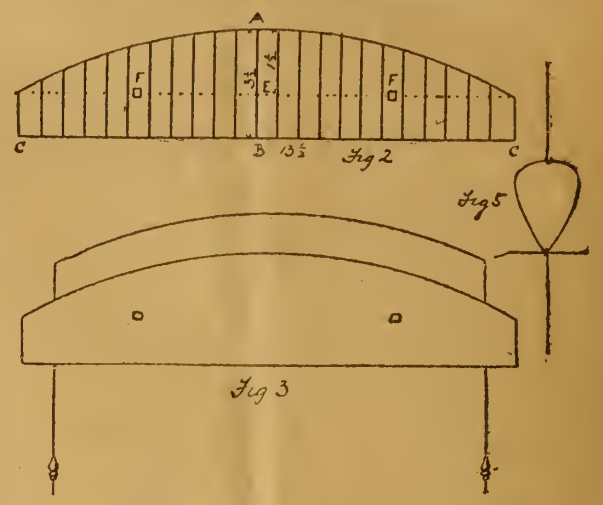
For front and back rails, two pieces 12⅛ in. long and 1½ broad; and for the ends two pieces 4⅛ in. long and 1½ broad. It will be found that when we include the posts the above measurements are divisible into ⅛ths, the total length of cage inclusive of posts, and exclusive of projections in bottom, being 12⅜ in., and breadth a trifle over 4½ in., if ¼ in. wood has been used.

Operations that Need Care.

For the posts, four pieces a ¼ in. square and 3 in. long. The top ends should be slightly tapered; if tightly wrapped with thread before boring the hole for receiving the frame, or standard wire, the chances of splitting are reduced. The thread may remain on till the cage is finished. From the right-hand end of front rail a square piece must be cut out to form the entrance for the seed drawer. This may measure 1⅝ in. by 1½ in.; the piece should be cut carefully, and retained to form front of drawer. For the drawer cover a piece similar to end rail, but slightly higher, the extra height forming a perch for the bird when feeding. This is either nailed parallel to end rail and at a distance slightly in excess of width of seed drawer, or may slide into grooves cut in front and back rails. The latter method is preferable, as it facilitates cleaning, being removable, and becomes imperative if telescopic cages are preferred. I will explain how these are made later.

The top cover for seed drawer has a perforation, which may either be cut with a fret saw, or, much preferably, made by boring with a 1 in. centre bit, two holes about 2 in. apart, and cutting the intervening piece out with the tenon saw, or a sharp knife. If the centre bit is used, it is advisable to bore halfway through from each side, as preventing raggedness. A good 1 in. centre bit can be purchased for a shilling, and any sort of brace will do to drive same; mine cost 6½d., and I am sure I would have spent much more on fret-saw blades.

Fitting up: Nail both posts to back rail, and one to left side of front rail. The other end of front having been reduced by the removal of section for seed drawer, it were better to fix this post to end rail. Care must be taken that rails are upright and square, the former point being assured by planing the under edge of rail true, and the latter by marking off their position on bottom with the square, and boring the nail holes through the lines. It is a good plan to fix same with three bradawls, and when found correct withdraw each awl singly and replace with nails, as any deviation is thus easier to remedy than if permanently nailed.



Fix in ends, and remove all sharp corners from upper edge of rails. This can either be done with the plane before fitting up, or by rubbing with file and sandpaper after. Fix or nail in the seed drawer cover; then cage only requires a slight rub over with sandpaper to be ready for wiring.

The Mould: To make this useful implement take two pieces of wood about 5-8ths inch in thickness and cut each to the size and shape shown in sketch 2. Leaving one piece plain, the other must be marked off in lines, as shown, each 5-8ths. of an inch apart. Great care must be taken to ensure absolute accuracy, as any deviation will be reproduced in each cage moulded thereon. These lines correspond exactly with the holes bored in rails for insertion of wires. The using of a piece of true punched-bar as before mentioned simplifies the marking-off.

Then with a tenon-saw cut a groove (or saw draught) at each line. These grooves must be of a depth just sufficient to hold a 16 gauge cage wire; if the saw is too fine, a few rubs with the corner of a file will suffice to widen the grooves. Then bore two holes between the sixth and seventh grooves from each end, to hold a pair of small bolts, and a similar pair of holes in the half of mould which was left plain.

(To be continued.)

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 409).

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

For some years my business took me daily into the country, and I had the opportunity of seeing the cress growing under all conditions, from that cultivated in the clean running stream to the wild unattended cress in a dirty brook. The cultivated cress is perfectly safe to use; but who can say what harm may accrue from using the latter? I have used the various kinds of green food that are given to Canaries, but prefer the dandelion; and I use it all through the breeding season, choosing the small and tender, bright green, smooth leaves. I have no other reason for picking the smooth leaves except that they look fresher and more palatable than the darker coloured, rough-surfaced leaves.

From time to time I have met fanciers who will shun the dandelion with a serrated leaf. Another will not use the red-stemmed leaf; while yet another fancier will not use it if found growing underneath the overhanging branches of a hedge; and the death of young birds has been attributed to the use of this shade-grown dandelion. It may be truly said that what is one bird's food is another one's poison, as for the last three or four years I have been using cultivated dandelion gathered from underneath a privet hedge.

It is very desirable that a hen should not lay her second round of eggs before the first brood are able to feed themselves—of course, it will be understood that this applies where the hen is rearing unaided by the cock. Where this occurs some hens will pluck the feathers from the young birds to make her new nest, and should she be allowed to sit, after her full complement of eggs are laid, she will leave the youngsters to shift for themselves.

From the result of experiments that I have made with various green foods, my experience is that the temperament, rather than the use of dandelion, is the dominating factor in hens plucking and going to nest again prematurely. I have, further, heard of this also being attributed to the giving of hemp seed to the feeding hen. I have tried hens addicated to plucking, etc., without either hempseed or green food of any description, but found the results in accordance with the previous nests, when both articles of diet were used.

Suiting the Varied Taste of Hens.

In addition to the egg food, green food, and the mixture of seeds given in the seed hopper, a small quantity of hemp seed and groats can be given in a separate vessel when the young are from two to four days' old. If a hen will not eat the hemp, which is not unusual when given in its whole state, a little should be crushed for her; this inducement will rarely fail. Many birds will not eat groats (it appears to be an acquired taste), but as these form a nutritious article of diet a few crushed may entice a hen to eat them—young birds can be got to eat them in this way. A small piece of bread, soaked in boiling milk, can be given twice per week. The tastes of many hens will now undergo a change, and foods they have previously eaten with a relish will now often be ignored. From the above variety it will be noticed which is chiefly partaken of, and this can be supplied accordingly, discontinuing any not relished.

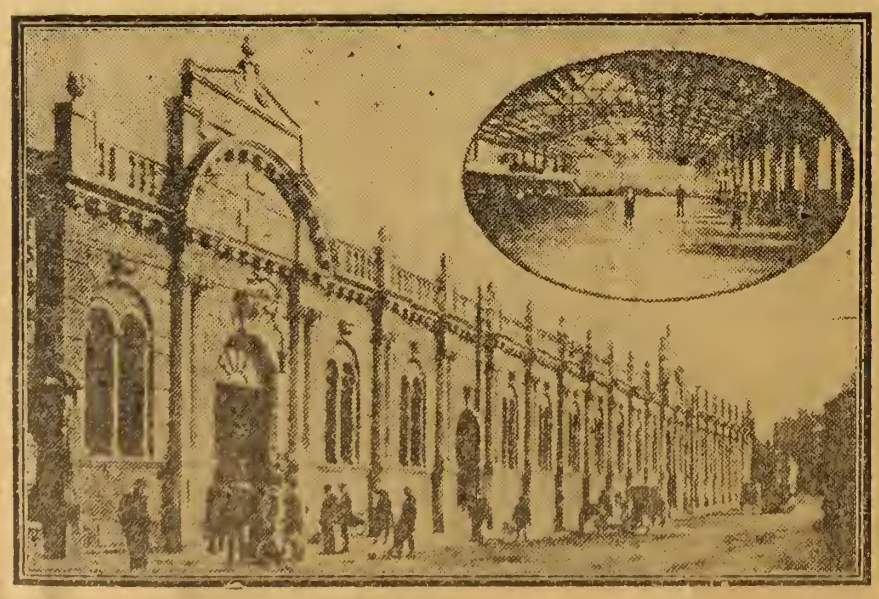
Many of the devices we formerly adopted to mark our birds, so as to distinguish their parentage, will probably appear very simple and old-fashioned to the new fancier. One fancier would make small rings of brass, or copper, or even cage wire, closing them on the bird's leg with the aid of a pair of pliers. Others would tie a piece of black thread around one leg, using a white-coloured thread for those from another nest. Coloured strings were also used in the same way. Feather notching had many adherents. The method was to cut away half of a certain tail or flight feather for one nest, choosing a different feather for the youngsters from other nests. Indelible pencil also had its supporters; and the first time the birds had a bath the colour would "run" and form a beautiful blue blotch.

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A GRAND SHOW ROOM AT BRISTOL.

Exterior and Interior views of "The Coliseum," where the Bristol F.A. this week held its annual exhibition.

A full report of the fixture will be found in this issue.





TYPES OF ENGLISH-BRED ROLLER CANARIES.



BUFF AND YELLOW EVEN-MARKED BORDER FANCY CANARIES.

The Toilet of the Show Bird:

By G. MURDOCK (Kilmarnock).

A Scottish fancier describes his method of washing birds by hand.

WHETHER or not cleanliness be next to godliness in general, it has very much to do with success in exhibiting Most birds, of course, are town-bred, and such must be washed occasionally to have a chance of success, though one good washing will suffice for more than one show. The evil of too frequent washing is a kind of giving way of the feathers, which might almost be called a rubbing out, and which is very apt to display itself about the back of the neck.

First of all, before operations are commenced, all the children (if any) should be put to bed. There are some children who know how to abide still as mice until need arises, when a little hand will pass a warm cloth or other necessary, neither one moment too soon nor too late. But average children are sadly in the way, and all the space by the fire is badly wanted. Besides, washing a small bird requires care, and chatter by no means assists the progress. Before commencing the washing, let a good fire be made up, free from ash or dust, and with some large vessel full of hot water placed upon the hob so as to keep simmering. An open cage should have previously had a good wash for the occasion, to be used as a "drying" cage. This must have the bottom covered with a clean piece of flannel; and be placed where a good heat from the fire can reach it. The mistress of the house must be asked for a few clean and soft cloths. And, lastly, you must be provided with three good-sized basins.

How a Good Start Can be Made.

The first basin should be half filled with lukewarm water. Dissolve in this a bit of clean soda about the size of a nut, and then, taking in one hand a piece of yellow soap, and in the other a soft shaving-brush, alternately dip the brush in the water and rub it over the soap, till you have a basin full of good "suds." Half fill the other basins with warm water, full blood heat (but not more). The soap must also be placed handy; it is a good plan to bed it in the soap-dish with flannel, so that it may not slip about while the brush is passed over it. With these preparations you are ready to begin.

Take your bird and place it along the palm of the left hand, the head towards the wrist, and the tail projecting between the thumb and forefinger, while the other fingers hold the bird lightly but firmly, the little finger securing the head, and the others the shoulder or side of the wing. It will be readily found that in this position the bird can be held lightly yet with perfect security, and that the position of its body can be changed at convenience, according as the back or sides are being done. Immerse all but the head in the suds for a few seconds, whilst the lather-brush is being plied with telegraphic speed over the soap; and as soon as a good free lather is obtained in the brush, lift the bird out, remove the thumb or second finger out of the way, and wash well the lower part of the body, the wings and tail; always working in the same direction as the feathers lie, and occasionally dipping the parts being washed in the suds.

Do this until the dirt seems got out; then hold the bird with the forefinger and thumb, and remove the other fingers sufficiently and alternately, like a fiddler, to give space for head and shoulders being washed, taking care that the dirt is well removed round the beak; the third finger placed under the throat will readily raise the head for that purpose. It is no use attempting to be too particular about the eyes; most sensible birds shut their eyes. Being satisfied that the back is clean, turn the bird over in the hand with its head coming under the little finger towards the wrist as before, and again commence brushing the wings and tail, opening the wings as much as possible. Finish off with the throat and belly. So far all is pretty simple, although at first one may be almost as afraid to handle the bird as average men are to meddle with a new-born baby.

Supposing now that you have the bird clean, squeeze the suds from the brush, and with it wash out the soap with the water in the second basin. Finally, holding the patient in as perpendicular a position as possible, scoop the water in the third basin over it with the right hand until it is perfectly free from soap; after which, draw the flights and tail gently through the fingers to remove as much water as possible before proceeding to the drying stage. Remember, that the great point is to get every particle of soap out of the plumage.

Being satisfied that all the soap is out, take one of the soft cloths, previously well warmed at the fire, wrap the bird in it, and dab it gently between the hands until the worst of the water is soaked up by the cloth. Be especially sure that the water is well absorbed from about the belly, vent, and under the wings.

The water being mainly soaked up by the first cloth, take another warm piece in the right hand and stroke the feathers into position, and place the bird in the drying-cage, pretty near the fire. The drying-cage must be very warm, the danger of chill being considerable. It is advisable, therefore, for the "better half" to keep turning the cage. As the birds get thoroughly dry, gradually move them further from the fire.

All being washed and cleaned up, it is best to draw a linen cloth over the cage and leave them for the night. In the morning, if time can be allowed, it is a good plan to put a flannel over the bottom of the cage and give them a natural bath, which is the surest and best way of getting the feathers quite right, and restoring the natural bloom, always rather lost by hand washing. The cold bath is called "fining," and is very necessary for showing birds in good bloom. They generally look their best a day or two after washing, and ought to be covered up to keep them from knocking themselves about.



A DEVONSHIRE FANCIER IN HIS BIRDROOM. . . .

Mr. C. J. Munday, of Tiverton, a lover of the Norwich Plainhead.

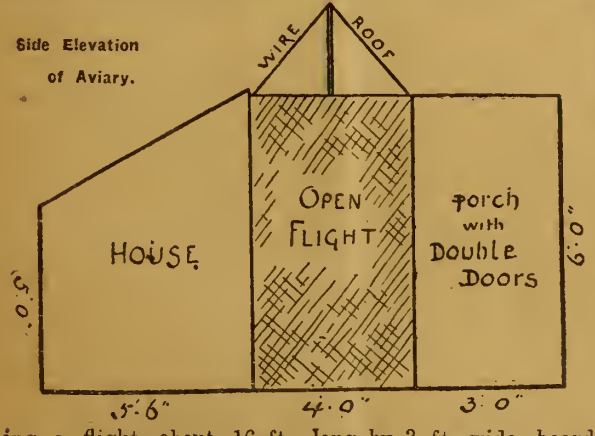
Mr. Munday writes that he has been in the hobby only two years, and exhibited a bird for the first time a few weeks ago. This, a clear yellow hen, to his delight came home with a third prize card adorning its cage.

The Delights of an Outdoor Aviary,

By Miss A. B. Ellis (Chertsey).

I THINK we have always kept a bird of some sort or other ever since I can remember. When I was very small my mother used to keep them, but as I grew bigger, I began to have birds of my own. They were generally common Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, and occasionally a pair of the commoner foreign Seed-eaters.

Then my father built me an aviary in a narrow verandah. He wired in the whole of the top piece, making a flight about 16 ft. long by 3 ft. wide, boarding it underneath for about 4 ft. each end. The middle part was wired down to the ground, so that I had an aviary 8ft. long by 3ft. wide, by about 7ft. high, with a flight above, 16ft. long by 3ft. by 2ft. high to the lowest part of the roof. I also had double doors at the side. In this place I kept at different times, Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, a Spice-bird, Bramble-finches, a Goldfinch, a pair of Redpolls, Greenfinches, and Linnets. Apropos of the Redpolls, I had never seen any in our garden, or even in the country around, but I had not had mine in the aviary a week before I saw three hanging on the wire outside.



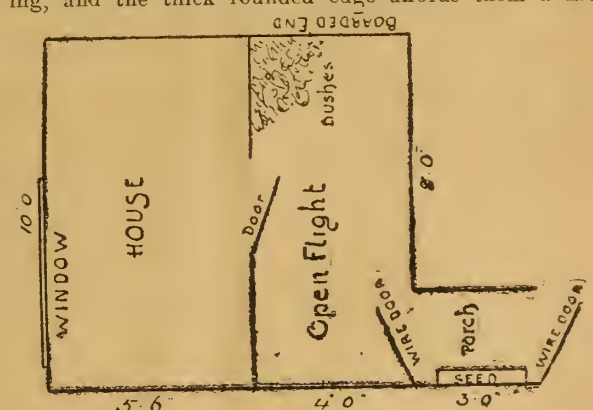
About two years ago we left that house, and my present aviary consists of an old poultry-house ten feet by five and a half feet by five feet high at the back, and six and a half feet in the front, with an open wire flight in front, ten feet by four feet by six feet high, with double doors at one end. This sort of porch with two doors is most useful. It is two feet by three feet by six feet high, and the two sides and top are boarded, the doors being wire.

The Advantages of a Porch-way.

The boards make it firmer, and afford a certain amount of protection, so that I can keep all my seed in this porchway in tins in a strong wooden box which is placed on one side and covered over with a piece of American cloth to keep it dry. Another advantage of this porch is, that while it very greatly reduces the risk of letting the birds out, I find it most convenient when I wish to catch any of the birds, as they can be driven into it, and then caught with a good-sized handkerchief or a duster. As will be seen from the plan, the house has a door in the middle of the front, and a large window at the back, while the flight is completely boarded up at the east end.

I have one small rather low laurel bush growing in the flight, and in the early spring I put in large bunches of laurels, heather, fir, and other branches, amongst which are hidden nesting receptacles of various shapes and sizes. These with the branches, are removed about the middle of September, and only sufficient are left, both outside and in the house, to serve as perches and sleeping places for the birds. The seed-pots are put in a shallow wooden box, which hangs by four wires from a hook in the middle of the roof of the house. This is to prevent the mice getting at the seed, for I found when I put it on the floor, they ate a great deal of it.

For a bath I use a large flower-pot saucer, as being unglazed, it gives the birds a good foothold when bathing, and the thick rounded edge affords them a firm grip when drinking. It is also very easily cleaned. In the summer the door and the window of the house are left open day and night, but in the winter the window is shut up, and only the door left open in the day, while at night all the birds are shut into the house to sleep.



Ground Plan of Miss Ellis' Aviary.

I have at present eight or nine Canaries, a cock and a hen Goldfinch Mule, a pair of Goldfinches, a Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, and Redpoll, all cocks, and a hen Linnet. Of foreign birds I have pairs of Saffron Finches, White and Grey Java Sparrows, a cock Zebra Finch, and a hen Weaver. All the above birds I have found, so far, have agreed very well and live together quite peacefully.

The White Java Sparrows are most delightful birds for an outdoor aviary, though I found their conversation a little monotonous indoors—I had them in the winter, and was obliged to keep them in a cage in the house until the weather was warm enough to put them out.

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Correspondence.

Proposed Open Show for Falkirk and District.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Falkirk and Dist. C.B.S. held Nov. 6, some discussion took place as to the advisability of holding an open show of cage birds in Falkirk in 1914. It was finally decided to hold a meeting in Oddfellows' Hall on Dec. 6, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of further discussing this proposal. All members and fanciers in the district are cordially invited to attend and give their views. ROBERT RENNIE, SEC.

Are Specialist Clubs Doomed?

SIR,—There is a feeling extant that the support of specialist clubs is not necessary for the successful conduct of shows, and should the idea become general it will place specialist clubs at a very great disadvantage. The idea has already gained sufficient credence to make one extremely apprehensive for their future welfare. There can be little doubt that specialist clubs are on their trial, and if they are to maintain the position they have gained, I would urge upon those concerned the supreme importance of supporting those shows receiving their club's patronage, thereby proving it is a real benefit. It must be obvious that societies will not continue to give the classification required unless they get a reasonable number of entries to warrant them so doing. The handwriting is on the wall, and fanciers should take heed ere it is too late. My remarks do not so much apply to the S.Y.C.C. as to the S.N.P.C. and the C.C.C., in all of which I am interested.

R. L. CRISP.

Sunderland Fancier Secures Desirable Post.

SIR,—The many fancier friends of Mr. James Jeffrey, late secretary to the Sunderland C.B.A., will be pleased to learn that he has recently been appointed Registrar of



Mr. J. Jeffrey, of Sunderland.

Births and Deaths for the Sunderland East District. This position is said to be worth £300 per year. His fellow-fanciers here heartily congratulate Mr. Jeffrey on his success, and are confident he will fill the position with great credit to all concerned.

A. W.

The Winning Hybrid at Preston Show.

Is it Only a Rare-feathered Bullfinch?

Sir,—Considerable interest was aroused by the winning Hybrid at Preston show, owned by Mr. Parlett, of Sheffield. The bird was catalogued as a Canary-Bullie, and is of monstrous size for that cross, with a mixture of white, buff, grey, and dark plumage. A great number of fanciers who examined the bird were of opinion that it was purely and simply an Albino Bullfinch; a very close examination did not reveal any traits that can reasonably be supposed to be derived from a Canary as one parent. It is of the Bullfinch shape, big, bold, wide head, short whip tail, big black beady eyes, twice as big as can be expected in a Canary-Bullie, very large and thick beak, bigger than that of a good Greenie-Bullie. It is not marked as is usual with variegated Hybrids, being a conglomeration of splashes of different colours; and on one wing there is a large patch of grey, the exact grey that is found in a cock Bullie. That is sufficient to "give it away," to my mind; but there is another little point that may have been overlooked by a superficial observer. I don't ever remember seeing a light Canary Hybrid with white legs *and black toe-nails*. I compared it with the winning Canary-Bullie, belonging to Mr. J. W. Johnson, and there is no resemblance either in shape, feather, or any other characteristics; then I compared it with a hen Bullie, and except for colour I could not find any difference whatever. Further the twitter or call note is the soft flute-like note peculiar to the Bullfinch. In spite of the judge awarding it first prize, in the absence of authentic evidence of its being bred from a Canary, I shall believe, with the majority of fanciers who saw it, that it is an Albino Bullie, probably a Russian. In my experience of breeding Hybrids, I never saw one that did not share the characteristics of its parents equally, but this one embodies all the traits of the Bullie and none of the Canary. I believe it will be like the Chaffinch-Bullie exhibited two years ago; when examined and judged by men who understand Hybrids, it will fizzle out. One last word: Why was the owner so anxious that the bird shouldn't be examined? And why were the words "Canary-Bullfinch" written in blackhead pencil on its number ticket? Was it because he was afraid the judge wouldn't be able to place its parentage.

T. JOHNSON.

Will the Breeder Enlighten Us?

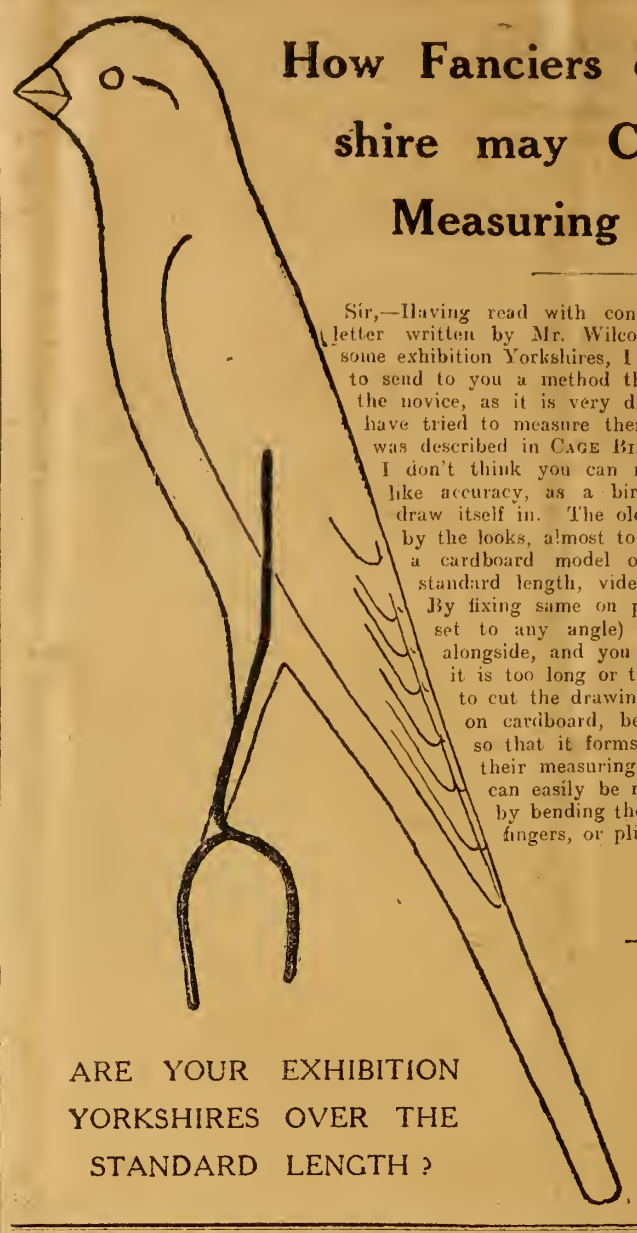
Sir,—Regarding a light "Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid" exhibited at Preston, Nov. 21 and 22 by Mr. R. D. Parlett, of Sheffield. As an interested Hybrid breeder I generally make a practice of looking carefully over any Hybrids shown that have not been commonly bred and this bird was awarded first prize by the judge, Mr. Alf. Wellings, but after I had carefully examined it I failed to find a true combination of parentage; in fact I could not trace any of the Canary, in any shape or form, although in this class there was the Canary-Bullfinch which won at Warrington Show. On placing these two exhibits together there was not the slightest resemblance. A real Canary-Bullie does not use the Bullfinch call note, nor does it carry a large beak, and if it were a variegated bird I should think it would follow the Canary, and not show slate-blue feathers. However, I came to the conclusion it is not a light Canary-Bullfinch, but a freak, or partial Albino. I hope the next time it is shown it will be under a specialist judge, who will give it a careful examination. I have one strong objection to make, and that is to the writing on the label of this bird's show cage, which stated "Canary-Bullfinch." I do not call it justice to other exhibitors for this naming business to be carried out on labels, and it causes suspicion. I consider it is not necessary to do this writing on the cage label; put the bird under a specialist judge and leave it for his decision. I am sure it would be interesting if the breeder would give his experiences on the breeding of this rare Hybrid, as I am always glad to receive knowledge.

HERBERT WALSH.

The Camera as Witness Against Disqualified Birds.

SIR,—Respecting "the camera as a witness," I take it Mr. Morris would have a full-length portrait taken of himself, holding the bird in his hand. Now, assuming a man stands 5ft. 8in., and is pictured on a ½-plate negative, he will be reduced (roughly) to 1-17th of his size; at the same time the bird will be reduced. I think a picture this size would be much too small for a council to pass any opinion on, more so if serious issues were at stake. Further, I have had a few years of serious and interesting experiments with photographic plates, both ordinary and also orthochromatic, and I have not yet come across anything that would be a reliable guide to a jury in a case where the colours are so subtle as they are in this. The purple colour of a bird's skin, if bare, would take some showing if the place was a small one, and amidst cinnamon or green feathers, and if the colour values were wrong on the negative, they would be no better on an enlargement.

C. CRAVEN.



ARE YOUR EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES OVER THE STANDARD LENGTH?

How Fanciers of the Yorkshire may Construct a Measuring Device.

Sir,—Having read with considerable interest the recent letter written by Mr. Wilcock, respecting the length of some exhibition Yorkshires, I thought it an opportune time to send to you a method that I think will be useful to the novice, as it is very difficult to measure a bird. I have tried to measure them with the apparatus which was described in CAGE BIRDS some few years ago, but I don't think you can measure them with anything like accuracy, as a bird can stretch itself out or draw itself in. The old fancier, of course, can tell by the looks, almost to a nicety. I am sending you a cardboard model of a Yorkshire, the correct standard length, vide Yorkshire Union rule book. By fixing same on perch in show cage (you can set to any angle) the bird will stretch itself alongside, and you can see at a glance whether it is too long or too short. Readers have only to cut the drawing out of your paper, paste it on cardboard, bend a piece of wire, and fix so that it forms a "crutch" and they have their measuring apparatus ready to use. It can easily be made to grip a perch tightly by bending the "crutch" opening with your fingers, or pliers.

MAJOR HARLEY.

THE MYSTERIOUS KOLLER TOUR.

Mr. C. Roehl attends a meeting of Berlin fanciers called specially to consider this seemingly baffling item of the Roller's repertoire.

Sir,—One of the most interesting bird club meetings it has been my privilege and pleasure of attending was held by the "Club Canaria," of Berlin, on Nov. 13th. This meeting was specially convened in order to bring the so-called Koller tour into discussion. The large hall was crowded with interested breeders from all parts eager to learn the result of the debate. Precisely at 8.30 the chairman, Mr. Jepard, opened the meeting with an able speech, in which he specially welcomed the writer for having taken the long journey from London to Berlin in order to be present at the meeting. After thanking the chairman and all present for the very kind and brilliant reception accorded me, I at once gave him sincere fraternal greetings from all the Roller Canary clubs of this country.

After a short discussion of the club's usual business, seven birds were put up by different members, three single ones and one team of four. Each owner of the different birds was convinced that the Koller-like tours were possessed by the birds that were put up for show. A dead silence was observed, and we waited two hours with close attention, the three birds in the meantime singing their tours in a grand and beautiful style, but not the least trace of the Koller tour could be detected in any of the birds. The team of four birds shown by Mr. Utterstadt were really a splendid quartette.

The different tours of these birds were then announced by this gentleman, starting with a good, but short, hollow roll, passing to a very distinct hollow bell, schockel and deep bass, descending to a very beautiful glucke in three different keys, also very nice flute notes, and ending with a rather sharp bell tour, but not sufficient to be in any way disagreeable to the ear or to impair its song. I was informed later on that this team was bred from birds obtained from the same person from whom most of our present glucke strain in England originally came. It was the opinion of several gentlemen that had not Mr. Utterstadt put the cocks to a different strain of hens, they would have been even fuller, and the hollow roll longer.

Now a very lively discussion sprang up between several members about the so-called Koller. Mr. Schreiber remarked that he was most anxious to bring a good Koller to this meeting, and wrote to several breeders on the Rhine who advertise such stock, and received several answers; but on making the conditions that £5 should be deposited anywhere to suit the vendor's convenience, also three days' approval, he heard nothing more about the matter.

Mr. Walter, of Berlin, then described the Koller tour at great length, and I think him quite right in all he said. His description of the Koller tour was as follows: Kullernde hollow roll, with a tinkling of a schockel, or bell roll. The Koller is more valuable when rendered by the bird in a treble-sounding form, that is, for instance, the Kullernde hollow roll, Knorre, or bass and deep bell tour combined; the deeper the tour in conjunction with the Kullernde hollow roll, the more valuable it is. The writer, having just returned from the Rhine district, remarked that he could not find anything like Koller near as good as Mr. Walter described. At the last International show our judge, Mr. Frith, was kind enough to bring over four so-called Koller birds to our show, but from the description I had of those birds, the so-called Koller was not as good as those we possessed in England, and a great number were supplied to me by two or three of those present at the meeting, as far back as nine years ago.

CHARLES ROEHL.

A Novice Points Special at Southend Show.

Sir,—At the late Southend Show I entered six exhibits in the open novice class and won two 1sts, two 3rds, one vhc, and one hc. By the rules printed in schedule and show catalogue, if less than five entries the class would be cancelled. There were two specials given to the novice who gained most points in Novice Norwich classes, points to count 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. As I made 23 points, I think I won the specials. I wrote the secretary and he replied saying that Mr. Cundy tied with me, as one class did not fill, only three in it. Then why was it not cancelled as stated in rules? He said that all entries were not entered in catalogue. So I was paid out half first prize money for the class, and the secretary writes that only three points count in that class. Even then, by deducting the four points, I still make 19, and the nearest to me is 18, which is Mr. Cundy, yet they write me to say he wins the specials. H. PAGE.

A New Cage Bird Society for Southampton.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in announcing through your valuable paper that we have formed a Cage Bird society in Southampton. On Nov. 17 a large number of fanciers met together to discuss the question, and it was unanimously decided to form one and name it the Southampton and District C.B.S. Mr. E. Holliday was elected chairman, and myself secretary. There is not the slightest doubt it is a long-felt want in Southampton, and we earnestly hope all fanciers will support us. It was agreed that the subscription should be 2s. 6d., and 1s. entrance; but those joining now pay 1s. entrance, and subscription will be due at the first meeting in January. Next meeting fixed for December 1st at 33, Lower Bullar Street, Southampton, where a room has been kindly lent us until we finally decide on our head quarters. A hearty welcome will be given all fanciers who care to attend.

W. L. PAGE, Hon. Sec.
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(Correspondence continued on page 443.)

Our Coloured Plate of Border and Roller Canaries.

The following information concerning the birds depicted on this week's coloured plate is taken from that intensely interesting work, "Our Canaries," the finest book of its kind ever published (see page 427).

IT is an axiom that facts are often stranger than fiction, and the story of the Border Fancy Canary reveals a strange tale indeed. Little more than 20 years ago it was a plebeian nondescript, unhonoured, yet unknown, with no more distinguished patronymic than the Common Canary: to-day it is, so to speak, the pride and the joy of princes, with the aristocratic name of Border Fancy Canary, bestowed upon it by its devoted admirers in conclave assembled on the 5th July, 1890, and by which it has ever since been known. For some time previous to this the bird had been attracting attention, and the term of Common Canary has fallen into disrepute, and the bird was being exhibited under the name of Cumberland Fancy at some shows, and as the Common Canary at others. There was in fact some rivalry and jealousy betwixt breeders in different localities for the honour of giving the bird its fancy name. But, happily, wise counsels prevailed, and it was eventually agreed to sever the nomenclature from any locality, and adopt a name representative of all the Border counties of England and Scotland where the bird was extensively bred and kept. To-day it is one of the most widely distributed and popular varieties we possess.

Its Rise and Progress.

That the future prospects of the bird were not generally recognised at this time is known by the notes contributed by Mr. J. S. Wilson, who writes us:—"'The breed can never become popular.'—So wrote an All-England judge to the writer many years ago, when the variety was unknown outside the Border counties. That was the honest opinion of the keen critic, but it only serves to show how hazardous it is to attempt to forecast future events.

"The Border should not be crossed with any other breed, as it contains within itself all the elements necessary for scientific development. It cannot be improved from outside sources as some other breeds. We remember in the old days certain fanciers taking a leap into the unknown by introducing Norwich blood with a view to improvement. The result was disastrous, the fusion producing objectionable features which required many generations to eradicate. And so it was with the marked variety; the small Yorkshire was requisitioned on account of its tendency to reproduce the required markings. But the result was again unsatisfactory; what was gained in markings was more than counterbalanced by the loss in type and quality. The secret of markings lies in the Cinnamon blood. Given this and suitable selection, there is nothing in the way of marks that cannot be accomplished."

In the Early Days.

"Before the club was formed," Mr. Henry Bennet says, "the great and best gatherings of Common Canaries were held at Selkirk, Hawick, Langholm, and a few shows in and around Cumberland. The Langholm fanciers of that date bred chiefly for even-marks and greens. The Cumberland men also had some very finely marked birds in their possession. The Selkirk fanciers were well-nigh invincible with clears and fouls, and had a few good marks. In Hawick we had a good mixture of all varieties, and also in Dumfries, Jedburgh, and Kelso. The type then exhibited was in many respects similar to our present day Border Fancy, although when I started I had to go in for two types to suit different judges, as there were those who preferred a neat and dainty bird, and others who were for a larger bird with more colour. Now, however, the type favoured by judges in England and Scotland is very similar, the only marked difference being that for a bird to win in most English shows a somewhat bolder head and fuller neck are required than we want in Scotland."

In South and West.

Concerning its popularity in the South and West of England we give a few extracts from a paper supplied by Dr. T. A. Bowes, who writes us: "Although the Border Fancy Canary did not have its origin in the south its popularity is increasing. It has spread south-west into Wales, and obtained a strong footing there, a large number of breeders having fallen victims to its charms. In and around London and in the South-east of England it is establishing a firm hold in the affections of fanciers. . . . . ."

The Ideal Bird.

The general all-round qualities and hardihood of the "wee gem of the Fancy," as the Border is often termed, account for its rapid rise to the position of an almost universal favourite. In size it must not exceed 5½ins. in total length, being therefore distinctly on the small side. Its hardihood and ease of management are beyond question. Its plumage is exceptionally fine and silky, and carries a beautiful natural bloom. Its colour should be perfectly natural and not enriched by colour food; its general appearance and carriage are those of an exceptionally smart, graceful, and agile bird, with the least touch of that "nerve" or action which characterises such "birds of position" as the Belgian; and its range of colours and markings is of the most extensive description, and includes both green and cinnamon types. It should stand in a semi-erect position, and its whole make-up be that of a trim-built, neat bird, as closely feathered as if moulded in wax, with no suspicion of looseness or superfluous feathers anywhere, nor an atom of surplus muscle or tissue.

Being also quite an accomplished singer, coming in this respect nearer to the pure Roller than any other purely fancy breed, the cocks that are wastrels from the exhibitor's point of view find a ready market as singing birds. Colour feeding is strictly forbidden, the general concensus of opinion being against it, a plebiscite of the total membership of the B.F.C. showing only 21 votes in favour of it against 111 against. Therefore birds showing signs of colour feeding are barred from competition on the show bench.

Points for Breeders.

The chief faults to guard against in stock birds are tersely detailed incidentally by Mr. J. Patterson, of Chirnside, in these words:—"Large heavy beak; large flat head; thick neck; frayed long flights; flights not meeting down the back; tail carried low or too high; fish-tailed; too thin in front, or vice versa; frilling in front or at thighs, or base of tail; long in legs; too high in thighs, or wide between; feet large and coarse; too large in body and side; too flat across perch; washed-out or uneven in colour; long and loose in feathers. All these faults should be avoided when mating up stock; never pairing two birds together when the fault is similar. Have every weak point strengthened in the mate, being guided by the faults and prominent good points inherited from their parents. See that all the good points of last season are kept; bad ones discarded; and any weakness made strong.

"I prefer to mate yellow to buff," he continues, "and have no special liking for either colour to be in cock or hen. All that I require is that the cock is sound in colour, tight in feather, ideal in size, and perfect in style and action. The hen must be typical and well-rounded, and her wing and tail carriage perfect. Type is derived more from the hen's side; therefore, if any fault, have it on the cock's side; the hen to be as perfect as possible."

The Roller and Singing Canaries

Of type or external characteristics for the breeder's guidance there is none pertaining to the Roller. Its vocal powers, quality of voice, purity of song, and freedom and ease of delivery are the only points, apart from general robustness and stamina, which weigh with the breeder of pure Rollers. Consequently, in appearance the Roller is the most nondescript type of Canary we possess, or, indeed, it may be truly termed the Canary with no type at all.

In size it is the smallest variety we possess, averaging from five to five-and-a-half inches in length over all; in shape it varies from a plump, cobby, well-proportioned bird to a lank, lean, leggy and long-tailed "slip of a thing"; and in colour practically every variety of variegation on a yellow or buff ground and self green may be found, but all of the most imperfect and washed-out kind, showing clearly the breeder's utter disregard for colour and markings. Its vocal abilities coupled with its comparative hardihood and ease of management have enabled it hitherto, and will probably continue to enable it, to command the admiration of a considerable army of devotees, to whom the cheery little songster is an indispensable part of the home life.

Strains of the Rollers.

In quite recent years the breeding and training of the Roller has become a large and growing portion of the Fancy in England, so that it is no flight of fancy to imagine a time in the not very distant future when the British workman will make as profitable a recreation of the hobby of



Two well-known North-country fanciers, Mr. Edward Floyd and his father.

rearing song Canaries as the peasantry of Germany and Switzerland have done for generations past.

The song required of the pure Roller Canary being a wholly artificial melody, it must not be expected that the young birds will acquire it without careful training and tuition, nor, indeed, given these necessary advantages, will all the youngsters become equally expert and proficient performers. In fact, there will be comparatively few of the highest-class performers of a pure and faultless type of song such as are required to carry off the laurels as contest singers, though the great majority of the young cocks may develop a very excellent style of song, with only trivial flaws of little moment to the average lover of a good pure singing Roller, but which materially reduce its chances of success in competition, where only the most faultless performers can be expected to come off victorious.

The song of the high-class Roller should be as a continuous stream of soft, sweet, flowing melody, soothing and pleasing to the ear, free from any harsh, zit-zittering or kettledrum-like tattoing upon the tympanum; as a German critic would put it, there should be only a sense of a smooth flowing or rolling with no indication of the hammering song of the ordinary type of singer.

[Two other interesting items concerning these fascinating songsters will be found in this issue.—Editor.]

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Judges for 1914-15; the Halifax Disqualification Again Discussed.

The Council met Nov. 22, at the "Flying Dutchman," Leeds Road, Bradford. Mr. H. W. Walsh, President, occupied the chair, there being an exceptionally good attendance of delegates. Correspondence from Mr. F. Carl, in respect to the supply of Union cage labels was endorsed on the same terms as before. The Secretary's action in support of Mr. J. Clark's case was also endorsed, and the suspension of a defaulting member was removed, he having paid all dues and demands to the society, of which he was previously a member. The ballot for Union judges for the season 1914-15 was proceeded with and as five judges tied for the 13th position it was decided to place the names of each in a hat and that they should be called upon if required in the same order as they were withdrawn, viz.: W. Stables, C. Dykes, J. Bailey, A. Cooper, and J. C. Barnes. Result of Ballot declared as follows:—

Oct.	2 and 3.—Halifax O.S.	Judge, Mr. W. Stables.
,,	10.—Bradford East O.S.	Mr. A. Cowgill.
,,	17.—Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.	Mr. F. Allen.
,,	24.—Shipley O.S.	Mr. W. Mundell.
,,	31.—City of Bradford O.S.	Mr. R. Halliday.
Nov	7.—Bradford West C.B.A.	Mr. H. Sutcliffe.
,,	14.—Tong C.B.S.	Mr. H. W. Battye.
,,	21.—Manningham C.B.A.	Mr. P. Mason.
,,	28.—Queensbury C.B.S.	Mr. H. W. Walsh.
Dec.	12.—Huddersfield O.S.	Mr. J. Robson.
,,	19.—Easterdyke B.F.A.	Mr. J. Greaves.

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Jan.	2.—Windmill, Shipley O.S.	Mr. H. J. Chittenden.
,,	9.—Great Horton O.S.	Mr. A. Hirst.

The Halifax Case Re-considered.

A letter from Mr. C. A. House, in respect to the Halifax disqualification case was brought before the meeting, asking the Council to reconsider their decision, as passed at a special council meeting, and calling into question the rulings of the Union, and the methods adopted by the Council in arriving at the conclusion they did in the matter. The minutes of the said council meeting, as submitted by the Secretary, were unanimously passed as a correct record, and after a very lengthy discussion, in which most of the delegates took part, the following resolution was proposed and carried: That the Council cannot accede to the request of Mr. House to re-open the case, as they had acted according to rule and precedent, and felt justified in taking the course they had done. But the Council passed a further resolution that the case be left open in order that further evidence may be taken, and then brought before the Council at a future date. The bird which had been before the Council at Halifax, and which had been kept in the possession of Mr. H. W. Walsh (the President of the Union) since the Halifax Show, was again placed before the Council and thoroughly examined by the delegates, who were shown the bare places on the bird's head, which Mr. House had been unable to detect at the previous Council meeting. Much discussion ensued at this point, and investigations, which had been made in the case, since Halifax Show were reported to the meeting. The President allowed a full and free discussion, after which the following resolution was carried unanimously: The Council are satisfied from the evidence received that the bird kept by Mr. H. W. Walsh in his possession since Oct. 18th, the date of Halifax Annual Show is the same bird disqualified by Mr. House at the said show; and, further, that the bare places on the bird's head, as shown to the Council, were quite natural. The Council sat 3½ hours dealing with this and the previous business, the President terminating the meeting by thanking the delegates for their attendance.—H. Hill, Sec.

As we ourselves looked up the Y.U. rules last week and expressed our opinion on them, perhaps we may be excused if, without entering into the merits or demerits of this particular disqualification, we say that the above report offers a very inadequate reply to the question as to what rule the Council considers gives them the authority to act as they did—personally, we can find none. Rule 9 says that committees of shows shall deal with such matters as the above. Further, it is nowhere stated that the Council has power to upset a judge's decisions. For the Council to say that they acted according to "rule and precedent" seems to us contrary to reason.

Here are the rules:—

6.—The decision of the judge shall be final, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the committee that a bird has been entered in a wrong class, or is not the property of the exhibitor, or has been fraudulently tampered with, in which case such decision shall be void; and the committee reserve to themselves the right of adjudicating thereon.

8.—Any exhibitor who shall be disqualified at any show held under the rules of the Union for fraudulent practices or false statement as to ownership, shall forfeit all or any prizes or specials that may be awarded to him or her at the show, in addition to all entry fees. Such disqualifications must be reported to the Union Secretary, to be dealt with by the Council, who may inflict such other punishment as they may decide. Any Society failing to enforce this rule will be fined not less than one guinea.

9.—Any member or exhibitor found guilty of dishonest practices at any show held under the rules of the Union shall be punished as the committee of the said show decide, in accordance with these rules. Such person shall have the power to appeal to the Council of the Union, whose decision shall be final.

Note the use of the words "committee" and "council," also the phrase "such other punishment."—Editor, "C.B."

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Questions and Answers.

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:

(1) *If questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6) *If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the* Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

AVIARY ACCOMMODATION (Enos Ely).—You do not say whether the aviary is in or out of doors. The height of an aviary is of little importance in comparison with the floor space, and the height of yours is out of all proportion to the length and width, so that you cannot safely keep as many birds in it as you might expect. Twenty is as many as you should keep in it regularly, but with strict attention to cleanliness you may keep from 25 to 30 occasionally. If the aviary is indoors, and you were to divide the height by placing a second floor midway between the top and bottom, you could then keep 20 birds in each section quite safely.

CAGE WIRES GONE BLACK (Amateur).—You could paint the wires of your cage with any kind of hard drying enamel, but that which dries without gloss will give the best results, and only dark coloured or black should be used, as a light coloured wire detracts very considerably from the appearance of the bird behind it. Brunswick black is as good as anything you can use for this job, and before applying you should clean all the rust from the wires by scraping with a blunt knife, or rubbing with sand-paper or pumice stone, and finally wash them with a strong solution of common soda to ensure them being quite free from any trace of grease. Allow to stand until quite dry before applying enamel, which you will do with a small brush. Use it quite sparingly, and apply two very thin coats in preference to one thick coat, and allow the first to become thoroughly dry before applying the second. This is the way to avoid the enamel drying in lumpy "tears." Do not replace the bird until the wires are dry and hard.

NOT FINISHED MOULTING (Benwellite).—I am not sure whether I have your pseudonym correct. It seems to me that all your birds are still moulting more or less, as I do not see how those that are still casting a lot of feathers can be termed through the moult. The probability is that you are exposing them to cold draughts in some way, or it may be

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each) No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

damp or extreme and sudden fluctuations. Either or all these exciting causes must be quite removed before you can hope to remove the effects. See that the birds are in a comfortable place, which need not necessarily be a very warm one, but the birds that have not finished moulting according to your ideas may with advantage be kept a little warmer. In the drinking water of these birds give 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, every second day for a fortnight, and in addition to the usual seed diet give on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a slight dusting of flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. At the end of a fortnight stop all the above and give four drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in the sponge cake, and add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water every second day until the moulting has ceased. Give the other birds that you think have finished moulting a little sponge cake with the cod liver oil and sherry, as mentioned above, every second day for a fortnight, and during the same period add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water every second day, and on the alternate days add instead six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel.

COLDS AND DISINFECTION (Inquirer, Brabote).—The birds in question seem to have been thoroughly broken up physically. Yet I do not quite see how the disease can be very infectious, if these birds have been in the same room as your other stock all through the summer, and suffering from this complaint, and have not infected the other birds. By all means keep them in a cosy, but not overheated, place, free from cold draughts, and give a quinine tonic until, at least, those that are moulting feathers are in tight plumage again. Dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three for a fortnight at a time, and then miss a week, and begin again and give it for another fortnight, and so on. I do not consider it at all necessary, nor even advisable, to give medicine of this kind direct into the beak, as the constant excitement and shock of catching the birds and administering the medicine are not conducive to rapid recovery. Still, if you prefer this mode of treatment you may give the mixture in the beak in two drop doses every morning and evening. I cannot tell whether the term "infectious" was intended to apply to humans in your case or not; probably not. To disinfect the cage wash out thoroughly with a solution of Jeyes' of the strength of one in twenty—that is a tablespoonful of fluid in half a pint of water. The books that will suit you are "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, or House's "Canary Manual," post free, 1/2.

FAINTING FITS (Anxious).—The bird is doubtless of a very highly strung temperament, and the way it behaves is due to extreme nervousness. You can do very little to remedy matters beyond treating the bird with much patience and gentleness. You might try keeping it in a flight with several others for a few weeks, to see if that will induce it to assert itself and overcome the nervousness. Always approach its cage gently and without any unnecessary noise or bluster; go through all cleaning and feeding operations quietly and methodically; and always contrive to leave a scrap of dainty green food or some tit-bit for it. In short, endeavour to win the bird's confidence, and let it know that your attentions are all of a friendly nature. This is about all you can do in such a case. Drug treatment is quite worthless. Gentleness is essential in dealing with these specimens, as there is always a great risk of them dying instantly at the slightest cause for alarm.

MOULTING AND MITES (Enid Vaughan).—(1) You say your room is not a cold one. Does this mean that it is heated by any artificial means? If so, you should maintain an equable temperature, as near 55 degrees as you can, until the birds are through the moult, when between 45 and 50 will be quite sufficient for the rest of the winter. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and in addition give separately every second day about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw. Continue giving the latter for a fortnight only. Twice each week give a little of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazel. A spray of watercress or morsel of fruit may be given two or three times a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a fortnight. If this does not soon set matters right, please do not hesitate to write again and let me know. No trouble at all to help you as far as possible. (2) Red mites do not live upon the bird. What you must do is to place the bird in a cage temporarily, during which time you should offer her a bath daily in which you have added a few drops of quassia essence, and thoroughly overhaul the cage in which the hen has been living. The mites will be harbouring in this cage, and if you thoroughly clean it and paint it all over with a good insecticide—paraffin, or methylated spirit and camphor—working it well into the joints and crevices with a small paint brush, and repeat this dressing twice at intervals of one day, afterwards repainting or distempering the cage as the case may be, there will be very little left of the red mites. But you must be careful to clean the wall or hook on which the cage has been hanging at the same time as the cage itself. Be careful not to return the bird to the cage until it is quite dry.

LOUD ROLLER YOUNGSTERS (Constant Reader).—It is most unlikely your young Rollers, which are now too loud in song, will get softer as they get older. The tendency will be all in the other direction. You did not commence the training early enough, and possibly also used a tutor or tutors that were loud singers, or perhaps kept them in open cages and uncovered, so that they heard the tutor's song at the extreme pitch. All this was wrong, and would cause the young to acquire a loud tone, which will be irremediable now that the birds have their song almost fully formed and fixed in type. Either the young should have been trained in closed song boxes, or had the cages kept covered during the first few weeks of training, or in case the tutors were themselves loud, they should have been kept in closed boxes, or boxes partly closed, as the case seemed to require. The best you can now do is to place the birds separately in boxes and keep them closed for a week or two, after which gradually open them a little at a time, and see how the birds perform, closing them again as soon as they begin to let themselves go. You may possibly make some improvement by this means in the course of a few months, but the prospect is by no means very hopeful. Get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Roller, No. 10, and feed and treat the birds as therein advised.

A BALD ROLLER (T.K.).—It is by no means uncommon for these cases of baldness to prove most obstinate to treatment. It is of little use painting the head daily as you are doing for so long a time, neither is there likely to be any improvement until a moult takes place, which may not be until next spring. Keep the bird in a fairly warm and equable place, free from cold draughts, impure air, or fumes from burning lights. Give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give first a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, millet, and linseed, and next a morsel of banana or spray of watercress. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, every second day. At the end of a fortnight remove the bird to a cold room for a few days, and in case the moult begins, leave the bird there until it is well started, and then take it back to the warmer room to finish. Write again and say when the moult begins, or in three weeks hence, if it does not begin, and I will tell you further how to go on.

WHEEZING AND RASPING (Snap Shot).—First satisfy yourself that these two birds are not kept in a position where they are exposed to cold draughts sometimes perhaps draughts that occur only when a window or door is open. If there is no such exposure, then they are doubtless more than usually susceptible to cold, and are not likely to throw off this trouble in a quite cold room. Remove them to a room where a fire is kept, but hang the cages well away from the fireplace, where the temperature will be fairly equable, but be careful to avoid draughts, and do not hang them near or over a burning light in the evening, nor high up near ceiling. Having done this, give, in addition to your present seed dietary, to each bird half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for two or three weeks. If you can get any mealworms available you might with advantage give a live fat one to each bird daily for a time. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for three days, and afterwards give the chlorodyne mixture again which you have already tried in 20 drop doses two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards for two or three weeks if necessary. Remember the question of a comfortable temperature is the main point in enabling these birds to throw off the trouble, so that must be the first step.

BATHING AND FOOD (C. A. O.).—(1) The force of example is about the best and simplest method of inducing birds to bathe which are not naturally keen on water. Keep them for a time either caged with or hanging where they can see and hear other birds bathing, at the same time providing them with a bath, and removing the drinking water for the time being, to prevent them making a pretence of bathing in that. A scrap of green food may be placed in the bath at first as an inducement for them to approach it. If this does not succeed watch for them bathing the head in the drinker. Then slightly bedew the plumage with a few blows through a sprayer, remove the drinker, and put on the bath for an hour or so. These tactics usually succeed after a time. If they fail, dripping water might attract them. You may have seen a number of contrivances illustrated in our columns for causing water to drip from bottles, etc., at top of cage into the drinker to induce newly-caught British birds to drink. Arrange something similar to drip into a bath placed in centre of bath-cage. An empty condensed milk tin with a tiny pin-hole punched in bottom, half-filled with water, and placed on the wire top of bath-cage, over the bath which would be inside on the floor, would answer the purpose quite well. (2) If you mean which proprietary food on the market is the best substitute for egg-food, I cannot say. I have not seen them all, much less used them. But of all I have seen and used, a goodly number, there is much of a muchness about them, and very little to choose between them.

BAD FEET (A. B. C.).—I have carefully read both your letters, and examined the feet, which you did well to send on after the bird's death. A glance at the latter suffices to convince me that it is not the disease I referred to as being common in some other countries. It is strongly suggestive of the complaint termed "bumble-foot" in poultry, caused by alighting from a high perch in confined places on to a hard floor, so that it is just likely your hard lath perches may be at the root of the mischief, which probability is increased by the absence of fresh cases since you put in soft wood perches. I will endeavour to get these feet pathologically examined, and if the above surmise is incorrect will let you know what else is discovered. Watch these replies for a week or two. It is a little curious to note that you say in your letter the painting with Friar's Balsam caused much bleeding. As a matter of fact this is quite a good styptic, and should stop bleeding rather than cause it. Make all your perches of soft pine, a trifle thicker than sample you sent, but no wider—say ½in. wide by 5-16in. thick—and plane off the edges to make perch a flattened oval. If you have any more of these cases bathe in a solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of the acid in a saucerful of warm water—daily, dry gently, and anoint with Lanocyllin. Keep perches and cage floors as clean as possible.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H NORMAN.

WHAT BIRD? (South Wales).—According to your description, I rather think your bird is a young Crossbill. I know of no other British bird that at all fits it. Young Crossbills do not have the peculiar crossing of the upper and lower mandibles until they are full grown. If you are not acquainted with these birds, you will soon see an alteration in the beak, and a change in plumage. A good cock bird is a brilliant specimen. They will live upon a seed diet, with an occasional mealworm.

WILD SEED (No Nom-de-plume).—I am at present unable to give you the correct name of the plant of which you send me some seed. It grows freely around here, and all the Finches are very fond of it. Yours is a splendid sample, and you are very fortunate in getting it. I think you should use it in making a mixture as a change of diet for your birds; this would be better than using it separately. Will let you know the correct name later on; your local name is a different one to ours.

WINTERING HYBRID PAIRS (Next Please). I am glad to hear you had such a successful season with your birds, and hope your luck will continue. It is not absolutely necessary to let pairs of birds designed for hybrid breeding to fly together all the winter, but if you have the birds in your possession, it is just as well to do so to get them properly used to each other, and there is always the chance that they may strike up a friendship that will greatly assist in the success of the following season. I think this is more necessary with two British birds than with a Finch and a Canary, although some Canaries are very nervous when first introduced to a Finch, and if they fly together only occasionally during the winter, there is no shyness on either side when the spring comes. A cock Linnet and hen Canary can be put together without much difficulty as regards food, as a Linnet will live on practically the same food as a Canary. Let them have a staple food of two parts canary and one of summer rape. Then make a mixture of linseed, hemp, teasle, and maw, and give them a couple of teaspoonfuls once a week; and on another day in the week the same quantity of a good wild seed mixture, which you can procure at your seed shop. Some of the seeds, such as the linseed, and several in the wild seed mixture, the Canary will hardly sample, but the Linnet will eat them and do well.

OUTSIDE AVIARY (Novice).—I am very desirous of helping you, but if I answered your query as it should be done, it would be taking up too much space; in fact, nothing less than an article would be sufficient. Why not get a copy of "Aviaries and Bird Rooms," published at this office? It would give you all the information you desire, together with a lot of little other items that would be useful to you. There have been many sketches of aviaries in back numbers of CAGE BIRDS (one in this week). Would not some of these give you an idea? A place the size you mention would hold up to fifty birds. You could keep Finches, and a few Canaries in summer, or you could have some of the commoner kinds of Foreign birds, or even go in for hybrid breeding if you felt disposed. You do not say if you have a wall to build to, or if your aviary would stand by itself.

THRUSH WITH SWELLING (M. Ritchie).—In most cases these troublesome swellings are caused by improper treatment in the way of unsuitable food. No doubt many birds are more easily upset than others, and these should be treated in a rather more liberal manner. You do not say how you are treating your bird, but as you have already had two others die with fits, I am inclined to think you are not feeding them properly. First of all give your bird a dose of Glauber Salts, a piece about the size of a pea dissolved in warm water, in an ordinary drinker. Get some good insectile food, such as is given to delicate Warblers, and feed him on that for a time until he is better. After a time you can vary it with a mixture of your own. Crush some puppy biscuits (or get ground chicken meal)

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3, "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11, "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

two parts, and meat meal half part. Soak half-a-part of fine crissel in hot water, and then add the other ingredients until it is crumbly moist. You could also put in a few grocers' currants and ants' eggs occasionally, so as to vary his food. Don't forget a few mealworms, or other insects. Paint the affected part with tincture of iodine; do it carefully with a small camel-hair brush. Every other day will be quite often enough. As you keep Thrushes, our "Nutshell" booklet on these birds, or the part on Softbills, Vol. 2 of "The British Bird Manual," should just suit you.

BLACK BULLFINCH (A. M.).—Yours is not by any means an isolated experience; from time to time we have had Black Bullfinches exhibited at the Crystal Palace and other shows. I do not think your feeding had anything to do with it; caged life may have hastened the tendency of melanism, which was already in the blood. He will, no doubt, get darker each year. If he is a good specimen you can, of course, still exhibit him in the rare-feathered class at the big shows. Small shows, as a rule, do not give such classes, and you are liable to have him disqualified in an ordinary Bullfinch class.

GOLDFINCH-GREENFINCH HYBRID (W. J. B.).—The bird you have caught may have been reared in an aviary, and managed to escape from there. Of course, it is possible for any cross between two British birds to be bred in the open, but as wild birds are able to find partners of their own species, such an occurrence would be very uncommon. You should be able to give a shrewd guess about this by the bird's behaviour when caged. If he has been caged before he would soon settle down, and find his food and water straight away. The cross is possibly the easiest to get of all the hybrids (although none of them can be called really easy). If he is large, of good shape and colour, showing a good blaze, he should make an exhibition specimen. No matter what the colour of his legs, he could be shown in the class for hybrids bred between two British birds—there is generally one provided at most shows. The value of the bird would be regulated by the above points; an ordinary specimen about 15s., a real good one anything from £3 to £4.

CAGE FOR HYBRIDS (W. L.).—Undoubtedly, a two-compartment cage is the best for hybrid pairs, as it is so necessary to occasionally part them, either because they at times quarrel, or for fear the Finch should destroy the eggs as soon as they are laid. I see no reason why you should not make your cage into one with two compartments. All you have to do is to file the cage front in halves, making it into two separate fronts, then file or cut off the projecting edges so as to allow a board (for a partition) to slide between them. Cut a piece of board the same height as the wood front, and nail it in from back to front; also two narrow strips in the roof for your partition to slide in. I think if you have one part of the cage rather smaller than the other, you will find this to be of great convenience that is, unless your present cage is very roomy. In that case it would possibly be as well to divide it exactly in half.

WHICH HYBRID? (Kelly).—The Siskin-Bullfinch hybrid is still to be bred. You could, of course, have a shot at it, as you appear to have two very suitable birds for the work, unless there is a great difference in size. But as this will probably be your only pair up for hybrid breeding, it would perhaps be as well to try for something not quite so difficult, although none of your suggestions are easy ones. If there is not much difference in the size of the cock Redpoll and hen Bullfie, this would be your most likely pair, but it is useless putting up a small Redpoll and a large Siberian hen Bullfie. If there is a great difference in the size, you had better pair her to a full-size cock Canary; young ones from this cross are still valuable

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

ROSELLA PARRAKEETS (Retlaw).—(1) No nesting material is required, but, if you can, get a handful of rotten wood, so rotten that you can crush it almost to powder, and put this in the barrel, if not use a handfull of sawdust, but do not put the latter in more than half inch deep. (2) A well cleansed out oyster barrel will form a good nest receptacle. (3) This is erratic and they take some time to settle down, if you have a true pair they are sure to breed sooner or later, and the event may take place any time between early spring and November.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (F. W. T.).—I rather incline towards advising you to get a mate for this bird, it will liven it up and make it take more interest in life generally. From the further information you send I do not think the indisposition reported was more than the slight ailments that occur in the lives of all birds and folk, too, at times—he is kept under most happy conditions and should do well.

MEALY ROSELLA (W. Menger).—Get a quart each Canary, white millet, and oats; and a pint each of hemp and sunflower seeds, mix the whole well together; and see that it has a continuous supply but maintain somewhere near the above proportions. Also supply fruit (Broadtails usually very fond of sweet apple), and greenfood (fresh lettuce at this season, with the thick fleshy rib cut out). Grit, cuttlebone, and water must also be treated as part of the daily menu. Once the bird has come into condition it is a hardy species, and only needs protecting from draught. In a roomy aviary it can be left out of doors all the year round, but, of course, must not be turned out at this time of year—put it out in the spring if you have an aviary, and it can then be left ont altogether.

SCARLET BISHOP (Bishop).—These birds are sold promiscuously as Bishops and Weavers, and recently the Crimson-crowned Weaver has been advertised as Scarlet Bishop; the Madagascar Weaver is also so offered, but the latter has no black in its plumage: brown above, fiery scarlet below, the sides of the face are also scarlet, and the upper plumage is also tinged with the same hue. The Crimson-crowned has the crown of the head fiery orange-red, a patch of velvety black on the sides of face, enclosing the eye, cheeks and extending over the chin, front of throat, breast, and front of abdomen. Both of these species have black beaks, but the above sketchy descriptions should enable you to determine which species yours is.

BUDGIES AND COCKATEELS (E. Paterson).—The zinc hoppers you illustrate are not suitable for Parrakeets at all; a good way to feed these birds is to suspend a board about 2ft. above the ground, and in the board cut out circular holes in which you can put flower pot saucers, which will be kept in place by the rim. Of course, keep one on the ground till you are sure all the birds are using the shelf feeder. If you have a separate saucer for canary, white millet, and oats, replenishing these as necessary, this will be all the seeds the above birds will require, unless you care to give them millet sprays as well. They will also require green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water, and it would be well to offer a little fruit. Black-cheek Lovebirds, Red

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (6d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

Rosella Parrakeets, Ring-necked Parrakeets, and all Green Parrakeets are all hardy, but I should only advise in an aviary such as yours to add one pair of Lovebirds and one pair of Parrakeets, your accommodation will then be quite used up. All the above are breeders, but Parrakeets are frequently very long-winded in making a start, sometimes taking one or two years before settling down to nesting.

NONPAREIL BUNTING, ETC. (Tobacco).—In addition to the ordinary diet give the bird about four to six mealworms per diem, supply greenfood (lettuce at this season), also try if it will take either apple or banana. If it will take a little insectile mixture (soft food) so much the better, if it will take this stir in a quarter teaspoonful of flour of sulphur after the mixture is moistened. Twice a week either make the drinking water saline with Epsom Salts or stir in half-teaspoonful Dinneford's magnesia. Also twice a week put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. The true Blue Tanager (*Tanagra episcopus*) is pale silvery-blue with the flights and tail darker blue, and a patch of mother of pearl on the bend of each wing; but there are several near species sold as Blue Tanagers.

WAXBILLS AND FINCHES, ETC. (E. E. E.).—Birds, same as ourselves, do better on a varied diet, and if they care for them a mealworm or two occasionally will be to their benefit, and the same applies to dried ant's eggs, but when in season procure the latter fresh. They ought also to get flowering (seeding) grass, chickweed, lettuce, etc., as greenfood, according to the season. During cold weather a pinch of maw seed once a week will be appreciated. Some Waxbills are fond of nibbling at a piece of sponge cake and it is quite wholesome for them. Grit should be given regularly, you can keep a small tin of it hanging in the aviary for the birds to go to at will, also sprinkle a little over sand on aviary floor as required. Either a privet, or an aucuba plant in a pot can go in the aviary, but unless you place the pot on something smooth and dead level mice will harbour in the pot, if they burrow in from above you can easily flush well out with water. Re the mice in aviary, put a little tar down each hole you can find—if the aviary is not too large, putting sheet zinc 2ft. high round all the walls, having the ends (bottoms) of all branches above the zinc, should prevent them climbing. Both oil of peppermint and camphor are objectionable to mice, but, of course, these need frequent renewal. You could poison them off with either "extermo" or Virus, but with both preparations I should put them where they would not be accessible to the birds; I have killed off many mice by putting the bread or biscuit spread with above into their holes without losing any birds.

GREY PARROT (W. Bache).—I should advise you to get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, from our manager, and get your bird on to the seed mixture and general diet given there as soon as possible. Unless it over drinks, keep water continually in the cage. Twice weekly put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intervening days half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates. Give it a piece of slightly moistened biscuit, that has been dusted with flowers of sulphur, once or twice daily. Continue the spraying, but see that the bird does not take a chill. Give it several pieces of stick, tree branch if possible, to cut up and keep up the supply, as, if it takes to this, it may distract its attention from its plumage. Also keep a piece of cuttlebone in the cage, and do not omit to supply grit. Try rubbing the bare areas with Spratt's "Pennaeura." Once this habit is acquired it is most difficult to eradicate—the flights may have been bitten off by the bird before it reached you; stumps, as a rule, are not easy to moult, and if the bird is tame enough to handle, it might be well to pull the remainder, drawing, say, two or three twice a week till the whole are removed, but leave the bird to moult out naturally all whole feathers. You will have to persevere—it will take much patience to check and ultimately cure it. It must not be teased, but at the same time, keeping it occupied and fussing about with and petting it will do much.

FOR INDOOR AVIARY (Baw Recruit).—You do not say whether you want the birds for breeding or merely an interesting series of brightly coloured birds. If you want them to breed, then only put in three pairs, and Zebra Finches, Bib Finches, and Silverbills, would be a nice trio for you to commence with. But merely as a mixed series your aviary would accommodate about a score of Waxbills and the small Ornamental Finches. Here are a few, which should do well in such a place, though you are almost sure to get a few losses in stocking it:—Pairs each of Avadavats; Grey, Orange-cheek, and Gold-breasted Waxbills; Bib Finches, Silverbills, Cordon Bleus, Firefinches, Zebra Finches, and Spice Birds. If you require to include Canaries or British birds with them, then you must lessen the number of foreign species, and count one Canary as equal to two Waxbills when considering what to put in; cocoanut shell and rush nests must be put in as sleeping shelters for the birds, and these must be periodically attended to, to keep down red-mite, etc. Our Nutshells would help you as to treatment.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Thos. Wood.—Broncho-pneumonia caused death of Canary, following on a chill.

"Nemo."—Goldfinch died of heart affection; discoloration of the beak indicated imperfect circulation. It is in no way due to mismanagement, but just one of those patbological changes difficult to account for.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. Medcraft.—You are mistaken in thinking that the capture of a Shorelark is a rare occurrence. Numbers are taken every year in the winter on the East coast.

G. Rostron.—Your intentions are better than your poetry; which is a gentle way of expressing our opinion that the history of your "famous Linnet" would be better if reduced to plain everyday prose.

C. Craven.—This is a matter for the Yorkshire Union and the societies comprised in it. If it were shown by votes of the said societies that there was a majority in favour of closed rings, there can be little doubt that they would be allowed.

J. D. Briggs.—The secretary of the Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S. is Mr. J. Spence, 193, Palmerston St., Berwick, Manchester. If you were to write him, or call, he would give you all information, and doubtless welcome you as a member. Pleased to hear of your success in, and love for, our hobby. Your questions are being answered by Mr. Page; you do not state the kinds of birds you fancy as inmates of the aviary.

Lit.—You ask: "Is a person who is a champion in one variety of Canaries, allowed to enter as an amateur or novice with another variety?" The answer is, No. A champion in one variety (say Yorks.), is a champion in all other varieties.

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Accrington C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Crown Hotel, 8 p.m. Mr. W. Dormer (Rishton) will give a washing exhibition; all fanciers cordially invited to attend.—D. Harwood, Sec.

Ardwick, Manchester, C.B.A.—Dec. 2, St. Thomas School, 8 p.m. Selection of medals, etc. Ticket money to be paid in. Important meeting.—J. Spencer.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Brayshaw's Assembly Rooms, 7. Members' show cancelled. Society's dance; tickets, 6d.—F. Gelder

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Club, 7. To arrange for show, Dec. 6. Will all members attend?—D. Reavely.

Barrow C.B.A.—Dec. 3, Garder and Rickard's, 7.30. Election of officers; draw for specials; pay out prize-money; all ticket money to be paid in.—A. Hudson.

Bingley O.S.—Nov. 29, Assembly Rooms, 2.45. Members' show and meeting. Birds staged 2.45; judge, Mr. L. C. Casey, Bradford.—H. Shaw.

Bootle C.B.S.—Dec. 2, St. Andrew Parochial Hall, Linacre Road, Liscard, 8. Final arrangements for show.—L. S. Hamilton.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Mr. H. J. Chittenden will lecture at this meeting. Arrangements for annual prize distribution, etc., and other very important bus.—H. Hill.

Bolton C.B.S.—Dec. 2, headquarters, 8.30. Members' show and election of officers.—J. Gerrard.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Dec. 3, King's Head, 8.15. Passing of balance-sheet for 1913. Local show for New Year's Day.—J. C. Bell.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Colliery Inn. Important bus.; also washing exhibition.—J. W. Robson.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Election of judge for open show, table show, yell. cocks, buff hens.—A. Wood.

Camborne F. and H.S.—Dec. 2, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Show and concert report.—A. Scoble.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Dun Cow Hotel, 7. Members' prize-money and other bus.—R. Ward.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Table show two classes, Yorks. Ck., Yorks. Hen; also other important bus. concerning Xmas Show.—H. Saunders.

Coventry O.S.—Dec. 3, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Date for next open show.—A. J. Barratt.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Goth Hotel, 7. Table show, one class, Plainhead cock, one class for Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite. Judges, J. C. Murray and A. Robertson.—J. W. Holms.

Crewe O.S.—Dec. 2, Brotherhood Institute, 8.—E. Jaycott.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Co-op. Hall, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of office-bearers, etc.—R. T. Campbell.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Nov. 29, St. John's School, 3. Show; judge, T. Bennett, Esq.—L. Booth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Nov. 29, Fountain Inn, 8.30. Members please attend; very important bus., re cup.—S. Wilcock.

Erith F.S.—Dec 4, West Street Schools, Erith, 8. Subs. 1913 to be paid; all tickets and monies re annual show to be paid in. Other business urgent. Preparation of Year Book.—G. A. Rickett.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Dec. 3, 8. Show business. Members please attend.—W. Curry, Sec.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Dec. 2, J. H. Senior, High Street East, 8. Entries close for annual show, also allotting specials to classes. All members please attend.—A. Berry.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Weir's Room, 7.30. Show arrangements and other important bus. All members please attend.—W. Waraker.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 29, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Balance-sheet for old show and other important bus.—H. Clegg.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Dec. 3, St. George's Hall, Windsor Street, 8. Special business.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Crown Inn, 7. Final arrangements for show. Entries taken, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green (Notts) C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Bus. urgent.—Wm. Cottingham.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 29, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' 3rd competition show, old feather; also Dec. 3, at 8. Business important.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 2, White Swan, 8.30. Yellow and Buff Hens (old birds), novice, and Goldf.—A. Freestone.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Dec. 6, "Globe," Maple Street, Tottenham Court Road, 8.—G. G. Stubbs.

Loughboro' C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Fox and Hounds, Wellington Street, 3. Table show: Nor. Cock; ditto Hen; Matched Pairs; A.V. Nat. Col.; Novice Class; Yorks. Pairs; Cock or Hen, Novice; A.V. Brit.; A.V. Mule. Numerous specials given.—J. A. Walker.

Manchester and Dist. Amal. Show.—Dec. 4, Robinson's, Carruthers Street, 9. Amalgamated shows, etc.—H. Clayton.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Dec. 1, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Nominations of officers for 1914, and other very important business.—W. H. Tansey.

Middlesex O.S.—Dec. 4, St. John's Schools, Sonthall, 8 p.m. Pay prize-money Annual Show.—J. Jefferis.

Nelson, Colne C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Mr. Fulton's Shop, 7.30 p.m. Report of show and special bus.—J. Speak.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Dec. 4, 65, Grainger St., 7.30. Fixing date of 1914 show. Question of Members' prize-money. Nominations (in writing) for officials for 1914.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—Dec. 4, People's Hall, Tanners Hill, Deptford, 7.45 p.m. Present prizes won at Annual Show and draw up programme for 1914. Fanciers invited.—Burton Bros.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Dec. 1, Pillars Cafe, 7.30. Table Show, five classes each section. Champion and novice. Judges: Messrs. T. Parker and W. P. Smith.—M. C. Potts.

Oxford C.B.S.—Dec. 4th, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. General business.—A. F. Fifield.

Perth O.A.—Dec. 1, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard St., 8 p.m.—J. L. Smith.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Nov. 29th, Old Boar's Head, Corporation St., Manchester, 6 p.m. Members' Show, followed by bus. meeting.—A. Percival.

Paisley Tannahill O.S.—Dec. 6, in Mr. H. Whites, 2, St. James St., 8 p.m. Bus., election of judges, etc.—J. Stewart.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Fleece Hotel, 8 p.m. General bus., allotting specials, etc.—H. Raistrick.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Nov. 29, College Inn, 8 p.m. Election of officers; all ticket money to be brought in. Show date for next year.—B. Bailey.

Reading C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Palmer Hall, 8 p.m.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Temperance Club, 8 p.m. General, also special urgent business.—W. Adams.

Runcorn C.B.A.—Dec. 5, Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. Giving out specials and prize-money; all unsold tickets brought in.—E. Rone.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Headquarters, 7.45 p.m. Payment of prize-money. Members having tickets unsold, and cash to pay in, kindly make a point of being present.—W. Broadbridge.

S. Shields C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Cyprus, 7.30 p.m. Election of officers and balance-sheet.—W. L. Smith.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 3, Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Subs. due for the year.—E. Grange.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Liberal Club, 8 p.m. Arrange members' show; hope to have good attendance.—F. Hampshire.

Stanley Vic. F. and F. and C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Victoria Club, 6.30 p.m. Annual Show and entries taken.—R. Peart.

Stockton-in-Tees C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8 p.m. Report of Open Show.—J. H. Lowes.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Dec. 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8 p.m. Receive ticket money, pay members prize-money, classification for Boxing Day Show, and other important business.—J. Pitchford.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Dec. 1, Railway Hotel, 8 p.m. Important business.—H. Cuttler.

Torbay (Paignton) O.S.—Dec. 8, Pope's Restaurant, 8 p.m. Financial statement.—J. N. Jeffery.

Universal Club C.B.S.—Nov. 29, 7.30 p.m. To consider the show, take subs. and other bus.—J. Smith.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Club, 7 p.m. Selecting stewards. Specials for members show, Dec. 6; Judge, F. Riseborough (Sunderland).—H. Briggs.

Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 29, Crown and Anchor, 7 p.m. Prize-money and members' show; birds staged 2.45.—J. Isherwood.

Walkden Roller S.—Dec. 2, Stocks Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Important bus.—H. Howard.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Fairhaven Institute, Liscard, 8 p.m.—W. Hodgkins.

Walsall C.B.S.—Dec. 3, White Hart, 8.30 p.m. Show business urgent.—J. Price.

Watford C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Headquarters, 8.15 p.m. Balance-sheet and pay prize-money of Annual Show. W. Rackley.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Horse and Groom Inn, 6 p.m. Members' Show, Judge, Mr. A. Hartley.—H. C. Crossley.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Headquarters, 8.30 p.m. Receive prize-money, pay in specials and ticket money.—W. G. Andrews.

Windsor C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Headquarters, 8.15 p.m. General bus.—E. A. Stickland.

Wood Green F.F.A.—5th Annual Show, Nov. 29th, Assembly Rooms, High Rd., Wood Green, open 2 till 9 p.m., admission 4d.—T. Callegari, Asst. Sec.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Treorchy (Glam.).—Drill Hall, Jan. 15. Judge, D. A. S. Longden. 11 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Nat. Col. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Local 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close to A. H. Capper, 23, Treharne-st., Pentre.

Thurso (Scotland).—Public Hall, Kirriemuir, Dec. 6. Judges, W. Bishop, W. Dods. 35 classes: Nor. 12, Bord. 12, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 1 to J. Stevenson, 6, Muir-st., Kirriemuir.

Larne (Ireland).—M'Garel Town Hall, Dec. 11, 12. A. House. 37 classes: Scots. Fancy 4, Crests 2, Nor. 8, Sell. 3, Yorks. 6, Mules 4, Brit. 7, Local 3. Prizes 9/- 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Dec. 6 to T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.

Canterbury (Kent).—Lower Corn Exchange, Dec. 10, 11. Judge, H. Norman. 25 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 4, Bord. 1, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 2, Sell. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 6, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Ent. close Dec. 2 to J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters'-st.

Watford (Herts.). — Clarendon Hall, Dec. 9, 10. Judge, R. J. Pretty. 28 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 5, Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 8, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Nov. 29 to C. A. Edwards, Flowerdene, Field-rd., Oxhey, Watford.

Tredegar (Mon.).—Town Hall, Dec. 11. Judge, R. Halliday. 34 open classes: Nor. 8 (2 Nov.), Yorks. 10 (4 Nov.), Bord. 1, Sell. 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Brit. 7, Mules 1, For. 2, Local 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 4 to W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.

Walsall (Staffs.).—Y.M.C.A. Hall, Freer-st., Dec. 12, 13. Judge, J. H. Roe. 48 open classes: Nor. 12 (4 Nov.), Crests 2, Yorks. 10 (4 Nov.), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 10, For. 2, Rollers 6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Rollers, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 8 to F. Priee, 18, Milton-st.

Waltham Abbey (Herts.).—Town Hall, Dec. 4. Judge, J. Hodder. 20 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 22 to W. D. Ward, Lower Island, Waltham Abbey.

Brighton (Sussex).—North-rd. Lecture Hall, Dec. 9, 10. Judges, H. Norman, J. Robson. 39 open classes: Nor. 8 (2 Nov.), Crests 3, Yorks. 8 (2 Nov.), Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 10, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, with additional prizes. Fee, 1/6 Ent. close Dec. 1 to W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond-st.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT.

Fourth members' show of season, held Nov. 22 at the Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. The entries came up very well, 63 birds being shown by 12 exhibitors, all the birds being Yorks. Quality very good. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Points with four-starred birds: W. Ackroyd, 22; W. Forrest, 17; E. Marsh, 14; W. Richmond, 13; H. Raistrick, 12; F. Page, 11; H. Taylor, 11; Towler and Hargreaves, Noble and Son, and W. Winn, 10 each. Novice points: B. Wood, 8; C. Noble, 7; and Noble and Son, 5 points. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Page; 2, Winn; 3, Towler and Hargreaves; 4, Taylor; vhc, Marsh; hc, Richmond; c, Raistrick. BUFF (7): 1, Noble and Son; 2, Raistrick; 3, Marsh; 4, Taylor; vhc, Page; hc, Winn; c, Towler and Hargreaves. MKD YELL. (7): 1, hc, Ackroyd; 2, vhc, Noble and Son; 3, Page; 4, Towler and Hargreaves; c, Page. BUFF (9): 1, c, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Raistrick; vhc, hc Page. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Forrest; 2, vhc, Ackroyd; 4, Noble and Son; hc, Taylor; c, Raistrick. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, Marsh; 3, Forrest; 4, Noble and Son; hc, Winn; c, Taylor. MKD. HEN (7): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Noble and Son; 3, c, Towler and Hargreaves; 4, Marsh; vhc, Richmond; hc, Page. NOVICE, A.V. CAN., CK. (4): 1, C. Noble; 2, Wood; 3, Noble and Son; 4, Wood. HEN (4): 1, Wood; 2, Noble and Son; 3, 4, C. Noble.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

Correspondence.

(Continued from page 444.)

Missing Official of the Queenborough and Dis. F. and F.S.

Sir, The committee regret to announce the disappearance of an official, with the whole of the funds of the society (about £50). It appears he left his home about 6.30 a.m. on the 17th Nov., and left a letter for the chairman to the effect that the strain had been too much for him, and that by the time the letter was received, he would be beyond "recall." It transpires, however, that he left Queenborough for Victoria by the 6.44 train. The police have the case in hand, and the committee hope he will be brought to justice. It has hit the committee very hard, as they are only working-men fanciers, but every endeavour will be made to raise funds to pay out prize money, etc., to those who have not yet received same. Unfortunately this will take some time.

H. H. Moon, sec. pro tem.

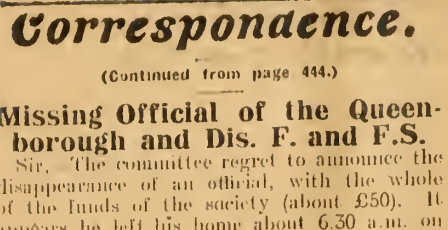
More Birds Stolen from a Glasgow Show.

Sir,—I should be glad if you would give publicity to my experiences in showing three birds at the Glasgow show, held in Grundyke Street, on the 22nd and 23rd Nov. I went to the secretary on the 22nd and requested him to pack my birds, as I could not get away from my work in time for the closing of the show, and he said he would not be away before I would call. I arrived at 6.40 p.m., but you may imagine my surprise when I found that the case and birds had disappeared. The secretary told me that perhaps a certain gentleman had taken them away with him for safety. I went to his home, but they were not there. He, however, informed me that he saw my case lying at the secretary's door, along with some others, at 6.30 p.m. I may also inform you that another bird was stolen on the 21st at this show, belonging to a Mr. Noble. I have been a reader of your valuable paper for many years, and was trying to build up a strain of Norwich, mainly working on the advice given in your columns. Wm. Henderson.

304, London Rd., Glasgow.

A Suggestion for a Heating Apparatus.

Sir,—I enclose a sketch of a hot-water heater for a bird house, made of galvanised iron, which will be useful to fanciers with outside bird-houses. "A" is the boiler, full of hot water; "B" the flue pipe which heats the boiler, and also carries away all



fumes through the bird-house end and under the floor, to keep the floor dry. "C," oil-lamp, with smokeless burner; "D," block to stand lamp on; "E," floor line; "F," boiler support; "G," to fill boiler. The boiler is made circular in shape. W. Miller.

What's Wrong with Members of the Southern Norwich P.C.?

Sir,—It is with pleasure that I read the letter from our secretary of the Southern Norwich P.C., and note that he asks what's wrong with the members, when, surely, his own letter supplies the answer. There is, to use a paradox, too much owner, and the club caters for the owner and not for the breeder. When the club caters for the breeder, then we shall see the birds out, for members will be pitting their intellect against each other rather than the pocket. It is not sufficient for the well-being of any club that the trophies can be within the reach of anyone who has the largest purchasing power. By this I mean where the small man breeds perhaps only two good birds, he must sell them because he cannot compete with the "owner" of a team. What becomes of the novice when he has his three "firsts"? How does the club cater for him? He goes into the champion section, or, as happens nine cases out of ten, drops out of the Fancy. If one could only know how many of the winning teams were bred by their owners, we should see more of the grievance of the small man. Our secretary asks: What is wrong? I ask: What is right? As a means of an honest attempt to remove something of this inequality, I hope to put on the agenda paper that cups other than the ten guinea cup shall be competed for by birds that have been bred by the exhibitor, and perhaps the ways and means will be easily settled, and, as a suggestion, the closed ring, after the manner of the British Roller C.C., may simplify the means. My friend, Mr. F. Cole, has, I believe, sufficient cash to supply a further breeders' trophy.

H. W. Tomsett.

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What is a Norwich Plainhead?

Anxious to Know.

Sir,—I commenced breeding some seven years ago, with birds called Norwich Plainheads, which I later considered were too long in wings and tail, and also "browy"; these I cleared out, and restarted with a shorter and neater Plainhead, although I found some judges were partial to the former. Upon visiting the annual show at Norwich in 1912, I found the type to tend towards this shorter and neater bird; in fact, Norwich was keen on a fixed length, by offering a prize for best not exceeding 6½ inches. Now in the South I have visited some shows, and find that the largest bird wins, in spite of rough wings, length of tail, and being "browy." In fact, one specimen shown as a "Norwich" I had considered a fairly good Crestbred—certainly its eyes were covered up, and bunches of feathers were hanging down its sides. Where is the purity of breed, if they are half Crestbred? What does "Plainnead" mean, if their eyes are covered? The 6½-inch tape measure must have stretched to 6? or 7 inches. Why are some catalogues printed "Norwich," and others "Norwich Plainheads"? Where may one look for the gennine Norwich P.H.—at Norwich, London, or Glasgow? If there is only one true and genuine type, why do not judges study that type, and keep to it? That which is adjudged in one part of England a proper Norwich P.H., would not be recognised as such in another part of the country. Why not have official judges, who shall meet and agree upon a fixed type? Some judges appear to fancy the largest they clap their eyes upon, whilst others count out the points and select a slightly smaller and neater type. Both cannot be correct. There may be show birds and stock birds, also half-bred Lancashires and Crestbreds, but only one correct type to win. Which is it, and where?

South Countryman.

An Enjoyable Holiday with the Bird-catchers of Isleham.

Sir,—For the past two years I have had a longing to spend a holiday amongst the bird-catchers of Isleham, in Cambridgeshire. So this season I wrote Mr. G. Fenn to ask if he could secure my wife and myself comfortable accommodation at the village inn, or could he see his way to put us up for a week's holiday? In due course he answered that he would accommodate us. We started at 9.15 a.m., July 12, and arrived at Isleham about 7 p.m.—distance about 220 miles. There is a service of only three trains daily; and you might start as a boy on a journey down here, and have grown a beard by the time you arrive at your destination! I fell in love



Master H. Fenn, with his Catching Outfit.

with the place at first sight. As we walked along the road, I was informed that I should see no catching on the Sunday; you faddists, who are of opinion catchers snare birds on every opportunity, kindly take notice. Mr. Fenn's house was one of the nicest, neatest little cottages it has been my lot to stay in. Now, any constant reader of our paper, Cage Birds, must be struck with the number of advertisers of British birds hailing from Isleham (pronounced Eyesham). There is old "dad" Fenn (W.), then his six sons, George, Jack, William, Ted, Dick and Gotobed, and their two sons, Will and Herbert, also Old Starling Hives Drove, and his son; so you see what birds must be trapped during the season. What would become of the farmers around here, supposing they closed the district for even one year? I might say that I saw nothing cruel in the system; in fact it was quite different from what some would lead us to believe bird-catching really is. I enclose a photo of Master H. Fenn, the youngest catcher in Isleham. This little chap caught about eight dozen during the week I was here. We generally started about 4.30 a.m., and stayed out until noon. We always laid our nets near seed, which is grown on a very large scale around here, or near a drinking place—that is where there was some shallow water, for here the birds were sure to come and drink, especially on a hot, dry day. It is really surprising where all the birds go to, but they tell me a shilling or two spent on an advertisement in Cage Birds is quite sufficient. I was sorry when my week drew to a close; anyone interested in the bird Fancy could not do better than spend a holiday here. During the week I hired a pony and trap, and had a look round Newmarket and Ely. Next season, when I go down, I intend seeing more (London is only fifty-two miles off); a day can be well spent there. The board for the week is very cheap. It is not at all like that seaside resort, where some time ago a gentleman was walking on the front, when a friend came up and asked if he could direct him to some place for a good dinner. "Oh yes," he said, "go in there; I've just come out." "What did you have?" asked the friend. "Liver and onions," replied the gentleman. "Oh, I don't like that, it makes your breath smell." "That will be all right," said the other, "when they bring the bill in, it will take away your breath." J. Broxup.

Do Winning Borders Vary in Type?

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Moore, I fear his explanations do not apply in this instance, as I referred to shows which I attended, and the closest scrutiny revealed no failing in cleanliness or condition, which could scarcely be wondered at, as the birds were put down by past-masters in the art of staging. To allege colour-feeding would have been ridiculous. I have seen many assisted Borders, and also some which were shown honestly, shelved on suspicion of being colour-fed. I consider it the height of cowardice to shelve a bird which excels in type without marking the cage disqualified, as the open disqualification would leave the exhibitor, who knew his bird to be unmeriting such treatment, the opportunity of proving the injustice of stigmatising him as a dishonest fancier. But the wily judge knows this, and prefers to safeguard his "reputation." I myself have, by breeding for colour, produced Borders which made me fear they would be thus treated, but such fear was neutralised by the knowledge that I could disprove the allegation, if made; but I was quite nonplussed by shelving without remark. That it takes an exceptionally good clear to win consistently I agree, and have offered to double a judge's fee if he could separate the winners twice in a class of 12 (cages to be changed). Your correspondent's assertion that the difference is so slight that a topper of to-day may be down next, may apply in Borders; but if a champion of any other type stood cardless, surely some better explanation would be advanced if it had already beaten those in front. The opinion of experienced fanciers would be that the judge did not know a good one when he saw it.

In reply to "E. W. P.," I quite endorse his opinion that two (I say more) types are required, but one does not require to visit either Cardiff or Swansea to get the type portrayed in sketch 1, as we have quite a few judges who prefer the minature Norwich type here in Scotland. Wise fanciers prefer keeping to standard size and shape, and teaching such judge that he is not appointed to set up standards, but to acknowledge an oxisting standard already decided on by a body authorised and capable of doing so. It behoves every fancier to freeze out these judges by withholding entries from any show to which they may be appointed. I am happy in knowing that a similar method of stamping out that eliquism which was the cause of much recrimination last season, promises to be effectual in time; but it is a slow, and, to show managers, expensive remedy. The above may be taken as a reply to "Abertawe" also, as I am with him in decrying this craze for size. The remedy is the same. Support those judges who conform to standard size, and apply the refrigerating method to those who refuse. Scottie.

[Two letters on this subject held over.—Ed.]

How the Fancy is Progressing in Far-away New Zealand.

English Standards of Breeding are Adopted, but Our Yorkshire Show Cage is Not Liked.

Sir,—Being a breeder and exhibitor of the Yorkshire Canary, both at home and out here (New Zealand) I thought I might interest your many readers if I penned a few lines on how I find the bird Fancy out here. Being an associate member of Cage Birds League, I try to keep my pledge, that is, to induce others to take care of their feathered pets. I have gained a great deal of my knowledge from Cage Birds, of which I am a constant reader, getting it sent out by my brother every week, and it is eagerly looked forward to. When I have a few hours to myself, I make it a pleasure to visit my friends, who keep a few birds, and tell them if they are not treating them properly (which they are very pleased to know, should they be wrong). For instance, a friend of mine brought a friend of his to see my birds. Afterwards the latter would have me go to their house to see his birds. I found them in a dirty condition (both birds and cages infested with grey lice) so I told him what to do with the cages, and I hand-washed the birds. Afterwards he did not know they were his own birds (he being out at the time of washing); he had never heard tell of birds being hand-washed. I might say that three weeks afterwards the same birds had eggs, which all proved fertile. I find the fanciers do not tell one another what to do, if one should not happen to know, but rather leave him to find out for himself.

They have some good Canaries here of all varieties, and the shows are well attended. The last show held here (Auckland) had 268 entries from all parts of the Dominion, there being some first-class exhibits staged. I think that if the societies here would adopt some mean of getting their members more interested, and to encourage others to join (by, might I suggest, having a few lectures on breeding, rearing, moulting, colour-feeding, staging and exhibiting) at their meetings, it would give the novices more encouragement, and swell their ranks. But I am sorry to say they don't adopt this, and a few other things that would improve the Fancy.

I am pleased to say we have adopted the English standards to breed to, but not the standard show cages, using for the Yorkshire variety a cage like the Norwich show cage, only higher, having wooden sides and back. This cage does not do justice to the Yorkshire, being a bird of position. The Norwich show cages are not unlike the ones at home, which suit admirably.

It is not half so hard to breed Canaries here as it is at home, owing to it being such a beautiful climate. The seasons are quite different from home, it being our breeding season now, from Sept. to about Dec. Then comes the moult, from Jan. to the beginning of April, and in June and July a few shows are held, after which the birds get a rest to prepare for breeding again. There are a good many British birds here, as I have already seen the Blackbird, Song Thrush, Starling, Lark, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Yellow Hammer, Kingfisher and Sparrows. There are quite a number of Goldfinches (almost as common as the Sparrows) and they are easily caught. A few fanciers go in for the different crosses, such as the Goldfinch-Greenfinch, and Goldfinch-Canary, and they are successful with the same, as I have seen some good ones on the show bench.

I am enclosing a photograph of myself and wife and little son, along with my birds, taken outside of our house (see page 441). The little boy, I am pleased to say, is also a winner, having taken the two prizes on the top of the cages.

I am sending a catalogue of the Auckland show, to let you see how they pay prize-money out. It is on the scale system, and an exhibitor is out of pocket every time, which does not give encouragement, as there is not enough competition.

S. Burman.

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The Bradford National Charity Show.

Railway and Other Arrangements.

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H. Hill, Show Sec.

Do Early Entries Get Worst Place on Show Bench?

Sir,—I beg a little of your valuable space to reply to your correspondent, Mr. W. G. Andrews, and will try to make my points as general as possible. From every part of the United Kingdom comes the same complaint as to late entries for shows. Here, then, is matter of material value in my contention. Why do exhibitors persist in late entries? Is it because they are so unmindful of the undue hardship which they inflict upon secretaries, or is there some other reason more deeply seated? Surely it is the first duty of every exhibitor to help the secretary and officials of every show by sending in their entry forms as early as possible. A reason for late entries certainly exists. Who of your readers will give the correct solution? Let me assume that 15 or 20 birds are to be judged. Does it not stand to common sense that the first birds taken up would be the most timid and show themselves off the worst? Then, as to the question of a judge "warming up" to his work; supposing that I had a difficult piece of music in front of me, or a great game of billiards to play, or any other work before me, should I not get warmer to my task in the middle rather than at the commencement? Would not every exhibitor prefer that his exhibits should be rather in the middle of the class than at either end, where cold bleak draughts often do injury? In antagonism to late entries, I suggest the most simple of remedies. I advocate that the first entry should be placed in the centre of the class, and the odd and even numbers on either side outwards. I venture to assert that the simple remedy I suggest would relieve secretaries of an unnecessary portion of their hardships.

P. Lane.

"I sold all my birds through one insertion of an advt. in CAGE BIRDS."—F. W. HAYDEN. (Weybridge).

"I have had over 40 answers to my advert., too many to reply to separately. Kindly thank through CAGE BIRDS all who wrote."—J. GOODCHILD (Clare).

More Half-Sovereigns for Fortunate Exhibitors.

Have YOU had Yours? There are Plenty to Follow.

We have pleasure in publishing below the second list of winners of 10s. cash specials in our Coupon Competition. This, with one or two exceptions, includes the fixtures held up to Nov. 15. Next week we shall hope to print a further list. Two cases have cropped up in which, despite the free instructions supplied by us to show secretaries, the cash specials alone have been awarded and not the diplomas for the various section winners. We are endeavouring to have this put to rights.

We would again point out to exhibitors the excellent chances they now have of capturing either a diploma or a cash special, or both, and so of participating in the competition for the splendid specials we are offering at the Palace—over £100 in value. Some good shows in all quarters of the United Kingdom are being held next week, at which our Coupon Competition is in progress.

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Dec. 3.—Forres.—W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.
Dec. 3-4.—Birmingham.—J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston.
(Any entries for the above must be sent immediately.)
Dec. 5-6-8.—Bradford National.—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Dec. 6.—Glasgow (Queen's Park).—R. Heggie, 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow.
Dec. 6.—Thrums.—J. Stevenson, 6, Muir St., Kirriemuir.
Dec. 9-10.—Brighton and Hove.—W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.
Dec. 11.—Frome.—C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.
Dec. 11.—Tredegar.—W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.

WINNERS of 10s. CASH SPECIALS AT COUPON SHOWS.

[Second list; the first appeared in our issue of Nov. 8.]

[C: indicates champion; N: novice. Objections to these awards, if any, must be sent in to us within seven days.—Ed.]

Upper Rhondda.—C.—E. Lewis, Hill View, Glyn Neath Road, Resolven. N.—J. Davies, Bethany Cottage, Treherbert.

Brechin.—C.—A. Maxwell, 7, Rothesay Gardens, Partick, Glasgow. N.—A. Brand, 37, Union Street, Brechin.

Liverpool.—C.—H. Walsh, 38, Lydia Street, Accrington. N.—W. H. Cottam, 202, Aqueduct Street, Preston.

Leicester.—C.—W. Neal, 38, Medway St., Leicester. N.—B. Lewis, 18, Windmill Lane, Kettering.

Southend.—C.—A. E. Pattrick, 6, Essex Street, Southend. N.—F. Cundy, 5, Priory Avenue, Prittlewell.

Barnstaple.—C.—F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria Street, Barnstaple. N.—F. Butts, Lower Maudlin Street, Barnstaple.

Cheltenham.—C.—J. Houghton, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester. N.—J. J. Bavage, 64, Cotehele Avenue, Plymouth.

Sheffield.—C.—Burdekin Bros., 20, Jennyson Street, Halifax. N.—A. E. Thorpe, Park Villas, Park Grove, Levenshulme.

Warrington.—C.—J. W. Johnson, 33, Wigan Road, Ormskirk. N.—N. L. Croft, 37, Cemetery Road, Crewe.

Hartlepools.—C.—W. H. Butler, Rosebank, Tyne Road, Stanley S.O. N.—H. D. Pyman, Brantford House, West Hartlepool.

Kelty and Blairadam.—C.—D. M'Laren, 16, Millhill Street, Dunfermline. N.—A. Ross, Church Row, Kelty.

Alnwick.—C.—J. Scott, 39, Westminster Street, Gateshead. N.—Crackett and Hume, 37, Hartside Terrace, Chevington Drift, Acklington.

Sittingbourne.—C.—J. Hodder, 6, Banner Street, London, E.C. N.—H. Stevens, 66, Unity Street, Milton Regis.

Swansea — C.—James and Wells, 73, Carlisle Street, Cardiff. N.—C. Richards, 18, Cedar Road, Newport, Mon.

Stoke-on-Trent.—C.—G. Lawton, 159, Werrington Street, Bucknell, Stoke-on-Trent. N.—Weekes Bros., 20, Cross Guns Street, Dudley.

Ramsgate.—C.—J. Hodder, 6, Banner Street, London, E.C. N.—W. A. Woodcock, 142, High Street, Chatham.

Some Opinions on our Diplomas.

Thanks very much for the Diploma of Honour. It is very neat and attractive, and well worth the while of any fancier to try to win one.—G. W. Saunders (Haslemere).

Diploma I am very pleased with; great credit is due to the artist.—F. S. Baker (Long Eaton).

I am delighted with Diploma of Honour won at Southend. It is beautifully finished, and a great credit to your artist. Cage Birds has made me a fancier.—F. A. Hosier (Rainham).

Thanks for Diploma. It is very nice, and well worth winning.—W. Reid (Sunderland).

I received Cage Birds Diploma to-day, and thank you very much for same. It is grand, and reflects great credit on your artist. I won both cash special and Diploma, and I might mention that Gillingham was the first show I sent to, and the first coupon I used.—C. R. Bullen (Bromley).

Your Diploma of Honour is really very nice, and just fancy me being the first of all the Rotherham fanciers to win a Honour so beautiful; many thanks.—W. Brotherton (Rotherham).

The Next Coupon Shows.

Entries for the above shows are due to close now, and should be sent on at once. Those who wish to join in Cage Birds Coupon Competition should note the paragraph "How Exhibitors May Enter," printed below. Secretaries will be glad to affix the necessary coupons to the entry forms of exhibitors if the conditions of entry are duly observed.

FORRES has 51 classes covering Nor., Crests, Bord., Yorks, A.O.V., Can., Hyb., Brit. and For., one Novice Can. class and one Brit. Prizes, 14s.; fee, 1s. 6d.

FROME has 36 classes, covering Nor. (1 novice), Yorks. (2 novice), Lancs., Bord. (1 novice), A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit. and For. Prizes, 17s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 4.

BIRMINGHAM has 51 classes covering Nor., Yorks (with special Novice classes), Crests, Can., Bord., Rollers, A.O.V. Can (1 Novice), Hyb., Brit. (1 Novice) and For. Prize money 17s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 29.

BRADFORD NATIONAL has a grand classification: a full review will be found on another page.

BRIGHTON has 39 classes covering Nor. (2 Novice), Crest, Yorks (2 Novice), Bord., A.O.V., Can., Hyb., Brit. and For. Prizes 20s.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 28.

TREDEGAR has 33 classes covering Nor. (2 Novice), Yorks (4 Novice), Bord., A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prizes 17s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 4.

THRUMS (Kirriemuir) has 35 classes covering Nor., Bord., Hyb., Brit. and For. Prizes 17s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 1st.

We do not seem to have received schedule of the Glasgow Queen's Park fixture.

How Exhibitors May Enter,

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions:—Cage Birds offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of Cage Birds Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at Cage Birds offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in Cage Birds Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in Cage Birds are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

Anyone in doubt upon any point concerning the scheme should write at once.—The Editor, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the rigbt to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the Loudon and Provincial O.S., Cage Birds offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A Ten Guinea Challenge Shield, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

For Rules, see last week's issue.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is an organisation of bird keepers and bird-lovers, banded together in mutual interest to promote good-fellowship and union, to inculcate the principles of humane cage bird keeping, and to protect the hobby against unjustifiable interference.

Leaflets setting forth the aims and objects of the League will be forwarded, post free, to any reader upon application.

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Notes by the Secretary, Mr. Fulljames, are unavoidably held over this week.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

JUNIOR MEMBERS.—Members under the age of fourteen years at the date of joining shall pay an annual subscription of One Shilling.

VICE PRESIDENTS.—An annual subscription of not less than Half-a-Guinea shall constitute the subscriber a Vice President.

LIFE MEMBERS.—A donation of not less than Five Guineas in one amount shall constitute the donor a Life Member.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.—The payment to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE of a legacy of £20 and upwards shall constitute the administrator or executor making the payment an Honorary Life Member. A form of bequest will be sent, post free, on application.

PATRONS.—A donation of not less than Ten Guineas in one amount, or an annual subscription of not less than Two Guineas, shall constitute the donor or subscriber a Patron.

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP.

Certificates printed in seven colours, and suitable for framing, are supplied at One Shilling each. Each certificate bears an enlarged facsimile of Cage Birds League badge and Motto, and is signed by the Secretary.

THE LEAGUE BADGES.

Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

SEALS AND HEADED NOTEPAPER.

Notepaper with the badge and motto of the League in the top left-hand corner and the address of any member at the top right-hand, may be had at the following prices:—

100 Sheets, Two Shillings and sixpence.
250 Sheets, Four Shillings.
500 Sheets, Five Shillings and sixpence.
1,000 sheets, Eight Shillings and sixpence.

GUMMED SEALS printed in gold and colours in facsimile of the LEAGUE BADGE are supplied for affixing to note paper, postcards, or envelopes. Price eightpence per hundred, fivepence for fifty, post free.

CERTIFICATES FOR SHOPKEEPERS.

Keepers of Bird Shops who are members of Cage Birds League, and who write signifying that their shops are open to the inspection of a representative of the League, may have, at the expiration of six months, a certificate, suitable for framing, giving the result of such inspection. No charge beyond the membership subscription is made for these certificates.

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary Cage Birds League.
154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of Cage Birds have written to say that they would like to join Cage Birds' League, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the League, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of Cage Birds League, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the League. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

date 1913

BRISTOL.

Twenty third annual show held November 26 and 27, in the Colisemn. The birds were nicely staged at one end of this vast building and were well looked after by a good body of fanciers. We were sorry to see so many classes cancelled, but those that stood were on the whole well filled with birds of the highest merit. Only one class of Norwich stood, this for birds bred 1913, where the local enthusiast, Mr. Tristem, stood at the top and captured the Bristol Bowl, with a rap-marked buff, put down in nice form. Yorksmires were good classes, both in numbers and quality, many well-known exhibitors being represented by birds of great merit. The Bristol Bowl for best 1913 bird fell to Mr. Thompson, with a nice feathered and good coloured buff, but it was closely pressed by Mr. Drymore's cap mkd. yell. of rare length and position, the Cardiff winner. The novices in this section came up well, the two classes being strong in numbers and in quality. Borders were good classes and competition keen. Some capital Britishers were staged, the winning Goldfinch and Linnet being two gems. The Light Mule class was a grand one for quality, and the winning Dark was a good one and nicely staged. Members' classes, although small in numbers, were of excellent quality.

The Hon. Sec., Mr. Muggs, as usual, had his work well in hand, and the show superintendent of the Cage Bird Section, Mr. Greenslade, is the right man in the right place, being methodical, unassuming, and most courteous and obliging to all. As usual at Bristol shows, the ladies played a prominent part and worked their hardest, and we must particularly mention Mesdames Garland, Tristem, Roberts, and Jones, and in the sterner sex Messrs. Tristem, Davis, Jones, and Water, all of whom worked with a will to make everything pass off as smoothly as possible. Mr. Battye judged Canaries, and Mr. Longden, British, Foreign, and Rybrids.

The Critique.

CREST: Cancelled. CREST, 1913 (15): 1, he, Bate, "Empress," grand frontal, crest coming well to beak end, nice wide veiny feather and good droop, grand shaped body, a clinker, wins Bristol Bowl and CAGE BIRDS Champion Diploma; 2, 4, College, nice shaped crest, well filled centre and good back crest, not the leafy feather of the winner; 4th well filled centre, nicely radiated and good droop, nice quality of feather; 3, c, Joyce, good length of frontal crest and nice dip, not quite the width; vhc, Broad. C.-B.: Cancelled. C.-B., 1913 (15): 1, 2, 3, Bate, cl. buff, good length of head feather, nice rise to skull, wide back skull, well lashed and good body; 2nd green, nice rise of skull, good length of head feather, not the width of skull or so stoutly built; 3rd variegated, nice cushion-shaped skull, good length of head feather and nice entrance, good body, close up, we liked; 4, ——, good length of head feather, nice back, skull, not quite so wide in entrance; vhc, c, Joyce. NOR., 1913 (9): 1, CAGE BIRDS Diploma, 4, Tristem, cap-mkd. buff, good shape, feather and quality, nice back, flights and tail, good carr. and nice condition, 4th cl. yell., nice shape, col. and feather, short tail and good wings, a bit horny; 2, 3, Thomas, eye mkd. yell., rare size and shape, grand col. and qual., nice back, loses in wing carr., 3rd cl. buff, plenty of size, good back, well up in col., nicely mealed; vhc, c, Houghton; hc, Davis. NAT. COL. (10): 1, 2, Thomas, cl. buff, good shape and feather, lovely back, nice flights and tail and well up in size, wins well; 2, variegated yell., nice col. and feather, good head and back, not quite so thick-set; 3, c, Viney, good shaped variegated buff, grand back, well packed flights and neat tail, loses in head; 4, Edwards, nice shaped buff, round chest and good back, nice wings and tail, shade weak in head; vhc, Tripe; hc, no name. NOV. (16): 1, Stubbs Bros., cl. buff, good shape, size and feather, capital col., good back, wings and tail; 2, Simpson, head and wing mkd. yell., nice col., good back, neatly folded tail, shade long-sided; 3, Pace, short and cobby shaped buff, neat wings and tail, fails head; 4, Pinnell, head, neck, and wing mkd. buff, good shape and feather, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; vhc, Lewis; hc, Newman; c, Matcham; Nos. 52 and 54 seem to have been missed. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (15): 1, Hawes Bros., good length, lovely back, wings and tail, well on leg, level col., clean waist, straight as a pencil, shade slack underneath; 2, Ogden Bros., rare length, nice narrow shoulders, long flights and tail, and stands well up, good col. and feather; 3, Helliwell, rare length, neat head and finely drawn, well on leg, beaten in wing carr.; 4, Fink, good length and stand, nice back, neat head, good back, crosses wings at times; vhc, Thomas; hc, Dykes; c, Greenslade. BUFF (14): 1, Stonehake, tkd. on head, good length and stand, grand back and pipe tail, nice feather and col., in good form; 2, Hawes Bros., straight as a gun barrel, good feather, smooth breast and clean at waist, stands well, wings well braced, and closely folded tail, neat head, wing tkd.; 3, Ogden Bros., wing tkd., slim built and good pos., good col. and feather, nice length, beaten in back; 4, Mrs. Garland, good length and stand, nice feather and back, not quite so straight; vhc, Dykes; hc, Helliwell; c, Thomas. MKD. OR VARIEG. (10): 1, Dykes, Buff, mkd. head, neck and wings, smooth as a glass bottle, grand wings and tail, nice back, wings and tail, stands well up on a good pair of legs; 2, Jones, variegated yell., grand feather and qual., nice style and stand, good wings and tail, nice back and neat head; 3, Ogden Bros., buff, mkd. eyes and left wing, good length and pos., nice flights and pipe tail, bit open in front; 4, Thomas, yell. mkd. head, neck and wing flights, well packed and pipe tail, hot col., good stand, bit slack underneath; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Yorke; c, Bale. BRED 1913 (2): 1, Thompson, cl. buff, nice length and stand, lovely qual. of feather, grand back, well up in col., wins Bristol Bowl; 2, Dugmore, head and thigh mkd. yell., slim built and plenty of side, long flights and tail, stands well, not the finish of feather of the leader, we think a wash would have about got him home; 3, hc, Dykes, hot col., cl. yell., slim built, long flights and tail, nice back, beaten in pos.; 4, vhc, hc, c, Ogden Bros., clear buff, grand feather, nice, well filled back, neat tail, well packed wings, not quite the length; vhc, wins C.B. diploma. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Helliwell, cl., good length and stands on a good pair of legs, straight as a gun barrel, nice qual. of feather; 2, c, Hawes Bros., rare length of leg, good pos., nice back, clean wnist, not quite the length; 3, Ogden Bros., rare one for length and pos., grand flights and pipe tail, good back, beaten underneath; 4, Thomas, mkd. eyes and wing, good length and pos., well on leg, straight as a dart, nice col. and qual., bit flat; vhc, Dykes; hc, Owen and Son; c, 142. BUFF (14): 1, Lovell, mkd. head, eyes and wings, rare length and stands well, grand back, wings and tail, nice feather; 2, Bousfield, cl., good length, nice back, wings and tail, shade strong; 3, Garland Bros., rare length and slim built, stands on a good pair of legs, clean front, not quite so straight; 4, Hillman, nice length and pos., good back, wings and tail, loses in feather; vhc, Thomas; hc, Greenslade; c, Pale. NAT. COL. (10). 1, Sampson, cl. yell., lovely qual. of feather, long and slim, straight as a rush, wings well braced, good back and clean waist; 2, Bousfield, cl. buff smooth as a bottle, good length and stands well on a good pair of legs, wings well packed and closely folded tail; 3, Yorke, foul wing and tail, yell. good length, feather, col. and stands well on leg, nice back, not quite so neat in wings; 4, Lovell, cl. buff, nice feather, loses in stand; vhc, Yates; hc, Pratt; c, Greenslade. NOV. YELL. (14): 1, Russell, lengthy cl., good col., well on leg, nice wings and tail and stands well; 2, Everett, slim built, good pos., and straight as a rush, nice feather, wings well braced and piped tail, must have pressed hard; 3, Walker, neck and wing tkd., slim built, straight as a pencil, nice flights and tail; 4, Potter, good length, nice qual. of feather, level col., good back, loses in front; vhc, Norman; hc, Moule; c, Ains. BUFF (19): 1, Moule, head, neck and wing mkd., slim built, nice qual. feather, good back, nice head and neck, stands well; 2, Norman, cl., good pos., nice wings and tail, nice head and neck, not so slim built, C.B. novice diploma and 10s. sp; 3, Davis, rare length and stands well, long flights and tail, good back, loses in front; 4, Muldaunt, neck tkd., nice length and stands, beaten wing carr. and front; vhc, Russell; hc, Hann; c, Walker. BORDER CL. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Pratt, good col., nice shape and feather, neat wings and tail, and jaunty carr.; 2, Madagan, grand feather, nice shape and good carr.; 3, Bacon, nice shape, neat head, flights and tail, not quite the feather; 4, Madagan, good shape, col., and feather, beaten in head a trifle; hc, Bobbett and Wall; c, Edwards. BUFF (16): 1, Pratt, close fitting jacket, nice shape, good round head, neat wings and tail, and capital action; 2, c, Edwards, lovely feather, shape and style, wings well braced and neat tail; 3, Pratt, smooth as a bottle, nice shape and carr., close up; 4, vhc, Madagan, good shape and feather, neat tail and wings, not quite so good in neck; hc, Bobbett and Wall. A.O.V. (14): 1, Short, smart and stylish yell. green, good shape and feather, neat head, wings and tail, sound col., very fit; 2, Edwards, buff gr., sound col., good feather, nicely pencilled, shade fat on chest; 3, Beard, four-pointed yell., nice shape and feather, good mover, neat flights; 4, Pratt, three-pointed buff, good shape, feather, neat tail; vhc, hc, Elston. FOR. LARGE cancelled. SMALLER (8): 1, Wyndham, Orange Bishop, good col. and nice feather; 2, Wyndham, grand Paradise Whydah, in most beautiful feather, grand pins, lovely col.; 3, Scott, nice coloured Cordon Bleu, good feather, wants a different cage; 4, Sage, good pair of Yellow Budgerigars, beautiful feather and nice soft colour; vhc, hc, c, Sage. LIGHT MULE (10): 1, Lawrence, Goldf.-Can., slightly tkd. on head, grand shape, col. and feather; 2, Collins, Goldf.-Can., slight tick on right eye, good shape and con., not quite the tight feather or col. of the leader, still, a good one; 3, Lawrence, even wing mkd. Linnet-Can., rare shape and feather, nice col., could do with a tubbing; 4, Collins, variegated. Greenf.-Can., grand size, shape and feather, nice col.; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Edwards; c, Fapson; No. 291, wrong class, a Canary. DARK (8): 1, Lawrence, Cinn. Linnet Can., a gem for feather, col. and con., nice shape, rare exhibit; 2, Nicholas, grand, bold Goldf.-Can., rare size and shape, beautiful col. and polish, a good one; 3, Rowe and Richards, grand col. and feather, lovely lace, not quite the size, lovely wing bars, must have pressed; 4, Harding, Goldie-Can., good feather and nice style, loses col.; vhc, Edwards; hc, Lawrence; c, Collins. HYB.: Cancelled. GOLDF. (12): 1, 2, Richards, rare blaze for size, shape, and col., grand tanning on chest, nice bars and buttons, a clinker, 2, beautiful feather, rich col., blaze, chest well tanned, nice back, bars and buttons, held same pos. at Cardiff; 3, Winstone, rich expansive blaze, nice feather, tanning and wing bars; 4, Elston, nice wing bars and buttons, nicely tanned, not so rich in face; vhc, Tilley; hc, Cheney; c, Matthews. BULLF. (13): 1, Cheney, rare glossy cap of good size and cut, nice shaped body, grand feather and col.; 2, Bancroft, lovely col. and feather, nice back and bars, good feather, very smart; 3, Purnell, good breast col., nice bars and good back, not the width of cap; 4, Buxley, nice shape, good bars, well beaten in breast col.; vhc, Jones. S.E.; hc, Edwards; c, Ford, grand cap, good breast col., we liked. LINNET (8): 1, Bancroft, grand pencilling, nice col. and good shape, in grand order, Cardiff winner; 2, Edwards, good shape and feather, nice back and head, not quite the work of first; 3, Nicholas, good shape, nice back and whites, good feather; 4, Lawrence, nice whites, loses col.; vhc, Harding; hc, Screen; c, Fellowes. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Bancroft, Siskin, grand flank marks, good cap, well up in size, good feather and col.; 2, Garland, gem of a Lesser Redpoll, wonderful flank markings, lovely back, good size, shape and feather; 3, Nicholas, mealy Redpoll, rare size and shape, nice bib; 4, Lewis, nat. col. Siskin, grandly laced cap, nicely mkd., beautiful feather; vhc, Coggins; hc, Edwards; c, Lewis. A.O. HARDBILL (13): 1, Davis, Hawfinch, grand col. and feather, good bars and clean cut bib, a bit more size and then—; 2, Bancroft, Bramble, good shape and col., nice feather and well spangled; 3, Lawrence, Greenf., gem for col., shape and feather, grand bars, in the pink; 4, Bancroft, yellow Bunting, good size, shape and feather, nice col., and well marked; vhc, Brotherhood, grand Bramble, a bit rough when judged, we heard; hc, Collins; c, Rowe and Richards. SOFT-BILL Classes Cancelled. MEMBERS: CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Ind. NOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Tristem. YORKS. (5): 1, Yorke; 2, Lovell; 3, Garland (Mrs.); 4, Jones; vhc, Greenslade. YELL., 1913 (5): 1, Lovell; 2, 3 Greenslade; 4, Jones; vhc, Garland (Mrs.). BUFF (6): 1, Garland (Mrs.); 2, Yorke; 3, Lovell; 4, Jones; vhc, hc, Greenslade. Remainder cancelled.

LOUGHBOROUGH C.B.A.

Table show and meeting held Fox and Hounds, Wellington Street, Nov. 22, when five classes were staged. Entries showed an increase. NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Watson; 3, Ball. BUFF: 1, Hewitt; 2, Edwards; 3, 4, Watson, res, hc, Ball; vhc, Lee. YORKS. YELL. CK. 1, James; 2, Hewitt; 3, Newton. BUFF.: 1, James; 2, Hewitt; 3, Edwards. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Marshall; 2, 3, Beardmore; 4, Ball; res., Edwards. At meeting after show three new members were admitted, Messrs. Marshall, Sutton Bonington; Lee, Barrow-on-Soar; Beardmore, Quorn. A vote of thanks was accorded to the judge, Mr. Sharpe, and to the proprietor of the Fox, Mr. Fenemore, who made us very welcome, and, being a fancier himself, understood what we wanted. The evening ended very pleasantly. We hope we shall see even more new faces at our next table show.—J. A. Walker, Hon. Sec. (94, Cobden Street).

CITY & SUBURBAN.

Eighteenth annual exhibition of the City and Suburban A.C.B., Nov. 14 and 15, in the Church Institute. It is a nice, roomy hall, and the birds were admirably staged and well-looked after by the working committee. As regards numbers of exhibits this is the second highest, nearly 500 birds being staged, but we venture to think the quality all round far excelled previous efforts. There was a slight falling off in Yorkshires. The Norwich were well up to average and the Borders far beyond any previous show both in numbers and quality. Mrs. L. M. Thynne staged a grand team and had a worthy rival in Mrs. Salter. Messrs. Hawes Bros. did well in Yorkshires, their grand yell. cock taking the spl for best Yorkie, and best bird in show. the Nor. were a nice level lot, one outstanding bird, Mr. F. J. Martin's, having to give way on account of broken plumage. Mr. Wakefield won spl best amateurs, also cup best unflight.; and Mr. Fleet the diploma for best novice. Mrs. Thynne won spl. for best bird shown by a lady, with a good Crest, also the spl best Bord.

The City and Suburban has always been noted for the many excellent fanciers it has schooled and turned out into successful exhibitors, some of our most prominent showmen have learned their first lessons under the splendid tuition of its enthusiastic and courteous hon. sec., Mr. V. Wynn, who puts his whole heart and energy into the work of the society. One good fancier makes many, and in their efforts to excel, one and all of its members have combined to make such an exhibition as very few All-England shows could equal, let alone surpass. Mr. Wynn's slightest wish is executed with alacrity, with the result that their annual show is always a model for good management.

British were a most magnificent collection both in number and quality, probably the best in the history of the society. For a purely members show it was really a marvellous display, which will not be wondered at when we say that the best teams of such well-known fanciers as Mrs. Weston, Messrs. Francis, Prior, and Marley were staged, many of them noted winners. The light was at times bad for judging, but in spite of this, and the very formidable array of specials which had to be awarded, the work was got through in good time. Foreign birds gave a nice finish to a remarkably fine show, Mr. Shepherd and Mrs. Thynne putting down some very fine specimens.

Mr. Wynn, the sec., asks us to thank the members for the grand way in which they supported him. He had a worthy band of assistants on the opening day, among them being Mrs. Thynne, Mr. and Mrs. Hobden, Messrs. Knight, Pooley, Shepherd, Sanders, Rons, and Lowe; while the assist. sec., Mr. A. L. Thynne, as usual put in full time and did yeoman service. Mr. J. Rooson judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Frostick the Hyb., Brit., and Foreign birds.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. YELL, CHAMP. (5): 1, Martin, var., good type, thick-set, perfect wing carr., grand depth of col., nice qual. feather; 2, 3, vhc, Withers, cl., grand size, creamy cut, capital, width and depth of body, rare broad skull, rich bright col., lovely qual., 3rd smaller, neat type, capital col., good wings and tail, nice cond. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Harper, grand subs., short thick-set bird, neat head, short neck, nice wing carr., well put down; 2, 3, Martin, similar type, rather cleaner cut, hardly so nicely burnished, well filled all through, 3rd shade longer, but grand qual., with capital head, nicely burnished; hc, c, Withers. HEN (10): 1, 3, hc, Martin, bonny yell., A1 type, grand head, good back and skull, short neck, sound col., nice qual., 3rd yell., beauty for type, right across the perch, beautifully rounded, nearly as good as leader; 2, c, Knight, lovely typical buff, good wedge shape, well filled back, capital col., nice qual; vhc, Withers. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 3, Withers, typical, good head and neck, nice width of shoulders, clean cut, neat wings, 3rd four-pointed, nice short type, full front, clean cut, grand qual.; 2, Martin, stormer for size and subs., red hot col., grand full head and neck, bold front, tail only half grown or must have won; vhc, Martin; hc, Knight; c, Harper. AMAT. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Hart, real topper, grand type, beautifully proportioned and rounded, full head and neck, sound rich col., lovely cond.; 2, vhc, hc, Warwick, bold and typical, hardly so good in wings or so nicely burnished, still a good bird; 3, hc, Wakefield, variegated, smaller but bonny type, good rich col. and cond. BUFF (8): 1, c, Wakefield, capital type, full neck, neat head, good wing carr., nicely cut away; 2, Clark, rare subs., hardly so cleanly cut, good head and neck, sound rich col., good qual.; 3, vhc, Warwick, shade smaller, but nice type and qual., hardly the col. of winner; hc, Hart. HEN (9): 1, Wakefield, bonny type, thick-set, good depth, nicely rounded, shade small in head, although well domed; 2, 3, hc, Hart, head grizzled, shade small, but lovely type and qual., grand wing carr.; 3rd similarly mkd., good shape, hardly so nicely rounded, lovely qual.; vhc, Clark; c, Warwick. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Wakefield, very hot col., shade long in barrel, but nice qual.; 2nd bold buff, good front, capital wing carr., lovely qual.; 3, Hart, similar, hardly so good in head, nice qual. feather; vhc, c, Hart. YELL. (9): 1, Fleet, stormer for size and col., bold full front, clean cut, rare head and neck, lovely qual.; 2, Kelly, longer in body, grand col., good bold head, fine order; 3, hc, c, Thurley, wonderful size, very typical, bold head and front, grand wings, bonny stock bird; vhc, Thrower. BUFF (4): 1, Smith, lovely type, nice breadth of shoulders, full head, capital wings, sound rich col. and qual. of feather; 2, vhc, Fleet, beauty for subs., hardly so cleanly cut, but grand depth, lovely col., well put down; 3, Cobb, variegated, nice type, hardly so good in head, nice qual. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Thurley, bonny black-tailed, real Norwich type, grand depths of body, fails a bit in head, but lovely qual.; 2, Kelly, good yellow, neat type, good head, rare qual., capital wings; 3, Brumbridge, typical, neat wings; hc, Lye; c, Fleet. UNFLIG. (15): 1, 3, ex. vhc, Large, nicely rounded, grand head and neck, good wings and tail carr., tight in feather; 3rd, head and neck mkd., nice stamp, good qual.; 2, c, Thurley, shorter type, good head, hardly so tight in feather, nice wings, full back; vhc, Cobb; hc, Lye. PURCHASED (1): Knight. CREST (2): 1, Mrs. Thynne, grand variegated, plenty of subs., good shaped crest, nice frontal, capital droops, and well veined; 2, Shepherd, green, good size, neat, well-shaped crest, good centre and droop, beaten size. CREST, AMAT. (2): 1, 2, Mugford, nearly cl. body, D.C., neat crest of capital shape, nicely drooped, well-filled back; 2nd, nearly green, good mop crest, nicely drooped, capital centre. CREST, NOV. (2): 1, Smith, cl., nice size, lovely qual, crest, with grand frontal, nice droop, well shown. PURCHASED: 1, 2, Mugford; 3, Poulton. CREST, CHAMP. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mugford, nearly green, fine bold head, good entrance and skull, well lashed; 2nd, variegated, grand subs., good skull and cushion, well packed; 3rd, plenty of feather and subs., grand lashing, good entrance. C.B. CHAMPION (1): Shepherd, nearly green, grand head, plenty of feather. NOV. (1): Wallington. PURCHASED (3): 1, Mugford; 2, 3, Poulton. UNFLIG. CHAMP. (2): 1, 2, Shepherd, neat well-packed Crest, capital shape, good centre, nicely veined; 2, var. C.B., nicely lashed, good length of feather. AMAT. (2): 1, 2, Mugford. NOV. (3): 1, Wallington, nearly green, shade small but neat well-filled crest, lovely droop; 2, Poulton, cl. C.B., beautifully lashed, nice length of feather; 3, Miss Marshall, wing mkd. D.C., good well-filled back. YORKS., YELL. CHAMP. (4): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., wonderful length and style, beautifully drawn, grand head and shoulders, good long wings, in fine fettle; 3rd, variegated, lovely type, grand shoulders, rare length of wing; 2, Ayres, another good one, rare length, hardly so nicely rounded, good wings, A1 qual.; vhc, Lloyd. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., beauties for length and style, leader shade longer, beautifully rounded, grand wings, good tail, well up on leg; 3rd, smart and leggy, hardly so good in head; 2, Salter, nice type, but smaller, good shoulders and back, good head. HEN (6): 1, 3, Ayres, wonderful length, beautifully moulded, A1 head and neck, well braced wings; 3rd, grand yell., lovely length, tightly braced, A1 cond.; 2, hc, Hawes Bros., topper for type, nicely cut away, plenty of tingh, sound cond. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Hawes Bros., nice lengthy buff, well up on leg, good head and shoulders, capital wings, nicely cut away, perfect cond.; 2, 3, Ayres, hot col. yell., beautifully drawn, good head and shoulders, splendidly packed wings, tightly feathered; 3rd, hardly so tight, but a stormer for size, rich col. for a buff; vhc, hc, c, Lloyd. AMAT. YELL. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Scudder, grand variegated, nice length, beautifully drawn, good head; 3rd, variegated, rare legs, nice length of wings, sound cond; 2, Crockett, smart neck tkd., stands well, good col. and qual. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Scudder, wonderful length, well cut away, good shoulder, nicely moulded, sound cond.; 2, hc, King hardly the length, but capital shoulders, nice qual. feather; 3, Knight, grand for length and style, hardly so smooth, good wings. HEN (7): 1, Crockett, yell., nicely drawn, well up on leg, good head, lovely qual.; 2, vhc, c, Scudder, variegated buff, fine length and style, good head, nicely cut away; 3, hc, King, cl., rare size for a lady, nicely rounded, A1 qual. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Crockett, smart buff, grand length, not over large, but all there for type and qual.; 2, King, good yell., nicely drawn, capital length, sound col. and cond.; 3, vhc, hc, Scudder, nice length, good shoulders and back, capital wings. NOV., YELL. (9): 1, Lowe, capital size, nicely drawn, grand length of wing, A1 cond.; 2, 3, hc, Sanders, smart head mkd., fine length, nice breedy spec.; 3rd, cap mkd., lovely qual., rare stock bird, grand length. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Rolls, lovely 4-ptd., beautiful type, nicely rounded, A1 qual.; 3rd, breedy, well up on leg, nice length of wing; 2, Sanders, big bold bull, not so nicely drawn, plenty of length; vhc, hc, Rumble. HEN (9): 1, c, Sanders, one of the best hens in show, grand type, beautifully cut away, sound cond.; 2, 3, Rolls, variegated buff, big bird, bit slack at thighs, good head and wings; 3rd, slightly yell., stands well, good wings; vhc, hc, Rumble. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 2, 3, Sanders, capital team, all good type, leader very breedy and smart, plenty of leg, all in fine cond. PURCHASED (7): 1, 3, vhc, Armstrong; 2, hc, Mount. BORD. (3): 1, Mrs. Thynne, lovely type and style, moves well, capital head, grand qual.; 2, Lathbury, sweet type, shade slimmer, neat wings, A1 cond.; 3, Sayer, mkd., shapely, clean cut, good head and wings. BUFF (6): 1, hc, c, Mrs. Thynne, beautifully moulded, smooth as glass, a real topper; 2, Sayer, another good one, nicely rounded, capital wings, A1 cond.; 3, vhc, Mrs. Salter, eye mkd., hardly so good in wings as winner, lovely qual. HEN (6): 1, 3, Mrs. Salter, grand type, beautifully drawn, nice head, good wings, A1 cond.; 3rd, very jaunty, tight as wax; 2, c, Mrs. Thynne, smart type, moves well, nicely proportioned, sound cond. CHAMP., UNFLIG. (19): 1, 2, ex. vhc, Mrs. Thynne, bonny type and qual., good head and wings, neat tail, well shown; 2nd, another very smart one, nicely moulded, handles well; 3, ex. 3, hc, Sayer, jaunty bird, wee bit short in body, but nice style and qual.; ex. 3, rather full type, nicely moulded, good wings and tail; vhc, Mrs. Salter. NOV., BORD. YELL. (4): 1, Mrs. Parry. BUFF (1): Hodben. HEN (2): 1, Mrs. Parry. UNFLIG. (1): Miss Marshall.

Mr. John Frostick's Classes.

DARK HYB. (4): 1, Sander, very large Redpoll, fine col., well staged; 2, vhc, Brumbridge, good Buff Goldf. and Siskin; 3, Hart, nice Yell. Goldf. GOLDF. (8): 1, Botting, large, bright col., very stylish, splendid face; 2, hc, c, Prior, another gem, large blaze, rich chestnut; 3, Hobden, grand col. and contour; vhc, Marley. BULLF. (3): 1, 2, Prior, typical Britishers, we liked much, rich breasts, fine caps, well mkd. wings, polished like wax; 3, Marley. GREENF. (19): 1, Marley, monster, massive head, good col., fine bloom; 2, Mrs. Weston, another big, bouncing bird, very close up; 3, Francis, grand, but shade paler; vhc, Hobden; hc, Mrs. Allison; c, Prior. LINNET (12): 1, Francis, real topper, grand shape, fine chest, rich dense markings; 2, 3, Marley, rich nutty brown, fine shape, not the markings, 3rd grand all round bird; vhc, Offord; hc, Botting; c, Mrs. Weston. CHAFF. (4): 1, Marley, grand col., beautiful head markings, well shown; 2, Prior, very rich col., hardly the size; 3, Francis, well-known winner; vhc, Mrs. Weston. BRAMBLE. (3): 1, Francis, topper, wins well; 2, Marley; 3, Hobden. SISK. (7): 1, Marley, large, cobby, fed bird, only one in class without bib, rich col; 2, c, Offord, very rich col., smaller, few flights missing; 3, Mrs. Weston, fine col., fed, will improve; vhc, Prior; hc, Francis. REDPOLL (8): 1, Mrs. Weston, C.M., one of the best, grand col., fine bib; 2, Offord, another grand C.M. bird, very fine at all points; 3, Miss Shepherd, good, not quite the col; vhc, hc, Marley; c, Clark. TWITE (7): 1, Francis, very large, good col. and well mkd.; 2, 3, Marley, both good, but not the size; vhc, hc, Prior. A.O. FINCH (4) All Hawfinches: 1, Marley, very rich col., grand cond., well shown; 2, Francis, larger, not the col.; 3, Offord, very nice; vhc, Botting. YELLOW BUNTING (3): 1, Francis, fine head markings, rich col.; 2, Marley; 3, Botting. A.O. BUNTING (4): 1, 2, Marley, magnificent Corn, full of markings, grand size, fine cond., 2nd rich col'd Cirl; 3, Francis; vhc, Botting. BULLF. HEN (2): 1, Hobden, bonny bird; 2, Mrs. Weston. BUNT. HEN (2): 1, Francis, well-known Corn; 2, Botting, good Lapland. INSECTIV. SMALL (5): 1, vhc, Wynn, Tree Creeper, takes sp for best bird in show, very tame, well shown, perfect cond.; 2, Mrs. Thynne, very nice Bearded Tits; 3, Francis, large Wheatear, fine col.; hc, Parrington. LARGE (1): 1, 2, Mar-

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ley, well-known winning Blackbird and Fieldfare; 3, Mrs. Weston, beautiful Waxwing, very large, well marked wings; vhc, Parrington. RARE FEATHERED (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Weston, lovely all white Linnet and Cinnamon Greenf.; 3, Prior, curious slate col. Goldf.

LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Robbins, 1st lovely Grey Parrot, Cockatoo, and Amazon, beautifully staged. AVADAVATS, ETC. (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. Thynne, charming team, fine St. Helenas leading, 2nd equally good Orange-cheeks; 3, Brumbridge, sweet pair Avadavats, fine condition; c, Offord. WEAVERS, ETC. (3): 1, Brumbridge, pretty green Singing Finch, in nice order; 2, Miss Parry, excellent pair Mannikins. A.O. SEED-EATING (8): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, Diamond Sparrow and Red-headed Gouldians, leader in fine condition; 3, Mrs. Weston, fine Siberian Goldie, close up; hc, Brumbridge; c, Lowe. THRUSH LIKE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Shepherd, very fine Javan Mynah, in great form, takes spl. best For., 2nd lovely Black-throated Laughing Thrush; 3, Mrs. Allison, exceptionally good Pekin Robin, beautiful condition. FRUIT-EATING (1): Mrs. Thynne, charming Maroon Tanager. LIMIT CLASSES GOLDF. (9): 1, Thirnwer; 2, Miss Wright; 3, vhc, Lour; hc, Offord; c, Clark. BULLF. (7): 1, c, Offord; 2, Styles; 3, hc, Bord., Yorks., A.&O.V., Can., Hyb., Brit. and For., 2, vhc, Offord; 3, Clark; c, Styles. LINNET (7): 1, Clark; 2, hc, Lour; 3, Offord; vhc, Parrington; c, Styles. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, Parrington; 2, Styles; 3, Offord; hc, Lour; c, Clark. A.O. FINCH (11): 1, 3, Offord; 2, c, Clark; vhc, hc, Parrington. BUNTING (5): 1, 3, Parrington; 2, Clark; vhc, Lour. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Parrington; 2, hc, Offord; 3, Lour; c, Styles. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Styles; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Parrington

PONTYPRIDD.

A rattling good show was that of the Pontypridd F.F.S., which was held in the saloon of the Victoria Hotel, on November 26. It was a good show, so far as quality was concerned, and the entry, good as it was, we think would have been better had the committee not given Mr. House so many classes to handle. In this and other sections he had sixty-seven allotted to him, surely too many for one man to enable him to give satisfaction to himself or exhibitors. With this exception, we have nothing but praise for the arrangements of the Pontypridd Executive. The exhibits were nicely staged, and well looked after by an enthusiastic, hard-working lot of stewards, who knew their work and did it. Mr. John Davies, the show manager, is a most excellent official and a good leader. In the work of the secretariat, Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas is one of the best, skilful, tactful, and indefatigable in the discharge of his onerous duties, and he did much to ensure the success which was achieved. The winner of CAGE BIRDS championship was a magnificent cinn.-mkd. yellow Yorkshire, shown by Mr. Phillips.

The Critique.

...CAN., NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Edwards, grand shape, style, fine silky leather, lovely col., well shown, wing mkd.; 2, Richards, lovely shaped cl., not so even in col., nice style and feather; 3, hc, Sandiford's sp., and "C.B." coupon, Greeves and Richards, very hot cl., lovely qual., has twist at throat, well shown; r, G. T. Jones; vhc, Caddy; c, Muscott. BUFF (8): 1, sp., Greeves and Richards, nice short cobby bird, sound level col., well mealed, good head and reach; 2, Muscott, more col., grand shaped body, lovely qual., just a shade orowy; 3, S. T. Jones, grand body and style, not so chubby in head, nice col. and qual.; r, Edwards; vhc, c, Hotchkiss; hc, Richards. Mr. H. S. Davies' birds arrived too late for the Norwich classes. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Greeves and Richards, very sweet little buff, full of qual., grand shape and style, neat wings and tail; 2, G. T. Jones, grand shaped buff, carries more col., lovely feather, neat wings; 3, Edwards, bonnie little yell., rare shape, style, and qual.; r, no name in catalogue, No. 3; hc, Coker; absent 6, Edwards. YORKS., YELL. (16): 1, sp., "C.B." coupon, and championship, Phillips, cinn.-mkd., a real gem, one of the best Yorkies we have seen this season, as tight as wax, and as straight as a rush; 2, Weeks, grandly feathered cl., rare wings and tail, slim, rare style; 3, Mock, splendid shape and length, nice feather, very stylish, bit pale in col.; r, Rees; vhc, Cook; hc, Greeves and Richards; c, Richards. BUFF (15): 1, Weeks, heavily mkd., grand head, wings, and tail, neat tapering body, plenty of col. and qual., full of style; 2, Phillips, grand bodied cl., just a shade flat on skull, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Russell, plenty of style, stands well up, a shade stouter; r, Curtis and Son; vhc, Greeves and Richards; hc, Richards; c, Wilkins. HEN (16): 1, Mock, head tkd. buff, a regular little gem, pale in col., but beautifully finished in shape and style; 2, East, very showy cl. buff, grand qual. and shape, just a bit soiled; 3, Wotton, slim, smart, nervy yell., grand back, wings, and tail; r, Hughes; vhc, Greeves and Richards; hc, Wilkins; c, Eveley. CREST and A.O.V.: Cancelled. NOV. (7): 1, Morse, stout, shapely, yell. Nor., good sound col., nice feather, stands well; 2, Gooding Bros., yell. Yorkie, nice shape and style, plenty of col.; 3, James, neat, nice shaped yell. Nor., hot col.; r, blue; vhc, Every; hc, c, Bowser. MULES (10): 1, G. Edwards, pied Can.-Bullie, capital col. and feather, beautifully shown; 2, Ball, varieg. Can.-Greenie, wonderful col. and qual., in rare form; 3, D. Edwards, very handsome Greenie-Bullie, in the pink; r, Jeffreys; vhc, H. S. Davies; hc, H. Jones; c, Hughes Bros.. BRIT. GOLD. (16): 1, 2, sp., Portman, 1st a gem, rich bright blaze, of good size, grand body col. and feather, 2 very rich in col. all through, not quite so cleau in cheeks, grand bars and buttons; 3, S. Jones, very smart, rich coloured, nicely feathered Finch, not quite ready; res, c, H. Jones; vhc, D. Edwards; hc, J. R. Davies. BULLF. (7): 1, Jeffreys, lovely hen, rare shape and style, wonderfully fine and silky in feather, rare col. and bars; 2, J. Edwards, very rich coloured cock, good bars and back, not the best of shape; 3, Lloyd-James, another good coloured, close feathered hen, not so shapely; r, Wm. Davies; vhc, Curtis and Son; hc, Simms; c, J. R. Davies. LINNET (8): 1, sp, Nicholas, lovely rich nutty col., very close in feather, grand shape, a regular little swell, a bit more size and a champion; 2, vhc, Jenkins Bros., wonderfully rich col., not so boldly mkd., grand feather; 3, Jeffreys, very nice col., grandly mkd., but seemed a bit soft, and did not show; r, hc, S. Jones; c, T. J. Lewis. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Jeffreys, very rich coloured Lesser Redpoll, grandly mkd., lovely feather and style, 2 shapely, stylish, well feathered Twite, in good form; 3, Wm. Davies, large mealy Redpoll, capital col. and marks; r, Nicholas; absent, 3, G. Edwards. A.O.V. HARDBILL (5): 1, sp., Ray, large, shapely, grandly feathered, beautifully mkd. Hawfinch; 2, Lloyd-James, grandly mkd., rich coloured, close feathered Jyell. Bunting; 3, Jeffreys, grandly mkd., nice coloured, close feathered Bunting; r, Thos. Jones; vhc, Caddy. BRIT, S.B. and FOR. cancelled. SELL, 12s. 6d. (5): 1, H. S. Davies; 2, Portman; 3, Jeffreys; r, G. T. Jones; vhc, Wm. Davies.

PRESTON.

Held 21st and 22nd Nov. The venue was changed from last year, being the Forester's Hall, Shaw St. This room is a suitable one, being well lighted and cosy, but was hardly big enough for a show of such size as the Preston Society generally holds. The large crowd which filled the room on the Saturday rather overcrowded the aisles. To the towns in the immediate neighbourhood Preston is known as Proud Preston, and if I were to be asked what it was they were most proud of, after last Saturday's cage bird show, I should reply that they were most proud of their Norwich Canaries. Many notable winners have been produced in Preston, and the present season doesn't seem to have been any exception in that respect, because many of the prizes went to the local fanciers. This show was the fourth of the N.P.C.'s patronage, and we have no hesitation in saying that it was the best, both for quality and quantity. Mr. Sam Cook had out a fine team of eight birds, seven of which were unflighted, and he annexed seven money prizes. His winning unflighted yellow hen is a marvel. Others who sent down great teams were Joe Thomas, who annexed both the unflighted cock classes; W. Vardy, Jude Huyhurst, W. Wrigley, Dr. McConaghey, H. F. Marsh, J. Beswick, E. Sutton, T. Seed, J. Raynes, D. Metcalfe, L. Granger, A. Hirst—in fact, all the "knuts" were there. The amateur classes were never better filled, which shows the healthiness of the Fancy at the present time.

The Green Canary Association granted their patronage to this show, and while we would like to have seen more in numbers, we were pleased with the quality all through. In the long 'uns, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe held a strong hand; while in the Norwich section the prizes were a little more evenly distributed. We were pleased to see a nice collection of Lizards. It is a hopeful sign for the variety. The British and Hybrid section was well patronised, and was responsible for causing great interest in one exhibit—viz., the bird staged as a Canary-Bullie by Mr. Parlett. We examined this bird very closely alongside another Canary-Bullie in its class, and the resemblance structurally was nil. If this bird is a Hybrid, it is a glorious exhibit, but——.

Foreign were all cancelled, yet we remember the time when no show excelled over Preston in its foreign bird classes!

The management was perfect. The society possesses a lot of members who are real exhibiting fanciers, and they do their best to see that outside fanciers' birds are attended to and despatched in good time on their home journey. That enthusiastic Norwich fancier, Mr. Tom Dent, is the chairman, and he it is who keeps these not unwilling fanciers hard at work. He has been at the head of affairs a long time now, and we take this opportunity of advising the Preston men to keep him there, because, like good wine, the older he gets the better he gets. The show manager is Mr. H. F. Marsh, another well-known exhibitor who understands the work of running a fixture. Of late years Preston has seen many changes in its secretaries, and although they seem to change almost every year, they are like the cat which is thrown into the air—they always alight on their feet. Mr. T. Barton is at the head of the clerical department at present, and he appears to the manner born. Everything was as it should be in the office. Mr. J. Pike is the keeper of the exchequer, and we hope they find him plenty to do. CAGE BIRDS champion diploma and 10s. cash was won by a Lizard belonging to Mr. W. P. Barnes; and the novice cash special by a Norwich belonging to Mr. J. Davies. Mr. A. Wellings (Greens, Hyb., Brit., etc.) and Mr. J. Trengove (Nor., etc.) judged, and on the whole seemed to well please.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Issott, nice medium size, rare col. and type, neat head; 2, Vardy, sen., similar shape, rare col., beautiful qual., trifle browy; 3, Tweddle, grand quality and type, neat head; 4, McConaghey, nice type and qual., beautiful col; vhc, March; hc, Hartley; c, Wrigley, the Burnley 1st and Manchester 2nd, a beauty, great size and other qualities combined. BUFF (13): 1, Beswick, great size, rare head and neck, nice type, well across perch; 2, Sam Cook, now famous, great size and head, nice qual. and col.; 3, Thomas, beautiful col. and qual., exquisite type, well across perch, with more head would be a treat; 4, Norman, nice exhibit, nice size and col., neat head; vhc, W. Vardy, jun.; hc, Vardy, sen.; c, Wrigley. VAR. YELL. (11): 1, Beswick, rare size and type, neat qual., head and neck; 2, Metcalf, very taking exhibit, heavily mkd., great head and size; 3, Wrigley, now well known, very round type, exquisite feather; 4, McConaghey, nice var., neat head and neck, only beaten size, rare colour; vhc, Seed; hc, Huggins; c, Whittaker.

BUFF MARK (11): 1, Vardy, lovely type, wide head and round, lovely round type and feather of the finest, not best of col.; 2, Hirst, again pale col., lovely head and neck, nice qual.; 3, Blease and Son, neat bird, nice type and feather, rare col.; 4, Mercer, great size and col., grand head and neck; vhc, Humphries; hc, Sutton; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, 2, Thomas, Manchester winner leading, lovely exhibit, combining all the qualities of a good 'un, rare head and neck; 2nd, new face, exquisite feather and col., not the head we like to see; 3, Sam Cook, great clear, exquisite type and feather, grand col., big, wide head, without broniness, preferred for 2nd; 4, Crawshaw, Liverpool and Burnley winner in fresh hands, rare col. and feather; not equal size or head; vhc, Turner; hc, Granger; c, Vardy, senr. BUFF (25): 1, 4, Thomas, neck mark, leading, glorious exhibit, exquisite type and feather, all in one piece; 4th, back marked, rare type and feather, only lacks size to make a topper; 2, Vardy, senr., neat head and neck, lovely feather and qual.; 3, Cook, great size and head, nice type and chest, beaten qual. to-day; vhc, Mercer; hc, Hayhurst; c, Whittaker. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Granger, again comes into her own, lovely type, exquisite feather, nice deep chest and short tail; 2, Thomas, dark tail, not the nice shaped head, and bit feathery at root of tail; 3, Hirst, nice var., rare size and col., deep chest; 4, Metcalf, neat head and neck, nice size and type; vhc, Wrigley; hc, Parlett; c, Vardy, junr. BUFF HEN (15): 1, c, Thomas, now well known, lovely round head, thick neck, nice feather and well cleaned out; 2 Vardy, senr., nice qual. and type, good medium size; 3, Vardy, junr., var., lovely type and feather, nice whip tail; 4, Granger, neat head and neck, exquisite type and qual.; vhc, Beswick; hc, Hayhurst. UNFLIG. HEN (30): 1, 2, Cook; 1st, clear yellow, quite the tit-bit in the Nor. classes, exquisite type and feather, nice deep chest, well cleaned out, tail stuck in at the right angle, showing the chubbiness of head peculiar to this strain; 2nd, the well-known var., round as an apple, feather like silk, two of the best hens out; 3, Fowler, trifle longer in barrel, nice exhibit otherwise; 4, Granger, lovely medium size, nice type and feather, beaten in head properties; vhc, Thomas, hc, no name; c, Cooper. NAT. COL. (9): 1, hc, Thomas, Buff, rare col. and type, nice feather; 2, Huyhurst, great size, variegated, good head and neck; 3, Blease and Son, clear buff, big bird, beaten head; 4, Johnson, nice exhibit, rare col. and feather; vhc, Metcalf; c, Huggins. HEN (7): 1, 3, Cook, two Buffs, might be twins, like as two peas, lovely type and feather, rare heads and necks, both unflighted; 2, Marshall, var., nice shaped bird, good feather and size, not quite the head of winner; 4, Blease and Son, sweet hen, good type and qual.; vhc, Marshall; hc, Fuller; c, Thomson. AMATEUR YELL. (19): 1, vhc, and Stanley cup, Cottam, rare col. and type, lovely feather, nice head and neck; 2, Davies, wins C.B. 10s. cash special; 3, Nickson, grizzle head, rare size and type, nice qual.; 4, Worthington, sweet exhibit, nice col. and feather; hc, Harris; c, Catterall. BUFF (20): 1, Cook and Son, cl., big bird, rare col. and type, nice feather, too narrow in head; 2, Hitchen, big bird, rare col. and feather, neater head; 3, Nickson, lovely size and other qualities combined; 4, Smalley, great size and col., lovely type and feather; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Southworth; c, Worthington. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, vhc, Brewer, neat var., nice head and neck, good size and feather; 2, Catlow, taking bird, rare col., head and neck; 3, Lambert, very similar exhibit to 2nd; 4, Catterall, lovely feather and type, neat head and neck; hc, Hitchen; c, Knowles. BUFF (18): 1, c, Davies, neat head and neck, rare cnl. and feather, well across perch; 2, hc, Cottam, rare size, col., feather and type; 3, Nickson, big bird, nice feather for a big one; 4, Fildes, nice size, feather, head and neck; vhc, Rowson. YELL. HEN (17): 1, c, Cottam, sweet hen, var., nice size and type, rare col. for a hen; 4th, sweet hen, nice type and qual.; 2, Smalley, rare head and neck, nice type and feather; 3, Nickson, neat head, neck, and qual. of feather; vhc, Bracegirdle; hc, W. Cook; c, Davies. BUFF (23): 1, Cottam, lovely cl. buff, sweet round head, round body, lovely silky feather; 2, Worthington, nice type and qual., neat head; 3, Fildes, another taking exhibit, nice col.; 4, Howarth, neat type, lovely silky feather; vhc, Howarth, hc, Graham; c, Catlow. NOVICE YORKS. (7): 1, Croft, nice lengthy bird, rare position and feather; 2, Pomfret, neat round head and thick neck; 3, 4, Corbett, two nice exhibits, lengthy specimens, nice feather and col.; vhc, Elks; hc, Harrison; c, Wallwork. BUFF (6): 1, Pomfret, nice position, rare round head and neck; 2, Elks, similar shape, nice qual. of feather; 3, Darlington, lengthy bird, nice oval head and neck; 4, Reed, similar to 3rd, neat exhibit; vhc, Jones; hc, Wallwork. HENS (10): 1, Darlington, taking hen, nice position and qual.; 2, Whitehead, rare feather and qual., nice round head; 3, Jones, sweet oval head, nice position and qual.; 4, Nixon, nice feather, type and position A1; vhc, Graham; hc, Harrison; c, Wright. BORDER (11): 1, vhc, Gilleade, nice sweet head and type, rare feather; 2, 3, Hancock, sweet exhibits, lovely satiny feather, rare col; 4, Gilleade; hc, Johnson and Son; c, Davies. BUFF (11): 1, Heaton, lovely little thing, sweet head, neck and qual.; 2, 3, Rea, two lovely natty little things, sweet oval heads; 4, Fergnson; vhc, Johnson and Son; hc, Hancocks; c, Davies. GREENS, YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Metcalf, nice length and pos., rare grassy col., nice underneath, nicely cut; 2, Jones, lengthy bird, nice position, neat head; 3, hc, McDermott, lovely feather, nice colour, sweet head; 4, Hickson, rare length and qual. feather, nice position. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Benson and Young, two nice lengthy specimens, nice Yorkshire properties, sweet heads; 3, vhc, Metcalfe, long drawn bird, nicely tapered off; 4, Handley, nice head and neck, level back and col.; hc, Nimmo. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Handley, upright bird, sweet head and qual., nice level back, good wings and tail; 2, McDermott, lengthy specimen, rare position, nice col.; 3, Metcalfe, nice wings and tail, sweet expression; 4, Nimmo, neat head and neck, nice col. and qual., lengthy; vhc, Benson and Young; hc, Hickson; c, Robinson. BUFF (7): 1, Benson and Young, nice length and position, nice col.; 2, Metcalfe, nice grassy tone, nice position and quality, neatly cut away; 3, Handley, sweet oval head and neck, nice back and tail; 4, Jones, nice tone of col., upright position, stands well, nice wings and tail; vhc, Moremond; hc, Robinson; c, Hickson. NOR. GREEN YELL. (8): 1, vhc, c, Harding, chubby exhibit, rare head and neck, nice col., well across; 2, hc, Pyke, close up, nice head and neck, deep chest; 3, Handley, nice feather and type, good head and neck; 4, Lawson, deep, broad chest, nice col. and qual. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Ball, nice Nor. properties, rare heads and necks, nice tone of col.; 3, 4, Lawson, good deep chest, nice feather and qual., nice grassy col.; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Harding; c, Bloor. FOUL YELL. (12): 1, 3, c, Walker, two good exhibits, leader better in head, nice col. and feather; 2, vhc, Harding, beaten head properties, nice qual., big bird; 4, hc, Lawson, neat type, good deep chest, well across perch. BUFF (19): Things are looking up in Greens: 1, Harding, great size and type, neat head and neck, nice col.; 2, 3, J. Walker, sweet heads, necks, and backs, rare feather and col., leader better in head; 4, Harding, rare head and neck, nice back and under col.; vhc, March; hc, Pyke; c, Moss. BORD. YELL. GREEN (10): 1, Johnson, natty bird, nice grassy tone, sweet oval head; 2, 4, Middleton, two neat exhibits, nice type, and feather like silk, nice tone of col; 3, c, Little, neat oval head, full neck, level back, rare wing and tail; 2, Johnston, lovely head and neck, nice tone of col.; 3, c, Hancocks, sweet sound head, nice ticking; 4, Coldbeck, nice feather and col., sweet in head; vhc, Little. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Middleton, neat head and qual., nice grass col., lovely type; 2, Parker, sweet exhibit, neat head and qual.; hc, Johnson. BUFF (8): 1, c, Middleton, nice toue and col., sweet oval head, nice expression; 2, Little, sweet type, and grassy green col., nice feather; 3, vhc, Hancocks, nice type and feather, bit cloudy; 4, Johnson, sweet head and type, nice qual. feather. LIZARD, CL. CAP GOLD (4): 1, 2, Barnes, two nice exhibits, little to choose, nice rowing, shining like satin, 1st wins cash sp. in "C.B." competition; 3, Rukin, lovely bird, neat type, sweet rowing. SILVER (5): 1, Barnes, neat exhibit, nicely ticked, lovely sheen; 2, 3, Hamer, rare rowing, nice qual. and sheen; 4, Millington, sweet head and type, nice col. and rowing; vhc, he, Rukin. BROKEN GOLD (6): 1, Barnes, lovely col. and cond., sweet head and type, nicely tkd.; 2, Rukin, nice back, neat in head and qual.; 3, Hamer, sweet exhibit, nice back, shines like satin; 4, Millington, nice rowing, rare col. and type. SILVER (5): 1, 4, Rukin, nice exhibit, neat heads and qual., rare backs and feather; 2, Hamer, neat head and col., nicely tkd., rare cond.; 3, Barnes, neat head and type, nice back. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Guy, two Crests, rare top pieces, well centred, nice leafy feather, great size; 2, Hartley, cinn., rare jonque col., great size; 4, c, Kelsey, nice Scots Fancy, nice drive and tail; hc, Fuller, Lancashire, Thornton. HYBRID (10): 1, 4, Parlett, said to be a Canary-Bullie, if genuine, a glorious exhibit, 4 cl. Canary, lovely little exhibit, shown in beautiful cond.; 2, 3, Walsh, Redpoll Bullie and Greenie Bullie, two nice exhibits, staged in beautiful order; vhc, hc, Johnson, c, Wilson. GOLDF. (11): 1, vhc, Inman, nice moons and bars, rich coloured blaze, nice body col.; 2, Davies, wider head, nice moon, and body col., beaten col. of blaze; 3, 4, Parlett, two sweet Goldies, lovely satinny feather, nice blaze, in rare condition; hc, Jennings; c, McLean. LINNET (10): 1, Inman, nice cone shaped bird, nicely tkd., rare bold head; 2, Rehner, Nor. type, ticking too large, too heavy, in rare cond.; 3, Beswick, nice col. and ticking, rare bold head; 4, vhc, Davies, looks like Warrington winner, our choice, best nutty col., lovely ticking, rare wide head; hc, Jennings; c, Fairhurst. GREENF. (5): 1, Parlett, big Greenie, rare wide chest and back, nice tone of col.; 2, Pickles, big bird, nice bars, rare head and eye; 3, Johnson, similar exhibit, big bird, nicely staged; 4, Inman, rare col. and feather, nice wide head. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Jennings, sweet exhibit, lovely col. and well staged; 2, Pickles, great size and col., wide head, rare condition; 3, hc, Parlett, Siskin, nice black head, rare jonque colour; 4, Parlett; vhc, Kilner; c, Walsh. A.O., HARD. (5): 1, Johnson, Yellowhammer, great size, nice V shaped head, coppery breast col.; 2, vhc, Parlett, Hawfinch, great big bird, nice col. and bib, very tame, well staged; 3, Johnson, Corn Bunting, big bird, nicely marked, large head, and in good cond.; 4, Jennings, rare col. and cond., staged A1; hc, Higham; c, McPherson. INSECTIV.: 1, Jennings, Waxwing, lovely exhibit, nice crest, rare size, staged beautifully; 2, Parlett, Black Redstart, in nice cond.; 3, Sharples, Bearded Reedling, beautifully staged, in nice order a bit lively; 4, Abbot, Thrush, lovely spotted, great size; vhc, Sharples; hc, Jennings; c, Robinson.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Third show of the season, Nov. 22, headquarters. Mr. J. W. Dewhirst judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. A. Huddleton, spl. best bird in show, also spl. best cock bird; Mr. L. Neesom, spl. best hen. Class 1: 1, Huddleston; 2, 4, Varley; 3, Powell; vhc, Neesom; hc, Harrison; c, Terry. Class 2: 1, Powell; 2, 4, Neesom; 3, Lunn; vhc, Darwent; hc, Ward; c, Harrison. Class 3: 1, Neesom; 2, Huddleston; 3, Pearson; 4, Darwent; vhc, he, Powell; c, Goodwin. Class 4: 1, 3, Neesom; 3, hc, Powell; 4, Varley; vhc, Darwent; c, Goodwin. Class 5: 1, Powell. Class 6; 1, Neesom; 2, Grange; 3, Harrison. Class 7: 1, 3, Grange; 2, Lunn; 4, Terry; vhc, Neesom; hc, Pearson; c, Huddleston. Class 8: 1, vhc, Neesom; 2, Brown; 3, Terry; 4, Grange; hc, Huddlestone; c, Harrison.—H. Grange, Sec.

TARBRAX C.B.S.

Second annual exhibition held Institute Hall, Nov. 15, when over 130 exhibits were staged, nearly double the entry of the previous year, and quality was also above the average. Mr. A. Thomson, Edinburgh, who judged, had a rare task in making his selections in some of the classes. There were 19 classes, and 36 specials made competition keen. Mr. D. Agnew won sp for most points, Mr. Jas. Taylor 2nd most points.

BORD., YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, sp, Taylor; 2, 3, Gilmour. HEN: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Gilmour. BUFF: 1, 2, Agnew; 3, Gilmour. HEN: 1, Moreland; 2, 3, Gilmour. VAREIG. BUFF: 1, sp, Taylor; 2, Agnew; 3, Mitchell. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Gilmour. GR. OR CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, McKinven; 3, Jervis. BUFF: 1, McKinven; 2, 3, Jervis. SELL.: 1, Agnew; 2, 3, Taylor. NOR. COL. FED: 1, sp, 2, Agnew; 3, Pate. NON FED. YELL.: 1, 3, Agnew; 2, Pate. BUFF: 1, Agnew; 2, McLean; 3, Brown. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Jervis; 3, McLean. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Agnew; 2, McKinven; 3, Pate. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 6 sps, Agnew; 2, McKinven; 3, Muir. GREENF.: 1, McKinven; 2, Agnew; 3, Brown. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Anderson; 2, McKinven; 3, Rowley. SOFTBILL: 1, McKinven; 2, Scanlon. FOR.: Cancelled. SINGING CLASS: 1, Taylor; 2, Mitchell; 3, Savage.—James McIntyre, sec.

THE GREAT CHARITY SHOW AT BRADFORD.

The schedule of the 3rd great annual exhibition to be held Dec. 5, 6, 8, next is to hand. As is well known to our readers, this wonderful show is held in aid of the funds of the Bradford Cenderella Club, an organisation which does an immensity of good in the Yorkshire city. The schedule is worthy of the great object for which the show is held. The 128 classes provided cover all sections of exhibition birds, Yorkshires, of course, holding pride of place. The "birds of grace and beauty" have more than a third of the classes, 44 being their portion—Champion classes 22, Green Yorks. 4, Open Nov. 5, Yorks. Union Nov. 8, and Sell 5. Norwich have 24 classes—Champ. 10, Amat. 6, Greens 4, Yorks. Union Nov. 2, Sell 2. Borders have 9 classes, Cinnamons 6 (2 Nov.), Lancs. 4, Lizards 4, Belgians 3, Crest. C.B., and White Canaries 1, British 14, Mules or Hybrids 6, For. 8 (2 Local), and Rollers 3. Most of the specialist societies hold their competitions and offer valuable specials, and there are over 70 specials besides. The prize money is 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., with extra prizes if over 40 entries in a class. Entry fee is 1s. 6d., and entries close Dec. 2 to the show sec., Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford. The Executive Committee, show stewards, and door attendants comprise some of the most enthusiastic and experienced fanciers in the North Country, and there is no need to say that no stone will be left unturned to ensure the comfort of the birds and the smooth working of a show which is worthy of the support of all. The judges are Messrs. W. Mundell, Yorks. (part) and Belgians; T. Heath, Yorks. (part) and Crests; W. A. Cowgill, Greens, Nor. Sell., and Nov. Cinn. Borders; R. Halliday, Yorks. Open Nov., Yorks. Sell., and White Canaries; J. C. Barnes, Champ. Nor.; A Hirst, Amat. and Nov. Nor., and Champ. Cinn. Bord.; J. Robson, Champ. Bord. and Lizards; C. A. House, Y.U. Nov. Yorks., and Lancs.; J. Maddison, Hybrids and Brit.; F. Finn, Foreign; and W. Massey, Rollers.

In asking you to review our schedule, writes Mr. H. Hill, the show sec., I would like you to correct one or two errors and omissions. In the first place the prize-money, 10s. 1st, 6s. 2nd, 4s. 3rd, and 2s. 4th, has been omitted also the entry fee, 1s. 6d. per cage. Mr. R. Halliday's name should have been on the front page in the list of judges, thus making eleven specialist judges. Additional specials received are: Mr. H. Towers, value 5s., for most points in foul marked, classes 21 and 22; Mr. J. Lane, silver medal, most points in Polish bird and Hybrid sections, by a member of the Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. and M.C. A judges' luncheon will be provided on the Friday, about 1.30, and all visitors desirous of participating should let me know immediately, so proper arrangements can be made with the caterers; price, 1s. 6d. per head.

TIDESWELL.

Show held Nov. 15, by the Tideswell C.H. Improvement Society. The Oddfellows' Hall provided capital accommodation for the exhibits, which were ably staged to the best of advantage. The entry was a record one, and the quality the finest ever obtained, providing great delight to both members and visitors. Truly a grand show, and near on 100 more exhibits present than last year. President Mr. S. Bagshaw is a right loyal supporter, while Mrs. W. C. Mallison, Cressbrook Hall, is a patroness, and assists nobly with her generosity. Messrs. W. Millward and T. Fox, well known and highly esteemed, act jointly as treasurers, being right men in the right place. Hon. auctioneer is Mr. F. F. Harrison, who deserves thanks for services so kindly rendered. Committee of management, judiciously led by chairman, Mr. W. S. Flint, who has as his under-study Mr. T. V. Lomas, a most capable and enthusiastic colleague, are a band of most willing and merry workers, praise being due to the following: Messrs. G. Robinson, A. Flint, W. Hartle, J. Longstone, A. Bradbury, W. Daniel, C. Barton, F. Millward, L. Townsend, T. Fox, C. Wagstaff, T. Hudson, J. Taylor, G. Oven, and A. Gibson. In the person of the secretary, Mr. W. F. Swarbrick, our "Tidy" friends are served with the very best, courteous to a degree, a genuine fancier, and a most popular official.

Yorkshires and Norwich were the feature of the function, gems being put down in class after class. British were a nice collection, many envious eyes being cast towards the superb Bullie (R. E. Griffith, Carnarvon), and the delightful Hawkheh, the property of Mr. W. Bull. Mules were good, Mr. R. H. Parlett standing 1st and 2nd, his noted Yell. Greenie Can. leading. Members' classes contained many meritorious specimens standing out and good enough for "open war." CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme again attracted a good entry, competition being of a very warm nature, as is usually the case. Strenuous battles were fought; the 10s. spl. and diploma (champ.) went to a yellow unflighted Norwich, grandly shown by Mr. W. N. Turner, and novices' 10s. special and diploma to Mr. T. A. Lomas, his very stylish yell. Yorkie doing the trick, closely pressed by a rattling C.B. owned by Mr. E. Barker. Diplomas of honour were gained as follows:—Champ. Yorks., W. E. Hutchinson: Nov. Nor., W. J. Dean; Champ. Crest, E. Barker; Champ. Mule, R. E. Griffith: Champ. Brit., W. Bull; Nov. Brit., G. Oven. Members' cups were gained as follows, after strenuous conflicts: Nor., A. Flint; Yorks., A. Flint: British and Mules, W. F. Swarbrick. The show steward, who acquitted himself with efficiency and promptitude, was that good old stager, Mr. E. L. Payne. Management throughout was superb. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged; his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, E. Radley, cl., straight as a rush, rare length, smooth as wax well on leg, a topper; 2, Dykes, cl., full of swagger, tight as a Java, lovely feather and col., very lengthy, pressed hard; 3, Sampson, cl., ablaze, capital qual., good pos. and length, well filled back, neat wings, stronger; vhc, Snead; hc, Farnish; c, Thomas. BUFF (11): 1, Blackburn and Mitchell, cl., richly fed, clinking pos., sweetly moulded, lengthy, and shows for all it is worth, a gem; 2, Thomas, eye tick, good pos. and length, not quite the texture, grand back and wing carr., close up; 3, Snead, cl., true type, full of nerve, feathered to perfection; vhc, Dykes; hc, Brooks; c, A. Radley. YELL. CNFLIG. (8): 1, vhc, Dykes, grizzled root of tail, not a feather misplaced, straight as a gun-barrel, rare length, clever legs, most promising; 2, Snead, cl., lovely feather and col., slim and upstanding, best of back, neat wing carr., beaten in length only; 3, Thomas, cl., well clothed, A1 col., good pos. and length; hc, Potts; c, A. Radley. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, grizzled neck, smooth as marble, correct shape, nice length, quite a charmer, well-known winner; 2, A. Radley, very stylish cl., stands like a guardsman, well on leg, not quite so lengthy; 3, Thomas, mkd. wing and eyes, red-hot, rare pos., very lengthy, good back, flights and tail, not so tight; vhc, Brooks; hc, F. Potts; c, J. Potts. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dykes, mkd. wing, beautiful contour, rare qual. and col., lengthy, with plenty of leg; 2, Snead, cl., with more length, nice tone of col., A1 feather; 3, Thomas, cl., well up in pos., capital qual., lengthy, neat wings, not so good in head expression; vhc, A. Radley; hc, J. Potts; c, Cockeram. BUFF (7): 1, A. Radley, mkd. cheek, shooty, of exquisite feather and col., grand length of side, fine back, flights and tail; 2, H. Sampson, mkd. wing, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, rare length and clever legs, pressed; 3, Dykes, cl., delightful symmetry, rich tone of col., superb feather not the length, very promising; vhc, Thomas; c, Snead. HEN, UNFLIG. (11): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., wonderful shape, superior col. and feather, neat and narrow, full of action, good length; 2, A. Radley, buff, mkd. wings and head, tight as box, capital position and length, fine back and wing carr., gem; 3, Snead, var. yell., lovely pos., A1 qual., fine length and style; vhc, Farnish; hc, Sampson; c, Blackburn and Mitchell. NAT. COL.: Cancelled. NOV. YELL. £5 (6): 1, CAGE BIRDS' diploma, 3, Hutchinson, exquisite feather and col., wedge shaped, good length, plenty of nerve, could win open competition; 3rd, cl., not quite the character of his stable companion, but very meritorious, in the pink; 2, c, Potts, red-hot cl., full of qual. and col., stands well, beaten a little in length, yet one we liked; vhc, Lomas; hc, Midgley. BUFF (8): 1, Potts, rich salmon tinted cl., straight up, neat and narrow, lovely texture of feather, well on leg, beauty; 2, Potts, richly fed, good pos. and length, well filled back, capital wing carr., not quite the style; 3, hc, Hutchinson, cl., fine pos. and length, good col. and feather, well on leg, not far behind; vhc, c, Midgley. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Thomas, bouncer of a cl., ablaze with col., true type, best of carr., clean cut, well known winner; 2, Wilson, cl., better in head and neck, good front and wing carr., little longer in wings and tail, yet close on the heels of winner; 3, Turner, cl., plenty of subs., A1 qual. and col., fine head, neck and chest; vhc, Rathbone; hc, c, Parlett. BUFF (8): 1, Granger, cl., short and thick-set, superb feather and col., jaunty carr., plenty of size, gem of gems; 2, Varey, cl., shade larger, even lovely col., silky texture, not quite so good in head, and little longer in build; 3, Turner, cl., monster, A1 shape, teeming with qual. and col., bit slack in feather, when tight end will take some stopping; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Hathaway; c, Thomas. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, CAGE BIRD 10s. special and diploma, Turner, cl., for shape and quality, size and carr., all one need desire, certainly not ablaze, but a knock-out nevertheless; 2, vhc, Hathaway, finely fed cl., capitally clothed, to [illegible] shaped body, not quite so full in head and neck; 3, Thomas, cl., not enough to fire lds cage, grand shape and feather, best of carr.; hc, Vardy; c, Rathbone. BUFF (9): 1, Parlett, cl., rare shape and col., well up in subs., jaunty carr., clean under, should do some winning; 2, Hathaway, red-hot cl., plenty of size, A1 feather, good carr., 3, Hathaway, mkd., good subs., fine symmetry, paler in col., and little loose in feather on left side, still well worth its place; vhc, Vardy. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Turner, mkd. wings and head, beautiful feather and col., fine size and shape, clock-like action, clean under, real eye-opener; 2, Parlett, cl., shapely, superior col., not the subs. or qual. quite, yet very choice; 3, Dean, cl., smooth as box, true type, delightful movement, built on smaller lines; vhc, Vardy; hc, Thomas; c, Wilson. BUFF (6): 1, Wood, cl., chubby, exquisite feather and col., plenty of size, grand carr., one of the best; 2, Vardy, mkd. eyes, teeming with qual. and col., lovely head, neck and chest, bit cloggy behind to-day, or would have won, no doubt; 3, Thomas, very shapely and capitally fed and clothed cl., best of carr., beaten in size; vhc, Granger; hc, c, Parlett. HEN, UNFLIG. (6): 1, Granger, magnificent cl. yell., bordering on perfection, stormer, should make a name; 2, Vardy, yell., mkd. wing and neck, shade more subs., equal in qual., hardly so warm in texture and not quite the finish; 3, Forrest, yell., mkd. wing, race subs., grand shape, col. and feather, jaunty carr., pressed hard; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Parlett; c, Hulse. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Hathaway, monster of a cl. yell., superb feather, A1 shape, jaunty and clean cut away; 2, Vardy, fine cl. buff, tight as a Java, A1 col. and size, close up; 3, Longstone, very shapely buff green, nice size, smooth as wax, cleanly made, one we liked; vhc, W. S. Flint; hc, Hulse. NOV. YELL., £5 (4): 1, CAGE BIRDS' novice diploma, Dean, mkd. wing and head, red-hot, plenty of size, grand shape and qual., capital carr.; 2, Bond, mkd. wing, A1 col. and feather, grand shaped body, not quite so bold in head character, still a good one; 3, Sheppard, thigh tkd., ablaze with col., silky feather, good in shape and carr., not quite the size; vhc, Scarborough. BUFF (9): 1, Sheppard, cl., rattling head and neck, deep and broad fronted, rare feather and col., jaunty and clean cut away; 2, Richards, cl., shapely and delightfully clothed, rich col., good subs., not far away; 3, Sharman, mkd. wing, shape, qual., and col. all there, not overdone with size, still one we admired; vhc, Sturgess; hc, c, Dean. CREST (6): 1, Radley and Son, buff, heavily mkd. D.C., heaps of rich qual. feather, rare subs., crest large, dense, and as round as a hoop, delightful droop and centre; 2, Burrows, buff green pied tail, wealth of A1 feather, giant, crest thick and as round as a *rim*, not the droop, good centre, yet a gem; 3, Radley and Son, buff green, pied tail, plenty of feather, fine size and radiation of crest, neat centre; vhc, Stevens; hc, Barker; c, Handley. C.B. (7): 1, CAGE BIRDS' diploma, Barker, buff green, abundance of grand qual. feather, rare width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection, found many admirers; 2, vhc, Radley and Son, buff green, pied tail, heaps of feather, good subs., hardly so wide in entrance, yet fine length of head covering, neat brow, close up; 3, Stevens, buff var., shapely, and plenty of subs., capital width and rise of skull, not so lengthy in feather, nice lash; hc, Memmott; c, Burrows. LANCS.: Cancelled. LIZ., GOLD (4): 1, Bradley, broken, rich ground col., fine shape and size, bold and distinct, with profuse spangling; 2, Bradley, cl., shapely, rattling col. and shape, not quite the size, lovely rowing, a gem; 3, Barnes, cl., fine qual., superb col. and rowing, bit down or might have won; vhc, Barnes. SILVER (4): 1, 2, Bradley, broken over beak, lovely shape and size, best of col. and qual., delightful rowing; 2nd, cl., good in shape, rich col., bold in spangling, not quite so large as his mate; 3, Barnes, cl., good in size and rowing, very shapely, in the pink, not quite the col.; vhc, Barnes. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE (4): 1, 2, vhc, Parlett, noted yell. Greenie-Can., lit to fight for a kingdom, wonderful specimen, wears well; 2nd, yell., dark Gold.-Can., fine size and shape, superb col., rattling face; 3, CAGE BIRDS' diploma, Griffith, Siskin-Can., rare size and shape, delightfully mkd., one of the best we have seen for many a day, good 3rd. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, Griffith, Bullie, well-known Western winner, in absolute perfect form, walks in; 2, Parlett, Goldie, good in shape and size, large and well cut blaze of grand col., neat bars and buttons, can beat more than beats it; 3, CAGE BIRDS diploma, Oven, Goldie, shapely, nice size, A1 col., neat blaze, good bars and buttons; vhc, Allwood; hc, Dale; c, Fallding. A.O. SEEDEATER (5): 1, CAGE BIRDS' diploma, Bull, Hawfinch, extraordinary merit, winner on many occasions, and capable of annexing more 1sts; 2, Fallding, Corn Bunting, fine size and shape, superior col., beautifully mkd., in the pink, finely staged; 3, hc, Parlett, Bramble, well up in size, lovely col. and markings, shows well, put down in fine style; vhc, Poole. MEMB., YELL. YORKS. (5 miles radius) (7): 1, Lomas; 2, A. Flint; 3, c, Burton; vhc, Robinson; hc, Lomas. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Lomas; 3, hc, A. Flint; vhc, Hudson; c, Robinson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, c, Flint; 2, Lomas; 3, Robinson; vhc, Burton; hc, Hudson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, A. Flint; 3, hc, Lomas; vhc, c, Robinson. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Longstone; 2, W. Millward; 3, A. Flint; vhc, hc, T. Fox; c, W. S. Flint. BUFF (8): 1, c, A. Flint; 2, 3, W. Millward; vhc, hc, Fox. YELL. HEN (8): 1, c, Longstone; 2, W. Millward; 3, Fox; vhc, W. S. Flint; hc, Slack. BUFF (10): 1, A. Flint; 2, Taylor; 3, hc, Longstone; vhc, W. Millward; c, W. S. Flint. BRIT. (6): 1, Oven; 2, vhc, W. F. Swarbrick; 3, Oven. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, W. F. Swarbrick; hc, Oven; c, Gibson. NOV. NOR. (6): 1, vhc, Gibson; 2, 3, hc, c, Taylor.

KEIGHLEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Nov. 22, at Hare and Hounds Hotel. 120 birds faced the judge, Mr. F. Townsend (Halifax), whose awards gave general satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Middleton; 2, Town; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Myers; hc, Smith; c, Leach. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Spencer; 3, Fawcett, vhc, Town; hc, Mitchell; c, Bower. MKD. CK.: 1, Burnett; 2, Middleton; 3, Leach; vhc, Scaife; hc, Smith; c, Judson. YELL. HEN: 1, Fawcett; 2, Myers; 3, Slater; vhc, Leach; hc, Smith; c, Jeffrey. BUFF HEN: 1, Spencer; 2, Fawcett; 3, Slater; vhc, Smith; hc, Town; c, Myers. MKD. HEN: 1, Mitchell; 2, Middleton; 3, Smith; vhc, Slater; hc, Myers; c, Crowther. A.O.V. CAN., CK.: 1, Town; 2, Scaife; 3, Burnett; vhc, Leach; hc, Mitchell; c, Middleton. HEN: 1, Leach; 2, Myers; 3, Burnett; vhc, c, Middleton. NOVICE, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Williams; 2, Ascough; 3, vhc, Burrows; hc, Pemberton; c, Watson. BUFF: 1, Williams; 2, Burrows; 3, Pemberton; vhc, hc, Ascough. YELL. HEN: 1, Williams; 2, Ascough; 3, Watson; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Watson; 2, Williams; 3, hc, Pemberton; vhc, Ascough. A.O.V. CK.: 1, A. Williams; 2, F. Watson; 3, Williams; vhc, Ascough. HEN: 1, Williams; 2, Ascough.—C. W. Town, Sec.

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EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Annual show held in the Buccleuch Hall, St. Patrick Square, Nov. 15, and it proved a great success. Entries were a shade down, but quality was extra good all round. C. W. Finnie won sp. for best in show with what is Scotland's premier Norwich this season, a grand yellow hen, a gem of the first water, staged in this gentleman's usual faultless style; a very popular win. The Border yell. hen, medal winner, was a sweet wee gem, well staged by an old warrior at the game, Mr. J. Welch, while the dark Mule well shown by Mr. Carson also received its share of admiration from Mule judges. The sp. winning Britisher was a grand Blackie, well put down by Mr. Lee. We heard he reared it himself, and has been a runner-up for sp. before, but everything comes to him who waits, and can wait patiently. The management is composed of the leading breeders in Edinburgh, and with an ideal sec. at the helm in the person of Mr. Stormont, everything was in apple-pie order, and the staging beautifully arranged, an array of cups and specials the like of which is seldom seen, and, what gladdens the heart of any society, a grand gate. Everything passed off A1, and the show was voted to be one of the best ever held in these historical halls. Mr. J. Adams, Dundee, judged the Nor. section, Mr. J. W. Bruce the remainder, and we have never heard fewer complaints at a show, their awards being exceedingly well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Stormont, grand shape, lovely head and front, and good wing carr.; 2, Brash, shade thinner in front, but good head, nice style; 3, hc, Holmes, not so large, but all there for type, close-feathered one; 4, Charlton; vhc, Smeaton; c, Thomson. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Finnie, grand style, lovely bloom, neat head and wings well shown; 3rd, longer in side, equal in head, fails in feather; 2, 4, Brash, 2nd good stamp, bold head and front, and nicely drawn, shows well; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Stormont; c, Holmes. GR. OR VARIEG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Smeaton, romper, grand head and front, well burnished up, good one; 2, 3, Holmes, hot ones, not so large, but lovely short feather and grand type, well placed; 4, vhc, Thomson; hc, Carson; c, Craig. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (19): 1, cup, cup for best in show, 3, vhc, Finnie, splendid model of a Nor., lovely head and grand bold front, sweet, level wing carr., and well cut, free from roughness, short, silky feather, and grand level col. throughout, a real gem, and put down in masterly fashion, a very popular win; 3rd, good one, fails in front to winner; 2 Holmes, beaten, but not by any means disgraced, rare type, and shown in tip-top order; 4, Thomson; hc, c, Brash. GR. OR VARIEG. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Smeaton, good shape, well rounded, plenty of weight, grand front; 2, 4, hc, Holmes, close up, nice stamp, and grand qual., fails a little in size, well drawn; 3, Murdock, extra sweet in head and good front, a shade longer, and fails a little in wing carr.; vhc, Stormont. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HEN (16): 1, Smeaton, good qual. of feather and very stylish, grand size, and sweet in head, in rare bloom; 2, 4, Brash, tip-top size and good qual., shade narrower in front; 4th, fails in wing carr.; 3, c, Stormont, good shape, beaten in front, and not so short in feather, fine order; vhc, hc, Holmes; c, Stormont. GR. OR VARIEG. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Smeaton, good shape and lovely qual. of feather, nicely drawn, and extra good in wing carr.; 2, 3, Holmes, sweet moulded birds, neatly made up, grand qual. of feather, fails a shade in size only; 4, Finnie; vhc, hc, Stormont; c, Craig. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Holmes, hard to separate, leader if anything the best in head, bold front, and A1 wing carr., well staged; 3, R. Craig, good size and neat head, loses in qual. here, shade longer in side; 4, A. Craig; vhc, Finnie; hc, Smeaton. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, vhc, A. Craig, romping var., grand size and quality; 2, Stormont, sweet shape, fails a little in head, good size and qual.; 3, Thomson, good feather, beaten in head; 4, Lee; hc, Murdock; c, Finnie. HEN (3): 1, Winter, good one, plenty size, bold appearance, well put down; 2, Smeaton, close up, fails a trifle in head; 3, Thomson, lovely size; scarcely so well finished off. NOV. YELL. (1): 1, Murdock. BUFF (1): 1, Murdock. CREST (2): 1, 2, Grant, leader good one, tip-top headpiece, and grand size; 2nd, close up. C.B. (1): 1, Grant, plenty headgear and grand size and quality. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, and 4, Windram, leader well moulded, finely drawn, and tip-top head and front, shade on the long side; 2nd, similar in build, but not so good in front; 4th, also fails in front a little, grand size and shape; 3, vhc, Watson, lovely head tick, grand qual., good head and front, shade stouter in body, taking exhibit, well shown; vhc, c, Welsh. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Stormont, leader fine weight, grand head and front, rare style, extra good in taper, lovely wing carr.; 2nd, better feather, but shorter behind, and fails in front (soon claimed); 3, Thomson, nice stamp, good qual. throughout, fine body and taper, and neat wing carr.; 4, vhc, Welsh; hc, Dods; c, Windram. GR. OR CINN. CK. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Dods, leader a good yell.-green, lovely tone of col. and A1 pencilling, fine black legs, etc., well shown; 3rd, sweet buff, fails a little in lacing, but all there for type, good stamp; 2, 4, Windram, 2nd a yell.-green, fine type, but not so pure in lacing, equal in col. A.O.C. CK. (18): 1, Windram, lovely uneven, buff, grand shape, splendid mould, rare head and wing carr., correct weight, well staged, should do some winning; 2, vhc, Napier, nice yell. good qual of feather, fails a shade in front, good head and wing carr.; 3, c, Welsh, buff, beaten in finish, good feather; 4, Brash; vhc, Watson; a good class. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (17): 1, B.S.C. medal, Welsh, good one, fine weight, grand style, well cut, splendid head and wing carr., good col., well put down, should make a good one; 2, Dods, nice stamp, good body and wing carr., fails in head and neck to winner; 3, Holmes, lovely headed bird, grand body and wing carr., fails in taper behind, a shade short; 4, c, Windram; vhc, Watson; hc, Thomson. BUFF (15): 1, Napier, rare qual. of feather, grand wing carr., sweet style and finish, well staged; 2, Dods, good one, close up, not so finely finished, but extra good head and front, fails in taper; 3, vhc, c, Welsh, nice qual. stylish, but inclined to be pointed; 4, Windram; hc, Holmes. GR. OR CINN. HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Dods, leader good buff, splendid type, col., and lacings, shade coat in feather; 2nd, 4th both yell.-greens, good type and markings, inclined to be a shade bronzy; 3, Wilson, sweet buff, thinner build than winner, but all there for lacing and col.; hc, Windram. A.O.C. HEN (12): 1, runner-up to medal, Dods, sweet foul, lovely qual., A1 size, grandly put down; 2, Welsh, yell., shade thin in front, but extra good qual. of feather, well shown; 3, 4, Windram, two nice variegs, bulls, leader better in head and fuller in front; vhc, Thomson, hc, Napier; c, Holmes. NOV. CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hughes, three good yells., little to choose between. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Hughes, similar to cocks. OLD BORD. CK. (1): 1, Welsh. HENS (3): 1, Welsh; 2, Watson. MULES, DARK GOLDF.-CAN. (3): 1, cup, 3, Carson, leader, good Goldie, grand flush face, and well up in size, in tip-top order, clear win; 3rd, beaten in size and col.; 2, Grant, good size, fails in face to winner. A.O. MULE (8): 1, 3, 4, Frazer, all yell. Linnets, leader best in col., grandly pencilled, and well up for size, a shade dark in tone, fine shape; 3rd, 4th, good ones, close up, all likely birds; 2, Carson, buff Linnet, good size and well pencilled, again in tip-top order; vhc, Grant; hc, Stormont; c, Carson. OLD MULE (1): 1, R. Craig, well known Yell.-Greenie in good form. GOLDF. (1): 1, Finnie, good, well up in size, A1 colours. LINNET (7): 1, 4, Grant, leader nice stamp, steady, and well pencilled, grand wing flights; 2, vhc, c, Frazer, a good one, rare size, and well pencilled, unsteady a little, and a shade guttered in neck, otherwise A1; 3, hc, A. Craig, good col. and finish, weak in flank lacing, and not so large as winners. GREENF. (12): 1, Stormont, grand col., fine head and front, good wing flights, in rare order; 2, Finnie, close up, grandly fed, all there for finish, must have pressed; 3, A. Craig, good, nat. col., shade loose in feather, but good size, and bold in head; 4, Finnie; vhc, Hilson; hc, Grant; c, R. Craig. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, A. Craig, tip-top Siskin, nicely fed, grand size, A1 lacing, and good cap, neat small bird, in grand order; 2, 4, Hilson, two good Twites, leader the best in markings, well laced on flanks, and A1 wing flights, fine size and qual.; 3, Frazer, good Lesser, shade blurred in markings, but grand cap and bib, well up in size; vhc, hc, Finnie. SEED-EATING HEN (5): 1, Frazer, good head and front and A1 wing flights, well up in size, grand qual.; 2, Finnie, sweet shape, grand col. beaten in size; 3, 4, Hilson, two nice hens, fall in size and col.; all Greenfinches. A. O. FINCH (2): 1, J. Hilson, sweet Bramble, well up in size and col.; 2, W. Hilson, good Chaffie plenty col., shade wild. A.O. BRIT. (3): 1, cup, best Brit., Lee, tip-top Blackbird, grand size, lovely bill and eye, cere, grand sheen, well staged; 2, Frazer, good Yellow Bunting; fails a shade in head, otherwise A1; 3, Finnie, Yellow Bunting, beaten in size and markings. FOR. GOLDF. (3): 1, 3, R. Craig, leader a good one, well up in size, A1 col., good square blaze, well put down; 3rd, beaten in flush; 2, Carson, good finish, shade larger than winner, but dull in face, yet will improve. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Winter, Gold-breasted Waxbills, a Fire Finch, and a pair of Mannakins, all in good order, and well shown.

HETTON-LE-HOLE.

Third annual show held Saturday, Nov. 22. As in previous years, the cage birds section was not a success, and the difficulty of obtaining a big entry was considerably increased by the fact that there were six or seven other open shows on the same date, all within a few miles of each other. Nevertheless, the entry, poor as it was, was slightly in excess of the two previous years, and would have been considerably more but for the fact that the committee decided to cancel all classes that did not fill to the number required, and consequently several exhibitors had their entrance fees returned to them. The show was held in the Workmen's Club Hall, our section being staged in a corner by themselves. Quality was very good, and some really capital Yorks. and Nor. were staged. The chairman of the society is Mr. R. Gibbons; vice-chair, Mr. J. Henderson; with Mr. J. Burt, treas. Mr. A. J. Notley, the genial sec., had everything in good order, and got through his duties in fine style, and he was well supported by Messrs. R. Lawson, E. Robinson, G. Vipond, and G. Gowland, the stewards for our section. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

NOR. (8): 1, hc, Wilson, cl. yell. leading, good size, grand shape, short cobby body, good col. and qual., neat head, short, well carried wings and tail; 2, Lawson, cl. buff, plenty of subs., good deep chest, both head, good col. and qual., nice wings and tail; 3, vhc, Earl and Bainbridge, tkd. yell., leading, not so short and cobby as winner, nice head, good col., but not quite level in tone, nice carr.; c, Atkinson. YORKS. CK. (10): 1, Wearmouth, cl. yell., grand length, straight up on good legs, hot col., neat head, nice shoulders, well drawn, capital wings and tail; 2, hc, Swinsco, cl. buff, nice length and pos., well rounded shoulders, nicely drawn, neat head, good col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 3, Stevens, lightly mkd. yell., scarcely the length of leader, or so good in col., well up on leg, nicely drawn, nice shoulders, neatly braced wings and tail; vhc, Nattrass; c, Hutchinson. HEN (7): 1, Stevens, cl. buff, medium length, lovely pos., straight up on fine legs, neat head, grand shoulders and waist, nice col. and qual., lovely wings and tail; 2, Wearmouth, cl. yell., fine length, nice col., well up on good legs, neat head, capital shoulders, not so well finished at thighs, well braced wings and tail; 3, Nattrass, cl. buff, nice length, good pos., neat shoulders, not so well drawn, or so good in col. as leader; vhc, Cresswell; hc, Hutler; c, Dixon.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Members' show, Nov. 22, at Fountain Inn, when 74 birds were staged, competition being very keen. Mr. W. Moreuent (Bradford) judged, and his awards were well received. CHAMP., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Wilcock; 3, 4, Chippendale; vhc, W. Lee. BUFF.: 1, vhc, c, Wilcock; 2, 4, Chippendale; 3 Stebbings; hc, Lee. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Wilcock; 4, vhc, Stebbings; hc, c, Lee. BUFF: 1, hc, Lee; 2, vhc, Chippendale; 3, 4, Stebbings. NOVICE, CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Sparks; 2, vhc, hc, Oldrieves; 3, Simonett; c, Clark. BUFF: 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Sparks; 4, c, Close; vhc, Shaw; hc, Oldrieves. MKD. BUFF: 1, Shaw. YELL. HEN: 1, Pearson; 2, hc, Shaw; 3, Close; 4, Sparks; vhc, Simonett. BUFF: 1, hc, Sparks; hc, 4, Simonett; 3, Pearson; vhc, Palmer; c, Oldrieves. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Pearson; 2, vhc, Simonett; 4, Clark; hc, c, Palmer. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Pearson; 4, vhc, Simonett.—S. Wilcock, Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held "Hand and Shuttle" Inn, Dudley Hill, Nov. 15. 72 birds were judged by Mr. F. Allen, Cleckheaton, who gave every satisfaction. CHAMP. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Casey. BUFF (6): 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Atkinson and Firth. MKD. CK. (6): 1, Atkinson and Firth; 2, 4, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Padgett. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Hodgson, jun. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Hodgson, jun.; 2, Gledhill; 3, 4, Casey. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Atkinson and Firth; 4, Padgett. MKD. HEN (3): 1, Atkinson and Firth; 2, 3, Gledhill. NOVICE, YELL. CK. (5): 1, Jennings; 2, Baker; 3, 4, Ramsbottom. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 3, Ramsbottom; 2, Baker; 4, Wardman. MKD. CK. (2): 1, Preston; 2, Wright. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Baker; 2, Pells; 3, Jennings; 4, Wright. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Baker; 2, Jennings; 3, Pells; 4, Crabtree. BUFF HEN (8): 1, 2, Ramsbottom; 3, Baker, 4, Crabtree. MKD. HEN (3): 1, Preston. 2, Wright; 3, Jennings.—W. Walker, Sec.

Another Excellent Show in Glasgow.

Well managed by the fine body of Fanciers comprised in the Glasgow C.B.A. The first prize Yellowhammer disqualified for alleged trimming.

Annual show, held Nov. 21, 22, in the Highlanders, Drill Hall. The hall, which is very large and commodious, is well lighted, and heated, and was very comfortable. The staging was neatly arranged round three sides of the building, with a double row down the centre, and left so that there was any amount of comfortable accommodation. Entries were a bit up on last year; but with the extra classification granted, met with only half-hearted support. It cannot be for want of proper men to carry on the work of the society as a perusal of the names connected therewith brings one face to face with some of the best and ablest of Scottish fanciers and exhibitors, whose knowledge and ability to look after anything with feathers is an assurance worthy the trust of one's most valued specimens. The gate was about up to the usual standard. Sales were rather more numerous than usual, some good birds being claimed at the catalogue price. Mr. Melville's winning unlighted buff Plainhead Nor. was claimed at £5, a nice specimen. Quality was well up all over the show, and we greatly admired Mr. McLaren's Crested cock, Mr. Noble's young hen, and Mr. Hamilton's young Crestbred cock as being exhibits worthy of special mention. Yorks. were not quite as numerous as might have been expected, but quality predominated, and many of the best known winners of the season again faced the fray. Borders, on the whole, were good, although a shade weak in numbers. The medal winning yell. hen (Bennett) was a good one, being in rare trim, and the correct weight, so much desired in a good yell. hen. Even marks were a good class ,and very carefully judged. All over the quality was A1, and in many cases a mere trifle separated the winners.

Mules were a grand collection, some extra good ones being out, Mr. Higgins' noted clear Greenie again being to the fore, while the 2nd prize Dark Goldie was a stunner for a baby, and should make things hum with a bit of luck. All the classes were interesting, and some rare crosses were on view. British were the feature of the show, some of the classes being extra. Messrs. McQuiston and Patterson, and Sykes had some grand specimens forward, and made themselves felt in the prize list. The sp. for best in section was won by Messrs. McQuiston and Patterson, with their well-known Cornish Chough, which needs no comment, except that to-day it was better staged than ever. The winning Yellowhammer was disqualified for alleged trimming of head feathers. Mr. P. Arnott led the way in the foreigners with his purple Sugar Bird and Golden-fronted Honeysucker exhibits of the first rank, and without blemish or spot, perfect beauties.

With the patronage of all the specialist clubs, it was not to be wondered at that quality would be bound to make its appearance, and with the same patronage another year, and the same capable staff of workers, a deserving and more generous support should be given. Office-bearers: Pres., J. F. Park; vice-pres., R. T. Anderson and A. Sloan; assist. sec., D. F. Webster; sec., W. Hutchison; treas., W. Gunion; committee, John Brown, E. Barron, M. Craig, T. Fraser, S. Hadley, P. Houston, C. Martin, W. Priest, D. Morrine, J. E. Sinclair, F. Taylor, A. Walker, R. Watson, E. Taylor; auditors, R. Heggie and A. Maxwell completc this deservingly popular band of fanciers. The judges were: Crests, C.B., Non-fed Novice, and Sell. Nor., J. McLay, Kirkintilloch; all other Plainheads, A. G. Cameron, Kelso; Borders, T. Arnott, Hawick; Yorks., L. Dykes, Bradford; Brit., and For., A. W. Watson and L. J. Arrighi, Edinburgh.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (10): 1, 3 sps., McLaren, uneven D.C., monster for size, abundance feather, densely clad, expansive, well defined, and centred, lovely drooping crest, perfect radiation, a beauty, one of the right kind to keep; 2, Howie, plenty body and feather, even mark D.C., not quite so evenly radiated, fails at sides, but hard up for size; 3, sp., Cram, even D.C., fine qual. feather, nice size and con., fine evenly radiated crest, nice droop and frontal, keeping hard up for position; 4, Noble, nice green, fine top piece; 5, sp., McNaughton; 6, Hamilton; 7, Burns; 8, Nimmo. HEN (10): 1, 3, McLaren, leads with even wing D.C., in fine bloom, not one of the largest, but neat, fine radiation and droop, nice centre, ought to improve yet, 3rd, broken green, nice qual. feather and stylish, fine even radiation, and good, shapely, nicely placed; 2, Whitton, rare close feathered spec., nice condition and lovely got up, with fine, even radiated top piece; 4, G. Smart, even, dark, plenty feather, grand quality; 5, Summers. C.B. CK. (12): 1, 2 sps., 3, sp., Cram, leader fine broken green, in rare fettle, nice subs., grand skull, fine rise and good entrance, great lash, wins in fine fashion, 3, large bodied, massive, feathery, good qual., fine skull, rare lash, nice dome shape, fine back, skull, runs hard up on 2, Moreland, large varieg., capital order, nice qual. feather, plenty body, nice lofty skull; 4, Young, lightly varieg., topping condition, plenty feather, shapely skull, fine entrance, only lacks body subs.; 5, Whitton; 6, McLaren; 7, Noble; 8, Brown. HEN (11): 1, Noble, nice tick, staged in grand plumage, fine body subs. and plenty feather, right qual., good entrance and fine lash, but might be better in back skull; 2, Adamson, heavy varieg., in top con., plenty, fine, close, silky feather, rather better in skull, fine entrance, nice rise, good breadth, must have pressed hard for 1st; 3, Howie, broken green, in nice feather, and staged in creditable fashion; 4, Hamilton, very similar in make to 3rd; 5, sp., Smart; 6, Sharp; 7, McLaren; 8, McNaughton. CREST CK., 1913, Confined to members S.C.C.C. (7): 1, sp., McLaren, uneven mark D.C., rare subs., plenty feather, nice top piece, densely clad, rich quality feather, fine, even radiation, and nice droop, likely to make a topper; 2, 4, sp., Noble, former heavy var., in clinking condition, good body subs., nice top piece, 4th, wings marked, dark, fine subs., and good qual.; 3, sp., Griffiths, wing-mkd., dark, in lovely condition, rare size and body subs., A1 qual. feather; 5, sp., Thomson; 6, Barron; 7, McNaughton. HEN (7): 1, sp., Noble, light var. D.C., nice size and type, clinking qual. feather, rich leafy feathered top, nice radiation and droop, very veiny, and pleasing in appearance, laid down in the pink, and ought to speak for herself yet; 2, Summers, green, with light wing, capital feather, nice Nor. type, fine qual., nice head, crest nicely centred, fine daisy shape, well groomed; 3, sp., McNaughton, lovely broken green, nice sub., fine qual. feather, will have fine top piece when finished moulting; 4, Hamilton, tight feathered green, in lovely order; 5, Barron; 6, sp., Paul; 7, sp., Moreland. C.B. CK., 1913 (2): 1, sp., Hamilton, griz. cap, cl. body, fine subs. and size, rare skull, broad entrance, nice arched, broad, well padded top, plenty back skull, something worth keeping; 2, Griffiths, shown in fine trim, but well behind leader; 3, sp., Moreland, heavy var., grand body sub., plenty feather, could do with a pinch more head; 4, McLaren; 5, 2 sps., Noble; 6, sp., Whitton; 7, sp., Burt; 8, Burns. HEN (8): 1, sp., Paul, lovely broken green, nice size and subs., and capital qual. feather, nice, lofty skull, fine entrance, wins well; 2, Barron, we did not see, having been removed in a soft condition; 3, 7, McNaughton, former nice broken green, fine size and close silky feather, nice, shapely skull, fine rise and good entrance, good con., and neatly staged; 4, sp., Noble, grand bodied tick; 5, Johnston; 6, Whitton; 8, Hamilton. SELL., CREST (7): 1, McLaren, fine broken green, spotless condition, nice size and fine qual. feather, neat, shapely drooping top piece, in A1 trim; 2, Burns, broken green, plenty body subs., stylish, and finely tapered; 2, Heggie, neat, clean cut, and lovely qual. yell., rare shape, fine carr., neatly folded wings and tail, staged in the pink; 3, Jeffrey, heavier built, buff, nice cond., near carr. and build; 4, Peters, nice qual. cl. yell.; 5, 8, Anderson; 6, Park; 7, Gray. SELL. (8): 1, Gray, rare cl. yell., toppling cond., might have won in the open class; 2, Priest; 3, sp., Heggie; 4, 7, Houston; 5, Crighton; 6, Peters. A.O.V. (8): 1, Wilson, fine cl. yell. Scots Fancy, nice cond., fine top end, fine reach, and good drive, nice depth through, free worker; 2, Todd, large bodied yell. clun. Nor., won in similar class at City, gives way to the bird o' circle to-day, still in fine trim; 3, sp., Morrison, nice broken cap Gold Lizard, in perfect feather, neatly spangled, and finely rowed; 4, 7, Hamilton; 5, Barron; 6, 8, Jackson.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Maxwell, City of Glasgow and Brechin winner, still going strong, grand size and col., rare hold head, neck, and front, excellent qual. and cond.; 2, Naismith, better subs., fine head and neck, rich qual. of feather, not so good col., and trifle rough at neck; 3, Barron, very typical, rich col. and qual., rare cobby body, trifle corded in feather, still we liked for 2nd; 4, McCue, Lochgelly, Kelty, and Cowdenheath winner; 5, sp., Aitchison; 6, Munro; 7, Mrs. Liles; 8, Murray. BUFF (14): 1, 2, sp., Chalmers, tkd. neck, fine head and neck, rare deep broad front, well-laid wings, richly mealed, clean cut away behind, fine short-coupled bird; 2, Tawse, lighter got-up, neat shape, very rich qual., fine short wings and tail; stylish; 3, Harris, better size and subs., rare head and neck, fine bold front, inclines to crouch, and trifle faulty wings; 4, Aitchison, fine size and subs.; 5, Campbell; 6, Harper; 7, sp, Houston; 8, Cairns. VARIEG. GR. YELL. CK. (16): 1, McNeil, bead, neck, and wing mkd., very rich col. and qual., rare cobby shaped body, fine clear cut away behind, grand style and cond., City 3rd, wins well; 2, Barron, heavily varieg., good head and neck, rich col., fine size, trifle rough in feather; 3, Jeffrey, neck and wing mkd., rich col. and qual., fine cobby body, well-laid flights and tail, we liked for 2nd; 4, Harris, grand head and front, fine qual. and col., shade long behind; 5, Bell; 6, Aitchison; 7, Grewar; 8, sp, Calderwood. BUFF (8): 1, Martin, City of Glasgow and Kirkcaldy winner, rare head and neck, fine col. and qual., well-laid wings and tail, looks trifle drawn in body to-day; 2, Crawshaw, eyes, wing, and rump mkd., more subs. than winner, grand head, neck, and front, fine size, col., and cond., close up; 3, sp, Colley, grizzled head, grand one for type, fine qual. and col., nice short wings and tail, well up in size; 4, sp, Simpson, rare shape and qual.; 5, Henry; 6, Steven; 7, Aitchison; 8, Downie. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Calderwood, leader beauty for type and qual., grand head and neck, rare deep front, fine short silky feather, nice style and cond., wins; 3rd, good size head and neck, rich qual., fine wings and tail; 2, sp, Gardner, City of Glasgow, Lochgelly, and Kirkcaldy winner, soft when taking notes; 4, Tawse; 5, Simpson; 6, Dunlop; 7, Harris; 8, Downie. BUFF (17): 1, sp, Colley, right good one, rare head, neck, and front, lovely qual. of feather, well padded, rich col., well laid, short wings and tail, very clean cut away, in rare bloom; 2, Martin, another fine one, close up, grand head and neck, bold front, neat wing and tail carr., lovely, well frosted, hard to separate, City winner; 3, Gardner, shade lighter build, fine head and neck, good qual., nicely mealed, well finished, and placed; 4, Sloan, better size and subs., rare qual. and cond., scarcely so neat type; 5, Noble; 6, sp, Harris; 7, F. Taylor; 8, Armour. VARIEG. OR GR. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Maxwell, City winner, almost green, great size and subs., grand head, neck, and front, rare rich col. and qual., good wings and tail, well put down; 2, Bell, rare good type, nice cobby body, grand col. and qual., fine short flights and tail, neatly cut away, shade weak in head; 3, Gardner, heavily varieg., well up in size, good head and neck, fine shaped body; 4, Henry; 5, Simpson; 6, Downie; 7, Sloan; 8, sp, Dowell. BUFF (14): 1, J. Taylor, stunner for size and subs., grand head, neck, and front, excellent qual. and cond., best of wings; 2, Mitchell, shade smaller, all there for type and qual., fine short body, wings, and tail, clean cut away behind, nice short coupled bird, we liked; 3, Jardine, excellent qual. and cond., shade weak in head, and could do with more subs.; 4, sp, Roberts, we rather preferred for 3rd, better head and snbs., grand col. and cond., A1 order; 5, Watson; 6, Wood; 7, Grewar; 8, Calderwood. NON-FED CK. (14): 1, Smeaton, well-known face, still winning, cl. yell., great size, rare head, neck, and front, excels qual., wins well in strong class; 2, Woodhouse, cl. buff, rare good qual., fine head and neck, grand size, neat wings and tail; 3, sp, Grewar, cl. yell., fine one, grand head and neck, nice cobby body, excellent qual. and col.; 4, J. Naismith, cl. buff, good head, fine deep front, superb qual. of feather, just beaten in size, no disgrace here; 5, Braid; 6, A. Naismith; 7, 8, Lawrie; fine class. HEN (11): 1, Brown, tkd. eye and back, yell., rare short cobby body, excellent qual. of feather, smooth as glass, fine head and neck, well-packed wings and tail, grand hen; 2, Taylor, cl. buff, rare good short one, well-proportioned, fine head, neck, and front, grand qual., nice one; 3, Sm... yell., plenty of size and sub..., good col. ... fine neat wings and tail, not so ... leaders; 4, Hutchison; 5, Al...bson, 6, Cha...; 7, Barr; 8, Bry...on.

BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, W... neat one, close-fitting wings and tail and ... lovely qual. of feather, sweet style and fin...; 2, G. Bennet, close up, grand qual., not ... filled in neck, finely drawn, lovely bloom; 3, ... good shape and grand weight, nice head and fr... falls a shade in finish, 4, Munro, grand ... round, and well drawn; 5, sp, Patter...n, ... Laurie; hc, McEwan and Maltman, c, Br... BUFF (14): 1, G. Bennett, lovely order, sweet h..., and well rounded, grand wing carr and correct weight, in fine bloom, a hot one; 2, Patter...n, close up, grand stamp, lovely head and fron... and tip-top wing carr., sweet taper, scarcely ... in bloom as winner; 3, sp, Campbell, grand top..., rare taper, and lovely wing carr., shade thin in neck, good front; 4, Reid, close up, nice size and weight; 5, H. Bennett; vhc, Esplc; hc, Swan; c, Fraser. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (11): 1, B.B.C. medal, G. Bennett, good one, fine weight, lovely head, and A1 wing carr., grand qual of feather, sweet pipe tail, and finely drawn, a shade fall ...



HELPERS AT THE RECENT HASTINGS SHOW.

Left to right: Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Compton, Miss Lumley, A. E. Godden (Chairman of Committee), J. Stevens (Judge's Steward), Miss Kirk Bullock (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. J. M. Patterson, the Rev. J. M. Patterson (President).

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GLASGOW—Continued.

ue, Heggie, cl. Greenle, in fine bloom, grand size and A1 qual. of feather, good one, hard to beat; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, good yell var. Goldie, well up in size, grand col. and cond., well staged; 3, Morrine, hot-fed var. yell. Greenle, a demon for col., grand shape and well up in size, good one, well staged; 4, vhc, Jamieson; 5, Cunningham; hc, McVittie; c, McLean. BULLF. HYB. (7): 1, Wallace, nice Greenf.-Bullf., good col. and shape, a shade on the small side; 2, McLean, good all-round Goldie-Bullfe, a shade small, but grand colours, shows cross well, taking bird; 3, sp, Hayter, sweet Can. Bullie, lovely back lacing, and well up in size, good shape and col., well staged, might have won, and no one grumbled; 4, Jamieson; 5, Heron; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Heron. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (7): 1, Mitchell, sweet Redpoll-Goldie, nice size, and AL col., well put down; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, Goldie-Greenie, well up in size, good face and fine wing bars, well staged; 3, Renwick, sweet Redpoll Greenle, rather sombre in col., but taking exhibit, in grand feather; 4, Cranna; 5, Craig; vhc, Craig. SELL. MULE OR HYB. (14): 1, No name; 2, Taylor; 3, Scobbie; 4, 5, Watt; vhc, hc, Edwards; c, Brownlie and Cook. GOLDF. (18): 1, Cranna, in grand bloom, fine flush face, sweet wing flights, and good buttons, rather too white on checks for our fancy, inclined to be foreign in appearance; 2, Watson, nice flush face and neat tannings, good wing bars and buttons, well polished, in fine order; 3, 4, Guthrie and Sons, two sweet Finches, little to choose between, both good in face; 5, Hurst, we made a good first, grand Finch, extra good in tannings, lovely cheeks, good flush face, grand wing bars and buttons, and rare finish, a shade dark perhaps, but good otherwise; vhc, Sykes; hc, Pitchford; c, McMillan. GOLDF., F.M. (7): 1, Ward, good stamp, grand flush face, sweet size and A1 tannings, steady and well shown, looks a likely bird; 2, Reid, good face, shade smaller in head, nicely buttoned, steady, and good feather; 3, Pitchford, close up, longer in body, nice face and tannings, beaten in finish; 4, Morrine; 5, Divers; vhc, Gunnion; hc, Johnstone. BULLF. (13): 1, sp, 5, Sykes, leader in grand trim, tight as wax, good cap and bib, lovely cut body col., and pure in whites, grand wing bars, and A1 size, grandly staged; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, extra good in finish, fine cap and bib, scarcely the size of body as winner, and not so good in ground col., marvellous coud.; 3, Brown, neat Finch, grand col., very neat cap and bib, falls a shade in size; 4, Rae, grand class, well judged; vhc, Taylor; hc, Watt; c, Hamah. LINNET, H.M. (14): 1, sp, 2, McQuiston and Patterson, marvel for size, shape, col., and finish, like a piece of wax, bold Nor. type, steady as a rock, beautifully laced, and extra good in col., a gem, clear win; 2nd, good, but some way behind winner; 3, sp, Pitchford, shade darker in tone, grand size and lovely polish, nicely laced, not so bold or chubby in appearance as winner, beaten but not disgraced; 4, McLean, nice shape, bold, and lovely lacing; 5, Cowan; vhc, Park; hc, McIntyre; c, Metcalfe. F.M. (15): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, gem, grand size, A1 markings, steady, well shown, good one; 2, Raine, mass of spangle, and good flights, scarcely so large, and not so well burnished as winner; 3, Craig, good stamp, plenty of size, grand markings, could he a shade tighter in feather, grand mould; 4, Storrie, lovely col., good qual., well put down; 5, Johnstone; vhc, Roy; hc, Robertson; c, Fraser; grand class. SISKIN (13): 1, sp, Wason, lovely nat. col., grand size, sweet cap and bib, and lovely wing bars, put down in rare bloom; 2, McEwan and Maltman, nicely fed, well up in size, not so good in cap, neat all round; 3, Watson, nat. col., shade small, and weak in bib, grand qual. of feather, extra good col. on flights; 4, Calder, hot fed, good shape, rare bloom; 5, Corbett; vhc, Sykes; hc, Robertson; c, McBride. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (14): 1, sp, McQuiston and Patterson, good Twite, well up in size, well mkd., good shape and fine flights, neat head and very steady; 2, Watson, good all-round Mealy, well laced, nice cap and bib, well up in size, and good feather; 3, Gilson, nice Twite, lovely lacing and good size, falls a shade in bloom, very good head; 4, Quinn, well known Mealy; 5, Ward; vhc, Bennie; hc, Taylor; c, Hope and O'May. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, clinker, one of the best out, gem for shape, grand front, lovely cap and bib, and A1 col. and lacing, hard to find fault with; 2, Brownlie and Cook, another good one, close up, a topper for lacing, fine wings, grand col., falls in head and front; 3, Lyall, good stamp, shade smaller, but well pencilled, and good ground col.; 4, sp., Sykes; 5, Webster; vhc, Orr; hc, McEwan and Maltman; c, Trotter. GREENF., FED (3): 1, Metcalfe (Red-hot), well named, a demon for col., grand flights, and well put down; 2, Moreland, good one, fine size and qual. of feather, shade narrow in head, otherwise A1; 3, sp, Todd, good shape and col., shade smaller, fine flights. NON-FED. (8): 1, Messer, grand trim, finely moulded, good head and wings, very stylish, well up in size; 2, 4, Sykes, 2nd, close up, grand body and A1 head and wings, lovely close feather, grand size and qual., good one; 3, Hurst, good Finch, sweet head and front, lovely col., beaten in size; 5, Taylor; vhc, Trotter; hc, McBride. CHAFFINCH (13): 1, Adams, good one, lovely whites, extra bold in head, and rare breast col., steady, and well shown; 2, Raine, close up, slimmer in build, but all there for col. and qual., good flights, nicely put down; 3, sp., 4, Sykes, two good all-round, leader the best in flights; 5, c, Henderson; vhc, Taylor; hc, Russell. BRAMBLE (7): 1, sp, 2, Sykes, leader a gem, grand size and lacing, and extra good in col.; 2nd, grand back and flank markings, shade smaller in breast col., both rare size, and staged to win; 3, Metcalfe, well up in size, and tip-top col., slimmer in build, not so distinct in lacings, well put down; 4, Hurst, similar; 5, Raine, a coming one; vhc, Henderson; c, Ward. YELLOWHAMMER (8): 1, Menzies, good one, grand size and shape, A1 head markings (disqualified for alleged trimming of head); 2, Livingstone, good one, nice size and grand head, fine v. shape, and well up in col., steady, and well shown, good exhibit; 3, Messer, neat cap and fine eye markings, good qual. of feather, and well up in size; 4, McCloy; 5, Dunlop; vhc, Watson; hc, Steele; c, Webster. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (7): 1, sp, Sykes, tip-top Hawfinch, grand size, good bold head, and fine bib, lovely wing bars, in A1 order, well put down; 2, Russell, sweet Meadow, lovely size and grand shape, sweet markings, and well staged, a good one; 3, sp., Hurst, Hawfinch, plenty size, falls in bib to winner, and not so good in body col.; 4, Richardson; 5, Henderson; vhc, Trotter; hc, Brown. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, sp, Laurie, good Nightingale, fine size, grand col. and shape, well put down; 2, 3, 4, Taylor, a good Redstart, fine size and col. looking a shade soft, sweet Dartford Warbler, and a nice Grey Wagtail, all in good trim, and well staged; 5, Trotter, nice Pied Wagtail. LARGE (8): 1, sp, McQuiston and Patterson, Chough, marvel for size, and grand qual. of feather, great beak, and lovely legs, staged to perfection, wins cup for best bird in section; 2, Adams, sweet Blackie, grand bill and eye cere, and well up in size, well staged; 3, Henderson, good Waxwing, tip-top size and grand col., in full bloom, well put down; 4, Bruce, Song Thrush (Border Queen), as good as ever in colour and markings, but looked a shade seedy to-day; 5, Taylor; vhc, Brown; hc, Bisset; c, McMillan. BULLF., HEN (13): 1, Cranna, good one, grand col., extra good in head, fine bib, and rare wing bars, all there for size, well staged; 2, Pitchford, another good one, equal in col. and size, but not so bold in front, falls a shade in head to winner; 3, Steele, good finish, shade darker in body col., nice cap and bib; 4, Halliday; 5, Raine; vhc, Fraser; hc, Mallon; c, Cunningham. A.O. SEED-EATING HEN (8): 1, sp, Taylor, nice condition Bramble, shade weak in back lacing, good head and front, trifle lucky to beat 2, Sykes, grand Greenle, lovely col. and shape, practically a cock bar its head, staged in rare trim; 3, sp, McQuiston and Patterson, good Corn, A1 size and qual., well laced, and steady; 4, vhc, Munro; 5, Heard; vhc, Watson; c, Hope and O'May. SELL. (14): 1, Henderson; 2, Morrison; 3, Miller; 4, Johnston; 5, Muir; vhc, Craig; hc, Edwards; c, Storrie. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (12): 1, sp, McMillan, topping Goldie, grand size, lovely flush face and tip-top cheeks, extra good in tannings and A1 buttons, well put down; 2, Mrs. Allanson, Goldie, sweet size and good flush face, nice tannings, shade narrower on head; 3, Adams, Goldie, smaller in body, but grand col., fine shape, and good qual. throughout; 4, Morgan, nice Bullie; 5, Mills; vhc, Cranna; hc, Howie; c, Hayter. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, sp, 2, Arnott, purple Sugar Bird and Gold-fronted Honey Sucker, in extra good form, both well staged, and in full bloom, a credit to owner; 3, Montague, Purple Sunbird, lovely exhibit, in perfect order, but poorly staged, good 3rd; 4, vhc, McReady, Black-faced Lovebirds; 5, Bruce, nice Crimson Finch; hc, Webster. LARGE (5): 1, Fraser, Red Rosellas, in full bloom; 2, Morrison, good Bloodwing, grand size and rare order; 3, sp, Muir, Eclectus Parrot, in grand trim, A1 size, and well staged; 4, Craig, pair of Mealy Rosellas, grand size and colour; 5, Kerr, good Barnard's.

LAUNCESTON.

Annual show, held Nov. 25, at Market Hall. The birds were nicely arranged in a cosy part of the hall, but the light was hardly as good as it might have been. The staging was well arranged, and plenty of room was allowed for the exhibits, so that visitors could have a good view of the birds. Unfortunately several classes had to be cancelled, the entry numbering 120 in the 15 classes left in. There must be a considerable number of fanciers able to show birds, who might have patronised this show, especially as most of the cracks will be due at L.C.B.A. this week. In Plymouth alone, although Plymouth was not badly represented, we know of many who seem to forget cage birds can be shown at an easy railway distance at shows of the same calibre as Launceston, and to exhibit a bit more would do fanciers good, and gladden the secretaries' hearts. Norwich came up well, in spite of the two clear classes being cancelled, 25 in the three classes standing, and a good lot they were. Yorks. numbered 23 in three classes, some exceptional birds being staged. Mule classes were cancelled, and only one British class, the Goldfinch, filled. Where are the Cornish fanciers? They have some good British, why not show them? If something is not done to support mixed societies, we are afraid they will drop the cage bird section from their schedule. Mr. H. Hoskin was an able and obliging hon. sec., and to him and his assistant, Mr. Pascoe, every praise is due. Messrs. Jasper, Sargent, Hoblyn, and Avery were responsible for the welfare of the cage bird section. Mr. Toy, Truro, judged, and his awards met with a good reception.

The Critique.

NOR., TKD., ETC. (8): 1, sp., 2, Spillman, leader tail mark buff, grand shape and feather, bit small in head, 2nd, neck tkd. yell., the well-known "Old Jim," beautiful feather, now, we believe, seven years old; 3, Ferrill, big cap yell., not so tight in feather as winner; 4, Garland; vhc, Pope; hc, c, Howard. HEN (8): 1, 3, Spillman, two beautiful non-flight buffs, leader a wing mark, in the pink of condition, 3rd, not at her best to-day; 2, Garland, well-known yell., in good trim, might have had premier honours; 4, Ferrill; vhc, hc, Noyce; c, Richards. NON-FLIGHT (9): 1, Noyce, good cl. yell., grand type, look like Exeter winner; 2, Spillman, well-known wing mark buff, grand feather; 3, Garland, cl. yell., rather too small, we preferred 4th, Howard, nice cl. buff, good shape and feather; vhc, Brown; hc, Howard; c, Pope. YORKS., CL. BUFF (7): 1, sp., Boundy, excels in height; 2, Richards, nice type, good back, smooth as glass; 3, Dykes, a grand buff, we preferred to winner, well up on leg and nice exhibit; 4, Julian; vhc, Dykes; hc, Oates; c, Boundy. TKD., MKD., ETC. (9): 1, Julian, cap mkd. yell., grand feather, nice tail; 2, Dykes, longer Cinn. mkd. yell., falls in feather to winner; 3, Boundy, thigh tkd. yell., grand length and well up on leg; vhc, hc, Nicholls. HEN (7): 1, 3, Boundy, leader, Cinn. mkd. yell., exceptional length for a hen, a good exhibit, 3rd, cl. buff, well up on leg, nice wings; 2, Richards, capital yell., good back, well shown; vhc, Richards; hc, Boundy; c, Dykes. A.O.V. (7): 1, sp., Brown, grand yell. Cinn., wins well; 2, 4, vhc, Russell, leader wing mark Crest nice centre and good droop; 3, Collins, well-known Buff Cinn., in grand feather, hard lines here; hc, Richards; c, Julian. GOLDF. (7): 1, Staddon, nice blaze, grand con.; 2, Martin, falls in feather to winner, nice size and good blaze; 3, Hellen, hardly so forward as leader, will improve; 4, Fellows; vhc, Wilton. SELL., 20s.: 1, 4, Parish, leader, good buff Nor., would hold its own in open competition; 2, Collins, good Greenf.-Can. Mule; 3, Fellows, cl. Crest; vhc, Collins; hc, Ferril; c, Smale and Son. LOCAL CAN., YELL. (all Norwich): 1, sp., Rattenbury, good cl., excellent shape and size; 2, 3, vhc, Hohlyn, variegated, good size, 3rd, clear, close up; 4, Rattenbury. BUFF (all Norwich): 1, Dell, cl., would be in the money in open shows, a good one; 2, Rattenbury, cl., falls a bit in head; 3, 4, Hoblyn, variegated, looks a bit soft, grand size; vhc, Cottle. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, 4, Hoblyn; 2, Gerry; 3, Rattenbury; vhc, Cottle; hc, Jasper. GOLDF.-CAN.: 1, Cottle; 2, 3, Jasper; 4, Mrs. Higman; hc, Dell; c, Patten. GOLDF.: 1, Baker; 2, Gunther; 3, Dell; 4, Cottle. 1, sp., 2, Avery.

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BUCKHAVEN.

Sixth annual show held Nov. 22. The venue this year was changed to Methil, a much more populous district, and the change enabled the society to secure a much better hall. The Bowling Green Hall, in which the show was held, is an admirable place for a bird show, being well lighted from the roof, and from one end, very free from draughts, and nicely heated by steam pipes. Entries totalled 420, a very satisfactory number considering the number of shows held during the week-end. Norwich did not come up to expectation, and a few of the classes had to be cancelled, which was a pity, as this society deserved better support. Mr. John McLay judged with his usual care. Yorks. did not draw the entry one would like to see, considering there were eight classes provided, and a judge for that section alone. Mr. Thos. Reilly, of Buckhaven, had a grand team forward, and he scored fairly well. Mr. C. Martin, of Glasgow, placed the cards, and his awards left no room for grumbling.

Border Fancy classes were all well filled, and we believe it was a record entry for that section, all the well-known exhibitors sending teams, and it gave the judge, Mr. George Brown, Leith, a very hard day's work finding the winners. The buff cock class was a real stinger, with 19 entries, and scarcely a bad bird among them, several recent winners having to take a back seat. The buff hen class also contained some real toppers; the two B.F.C.C. medal winners were found in this class, the foul buff belonging to Mr. A. Gilchrist, Coldstream, capturing the open medal, while Mr. A. Windrum, Edinburgh, secured the novice with a charming cl., second in his class. British bird classes, which stood, filled fairly well, but five classes had to be cancelled, owing, no doubt, to the large number of shows held on the same date. The judge, Mr. Wm. Sharp, Bathgate, lost no time in placing the cards, to the satisfaction of everybody. Rose bowl for best unflighted Plainhead was won by Mr. Alex Paterson, a novice member.

The management of the society is in very capable hands, everyone being a keen fancier, and all well-known exhibitors. Mr. Allan Peters, pres., worked with right good will, and had a kindly smile for everybody. We cannot single out any individual committeeman, as they all worked like Trojans to make the show a success; but in Mr. William Foster, their popular sec., they have the right man in the right place. He was ably assisted by Mr. Thomas Reilly, the treas. Mr. Thomas Reilly won the Dawson cup for most points in any one section, and also secured the "Allan Peter's" cup for four nominated birds. The gate money, we hear, was also a record, and the show will doubtless prove a financial success.

The Critique.

BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Bennet, little beauty, fine weight, rare head and front, close fitting wings; 2, Beveridge, clinker, best of type, sweet head and neck, grand taper, lovely bloom; 3, Windrum, gem for type and qual., well rounded front and back, capital third; 4, Peters; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Aitchison. BUFF (19): 1, Hamilton, wins in a strong class, excels col. and qual., not a feather out of place; 2, Aitchison, right good one, neat head and neck, finely drawn, rare swagger; 3, Fotheringham, similar, capital wings and tail, well staged; 3, Bennet; 5, 6, Peters. This class contained a few winners at previous shows, which had to be left cardless. CL., OR TKD. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Rintoul, sweet lady, lovely texture of feather, well rounded front, wings well braced, neat pipe tail; 2, Gilchrist, same stamp, fine size and weight, beaten only in feather; 3, Peters, another gem, capital head and neck, shining like satin; 4, West; 5, Bennet; 6, Kitchen. BUFF (11): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Gilchrist, foul on head, grand type and qual., beautiful sheen, heads a strong class, closely followed by 2, Windrum (novice medal winner), with a beauty of a clear, put down in faultless order (we advise a little wider jump between perches, Mr. W.); 3, Beveridge, falls head, lovely front and back, capital pipe tail; 4, Bennet; 5, Peters; 6, Kitchen. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (12): 1, Henderson, good one for type and colour, fine size and shape, grand bloom; 2, Aruott, nice model, lovely style and finish, must have pressed; 3, Duncan, sweetly moulded, nicely marked, good head and front, well placed; 4, Wood; 5, Dryburgh; 6, Beveridge. UNEVEN BUFF CK. (11): 1, Arnott, one of the best unevens we have seen for a time, sweet head and front, grand close feather, well laid on wings, nice taper; 2, Yule, grand type and qual., excels in wing carr., good second; 3, Gilchrist, similar markings, fine size and weight, very jaunty carr.; 4, Marr; 5, Beveridge; 6, Douglas. UNEVEN YELL. HEN (9): 1, Duncan, gem for type, nicely rounded front and head, capital pose; 2, Beveridge, grand style and colour, lovely wing and tail carr.; 3, Hamilton, stylish, nicely rounded body, grand taper; 4, 6, Peters; 5, Spence. BUFF (15): 1, Rintoul, nearly even, sweet shape, neat wings and tail, lovely bloom; 2, Gilchrist, true to type, neat head and front, capital markings, in rare order; 3, Hamilton, shade stronger than winners, feather like wax, nice carriage; 4, Beveridge; 5, Walker; 6, Spence. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. GR. OR CINN. CK. (13): 1, 2, Thomson, lovely yell. leading, gem for colour and pencilling, 2 grand buff, capital type, nicely laced; 3, 4, Lumsden, follows close on leaders for col. and markings, falls only on size; 5, Douglas; 6, Lambie. GR. OR CINN. HEN (11): 1, Arnott, teeming with col., capital type, nice pencilling; 2, Bennet, nice yell., sweet shape, and col., A1 markings; 3, 4, Henderson, well up in type and cond., rare bloom; 5, Lambie; 6, R. Lambie. NOV. CK. (6): 1, Norrie, lovely type and qual., well laid on wings, neat tail; 2, Paterson, capital head and front, nice jaunty carr., good second; 3, 4, Birrell, nicely rounded body, A1 qual. feather, well staged; 5, Wotherspoon; 6, Symon. HEN (8): 1, Russell, best of type, neat head and neck, closely carried wings and tail; 2, 4, Symon, fine size and weight, grand front, rare swagger; 3, Norrie, fine type, grand head and body, nice taper; 5, Paterson; 6, Russell. C.B. CK. (2): 1, Wyse, grand head, plenty of feather; 2, Black, grandly lashed, good body, fine skull. UNFLIG., CREST, CK. OR HEN (2): 1, Black, good drop and radiation, nice leafy feather; 2, W. Black, good size and droop, nice body. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Harris, good qual., and col., grand head and front, nice wings; 2, Thomson, good size and shape, fine frontal, A1 col. and cond.; 3, Paterson, similar to 2nd, falls only in head, in capital order. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Harris, beauty, lovely texture of feather, grand head, wings, tail; 2, Saunders, rare shape, excellent qual., rare bloom; 3, Paterson, beaten finish, nice cobby shape, fine short neck; 4, Summers; Counlay. HEN (2): 1, Thomson, grand shape, good close feather, nice col.; 2, Harris, good all-round, neat head and neck, capital qual. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Gibson, teeming with qual., fine size and subs., A1 bloom; 2, Baird, very nice variegs., nothing between, either could have won. HEN (3): 1, Gibson, sweet lady, finely rounded head, good wing carr.; 2, Thomson, shade longer in body, beaten head, nice qual.; 3, Peters, chubby one, close, compact feather, good type. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Ross, good head and neck, neat wings and tail, wins; 2, Thomson, fine shape, lovely qual., grand rounded front, close up; 3, Duncan, grand subs., capital cond. HEN (6): 1, Harris, fine short body, good col. and qual., nice head; 2, Thomson, good size, cobby shape, fine wing carr.; 3, J. Thomson, grand shape and feather, fine trim; 4, Gibson; 5, Colman; 6, Mowbray. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Thomson, clinker, fine size and subs., grand head and neck, lovely polish; r, Thomson, nice head, good short flights and tail, good 2nd; 3, Barr, good for size and col., falls head to leaders; 4, Duncan; 5, Thomson; 6, Wilson. HEN (6): 1, Barr, charming shape, rare qual. feather, rattling order; 2, Peters, splendid shape, neatly rounded head, shown in the pink; 3, Logan, not the largest, but all there for type and qual.; 4, 5, Thomson; 6, Moyes. BUFF (6): 1, Ross, massive subs., lovely texture of feather, nicely mealed; 2, Barr, good rich col., very close feather, capital flights; 3, Moyes, chubby shape, very typical, nice qual.; 4, Thomson; 5, Couper. HEN (4): 1, Sanders, wonderful head, finely shaped body, excels qual.; 2, Thomson, very nice qual. and size, just beaten head; 3, W. Thomson, splendid shape, shade longer in flights; 4, Baird. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Thomson, grand size, col., and qual., nice head; 2, Peters, capital head, neck, and body, falls wing carr.; 3, Lawrie, nice shape, good close feather; 4, Thomson; 5, Colman; 6, Brown. HEN (6): 1, Counlay, wins on size and shape, extra good qual. feather, grand wings; 2, Thomson, good shape, well rounded front and head, fine short neck; 3, Logan, fine type all over, neat; 4, Gibson; 5, Lawrie; 6, Peters. YKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Reilly, fine length and pos., well up on leg; 2, Bell, nice round head, long slim body, capital pos.; 3, Magrobbie, good qual., rare head and neck, grand length; 4, Cragie; 5, Kinnear. BUFF (4): 1, Reilly, good one, capital length and style, good swagger; 2, Pinnock, real topper, fine wings and tail, in lovely bloom; 3, Clayton, correct pos., gets well up on leg, nice qual. feather; 4, Low. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Reilly, finely shaped lady, sweet style, good slim body, 2, Kinnear, typical, very stylish, good col. and qual.; 3, Clayton, fine head and neck, nice wing carr. BUFF (7): 1, Reilly, gem for shape and pos., feathered like a Java, rare bloom; 2, Holmes, good straight one, stylish, plenty of swagger; 3, Pinnock, fine length, nice style and feather, gets well up on leg; 4, Clayton; 5, Kinnear; 6, Cragie. VARIEG. HEN (4): 1, Clayton, capital buff, fine size, good length of wing, neat pipe tail; 2, 3, Reilly, brace of typical Yorkshires, of good length and qual.; 4, Laird. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, Reilly, grand style, fine length and shape, good wings; 2, Clayton, beautiful feather and finish, capital pos.; 3, Kinnear, neat head and waist, smooth front; 4, Laird; 5, Holmes; 6, Clayton. HEN (4): 1, Clayton, rare length, wing feather, gets well up on leg, wins; 2, Laird, neat and typical, good head and neck, stylish; 3, Cragie, grand pos. and feather, nicely braced wings. GIFT (7): 1, Couper; 2, Paterson; 3, Peters; 4, Thomson; 5, W. Thomson; 6, Rintoul. COMM. CAN. 8): 1, 3, Duncan; 2, Bell; 4, Nixon; 5, 6, Russell. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Beattie, Linnet-Bullie, nice size and shape, good breast col., steady and well shown, wins; 2, Wood, Goldie-Can., fine cap., nice cond.; 3, sp., Chalmers, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, good shape, rare col., but very rough at thighs; 4, Robson and Dewar; 5, Ross. DARK (7): 1, A. Dewar, Greenf. Mule, Markinch winner, nice type, rich col., grand feather, tip-top cond., nice win; 2, 4, sp., Stevens, Linnet Mule, good size and col., beaten in cond., 4 Goldie Mule, nice col.; 3, R. and A. Storrar, Siskin Mule, nice perky little fellow, in grand order, well placed; 5, Barclay; 6, Laing. GOLDF. (5): 1, Stewart and Dalling, grand Finch, in the pink, rich coloured blaze, well tanned breast, good wing bars and buttons, shows himself well; 2, Chalmers, grand Finch, close up on winners, very steady, well shown; 3, sp., Mackie, nicely tanned, good size and shape, falls in blaze to winners, still a good one; 4, Sharp, grand blaze, nicely tanned, very rough in feather, and unsteady; 5, Lidster. BULLF. (6): 1, W. Colville, grand size, fine big head, and neck, nice jet, deep cap, lovely breast col., shown in spanking condition; 2, G. Thomson, fine cap, nice wings and tail, not so nicely moulded as winner; 3, Low, nice all-round Finch, quite equal in col. and cond., close up; 4, Mackie, not so rich in col., nice head, well placed; 5, Black and Lumsden; 6, Lidster. GREENF., COL.-FED (5): 1, Stewart and Dalling, noted winner, still in the pink, grand size and shape, nicely fed, easy win; 2, Wilson, big Finch, bit guttered in throat, good 2nd; 3, sp., Logan, another cobby Finch, not the size of winners, all there for col. and cond.; 4, Laing, nice size, good wings, bit unsteady; 5, Lister. NON-FED (8): 1, 5, Black and Lumsden, big broad chested Finch, nice wings, grand skull, good even col., eyes seem to be a little inflamed; 2, Lister, quite a nice Finch for col. and cond., falls in size to winner; 3, Thomson, grand even coloured Finch, bit rough on thighs; 4, sp, Bell, good upstanding exhibit, in grand cond.; 5, M'Kigen. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, Stewart and Dalling, grand cobby shape, excels in marking, steady, and shown to perfection; 2, Waugh, another good exhibit, shows himself well, falls in pencil work of winner; 3, R. Thomson, grand head, nice shape and cond., steady and well shown; 4, sp., Nicol, nice one, well placed here; 5, 6, Barclay. F.M. (12): 1, Robson and Dewar (grand class), rare size and shape, gem for col. and pencil work, nice wings, sweet exhibit all over; 2, Nicolson, monster for size, real Norwich type, falls in pencilling to winner, should make a topper; 3, Ross, another good one, scarcely so cobby as leaders, in nice order; 4, sp., Philip and Son, good one, paler in col., nicely staged; 5, Nicol; 6, Lidster. SISKIN (11): 1, Stewart and Dalling, nicely fed, good shape, grand head and bib, nice wing bars, well staged; 2, Wood, good cap and flank markings, nice even col. throughout, no bib, well shown; 3, Barclay, bit narrow on head, pale cap, faint bib, still a good exhibit; 4, sp., Nicolson, grand col., nicely laced thighs, could have gone up here; 5, Burt; 6, Poulter. REDPOLL, ETC. (17): 1, 4, sp., Nicolson, Twite, excels in breast work, nice size, fine glossy feather, good win, 4 Lesser, grand one, nicely mkd., staged in beautiful cond. and polish; 2, Campbell, big Mealy, nicely laced, in grand order; 3, Leitch, good Twite, very steady, not the polish of winner; 5, Counlay; 6, Poulter. A.O. HARDBILL, CK. (2): 1, R. and A. Storrar, Hawfinch, put down in lovely order; 2, sp., Nicolson, another Hawfinch, close up, in perfect cond. CK. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Malcolm, Starling, grand size, spotless cond., steady as a rock, a good one; 2, Miller, nice Tit, put down in rare order, steady and well shown; 3, sp., Peters, large Thrush, nicely marked, in lovely order; 4, Bisset, Blackbird, nicely polished, very steady; 5, R. and A. Storrar; 6, Lister. HEN, HARDBILL (9): 1, Mackie, Bullie, often described, not a feather out of place, one of the best; 2, Miller, Bramble, nice spangle and sheen, very steady and well shown; 3, Poulter, bonny Siskin, put down in grand cond.; 4, sp., Barclay, Bullie, wee bit rough at thighs to-day; 5, Peters; 6, Ross. FOR. GOLDF. (4): 1, Nicolson, lovely order, nice blaze, easy win to-day; 2, Marshall, falls in polish but not a bad one; 3, sp., Farmer, nice, but dull blaze; 4, McKigen.

CRAMLINGTON.

Annual show held Nov. 22, in the Co-operative Hall; a nice little hall for the occasion, plenty of room for exhibits, nice light; if anything, too piercing a sun at times striking the windows. The birds were nicely staged in tiers. Entries were down from last year, but no one could expect anything else with so many shows within a short radius being held on the same date; five or six shows, all important ones, were running at the same time. Still we found a grand entry, and quality—one class only, the best. CAGE BIRDS Coupon sps. were on the prize list here, and some keen competition for the diplomas took place. Diploma winners were: champion, Messrs. McGinn, Dykes, Wilson, Hancock, McVay. The novices falling to Messrs. Forster and Thurston. It is a pity more novices did not enter the field; what chances they are letting slip past. Mr. R. Hancock took champion 10s. with a nice Goldie-Bullie, and Mr. Thurston novice with a typical Yorks. Mr. Smart took spl. for best Bord., Mr. Wilson best Member's Bord., Messrs. Archbold and Lascelles best Member's bird in show, and Mr. Wilson best opposite sex.

Of the officials we can only speak in the highest terms. This show gets good patronage, and well deserves it. All are hard and willing workers, ever obliging, ably led on by that ablest of secretaries, Mr. J. R. Chestney; one who possesses an eye to business, and has the entire working of a show at his finger tips. He had everything spic and span. The officials were: President, Dr. Forsyth; chair., Mr. S. Wilson; assist. sec., Mr. T. Wilson; show manager, Mr. W. Thurston; committee, Messrs. D. Moore, Ellison, Thurston, Hutchings, Ducker, W. Moore, Scott, Salkeld, Forster, Gaskill, Dodds, Archbold, Lascelles.

We were pleased to see a grand gate, and to come across quite a host of familiar faces from a distance. Messrs. A. Hay, Tweedmouth; A. Holden, Gateshead; and R. Tindale, Newcastle, judged.

Mr. Holden's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, C.B. diploma, sp best Nor., McGinn, cl., hot col., massive chest, well balanced wings, bit too much lashed over eyes for our liking; 2, Newton, cl., nice type, better head than 1st, not so well filled behind; 3, vhc, Seeley Bros., real good ones, little between them, leader best chest and head, just inclines to cross wings at times; hc, Armstrong; c, Rowell. BUFF (11): 1, sp., vhc, hc, Archbold and Lascelles, leadiug with a grand cl., nice broad, well rounded skull, deep, massive chest, grand wings and tail, well put down; 2, Rowell, cl., hot col., very typical, rare chest, close compact-fitting wings, fails a wee bit behind; 3, Glendinning, three-pointed, nice type, lovely head, sweet body, fine qual. of feather, beaten in wing carriage; c, Warren. HEN (14): 1, sp, McGinn, cl. yell., hot col., grand body, deep massive chest, best of wings and tail, if anything too much lashed over eyes; 2, Pierson, cl. buff, correct type Bullie neck and chest, rare back end, fails only in feather; 3, Rowell, close up, wonderful depth of chest, rare broad skull, bold in eye; vhc, hc, Seeley Bros.; c, Archbold and Lascelles. UNFLIG. (14): 1, sp, 3, Archbold and Lascelles, two good ones, little between them, leader cl. yell., hottest in col., and if anything more full in chest and body, 3rd head tick, not so nice in tail feathers; 2, Dixon, hot fed yell., neat type, massive chest, close fitting wings, hardly so nicely cut away; vhc, Newton; hc, Pierson; c, Laidlaw. A.O.V. (6): 1, Dixon, Cinn. Nor., rare type, grand col., neat head, heavy body, nice wings; 2, 3, Rowell, leading with a buff body Dark Crest, rare feather, nice crest, well radiated, must have pressed winner hard, we liked very much, 3rd Cinn. Nor., not so rich in col. as winner, but good head and chest; vhc, c, Moore; hc, Bruce. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Archbold and Lascelles. BUFF (6): 1, sp, sp for best members' in show, 2, vhc, hc, Archbold and Lascelles, a grand team, well put down; 3, Dodds; c, T. D. Wilson. HEN (4): 1, 3, Archbold and Lascelles, again to the fore with two toppers; 2, Dodds; vhc, Bibby. OLD NOR. CK. (13): 1, 2 Archbold and Lascelles, spanking cond., nothing between them, either might have won; 3, vhc, Wilkinson, not so hot in col. or so fine in feather, but both correct type; hc, we could not find; c, Warren. HEN (9): 1, 3, Archbold and Lascelles, again to the fore, well staged too, easy win; 2, Wilkinson, correct type, beaten in col.; vhc, hc, Warren; c, Hutchings. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, c, Forster; vhc, we could not find; hc, Wilson.

Mr. Tindale's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Dykes, thigh tick, red hot col., very typical, gets well up, rare head and wings, nicely cut away, easy win; 2, c, Crawhall, cl., rare type, fine position, nice legs and feet, slack a bit in chest; 3, Thurston, cl., wonderful length, nice head, well filled in neck, gets well up on legs; vhc, Moore Bros.; hc, Wrigglesworth. BUFF (9): 1, 3, sp, Crawhall, two toppers, clears, little between them, leading, nice position, hot col., well braced wings, neat pipe tail, 3rd slim and stylish, lovely head, rare chest, beaten only in wings; 2, Mather, tick, nice and typical, gets up well on legs, grand length, sweet boxy feather, close up; vhc, sp, C.B. diploma, Dykes, a really good one, hard lines meeting such toppers; hc, Thurston; c, Hunter. HEN (17): 1, Dykes, eye and wing mkd., typical, fine length, nice filled neck, rare chest, well braced wings; 2, Crawhall, cl., stylish, neat head, fine legs and feet, silky feather, not so well filled in neck; 3, Deighton, cl., hot col., stands like a soldier, wonderful length, rare wings, neat tail, fails only in feather; vhc, Wrigglesworth; hc, Hunter; c, Moore. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Hunter, cl. buff, grand qual., wonderful length, gets well up, rare head and body, neat boxy feather, wings well braced; 2, Dykes, cl. yell., nice col., fine action, neatly filled in neck, grand wings and tail, close up; 3, Deighton, grizzle cap yell., correct type, slim and stylish, nice top end, well rounded in back; vhc, Archbold and Lascelles; hc, Moore; c, Crawhall; No. 1, Thurston, takes CAGE BIRDS novice diploma and cash sp. SELL. (8): 1, hc, Gray, Crestbred; 2, Hume and Crackett, Nor. Ph.; 3, Laidlaw, Nor. Ph., vhc, Dixon; c, Peel. MEMBERS' YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Hutchings; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Thurston; hc, Moore Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Warren; 2, Moore; 3, Thurston; vhc, Moore; hc, Moore Bros. HEN (11): 1, Archbold and Lascelles; 2, 3, Thurston; vhc, hc, Moore; hc, Warren. OLD YORKS. CK. (12): 1, 2, Thurston; 3, Moore Bros.; vhc, Moore; hc, c, Warren. HEN (11): 1, hc, Moore; 2, Archbold and Lascelles; 3, Moore Bros.; vhc, Hutchings; c, Thurston.

Mr. Hay's Classes.

BORD. YELL. (14): 1, Short, cl., rare type, grand head, gay and jaunty, best of wings and tail; 2, Purvis, cl., rich col., grand type, neat head, well balanced wings, close up; 3, Smart, cl., rich col., very typical, like wax, rare head and chest, if anything hardly so close fitting in wings; vhc, Graham; hc, Wilson; c, Smith. BUFF (21): 1, sp, best Bord., Smart, Alnwick medal winner, looking better than ever, neck tick, very typical, well rounded body, rare col., well braced wings, neat tail; 2, Graham, variegated, grand type, close feather, grandly carried wings, well cut away behind; 3, Smith, cl., neat type, fine head, nice boxy feather, close up; vhc, Hudspeth; hc, Willis; c, Wilson; a grand class, some toppers having to stand cardless. HEN (18): 1, Purvis, grizzle cap yell., rich col., sweet type of a hen, model head, clean cut away, best of wings and tail; 2, Peel, variegated yell., similar type, fine boxy feather, sweetly carried wings, close up on winner; 3, Smart, fine boxy feather, best of heads, sweet chest, well filled in back if anything hardly so neat behind; vhc, and C.B. diploma, Wilson, a real good one; hc, Forster; c, Willis. GREEN (17): 1, Graham, yell., rich grass col., sweet type, rare wings, well lashed on sides; 2, Peel, buff, grand ground col., nicely pencilled, hardly so sweet in body; 3, Smart, buff, rare pencilling, rich col. throughout, close up; vhc, Couchman; hc, Scott; c, Smith. MULE (5): 1, 2, sp, C.B. Diploma and cash sp, Hancox, pair of Goldie-Bullies, leader excels in col., shows parentage well, well staged; 3, Willis, nice variegated. Goldie-Can.; vhc, Douglas; hc, Moore. LINNET (8): 1, Morgan, steady, grand size, nicely pencilled, rich col.; 2, Little, rich col., hardly so steady or so well defined in markings; 3, Harbottle, best pencilled in class, too wild, will make a topper; vhc, Douglas; hc, Hunter; c, Purvis. A.O. BRIT. (11): 1, Straker, grand Missel, rare size, finely spangled chest, rare back and wings, well put down; 2, C.B. diploma, McVay, Lark, steady, well marked, rare condition, close up; 3, Kinghorn, Bullie, rare cap, fine size, nice bars, might be a richer salmon on chest; vhc, hc, Stewart; c, Scott. MEMBERS' BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Wilson; vhc, Waugh; hc, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, c, Wilson; 2, Smith; 3, Waugh; hc, Forster. HEN (12): 1, c, Forster; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Wilson; hc, Waugh. BRIT. (9): 1, Harbottle, Greenie; 2, c, No Name, hen Bullie; 3, Warren, Siskin; vhc, Moore; hc, Wilson. OLD BORD. CK. (7): 1, Forster; 2, vhc, c, Wilson; 3, Smith; hc, T. D. Wilson. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Wilson; 3, Forster; c, T. D. Wilson. MULE (6): 1, Moore; 2, vhc, c, Wilson; 3, hc, No Name. GIFT (6): 1, Forster; 2, Wilson; 3, Salkeld; vhc, Archbold and Lascelles; hc, Warren; c, Moore.

WIVELISCOMBE.

Show held Nov. 20, in the Town Hall, and proved a success, quality all round being most excellent. The exhibits were nicely staged in a separate room, which was well lighted and cosy, and had every attention paid them. Special for best in show went to Mr. Howick, with a grand Canary-Bullfinch, put down in faultless condition. Mr. Hill makes a most admirable secretary, and had everything in thorough working order, and he was most ably asisted by his wife, who worked as hard as anybody to ensure a success. Mr. J. H. Payne judged, and his awards were very favourably received.

YORKS. YELL., CL. OR TKD.: Cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Harriman, nice length and beautiful pos., close as boxwood, wings well braced and closely folded tail, nice head and neck, 2 slim built, well on leg, narrow shoulders, lovely back, wings and tail, nice length and pos.; 3, Richards, hot col., lovely qual. of feather, nice back, wings and tail, stands well, not the length of leg; vhc, Parker; hc, Oddy; c, Richards. HENS (7): 1, sp., Richards, wing tkd., yell., long and slim built, grand col. and feather, neat head and tail, stands well; 2, Yorke, cl. buff, feathered to perfection, nice col., stands well up, lovely back, well packed flights and neat tail; 3, hc, Oddy, clear buff, good feather and pos., neat head, good wings and tail, well on leg, not quite the feather; vhc, Boundy; c, Corbin. UNFLIG. (9): 1, vhc, Yorks, variegated, slim built, and stands well on a good pair of legs, lovely feather, shines like silk, good flights, and closely folded tail; 2, hc, Hill, neck and wing mkd. buff, slim built and good pos., well on leg, close feather, of good qual., nice flights and tail; 3, Richards, neck tkd. yell., well on leg, straight, and stands well, good feather; c, Sleeman. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Cook, good shape, lovely feather and qual., nice head, back, and chest, col. well extended down flights and tail; 2, Jones, good head and neck, nice shape, level col., and good feather, not quite so cobby; 3, Tristem, good shape and full of col., nice head; vhc, Pope, a good one, but going into moult on breast; hc, Richards; c, Casley. HEN (7): 1, Tristem, cl. buff, nice shape and feather, good chest, and well filled back, neat tail and wings, and beautifully mealed; 2, Richards, yell., nice head, neck, and back, good shape, fails col.; 3, Cook, good shaped cl. buff, nice col., neat in wing and tail; vhc, Casley; hc, Jones; c, Copp. UNFLIG. (9): 1, sp., Tristem, eye tkd. yell., lovely col. and shape, good feather, nice neck and back, and neat wings and tail. Bristol howl winner; 2, hc, Rowley, neck tkd. buff, lovely col. and qual., good shape and feather, nice back; 3, Richards, head and wing mkd. buff, nice shape and feather, neat wings and tail, beaten in col.; vhc, Banbury; c, Cook. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp., Lane, variegated, Crestbred, good length and width of head feather, nice entrance and back skull, good body; 2, Pope, yell. cinn., nice skull, back and neck, good feather and shape, and sound col.; 3, Lane, nice cl. C.B., good skull and head feather, capital qual.; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Gay. SELL., £1 (8): 1, sp., Sleeman; 2, Collins; 3, Gay; vhc, Casley; hc, Harriman; c, Hill. 10s. (7): 1, sp., Parker; 2, Rowley; 3, Pope; vhc, Hill; hc, Boundy; c, Lewis. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, sp., Howick, Can.-Bullf., gem for col. and feather, grandly polished, beautifully mkd. and well up in size, and shape in the piuk; 2, Collins, Redpoll-Goldf., nice shape and good qual. feather, well mkd.; 3, Voysey, Can. Bullie, good shape and feather, loses to the leader in col. and size, still a nice one. BULLF. OR GOLDF. (10): 1, sp., Herbert, Goldf., grand feather, good face, nice colour, well tanned chest and even buttons, nice bars; 2, Howick, Bullf., lovely col. breast and back, good cap and wing bars, nice shape and feather; 3, vhc, Romfrey, Goldie, nice bars and buttons; hc, Benjamin; c, Greenslade.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET.

First annual open show, held Nov. 22, in the Mechanics' Institute Hall, a capital place for a show, plenty of room, free from draughts, and nice light. For a first venture the society issued a very nice schedule, comprising 27 open classes, and 30 members, and despite the clashing of six or seven other open shows, in close proximity, entries came up very well, totalling over 400. Yorks. especially, were good, quality being of a very high standard. The staging was very nicely arranged, all the exhibits being placed at a convenient height to allow the birds to be seen to the best advantage. The genial sec., Mr. R. Ward, had everything in first-class order, and got through his work in a very creditable manner. We always found him courteous and obliging to everybody, and under his enthusiastic management Chester-le-Street promises to be right in the front rank as regards cage bird exhibitions. His initial success will undoubtedly be a great incentive to him to work even harder (if that were possible) on behalf of his society. He was well supported in his work by a grand body of fanciers, consisting of the chairman, Mr. W. Forster; treas., Mr. W. Davidson, and Messrs. Wild, S. Lindsay, A. Forster, J. Redpath, A. Parkin, C. Turn, H. Briggs, R. Sanders, F. Price, T. Harrison, R. Wilford, G. Cresswell, W. MacNair, and J. Hedley, all keen fanciers, and doing their best for the good of the show. CAGE BIRDS coupon scheme was in vogue at this show, and it is easy to see that the scheme has become very popular as the season advances. The show was well attended by visitors, and we came across many old friends, notably Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), and Mr. Tom Winter (Tyne Dock). Friend Tom has not been much about the shows of late, owing to illness, and we were delighted to so unexpectedly come across this grand old fancier again, and find him looking so well. Fine weather favoured the show, and we hope to hear that it has proved to be a financial success. The judges were, Mr. T. Dixon, Canaries, and Mr. J. Hands, British and Foreign.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Thompson, lightly varieg., hot col., grand qual., fine size and shape, nice head and back, capital wings and tail, clean under; 2, 3, Stanger, wing mkd. leading, good size, fine shape, neat head and neck, nice chest, good wing carr., loses to leader in col.; 3rd, cl., good size, correct shape, nice col. and qual., neat head, nice back and wings, bit rough behind; 4, Hodson, cl., nice size, good col. and qual., nice head and wing carr.; vhc, hc, c, no names. BUFF: 1, Briggs, variegated, grand size and subs., bold head, deep, broad chest, short and thick, rich col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, Williams, head tkd., red-hot col., nice size and shape, capital head, good wings and tail, beaten in subs. by leader; 3, Butler, variegated, fine size, grand shape, bold head and neck, good back and chest, lacks finish of leaders, old warriors coming back into form; 4, Robson and March, cl. buff, nice size and shape, good head and neck, rich col. and qual., lacks the depth of chest of leaders, and a trifle heavy behind; vhc, no name; hc, c, Stanger. HEN: 1, Pierson, cl., yell., good one all over, short cobby body, nice size, good col. and qual., nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail, well cleaned under; 2, Thompson, variegated buff, plenty of size, good shape, neat head, good back and chest, nice col., qual., and carr.; 3, Briggs, cl yell., fine shape, good back and chest, nice head, capital col. and qual., neat wings, hardly the subs. of leader; 4, Butler, cl. yell., nice one all over; vhc, Stanger; hc, c, no name. 1913: 1, Butler, grizzle neck yell., grand shape, red-hot col., lovely feather, neat head, grand back and chest, well carried wings and tail; 2, Russell and Teasdale, cl. buff, good one all over, fine size, lovely shape, good head, deep chest, rich col. and qual., well carried wings and tail, well cleaned out; 3, Elliott, cl. yell., red-hot, fine qual., neat head and neck, nice shape, neat wings and tail, loses to leaders in subs.; 4, Williams, lightly mkd. buff, trifle longer in body, nice col. and qual., wants tightening up; vhc, Pierson; hc, Lindsay; c, Thompson. NOV.: 1, Wilson, cl. yell., fine size, correct shape, neat head, nice back and chest, good col., nice qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, Thompson, head tkd. yell., rather more erect on perch than necessary, yet a nice one, good size, red-hot col., nice qual., neat wings and tail; 3, Evans, cl. buff, nice size, and shape, good chest, neat head and neck, nice col., fails trifle in wing carr.; 4, Williams, wing mkd. yell., lacks subs. of leaders, nice shape, neat head, good col. and qual., well cleaned under; vhc, Ward; hc, Wright; c, Forster. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Deighton, fine length, straight up, on grand legs, neat head and shoulders, well drawn, good col., beautifully braced wings and tail, tight as a bottle; 2, Wigglesworth, hotter col. than leader, nice length and pos., neat narrow shoulders and waist, nicely drawn, neat head, not quite so well braced in wings; 3, Crawhall, bit shorter body, lovely pos., well tapered, nice col. and qual., grand wings and tail; 4th, North, nice one, good length, nice pos. well braced wings and tail, close up; vhc, Ramsden; hc, Pyman; c, Reed. BUFF: 1, Crawhall, good length, straight as a gun-barrel, neat head, lovely shoulders, and waist, finely drawn, nice col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Stewart, fine length, well up on grand legs, nice col., well rounded shoulders, nicely tapered, lacks finish of leader; 3, Ramsden, nice length, good position, neat shoulders, grandly drawn, nice col., well braced wings, lacks the qual. of leaders; 4, Pyman, scarcely so well rounded on back as leaders, lovely pos., neat head, well drawn, good wings and tail; vhc, Deighton; hc, Shankley; c, Hutler. HEN: 1, Stewart, wing mkd. yell., nice length, lovely pos., neat narrow shoulders, grandly tapered at waist, neat head, good col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail;' 2, Mather, cl. yell., nice one all over, lovely pos., nice length, grandly drawn, neat head and shoulders, good col. and qual., smooth as a bottle, lovely wings and tail, not much to choose; 3, Crawhall, buff, another topper, nice length, straight as a rush, grandly rounded shoulders, neat head, nice col. and qual., lovely wings and tail, shade heavier in build; 4, Pyman, yell., fine length, very erect, neat head, nice shoulders, grand wings and tail, not quite so neat at waist; vhc, Pyman; hc, Deighton; c, Reed. YELL., 1913: 1, Hutler, nice length, straight as a rush, grandly rounded shoulders, finely drawn, neat head, good col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, North, fine length, lovely pos., red-hot col., finely drawn, grand wings and tail, close up; 3, Mather, nice length, straight up on fine legs, neat head, good shoulders and waist, nicely carried wings and tail, loses a trifle in col.; 4, Deighton, nice length, well up on leg, grandly drawn, good col. and qual., nice wings and tail, hardly so neat in head and neck; vhc, Bentinet; hc, Pyman; c, Hutler. BUFF: 1, Wigglesworth, fine length, straight up on good legs, neat head, good back, lovely feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Pyman, grizzle neck, fine length, nice pos., good head and neck, well drawn, grandly carried wings and tail, shade open in feather; 3, Stewart, bit shorter, lovely pos., grand boxy feather, tight as a bottle, finely drawn, well braced wings and tail; 4, Hutler, nice length, but hardly so erect as leaders, neat head, well tapered body, grand wings and tail, vhc, Mather; hc, North; c, Oxley. NOV. YELL.: 1, Head, good length, fine pos., nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, well drawn, well carried wings and tail; 2, Oxley, equal to leader in length and pos., but hardly so neat in head, well rounded body, nice col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 3, Reed, nice length, well up on good legs, not quite so well rounded on back as leaders, nice col. and qual., nicely braced wings and tail; 4, Walker, good length, gets well up, neat head, good shoulders, nice wings and tail, loses to leaders in col.; vhc, Thurston; hc, Leck; c, Embleton. BUFF: 1, Ridley Bros., good one all over, fine length, lovely pos., neat head, well rounded shoulders, finely drawn, capital col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Smith, cl., trifle shorter than leader, well up, neat head, nice col., nicely braced wings and tail; 3, Witherley, lightly mkd., not so well drawn, yet a nice one for length and pos., neat head, good col. and qual., good wing carr.; 4, Whittle, trifle heavier in build, good length, fine pos., neat head and neck, good col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; vhc, Sayles; hc, Ward; c, Sayles. HEN: 1, 3, we could not find; 2, Walker, yell., good one, shade thick at waist, perhaps, yet nice length and pos., neat head, good col., nice wings and tail; 4, Leck, buff, nice length, but hardly so erect as leader, good head, nice col. and qual., neat wing carr.; vhc, Smith; hc, Sanders; c, no name. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, Bewick, leader, wing mkd. D.C., grand size, nicely radiated from a neat centre, nice leafy feather, good qual., grand shape and droop; 3rd, foul tail Green, crest hardly so massive as leader perhaps, yet nice shape, good droop and density, neat centre; 2, 4, Routledge, both foul tail green Crest-breds, any amount of broad, leafy head feather, about equal in length and density, carries well over poll; 4th, excels in width of skull, both nicely lashed; vhc, hc, Tait; c, Redpath. BORD. YELL.: 1, Elliott, gem all over, grand shape, beautifully rounded, sweet head, rich tone of col., lovely qual., grandly cleaned out, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Browell, lovely shape, well rounded, nice head, grandly cut away, nice boxy feather, lacks rich col. of leader; 3, Bewick, gem for shape, sweet head, nicely rounded back, clean cut, grand qual., lovely wings and tail, fails col. to leaders; 4, Lock, lovely col., well rounded, neat head and neck, good wing carr., shade fuller in chest; vhc, Lock; hc, Beavor; c, Hay. BUFF: 1, Hay, gem, magnificent shape, lovely head and neck, clothed with exquisite feather, well rounded back, lovely wings and tail, beautifully cut away; 2, Beavor, grand shape, short, tight feather, lovely qual., neat head, grand wing carr., not quite so rich in col. as leader; 3, Lock, good shape, nice head and neck, well rounded body, nice col. and qual., not quite the grand finish of leaders; 4, Heslop Bros., uneven mkd., grand shape, nice head, good col. and feather, neat wing carr., not quite so neat under; vhc, hc, c, no names. NOV.: 1, Heslop Bros., yell. green, fine shape, nice size, grand col and qual., pencilling not too heavy, neat head, lovely wings and tail; 2, Embleton, even mkd. yell., good one all over, nice shape, good col. and qual., neat head, well cleaned under, nicely braced wings and tail; 3rd, we could not find; 4, Greason, buff, trifle hollow behind neck, nice col. and qual., close, boxy feather, well drawn, lovely wings and tail; vhc, hc, York; c, no name. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Maddison, lightly varieg. Greenf.-Can., nice size, good shape, good col. and qual., lovely feather and condition, put down in the pink; 2, 3, Butler, Linnet-Bullie leading, nice size and shape, shows cross distinctly, grand col., lovely feather, grand polish and condition; 3rd, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, good col., nice flush, grand wings, lovely cond.; 4, Carter, Goldie-Bullie, nice one for shape and col., grand feather; vhc, no name; hc, McGuire; c, no name. LINNET: 1, Bentinct, good one all over, nice size and shape, good col., beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct all over, nice wings, steady; 2, 4, Boyd, brace of gems, leader better col. even than winner, good size, and shape, grandly pencilled, though hardly so profuse as leader, grand condition; 4th, bit slimmer build, nice col., plenty of good pencilling, nice cond.; 3, Hunter, good size, fine shape, well pencilled, but not so profuse on breast as leaders, nice col. and cond., steady; vhc, Wilford; hc, Davidson; c, Boggan. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Butler, Goldie, nice size and shape, lovely blaze, pure in col., nicely cut, grandly tanned, nice wings and buttons, and shown in the pink of cond.; 2, Williams, Bullie, medium size, good shape, nice body col., carried well under, good cap of nice shape, dense and glossy, good back and bars; 3, Davidson, Goldie, nice size and shape, lacks the highly polished blaze of leader, nicely tanned, good wings, nice condition; 4, Jamieson and Johnson, Bullie, equal in every way to 2nd in size, col., and shape, but lacks the grand finish; vhc, McVay; hc, Robinson; c, Davidson. GREENF.: 1, Robinson, fine size, short and cobby, nice chest and back, rich col., level in tone all through, nice polish and condition; 2, Petterson, bigger than leader, nice shape, short and thick-set, good level col., but lacks the polish of leader; 3, McVay, good one for size and shape, nice feather and condition, good head, back and chest, not so rich in col.; 4, McVay, another nice one, good size, fine shape, nice col., but not quite level in tone, good condition; vhc, MacDonald; hc, Forster; c, McGuire. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Jamieson and Johnson, Siskin, lovely shape, nice size, rich col. and polish, grand shaped cap, clean cut, nicely laced; 2, Hooper, Mealy Redpoll, medium size, nice shape, good col. and pencilling, nice feather and condition; 3, Forster, Twite, nice size, good shape, rich col., level in tone, well pencilled, nice condition, steady; 4, McGuire, Lesser Redpoll, nice one for col., well polished, nice size and shape, extra condition; vhc, Boggan; hc, War; c, no name. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Forster, Bramble, nice size, fine shape, lovely col., nicely spangled back, good hood, nice feather and condition; 2, Gregory, Hawfinch, not a big one, but nice shape, good level col., nice wings, good condition; 3, no name, Chaffie, nice size and shape, good cap, nice body col., good back, nice whites, grand feather and condition; 4, Sanders, Yellowhammer, plenty of size, nice shape, rich col., nice head marks, fine feather and polish; vhc, Davidson; hc, Stephenson; c, Hooper. SOFTBILL: 1, Davidson, well known Waxwing, grand condition, not a feather out of place, nice waxes, lovely feather; 2, Boyd, Missel Thrush, grand size, beautifully marked, grand col., shown in grand form; 3, Davidson, Blackbird, nice one for size and shape, lovely col., nice bloom and condition; 4, Walker, Song Thrush, nice size, good shape, well marked. FOR.: 1, Davidson, Amazon, in grand feather; 2, Scott, St. Helena Waxbill, nice polish and condition; 3, Petterson, Pekin Robin, lovely col., in the pink.

RAMSGATE.

Second annual show of this flourishing and go-ahead society on Nov. 19 received a great fillip by CAGE BIRDS coupon competition being held in connection therewith. Whereas the entries last year totalled 212, this year the grand total of 313 was reached, an increase of 50 per cent. This is very cheering to the members, and an incentive to future advancement. All that is needed now is some arrangement by which the society can guarantee full prize money in all classes. Exhibitors appreciate this plan. The show was held in the splendid rooms connected with Mr. Brockman's Restaurant on the Harbour Parade. Plenty of light, a clever system of ventilation aiding in the free distribution of ozonic air—indeed, the show-room was an ideal one. At 2.30 in the afternoon his Worship the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Cook), who was accompanied by the Mayoress and a bevy of ladies, opened the show, addressing a few well chosen words to the audience in appreciation of the society's efforts and aims, and appealed for support for "such a splendid and deserving institution." His Worship was supported by Pres., Mr. J. W. Chapman, who generously sent a large collection of palms and ferns, which added greatly to the general arrangement of the show. At the close of the opening ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to his Worship. Messrs. F. Thomas and T. W. Brown, the hon. secretaries, did splendidly, and they were helped ungrudgingly by Mr. W. E. Thornton, the treasurer, and a band of willing stewards, including Messrs. F. Shaxted, A. G. Fasham, T. Cockram, E. G. Kew, and H. T. Willard. Cards were up promptly, and catalogues of awards on sale in the show by 3 o'clock of the first day. Mr. J. Hodder once again vanquished all comers for "C.B." cash sp. in the champion section for Norwich with his romping yell., the runner up being Mr. J. Roberts with his rattling buff cock. In Yorks. the diploma was won by Mr. H. A. Olivo with a pretty bird. In novices the Norwich diploma and 10/- cash special fell to Mr. Woodcock; Yorks. to Mr. H. Wellard. Mr. W. G. Thornton won diploma for British; Mr. Wellard, Mules; and Mr. W. E. Thornton, Foreign. In champions, Mr. Casemore secured the Mule diploma; and Mr. Dell that for British. Quality throughout was grand. The list of specials was a good one, and the care taken of the exhibits worthy of great praise. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and had a hard task.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, diploma, and spl, Hodder, full chested, grand head, lovely qual. and col.; 2, Pilcher, not quite so robust, but lovely feather, head, and col.; 3, Silk, nice col., good feather, pulls out trifle long; vhc, Faston; hc, Casemore; c, Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, Roberts, well known, a frequent winner; 2, Hodder, very sweet, just a trifle weak in head; 3, Taylor, good type, nice feather, trifle short of col. and just buckles its wings now and again. TKD., ETC., CK. (9): 1, 3, Silk, lovely tkd. leading, just pulled over its conqueror at Sittingbourne, 3rd variegated buff, grand shape and feather; 2, Kilby, down one notch to-day, a bit slack, or would have won; vhc, Taylor; hc, Roberts; c, Pilcher. CL. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Easton, grand body, chest, and col., short wings and tail, good head; 2, Taylor, grand body again, lovely feather, fails just trifle head; 3, Bowler, lovely qual., not quite the size of winners, but a sweet hen; vhc, Taylor. TKD., ETC., HEN (7): 1, Hodder, tkd. yell., lovely feather, grand type, full of col.; 2, Silk, grizzle wing buff, sound Norwich type; 3, Pilcher, as good as 2nd, but for a trifle weakness in head, a pretty hen; there were one or two hens in the cards that would stand well, but they are too "forward," their action made one think it was the end of February instead of November; vhc, Easton; hc, Taylor; c, Bowler. CL. BUFF HEN (4): 1, spl, Silk, a romper; 2, 3, Taylor, both smart hens, fail just a wee bit in head, but the best of feather; vhc, Thompson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Cook, bonny bird, rare qual.; 2, Hodder, lovely qual., nice head and body, just a shade loose in wings at judging; 3, Taylor, grand varieg., fine type, qual., and col.; vbc, Bowler, gave 3rd a tight race; hc, Taylor; c, Pilcher. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Pilcher, a really grand fellow, correct type and feather; 2, hc, Taylor, former tkd., fine body and head; 3, Cook, varieg., fine shape, good head and qual.; vhc, Casemore. YELL. UNFLIG. HEN (5): 1, sp, Pilcher, thick-set, grand wings and tail, lovely qual.; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor, a rattling team, that bode a fine stud next season; hc, Cook. BUFF (5): 1, Roberts, full of qual., type, head, and col.; 2, Silk, another bonny hen, close on 1st; 3, Burgess, capped and wing mkd., lovely frosted feather, scarcely so well moulded all through; vbc, hc, Taylor. YORKS. CL., YELL., HEN (5): 1, sp, Pink, stands straight up, good leg, neck, head and qual.; 2, Johnson, neat and smart, but scarcely so typical; 3, Olive, good style and feather, hardly so long behind the leg; vhc, Jones; hc, Evans. TKD., ETC., COCK (5): 1, Johnson, cinn. varieg., fine pose, grand length, leg and fenther; 2, Thompson, hardly so full of fire, yet nice; 3, Pink, tkd. yell., very neat, but a little too square behind leg; vhc, Olive; hc, Jones. YELL. UNFLIGHTED COCK (5): 1, Johnson, good length, nice action, well on leg; 2, Pink, nearly as good in most points; 3, Olive, very nice qual., not quite the length; vbc, hc, Vidgen. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Johnson, very smart and stylish all through; 2, 3, Olive, both very nice, hardly the vim of the leader; vhc, Evans. PAIRS, A.Y. (3): 1, spl, Taylor, grand pair, of Norwich type, qual., and col.; 2, 3, Miss Bush. HYBRID PAIRS (4): 1, 3, Thomas, well mated Goldie and Bullie leading; 2, Taylor, Goldie and Grecnie; vbc, Phillips. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, sp, 3, Casemore, lovely Greenf.-Can. leading, full size and well posted; 2, Acland, ditto; 3, vhc, hc, Wellard; c, Thomson. LIGHT MULES: 1, Bowler, a very rich coloured varieg. yell. Goldie-Can., a good one; 2, Thomas, varieg. Goldie-Can. OPEN NOV., NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Woodcock, grand shape, nice feather, not so rich in col.; 2, Alliott, junr., very hot col., fine qual., bit loose at thighs; 3, vhc, Miss Bush, good feather, might be a trifle longer. BUFF (3): 1, Scott, typical, good head and feather; 2, 3, Miss Bush, grand quality, hardly rich enough in undercolour. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Page, varieg. yell., a right nice fellow; 2, Woodcock, tkd. yell., rare qual, and col.; 3, Scott, varieg. buff, grand shape, rather slack in feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Alliott, junr.; c, Bush. HEN (7): 1, sp, Woodcock, bonny hen, full of qual., rare type and col.; 2, Page, also nice qual. and shape; 3 vhc, hc, c, Miss Bush, a good team of typical hens. BRIT., SMALL (5): 1, Thornton, good Goldie; 2, vhc, Desormeaux, nice Linnet; 3, Fasham, pretty Chaffinch; hc, Chapman. GOLDF. (12): Grand class: 1, sp, vhc, Casemore, leader like wax, nice blaze, bars, and buttons; 2, Bowler, close to leader, a beautiful Finch; 3, Rhodes, another charming little fellow; hc, Dell; c, Phillips. BULLF. (3): 1, Rhodes, best col. and poll, and cleanest at thighs; 2, Harris, lovely col., but just a trifle loose at thighs, which kept him back; 3, Thomas, nice body, hardly so rich in col. or lustre. GREENF. (4): 1, Taylor, rare size, col., and feather; 2, Jacobs, nobby Greenie, lovely col.; 3, Harris, not at its best yet; vhc, Fasham. LINNET (6): 1, Casemore, splendid markings, rich col. and size; 2, Smith, nice rich col., scarcely so nicely mkd.; 3, Brighton, hardly steady, will make a good one; vhc, Thomas; hc, Wellard; c, Bush. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, sp, Smith, a grand little Redpoll; 2, 3, Thomas, Redpoll and Siskin respectively, in grand feather; vhc, Taylor. BRIT., LARGE: 1, sp, Dell, magnificent Starling, lustrous plumage, very tame; 2, Harris, charming Corn Bunting, well shown; 3, Acland, topping Hawfinch; vhc, sp, Fasham; hc, Shaxted. SMALL: 1, Taylor, very fine Chaffinch; 2, Dell, ditto; 3, Fasham, good Brambling. PARROT, ETC. (5): 1, Miss Bristow, Grey Parrot; 2, Attwell, Lemon-Crest; 3, Ridgwell; vhc, Flynn. SMALL FOR. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Thomas; 3, Miss Applelee. CHILDREN'S (9): 1, sp, Brumhill; 2, Thornton; 3, hc, Wellard; vhc, sp, Alliott; c, Jones. LOCAL NOVICE A.V.C. BIRD (8): 1, sp, 2, c, Thornton; 3, Thomas; vhc, Fagg; hc, Thompson. MEMBERS' NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Miss Gwyn; 2, Burgess; 3, Brown; vhc, Fasham. BUFF: 1, Miss Gwyn; 2, Burgess; 3, Thomas. TKD., ETC., CK. (9): 1, Miss Gwyn, 2, Brumhill; 3, Brown; vhc, Dr. Alliott; hc, Kew; c, Burgess. CL. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Kew; vhc, Thomas; hc, Dr. Alliott; c, Fasham. A.O.C. HEN (4): 1, Burgess; 2, Dr. Alliott; 3, Brown; vhc, Thomas. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK., UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Miss Gwyn; 3, vhc, hc, Burgess. BUFF (7): 1, Kew; 2, 3, Miss Gwyn; vhc, Brumhill; hc, Burgess; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN, UNFLIG. (3): 1, Kew; 2, Thomas; 3, Miss Gwyn. BUFF (5): 1, Burgess; 2, Miss Gwyn; 3, vhc, Kew. YORKS. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Wellard; vhc, Fasham. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Wellard. HEN (3): 1, Shaxted; 2, 3, Wellard. YORKS. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wellard; vhc, Fasham. TEAMS (5): 1, Miss Gwyn, grand yell. Norwich; 2, Fasham; 3, Brumhill; vhc, Burgess; hc, Miss Bush. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, Burgess; 2, Miss Gwyn; 3, Thomas. HEN (4): 1, sp, Burgess; 2, vhc, Thomas; 3, Shaxted.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Sixth annual members' show, held in Spencer Hall, Nov. 21 and 22, by far the most successful exhibition the society has yet had. There were 260 entries, and quality was universally pronounced to be splendid, far excelling that staged at any former show. A very large share of the credit for this satisfactory result is attributable to the labours of Mr. J. Hyde, the hon. sec., who took over the office at a critical moment, and by unremitting labour and enthusiasm has thoroughly resuscitated the society, and secured the esteem and respect of the whole of the members. In his labours Mr. Hyde has found a warm and generous friend in Mr. C. W. Law. The hall was none too large for the purposes of the show, but everything was arranged to the best advantage by the sec., aided by Mr. Law, Mr. G. H. Neal, Mr. Shakespeare, Mr. Dann (vice-chair), and other members of the committee. The dreadful weather on the opening day prevented many fanciers from attending, but on Saturday there was quite a crowd of visitors, and many congratulatious were accorded to the society. Special prizes numbered close on 70. Mrs. C. W. Law, who enthusiastically seconds her husband's interest in the society, and Mr. Law gave several valuable specials; Mr. G. E. Weston a points cup, which was won outright, and Mr. W. has generously promised another cup for next year's show, to be competed for under the same conditions. A great surprise of this show has been the gift of a silver challenge cup for the best Norwich, by Mr. Ayers, a gentleman who has thus shown a practical interest in the welfare of the society. This year the Touche Challenge Cup for best current year bird was won by Mr. Byne, in champion section. This gentleman also won special for best Norwich, a very creditable performance. Special for best in the amateur section was won by Mr. Bush, with a rattling Yorks., and in Novice by Mr. Wills, with an equally meritorious Norwich. Mr. C. W. Law won special best British with a bonny Chaffinch; Sandiford's special, Mr. Wills; Mr. Street's colour special, Mr. A. Lovegrove, the same bird winning sp. for hottest fed specimen. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and catalogues with awards were up early.

CHAMP., NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Lovegrove; 3, vhc, Dann; hc, Byne; c, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, c, Lovegrove; vhc, hc, Byne. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Byne; 2, vhc, hc, Lovegrove; 3, C. Bell. BUFF: 1 Byne; 2, Cowie; 3, Lovegrove; vhc, hc, c, Bell. HEN: 1, 2, Lovegrove; 3, Byne; vhc, Sparks; hc, c, Bell. CRESTS: 1, Shakespeare; 2, Joncs. C.B.; 1, Sbakespeare; 2, Joncs. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Joncs; vhc, Shakespeare; hc, Kent. BUFF: 1, Kent; 2, Shakespeare; 3, vhc, Jones. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Kent. HENS: 1, 2, Jones; 3, vhc, Kent. BORD.: 1, 3, Dann; 2, hc, Sbakespeare; vhc, c, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, Shakespeare. MULES: 1, Dann; 2, Jones. AMAT., NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Wakefield; 2, Hyde; 3, bc, c, Walmsley. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Walmsley; vhc, hc, c, Wakefield. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Walmsley; 2, Hyde; 3, vhc, hc, Wakefield. BUFF.: 1, Hyde; 2, Walmsley. HENS: 1, 3, bc, Wakefield; 2, vhc, Walmsley. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Bush, 2, Knight. BUFF: 1, 2, Bush; 3, vhc, Knight. VGT. YELL CK.: 1, Bush; 2, Knight. HENS: 1, Bush; 2, Knight. NOV., NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, c, Wills; 3, vhc, Staines; hc, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, vbc, Large; 2, 3, Wills; hc, Hardcastle; c, King. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Wills; 2, Mrs. Wood; 3, Staines. BUFF: 1, 3, Large; 2, bc, Staines; vhc, Street; 1, Mrs. Wood. HENS: 1, Day; 2, 3, Wills; vhc, Staines; hc, Shearer; c, Mrs. Wood. CRESTS: 1, Shorter. C.B.: 1, Mrs. Wood. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Johnston; 2, Withers; 3, hc, Rolls; vhc, Fisk; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Withers; 2, Johnston; 3, vhc, c, Rolls; hc, Shearer. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Rolls; 2, Carrington; 3, Newcombe; vhc, Gumbrill. BUFF: 1, c, Rolls; 2, Fisk; 3, Newcombe; vhc, Byne; hc, Shearer. HENS: 1, 2, Rolls; 3, Knight; vhc, Johnston; hc, Newcombe; c, Fisk. A.O.V.: 1, Fisk. MULES: 1, vhc, Beeching; 2, Day; 3, King; hc, Duke; c, Fisk. NON-FED CAN.: 1, Jones; 2, Duke; 3, Knight. SELL: 1, Law; 2, Knight; 3, Shorter. GOLDF.: 1, Duke; 2, Fisk; 3, Carrington; vhc, Jones; hc, Shorter; c, Law. BULLF.: 1, Shorter; 2, Street. GREENF.: 1, Kent; 2, Mound; 3, Jones; vhc, hc, Street; c, Brawbridge. LINNET: 1, Carrington; 2, Byne; 3, vhc, hc, Street; c, Mound. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Mound; 3, Knight; vhc, hc, Street; c, Jones. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, Law; 2, Kent; 3, Street; vhc, Brawbridge. A.S. HEN: 1, Shakespeare; 2, Mound, 3, Street; vhc, Fisk; hc, Day. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Knight. INSECTIV.: 1, Mound. FOR.: 1, Brawbridge; 2, Shorter; 3, Street.

BRADFORD (CITY OF).

433. This was the total entry at the 33rd annual show, held in the Feversham Street Council Schools, Nov. 22. The entry did not come quite up to expectation, but, still, was as good as the average at Union shows of this year. Quality was quite up to the standard, several noted winners being staged. The novices rolled up in large numbers; there is no doubt that they keep the shows going. The novice classes were good all round; the competition in the second half of the season is apparently going to be a greater draw than in the first half. In the champion section the hen classes were the best. The Norwich classes had a fair entry for a Yorkshire Union show. The room is an ideal one for a show of the kind. The staging was perfect, and the exhibits were placed so that no one had need to handle them, which is beneficial to all. Judging was got through in good time, the gate was a bumper, a record, and with this and the sales the show would surely be a success. Bradford City, like most of the Union societies, is blessed with having a good secretary in Mr. W. Helliwell, and he was ably assisted by Mr. P. N. Jenkinson; they got through their share of work in a very business-like manner. The show stewards, Messrs. Horsfield, Hunter, Ludbrook, Fortman, Bower, Kitson, Plowright, Airton, Roe, Lythell, and Rhodes all worked well. The judges—Mr. H. W. Walsh, Yorks., and Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Nor.—seemed to give general satisfaction to all. Points winners were: Champ., Ogden; Nov., Greenwood, Nor., Thomas.

Mr. H. W. Walsh's Classes.

CL. ETC., YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Radley, grand length, very fine and tapering, good level col., nice shape, wings and tail well braced, perfect coud., very steady, real gem; 2, Pickup and Son, good head and shoulders, nice stylish bird, well-placed wings and tail, stands well up on good legs, beautiful col., full of nerve; 3, Rigg, good col., very stylish, neat wings, pipe tail, grand qual., shows well; 4, Dykes, hot in col., grand length; vhc, Hill; hc, Rigg; c, Drake. BUFF (12): 1, Mason, wonderful length, grand head and shoulders, nice sound body, rich level col., well-filled neck, wings and tail perfect, nicely drawn, in best of cond.; 2, Shackletou, nice length, beautiful qual., good wings and tail, nice style, only fails in col.; 3, Ogden Bros., splendid length, nicely feathered, inclined to open tail, will improve; 4, Drake, grand qual., stands well up; vhc, Saville; hc, Dyson; c, Naylor. A.O.V. YELL. (11): 1, Morrison, mkd. both cheeks and one wing, wonderful cond., plenty of nerve, grand wing carr., pipe tail, stands like a guardsman, put down in fine style; 2, 4, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, well-braced wings and tail, lovely qual., hot in col., stands well up, not quite as tight as winner; 4th, slightly grizzled on head, nice style and shape, good length, good stock bird; 3, Ogden Bros., lovely qual., nice length, unsteady; vhc, Pickup and Son, hc, c, Snead. BUFF (13): 1, Whitley, mkd. eyes, wings, and splash breast, beautiful qual., rich level col., grand length, well drawn and tapering, wings and tail perfect, A1 pos., staged well; 2, Dyson, tkd. eye and wing, full of nerve, grand qual. and style, only fails in col.; 3, Hall, mkd. eyes and wings, grand feather, very stylish, not as long as winner; 4, Morrison, lovely shape and qual., good wings and tail; vhc, Lister; hc, Fowle; c, Helliwell. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Thomas, slightly grizzled on head, grand length, sound col., well placed wings and tail, nice round head and shoulders, on good legs and feet, staged well; 2, Casey, cl., hot col., lovely qual., plenty of nerve, good wing carr., shows well; 3, Briggs, cl., lovely qual., well-fitting wings and tail, very stylish, pale in col.; 4, Smith Bros., cl., grand shape and style; vhc, Bennett; hc, Radley; c, Lister. BUFF (19): 1, Ogden Bros., slightly tkd. on neck, grand length, feathered to perfection, wing and tail correct, nice level col., position A1, a real gem, noted winner; 2, Tidswell, mkd. eyes, one wing, round neck, lovely qual., nicely drawn, well placed wings, pipe tail, nice head, well-filled neck, level shoulders, shows well; 3, Mason, slightly mkd. on wings, lovely qual., neat wings and tail, rich level col.; 4, Hill, cl., nice shape and style, rather uneven in col., will improve; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Beaumont; c, Lister. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, c, Dykes, cl., wonderful length, hot col., grand head and neck, closely-fitting wings and tail, A1 pos., lovely qual., good legs and feet, good winner; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., very stylish, grand qual., rare shape, not as well filled in neck; 3, Midgley, heavily var., grand length and style, lovely qual., neat wings and tail; 4, Shaw Bros., cl., nice shape and style, grand qual., rather pale; vbc, Shackleton; hc, Bennett. BUFF (13): 1, Morrison, cinn. mkd. wings, one eye and cheek, round shoulders, lovely qual., grand cond., well-placed wings and tail, not as well drawn as might be; 2, 4, Shackleton, cl., wonderful length, lovely qual., grand shape and style, good wings and tail, on stout side, grand stock bird; 4th, cl., full of nerve, well-fitting wings, pipe tail, stands well up; 3, Ogden Bros., cl., grand length, very slim and stylish, unsteady; vhc, S. Radley; hc, Denby; c, Mason. HENS (18): 1, Clegg, cl. yell., grand length, lovely qual., A1 cond., good head and shoulders, well-braced wings, pipe tail, well benched; 2, Brown and Son, cl. yell., very stylish, level col., nice qual., fails in tail; 3, Dykes, buff, beautiful qual., nicely drawn, well filled, stands well up; 4, Casey, cl. yell., nice shape and style, neat wings and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, Shackleton; c, Thomas. CINN. MKD. (6): 1, Towers, mkd. eyes and wings, splash breast, yell., wonderful length, very slim and stylish, grand wing carr., pipe tail, lovely qual., shows well; 2, Morrison, buff mkd. cheek and wings, grand length, lovely qual., well placed wings and tail, grand stock bird; 3, Binns, nice shape and style, good qual; 4, Ogden Bros., stylish, neat wings and tail, slack in front; vhc, Thomas; hc, Helliwell. HENS (11): 1, Bennett, yell. mkd., rich level col., lovely qual., A1 pos., well-fitting wings, pipe tail, on good legs, a gem; 2, Casey, buff mkd., grand qual., very shapely, correct size, stands well up, benched in fine style; 3, hc, Ogden Bros., yell. mkd., grand length, very slim and stylish, well placed wings and tail; 4, Pickup and Son, buff mkd., lovely qual. and style; vhc, Hall; c, Morrison. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (23): 1, Chew, tkd. neck, grand length, lovely qual. perfect pos., well placed wings, pipe tail, beautiful cond.; 2, Hutchinson, cl., good length, nice style, grand qual., not as well drawn; 3, C. Greenwood, cl., beautiful qual., rare length, neat wings and tail, unsteady; 4, Shaw, cl., wonderful length, very stylish, rather slack in front; vhc, Swaine; hc, Bennett; c, Hersey. BUFF (32): 1, Radley, slight tick on eye, beautiful qual., nice level col., good head and shoulders, well-fitting wings and tail, a beauty; 2, Firth, cl., grand length, lovely qual., good wings and tail, rather stout; 3, Cawthera, and Son, mkd. eye and wing, nice shape, hot col., grand qual., stout; 4, Gledhill, cl., rare length, very stylish, neat wings and tail, shows well; vhc, Bower; hc, Duckworth; c, Radley. A.O.V. (15): 1, Bennett, yell. mkd. head, neck, and wing, grand length, lovely pos., silky feather, well filled all round, level col., nice wings, pipe tail, shown well; 2, hc, Hirst, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely qual., nice pos., on strong side; 3, Bushby, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, very slim, not as straight as winner; 4, Hudson, buff, mkd. eyes, cheek and wings, very stylish, grand qual., good stock bird; vhc, Chew; c, Sheard. HEN: 1, c, Greenwood, tkd. wings, buff, grand lengtb, beautiful feather, correct pos., well-braced wings and tail, stands on good legs, well staged; 2, Sheard, yell., mkd. eyes, cheeks and wings, feathered to perfection, nice shape, well filled, good wings, pipe tail, steady as gold, close up; 3, Hirst, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, very long and slim, very stylish, well shown; 4, Bower, buff, mkd. eye and breast and wing, nice shape and style, rather stout; vhc, Bennett; hc, Nicholls. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HENS (27): 1, vhc, Ratcliffe, cl., wonderful length, very stylish, rich level col., well drawn out, grand wings and tail, stands correctly; 2, Sutcliffe, cl., good length, rich qual, nice col., rather stouter; 3, Firth, cl., grand length, lovely qual., only fails in head; 4, Hutchinson, thigh tkd., very smart and stylish, on slim side, shows well; hc, Beaumont and Marsden; c, Bower. BUFF (20): 1, Greenwood, cl., hot in col., rare lengtb, nice level body, neat wing and tail, beautiful silky feather, stands on good legs and feet, a gem; 2, vhc, Bower, cl., another beauty, grand shape and style, A1 qual., only falls in col.; 3, Hersey, cl., full of nerve, grand pos., well shown, close up; 4, vhc, Bower, cl., another beauty, grand sbape and stylish, neat wings and tail; hc, Hoist; c, Long. CINN. MKD. CK. (10): 1, 2, Rhodes, yell., mkd. eye, head, wing, and tail, wonderful length, good qual., well drawn, neat fitting wings and tail, well staged; 2nd, yell., mkd. eyes, hcad, and wings, hot in col., grand qual. and style, loses in head; 3, McLaughlin, yell., mkd. on hcad, chest, and wings, nice stylish bird, only fails in col.; 4, c, Bushby, buff, mkd. eyes, cheeks, and wing, grand qual. and style, rather short; vhc, Woad; hc, Fountain. HENS (13): 1, Collins Bros., yell. mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, rare silky feather, beautiful position, well placed wings and tail, a gem; 2, Marshall Bros., yell. mkd. bead and wings, nice stylish hen, only fault in markings; 3, Hersey, buff. mkd. head, cheeks, and wings, grand qual. and style, fails in lengtb; 4, Hirst, buff mkd. head, cheeks, and wings, grand length and qual., good stock bird; vhc, Jowett; hc, Chew; c, McLaughlin.

Mr. Chittenden's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Mallinson and Son, cl., grand head, bold breast, plenty of col., good wings and tail, very shapely, plenty of subs., stands well across perch; 2, vhc, Waters, cl., rich sound col., bold and stylish, grand shape, close up; 3, c, Thomas, tkd. neck and wing, very shapely and stout, full of col., loses in bcad; 4, hc, Simonett, cl., hot col., grand hcad, nice feather. BUFF (9): 1, Heap, cl., rare head, grand rich col., bold breast, very shapely, well feathered and stylish, plenty of subs., stands well; 2, c, Ball, grand qual., level col., good wings and tail, very shapely and stout; 3, Roe, mkd. bead, eye, and wing, grand sbaped body, nice col. and qual., shows well; 4, Simonett, cl., good head and sbape; vhc, hc, Mallinson and Son. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Mallinson and Son, yell., hot col., grand head, bold breast, lovely shape, well feathered, good wings and tail, stands well; 2, c, Mason, tkd. on cheek, buff, rich col., full of subs., grand head and breast, splendid wings and tail, shown well; 3, vhc, Thomas, buff cl., plenty of subs., nice shape, grand stock bird; 4, Heap, buff cl., full of col., very shapely; hc, Pickup and Son. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Ball, cl. yell., a topper, grand col. and nicely finished, plenty of subs., well fitting wings and tail, stands well across pereh; 2, 3, Thomas, cl. yells., well-balanced, nice feathered, good head and breasts, very close to the winner; 4, Horsfield, cl. ycll., very sbapely, nice col., has not the substance; vhc, Airton; hc, Simonett; c, Sykes. BUFF (10): 1, Sykes, cl., smart and shapely, good bold breast, plenty of col., nicely mealed, stands well across perch, benched in fine style; 2, Simonett, cl., grand head and breast, very shapely, only fails in col., will improve; 3, Parkes, cl., very shapely, not tbe subs. and col of leaders; 4, Heap, mkd. on wing, hot in col., grand qual., not as shapely; vhc, Thomas; hc, Rhodes; c, Ball. UNFLIG, HEN (13): 1, 2, Mason, cl. yell., topper all round, grand head and bold breast, well feathered, stands well across; 2nd, cl. yell., very shapely and well balanced, rich col., pair of gems; 3, Tinkler, buff, mkd. eyes and one wing, hot col., nice shape, fails in subs.; 4, Simonett, ycll. green tail, grand shape, plenty of subs., sound col., good stock bird; vhc, c, Pickup and Sons; hc; Thomas. NOV. CK. (15): 1, c, Lord, cl. yell., rich col., grand head and breast, well feathered, plenty of subs., stands well, good stock bird; 2, Kaberry, buff, mkd. on head, slight, hot col., full of subs., loses in head; 3, Lythell, cl. buff, grand shape, good head and chest, fails in col., looks like a hen; 4, Pedder, cl. yell., rich col., lovely shape, not the subs.; vhc, Cawthra; hc, Hunter. HEN (8): 1, hc, Lord, cl. buff, grand head and chest, rich sound col., well feathered, stands well on perch, plenty of subs., good all round; 2, 3, Hunter, cl. buff, very shapely, nice hcad and bold breast, good level col.; 3rd, cl. buff, brimful of qual., plenty of col., grand head and breast, well shown; 4, Clarke, cl. buff, nice shape and finish, hot in col., very stylish, in good form; vhc, Cawthra; c, Bartle.

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COCKERMOUTH.

The Drill Hall, in which the 8th annual exhibition was held, Nov. 22nd, is in every respect a fine hall, quite capable of accommodating a much larger entry, roomy and well lighted from the roof, it admits of every exhibit being well staged to the best advantage, both of the exhibits and exhibitors. The arrangements were admirable, and everything pointed to a most successful show. The committee responsible for the management, and to whom every credit is due, consists of Messrs. Deacon, Gorley, Jackson, Jos. Little, Sewell, Walker, Ellwood, Crozier, Tyrell, Hutchinson, Nicholson, Johnston, Dickson, Lennox, Armstrong, Gate; vice chair, J. Simon; chair, G. Oglethorpe, with John Jackson, sec. Borders opened the schedule, and while we have seen a larger entry at previous shows, quality was well represented, classy birds from both sides of the Border being present. The Yorkshire section, with the patronage of the Cumb. and West. Y.C.C., drew a nice entry, the novice class totalling 15 entries, and containing many nice birds. The British section, for some reason or other, only filled indifferently, several classes having to be cancelled for lack of support, an exceptional class to be thus treated being the bonse moulted Linnet. The winner of CAGE BIRDS championship diploma and 10s. cash special turned up in this section, the well-known Chough belonging to Mr. Lewis securing the honour, thereby adding another victory to his long list, now running well into three figures. This being the first CAGE BIRDS coupon show held in Cumberland, considerable interest was taken in the awarding of the diplomas, and as the scheme gets better known more exhibitors are taking advantage of it. Winners of diplomas were, 10s. cash sp. for novice, Mr. Johnston, with an evenly-mkd. Border; diploma in Borders, Mr. Wilson; do., in Yorks, Mr. Coulson; in Brit. Seedeaters, Mr. Ellwood; Insectiv., Mr. Lewis; For., Mr. Lewis. Mr. H. Bennet, Kelso, judged.

The Critique.

BORD. CL. or TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, C.B. diploma and B.F. medal, Wilson, leader tick on neck, fine col., beautifully fed, shining like silk, good type; latter close up in all essentials; 3, Deacon, paler col., fine qual; 4, Pearson, Jas., good qual. and type, shade longer; 5, 6, Poole; 7, Hopper Bros.; abs., Briggs. BUFF (16): 1, Thompson, fair qual. and col.; 2, Wilson, better type, good qual.; 3, B.F novice medal, Elliot, taking exhibit, grand qual. and type, well shown; 4, Simpson, nice quality; 5, Ellwood; 6, Haddon; 7, Rea. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Wilson, head, eyes and wings mkd., fine col. and stand, neat head and feather; 2, Pearson, Jas., similar marks, paler col., well placed; 3, Dixon, again mkd. as leaders, fine stamp; 4, 7, Coulthard; 5, Walker; 6, Pennington. BUFF (12): 1, Arnott, eyes and wing mkd., finely rounded, good qual. and nice head, free in action; 2, Wilson, eyes and wing mark, heavier made, grand col. and feather; 3, 6, Pearson, J. H., similar marks, grand col. and qual., fine type; 4, Ellwood, close up to leaders; 5, Coulthard; 7, Pennington. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Wilsou, tkd. head, capital col., neat in head and neck properties; 2, Ellwood, cl., beautiful feather and type; 3, Dixon, uneven, nice col. and good feather; 4, Elliot, sweetly made, clean everywhere; 5, Pearson, J. H.; 7, Plaskett Bros. BUFF (18): 1, Haddow, uneven, grand type, capital feather, shows well; 2, Arnott, cl., nicely rounded one, fine head; 3, Rea, clean made, fine qual., shows well; 4, Hopper Bros., cl., beauty for feather and all round properties; 5, 6, Ellwood; 7, Rea. EVEN MARK (5): 1, Haddow, yell., fine marks, good type and quality; 2, Watson, yell., heavy eye marks, not the qual. of winner; 3, Dixon, buff, nicely balanced marks, grand feather and type, might have gone up one; 4, C.B. sp. Novice, Johnston, yell., fair markings; 5, Bulman. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, Lambie, green, finely drawn, good sound col., nicely pencilled; 2, Thompson, yell. gr., finely pencilled, nice sound col., heavier than winner; 3, Arnott, buff Cinn. of good tint, fine qual.; 4, Simpson; 5, Haddow; 6, Poole; 7, Pennington. MATCHED PAIRS (9): 1, Pearson, Jas., clears, beauties for quality and type; 2, Hopper Bros., very close up to leaders, good pair; 3, Pearson, J. H., clears, well matched; 4, Walker, Cinnamons; 5, Moore and Son; 6, 7, Ellwood. SELL. (10): 1, Elliot; 2, Arnott; 3, Dixon; 5, Brown; 6, Bulman; 7, Waugh. YORKS. CL. or THIGH TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Huntington, straigbt up, well drawn, good col. and qual., neat bead, good front; 2, Lyall, similar properties to winner; 3, 7, Coulson, fine length, capital col., beaten in head properties; 4, 5, Douglas, hot col., finely drawn, slim and straight; 6, Stewart. BUFF: 1, Coulson, rare col., fine qual., good position and well set up; 2, Huntington, good in all round features, shade shorter; 3, Brown, good qual., well braced, and nicely drawn; 4, Stewart, on heavier lines, but good qual.; 5, Richardson; 6, Tweedie; 7, Wilkinson Bros. OTHER THAN THIGH TKD. BUFF (9): 1, Bradley, tk. wing, well drawn, fine feather, grand col., clean front; 2, Wilkinson Bros., bead tk., beautifully drawn out, reachy and well set up; 3, Tweedie, cheek mark, not so fine as leaders; 4, Bradley, eye tk., good position, nicely set-up; 5, Stewart; 6, Brown; 7, Richardson. HEN YELL. (6): 1, 2, Coulson, leader ciun. mark, lovely feather and well made; latter cl., finely drawn, in good order; 3, 4, Stewart, head tk., nice col., well drawn, good wings; 4th, capital col. and qual., fine stamp; lengthy; 5, Richardson; 6, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Stewart, well set up, nicely braced, latter close up; 2, 5, Coulson, fine carriage, good position; 4, Ellis; 6, Brown. UNFLIG. (10): 1, C.B. diploma, Coulson, finely drawn, capital position; 2, Stewart, well up, good position; 3, Wilkinson Bros., cl. yell., fine col., well up, neat front; 4, Huntiugton; 5, Lyall; 6, Tweedie. NOVICE (15): 1, 4, Nichol, R. C., leader long and nicely drawn, well up; 2, Bostock, close up to leader; 3, 5, 6, Palmer, similar in all respects to leaders, all winners buffs; 7, Nichol, J. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Wilson, varieg. buff, hot col., fine chest, nicely cut; 2, Bradley, cl. yell., fine col., good shape and size; 3, 4, Irving, varieg., in good order, well shown; 5, Stephenson; 6, Johnstone. HEN (6): 1, Wilson, buff, rare order, grand type, fine chest; 2, Bradley, varieg. buff, good head and stamp; 3, 5, Stepheuson, cl. yell., fine col., good feather and finish; 4, Johnstone; 6, Irving. A.O.V. and 2 HYB. classes cancelled. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, 3, Bertram and Baines, Greenfinch and Redpoll, in order named, both often described, in good order; 2, Hodgson, Linnet, grand col., good type; 4, Bradley, Goldie, behind in colour and size; 5, Nicholson. SELL., 20s.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Coulson; 3, Ellwood; 4, Wilson, J.; 5, Oglethorpe; 6, Bradley; 7, Jackson. 10s.: 1, Wilson, J.; 2, Ellwood; 3, Oglethorpe; 4, Johnstone; 5, Jackson; 6, Deacon; 7, Bulman. BRIT. GOLDF. or BULF. (6): 1, 2, Bertram and Baines, Goldies, rare order, good markings, rich blaze, well defined and clean cut, very little betwixt them; 3, Hopper Bros., Bullies, good size, rich breast and fine col.; 4, Pearson, Jas., Goldf., behind in col.; 5, Lewis; 6, Walker.

INVERNESS.

A Record Entry and a Thorough Success.

Thirty-third annual show held Nov. 19, in the Music Hall, an ideal hall for a bird show, being well lighted from top and sides, and free from draughts. Sir Hendry Munro, an old and trusted friend, performed the opening ceremony. He informed us that he had been present at thirty-two of the shows. Entries were in excess of last year by nearly two hundred. We were indeed delighted to see once again in the capital of the Highlands such a fine array of Scotch Fancies, which have been on the decrease for some years. Thanks are due to the vice-pres., Mr. Edward Todd, for offering a cup for competition in Scotch Fancies, and this was won by Mr. Robert Gibb, "the father of the Fancy in Inverness," with a nice buff hen, with plenty size and substance; Mr. G. Clyne, Wick, also having forward a good team. Mr. McLeay, Kirkintilloch, judged the Canary section, and Mr. D. Ross, Forres, the Mules, Hybs., and British, and they evidently gave entire satisfaction, for no grumbling was to be heard, although in some cases an occasional "hard lines" was to be heard. Norwich were grand, and Mr. Mackie, a novice of last year, cleared the boards, winning cup for best Nor., and medal for runner-up of cup, and also piece of plate by assoc. for best Nor. local. The show of Borders was one of the best ever seen in Inverness. Mr. John Connochie won cup for best Border with a nice green cock. Crests and C.B.s were really marvellous, and crowds gathered round to see "the birds with the bonnets," Mr. Edward Todd winning CAGE BIRDS championship, and special for best bird in show, with a lovely green Crested cock, the best Crest ever shown in Inverness—really a marvel, and a study in Crests. Yorks. were grand, some splendid birds being forward. Mr. H. Clunas won medal for best Yorks. Mules and Hybrids were an object-lesson in ornithology. Dark Can. Mule class was one of the strongest in the show. The show of Brit. was an attractive one, many Southern birds having to take a second place. We were indeed glad to see Messrs. Fox and Milne, Dundee, here to-day with a good team. Mr. R. Gentleman won sp. for best Brit. with a lovely Hawfinch, and sp. for points was won by A. Junor, Tomaton. Foreign birds were a great attraction, Mr. T. McKenzie winning with a lovely Green Amazon. Sec., Mr. J. Connochie, deserves great credit for the manner in which he conducted the show; he was ably assisted by a committee of fanciers, Messrs. E. Chisholm (pres.), E. Todd (vice-pres.), D. Falconer, W. Simpson, Hector Fraser, E. Harcombe, Alex. Smith, J. Anderson, J. Mackie, F. Stanford, James Duncan, Robert Duncan, Hugh McLean, G. Dorward. The CAGE BIRDS' Coupon Competition created quite a stir, and we heard several comments regarding the Editor's pluck in launching forward such a scheme. The 10s. champion prize was won by E. Todd for Crests; diplomas: Scotch Fancy, E. Todd; Yorks. and Brit., Junor; Borders, W. Simpson; Mules and Hybrids, J. Duncan.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (6): 1, 3, hc, Clyne, 1st good drive, easy worked, stylish; 3rd, good bird, but slimmer in build; 2, Todd, grand head and neck, presses hard; vhc, Gibb. HEN (4): 1, Gibb, cup winner, very stylish, splendid shoulders, shows well; 2, 3, vhc, Clyne, nice all-round bird; loses to-day; 3rd, nice feather in good cond. YORKS., CK. (5): 1, W. MacDougall, grand buff, rare length and style, nice wings, straight as a pencil; 2, hc, Murray, yell., nice shape, stands well up, very nicely staged; 3, J. MacDougall, yell., a bit rough in feather, good stock bird; vhc, Clyne. HEN (5): 1, 3, Junor, 1st nice buff, good head, fine shaped, splendid wings, good tail; 3rd, lacks length of winner, but a good Yorkie; 2, W. MacDougall, buff, good size and subs., nice carr., fails in length to winner; vhc, Ross; hc, Murray. TKD. OR VAR. (3): 1, Junor, large var., splendid size, stands well up, AI qual.; 2, Ross, var., nice pos., feathered like glass, shade small to winner; No. 2, Swanson, w.c. BRED 1913 (10): 1, 2, hc, Junor, 1st yell., wonderful length, extra qual., will take some beating; 2nd, similar, a good brace; 3, Swanson, a bit soft when taking notes; vhc, Rhind; c, Ross. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Connochie, sweet yell., grand shape, rare head, shown to perfection; 2, Falconer, similar build, finely drawn and stylish, but lacks the finish of winner; 3, c, Simpson, good Border, our choice for 2nd, hard lines here; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Harcombe. HEN (7): 1, Gentleman, sweet hen, correct stamp, good front, neat head; 2, Simpson, a toss-up here, possessing all the quality of 1st, not disgraced; 3, Craig, another gem, shown in faultless cond., but looking a bit soft when taking notes; vhc, Fox and Milne; hc, Falconer; c, Connochie. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Craig, nice rounded body, lovely head, AI wing carr., feathered like wax; 2, 3, Simpson, good Borders, similar to winner, lovely cond., looking well, very close run indeed among three for first place; vhc, Smith; hc, Connochie; c, Chisholm. HEN (9): 1, Craig, boxy feathered, good wing carr., very stylish; 2, hc, Simpson, sweet lady, nice body, lovely carr., shows well; 3, Smith, tkd. one eye, a bonny exhibit, just fails in finish to winners; vhc, Connochie; c, Harcombe. VARIEG. (10): 1, Connochie, cinn. mkd., grand type and qual., lovely head and wings, fine col., really a picture; 2, Gentleman, yell. varieg, grand head and chest, nice cut away behind; 3, vhc, Simpson, buff varieg., nice feather, splendid action, good piped tail, a sweet exhibit; hc, Fox and Milne; c, E. Harcombe. GB. OR CINN. (10): 1, cup best Bord., 2, vhc, Connochie, gr., nicely moulded, grand v-wings, nice piped tail, really a marvel; 2nd, vhc, cinn., same type and quality as winner, a grand trio; 3, Fraser, gr., just lacks finish of winner, the journey was probably rather too much for it; hc, Simpson; c, Bruce. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Connochie, neat type, nice eye mkd., set down in AI order, carries wings well, really a wee toff; 2, Falconer, buff mkd., splendid Border, not much between them, presses hard; 3, Harcombe, nice taking Border; vhc, Smith; hc, Bruce; c, Campbell and McKenzie. BRED 1913 (8): 1, Craig, yell., rare col. and qual., fine wing and tail carr., in good trim, shown to perfection; 2, Simpson, yell., rare head and neck, good size and qual., in first-class order; 3, Campbell and McKenzie, varieg., nice body, very jaunty, feathered like silk; vhc, Smith. hc, Connochie; c, Macgregor. NOR. P., CK., BRED 1913 (11): 1, Mackie, sp. for best Nor. Local, yell., coll. fed., good style and bully type, full head, nice carr., really a splendid specimen, should be heard of later; 2, Clark, tkd. on neck, good size, nice type, hardly ready yet; 3, Baxter, very typical buff, well across perch, splendid head, round chest, must have been a close thing for 2nd; vhc, Fox and Milne; hc, Garden; c, Ironside. HEN, 1913 (9): 1, medal, c, McDonald, a lovely yell., nice deep col., full of qual., carries wings well, in first-class order; 2, Hendry, yell., col. fed, another good Norwich, not quite the finish of winner; 3, Fox and Milne, rather restless, but splendid type, sweet hen; vhc, Clyne; hc, Bruce. CREST CK. (10): 1, 2, "Cage Birds" Championship, sp. for best bird in show, Todd, a monster green, enormous crest, plenty feather, really a marvel; 2nd, cl. body, dark cr., another grand bird, hardly the feather of winner, but a good second; 3, Smith, grizzle, splendid centre and plenty feather, presses hard; vhc, Mackie, winner of sp. for best out of money, another good allround Crest, bathing when taking notes; hc, Mackie; c, Clyne. HEN (6): 1, 2, Mackie, 1st, varieg., neat crest, lovely centre, in good order, showing well; 2nd, another of the same, but not so good in crest, still a good one, will improve; 3, vhc, c, Clyne, leader cl. body D.C., presses hard on winner, and our choice for 2nd; hc, Todd. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Mackie, nice-shaped skull, well feathered, good back and entrance, plenty feather; 2, Smith, wonderful skull, nice rise in front, splendid lashings, beaten in feather only; 3, Grant. HEN (4): 1, 2, Smith, 1st, gr., rare cusbioned-shaped skull, plenty feather, in good order; 2, good lashings, and fine feather. CREST. OR C.B., 1913 (6): 1, Mackie, cl. body D.K., gr., good density of crest and droop, splendid feather, a good youngster; 2, Todd, another good exhibit, showing plenty feather, grand droop of good formation, well filled in, a topper; 3, Smith, cl. body D.C., chasing hard on winners, surely a toss-up here; vhc, hc, c, Clyne. NOR., UNFED, CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Ironside, tkd. yell., good subs., splendid type and qual., nice short wings and tail; 2, Smith, another good one, but just lacks subs. of winner; 3, Hutchison, some preferred for 2nd, an old winner, looking none the worse to-day; vhc, McDonald; hc, Munro. HEN (4): 1, Hird, yell., fine stamp and qual. of feather, nice round front, lovely style, a really good one; 2, McBean, nice shape, splendid wing carr., lovely head, inclined to cross wings; 3, McDonald, hardly size of winner, but good stuff; vhc, Clyne. BUFF CK. (10): 1, sp. for second best Can., Mackie, buff of the first water, the best we have seen for some time; 2, c, McDonald, equal feather and good size, lacks build and cut of winner, but good head and carr.; 3, Fox and Milne, good stamp, grand finish and qual., nice round head, well put down; vhc, Clyne; hc, Garden; c, McDonald. HEN (3): 1 Garden, grand Nor., in full bloom, nice head and front, well-balanced wings, good tail carr.; 2, McLean, wee bit flat on bead, otherwise a good Nor.; 3, Bruce, loses in wing carr., and not so well drawn. VARIEG. (7): 1, Garden, 1st, yell., very shapely, good front and bead, sweet size and qual. throughout; 2, Fox and Milne, another yell., splendid type and qual., grand stock bird, splendid bead, well proportioned throughout; 3, McKie, buff, clinker for qual., not finished yet; vhc, Ironside; hc, McDonald; c, Bruce. YORKS CK., COL. FED (4): 1, 2, 3, Junor, 1st, nice eveu col., good upstanding bird, AI qual., long flights, a good one; 2nd and 3rd, well np on legs, well benched, good style, 3nd inclined to cross wings, a good team; vhc, McDougall. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Junor, grand trio, shown in first-class order, a credit to owner; vhc, Rhind. VARIEG. (6): 1, medal best Yorks., Clunas, yell., fine soldier-like appearance, rare length, but might be better in tail; 2, vhc, Rhind, 2nd, cinn., mkd. a wee bit rare length, free from roughness, nice head and bloom; 3, hc, Junor, bot in point of cut. Good Yorkie of great promise. NOR., UNFED, CL. OR YELL. CK. (7): 1, sp. second best well [illegible] good shape, well cut, good head, well [illegible] rich col., a clinker; 2, vhc, Baxter, nice good head and wing carr., but not quite [illegible] of winner; 3, McLean, bit rough, [illegible] wings, otherwise a good Nor., will make a stock bird; hc, Ironside; c, Garden. [illegible] 1, Ironside, magnificent shape, plenty [illegible] head and wings, shown to advantage; 2, [illegible] similar to winner, not much between them. Shearer. BUFF CK. (8): 1, J. Mackie, grand and type, well filled all round, capital head balanced; 2, Hutchison, nice qual., good head neck, well-braced wings, capital bloom [illegible] Mackie, a nice thick-set bird, nicely rounded but lacks subs. of winners, otherwise a [illegible] vhc, Fox and Milne; c, Shearer. HEN [illegible] Craigen, 1st, grand typical bird, splendid and type, showing the real bullie type, [illegible] good condition; 2, J. Mackie, another good lovely feather, short flights, good shape, admired; 3, Craigen, good shape and [illegible] derful qual.; vhc, Smith; hc, Garden, [illegible] son. VARIEG. (8): 1, Ironside, yell., [illegible] smart, fine size and wing carr., very typical Fox and Milne, buff, smart and typical, a lady, neat head and wings, beaten in [illegible] 3, G. Mackie, thick set, rare size, neat head neck, low in legs; vhc, Garden; hc, Hendry. Darke. A.O.V. (3): 1, Ironside, monster gr. rare col., nice stamp; 2, Craigen, nice cinn., did deep col., should do credit to owners in own class; 3, Garden, another cinn., good and subs., good type, in AI cond. NOV. CAN. (5): 1, James Anderson, Yorks., fit for open credit for a nov.; 2, Bruce, typical gr. Bord., shown to advantage, very well staged, 3, Nor., Fraser, good Nor., rather snakey in head, but good feather; vhc, Anderson; hc, Davidson. MULE DK. (15): 1, Watt, Greenf.-Can., splendid size and col., really a good one; 2, Duncan, well-known linet Mule "Highland Leader," takes second place to-day, hot fed; 3, Hird, Goldie Mule, wins sp. for best Goldie Mule, hot fed, a taking exhibit; vhc, Chisholm, nice Siskin Mule, good size and col.; hc, Gentleman; c, Todd. A.O.C. OR HYB. (5): 1, Watt, Goldie-Greenf., shows parentage to advantage, well staged; 2, Junor, Linnet-Bullie, in the pink of cond.; 3, Fraser, varieg. Goldie Mule, nice size and col., a buff, very steady; hc, MacGregor; vhc, Baxter. GOLDF. (9): 1, 2 Junor, champion, plenty size and col., grand blaze, capital tanning, well polished, shown in the pink; 3, Grant, another nice Goldie, rather snaky in head, but steady as a rock, shows buttons and wing bars to advantage; vhc, Harcombe; hc, Kells; c, Scott. BULLF. CK. (11): 1, 2, Watt, fine col., Bullies, need no comments here, fit for the Palace; 3, Ross, another good Bullie, dense cap and splendid col., grand size and finish; vhc, c, Falcorner; hc, Junor. HEN (8): 1, Watt, clinker for size and cap, nice wing bars, a sweet hen, will be heard of later; 2, Brown, another topper, presses winner, well shown; 3, Law, another monster for a Brit., splendid col. and cond.; vhc, Junor; hc, Fox and Milne; c, McLennan. SISKIN, UNFED (16): 1, Ross, splendid size and col., nice cap and bib, capital lacings, shot of feather in wing, but deserves place; 2, Fox and Milne, another topper, shown in faultless cond.; 3, Clark and Fraser, lacks size of bib of winner; vhc, Chisholm; hc, Junor; c, Adams. FED (3): 1, MacDougall, living picture, really a work of art, shown to perfection, not a feather out of place, great attraction; 2, 3, Simpson, two nice ones, will be heard of later, with good size and nice lacing. LINNET (7): 1, Hird, steady as a rock, grand size and pencillings, shows whites to advantage; 2, Fox and Milne, not much behind, a splendid Linnet; 3, vhc, Junor, beaten in finish only; hc, Clark and Fraser; c, McMillan. REDPOLL (13): 1, Gentleman, monster for size and col., splendid bib and markings, and nice poll; 2, Junor, smaller in size, but better in markings, a wee toff; 3, Ross, Fine Mealy, small in bib to winner, bit lucky here; vhc, Watt; hc, Falcorner; c, Fox and Milne. GREENF. (8): 1, Gentleman, monster yell., splendid size and deep col., nice wing bars, an easy 1st; 2, Fox and Milne, in grand trim and AI order; 3, Watt; vhc, hc, Falcorner; c, Hird. A.O. BRIT., LARGE (2): 1, Gentleman, Hawfinch, in the pink of cond., lovely bib, and plenty size, winner of sp. for best Brit.; 2, Leeder, Thrush, a good bird, but might be better staged, deserves to be looked after. SMALL (4): 1, Falcorner, Yellowhammer, shows V-mark to advantage, good size and col.; 2, Fox and Milne, Bramble, capital col., in AI order; 3, Junor, Chaffinch, showing whites well, steady; vhc, Kells. HEN, BULLF. EXCEPTED (8): 1, Duncan; 2, Gentleman; 3, Ross; vhc, Gentleman; c, Harcombe. BRIT., SELL. (9): 1, 3, Juror, a good Goldie, fit for open comp., quickly claimed and sold for more than double; 2, Watt, Yellowhammer, steady, good size and col.; vhc, Falcorner; hc, McMillin; c, Smith. NOV. BRIT. (4): 1, Phillips, Bullfinch, staged in good trim, a credit to a novice; 2, Anderson, Goldie, good size and col., presses hard; 3, Fraser, Siskin, fine size, nice cap and bib, lacks lacings, otherwise a good one; vhc, Grant. FOR. (4): 1, McKenzie, Green Amazon, in good feather and cond.; 2, Darke, a nice Grey; 3, Finlayson; vhc, Graham. COLL. IN AVIARY (1): 1, Martin. GIFT, CAN. (4): 1, Smith; 2, Hutchieson; 3, Junor; 4, Smith. BRIT.: 1, Junor; 2, sp., hc, Smith; 3, Duncan. SINGING (4): 1, 3, Herr Waack; 2, vhc, Todd.

COCKERMOUTH—Continued.

LINNET, F.M. (6): 1, Lambie, finely pencilled, good sound col., nice cone shape; 2, 4, Godfrey, fine shape, nice col. and pencilling; 3, Jenkinson, capital size and tone of col., fine markings; 5, Coulthard; 6, Carlyle. GREENF. (6): 1, 6, Wilson, J., good size, bright col., good wings, steady; 2, Oglethorpe, similar in properties; 3, Ellwood, good bead, fine feather, behind in size; 4, Godfrey; 5, Jenkinson. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Hodgson, Siskin, nice condition and colour, fine lacings, good cap; 2, Stewart, Twite, good size; 3, 7, Godfrey, Siskin, good col., clean cut cap, and marks, latter capital Twite; 4, Seward, Lesser 'Poll; 5, Oglethorpe; 6, Wilson. BUNTING (5): 1, 2, Oglethorpe, Reed and Yellow respectively; 3, 4, 5, Wilson, J., Corn Bunting and Yellow. A.O. SEEDEATER, only 2 entries: 1, Ellwood, fine Hawfinch, well known winner locally, in grand order, C.B. diploma winner; 2, Hopper Bros., capital Chaffinch, nice markiugs and size, steady. INSECTIV. (6): 1, 2, 3, Lewis, Chough, C.B. 10s. sp. winner, in beautiful condition; 2nd, Blackcap; 3, Wagtail, well shown, in grand order, capitally staged, much admired; 4, 5, 6, Wilson, J., Wagtail and Black Redstart. FOR. (6): 1, Lewis, Senegal Parrot, in good order; 2, Heaney, Blue-fronted Amazon, fine size and colours; 3, Litt, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, on stand, a fine bird; 4, 5, 6, Jefferson, Blue-front Amazon. This glass was a source of much attraction to visitors.

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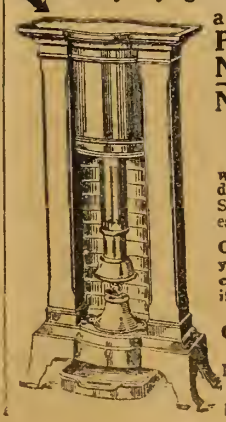
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SKIPTON C.B.S.

First show of the season held Nov. 15, in Friendly Society's Hall, 62 birds being staged. Entries were rather down on last year's show, but, nevertheless, some grand birds were staged. Silver cup given by Mr. J. Nicolson for best young bird bred by a member was won by Mr. J. Hodgson with a grand yellow Yorks. hen, a credit to its owner; silver medal best fed bird on Gill's colour-food, was won by Mr. J. Miller. Mr. J. A. Taylor (Frizinghall) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, hc, Miller; vhc, Greenwood; c, Waddington. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Miller; 3, Linford; vhc, Hodgson; c, Moorby. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, cup, Hodgson; 2, 3, vhc, Miller; c, Linford. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Greenwood; 3, Linford. EVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, vhc, Miller; 3, Moorby; hc, Jackson; c, Linford. BUFF: 1, vhc, medal, Miller; 2, Greenwood; 3, Hodgson; hc, Moorby; c, Linford. EVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, Miller; vhc, c, Linford; hc, Waddington. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Greenwood; 3, vhc, Miller; hc, Waddington; c, Linford. A.O.V. YORKS. CK.: 1, Waddington; 2, Hodgson. HEN: 1, Hodgson. NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Wilson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Jackson. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, Jackson; 3, vhc, Hudson.—Gill and Hodgson, Joint Secs.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Ninth annual show, held Nov. 22, in the Temperance Hall. The birds were nicely staged around the sides and up the centre of the hall, and made a very fine display; entries came up well in all sections except Crests. Yorks. were a nice lot, showing good type and quality. The Norwich classes contained some rare hot-coloured clubby ones. Borders appear to be coming into favour in this district; the three classes provided brought forward 40 entries, and some real gems were amongst them. The two classes for Crests and Crestbreds had only seven entries each. We noticed quite a number of Canaries looking very lumpy, evidently feeling the effects of the cold. The Mule, British, and Foreign sections were the feature of the show, the classes being well filled, and competition keen. The management was all that could be desired. Mr. Lowes, who has had such a long experience as secretary, had everything in perfect order. The society has a good big working committee: Messrs. Freeman (chair), Saunders (vice), Nicholson, Yeates, Acheson, Angell, Dawson, Shepperd, Briscoe, Chesworth, Rounds, Carlisle, Palfreman, Bryan, Sanderson, Gardner, Bullock, Thornton, Ridley and Masters, Nicholson, and Briscoe, and with such a list of well-known fanciers it is no wonder that everything in connection with the show was carried through without a hitch. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries, and J. Maddison the remainder.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Simeson, good shape and qual., well on leg, close feather; 2, Cuthbertson, fine length and shape, good wings and tail, nice cond.; 3, Taylor, long and slim, good legs, close feather; 4, Bowey, fine length and shape, good cond.; vhc, Pyman. BUFF: 1, Simeson, good shape, qual., and feather, well-carried wings and tail; 2, Campling, grand length, good wings, tail, and feather; 3, Barker, nice shape, col., and feather, not so good wings; 4, Pyman, good length and pos., little slack in feather. TKD. OR VARIEG. (13): 1, 4, Simeson, cheek mkd. yell., good head, wings, tail, feather, and cond.; 2, Barker, tkd. buff, good shape and qual., tight coud.; 3, c, Cook and Hood, tkd. buff, long and slim, good legs and feather; vhc, Pyman; hc, Wilson. HEN, A.C. (10): 1, Barker, yell., fine head, well-tapered body, good col. and feather; 2, c, Pyman, tkd. yell., long and straight, grand qual., good legs; 3, Stewart, buff, good shape and qual., very close fitting feather; 4, Campling, yell., long and slim, grand qual. feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Cuthbertson. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Taylor, neck and wing mkd. yell., fine length and shape, good col., close feather; 2, Metcalfe, cl. buff, fine length, good legs, wings, and tail; 3, Barker, yell., long and slim, good col. and feather; 4, Simeson, yell., fine length and shape, good wings and tail; vhc, Stewart; hc, Campling. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Wake, hot level col., short cobby type, good head and frout; 2, Harland, rare head, neck, and chest, good qual. feather; 3, Carr, grand shape and col., not so tight feather; 4, Procter, hot col., good head and neck, slimmer body; vhc, Watson; hc, Morrison; c, Jeffries. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Mays and Allison, grand size and shape, very close and level in feather; 2, Procter, good head, full neck, broad, well-rounded front, might be better in wings; 3, Harland, rare full head, neck, and chest, capital feather and cond., less subs.; 4, Higgins, good col. and feather, fine shape, less size; vhc, Watson; hc, Jeffries; c, Morrison. TKD. OR VARIEG. (13): 1, Pickering, head mkd. yell., good size and cobby shape, hot col., tight cond.; 2, Riseborough, tkd. yell., good head, neck and front, short wing and tail, less col.; 3, Procter, big varieg. buff, thick set, good col. and feather; 4, Watson, head mkd., very hot col., grand qual. of feather; vhc, Riding; hc, Wake; c, Harland. HEN, A.C. (15): 1, 3, Harland, 1st, cl. yell. rare size grand cobby shape, good col. and feather; 3rd, cl. yell., good head, neck, and front, grand col. and cond.; 2, hc, Wake, cl. buff, grand cobby shape, short wings and tail, close boxy feather; 4, Watson, varieg. buff, rare good type and qual., close feather; vhc, Husband; c, Wright. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Clayton and Smith, cl. yell., hot level col., good in size, shape, and cond.; 2, Mays and Allison, cl. buff, very cobby shape, good head and front, short wing, close feather; 3, c, Wake, cl. yell., hot col., rare good head and front, grand qual. of feather; 4, Harland, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., less subs.; vhc, Procter; hc, Burdett. BORDER FANCY, YELL. CK. (14): 1, c, Watson, eye and wing mkd., nice size and type, neat head, well-packed wings and tail, good col. and feather; 2, Hay, cl., very neat shape, good level col., excellent qual. of feather; 3, Higgins, rich level col., gr., well pencilled, very tight feather; 4, Purvis, cl., fine type, col., feather, and cond.; vhc, Greenwell; hc, Stubbs. BUFF (8): 1, Hay, cl., perfect model, grand shape and pos., neat head, perfect wings, tail, feather, and cond.; 2, Watson, cl., good in all points but scarcely the sweet shape of the winner; 3, Higgins, head and wing mkd., good type and qual., neat head, good wing and tail; 4, Greenwell, gr., fine shape, col., and pencilling, inclined to be a bit soft; vhc, Henderson; hc, Ogden; c, Stubbs. HEN, A.C. (18): 1, Hay, cl. buff, capital shape, well-packed wings and tail, best of feather and cond.; 2, 3, Watson, 2nd, cl. yell; 3rd, cl. buff, both grand type, col., qual., feather, and cond.; 4, Johnson, cl. yell., little gem; vhc, Purvis; hc, Craig; c, Greenwell. CREST (7): 1, Lawson, cl body, D.C., good size, shape, and droop; 2, Mrs. Taylor, broken gr., bigger and denser crest, not so neat; 3, Gibson D.C., smaller; 4, vhc, Jeffries; he, Morrison; c, Yeates. C.B. (7): 1, Lawson, grand full head and neck, plenty of feather; 2, Mrs. Taylor, big and massive, abundance of feather; 3, 4, vhc, Jeffries; hc, Gibson; c, Morrison. A.O.V. (11): 1, c, Procter, yell. cinn., good Norwich type, rich level col.; 2, Summers, good-shaped even-mkd. buff Nor., grand col. and qual.; 3, vhc, Reid, Gold Lizard, excellent col. and spangling; 4, Hart, big buff cinn., good shape, col., and cond.; hc, Riding. SELL. 20s.: 1, Gibson; 2, Chesworth; 3, Procter; 4, Barnes; vhc, Riding; hc, Yeates; c, Carlisle. 15s.: 1, Wright; 2, Gibson; 3, Mays and Allison; 4, Procter; vhc, Simpson and Charlton; hc, Chesworth; c, Wilson. 10s.: 1, Cook and Hood; 2, Rand; 3, Wake; 4, Gibson; vhc, Rutherford; hc, Chesworth; c, Wilcock. CL. MULE, ETC. (9): 1, c, Wilson, very bright-coloured Canary-Bullfinch; 2, Hart, Goldf.-Bullf., nice size and shape, grand coloured face and breast; 3, O'Reilly, big Canary-Bullf., with pied tail; 4, Seeley Bros., head, wing, and tail mkd. buff Goldf.-Can.; vhc, Palfrey; hc, Grainger Bros. DARK (20): 1, Walsh, Yell. Goldf., good size, col., and cond.; 2, 4, Wilson, yell. Linnet and Redpoll, both grand size, shape, col., and cond.; 3, Carr, well-shaped yell. Greenle, good feather and col.; vhc, Gentleman; hc, a Husband. LINNET (19): 1, Walsh, fine cobby shape, well up on leg, level rich brown col., grand breast markings; 2, Jameson and Johnson, same time and pos., nice col., scarcely the polish of winner; 3, Smurthwaite, fine col. and markings, slimmer in head and body; 4, Carr, very similar to 3rd; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Henderson; c, Woodhouse. GOLDF. (19): 1, Almond, medium size, very rich-coloured, well polished, clean cut blaze, good tanning and wings; 2, Nicholson and Son, nice size and shape, blaze of good size and col., wing bars and buttons, good; 3, Wilson, fine size, upstanding, good in colours, not the polish of leaders; 4, King, rare big Finch, good head and wings, a little open in feather; vhc, James and Johnson; hc, Henderson; c, Blanchan; No. 1, just about the best Finch in class, but unfortunately had several flight feathers only half grown. BULLF. (16): 1, Woods, marvellous col. for a house moulted bird, and put down in wonderful condition, not a single feather out of place; 2, Barkess, grand size and correct type, good cap, wing bars, and plumage; 3, Stamp, broad glossy cap, clear wing bars, good breast col., less size; 4, Wilson, good head, wings, and breast, not so good shape; vhc, Palfrey; hc, Simpson and Charlton. GREENF. (17): 1, Cuss, big yell., good shape, sound col., steady, good feather; 2, Gentleman, similar in all points, only beaten a little in finish; 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, 3rd, bull, not overdone in size, but grand shape, extra close and silky feather, and very steady; 4th, more col., good wings and tail, very nice type and qual.; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Potter; c, Thompson. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (9): 1, hc, Nicholson and Son, Chaffinch, rare size and shape, good col. and cond.; 2, Wilson, Chaffinch, similar stamp of bird, but a little less size; 3, no name, Bramble, good col., spangling, and cond.; 4, Wiggins and Harrison, good-coloured Chaffinch; vhc, Ridley and Curry; c, Smurthwaite. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, Nicholson and Son, big upstanding Twite, stout shape, we liked, back and front; 2, Carr, yell. Siskin, fine size and shape, good cap, bib, and markings; 3, Palfrey, Lesser Redpoll, good cap, bib, breast col. and markings; 4, Smurthwaite, Twite, grand col. and markings, rather unsteady; vhc, Scott; hc, Wilson; c, Carr. HEN, HARDBILL (13): 1, 2, Gentleman, 1st, a big Yellowhammer, very steady, in rare cond.; 2nd, a really fine Bullfinch, in tip-top order; 3, c, Briscoe and Son, Corn Bunting, good feather, well tkd. breast, steady; 4, Whitney, very fine Reed Bunting, steady, and in good cond.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Simpson and Charlton. A.O., HARDBILL (9): 1, Nicholson and Son, Hawfinch, very bright in all colours, perfect feather, steady; 2, Bousfield, Meadow Bunting, very pretty, perfect feather and cond., not a feather out of place; 3, Gentleman, Hawfinch, more size, but not the col. and cond. of the winner; 4, Robinson, very steady Reed Bunting, grand cond., perfect feather; vhc, Potter; hc, Stamp; c, Gibson. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Parnaby, Redwing, grand size and shape, excellent col. and cond., very steady; 2, Swann, big Starling, mass of fine spangling, glossy plumage; 3, vhc, Briscoe and Son, Thrush, big stout body, well spotted, in good feather; 4, Wilkinson and Danby, Thrush, excellent feather and cond., a bit slim; hc, Hall. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Nicholson and Son, Blackcap, perfect feather and shining cond.; 2, 4, Bescoby, 2nd, big, good conditioned Grey Wagtail; 4th, fine Redstart, a bit unsteady; 3, Woodhouse, Blue-throated Warbler, scarcely at its best; vhc, Ferguson. LARGE: 1, Scott, fine Chough, in tip-top order; 2, 3, Parnaby, good Missel Thrush and Waxwing. FOR., SMALL (18): 1, Nicholson and Son, Sugarbird, fine cond.; 2, vhc, Almond, Ruficauda Finch, in grand order; 3, hc, Green Singing Finch, extra col. and cond.; 4, Carr, grand-sized good-coloured Parson Finch. LARGE: 1, Bell, Glossy Starling, in best of order; 2, Nicholson and Son, good-coloured Scarlet Tanager; 3, Thompson, Red-crested Cardinal, grand col. and cond. NOV., CK. CAN. (31): 1, 2, Mrs. Hinchcliffe Turner; 3, Dixon; 4, Waraker; ex. 4, Harrison; vhc, Farley, Carlisle; hc, Bibby, Rounds; c, Carlisle, Harrison. HEN: 1, Appleyard; 2, Ronold; 3, Dixon; 4, Carlisle; vhc, hc, Waraker. BRIT.: 1, Firth; 2, 4, Hogg; 3, Waraker; vhc, Gledden; hc, Sanderson. MEMB., YORKS.: 1, 2, 4, Carlisle; 3, vhc, hc, c, Chesworth. NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Sanderson; 2, Bryan; 4, c, Angell. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, hc, Chesworth; 2, Angell; 4, Dawson; vhc, Bryan; c, Carlisle. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Briscoe and Son; 2, Bullock.

CAMBRIDGE.

Second annual show, held Nov. 13. Entries were somewhat up on last year, and some good birds were staged, the quality all round showing a great improvement. The hon. sec., Mr. W. Ridgeon, had all arrangements well in hand, and was ably supported by assist. sec., Mr. C. W. Bishop. The room is an ideal one for a show, and the birds were very nicely staged. Medal for best Canary was won by Bishop and Son with a splendid cl. yell. Nor., while Mr. Hart took medal for the best Brit. or Hyb. with a lovely Goldf.-Can. Mr. Papworth won Sandiford's sp., and Mr. Manning the novice medal. Mr. J. T. Palmer judged, and satisfaction was expressed all round.

OPEN, NOR. YELL., TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Williams; 2, Allington; 3, Papworth. BUFF: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Allington. YELL., HEN: 1, Bishop and Son. BUFF: 1, Bishop and Son. 1913: 1, Rogers; 2, Hart; 3, Williams. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Smart; 3, Mrs. Ballard. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Ballard; 2, Bishop and Son. YELL., HEN: 1, Hart; 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Smart. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Ballard; 2, Bishop and Son. A.O.V.: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, 3, Smart. CREST: 1, Papworth. BORD., YELL.: 1, 2, Papworth. BUFF: 1, Papworth. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Starling. SELL.: 1, Manning; 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Hearn. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hart; 2, Nichols; 3, Edwards. GOLDF.: 1, Hinson; 2, Starling. BULLF.: 1, Beales; 3, Ridgeon. LINNET: 1, 2, Botwright; 3, Bye. GREENF.: 1, Hanscombe; 2, Bye; 3, Ridgewell. SISKIN: 1, Williams; 2, Cutting. A.O. SMALL: 1, Williams; 2, Handscombe. LARGE: 1, Hearn; 2, Bainbridge; 3, Ridgewell. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, Mrs. Gardiner. LARGE: 1, Bishop. MEMBERS, NOR. YELL.: 1, Hart; 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Nichols. BUFF: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Hart; 3, Nichols. HEN: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Papworth; 3, Williams. 1913: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Manning; 3, Rogers. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Papworth; 3, Ridgewell. BUFF: 1, Hart; 2, Langley; 3, Bishop and Son. HEN: 1, Bishop and Son; 2, Langley; 3, Smart. 1913: 1, Langley; 2, Bishop and Son; 3, Smart. BORD.: 1, Stiles; 2, 3, Papworth. HEN: 1, Stiles; 2, Papworth. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Hart; 2, Papworth. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hart; 2, Allington; 3, Bryant. NOV., NOR.: 1, 2, Manning; 3, Rogers. HEN: 1, Nichols; 2, Bryant; 3, Rogers. YORKS.: 1, Langley; 2, Ridgewell; 3, Bloy. HEN: 1, Ridgewell; 2, Bloy; 3, Cooper. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Hinson; 3, Williams. BULLF.: 1, Hart; 2, Manning; 3, Handscombe. GREENF.: 1, Hearn; 2, Williams; 3, Hart. LINNET: 1, Bryant; 2, Bye; 3, Hart. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Gardiner; 2, Hearn; 3, Hart.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

WEST BROMWICH.

Seventh annual exhibition, held Nov. 21, 22, in the Assembly Rooms of the Dartmouth Arms Hotel, the headquarters of the Club. The room is a most comfortable one for a show, being free from draughts. The management at this fixture is superb; chairman, Mr. S. N. Taylor, is a fine worker and cautious to a degree; vice-pres., Mr. J. A. Tonks, is really great, and is always found where the work is most strenuous, as he is heart and soul in the Fancy, and everyone was pleased to hear he won the Society's cup. In Mr. T. Duffield, the treasurer, the Society is possessed of another real good worker. The committee consist of well known men in Messrs. Viles, Collier, Beck, Bamsley, Palmer and Amos. Mr. W. G. Andrews, the esteemed hon. sec., is without a doubt most valuable to the society. His method in handling the merest detail, his straightforwardness, and his businesslike manner all stamp him as an ideal hon. sec. He had a right hand man in Mr. G. Russell, of Birmingham, who very kindly gave his experience in show duties. With such men as these at the top one need not wonder why things went smoothly. The stewards, who worked laboriously, were Messrs. Barnsley, Palmer, Collier, Tonks, Taylor, Duffield. Catalogues with awards were soon on sale. Amongst the many visitors were noticed Messrs. Weaver, Robinson, Hampton, Loach (Wolverhampton), Price, Burrows, Barrett, Onions (Walsall, Wells and Clempson, Baker, Eckersley (Birmingham), Wedge Bros., Dudley, and many others. The clubby ones were down in number, but quality was good; the shining light was the clear yellow unflighted, ablaze with col., and staged to the second by Mr. P. V. Williams; another worthy of special mention was his massive clear yellow, which has such a wonderful record.

Yorkshires were the feature of the show, which was under the patronage of the Midland Counties Y.C.C., both champion and novice. Five teams were sent from Bradford by Mr. L. Dykes, T. Bennett, and J. Thomas. The yellow hen, Wells and Clempson, was near on the best hen in show. British were down in number, but quality was good. Mr. J. H. Roe, of Birmingham, judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, P. V. Williams, about the best yellow seen out this season, wonderful size and subs., yet lovely shaped head and neck, beautiful feather, rich col., gem; 2, Thomas, very fine shape, grand size, feather and col., not so full in head and neck; 3, Eckersley, cobby, medium size, nice head and neck, good col. and feather; 4, Garfield, fine size and shape, down in col.; vhc, Collier; hc, Taylor; c, Holmes Bros. BUFF (12): 1, Crundell and Rowley, nice size and subs., grand head and neck, well filled back, well packed wings and tail; 2, c, Taylor, cl., rare size and shape, compact, bit down in col.; 3, Williams, large, fine shape and subs., good head and neck and col., open in feather; 4, Thomas, nice shape and subs., fails in head; vhc, Dipple; hc, Collier. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Weaver, cobby yell., eye and wing mkd., medium size, nice round head, well filled neck, short, well braced wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Wood, neck wing mkd. yell., fine shape, size, good col. and cond., lovely feather; 3, Collier, Buff, neck and wing mkd., very shapely, good head and neck, lovely feather; 4, Garfield, grand size and shape, well cut away; vhc, Robinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Williams, fine shape, splendid size, good head and neck, short, well compact wings and tail, lovely feather and col., a beauty; 2, Garfield, lovely feather and col., neat head, neck and wings, bit smaller; 3, Thomas, lovely shape, col., and cond., tight in feather; 4, Weaver, head and wing mkd., nice warm col.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Broadhurst. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Eckersley, leader fine cl., splendid shape and col., close, neat feather; 2, 3, Thomas, 2nd, saddle mkd., grand head and neck, lovely shape, feather and col., pressed hard; 3rd, cl., good head and neck, lovely feather, col., cond.; 4, Ford, good head and neck, not quite the finish of leaders; hc, Taylor; c, Silver. HEN (14): 1, Williams, cl. buff, model, beautiful head, short, full neck, thick-set body, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, hc, Eckersley, leader, cl. yell., grand size, shape, qual., and cond.; 3rd, eye and wing mkd. yell., good head and col., wet at time of taking notes; 4, Thomas, cobby, grand size and col.; vhc, Wood; c, Collier. NOV., NOR. (4): 1, 4, Barnsley, grand shape, col., and qual., good head, neat wings and tail; 4th, good size, loose in feather; 2, Holmes Bros., equal in shape and qual., just beaten in col.; 3, Fessy, fine shape, col., and cond., close feather, bit longer. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Sykes, compact and chubby build, fine head and chest, grand qual.; 3rd, good head and neck, nice col. and qual.; 2, Fessy, grand size, wing mkd., nice cond. and wing carriage; vhc, he, Barnsley. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Fessy, fine col. and shape, grand head, neat wings and tail, splendid size; 2, Hampton, yell., grand size and shape, nice col. and qual., presses hard; 3, Jones, yell. mkd., good head and col., nice feather; 4, Derry, cl. yell., nice feather, damaged tail; vhc, Dudley; hc, c, Gough and Loach. HEN (9): 1, Herbert, grand size and shaped Buff, lovely close feather, easy win; 2, Sykes, Buff, fine chubby cl., short, grand type, beaten in size; 3, vhc, hc, Gough and Loach, buff mkd., nice size, neat head, back and wings; 4, c, Bond, yell., nice col. and qual. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Dykes, rare length, excellent feather and shape, grand pos., smooth as wax, nice pipe tail, full of swagger; 2, c, Williams; grand length, straight as a gun-barrel, lovely back and wing carr.; 3, Wells and Clempson, lengthy cl., grand wings and tail, well outlined; 4, Hearnshaw, good length nice style and shape; vhc, Thomas; hc, J. Clay. BUFF (16): 1, Bennett, wing mkd., splendid length and qual., well tapered off, plenty of breed, good win; 2, hc, Thomas, grand quality and pos., well drawn, good head and back; 3, Clay, nice length, good head, neat wings, stronger in build; 4, Wells and Clempson, eye and wing tkd., splendid feather, nice shape; vhc, Williams; c, Andrews. MKD., ETC. (13): 1, 3, Wells and Clempson, leader yell. mkd. back, grand length, beautiful wedge-shaped body, stands like a sentry, well known; 3rd, Notts. winner, mkd. eyes and wings, rare length and style, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Dykes, Buff, head and wing mkd., grand length, neat head and pos., tight as wax; 4, Hirst, eye and wing mkd., splendid length and pos.; vhc, Lane; hc, Parfitt; c, Clay. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Dykes, grand length, neat head, lovely back, perfect wing carr., stands well on a grand pair of legs; 2, Wells and Clempson, head mkd. yell., rare length, got up well, lovely wings and tail and col., nice drive; 3, Andrews, cl. buff, lovely feather, bit thick when taking notes; 4, Lane, yell., nice length, well cut away, not a feather out of place; vhc, Clay; hc, Thomas; c, Sheppard. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Wells and Clempson, fine length and style, delightful pos., smooth as a bottle, put down to win; 2, Thomas, grand pos., full of col., rare style, shorter in flights than winner; 3, Williams, nice, lengthy cl., stands on a good pair of legs, lovely col., nice wing carr.; 4, Dykes, grand col. and very neat, smaller than leaders; vhc, hc, Lane; c, Parfitt. BUFF (10): 1, Thomas, grand length, neat head and well filled neck, superb tone of col., lovely style and pos.; 2, Dykes, head and wing mkd., grand length, erect, rare style, well filled back, neat carr. of wings and tail; 3, Wells and Clempson, cl., straight as a gun-barrel, grand back and wing carr., put down in splendid trim; 4, Parfitt, rare length, not a feather out of place, well fed; vhc, Clay; hc, c, Lane. NOV. YELL.: 1, Everitt, rare length, well up on a grand pair of legs, good wings and tail, lovely cond.; 2, c, Smith, yell. mkd., Wolverhampton winner, rare length, nice pos., and feather, well cut away; 3, Chattaway, eye tkd., grand pos., style and feather, close up; 4, Salt, cl., grand length and style, lovely col., well cut away, we preferred for 3, vhc, Hall; hc, Radcliffe. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Smith, brace of good ones, leader rare pos., lovely style and feather, neat head, wings and tail; 2nd, cl., great length, standing on a good pair of legs, bit stouter in build to leader; 3, Beckett, lengthy, nice pos. and style, lovely feather; 4, Weekes Bros., tkd. head, bit shorter; vhc, Hilsby; hc, c, Smith. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, Weekes Bros., grand length and style, well compact wings and tail, lovely position and col.; 2nd, fine length, stand and feather, bit heavier in build; 3, Harding, cl. Buff, nice length and style, grand feather, nice wings and pipe tail, claw short; 4, Everitt, nice style and pos., good length. HEN (11): 1, Everitt, wing mkd. yell., fine length, well up on a clever pair of legs, very stylish, nt; 2, 4, Smith, lengthy, nice pos., lovely style and feather, put down well; 4th, Stoke winner, cinn. mkd. buff, nice pos. and feather, neat round head, good wings and tail; 3, Hall, grand cl. buff, lovely feather, rare length, bit on the stout side; vhc, Salt; hc, c, Radcliffe. CREST (3): 1, Memmott, large, broad, well drooped frontal, capital centre, rare qual., nice body, shape, and feather; 2, Smith, varieg. D.C. of good size, shape, density and droop; 3, Barker, var. crest, excellent shape, very neat. C.B. (3): 1, Smith, varieg., fine head, wealth of long, dense feather; 2, Memmott, immense cl., great width of skull, splendid length and density of feather; 3, Barker, heavily varieg., good all round, long head feather, not so dense. GOLDF. ETC. (8): 1, Touks, nice size, large square-cut blaze of lovely col., rich tan grand bars and buttons; 2, Osborne and Welch, grand Bullf., excellent shape, grand size, good cap and bib, lovely breast col.; 3, Davies, bit smaller than leader in under-blaze, lovely cond., grand buttons and bars; 4, Pitchford, Bullf., nice col. and cond.; vhc, Onions; he, c, Palmer. LINNET (7): 1, Davies, noted winner, often described, in wonderful bloom; 2, Pitchford, nice size and shape, well pencilled, grand col. and feather; 3, 4, Tonks, very similar, nice col. and markings, lovely cond.; 4th, nicely mkd. F.M., largest in class; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Price; c, Onions. GREENF. (6): 1, Hart, fine size and col., bold head and front, shows fine yellow bars and tail; 2, vhc, hc, Tonks, leader grand yell., neat round head, lovely shape, nice cond.; 3, Palmer, immense size, fine type, nice even col.; 4, Price, very large yellow F.M., unsteady. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Davies, leader grand Lesser Redpoll, rare body col., splendid bib and markings, lovely cond.; 2nd, Siskin, lucky to be placed here, as he arrived in a very bad condition, and remained so the two days; 3, Osborne and Welch, another Lesser, F.M., red-breasted, excellent shape, very steady; 4, vhc, Tonks, Siskin, our choice for second place; hc, Onions. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, sp., Welch, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, lovely bib and col. and condition; 2, Pitchford, Bramble lovely col. and marking, nicely spangled; 3, Walsh, fine Yellow Bunting, nice size and marking, excellent v; 4, vhc, Tonks, leader Chaffinch, rare size and col.; hc, Palmer. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Williams, 1st, wonderful Waxwing, looking absolutely grand; 2nd, Magpie; 3rd, Chough, all in fine bloom, need no comment. DARK MULE (8): 1, Gough, Goldie Mule, good size, lovely col. and cond., fine flush, staged to the minute; 2, 4, Tonks, splendid Linnet Mule, rare size, col. and cond., grandly pencilled; 3, Walsh, good size Greenf. Mule, lovely col. and cond.; vhc, hc, Chadwick. LIGHT: 1, Hart, neck and wing mkd. Greenfinch Mule, lovely size, col. and coud., showing grand yellow wing bars; 2, Gough, neck mkd. Linnet Mule, nice size, col. and cond.; 3, Tonks, Linnet-Bullie, nice col. and cond., on small side; 4, Onions. SELL., 21s. (7): 1, Sykes; 2, Holmes Bros.; 3, he, Helsby; 4, Ford; vhc, Dipple; c, Taylor. 15s. (13): 1, Weaver; 2, Helsby; 3, Dipple; 4, Meeson; vhc, Holmes Bros.; hc, Richards; c, Derry. MEMBERS' NOR. CK.: 1, Collier. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Collier; 2, Taylor. HEN (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Collier. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Beck and Digger; No. 2 absent. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Beck and Digger; 3, Amos. HEN (2): 1, Amos. BRIT. (3): 1, Palmer; 2, Tonks; 3, Amos. MULE (2): 1, 2, Amos.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH

Annual members' show held Good Templars' Hall, when there was a good entry. Mr. J. H. Adams (Glasgow) was the judge, and his awards seems to please everybody.

CREST. CK. (3): 1, sp, and cup, J. Dott; 2, Bruce; 3, Cochrane. HEN (5): 1, Blyth; 2, 3, and sp, Blyth; 4, Bruce; 5, Duncan. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Blyth; 2, Bruce; 3, sp, Dott. HEN (2): 1, sp, cup, Bruce; 2, Dott. C.B. (OLD BIRD) (3): 1, sp, Blyth; 2, Duncan; 3, Dott. C.B. (Old Bird) (4): 1, 2, Blyth; 3, sp, Dott; 4, Duncan. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, W. C. Smith. HEN: 1, sp, Smith; 2, Mooney; 3, Keir. BUFF CK.: 1, sp, rose bowl winner, sp. for the best young bird, R. Crawford; 2, Forrest; 3, Keir; 4, Blyth. BUFF HENS (4): 1, 4, Forrest; 2, 3, Keir. NON-FED CK.: 1, Fullarton; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Banks. HEN: 1, 2, 3, sp, Mrs. J. Banks. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Fullarton; 2, 4, Mrs. Banks; 3, 5, sp, Carstairs. BUFF HENS: 1, 2, Mrs. Banks; 3, 4, Carstairs; 5, sp, Fullarton. OLD BIRDS, NOR. CK.: 1, sp, Forrest; 2, 3, sp, Crawford; 4, Carstairs; 5, Fullarton. HEN: 1, Mooney. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Bruce; 2, Carstairs; 3, sp, Blyth; 4, Borrie. HENS: 1, Borrie; 2, 3, Carstairs. BUFF CKS.: 1, sp, Borrie. HENS: 1, Bruce; 2, Borrie; 3, sp, Carstairs. OLD BIRD, CK.: 1, Borrie; 2, Carstairs. HENS: 1, sp, Borrie. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 2, sp, 3, 4, 6, J. L. Smith; 5, W. Blyth. GOLDF.: 1, sp, Cranna. BULLF.: 1, Cranna; 2, Robertson; 3, Keir. BULLIE HENS: 1, sp, 2, Cranna; 3, sp, Roy. GREENF.: 1, Forrest; 2, Brown; 3, Borrie; 4, Roy; 5, sp, Cranna; 6, 7, J. Keir. LINNET, H.M.: 1, J. Cranna; 2, W. Robertson; 3, sp, D. Brown; 4, A. G. Forrest; 5, sp., D. Carstairs; 6, Brown. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Roy; 2, Borrie; 3, Mooney; 4, Robertson. SISK.: 1, sp, Robertson; 2, Livingstone; 3, Cranna; 4, Mooney; 5, Todd. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 3, sp, Gardiner; 2, Cranna. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Livingston. HEN: 1, Robertson; 2, Livingston. MULES: 1, sp, 2, Brown; 3, Forrest. HYB.: 1, 3, sp, Cranna; 2, 4, Gardiner. FOR.: 1, sp, Roy; 2, 3, Carstairs.—J. Smith, Sec.

HALTWHISTLE.

Third annual show held in the Mechanics' Hall, Nov. 21 and 22. The Hall is a good one, fairly well lighted, but at end seemed somewhat draughty. The entry was much as on former years, and quality first class. The Border section was the feature of the show. Some lovely gems were in every class. Mr. Nicholson won B.F.C.C. medal with his well-known cinnamon mark, a bird of rare good quality and lovely symmetry. Mr. J. Denholm, Chirnside, won novice medal with a sweet three pointed buff hen. Another exhibit which took the fancy of visitors was Mr. Smart's clear buff hen, which is, without doubt, the best we have handled in her class, but she was soiled in plumage, against the cinnamon mark. Norwich were on an average about the usual, the best in section being a clear buff hen shown by Mrs. Thomas, Yorks, were rather disappointing. British and foreign contained some good ones. The Mule classes were clearly won by Messrs. Bruce and Gilchrist, Coldstream, with two well-known winners. Mr. Nicholson makes an ideal show manager, no detail being too small, and no trouble too great, and he had evidently left no stone unturned in his efforts towards the success of the show. Mr. Tallantyre, as hon. sec., had everything in tip-top order, and in consequence things worked so smoothly as to seem as though everything had been accomplished without any effort at all; only the most assiduous attention to the little things that matter could have achieved such a result. Their endeavours were well backed up by an enthusiastic committee, and one and all worked together in the most harmonious manner. The stewards were most obliging and capable of any we have met this year, and their work went far to assure the complete success of a most pleasant exhibition. The judges were Messrs. Patterson, Chirnside, and Dixon, Bedlington Station, and their awards seemed to be satisfactory to winners and losers alike.

Mr. Patterson's Classes.

CL. YELL. BORD. CK. (9): 1, Nicholson, good head, fine neck, back and front, not much col., but wins to-day on freshness; 2, Irvine, lovely col., good head, nice taper, just a shade hard in feather; 3, Smart, good type, fine col. and cond., sweet head; 4, Denholm, nice shape, good head, back, and wings, vhc, Ayre; hc, Johnstone; c, Potts. HEN (10): 1, Smart, grand hen, lovely col. and qual., sweet wee head, fine neck, well filled back, nice taper, well put down; 2, Halliday, charmer, lovely outlines, perfect poso of head, graceful action; 3, Gilchrist, yet another good one, lovely col. and qual., fails head to others; 4, Nicholson, good hen, all over, a shade loose at thighs; vhc, Ayre; hc, Johnstone; c, Gill. CL. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Gilchrist, grand exhibit, fine head, good level col., nice feather, of lovely texture and qual.; 2, Chapman, better in head, but soiled in wings a wee, takes a true pos., lovely col. and qual.; 3, Espie, good col., fine qual., just a shade thick in neck; 4, Nicholson, better in neck and back, but fails in qual., fine pos.; vhc, Smart; hc, Potts; c, Ayre. HEN (9): 1, Smart, lovely wee thing, perfect model, we seldom see one conforming so closely to type of the B.F.C.C. model; ideal head, lovely free neck, grand back, front, and taper, lovely wing carr., and grand finish, jaunty sprightliness, greatly admired, but slightly soiled, runner-up for B.F.C.C. medal; 2, Gilchrist, another grand hen, perfect in outline, sweet head, good back, wing, and general finish, fine qual.; 3, Nicholson, Carlisle winner, grand hen, all over, but met her match to-day, fine head, good col. and qual.; 4, Espie, extra col. and qual., a shade thick in neck; vhc, Halliday; hc, Ayre; c, Gill. FOUL (12): 1, Gilchrist, yell., good type, free and jaunty, takes a lovely pos., steady and well shown; 2, Halliday, buff, mkd. eye, another true model, grand outline, rare sweet pose of head; 3, 4, Smart, good ones, well put down, leader yell., little between the lot; vhc, Meston; hc, Espie; c, Nicholson. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, 2, 3, Nicholson, leader yell., both fail a little on left eye, true shape, good col., qual., and well put down, 3rd heavy mkd. eyes, fine weight, well balanced wings; 4, Espie, cinn. mkd. buff. UNEVEN YELL. (11): 1, 2, sp. B.F.C.C., Nicholson, leader well-known cinn., uneven, looking extra well to-day, in lovely bloom, sweet head, well tapered above and below, rare dense col. and feather of extra qual., 2 mkd. both wings and one eye, sweet wee head, rare model all over, shown in the pink; 3, Denholm, mkd. both eyes, one wing, another graceful lady, perfect feather, of soft qual.; 4, Nicholson, nearly even, fails in roundness, and a shade loose at thighs; vhc, Merton; hc, Chapman; c, Blackhall. BUFF (9): 1, novice medal, Denholm, 3-pointed buff hen, mkd. both eyes, one wing, fine head, good back, well filled, rare wing carr., good finish; 2, Johnstone, nearly even, extra qual. of feather, but inclined to hug the perch, with more style would be a good one; 3, Nicholson, good mark, fine pos., col., and qual.; 4, Irvine, fine type, good head, scarcely so well filled in back; vhc, Dixon; hc, Halliday; c, Nicholson. GR. OR CINN. (11): 1, c, Thomson, lovely gr., soft and pure in col., fine pencilling, good head, fine back, lovely wing carr., wins; 2, 4, vhc, Johnstone, lovely team, leader cinn., sound and level in col., fine type and carr., 3 yell., fine markings, good type, fine head, a shade soft, 4 grand type, fine col., shade darker on back; hc, Chirnside. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 4, Thomson, wonderful team, true grass-green throughout, pencilling of a nice order, both above and below, leader best cond., takes lovely pos., a team to be proud of; 3, vhc, hc, Johnstone, hard battle here for higher honours, but beaten on under col., lovely shaped heads, fine back, and general taper, a treat of a class, but many birds soft; c, Parker. HEN (10): 1, 2, Johnstone, beauties, leader yell. cinn., true type, fine bead, good col. and feather, of nice qual., steady, and well shown, 2 yell. green, lovely hen, true to type, and rare shade of green throughout; 3, vhc, Chapman, yell. cinn., lovely col., feather of extra qual., shade soft; 4, Parker, grand col., on back, but shade light under, splendid feather, of nice texture; vhc, Greenwell, good one but, soft; c, Thomson. NOV. YELL. (24): 1, Bowell, lovely little cl. cock, leads easy, splendid head, grand col. and qual., a good one; 2, Merton, grand cl. hen, true Bord. shape, rare style and action, handles well; 3, Lightfoot, grand shape, lovely head, rare feather and qual.; 4, hc, Tallantyre, another good one, lovely back and wing carr., soiled or would have been higher; vhc, J. Tallantyre; c, Reed, grand class. BUFF (25): 1, Browell, again leads with a beauty, and no mistake, lovely pose of head, grand neck and back, rare wings, fine col. and extra qual.; 2, Howe, more weight at thighs, splendid col. and qual., well put down; 3, vhc, Porter, good col., very level and sound, fine type and style; 4, Tallantyre, a shade long in side, fine col. and qual.; hc, Shield; c, Dixon, two splendid classes, the leaders look like taking champion honours. SELL. (16): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Gill; 3, Burnie, 4, Morgan; vhc, Smith; hc, Denholm; c, Affleck. GOLDF. (7): 1, Elliot, grand face, deep, well cut blaze, fine moons and buttons, in rare good order; 2, Bowerbank Bros., better colour throughout, fails bib and size; 3, Wilson, a shade smaller, fine face, good col.; 4, vhc, Dodds; hc, Robson. BULLF. (6): 1, Barker, lovely col., fine head, dense cap, well put down, wins; 2, A. W. Hay, fine col. and nice feather, a shade smaller; 3, vhc, Spark, grand hen, freshly caught, but rare good head; 4, Bowerbank Bros.; hc, Nixon. LINNET (7): 1, vhc, Hunter, a gem, lovely col. and markings, steady and well shown; 2, Bowerbank Bros., nice one, splendid col., falls a shade in bulsh; 3, Heslop and Fothergill, grand size, fine shape; 4, Wilson; hc, Nixon. SISKIN, ETC. (18): 1, 4, Bowerbank Bros., grand exhibit, lovely col., in the pink of cond.; 2, c, Heslop, Siskins, not the largest, but splendid cap, bib, and markings; 3, A. and W. Hay, Redpoll, fine little fellow, grand cap and bib, rare col; vhc, hc, Billington. A.O. BRIT. (8): 1, Welsh Bros., Blackcap, sweet exhibit, in the pink or order, steady and well shown; 2, Bruce, Corn Bunting, a monster, fine col. and markings; 3, McWilliam, Fieldfare, a shade dark, but in the pink of cond.; 4, Heslop and Fothergill; vhc, Macadam; hc, c, Burn; a Raven was shown in this class; if he had got out of his basket the cages might have been left, but the birds would be inside him. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, Christer and Son, Red-naped Lorikeet, lovely exhibit, in perfect feather; 2, Mitchell, Rock Parrot, steady and well shown; 3, 4, Macadam, nice exhibit, but would not leave the cage bottom. SMALL (10): 1, hc, Christer, Paradise Whydah, grand feather, good col., steady, and well shown; 2, 4, Fawcett, leaders pair of beautiful Waxbills, grand feather and in the pink, 4, Cutthroats, fine pair, in rare fettle; 3, Davidson, Lovebirds, nice pair, rare good feather; vhc, Macadam; c, Nixon. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, McWilliams, Goldie-Greenie, fine size, fair col. and cond. UNEV., ETC. (4): 1, Bruce, even mkd. Goldf.-Can., lovely col., fine qual., good markings, steady and well shown; 2, 3, 4, Bowerbank Bros., nice team, good size and markings. DARK (7): 1, Gilchrist, well-known winner, looking better than ever, rare face, splendid col. and cond., steady and well staged; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Bowerbank Bros., 2 good size, fine col., fails face, 4 buff, good col., inclined to light throat; 3, McWilliams, fine exhibit, lovely feather and cond.; c, Wilson. MEMBERS', BORD. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Nicholson; 2, 4, Tallantyre; vhc, Heslop; hc, c, J. Nicholson. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Nicholson; 2, vhc, Johnstone; 4, c, Tallantyre; hc, Nicholson. HEN: 1, 2, Johnstone; 3, 4, hc, Nicholson; 5, Howe; c, Topping. GOLD. OR BULLF. (6): 1, Elliot; 2, vhc, Bowerbank Bros.; 3, Morrow; 4, hc, Stark. GREENF. (1): 1, Morrow. LINNET (4): 1, 2, 4, Bowerbank Bros.; 3, Dodds. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, 4, hc, Bowerbank Bros.; 2, vhc, Macadam. DARK MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Bowerbank Bros. A.O.V. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Bowerbank Bros. FOR. (5): 1, 3, 4, Fawcett; 2, vhc, Macadam.

Mr. Dixon's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Hume, rare good shape, fine head, beautiful col. and qual.; 2, McKay, shade smaller, fine short feather, of rare qual.; 3, Laidlow, grand body, fine col., fails head to winners; 4, Thomas, larger, but a shade rough to-day; vbc, Wellsbury; hc, Scott; c, Morrison. BUFF (6): 1, Snowden, rare good one, bold front, nice head, fine col. and qual.; 2, Wellsbury, fails head, fine body, good texture of feather. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Laidlow, grand stamp throughout, extra sound in col. and feather, nice qual., wins; 2, Butler, shade longer in side, fine head, back, col., and qual.; 3, Toppings, rare good head, fine front, feathery behind; 4, Morrison; vhc, Snowden; hc, Dobinson; c, Pierson. BUFF (10): 1, Thomas, lovely exhibit, true Norwich shape, lovely head, extra fine feather, of splendid qual.; 2, Dobinson, fails head, but fine shape, good pos.; 3, Welsbury, tkd. head, fine body, well carried wing, a shade down in col.; 4, Morrison; vhc, Butler; hc, McKay; c, Holden. HEN (17): 1, Morgan, lovely col., fine texture of feather, good head, hold front, rare style and action; 2, Wellsbury, close up, fine col. of feather, a shade longer in side; 3, vhc, Laidlow, nice stamp, fine feather, fails size, variegated; 4, Topping; hc, Scott; c, McKay; 3, 4, Hume, two nice ones, just a shade more feather; vhc, Holden; hc, Hodson. TKD. OR VARIEG. (5): 1, Pierson, heavy variegated., grand col., fine feather, nice front, rare good head; 2, Holden, tkd., fine col., good qual., fair head, well finished; 3, Laidlow, fails at throat, splendid formation, well put down; 4, Bowerbank Bros.; vhc, McKay. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Butler, rare good one, fine bold head, front, good pos., lovely wing carr.; 2, Morrison, grand col. and qual., fine stamp; 3, Thomas, extra fine front, good head, steady and well shown; 4, Clark and Foster; vhc, Hodson. BUFF (8): 1, Thomas, real charmer, lovely head, beautiful bouncing front, nice back, teaming with qual.; 2, Clark and Forster, nice head, fine size good feather; 3, Hume, grand size, good col., feathery underneath; 4, Butler; vhc, Morrison; hc, Snowden. NOV. (7): 1, Wood, good col. and feather, shapely and grand style; 2, bc, Morrow, good head, fine front, steady; 3, Richardson, a shade thin in head, fine feather; 4, vhc, Reed; c, Graham. YORKS. (4): 1, 4, Snead, yell. cock, good length, well drawn body, fine wing, good col., nice qual.; 2, Mather, buff, rare pos., good head, fine wing; 3, Hutler, yell., tkd. cheek, good pos., fails cond. YELL. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 3, Snead, two good ones, little between them, fine col. and qual., well put down; 2, Hutler, good length, fine feather and col., fails wing carr.; 4, Mather. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Snead, nice pair, true shape, good heads, fine col. and feather, of nice texture; 3, Ridley Bros., we could not find; 4, Dodds. A.O. NOV. (9): 1, Ridley Bros., grand buff, fine drawn, body, free in action and style, good col. and qual.; 2, c, Tollett, good size, fine pos., col., and qual.; 3, Dodds, variegated., fails length, good col.; 4, Topping; vhc, hc, Rowan. MEMBERS', NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Laidlow; 2, 3, vhc, c, Holden; hc Morrow. BUFF (10): 1, Morrow; 2, hc, no name; 2, 3, Holden; hc, Bowerbank Bros. YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, Moscrop; 2, 3, Dodds. BUFF (3): 1, Moscrop; 2, 3, Dodds.

CLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting, held Nov. 20, Mr. McGown presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Greer intimated his resignation; the secretary was instructed to communicate with him. Several notices of motion were tabled for the next meeting. Specials won at our annual show were handed over to the winners.—Wm. Kane, Sec.

ARBROATH.

This Society, which had been dropped for some years, has again been set going, and held a fairly successful exhibition on Nov. 22, in the White Hart Hall. The hall is a capital one for a show, and is well lighted. The exhibits were well staged round three sides, leaving plenty of room for the many visitors, who crowded round the birds during the afternoon. Entries totalled about 300, and quality in Norwich and British was fairly good, and in Borders, which were the feature of the show, it was of the very best, especial praise being due to the grand team shown by Mr. John Craig, Brechin, which took most of the honours of the show, his medal winner at Cowdenbeath again scored, taking B.F.C.C. Medal, CAGE BIRDS 10s. Championship, and special for best bird in the hall, while his winning yellow hen took special for best hen. Hyde's was won by Mr. Boath, Forfar. In CAGE BIRDS Coupon Prize Competition great interest was taken. Mr. J. Black, Brechin, won Novice Diploma, 10s. cash prize, with his non-fed Norwich cock. The Society promises well, and with a little more experience will turn out all right. President, Mr. Muir, is a grand worker, and is ably backed up by his assistant, Mr. Jamieson, while Treas. Colville was a host in himself, and had much to do with the success of the show, while the committee, Messrs. Heenan, A. Rae, C. Ray, Wilson, Stewart, and Chalmers, were also in evidence, and working toward the common good. Secretary Gray was courteous and obliging to all, and had his arrangements well made. Judges were Mr. Mossie, Borders, and Mr. J. F. Dewar the remainder, and their awards were generally well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Boath, an old winner in a new stable, good size and qual., nice head and neck, fine col.; 2, Thomson, good size and col., nice cbubby shape, clean cut below, well up; 3, Watt, scarcely thickness of winners, fair, good head and neck, nice wings; 4, Fox and Milne; 5, Jamieson; 6, Watt. BUFF (3): 1, Hampton, good size, fine quality of feather, nice head and neck, well mealed, crosses at times; 2, Anderson, good size, nice front, fine qual., a shade on the long side; 3, Kennedy, capital size, good head and neck, well shown. YELL. VAR. OR GR. CK. (5): 1, Will, good size and sub., nice qual., good head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Mrs. T. Collie, nice size, good col., wants filling up, rather long; 3, Masterton, nice size and col., good head and neck, round front, clean cut, might have changed places with 2nd; 4, Taylor; 5, Watt. BUFF: 1, Thomson, fine size, good head and neck, nice chubby shape, rare good qual., well put down; 2, Mitchell, good for size and sub., nice head and neck, capital front, fine qual,, stylish; 3, Myles, fine size, good wings, well carried, fails slightly subs., still a good one; 4, Masterton; 5, Robertson; 6, Jamieson. CL. YELL. HEN (1): Watt, good size and col., nice head and neck, good wings and tail. BUFF (2): 1, Craig, still winning, fine size and subs., grand wings, well carried, nice cbubby front; 2, Gray and Duncan, typical, good size and style, well staged. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (2): 1, 2, Hampton, leader cap mark, good size and subs.., nice head and wings; 2nd, similar, lightly var., good col. and style. BUFF (5): 1, 2, sp., runner-up for best in show, Boath, lightly grizzled on shoulder, good head and neck, nicely moulded front, grand wings, getting aged, but wearing well; 2, Fox and Milne, an old winner, often described, losing on head; 3, Gray and Duncan, good size and qual., nicely mkd. on wing, well shown; 4, Myles; 5, Watt. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, Mitchell, nice eye and neck mark Buff, fine size and subs., good head and neck, nice wings, grand qual.; 2, sp., Fox and Milne, nice cl., capital size and subs., good wings and back, nice moulded front, clean dug out; 3, sp., Collie, buff var., good size, nice head and neck, fine chubby shape, short wings and tail, in spanking order; 4, Ramsay; 5, Mitchell; 6, Myles. HEN (10): 1, sp., Pirric, cl. yell., grand size and subs., good head and wings, grand col., rare good front, very promising youngster; 2, Boatb, wing mkd. buff, fine size, nice qual., good head and front, stylish; 3, Black, fine cl. buff, good size and subs., rare good wings, well carried, well shown; 4, Boath; 5, Myles; 6, Jamieson. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, sp., Black, cl. yell., grand size and subs., good head and wings, nice front, takes Novice 10s. CAGE BIRDS Competition Prize; 2, Pirie, another cl., fine size and qual., good head and front, nice wings and tail, very shapely; 3, Shepherd, nice eye and wing marked, capital size and qual., in good order; 4, Gibb; 5, Storrar; 6, Ramsay. HEN (5): 1, sp., Marr, yell. variegated., grand size and qual., capital rounded front, nice head and wings, in fine condition; 2, Mitchell, Gr., has won before, still in grand order, typical; 3, Fox and Milne, saddle-mkd. buff, good size and subs., fine qual., in splendid condition; 5, Muir and Heenan; 4, Jamieson. SELL. (13): 1, Marr; 2, Watt; 3, Thomson; 4, Myles; 5, Smith; 6, Boath. HEN (10): 1, Marr; 2, Anderson; 3, Kennedy; 4, Boath; 5, Ramsay; 6, Hampton. BORD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, Craig, leader beauty for style and col., bonny round head, grand wings and tail, sweet qual., wins; 2nd, similar, not much between; 3, Irvine, loses type to leaders, good size, nice wings, beaten head; 4, Crabb and Findlayson, good size and col., neat head and wings; 5, Milne; 6, Irons. HEN (11): 1, sp. best hen in section, Craig, Cowdenbeath and Brechin winner, still going strong, a credit to breeder; 2, Robertson, Brechin 2nd, still following, grand head and back, capital qual. of feather, typical; 3, Strachan, nice head and neck, good size, nice moulded front, in beautiful condition; 4, Craig, another good one, capital size and col., well shown; 5, Mitchell; 6, Crabb and Findlayson. CL. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 4 spls., B.F.C.C. Medal, CAGE BIRDS 10s. Champion Prize, best Border cock and best in hall, Craig, last year's Palace, Cowdenbeath, and Brechin winner, needs no description, simply winning; 2, Craig, young one, following his father's footsteps, put down in perfect condition; 3, Irvine, good head and neck, nicely mkd. wings, grand qual. of feather, 4, 5, Crabb and Findlayson, both nice ones, in grand order, 6, Captain Edward. HEN (14): 1, 2, Craig, beauties, leader again Cowdenbeath and Brechin winner, dandy style, neat round head, beautiful wings, carried to perfection; 2nd, similar, a grand pair; 3, 6, Crabb and Findlayson, grand type, good head and neck, very neat wings, well carried, essence of cleanliness; 4, Myles, fine size and type, dandy wing carr., 5, Kennedy. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, Crabb and Findlayson, nice size and col., grand type, nicely mkd., fine head and wings, grand qual. of feather; 2, Hamilton, good size and type, neat wings, well carried, very natty style. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Mitchell, fine size and col., neat head and fine wings and tail, nicely moulded front, in spanking order; 2, Strachan, good size, nice wings, well laid on, capital head, and back, rare texture of feather; 3, Lyall, good type, grand front, neat head and neck, fine wings and tail; 4, Nicol, good style, neat carr., well put down; 5, Craig; 6, Rae and Reid. HEN (6): 1, Duncan, good type, capital size and col., rare good head and wings, well carried, in fine order; 2, Craig, still a good one, fine head and wings, neat front, and grand qual., well up; 3, Dargie, nice type, good head and neck, beautiful style, jaunty carr.; 4, Dalgetty and Weston, fine size and col., capital head and well carried wings, neat tail; 5, Gray and Duncan; 6, Irons. BUFF (6): 1, Crabb and Findlayson, neatly moulded front, grand head and wings well carried, fine, jaunty style, in faultless order; 2, Nicol, good size, fine round head, neat wings, and tail, fine qual. of feather; 3, Craig, neat round head, fine front, good wings and tail, in nice order; 4, Gray and Duncan; 5, Duncan; 6, Irons. HEN (4): 1, Irvine, neat size and style fine head, capital front, good wings and tail; 2, Robertson, typical, good wings, well folded, nice cond.; 3, Nicol, good size and cond., fine, jaunty carr.; 4, Wilson. GR. OR CINN. (6): 1, 3, Wilson, both, Cinns., old winners, in grand order; 2, Hamilton, Cinn., Cowdenbeath winner, reversed to-day; 4, 5, 6, Sturrock, all Greens. SELL. CK. (12): 1, Irvine; 2, Dalgetty and Weston; 3, Craig; 4, Robertson; 5, Rae and Reid; 6, Crabbe and Findlayson. HEN (16): 1, Crabbe and Findlayson; 2, Milne; 3, Irvine; 4, Nicol; 5, Robertson; 6, Robertson (Forfar). A.O.V. (14): 1, Strachan, Belgian, good type, grand shoulders, head well down; 2, Low, grand Crest; 3, Black, yell. Pied Scotch Fancy; 4, Wilson, Cinn. Nor.; 5, Black; 6, White. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Watson, Goldie-Bull., fair size and col., rough feather, somewhat guttered at throat, rather lucky to beat 2, Fyffe, grand size, neat shape, well up in col., best of feather and cond.; 3, McArdle, lightly mkd. Linn-Can., fair size, fine feather and cond.; vhc, Watson; hc, Alexander, quite a novelty, Cinnamon-Can.-Bullie, caused a lot of comment, undoubtedly of that cross; c, Muir and Heenan. GOLDF. (5): 1, Allan, good one all over, well known, best of face and tans, easy win; 2, Muir and Heenan, stylish, just lacks col. of leader, still well placed; 3, McArdle. F.M., very promising, fine face, good buttons and tans; 4, Douglas; 5, White. BULLF. (6): 1, Palmer, grand size and col., neat cap, fine wing bars, shown in the pink, wins; 2, Douglas, fails col. and cap to leader, equal other points; 3, Hally, nice and typical, good col., deep cap, fine bars, little rough at thighs, or would have gone up; 4, Ross; 5, Myles; 6, Nicol. SISKIN (4): 1, Black, fine size and col., nice cap, in good order; 2, Smith, similar, scarcely so good col.; 3, Douglas, very sweet one, lacks bib, best cap in class; 4, Fox and Milne. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, Black and Hendrie, Twite, nice size, good col. and mks., little unsteady; 2, Greig, 'Poll, nice size and col., stylish; 3, 5, Muir and Heenan, Twite, best of size and mks.; 4, Fox and Milne. LINNET, H.M. (5): 1, Marr, fine size and col., very stylish, shown in fine order; 2, Parker, larger, scarcely depth of col., better mkd.; 3, Muir and Heenan, we made quite equal to 1st, best of size, grand shape, lovely mks., shining like satin, hard luck; 4, 5, Muir and Heenan. F.M. (10): Strong class, this being a noted Linnet centre: 1, Low, fine cobby bird, small mks., nice col. very steady; 2, Greig, similar build to leader, better col., scarcely so stylish, all there for mks. and condition; 3, 4, McArdle, grand size, neat shape, best of col. and cond.; 4th, soft; 5, Palmer, 6, Barrie. GREENIE (13): 1, Parker, best of col. and cond., nice shade, fine size, feather like wax; 2, Fyffe, Buff, very cobby shape, fails col. to leader, well placed; 3, Dalgetty, nice one, all there for style and col.; 4, Muir and Heenan; 5, Law, could have gone up; 6, Ritchie. A.O. BRIT. (7): 1, 4, Robertson, leader a Blackstart, looking a picture, staged in rare order; 2, Robb, Bearded Tits, grand col., neat wings, in faultless condition; 3rd, Yellowhammer, good one, fine mantle, neat v, shown in good fettle. 5, Fox and Milne; 6, Fairweather, Snow. FOR. (8): 1, 2, 4, Arnott, pair of beauties, leader grand Sugarbird, shown in faultless order; 2nd, Tri-colour Tanager, staged to perfection; 3, sp., Colville, Whydah, tail slightly frayed, otherwise in nice order; 4th, Cordons, very sweet; 5, Leslie, Grassfinches; 6, Robb, Bishop. SELL.: 1, Robb; 2, Law; 3, 5, Colville and Son; 4, Douglas; 6, Watson. GIFT: 1, Barrie; 2, Nicol; 3, 6, Colville; 4, Douglas; 5, Muir.

BOLTON AND DIS. ROLLER C.S.

Members' contest at Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, Bolton, on Nov. 22. There was a very good show by nearly all the members. Mr. Oldroyd (Wakefield) was the judge. CHAMP., YOUNG BIRDS: 1, 2, 3, Kilshaw; vhc, Waring; hc, Massey; c, Ridings. NOVICE: 1, Meadows; 2, 4, Scott; 3, Ball; vhc, Hill; bc, Brooks; c, Eastham. CHAMP., ANY AGE: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Meadows; 4, vhc, Johnson; vhc, Brooks; hc, Derbyshire; c, Percival, Billings.—Jos. Kilshaw, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Second old bird show held Nov. 15 at Victoria Hotel, when an entry of 65 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe, of Shipley, whose awards gave general satisfaction. Special for best bird in show, W. Goodwin. Points up to date for champion section: Goodwin, 85; Shepherd, 83; Boocock, 78. Novice section: Bloomfield, 68; Bryant, 58; J. Ellis, 47; Fretwell, 47; Oldrieve, 37; Pullan, 37. CL. OR TKD. YEL. CK. (7): 1, sp, Goodwin; 2, Shepherd; 3, Bryant; 4, vhc, Boocock; hc, Cotterill; c, Fretwell. BUFF (8): 1, Shepherd; 2, Bryant; 3, hc, Fretwell; 4, c, Pullan; vhc, Oldrieve. MKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, Goodwin; 3, Cotterill; 4, Boocock; vhc, Pullan; hc, Alred; c, Abbey. BUFF (4): 1, Goodwin; 2, Boocock; 3, 4, Shepherd. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Bryant; 2, Shepherd; 3, vhc, Oldrieve; 4, hc, Bloomfield; c, Shepherd. CL. OR TKD. YELL HEN (7): 1, Fretwell; 2, Bryant; 3, Boocock; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Shaw; hc, Bloomfield; c, Shepherd. BUFF (6): 1, Boocock; 2, Oldrieve; 3, Bloomfield; 4, Ellis; vhc, Cotterill; hc, Pullan. MKD. HEN (11): 1, Ellis; 2, Cotterill; 3, vhc, Bryant; 4, Bloomfield; vhc, Alred; c, Abbey.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

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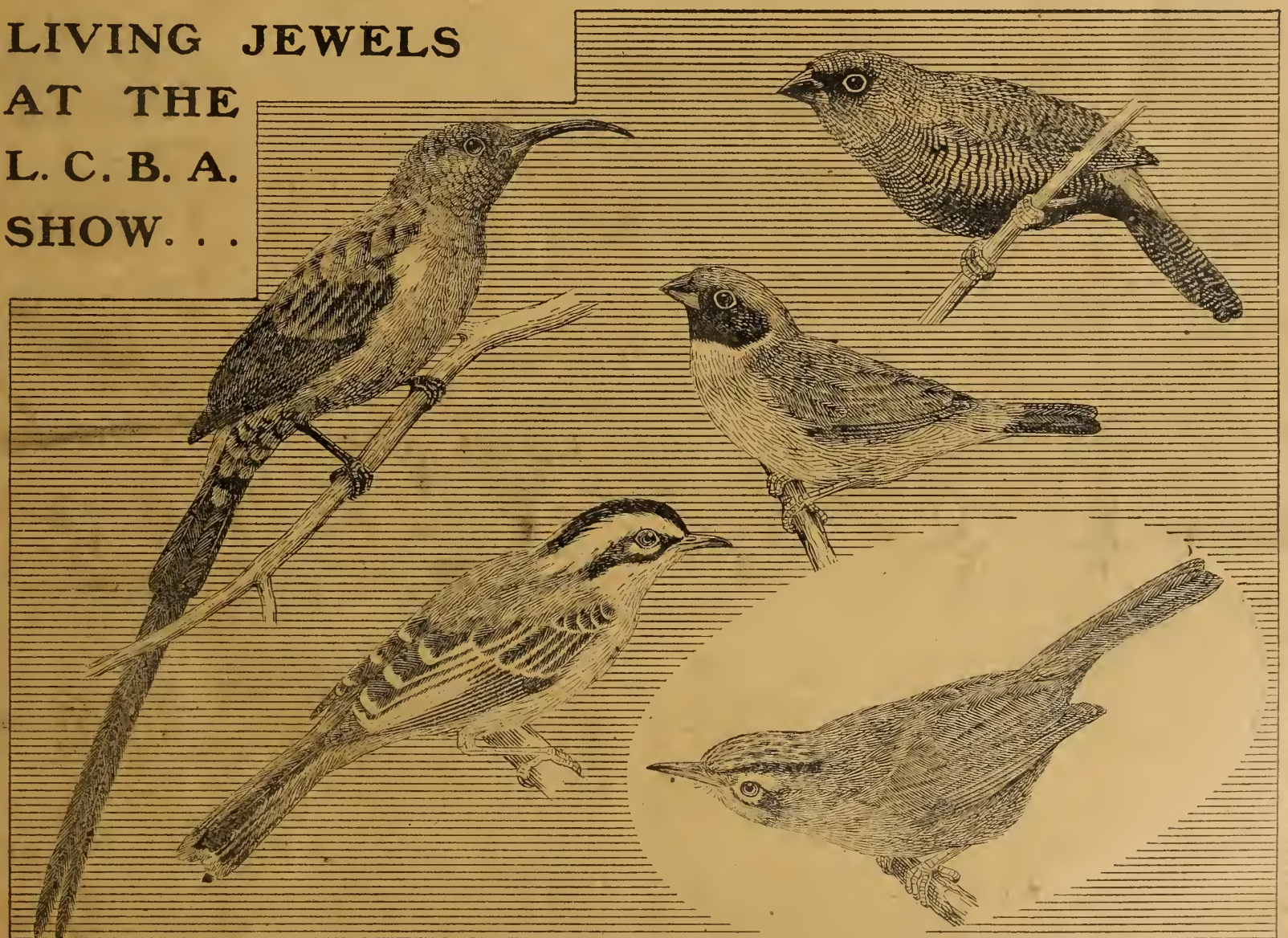
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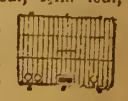
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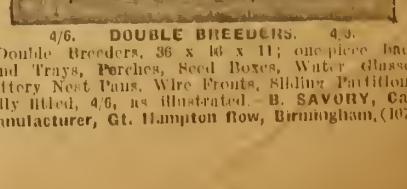


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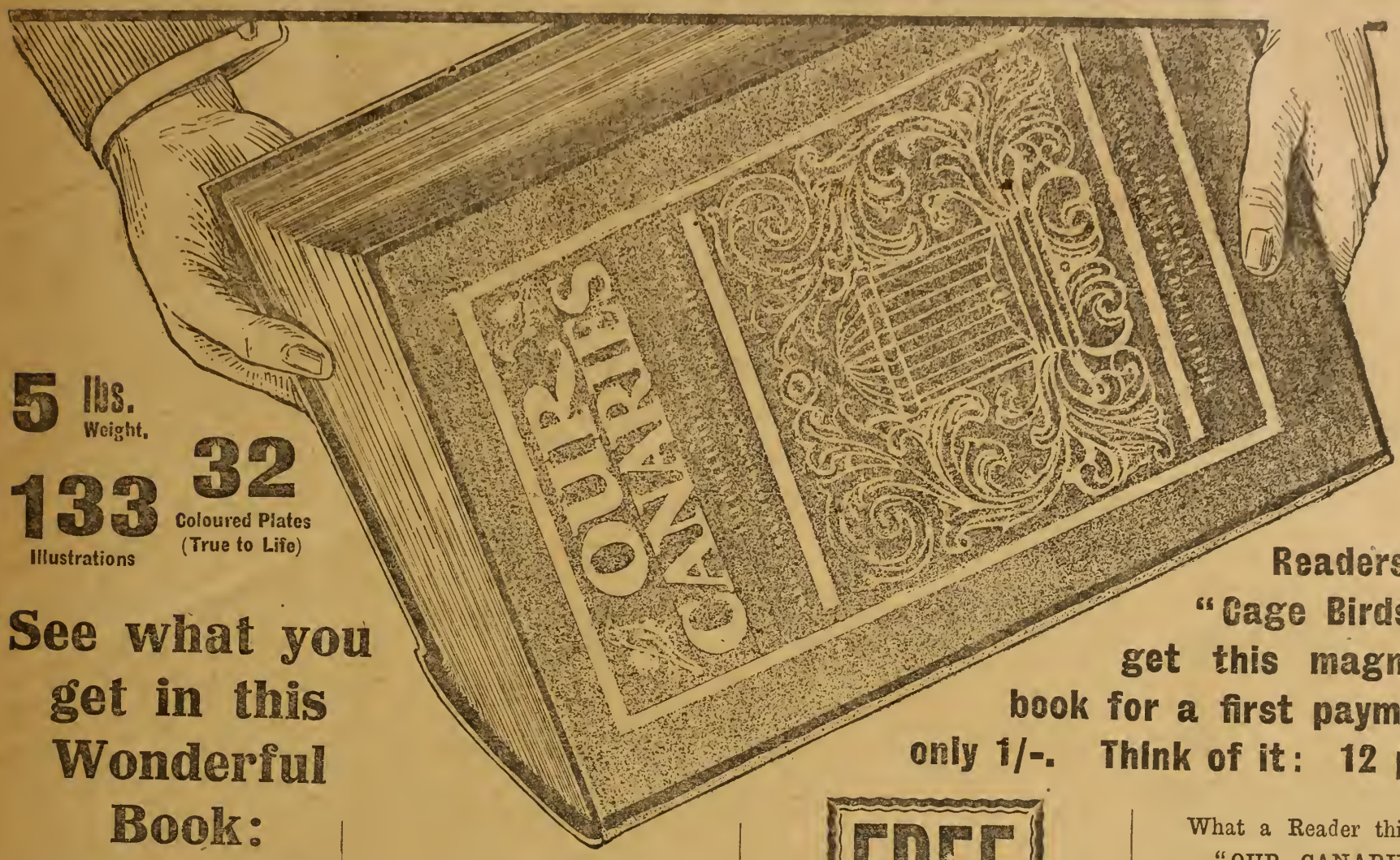
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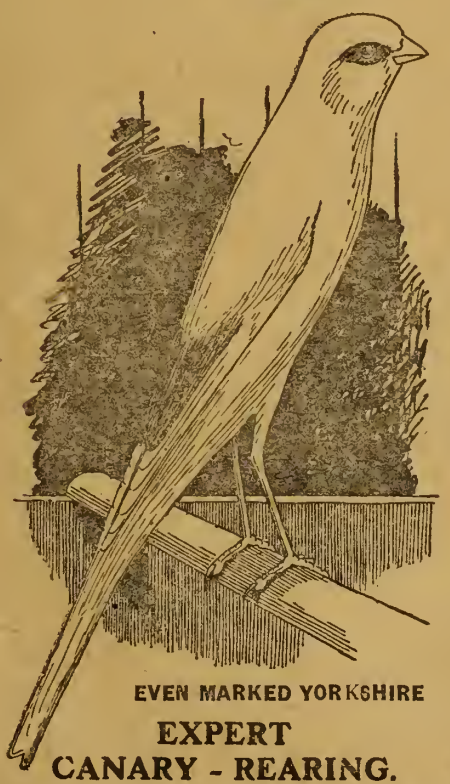
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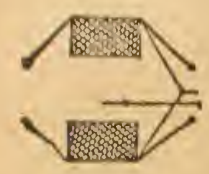
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Gentlemen, I have the finest Siberians in England, and will send them on seven days' approval for cash or deposit with Editor. First arrival of Siberian Yellow Greenfinches, like Thrushes for size, 2/- and 2/6 each; Siberian Linnets, toppers, 2/6, 3/6 each; Siberian cock Bullfinches, the very best, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens same price; Siberian cock Goldfinches, with extra deep square-cut blaze, broad heads, gems, and in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, and one of the best ever put into a cage, 10/6; worth 40/-. Lesser Redpoll, gem, can win anywhere, 2/6: Mealy Redpoll, giant, 2/-; Amazon Parrot, talks, mimics, whistles, 30/-. 300 Yellow Siskins, to moult winners, 2/-, 2/6 each. I offer £20 to any man in England who can prove that he so much as saw one of my birds before they reached my establishment. If you want winners, gentlemen, send at once, and don't be gulled. Everybody welcome: Fred. Allen, Direct Importer, 156, Porter-st. Aviaries, Hull. (1091)

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Grand lot genuine Siberians; these birds are one of the finest lots that ever arrived; genuine cocks, 5/- each, 28/- stick of 7; show and muling specimens, 7/6 each; grand Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/- each; show birds, 7/6 each, hens 4/- each: G. Chapman, High-st., Birmingham.

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We are patronised, and have been for 40 years, by every leading Crystal Palace judge and exhibitor, so our reputation stands second to none. We give above reward if it can be proved we send out unhealthy birds or hens for cocks. Editor of this journal has seen scores of original testimonials for birds we have supplied, which have bred hundreds of winning Mules. So if you intend buying British birds, buy from us, who have hundreds each week to pick from. We don't send out birds straight from the field; all are well on seed; guaranteed. Real English 1913 cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/-, twelve, 12/-; extra picked for muling, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-; hens, 10d. and 1/-; Lancashire cock Linnets, 8d., 10d. and 1/-; cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/- and 1/6; Lancashire cock Linnets, 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/3; cages for any of above, from 6d., 9d., 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, and 2/-. Seed grinding mills, 1/6. Send for catalogue of everything. Established 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.; also 89, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS

Larks, etc. 1913 English cock Goldfinches 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-; special, picked for showing, muling, 2/6, 3/-, 4/- each; hens 1/-, three 2/6; cock Bullfinch, 2/-, three 4/6, six 8/6; hens 1/-, 1/6, three 2/6, six 4/6; large selected cock Bullfinches, for showing, 3/-, 4/- each; Lancashire cock Linnets 8d., three 1/6, six 2/3, 4/- doz.; special, selected for showing, 1/6, 2/-; large cock Larks, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/- doz.; singing cock Larks, 1/- each with new cage 2/-; cock Greenfinches and cock Redpolls, 1/-, three 2/-; winter birdlime, ½lb. 7d., ½lb. 1/-, 1/8 lb., postage free: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cagemaker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. (1086)

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Gentlemen, when you place your order with me, you place it with the only advertiser in Hull competent to pick you a bird for exhibition, having been a breeder and exhibitor over 30 years; what I don't know about birds, both for show and song, is not worth knowing. See report Hull show, November 15th; Mr. Hogg won special for best Linnet in the show, supplied by me week before the show; seven birds supplied by me took high honours at Selby show; in fact, I am supplying winners all over England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Please read a few letters received last week.—"Nottingham.—Sir, —Birds arrived safe; am very pleased with them; can do with more if as good.—Mr. Hayter to Mr. Day." "12, Auchirath Row, High Blantyre, Lanarkshire. — Dear Sir,—Received birds safe; highly pleased; they are A1 value; please send another Siskin as good as last, better if possible; thanking you for quick despatch.—R. White to Mr. Day." "13, Church-st., Dumbarton.—Dear Sir,—Birds arrived safe; thanks for quick despatch; I must say I am well pleased with them, also with the others I got from you; thank you for honest dealing.—J. Currie to Mr. Day." "110, Chenies Mews, Tot. Ct. Rd., London.—Dear Sir,—Bird arrived safe; very pleased with him.—G. Turney to Mr. Day." "Lilac Cottage, Burnhead, Larkhall, Lanarkshire.—Dear sir,—Birds arrived in good order; am very pleased with them; please send me, etc.—G. Boag to Mr. Day." "2, Clifton Rd., Belfast.—Dear Sir,—Received Siberian Bullie ben in the pink; was astonished at the value; I have never seen one to equal it at double the price.—P. Rigan to Mr. Day." "West Roddymoor, near Crook, Co. Durham.—Dear Sir,—Birds arrived safe; am quite satisfied; enclosed p.o. for best cock Bullfinch; thanking you for straight dealing.—W. Rutherford to Mr. Day." "51, Scot-st., Treherbert.—Dear Sir,—Birds arrived safe; am very pleased.—T. Bremmer to Mr. Day." "38, High-st., King's Lynn.—Dear Sir,—A line to let you know I got first and special with bird you sent me; please send Siskin, p.o. enclosed.—J. Riley to Mr. Day." "Blanket Row, Norwich.—Dear Sir,—The Siskin you sent me got first, be was much admired; please send another as good; p.o. 7/6 enclosed.—G. Dixon to Mr. Day." These are names and addresses in full. Now, gentlemen, I have over three hundred cock Siskins just arrived, and amongst them some of the largest and best ever seen. I have picked out a few large, rich, yellow cocks, with broad black caps and bibs, grandly laced, bound to win, 7/6 each; other good yellow cocks, 3/6, 4/6 each; all guaranteed yellows, with caps and bibs; other healthy Siskins, 18/- dozen; don't hesitate, but send at once. Siberian Bullfinches, cocks or hens, real giants, not from Gothenberg, which are palmed off by some as Siberians, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; two extra good cocks, very rich in colour, grand caps, 10/6 each; three monster aviary-moulted Siberian Bullie hens, finger tame, 10/6 each, and over a hundred very large Siberian cock Goldfinches, biggest and best ever imported to England, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; and a few specials, can win at once, 7/6, 10/6 each; British cock Goldfinches, full colour, 2/6, 3/-; a few picked for show, with lovely square cut blaze, nicely tanned and buttoned, 5/6, 6/6 each; also three monster cock Linnets, grand shape and colour, well pencilled, exactly the same as supplied by me to Mr. Hogg, winner of special prize for best Linnet at Hull show last week; he is a fancier whose knowledge of British is second to none; 2/6, 3/6 each; I also have two of the best Lesser Redpolls ever caged, sure winners, 2/6, 3/6 each; and a grand lot of cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 6/6, 7/6 each. Just arrived: my first consignment of Leipzig Rollers, on full rolling song, with many lovely changes, free from any harsh notes, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, and a few extra good schoolmasters, 10/6 each; Hartz cocks, on full song, the ones to wake you in the morning, 4/6, 5/6 each: a few extra good singers, 6/6 each; dealers send for price per stick. Rollers or Goldfinches; I guarantee you satisfaction, one of the best talking Grey Parrots living, can say over a hundred words as plain as human beings, sings, laughs, cries, £12; also two Blue-faced Amazons, fine talkers and mimics, £3 10/-, £4 10/- each; and a very good talking Indian King Parrot, imitates dogs, cats, sings, laughs, can say fully 50 words, 30/-, with large square cage 35/-; also two lovely Yorkshire terrier dogs, good pedigree, £2 10/- each. If you want dogs, cats, monkeys, animals, or birds of any description, write to me; all on approval, cash or deposit. Note, all postal or money orders should be crossed "and Co.," for safety: John Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. Private Address, 77. (1034)

NOTICE.—Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 2/-; Red-breasted Linnets, Redpolls, Chaffinches, Skylarks, 6d. each, 3 for 1/3; Greenfinches, 3d.; Yellowhammers, Blackbirds, Thrushes, 1/-, 1/6; warranted cocks. Above hens half price. Birds for show, muling, full song, 6d. extra. Note—out catching every day. I have large quantity to select from. Rest sold to dealers; approval, deposit: Gould, Birdcatcher, Holdford rd., Witton, Birmingham. (1083)

TWO large British cock Goldfinches, nicely tanned and buttoned, with good square-cut blazes, right for show or muling, full song, 3/6, 4/6 each; 5, bit smaller, 2/- each; and a fine hand-reared cock Blackbird, singing grand, 3/6; Australian Parrot, with large cage, 15/-: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1077)

MEALY Redpolls, 1/6; cock Siskins, little rough, 1/-; Hartz Rollers, 12/-, 15/-, and 21/-; Wagtail, 2/6; Grosbeak, 8/6; Waxwing, 14/-; Fantail Pigeons, 2/- pair; Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, handsome birds, 8/- pair; Hedge Accenter, 1/6; Curlews, 10/- pair; Dunlin, 3/6 pair; Knots, 3/6; Seagulls, 4/6; Plover, 6/-; Redpolls, 1/- pair: price lists: De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

REPEATING OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser.—ADVT. MANAGER "CAGE BIRDS."

TRY DAY FOR SIBERIANS

Received Dec. 1st 200 of the finest Siberian birds that have reached England this year, all picked birds, specially for me, no other dealers have the chance of seeing them, and I guarantee them much larger than those advertised by some as Siberians. For proof send for one of mine and send for one elsewhere; deposit your cash with Editor, keep the genuine. Siberian cock Bullfinches, 4/6, 5/6, and a few ready for the bench, very rich colour, with grand caps, finger-tame, 7/6, 10/6 each; very large Siberian hens, tame, and feathered like wax, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, and a few specials 7/6, 10/6 each; Siberian cock Goldfinches, the biggest seen this year, 4/6, 5/6, and three real giants with nice square-cut blazes, richly tanned and buttoned, steady, ready for the bench, 7/6, 10/6 each; 14 Siberian cock Waxwings, in grand feather, finger-tame, 18/- each; and one, the best seen for years, very large, a real champion, teeming with colour, grand markings, tame, and in splendid condition, 30/-; if you pay £5 you get no better; also a very large cage-moulted Corn Bunting, big as a Thrush, grandly marked, a sure winner, 7/6; yellow cock Siskins, with caps, bibs, nicely laced, 4/6, 5/6, and 5 specials, picked from 200, can win all before them, 7/6 each; Siberian mealy Redpoll, a monster for size, teeming with quality, 2/6; Siberian yellow cock Greenfinch, a topper, 2/6; a large variegated cock Linnet mule, 7/6; very large, dark cock Goldfinch mule, full song, Finch notes, 7/6; hand-reared Thrush, full song, in grand show form, 5/-; Leipzig Rollers, in full song, without any harsh notes, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; 23 cage-moulted cock Linnets, on full song, right for Linnet catchers, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; all on approval, cash or deposit: John Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1077)

CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

GREEN Borders, extra show birds, approval; stamp: Hadwin, 68, Canterbury-st., Liverpool.

SOME grand Borders for disposal, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6: Burton Bros., 126, Lee-rd., Lee Green, S.E.

CLEAR yellow, clear buff cocks, young, good type and quality, 6/- each: Marshall, Bridgend, Duns. (1084)

COCKS from 6/6 to 10/-; nothing better in Fancy; from winners; see reports: Ferguson, 1, Avondale-rd., Morecambe. (1083)

BORDERS.—What offers in cash for 16 Borders, hens, 1913? All colours; overstocked: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1091)

BORDERS, good stock birds, cocks and hens, cheap to clear; stamp for particulars: W. Rankin, Whamond-st., Motherwell. (1074)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Border Fancies for show or song, prices low; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

BORDERS, one yellow variegated cock, winner 1912, 2 clear buff cocks, 1913, best of colour; the lot, 16/-: 1, Hill-rd., Arbroath. (1088)

CHAMPION Border fancies, green cinnamons, all related to my winners; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/- upwards: Murray, Fernbank, Selkirk. (1088)

PRIZE Bred Borders for sale, cinnamon, greens, clears, cocks and hens; prices reasonable; stamp: Glass, Spencerfield, Hamilton, N.B. (1088)

CANARIES, grand selection specially fine Canaries, singing cocks, feeding hens, beauties, great bargains: Blackwood, 122, Queen's-drive, Glasgow. (1080)

BORDERS: Last five shows won 20 1sts, two cups, three club medals, etc., all varieties; state wants, stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin. (1060)

GREENS.—Have a few smart cocks to spare at 7/6 each; wanted, typical hens (yellows), variegated, clears, cinnamons: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W. (1092)

PRIZE Borders, clears and marks; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-: two Buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; approval, stamp. Irone, 1, Park-pl., Brechin. (1091)

A FEW good class Borders for sale at moderate prices, all by own breeding; approval: Robert Lawson, Millbrae-terr., Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

PRIZE bred Borders, clears and marks, price reasonable; approval. See latest wins Berwick, Alnwick, Haltwhistle, Selkirk: Meston, 11, Chapel-st., Berwick-on-Tweed. (1083)

W. BAYLEY has for sale a few good Borders, single birds and pairs, bred from my well-known winners; see report of Sale show; prices reasonable and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham. (1086)

CHAMPION Borders, from this well-known strain, five first out of possible five, at Swansea. ditto Cardiff; see report L.C.B.A. this week; state wants; approval, stamp: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea.

GIVING up the Fancy; 10 pairs Borders, winners, and bred from winners, from 10/6; also yellow and buff hens from 3/6; breeding and show cages, etc., all on approval: Andrew Miller, 3, Stephen-terr., Anniesland, Glasgow. (1086)

MR. A. G. Snook, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Borders, has a few typical pairs of clears, cinnamons, and greens for disposal; pairs from 8/-, hens from 2/-, or exchange for two good yellow hens: 31, Leigham-vale, Streatham. (1081)

HENRY BENNET, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, offers select birds from his well-known winning strain; single cocks, 7/6 to 25/-; hens, 5/- to 25/-; matched pairs, 12/6 to 40/-; clears, fouls, unevens, greens, cinnamons; see show reports; approval, stamp. (1083)

GREEN Borders. Special offer. Few grand stock birds, yellows, buffs, full of type and quality, correct colour, prices reasonable; inspection invited; approval willingly; entertain exchange clear yellow cock, unflighted; must be absolutely first-class: Green, 5, Rocky-lane, Anfield, Liverpool. (1084)

HIGH-CLASS Borders; three 1sts, also spoon best Border in show, Cheltenham and Wimbledon; see wins, Clapham, Cardiff, Plymouth, Leyton, Bristol, Portsmouth, L.C.B.A., special bird in show, Llandrindod; state wants; prices moderate; stamp reply: J. Madagan, 4, Queen's Parade, Cheltenham. (1090)

FOR sale, cheap, Border Fancies, bred from last year's National and Palace winners, cinnamons and greens (W. S. Wilson's strain), see reports for wins Lochgelly, Brechin, Glasgow, Manchester (diploma), Glasgow and District. Seen by appointment. No Sunday work: D. Whitelaw, 95, Elderpark st., Govan.

SPLENDID lot of winners for sale, yellow cock, 1st, special Biggar, 25/-; buff cock, 1912, 1st Brighton, Gorebridge, 25/-; yellow hen, 1012, 1st, special Lauder, 20/-; buff hen, big winner, 20/-; also grand pairs from 10/- to 30/- from my celebrated strain, winner of club medals Glasgow, Kelty, Selkirk; see reports every week; stamp; approval: George Bennet, Bowmont Villa, Kelso. (1083)

"THE Border Fancy Canary" (Nutshell No. 23), explains fully how to manage these "wee gems" during the breeding season, how to keep them in health and song, how to select ideal pairs, and the general management of this popular variety; send at once for a copy, 2½d. post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet st., London, E.C., or from any of our Nutshell agents. (Lists published frequently.)

BUFF green cock, second Bristol, 15/-; others, untried, from same parents, 7/6; or exchange for gramophone, with records: Edwards, Border Specialist, Cheap-st., Sherborne.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CRESTS and joiner-made breeding cages, dirt cheap lot; stamp: 435, Old Kent-rd., London, S.E. (1056)

GIVING up breeding, all my birds for sale, very cheap; approval; stamp: Alex. Orion, Sir Rowland Hill, Nottingham. (1052)

OWING to the death of my wife, I must clear out all birds; approval, stamp: Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle. (1040)

JIM TAYLOR can spare, show or stock, Crests or crest-breds, reasonable approval; see report; stamp: Robson-st., Shildon. (1020)

IF you want quality Crests or Crested-breds at lowest prices, send for current price list: Rudd, Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH class Crests and Crestbreds for sale; a grand selection; price reasonable; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1078)

HEAVILY feathered Crests, 2 Crested cocks, 10/6 and 8/6; Crestbreds, 7/6; Barnett's strain: G. Clarke, 23, Chapel-st., Evesham. (1084)

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale; pairs or single; good stock birds; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (1060)

CREST and Crestbred, a few for sale, or songsters, to clear cheap; stamp reply: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London. (1075)

CRESTS, grand clear body cock, £4; heavily variegated cock, £3; several green do. from £1; approval: Horsley, Butcher, Norwich. (1034)

GRAND Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, from £1 to £5; approval, stamp: David Scott, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1022)

ALL my Crests and Crestbreds for sale, Barnett's direct, and bred from Barnett's: A. Widdowfield, Bank House, West Boldon, Durham. (1083)

WANTED, 2 Crest-bred hens; exchange household woodware; list sent on receipt of particulars: Halsall, 213, Portland-st., Southport. (1078)

CREST and Crestbreds from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood Avenue, Plymouth. (976)

TWO grand grey Crested cocks, 50/- and 30/- each; ditto hen, 25/-; can win; approval: John Simms, 90, Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield. (1067)

CRESTED and Crestbred cocks, 1913 birds, working man's breed, Cheverel Goldfinch, H.M., 12/6; letters only: Walker, 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales. (1081)

A LARGE Yellow Green Crestbred cock, winner, £2; also some grand pairs for sale; all good and reliable birds; approval: H. Cowperthwait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham. (1061)

CRESTS and Crestbreds: Best blood in the world. Matched pairs 40/- up, singles 40/- up; many winners bred from pairs bred and sold from this stud. Stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (971)

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds, cocks and hens, 10/-, 15/- each; bred from birds that cost £10 a pair; approval, stamp reply: F. Jones, Arden Cottage, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham. (1053)

HAVING to reduce my stock of Crests and Crestbred, I offer some good birds from 7/6, my own breeding, cold-room, approval, deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex. (1031)

TWO clear buff grey Crest 1913 cocks, 7/6 and 10/6 each; nearly green buff Crestbred cock, 1912, good bird, 30/-; exchange Crestbred hen; mutual approval: Maddocks, Cowley Manor, Gardens, Cheltenham.

GREAT bargains. Only four left. Crested cock, 15/-, another 12/-; Crested hen, 10/-; grand yellow Norwich cock, 10/-; these are a gift to clear; approval on receipt: Calam, 59, Baxtergate, Whitby.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, best blood in the Fancy. I don't exhibit now. I breed for others to win; 35 years breeder; judge at 100 shows. I have some grand birds for sale; reasonable; approval.—T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1014)

FOR sale, three yellow cocks, two Crestbred, one Crest, and two large buff hens, clear body grizzle cap, all good birds, cocks 8/- each, hens 5/-; cold-room, worth double; giving up; 30/- lot; approval: A. Gough, 22, New-st., Pontnewydd, Mon. (1079)

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give, on approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1033)

G. M. DAVEY, winner of Challenge Cup, Barnstaple, also 13 firsts, 12 seconds, CAGE BIRDS 10/- special and diploma this season, has a few real good Crests and Crestbreds for sale; guaranteed to be bred same as winners; from 25/- upwards: 1, Henry-st., Plymouth (1055)

STARTLING Information.—W. Gutteridge, Grocer, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarct's-on-Thames, has decided, owing to increase of business, to dispose of all his Crests and Crestbreds, cages, etc., at less than half their value to effect a speedy clearance; inspection invited; ten years a breeder (1063)

FOR sale, 1 yellow crested cock, 15/-; 2 clear body dark crested cocks, 15/- each; 1 pair of coppys, 25/- pair; 2 plain-headed cocks, 12/6 each; 2 crested hens, 10/- each; 2 Crest-bred hens, 10/- each; all young, large birds, Colledge's strain, and genuine bargains; reducing stock: T. Hodgkinson, 20, Sherbrooke-rd., Carrington, Nottingham. (1081)

EVINS BROTHERS have for sale several good stock birds, bred the same as our winners at Cheltenham, Nottingham, etc.; pairs, or single, sure to please; reasonable prices to suit all pockets; birds we have supplied are winning all over the country; just try us; state price prepared to pay; we will give you top value; approval: 259, High-st., Exeter. (1053)

CHAMPION Crests.—Several real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, including several winners, only 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; also judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 30/-, to £5 pair; all strong, healthy and vigorous; Barnett's Palace winning strains; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-road, Norwich.

MASSIVE feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; grand large dark crested cock, lovely neat crest, only 12/6; monster Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice dark crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 10/6; also several other real good, massive, feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 21/-; each all strong, healthy, cold-room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 89, Junction-rd., Aylsham rd., Norwich. (1063)

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NEVER SUCH VALUE KNOWN BEFORE

In Crests and Crested breds. Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; Crested hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards. Crested bred cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Crested-bred hens 5/6, 6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Pairs matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crested bred, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards, per pair; cages, 3d.; approval with pleasure: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Lancashires.

GOOD Lancashires, including guaranteed recent winners: Rudd.

BUFF Plainhead cocks, 15/-, 20/-; yellow Plainhead cock, 15/-; others cheap; stamp reply, deposit: Adams, Newell-place, Rochdale. (1087)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

F. J. Green, winner championship, diploma best Lancashire, award of merit, and thirteen money prizes London Cage Bird Show (see this week's reports). Owing to my removal to Lowestoft must sell following champion pure-bred Lancashires, prices very reasonable to effect immediate sale: Cocks, grand clear buff Coppy, 1st Leicester, Stamford, 2nd Palace, etc., £3; massive ticked buff Coppy, 2nd London, Manchester, etc., £3; large ticked yellow Plainhead, 3rd Palace, etc., 40/-; grand ticked yellow Coppy, brother to my champion, 40/-; grand buff Plainhead, 30/-; buff Plainhead, bred double Coppy, 25/-; very large buff Coppy, 30/-; ditto, 20/-. Hens, yellow Coppys, buff Plainhead, also large buff Coppy, bred from two Coppies, good frontal, suit Crest breeder, 15/6 each; strong, healthy, cold-room bred, off some of the finest Lancashires living. Don't miss this chance. Approval, stamp reply: 5, Albert-place Loughborough. (1082)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills: Few cocks for sale, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; see wins principal shows: Fifield, 6, Buckingham-st., Oxford. (1085)

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France. (953)

Cinnamons.

CINNAMON and Norwich to clear; cocks from 15/-, hens, 8/6 upwards; stamp; approval: Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn. (1064)

CINNAMONS; large yellow cock 15/6; buff ditto, yellow hen, 12/6; good quality, healthy; stamp: Milburn, 29, Rye-terr., Hexham. (1085)

CINNAMON Norwich, winning strain, one grand pair of stock birds to offer, 35/-; approval: Hamilton, Holburn-gdns., Newlands, Glasgow. (1082)

WANTED, several large typical yellow and buff Norwich Cinnamon hens; must have plenty of size; for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1067)

CINNAMONS and Plainhead Norwich for sale; pairs from 20/-; single cocks or hens from 10/-; approval: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (952)

CHAMPION CINNAMONS

HALF-BROTHERS to my unbeaten yellow cock, winner of seven firsts this season, including Diploma L.C.B.A.; buff, good size, winner, 35/-; yellow winner, 40/-; buff winner, 30/-; also several smaller from 10/-; approval: Pope, 98, Embankment-rd., Plymouth.

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Having purchased this famous stock entire, can offer Buff cocks, flighted and unflighted, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; Buff hens, 10/- upwards; fine chance for novices; approval; winners for sale: Rev. Nume, Harrington, Cumberland. (See Norwich.) (1056)

Belgians.

CHAMPION Belgians, several good birds, from my winners, for sale; prices reasonable; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1087)

SALE, several large prize-bred Belgians, splendid shoulders, long reach, singles and pairs; reasonable; approval: George Baker, Rotorua-st., Barnstaple. (1090)

Greens.

GOOD strong healthy Norwich greens, cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; exchange: Fenton, Barton-st., Clown, near Chesterfield. (1078)

YORKSHIRE Greens, stock or exhibition pairs, singles; reasonable; state requirements, deposit: Benson and Young, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard. (1058)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 24." "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

Norwich.

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J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle. Norwich Specialist. Matched pairs or single birds from this winning strain at reasonable prices. Typical, grand quality buff cocks cheap. Stamped enquiries solicited.

WANTED, Norwich: Pearson, Greenwich. (1067)

FEW good Norwich for sale cheap: T. Mitford, 13, Castle-st., Morpeth. (1081)

LARGE Norwich buff cocks, 7/6; yellow cock, 7/6; yellow hen, 3/-: Ling, 18, Fleet-st., Derbys. (1072)

A. FLEET, 16, Kings-rd., Upton Park, breeder and exhibitor, has few good birds to spare; see reports.

GIVING up Fancy; have all my stock for sale. State wants: H. Cundiff, 12, Albion-st., Macclesfield.

TWO young variegated Norwich cocks, in full song, two hen Mules, 13/- lot: Bair, 4, Graham-st., Leith.

SELL, two grand Norwich cocks, 12/6 and 10/- each (yellows): C. May, St. John's-rd., Mortimer, Berks.

GOOD cocks 5/6, 6/- each, hens 2/6, cold-room bred, no dealers: Atkins, 5, Pleasant terr., Intake, Sheffield. (1075)

CLOUGH, 99, Onley-st., Norwich.—Buff cock, 10/-; yellow do., 8/-; seven yellow and buff cocks, best offer. (1083)

WHAT offers for 12 colour-fed Norwich cocks, 1913 bred; cash only: Mark Bennett, Broughton Astley, Leicester. (1089)

TEN left, yellows, buffs, marks, cocks, 6/6, hens 4/- upwards; stamp reply: Newall, 56, Kent-st., Bolton, Lancashire. (1078)

I HAVE a few good Norwich for sale, reasonable; state requirements; cash or deposit: Grimes, 5, Newst., Stamford. (1080)

YELLOW buff and variegated cocks, 8/- to 15/-; ditto hens, 3/- to 6/-; fed; Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1087)

1913 NORWICH cocks, singing, 5/6 each, 10/6 two; satisfaction guaranteed: Pallraman, 133, Beechesterrare, Keighley. (1075)

F. CUNLIFFE.—I have some grand birds to dispose of; inspection invited; approval; stamps: 19, Lark-st., Burnley. (1055)

FEW splendid Norwich cheap, good heads, size, and colour; inspection invited: R. Richardson, 15, Stanley terr., Morpeth. (1081)

GRAND buff unflighted hens, 3/6 each; three 10/-; approval: John Simms, 90, Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield. (1067)

NORWICH. Several pairs cheap. See wins Carlisle and Glasgow. Buff cocks cheap: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle. (1083)

SELLING off, some good Norwich stock birds, from 15/- pair: Brewster, Monumental Works, Magdale-rd., Norwich. (Stamp.) (1048)

GRAND yellow unflighted cock (bred from double yellows), 9/-; massive buff do., 8/6; bargains: Eddy, Bellevue-terr., Penzance. (1086)

GOOD quality Norwich for sale cheap; pairs from 10/6, cocks from 7/6; see Border advt: Snook, 31, Leigham-vale, Streatham. (1081)

BUFF cocks and buff hens, from 5/- to 10/-; 2 Crestbred cocks, 12/6 each: Duncan McGregor, Larriston, Falkirk, N.B. (1080)

J. W. VEASEY, 7, Grosvenor-road, Rugby, winner 1st Leicester, 2nd Coventry, good birds, same strain, 12/6 to 25/- pair; approval. (1081)

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CHAMPION Norwich cocks, full song, 6/-; fed, 6/6, 7/-; hens, 3/-; cages, 3d.; 7 days' approval: Gates Jones-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1075)

LARGE buff cock for sale, magnificent head and neck, £1; approval; cash or deposit: Smith, 18, Newton-rd., Burton-on-Trent. (1059)

J. TRENGOVE and Son have decided to reduce their stock of well-known Norwich; approval, stamp: High-st., Rishton, Blackburn. (994)

W. DAWSON has few good Norwich for sale from 10/- upwards, approval, stamp reply: 117, Primrose-street, Farnworth, near Bolton. (1083)

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, pairs 10/- upwards; approval: Gilbert, 50, Browniug-st., Leicester, late Newtownards, Ireland. (1040)

FIVE hens, 3/- each, or nearest offer; will exchange for good cock; approval, deposit: S. Large, 65, Earl-rd., Bermondsey, London. (1052)

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NORWICH Roller cocks, warranted for song, 7/6 upwards; also a few hens, 2/6 each: Charles H. Peckett, Romford Common, Essex. (1079)

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UNFLIGHTED Norwich buff variegated cock, also buff hens and yellow hens; on approval: Skinner, 12, Monktonhall-terr., Musselburgh. (1080)

SIX large yellow Norwich cock Canaries, own breeding, Robert's strain, in song, 1913 birds, 7/6 each: Wheeler, Griffins Wood, Epping. (1066)

REDUCING stock; 50 for sale, including winners; cocks 10/-, hens 7/6 (stamp): Robert Johnson, Ashlea Terrace, Longton, near Preston. (1055)

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, for show or song, prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1065)

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, big bouncing cocks 7/6, hens 3/6: approval; inspection invited: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-ave., Holbeck, Leeds. (1080)

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CHAMPION Norwich type, size, quality, cold room, have won over 20 prizes this season; see L.C.B. report; approved inspection: Phipps, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (1077)

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CHAMPION Norwich. T. H. Mason has a few nice birds for disposal, same strain as winners at all leading shows; approval, stamp: 11, Victoria-square, Ella-st., Hull. (1055)

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CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, 15/-; ditto foul, with marked tail, 12/6; clear, marked, and variegated hens, 3/6; Mackley's strain; approval, deposit: Lingood, 28, Milton-rd., Westcliff. (1085)

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GRAND Yorkshires, own breeding, colour-fed, cocks from 6/- to 10/-; hens 2/6 to 4/-, 1913: Martin, Rock Villa, Norristhorpe, Liversedge, Yorkshire. (1076)

UNFLIGHTED yellow and buff cocks, winners, 25/-; or exchange yellow or buff hens to value: Richards, Belgrave-place, Handbridge, Chester.

YORKSHIRES.—High-class cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, pairs 10/6, 15/- upwards; hens proportionately; best strains: W. T. Dawes, 73, New-st., Aston Manor.

CANARIES, typical buff Cinnamon colour-fed cock, 12/6; also clear yellow hen, 8/6; bred from big winners: T. Weedon, 82, High-st., Willsden, Cheshire.

CASTELL, 47, Wargrave-av., Stamford Hill.—Stock Yorkshires, related to my winners; see reports, North London, Leyton, L.C.B.A.; cocks, 8/6; hens, 4/-. (1086)

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FOR Sale, few good Yorkshire Canaries, cocks and hens, colour fed, cold-room bred, prices moderate: approval, deposit: Harding Williams, Morriston, Swansea. (1032)

NOTICE.—Giving up Yorkshires, Amber's strain, good stock, and fit for show, 5 cocks, 3 hens, at 7/- each, clear in one lot, bargain: South, 30, Melbourne-rd., East Ham. (1089)

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PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; cash or deposit: inspection invited: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (1069)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, clears and greens, cocks from 8/6, hens from 5/-; also Linnet and Goldfinch muling pairs: Rigby, 40, Rushford-st., Longsight, Manchester. (1078)

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CHAMPION YORKSHIRES, CRESTS and BORDERS,

I make no bounce about my birds, but simply refer you to the reports of all the leading shows, where my Yorkshires are regularly securing premier honours in hottest competition. I am now offering some real clinking stock and show birds, bred from these winners at very reasonable prices; and am also prepared to sell any of my winners at a working-man's price.

The following is one out of a large number of testimonials received during the last few weeks, all of which are filed for inspection:—

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If you require any stock, let me send them on approval, and compare with all others. Note the following prices:—Lengthy Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards; smart, erect, racy Hens, feathered to perfection, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; Matched Pairs, personally selected by me to give best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

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I have some grand birds ready for immediate benching, can win their cost in prize-money; Cocks or Hens, in clears, ticks, or marked, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each.

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I have acquired the entire stock of a well-known breeder, and can now supply birds bred from some of the best blood in the Fancy at following prices. Crested Cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Crested Hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Crest-bred Cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Crest-bred Hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Matched pairs at proportionate prices.

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GRAND clear buff Yorks cock, prize-winner, card sent, only 12/6, with a beauty of a yellow hen to match, 5/6; 7 days' approval: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1089)

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SPECIAL bargains, grand long slim pair Yorkshires and excellent double breeding cage, 10/6, very slim, lengthy green cock, 7/6, grand cinnamon hen, 3/6: Harrison, St. Mark's-st., Leeds. (1077)

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G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for disposal from my winning strain, reasonable prices; approval; see reports Selby, Bishop Auckland, Stockton, etc.: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (1071)

CLEAR yellow cock, 5th L.C.B.A., 25/-; clear buff cock, 22/6; unflighted variegated buff cock, 12/6; 1912 clear yellow cock, £1; ditto hen, 10/-; approval: Flatt, 5, Bramford-lane, Ipswich. (1082)

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HIGH class Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; grand matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (1014)

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CLEAR buff cock, Yorkshire, 3rd prize Newark members' show, see report this issue, 13/6; ticked yellow cock, vhc, 10/6; yellow hen, 1st selling class, 10/6; all unflighted, rung: Fitchett, Stodman-st., Newark.

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LARGE green Crested hens, 5/-; ditto Crest cock, 6/-; Norwich hens, colour-fed, 2/6: Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley. (1084)

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NOTICE. Grand Norwich, Yorkshires, Rollers, and Border cocks, 3/6 each; cock and hen, 5/6; approval: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

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GRAND self green 1912 Norwich cock 7/6, three 1913 buff variegated Norwich hens 3/6 each, or 15/- the four, good birds; 1911 Crestbred cock, Crest hen, 1913 bred, 10/-; bargain: Armstrong, 3, Park View, Oakenshaw, Willington, Durham. (1082)

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PAIR Canaries, 6/-; set fishing rods, all access., 10/-; cost £1/1/-; offers: Ernest Bugby, High-st., Raunds, Wellingboro. (1077)
COCK Canary 7/6, Redpolls 6d. pair; exchange Mules or Roller Canary: J. Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs. (1074)
GREEN Norwich cock, two 1913 Yorkshire cocks, value 22/6; offers wanted, poultry: C. Richards, Backlane, Ipstones, Staffs. (1081)
CLEAR buff York. cock (Dyke's strain), sell 20/-; exchange Roller cock same value; yours first: Heath, Grove-st., Leek, Staffs. (1081)
WILL exchange high-class Norwich for good second-hand lady's cycle: Apply Chapman, 228, Berghelt-rd., Colchester. (1073)
WANTED, offers in exhibition British or large yell. Norwich for high-class 1913 Yorkshires: Waraker, Auckland-st., Gnisborough. (1084)
SIX healthy 1913 small Norwich hens, exchange for Crestbred hen, or sell 14/-: Woods, 125, Palgrave-rd., Great Yarmouth. (1084)
THREE pair good Yorkshires, fed, 1913, 8/- pair; exchange German cocks; approval: Dobson, 2, Harlech-grove, Leeds, Yorkshire. (1086)
PAIR 1913 Lancaster, coppy cross Norwich; exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, full song; yours first: Jones, 72, Bethesda, Amlwch. (1089)
WANTED, big hen Bullfinches, steady and good feather; exchange Norwich and joiner-made cages: 357, Crookes-moor-rd., Sheffield. (1082)
FOR Xmas presents, rich colour, healthy, sweet singing cock Canaries, 6/- each; superior birds: Taylor, Northam-rd., Bideford (1075)
FOR sale, good Yorkshire hen Canaries, from 7/6; or exchange in cocks: Russell, 4, Malvern-buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath. (1076)
PURE bred wire terrier bitch, 9 months, 15/-, handsome; exchange Yorkshires; approval: Jones, 2, Rose-villas, Gloucester, Newbury. (1085)
EXCHANGE Norwich and Yorkshire C.F. to value, for good exhibition yellow Siskin; mutual approval: Walker, 35, Waverley-rd., Southsea. (1074)
EXCHANGE, 3 pairs Norwich Canaries, 1913 bred, for laying pullets; sell 12/6 pair; approval: Browne, Willow House, Chelmsford. (1079)
EXCHANGE pair Norwich value 17/6 for variegated or green buff Norwich cock, good head, neck, substance: Wallace, Mungabend, Falkirk. (1086)
WANTED, cock Goldfinches, also Goldfinch and Linnet Mules; exchange Rollers, cocks or pairs; apply, T. Ross, Argyle-st., Leicester. (1078)
WANTED, offers for six hen Canaries, two have bred Mules this season; light Goldfinch Mule preferred: Gibbard, Corn Stores, Dunstable. (1076)
EXCHANGE Yorks., Norwich or Rollers, for scrap brass, copper, block tin, see other adverts: Edwin North, Breeder, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1089)
PAIR Yorkshires, 17/6; exchange for exhibition Goldfinch or good field-moulted British: W. Crawford, 17, Burnett-st., Merrington-lane, Spennymoor.
EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: W. Whiteley, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, Ashfield-rd., Idle, Yorkshire. (1081)
SIX Yorkshire cocks, 30/-; one self, one cinnamon, marked hens, Yorkshires; exchange clears or marked yellow Yorkshire hens: Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham. (1077)
FEW pair of Roller cross Canaries, in full song, in either breeding or hanging cage; sell 10/6; exchange 4 pullets, or anything: Redhead, Bootle, Cumberland. (1082)
WANTED, tip-top pair Norwich in exchange for first-class pair Yorkshires, from Dykes' cock, cost £2/10/-; write particulars: Milson, Hairdresser, Chippenham. (1079)
WILL sell, or exchange a few high-class Yorkshires, cocks and hens, and a few good British; stamp reply: J. Fletcher, 63, High-st., Loftos-in-Cumberland. (1084)
FOUR pairs good green Norwich, 15/- pair; six pairs clear Norwich, 10/6 pair; exchange magic lantern, pram; offers: Gribbin, 35, Elliot-st., Newcastle, Staffs. (1082)
GIVING up Yorkshires; last three, 2 grand clear yellow cocks, one hen, bamper, four Yorkshire cages, new, exchange 2 clear yellow Norwich hens, two buffs, value £4: Lovegrove, 43, King's rd., Henley-on-Thames (1082)
EXCHANGE, Edison phonograph, almost new, 12 orks, lady's sterling silver watch, for York lures, Norwich: Brindle, 13, Bobbin-st., Cornholme, Todmorden, Lancs. (1074)
BARGAINS; high-class Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorks. (1092)
WANTED, lady's bicycle; exchange seven 1913 Norwich cocks, four yellow, a green, cinnamon-green, and variegated, 50/; cycle must be genuine: Murray, 81, Eddlewood, Hamilton, Scotland. (1086)
TWO cocks, four hen Canaries, 24/-, good birds; exchange Rollers; young ones from above can be seen; other offers considered; stamp reply: Docherty, 37, Evelyn-rd., W. Silvertown, London, E.
GOOD pair Yorkshires, buff marked cock and yellow-green hen, £1, or exchange ruffighted Norwich Plainhead cock, clear yellow or yellow cinnamon; yours first: George Jarvie, Waterside, Kirkintilloch. (1077)
YORKSHIRES, sixty high-class birds, winners, and bred from winners of over eighty prizes last two years; three shows, this season—ten firsts, eight seconds, seven thirds; sell cheap, or exchange new boots, clothing, drapery, dress material, cycle, sewing machine, or offers: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1077)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE beautiful acclimatised cock Cordon Bleu, and cage, for H.M. cock Goldfinch: James Balshaw, 13, Taylor-st., Chorley. (1083)
LARGE Lemon-crested Cockatoo, thoroughly acclimatised, with large cage, £3, or exchange for good talking Parrot: Attwell, 2, Coronation-rd., Ramsgate. (1078)
FOR sale or exchange, 4, Budgerigars, 2 Green, 2 Yellow, 1 pair Nuns, 10/-; or 1 cock Goldfinch and 1 cock Siskin: M. Lishman, 79, Gillingrove-cottages, Kendal. (1079)
PARROT, Blue-fronted Amazon, good talker, including cage, 40/-, bargain; Roger treadle fretwork machine, 30/-; or exchange high-class Yorkshires to value: Digger, 382, Mott-st., Birmingham. (1091)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED, anything alive: Pearson, Greenwich.
WILL give 12 new Border show cages for Pom dog: B. Savory, Gt. Hampton-row, Birmingham.
75 grand photo mounts, 8—9½ outside, exchange: Senior, 25, Headlands, Ossett, Yorks. (1078)
EXCHANGE bird nets, anything useful: Daniel Newton, 23, Kilshaw-st., Preston, Lancashire. (1092)
FOR sale, Parrot and cage, or exchange Canaries or gramophone: Mintern, 84, Latimer-rd., Notting Hill. (1081)
EXCHANGE, mandoline and case for ¾-size violin and case: Hunter, 182, Tarbrax, Cobbinshaw, Carstairs. (1074)
GENT'S F.W. cycle, just overhauled, good condition, tyres, 35/-; exchange: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach. (1091)
EXCHANGE prize-bred O.E. Game Bantams for wild birds or Canaries: Dickson, Kirkfieldbank, By Lanark. (1085)
CHIP potato chopper for sale, £1; or exchange good Rollers for same: Atkins, 5, Pleasant-terr., Intake, Sheffield. (1075)
SMOOTH plane, square shears; exchange Norwich, or Flemish rabbits; sell 6/-: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend. (1086)
FOX terrier bitch, 4 months, sell 20/-; or exchange Canaries or foreign birds: Wesley Tibbetts, Bell-vale, Halesowen. (1086)
FINE red and grey Parrot, exchange 3 yellow Norwich hens or Hawfinch: R. Rimmer, 117, Westfield, St Helens (1081)
PRETTY white pom. dog, 15 months, for sale, or exchange singing birds: Lewis, 14, Albany-st., Ferndale, Glam. (1086)
SANDOW'S spring dumb-bells, quite new; cost 12/6; what offers in songsters: Nolan, 26, Titania-st., Belfast. (1077)
PARROT cage, 2/6; small ditto, 1/6; young polecat bitch ferret, 5/-; exchange: Butler, Quarter, Staplehurst, Kent. (1085)
WIRE-haired Fox Terrier dog pup, four months, full pedigree, 12/-, or exchange: Davies, 4, Clarke-st., Treorchy. (1082)
EXCHANGE pair of clapnets, complete, for Canaries or anything useful: G. Powell, 11, Treharne-rd., Cadoxton, Barry. (1086)
SELL, beautiful ornament of the Kingfisher, in glass case, or exchange; offers: Watson, 75, Gladstone-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1090)
EXCHANGE good Irish terrier bitch, 5 months, for good long yellow Yorkshire cock: Walters, Wyndham-rd., Abergavenny. (1085)
SADDLER-MADE pigskin legging, cost 13/-, accept 6/-; rabbiting spade, 2/-, worth double: Bent, 22, Oakfield-st., Lincoln. (1087)
KLITO hand camera and accessories, sell 15/-, or what offers in British Hardbills: Maunders, 16, Howarth-st., Nelson. (1083)
WHAT offers, in Norwich, or Borders, for four volumes Burn's (as new), cost 26/-: Cobb, Dalhousie-st., Monifieth. (1076)
NIGHT Lark net, 17 yards by 4½ yards, nearly new, 10/-, or exchange Goldfinches: North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1089)
WANTED, pair of Canaries; exchange silver lever watch, new; sell 15/-; yours first: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1036)
ENGLISH concertina, 48 keys, good condition, £3; fine old violin, £2; exchange, cash, birds: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (1078)
FINE true-bred whippet bitch pup, 4 months, sell 15/-, exchange anything useful; offers: Kirby, Dixon's-sq., Lutterworth. (1079)
VIOLIN and bow, good, 12/6, cost 30/-; silver watch chain, curb, 7/6; exchange anything: Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach. (1091)
SALE, Yorkshire terrier bitch, good coat and pedigree, 15/-, or exchange anything useful: Fortune, 85, Victoria Terrace, Keighley. (1089)
SIX ivorine handle knives, six nickel silver forks and spoons, for birds to value 10/-: Mr. J. Toms, 64, St. Mary's-lane, Sheffield. (1087)
YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch, 9 months, good tan, very promising, £1, or exchange Canaries: Laughey, 42, Argie-rd., Burley, Leeds. (1080)
GENT'S overcoat, new condition, 40 chest, fit tall man; young Rollers, or cash offer: Knell, 19, Montreal-bldgs., Cotton-st., Poplar. (1087)
EXCHANGE Edison-Bell gem phonograph and records for Canaries, or anything useful: Cleave, 5, Polyblanks-rd., Newton Abbot. (1087)
CANARIES, Hybrids, British Birds, 26 coloured plates, cost 25/-; exchange Canaries; sell cheap: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1082)
WANTED, ham. cock Goldfinch; exchange Bovril coupons, Norwich cock; offers, approval: A. Thorpe, 24, Vivian-t., Derby. (1087)
COCK Goldfinch Mule, cock Canary, 5/6 each; P. Rock pullet, 3/; new motor cycle bell, 4/-; exchange: B. Hutton Holbeach. (1091)

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SITTINGBOURNE F & F.S.

Fourteenth annual show held Nov. 26 and 27 at the Town Hall. Cage birds were nicely staged in a separate room, a large, well lighted, and ventilated apartment—in fact, an ideal room for our section. The exhibits were in charge of two capable stewards, viz., Messrs. T. J. Monday and H. A. Olive. The sec., Mr. Chas. Minter, and his colleagues had everything well in hand, and cards were up in double quick time. Mr. J. Roberts put down a nice team of Norwich, and won special for best in that section, special for second best going to Mr. T. Monday. Mr. H. A. Olive took special for best Yorkshire, also Hyde's. Special best Brit., G. Grant. Mention must be made of the Bullfinch shown by Mr. G. Whatford; this is a splendid bird, but had frayed one of its flights a little. This therefore put him back a peg. Mr. Jeffery Jefferis judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Broadbridge, good front, well rounded, splendid qual.; 2, Roberts, not quite the bold front; 3, Olive, similar. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Olive, two nice birds, good qual. and cond., not much between; 3, Roberts, longer in flights and tail; vhc, Monday. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, sp, 2, Roberts, grizzle capped yell. and variegs., two good Norwich, leader best finish, both well staged; 3, vhc, Broadbridge, nice bird, fails head and wing carr. to the others. UNFLIG.: 1, hc, Monday, winner nice cl. buff, good qual. and cond., takes 2nd best Norwich; 2, 3, Olive, cl. buff and mkd. respectively, not quite the finish, little to choose; vhc, Roberts. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Olive, leader very smart and typical, good pos.; 3rd not the smart finish, rather hoopy; 3, Monday, nice type and cond., hardly the length; vhc, Copping. BUFF: 1, Monday, nice feather and cond., well braced wings, stylish; 2, 3, vhc, Olive, two nice specimens, hardly so nicely balanced. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Olive, leader good feather and position, 2nd fails wing carr.; 3rd not so straight. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Olive, 1st and 2nd two nice buffs, leader a little longer, not much to choose; 3rd variegs. yell., fails pos. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, vhc, Olive, a very nice trio, 1st good yell., 2nd buff, not quite so stylish; 3, hc, Monday, smart yell., not quite the length. A.O.V. CAN: 1, 2, 3, Roberts, all nat. col. Nor., nice type and feather. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, sp, Grant, charming Goldie, well tanned, splendid head and blaze; 2, Whatford, topping Bullie, frayed one flight, hard lines; 3, hc, Roberts, nice Goldie, but unsteady; vhc, Rolls. LINNET OR REDPOLL: 1, Edwards, nicely pencilled Linnet; 2, Whatford, Lesser Redpoll, nice cond.; 3, Grant, good coloured Linnet, fails pencilling. SISKIN OR GREENF.: 1, Grant, nice Yellow Greenie, good size, well staged; 2, Edwards, Siskin, well faced cap, nice cond.; 3, Jacobs, Greenf., not the col. or finish of winner.

OSWESTRY.

Annual open show held at the poultry market, Nov. 22, in suitable weather. It is a great pity that this event does not get better support, as the management was ideal. Mr. Parry had everything well in hand, and was most attentive and obliging, and was also assisted by a grand body of stewards. Entries were not so large as expected, but what was missing in number was made up in quality. Mr. Gough judged, and the awards seemed to give entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., BUFF (6): 1, r, Butler, good upstanding bird, nice length, in fine cond., carries wings well.; 2, hc, B. Broster, close and compact, fine slim body, not the length of winner; 3, c, P. Broster, similar in type to 2nd. YELL. (7): 1, sp., Butler, grand, tight, and neat in feather, and good sound col., racy type; 2, C. Broster, same type as winner, very fine size and length; 3, hc, Roberts, trifle on the heavy side, carries wings well; r, B. Broster; he, Mrs. Mathews. NOR. (7): 1, 2 sps., hc, Eccles, col.-fed, good large body, full cheeks, well set frontal, wins; 2, Butler, not size of winner, a little loose in feather; 3, Broster, fair size, bit too long in tail feather; r, Gittins; hc, B. Broster. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, sps., Butler, cinn. Nor., sound col., good full front, tight in feather; 2, res, B. Broster, another cinn., same type as winner, but longer in feather; 3, Mason, cinn. mkd., Yorks., evenly mkd., alert and jaunty, we much liked; hc, Cheeseman. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, 2 sps., and medal for best bird in show, Rogers, Goldf.-Bullf. Hybrids, winner excels in col., a fine pair, and a credit to the breeder; 3, Mason, Goldf. Mule, nice size, rather too much buff in col., good head and markings; r, Butler, Linnet Mule. BULLF. AND GOLDF. (amalgamated) (6): 1, Castle, Bullf., bright col., good square cap, little loose in feather on thighs; 2, Williams, Goldf., large, full blaze, well placed; 3, Chetwood, Goldie, more chubby in type, not the col. of 2nd; r, Jones; vhc, Roberts. LINNET OR REDPOLL (6): 1, Jones, Linnet, steady, in grand cond., but pale in col., and not clear in pencilling; 2, Butler, Mealy Redpoll, shady in col., not quite ready; 3, Pilot, Linnet, rather on small side, not clear in pencilling; r, Joseph; vhc, Roberts; hc, Richards. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Chetwood, Chough, good sound beetle gr. col., quite steady, wins, 2 Hawfinch, rather wild at present, will be heard of again; 3, hc, Jones, lovely pair of Budgerigars; r, Williams, Cockatoo.

DARTFORD F.S.

Although the entries were not numerous, there was quite a nice little display of cage birds at the annual show in the Assembly Rooms, on Nov. 25. Mr. A. Lambert, the hon. sec., worked hard to make the show a success, and it is a pity his efforts were not more liberally appreciated. But the glut of shows during the week is explanatory of the sparse entry. Where so many bid for support, some are sure to go to the wall. The committee worked hard, and every arrangement was made for the comfort of the exhibits. There were quite nice classes of Nor. and Yorks., and the medal winner for best in these classes was a rattling ticked yellow of Mr. Squires'. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (9): 1, medal, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Shires, a grand team, leader having fine body, nice head, colour, and quality, 2 good bodied cl. buff, fine under col., hardly so short as winner, 3 yell., lovely feather, hardly so full in head. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Shires, rattling team, leader a smart, good positioned yell., of nice taper, well cleaned off, and nice action, 2 nat. col. yell., hardly so nice at waist, but full of fire, well on the leg, 3 buff, rather shorter, very sweet, probably a hen, a good positioned bird. A.O.V. CAN., MEMB.: 1, 2, vhc, Crowhurst, leader typical variegs. yell. Yorks., very good action and feather, 2 cl. buff ditto, scarcely so nice behind the leg; hc, Gilbert. BRIT. Bullf., and a well inkd. Linnet; hc, Randall. CHILDREN'S PETS (5): 1, 2, Johns; vhc, Potter; hc, Brown; c, Strawson.

BIRMINGHAM.

Annual show held Dec 3 and 4. The entry was nearly 600 up on last year. The show was held in the Assembly Room of the Crown Hotel, the room being free from draughts, and kept at a genial temperature. The electric light is splendidly arranged so that the birds can be seen to advantage at all times. The exhibits were judged in good daylight. Tables for judges having been arranged facing large windows. The arrangement of the exhibition, and the attention to exhibits, was all that could be desired. In Mr J. H. de Maillet the society has an ideal vice pres., no flurry or bluster, carrying out everything systematically, and being at the call of everyone needing information. Mr. J. H. Jones, sec., we found as enthusiastic and energetic as ever, supported by a splendid chairman in Mr. Broadhurst, who is most obliging and an energetic worker. H. T. Collier, treas., is ever at the side of his colleagues, helping in every possible way. The officials were well supported by a splendid staff of workers. Messrs. Crowther, Fissey, Peace, Raby, Childs, Clay, Bay, Dipple, and Groves.

Norwich came up well both in numbers and merit; so keen was the competition that many fine birds could not get into the tickets. The show being under the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C., Yorks. classes were splendid, and many grand specimens stood vardless. This being a coupon show a grand lot was mustered in competition for the 10s. specials. Mr. A. J. Smith, Erdington, won in champion section, and Gough and Loach novice. Diploma winners were: Champ. Yks., Shackleton; Nov., Bayliss; Nor., Judd; nov. Nor., Gough and Loach; Crest, Smith; Borders, Philpott; A.O.V. Champ., Gilbert; nov., Southron; Mule or Hyb., Hart; Brit. Hard., Portman; For., Small, Fordred. Mr. G. Baker won Sandiford's special. Judges were Messrs. J. Robson, W. C. Wells, and M. Jacquemain.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Williams, wonderful cl., Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, etc., winner needs no comment, staged in faultless cond.; 2, Walton and Noakes, cl., grand size, col., and cond., splendid subs., lovely head and neck, good 2nd; 3, vhc, he, Eckersley, 3rd nice size and shape, col., and cond., shade on the long side to leaders; 4, Garfield, good size and shape, nice col. and cond., fails in head to leaders; r, Edwards. BUFF (17): 1, Crundell and Rowley, West Bromwich winner, etc., good size, col., and cond., and subs., nice round head, well filled neck, splendid feather, wins; 2, Judd, grand shape and size, nice silky feather, good head and neck and cond., down in col.; 3, Eckersley, nice size, col. and cond., neat head and neck, lovely feather, shade browy; 4, Elliott, good head and neck, col. and cond., shade on the long side; vhc Taylor; he, Williams; c, Willoughby. MKD. OR VARIEG. (10): 1, 4, Elliott, leader grand size, col., massive head and neck, neat wings and tail; 4th, head and wing mkd., good head and neck, shade on the long side; 2, Judd, head and wing mkd., nice size, good head and neck, col., lovely feather; 3, Hathaway, head and wing mkd., grand size, col. and cond., grand shape, fails in head; vhc, Willoughby; he, Weaver; c, Walton and Noakes. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 4, vhc, Eckersley, leader saddle mkd., grand size and shade, good head and neck, neat wings and tail, staged in faultless cond.; 4th, cl. grand head and neck, lovely feather, col., and cond.; 2, Crowley, nice size, col. and cond., well braced wings and tail, well filled neck and back, fails a little in head; 3, Fielding, eye tkd., good shape, col. and cond., nice round head, and well filled neck, our choice for 2nd; he, Willoughby; c, MacMillan. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Eckersley, grand team, leader massive head, tkd., wonderful head and neck, splendid shape and size, col. and cond., wins; 2nd, cl., lovely round head, well filled neck, lovely short wings and tail, well across perch, nice col. and cond.; 3rd, nice head and neck, splendid shape, lovely feather, well cleaned up; 4, Williams, splendid shape, neat head and neck, lovely col. and cond., hardly the subs. of winners; vhc, Wood; he, Walton and Noakes; c, Collier. YELL., UNFLIG. (9): Grand class; 1, Williams, West Bromwich winner, grand shape, col. and cond., neat round head and well filled neck, well across perch, short wings and tail, wins; 2, Folwell, splendid shape, grand size, col., and cond., good head and neck, well braced wings and tail, hardly the subs. of winner; 3, c, Hathaway, grand size, col., and cond., excellent feather, well across perch, nice round head and well filled neck, might have gone up one; 4, Fielding, nice size and shape, good col. and cond., neatly carried wing and tail; vhc, Walton and Noakes; he, Elliott. BUFF (14): 1, Judd, excellent shape, good size, well across perch, neat head and neck, lovely feather and wing carriage; 2, 3, Hathaway, leader clear, lovely col. and cond., splendid feather, rather unsteady; 3rd, head and wing mkd., smasher for size and subs., grand head and neck, lovely feather, down in col; 4, vhc, Eckersley, brace of good ones, leader grand head and neck, excellent col. and cond.; he, Dunford; c, Taylor. HEN, UNFLIG. (21): Two sets of winners easily; 1, Judd, cl. buff, nice size, neat head and neck, well across perch, lovely feather; 2, Broadhurst, wing mkd., grand head and neck, lovely qual., col. and cond., splendid shape, our choice for 1st; 3, vhc, c, Eckersley, cl. buff, grand size and shape, lovely quality, excellent feather, in faultless cond., smooth as a bottle; 4, Folwell, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., neat round head, well filled neck; he, Hathaway, also good. NOV. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Johnson, wing tkd., splendid size and shape, excellent col. and cond., lovely head and neck, stands a chance in upper section; 2, 3, Sampson, 2nd cl., nice size, excellent shape, col., and cond., neat head, wings and tail; 3rd head and wing mkd., grand head and neck, lovely colour and condition, not the subs. of leaders; 4, Redfern, nice size, col., and cond., neat head and neck; vhc, Waddington; he, Jackson; c, Day. BUFF (16): 1, Day, nice size and shape, grand qual. of feather, neat round head and well filled neck, well cleaned up; 2, Childs, head tkd., nice size, excellent shape, neat round head, lovely col. and cond.; 3, Stubbs Bros., grand size, col., and cond., lovely feather, good head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 4, Gregory, good size, col., and cond., nice feather; vhc, Hampton; he, Waddington; c, Sykes. HEN (13): 1, Burrows, yell., grand head and neck, lovely shape, col., and cond., neat wings and tail; 2, Gregory, neck tkd. buff, nice size and shape, good head and neck, lovely feather; 3, Derry, mkd. buff, nice shape, good head and neck, lovely wing carr.; 4, c, Gough and Loach, head and wing mkd. buff, good neck, lovely shape, our choice for 3rd; vhc, Wardle; he, Garbutt. UNFLIG. (21): 1, Fessy, cl. buff, grand size, col., and qual., good head and neck, lovely shape, nice cond.; 2, vhc, Gough and Loach, excellent shape and size, grand col. and qual., well across perch, hardly so good in feather as winner; 3, Hampton, cl. yell., splendid size and shape, nice col. and cond., fails a little in head; 4, Jones, mkd. yell., nice size, col., and cond., good head and neck; he, Fox; c, Ward. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Dr. Craig, cl., grand outstanding bird, lovely length, splendid length of flight, neatly carried, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Elmore, lovely type, neat head and wings, nice outline, hardly the colour of winner; 3, Elmore, nice length, UNFLIG wing carr., neat head and back, lovely col. and cond.; 4, Dyke, beautifully drawn, fine pos., fail a wee bit in neck to winner; vhc, L. Law, c, Wells and Clempson. BUFF (13): 1, c, Shackleton, grand length, beautiful shape, well up on leg, nice full back, feather like a fayer, 2, Lane, grand length, stands on a good pair of legs, not quite so sweetly moulded as winner, fine quality and cond., 3, Thomas, great length, fine wedge shape, lovely qual., excellent pos. and leg; 4, Williams, splendid length, good shape, nice close feather, as straight as a rush, showing a nice bit of breed, our choice for 2nd; vhc, Dyke; he, Piggott. MKD. OR VARIEG. (12): 1, Lane, head and wing mkd., lovely shape, slim build, straight as a rush, fine pos. and style, fine col. and cond.; 2, vhc, Shackleton, similar length, shape, and style, not the finish of winner, patchy in col.; 3, he, Wells and Clempson, Notts winner, beautifully drawn, stands like a soldier, extra length of flight, our choice for 2nd; 4, Raybould, eye and wing mkd. bull, good length and col., on grand pair of legs; c, Williams. VELL. HEN (11): 1, Shackleton, charming shaper well drawn, neat wings and tail, the best of pos. and qual., should be heard of again; 2, Dr. Craig, grand shape and qual., not so finely drawn as winner, but extra col. and cond.; 3, Kearns, wing tkd., well meriting position, fine shape, nice length of legs, straight as a rush; 4, Lane, eye tkd., wee bit stronger in build, but lovely shape and feather; vhc, Williams; he, Thomas; c, Wells and Clempson. BUFF (12): 1, Shackleton, grand hen for shape, qual., style and finish, lovely head and well filled neck, staged in faultless cond.; 2, Williams, mulligh., Notts winner, equally good shape and splendid length, lovely feather and cond., well set on good legs; 3, Dr. Craig, just beaten a wee bit in length, beautiful shape, close feather, nice finish, good style; 4, vhc, Wells and Clempson, wing tkd., grand hen for shape, qual., and style, feather like wax; he, Elsmore; c, Lane. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Kearns, thigh tkd., sweetly moulded, nice wedge shape, well filled back, good length of flight and tail, excellent pos.; 2, Rothery, nice shape, length, qual., and style, nice pos. and leg, barely the col. of winner; 3, Dykes, beautifully moulded, nice wedge shape, well filled and braced shoulders, smart carr. and style, fine trim; 4, c, Lane, good length, style and qual., wee bit slack at side; vhc, Shackleton; he, Williams. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Shackleton, two gems, fine length, well moulded, neat heads, well up on leg, neat qual., the leader the smarter; 3, Dykes, neck tkd., grand bird for length, style and qual., close up, grand back and cond., in fine trim; 4, Kearns, beautifully drawn, nice wedge shape, good back, wing and tail; vhc, Lane; he, Thomas; c, Wells and Clempson. HEN UNFLIG. (15): 1, Shackleton, grand hen, lovely length and size, good head and back, clear cut, smart carriage and quality, wins; 2, Kearns, eye tkd., splendid length, beautifully drawn, neat carr. and qual., splendid pos., on a good pair of legs; 3, Burke, nice length, shape and qual., lovely feather and wing carr.; 4, Kearns, fine length, well moulded, nice shape and carr.; vhc, Walker; he, Rathery; c, Lane. NOV., CK, YELL. (19): 1, 3, G. Salt, leader beautifully drawn, fine length, col. and qual., lovely pos., neat head and neck; 3rd, variegated, nice length and style, good well-filled back, excellent shape and qual.; 2, he, Smith, Wolverhampton winner, head and wing mkd., nice slim build, showing good thigh, legs well placed, smart carriage; 4, Garner, scarcely so clean at thighs, nice wedge shape, good pos. and style; vhc, Croft; c, Philpott. BUFF (17): 1, Garner, nice slim build, close solid feather, rare length, neat wings and tail, in pink of cond.; 2, Redfern, equally good shape, length and style, lovely pos. and leg in fine trim; 3, he, Smith, wing tkd., lovely length and pos., excellent shape and style, nice feather and carr.; 4, Bushby, wing tkd., grand length, col. and qual., nice shape and style; vhc, c, Sharp and Hibbert. HEN (18): 1, Garner, length and pos., charming shape, style and finish, lovely feather and cond.; 2, Harding, lovely length, grand col. and cond., neatly packed wings and tail, feather like wax; 3, c, Fisher, lovely pose, nice style, shape and finish, neat wings and tail, not quite so nervy; 4, Sharp and Hibbert, nice shape, well filled back and shoulders, not quite the length of winners; vhc, Smith; he, Radcliffe. UNFLIGH. (16): 1, 3, Weeks Bros., fine length, nice close feather, good col. and style, lovely pos. and qual.; 3rd, equal leader in every respect, shade stouter in build; 2, Bayliss, cl. buff, nice length and shape, style and qual., neatly drawn, lovely col. and cond. and pos., on a grand pair of legs; vhc, Swindon; he, Fisher; c, Parker. CRESTS (5): 1, Smith, clear body, dark crest, Notts. winner, well known, needs no comment, wins; 2, Memmott, variegated, dark crest, not the subs. of winner, but good size, nice feather and frontal; 3, Marshall, wing mkd., dark crest, great size and shape, well radiated crest, trifle split on one side; 4, Carter, variegated, grandly feathered, fails in crest at sides, nice frontal; vhc, Groves. C.B. (6): 1, Smith, West Bromwich winner, variegated, massive build, plenty of feather, good feather, nice back, skull good shape; 2, Memmott, cl., good big shape, hardly so good in subs., shade weak on legs; 3, Peters, grand size and shape, lovely qual. of feather, good subs.; 4, Marshall, yell.-green, nice size and qual.; vhc, Groves; he, Edwards. CINN., YELL. (3): 1, 2, Baker, pair of beauties, nice shape and col., cond. and qual., staged in excellent trim; 3, Southon, nice size and shape, fails in qual and cond. to winners. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Baker, brace of real good ones, lovely size and shape, col. and cond.; 3, Hart, nice shape, good head and neck, neat feather and qual.; 4, vhc, Southon, nice size and shape, neat wings and tail. BORD., YELL. (10): 1, Philpott, cl., lovely shape and qual., splendid feather, tight as wax; 2 Edwards, eye tkd., another good one, equal leader, a tight run; 3, Handcock, grand style and shape, lovely qual. and cond., shade larger; 4, Beard, sweet shape and qual., extra finish; vhc, Murray; he, Phillips; c, Saunders. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Rea, real beauties, absolutely wee gems, nice shape and feather, lovely qual. and cond., staged in grand trim; 2, Phillips, wing mkd., lovely qual. of feather, tight as wax, in lovely cond.; 4, Philpott, grand shape, col. and cond., lovely qual.; vhc, Murray; he, Hancocks; c, Beard. CHAMP., A.O.V. (3): 1, Gilbert, grand size and shape, lovely feather, grand crest, in faultless cond; 2, Judd, Nor., head and wing mkd., excellent size and shape, good round head and well filled neck, nice cond.; 3, Willoughby, eye and wing Nor., grand size and qual., lovely cond. NOV., A.O.V. (9): 1, Parker, Nor., mkd., good head, neck, nice size and subs, lovely qual. of feather; 2, Garbutt, variegated Nor., grand size and subs., good head and neck; 3, Southron, Cinn., nice size and shape, good round head and well filled neck; 4, Bond, Nor., nice size and subs., finde on long side; vhc, J. Jones; he, S. Jones; c, Peace. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, Hart, West Bromwich winner, neck and wing mkd. yell., Greenfinch Mule, splendid size and shape, in faultless cond., Yms.; 2, 4, Lawrence, Goldfinch Cans., nice size and shape, lovely feather and cond.; 3rd, Linnet Can., neat and wing mkd., lovely shape and qual.; 3, Goode, Linnet Can., neck mkd., nice size, shape, fine trim; vhc, Poole. DARK (9): 1, Gough, Goldfinch Can., grand size, col., cond., lovely flush in fine trim; 2, Yorks, Linnet Mule, grand size col. and cond., exceptionally pencilled; 3, 4, Lawrence, Linnet Cans., lovely col. and size, grand shape and cond.; 4th, Linnet Can., hardly the size and subs. of winners; vhc, Edwards; he, c, Raby, three nice birds; an excellent class. A.O.V. HYB. (5): 1, 3, Lawrence, 1-4, Canary Bullfinch, nice size and col., splendid breast col.; 3rd, Bramble Green., nice col. and marking, nice size and cond., 2, Wood, Goldfinch-Redpoll, nice exhibit, good size and shape, nice flush; 4, Edwards, Canary-Bullfinch, grand size, shape and col., vhc, Hart; he, Ward. GOLDF. (13): 1, Pitchford, nice size, grand face, splendid breast col., good buttons and bars, faultless cond.; 2, Tonks, hardly size of winner, good under blaze, nice buttons and bars, nice cap and moon; 3, he, Portman, nice size, grand square-cut blaze, good breast col., rather unsteady; 4, c, Davies, nice tanning, col. and cond., fails in blaze to leaders; vhc, Benbow. BULLF. (15): 1, Cheney, splendid size and shape, fine cap, good breast col., nice wing bars, wins; 2, Osborne and Welch, nice size, col. and cond., good cap and wing bars, fails in breast col.; 3, Edwards, grand cap and cond., good breast col., fails in size to leaders; 4, Barsley, grand hen, lovely shape, good cap and cond.; vhc, Cooper; he, Nicholas; c, Griffiths. LINNET (15): 1, Nicholas, grand size and shape, fine nutty brown col., mass of pencilling, nice white flights; 2, Bancroft, lovely col. and cond., neely mkd., neat white flights, in fine trim; 3, Edwards, splendid shape lively col. and cond., full chested bird, well mkd.; 4, Pitchford, nice size, col. and cond., shows flights well, neat shape; vhc, he, Davies; c, Osborne and Welch. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Bancroft, Siskin, yell., nice size, col. and cond., good cap and bib, splendidly laced, wins; 2, 3, Henshaw, Lesser Redpoll, nice size, col. and cond., good bib, neatly pencilled; 3, Mealy, great size, nice col. and cond., nice bib, lovely flank markings; 4, Edwards, Siskin, nice size, col. and cond., good cap and markings; vhc, Davies; he, Cheney; c, Jennings. A.O. HARDBILL (11): 1, Welch, Palace winning Hawfinch, needs no further comment; 2, Pitchford, Bramble, grand size, col. and cond., excellent markings, staged in lovely trim; 3, Lawrence, Greenf, grand size, col. and cond., lovely wing bars; 4, Cheney, Yellow Banting, excellent V, nice size, col.; vhc, Davies; he, Jennings; c, Harris. NOV. HARDBILL (10): 1, Derry, good size, col. and cond., good bib, staged in grand trim; 2, Austin, Bullie, nice size and breast col., good cap and wing bars; 3, Kendal, grand Siskin, good bib and cap, nice flank marking; 4, Elston, Goldie, nice blaze, good breast col., buttons and bars; vhc, c, Jones; he, Johnson. SOFTBILL, SMALL (11): 1, Williams, West Bromwich winner, grand exhibit, staged in grand cond.; 2, 4, Jeffreys, leader Wryneck, in grand trim, very nicely mkd.; 4, Nightingale, lovely bloom; 3, Burrows, Redstart, grand size and cond., lovely breast col., very neat exhibit; vhc, Jennings; he Labraham; c, Elston. LARGE (4): 1, 2, Williams, Chough and Magpie, in lovely bloom; 3, Wood, Thrush, immense size, col. and cond., splendidly mkd.; 4, Hammond, Magpie, rather wild. FOR., SMALL (15): 1, Fordred, Pintailed Nonpareil, lovely col. and cond., in good order; 2, Barnett, Goldie, good size and shape, nice face and breast col.; 3, Ward, Siberian Bullie, great size and col., in faultless cond.; 4, vhc, c, Fordred, Pekin Robin, nice bib, lovely col. and cond.; he, Edwards. LARGE (2): 1 Williams, Toucan, lovely col. and cond; 2, Muscott. ROLLERS, OLD BIRDS (2): 1, Dimmock; 2, Bill. YOUNG (5): 1, Bill; 2, 3, Dimmock. NOV. OLD (17): 1, 3, 4, Tomkins and Eyles; 2, Smith; vhc, Allsopp; he, Hadley; c, Luther. YOUNG (22): 1, Hayward; 2, 3, 4, Tomkins and Eyles; vhc, he, Preston; c, Watson, Brown.

WINSFORD.

Second annual show, held Nov. 26, in North Western Hotel Club Rooms, which are large, lofty, and well lighted, and very suitable for a show. The exhibits were nicely staged in the larger room, and the Birds were judged in a separate room adjoining. Entries, which totalled 150, did not come up so well as they might have done, especially in the Canary section, only two classes filling, such poor support is very discouraging to the officials concerned. British were better, especially the Linnet and Goldfinch classes, which were very good, and contained some really first-class specimens. Mr. Brooks makes an ideal and obliging sec., and is ably assisted by Mr. Tomkinson. They had everything in first-class order. Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

First eight classes cancelled. NOR. BUFF. CK. (6): 1, sp, Hayes, cl., grand size and shape, good head and neck, well carried wings, good col.; 2, Crawshaw, mkd. eyes and wing, med. size, nice head, neat shape, well carried wings and tail, grand col., beaten only in size; 3, Procter, variegated, grand size, nice shape, neat wings, hardly the col. of leaders; vhc, Eaton; he, Brotherhood. UNFLIG. BUFF (7): 1, Cooper, grand size and shape, beautiful head, good wings and tail, rich col.; 2, he, Procter, nice size, neat shape, nice short wings, hardly the col. of winner; 3, Brotherhood, med size, nice head, good shape, grand col., beaten in size only; vhc, Crawshaw; c, Pedley and Curry. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Guy, leader, cl. body D.C., large, expansive crest, good droop and long dense frontal, in fine form; 3, lightly variegated, rare skull, grand entrance, well lashed; 2, vhc, he, Procter, nice team of Cinns., leader grand yell., nice size and shape, rich level col., nicely staged. GOLDF. (11), grand class: 1, Pitchford, grand size, well tanned body, large square cut blaze, rich col., shines like satin, grandly staged; 2, 3, Davies, real good ones, little to choose between, nice size, neat, rich col, blazes, nicely tanned, staged for all they were worth; vhc, Tams and Son; he, Leicester; c, Bennett. LINNET (12): 1, Pitchford, grand size, rich, nutty col., nicely mkd. back and head, good whites, beautifully mkd. breast, and well laced thighs, in tip-top cond.; 2, 3, Davies, really grand pair, leader, good size, rich col., beautifully mkd., shines like satin; 3, grand size and col., hardly so well mkd on breast as leaders; vhc, Jennings; he, c, Leicester. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Jennings, Siskin, good size, grand cap and bib, nicely laced, tip-top cond.; 2, vhc, Davies, leader, grand Lesser Redpoll, nice size and shape, good bars, nicely laced; 3, Tams and Sons, good Twite, med. size, well laced, trifle rough at thighs; he, Jacott; c, Siddall. A.O. HARDBILL (5): 1, Pitchford, good Bramble, large size, neat shape, well spangled back and head, rich col., nicely shown; 2, Jennings, Chaffinch, grand size, good col., nice wings, well staged, just a trifle wild; 3, Pitchford, nice Yell. Bunting, well mkd. head and cheeks, neat exhibit; vhc, Ridley and Currie; he, Bott. DARK MULE (5): 1, Morgan, Bull Green Mule, great size, neat shape, grand col. and cond., well shown; 2, Tams and Son, Yellow Green Mule, rich tone of col., shade too dark, fine trim, no head and neck to speak of; 3, 4, Hart, Mule, nice size, and shape, but col. poor; vhc, Bott and Son; he, Bott; c, Bolton and Green. YELL. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Woodall, Pencilled Canaries, he, Perry; c, Tomkinson. HEN (7): 1, Woodall; 2, Robinson; 3, Perry. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Perry, Woodall; 3, Robinson. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Dodd; 2, Siddall; 3, vhc, Woodall. HEN (7): 1, Dodd; 2, Dayley, vhc, Siddall; he, Woodall. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Evans. GOLDF. (5): 1, Robinson; 2, Bott; 3, Cook. LINNET (5): 1, Davies; 2, Siddall; vhc, Robinson; c, Clarke. BULLF. (3): 1, 2, Robinson. MULE or HYB. 1, Siddall; 2, vhc, he, Robinson; 3, Bennett. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Evans; vhc, Clarke.

BACKWORTH (Northumb.).

Fifth annual show, held Nov 29, in connection with the Poultry and Pigeon shows, the birds were staged in a separate room, free from all draughts and noise, a great improvement, compared with the staging of the cage birds at their previous shows, entries came up well, 60 above last year's total. Specials for best cock Canary, and best hen Canary in show were won by R. Rowell. Mr. H. Sealy judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CK.: 1, sp, best cock in show, Rowell, cl. buff, grand size and subs., good head, neck, and chest; 2, vhc, Snowdon, cl., buff, rare good head, neck, and wings, grand feather and cond., shamer in body; 3, he, Archbold and Lascelles, cl. yell., good size and type, rather dull in col., nice cond.; c, Johnson. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Archbold and Lascelles, three cl. bulls, good size and subs., good heads and front, capital wings, close in feather, in fine cond., vhc, he, Snowdon; c, Williamson. HEN: 1, 2, sp, best hen, Rowell. 1st, grand type, col, and qual., full in head, neck, and front, well carried short wings, 2nd, more size, but well beaten in type; 3, Rowcroft Bros., cl. bull, fine type, col., and feather, bit small; vhc, Kirkpatrick; he, Williamson; c, Edwards. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, Nicholson, head and wing mkd., grand type and qual., rich level col., very close and perfect in feather; 2, 3, Purvis, both cl., scarcely the col. and tightness of winner, otherwise as good; vhc, Irvine; he, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Hay, cl., excellent shape and qual., neat head, well packed wings and tail, best of feather and cond.; 2, Purvis, another beauty for type, qual., and feather; 3, Conchman, less size, but very neat and stylish, excellent wings and feather; vhc, Wilson; he, Peel; c, Beevan. HEN: 1, 2, Purvis, 1st, cl. yell., nice shape, very close and compact feather, perfect wings and tail; 2nd, pl. buff, very short type, good feather and cond.; 3, Wilson, cl. bull, nice size and shape, very close feather, grand wings, tail, and cond.; vhc, no name; he, Short; c, Graham. BORD., GR: 1, Nicholson, yell., very nice type, level in col., well pencilled back; 2, vhc, Graham, yell., very little to choose between those two; 3, c, Johnston, buff, more weight, grand type and qual., neat head and neck, perfect wings and tail, level col., grand pencilling; he, Conchman. CINN.: 1, vhc, c, no name; 1st, yell., good type and qual., rich, level col.; 2, Smith, yell., a little more size, grand shape, close silky feather, well packed wings and tail; 3, he, Johnston, good as any, except tail, not so neat. YORKS., YELL. CK: 1, Wigglesworth, cl., long and slim, good wing and tail carr., good level col., compact feather; 2, Deighton, less length, but good type and qual. feather and cond.; 3, Wakenshaw, long and straight, well up on leg, a little untidy in front; vhc, Strong. BUFF: 1, Thompson, long and slim, good wings and tail; 2, no name, good length and pos., well tapered, capital wings, tail, and feather; 3, Strong, fine length, shape, and feather, bit unsteady. HEN: 1, Wigglesworth, cl. buff, upstanding, grand shape and qual., well up on leg, close boxy feather; 2, Wakenshaw, cl. buff, good length and shape, capital wings and tail, bit slack in neck; 3, Thompson, cl. yell., fine length and pos., good wings and legs; vhc, Deighton; he, Archbold and Lascelles; c, Scott. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, McVay, Corn Bunting, good size, well tkd. breast, very steady; 2, Allison, Bramble, nice size and shape, rich coloured breast and flanks, well spangled head and back; 3, Edwards, Yellowhammer, good col., markings, and cond., very steady; vhc, Conchman; he, no name; c, Charlton and Anderson.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Members' show held Nov. 8, in St. George's Schools. Entries totalled 260, amongst them being some toppers, especially in the Norwich classes. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Competition for Leeds cup and Somers cup was opened at this fixture. Leaders for same are:—Leeds cup, W. A. Wilson 25 points, E. Norton 21, W. Tose 20, H. Chew 19; Somers cup, W. A. Wilson, 35, H. Chew 31, W. Tose 25, E. Norton 25. Leaders for section gold medals: Yorks.:—H. Chew 93, E. Norton 68; Nor., D. McMillan 69, W. Tose 44; Brit., E. Middleton 71, J. Owen 70; Nov., J. W. Peace 61, J. Graham 56, J. R. Beckwith 43. Edwin Hattersley cup: H. Chew 117, D. McMillan 89, E. Middleton 88, J. Owen 85. Members' specials: H. Chew 93, E. Middleton 71, J. Owen 70, D. McMillan 69, E. Norton 68, J. W. Peace, 61, J. Graham 56, W. Tose 51.

YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Chew; 2, McDade; 3, Norton; 4, Rhodes. BUFF (6): 1, McDade; 2, he, Chew; 4, Rhodes; vhc, Norton. YELL. HEN (1): 1, 2, Chew; 3, 4, Baldwinson. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Norton; 2, 4, Chew; 3, Baldwinson; he, McDade. YELL., 1913 (7): 1, 2, Chew; 3, Norton; 4, c, Baldwinson; vhc, Rhodes; he, McDade. BUFF (6): 1, Norton; 2, 4, Chew; 3, he, Rhodes; vhc, McDade. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, c, Mennard; 3, Baldwinson; 4, McMillan; he, Wilford. BUFF (8): 1, Smith; 2, Wilson; 3, Mennard; 4, McMillan; vhc, Johnson; he, Storey. YELL. HEN (10): 1, he, Johnson; 2, Wilson; 3, Tose; 4, c, McMillan; vhc, Mennard. BUFF (6): 1, 2, McMillan; 3, Tose; 4, Wilson; vhc, Mennard; he, Johnson. YELL., 1913 (10): 1, Tose; 2, 4, Wilford; 3, vhc, McMillan; he, Smith; c, Heald. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Wilford; 4, vhc, McMillan; he, Tose; c, Middleton. LINNET (5): 1, 2, 4, Owen; 3, Haigh; vhc, Heald. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, he, Haigh; 2, 3, c, Owen; 4, Middleton; vhc, Heald. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Owen; 2, Haigh; 3, vhc, he, c, Middleton. A.O. HARDBILL (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Middleton; 4, Haigh; he, c, Owen. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Tose; 2, Owen; 3, 4, he, Middleton; vhc, Smithson; c, Haigh. NOV. YORKS YELL. (11): 1, Smith; 2, Peace; 3, Bott; 4, vhc, Graham; he, Oates; c, Beckwith. BUFF (15): 1, Beckwith; 2, c, Graham; 3, vhc, Peace; 4, Firth; he, Heald. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Graham; 4, c, Peace; vhc, Beckwith; he, Bott. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Peace; 3, 4, Reed and Longley; vhc, Bott; he, Graham; c, R. Dobson. YELL., 1913 (10): 1, Beckwith; 2, Graham; 3, vhc, Peace; 4, Bott; he, R. Dobson; c, T. Dobson. BUFF (9): 1, Bott; 2, 3, Peace; 4, Graham; vhc, Beckwith; he, E. Reed; c, R. Dobson.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

KENFIG HILL.

Open show held Nov. 19, at Talbot Institute, an admirably adapted place for a show. The attendance broke all records, and the hall was packed to its utmost capacity; indeed, in the evening people had to wait for room before they could gain admittance, Sec. Mr. W. Price is a very energetic and obliging official, and was well supported by a willing band of workers, who took every care of the exhibits under their charge. Mr. W. H. Sylvester judged our section.

The Critique.

YORKS. (9): 1, Cook, cl. yell., hot col., grand length, good head, neck, wings, and tail stands well; 2, Bowser, varieg. buff, good length, nice type, hardly the qual. of leader; 3, Dobbs, cl. yell., nat. col., neat head, neck, wings, and tail, might have been second; vhc, J. James; hc, Huntley; c, Jones. HEN (5): 1, James, cl. yell., good col. and qual., nice head and neck, neat wings and tail, well on leg, shows slight frill on breast; 2, 3, Wooton, nat. col. yell., good length, neat wings and tail, nice qual. and col., 3 cl. yell., rather pale col., neat back, wings, and tail, a trifle wild when we saw her; vhc, Cook; hc, Dobbs. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Wooton, cl. yell., grand col. and qual., neat head, neck, wings, and tail, stands like a major; 2, Wilkins, neck mkd. buff, grand length, good col. and qual., slightly frilled on breast; 3, Dobbs, nat. col. buff, good head, neck, wings, and tail, hardly as nervy as leaders; vhc, Shears; c, Ley. NOR. (8): 1, Jones and Davies, cl. buff, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., well braced wings; 2, E. Davies, good type and qual., hardly size of leader; 3, Jones and Davies, buff, close up, grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, crosses wings badly at time; vhc, Morris; hc, Ley. HEN: Cancelled. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Jones and Davies, yell., good col. and qual., very cobby; 2, 3, Stenner, yell., hardly size leader, good col. and qual., neat type, latter varieg, buff, hardly as good qual. as leaders, nice size; vhc, Huntley. MULE, ETC. (7): 1, Jones and Davies, Sis. Greenle, often described, wins; 2, John, Dk. Goldie Cap., rather on small side, lovely col. and qual.; 3, no name, might have changed places with second, grand col. and qual., well staged; vhc, Edwards; hc, Hently; c, Matthews. HARDBILL: Cancelled. GOLDF., ETC. (9): 1, Stenner, Goldie, nice blaze, good tons, bars, and buttons, rare size; 2, Nicholas, Bullie, good breast col., nice cap and bars; 3, Wooton, Goldie, nice size and shape, good blaze, bars, and buttons, well staged; vhc, Sutton and Son; hc, John; c, Edwards. SELL.: 1, 2, Jones and Davies; 3, Watkins; vhc, Ley; hc, Lewis; c, Wooton.

PENZANCE.

Fourteenth annual show, held in the Corn Exchange, Nov. 19 and 20, an ideal place, with plenty of light, and the exhibits arranged on the three-tier principle, at a nice height, and plenty of room for the visitors to move around. The Society is to be congratulated on having such a good hon. sec. in Mr. W. C. Bodimpar, and on the able way in which he carried out the secretarial duties. He had everything at his finger tips, and was most obliging and attentive to every inquirer; he was well supported by an ideal chairman, Mr. E. Mitchell, and a splendid committee, Messrs. Williams, Carne, Batten, Watkins, Phillips, Rowe, Howard, Hocking, Crowle, and Hosken. The society has a good president in Sir Clifford J. Coty, Bart., M.P. Competition in Norwich was very keen, several of the foremost exhibitors sending splendid teams, in fact some of the finest specimens living were staged. Yorks. were a good collection without doubt, and this variety is coming to the front with breeders in Cornwall. The one class given for Crests and Crestbreds contained some champion birds, and the winner captured the special for best bird in show, truly a marvellous bird. The Hybrid and British classes were good, and competition was very keen, especially in the Softbill class; the first three birds were very hard to separate, as they were all big winners. Of the members' birds we can speak in most favourable terms, and the birds could hold their own in any of the open classes. Taking the show all round for quality, it was worth a good journey to see. Mr. W. G. Poole, Stratford-on-Avon, judged, and his awards were well received. One pleasant feature, not often seen, in Cornwall especially, was that the judge stopped behind until the last train to give the exhibitors a few points on their exhibits, and this was greatly appreciated. The silver cup for most points was won by F. Collins (Camborne) with a grand team, 85 points; silver rose bowl for local member most points fell to Mr. H. G. Howard.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. or TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Hosken Bros., nice rich col., good shape and qual.; 2, Symons Bros., bold head, full neck, nice wings and tail; 3, Lee and Lawry, tkd. wing, good col., fails head; 4, Spillman, good all-round; vhc, Collins; hc, Keen; c, Fox. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Collins, rare shape, excellent col. and qual., good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, grand shape, close feather, fine qual. and size, fails little in head; 3, Pascoe, not quite the size, neat wings and tail; 4, Spillman, good type and qual., nice col.; hc, Howard; c, Ferrill. MKD. or VARIEG. (7): 1, sp, Hill, tkd. head buff, grand shape, excellent qual.; 2, 4, Spillman, mkd. wing and tail, lovely shape, good head and wings; 4th, tkd. head and wing, close up; 3, Williams, tkd. neck, good col. and qual., neat wings; vhc, Howard; hc, Fox. YELL. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Spillman, cl. yell., good size, shape and col., lovely qual.; 2, Bagg, cl., lovely type, good wings and tail; 3, Keen, tkd. head and neck, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Stephens and Gaved; vhc, Hocking; hc, Stephens; c, Collins. BUFF (15): 1, sp, Pascoe, lovely shape and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Stephens and Gaved, chubby, neat head and wings, good col.; 3, Hill, good col. and qual., nice shape; 4, c, Howard, fine shape, good wings and tail; vhc, hc, Spillman, HEN (13): 1, sp, Hill, buff mkd. wing, beautiful head and body, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Spillman, two gems, buffs, mkd. wing, fine shape, teeming with qual.; 4, Williams, var. gr., lovely shape, close feather; vhc, c, Stephens and Gaved; hc, Bagg. YORKS. YELL. CL. or TKD. (10): 1, sp, Peters, cl., beautifully drawn, nice length, very rich col., close feather; 2, Allen, similar shape, length and style, not so smooth; 3, Julian, Cian., tkd. head, nice shape and feather, good length, well up; 4, Nicholls, nice shape, good qual.; vhc, Lee and Lawry; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Mitchell. BUFF (9): 1, Julian, tkd. head, splendid shape, feather like wax, good col.; 2, Richards, equal shape, nice col., fine length and qual.; 3, Peters, grand length, shape, style and finish; 4, Nicholls; vhc, Allen; hc, Craven; c, Rouch. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Nicholls, nice length, col. and shape, very stylish; 2, Peters, good col. and shape, nice wings and tail; 3, Harris, good shape and qual., nice back; 4, Oatey; vhc, Julian; hc, Thomas; c, Craven. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Ellis, good shape, qual. and style, smart carr.; 2, Rouch, very smart, finely drawn, good wings and tail; 3, Harris, good length, nice qual. and col.; 4, Thomas; vhc, Nicholls; c, Oatey. HEN (13): 1, sp, Oatey, buff, not the largest, but good shape and qual.; 2, Craven, yell., beautifully drawn, well up on leg; 3, Richards, yell., good shape, nice back, wings and tail; 4, hc, Allen; vhc, Ellis; c, Peters. CREST or C.B.: 1, sp, 3, Davey, mkd. wings, D.C., massive crest good radiation and droop, grand centre and feather; 3rd, var. D.C., excellent formation, good leafy feather; 2, vhc, Symons Bros., var. C.B., good body, nice head feather, good cushion and entrance; 4, hc, Kelynack; c, Lee and Lawry. PAIR (9): 1, sp, Davey, var. D.C. and var. C.B., well matched pair, good droop and radiation; 2, Collins, yell. and buff cinn., grand pair, good size, col. and qual.; 3, c, Howard, buff cock and lkd. eye and wing yell. hen, good type and qual.; 4, Richards; hc, Lee and Lawry; vhc, Symons Bros. LIGHT MULE or HYB. (7): 1, sp, 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Collins, noted team, buff cl. leading, good size, shape and qual.; 2nd, var. Greenie, good size, nice col.; 4th, four-point yell., lovely blaze and markings; 3, Hobbs and Son, Goldie-Bullie, nice col., fine flushed face. DARK (9): 1, 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards, yell. Goldie, good blaze, nice col., wings and tail; 3rd, Linnet, good size and col., well mkd.; 2, 4, hc, Twite, jonque, lovely col. and markings; 4th, Linnet, good size and col.; c, Lugg. GOLDF. (10): 1, sp, Roscorla, nice square cut blaze, well polished, good body col., nice cond.; 2, vhc, Polkinghorne, larger, well cut blaze, good chest, nice moons and buttons; 3, Rowe and Richards, shorter in blaze, rich tannings; 4, Coombs; hc, Cheney; c, Lugg. BULLF. (7): 1, Cheney, beautiful shape, cap and breast col., good size; 2, Baseley, hen, good cap, nice col. and cond.; 3, vhc, c, Rowe and Richards, nice cap, rich back and chest, good col.; 4, Crowle; hc, Cooper. A.O. HARDBILL, SMALL (10): 1, vhc, hc, Collins, Bramble, grand size, rich deep tanned chest, well spangled back, hot col.; 2, Baseley, Greenf., good size and nice col. on wings; 3, 4, c, Rowe and Richards, Cirl Bunting, good head markings; 4th, good Yell. Bunting, nice head and cheek markings. BRIT., A.O.V. (7): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Collins, grand col. and size, in superb condition; 2, 3, Stephens and Gaved, Waxwing, good wings, lovely col., looking well; 3rd, Chough, shining like satin, good beak and legs; 4, Baseley, Lark, well mkd., good size and cond.; c, Rowe and Richards; grand class. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, sp, Stephens and Gaved, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, good col.; 2, 4, hc, c, Mitchell, Fire Finches, lovely colours, nice condition; 3, Rowe and Richards, Silky Cowbird, shines in good bloom; vhc, Woolcock. MEMB. NOR. (12): 1, 2, D. Williams; 3, Phillips; 4, Howard. BRED 1913 (15): 1, sp, 2, Howard; 3, Batten. NAT. COL.: 1, White; 2, 3, Phillips. YORKS. (8): 1, sp., 2, 4, Batten; 3, Mitchell. BRED 1913 (7): 1, 4, Batten; 2, 3, Hosken Bros. NAT. COL.: 1, sp, 3, Hosken Bros.; 2, Watkins; 4, Prowse. GOLDF. (4): 1, sp, Howard; 2, Phillips; 3, Crowle; 4, Durrant. BULLF.: 1, Williams; 2, Rowe; 3, Phillips; 4, Milton. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Howard; 2, Curnow; 3, Rowe; 4, Kelynack. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, Pengelly; 2, Murley.

SEVENOAKS.

First annual show held at the Club Hall, Nov. 26. This being a first venture and three other shows being held on the same date, the show did not turn out so successfully as had been hoped. It is a pity when a society notifies in the Press their date that other societies should hold their shows so as to clash; it is injurious to all as regards entries. However, they are good fanciers, and no doubt their next show will be a greater success. There were some very good birds on the benches, and several members will gain experience as regards staging their birds by this show. The several kinds of cages birds were shown in prove that it must have been the first time some had exhibited. Sec., Mr. Westcott, worked hard, and was most obliging. He was ably assisted by members of the committee in getting everything ready by the time Judge F. Easterling arrived.

The Critique.

YORKS YELL.: 1, two sps, Dimmock, cl., teeming with qual., deep col., well up, good wings and tail; 2, Clarke, cl., not the col. or finish, nice pos.; 3, Morris and Son, unflig., not the length, but very smart; vhc, hc, Bullen; c, Miss Philcox. BUFF: 1, sp, Dimmock, good salmon col., good length, neat wings, very erect, beauty; 2, Bullen, very close to winner, hardly so steady; 3, Miss Philcox, not so close in feather or finish; vhc, Bullen; hc, Bell. HEN: 1, Morris and Son, neat cinn. mark, very taking, good col., clean at waist, compact; 2, 3, Bullen, head and wing mkd. yell., nicely finished; 3rd cl. buff, bit open in front; vhc, Clarke; wrong class, Davis, a Norwich. NOR.: 1, Smithers, head and thigh mkd., deep col., good head, nice type; 2, Smithers, cl., another good one, not quite so bold; 3, Pilcher, fails to winner in shape; vhc, Miss Dark; wrong class, Yirrell. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Smithers, cl. yell., good col., neat finish, grand qual.; 3rd yell. varieg., not the finish of winner; 2, hc, Pilcher, var. buff, very chubby, short tail and flights; vhc, Pedder. SELL.: 1, Dimmock; 2, Poland; 3, Pedder; vhc, hc, Bell. MEMBERS' CK.: 1, Kerbey, Goldie, nice square blaze, good tanning, should have been shown in a different cage; 2, vhc, nat. col. Norwich; 3, Miss Dark, yell. var. Norwich; hc, Hicks. NOV.: 1, sp, Col. Rogers, very good Magpie in sound cond.; 2, 3, Miss Dark, two Buff Norwich; vhc, Chalcraft; hc, Hick; c, Heath.

CAMBORNE F.A.

Second annual show held Market House, Nov. 10; Norwich classes were the strongest and contained some grand specimens, the winning cl. buff, Collins, being a gem, with all Norwich properties, and grand col. and feather. This bird captured the silver cup for best Norwich. In Yorks. the nonflights came on top and the winner was of good type and quality, lovely col., and well shown. The novice class came in for a good deal of attention on account of a silver cup given for the exhibitor who had never won a prize in open competition, and drew an entry of 19 birds, the winner, Waters, being a Yell. Unflig. Nor., of good type and lovely col., well shown. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird fell to the 3rd prize nonfligh. Yell. Nor. (Uren). Silver cup given by the Pres. for best six birds rung 1913 was won by Mr. Lee with Norwich and Crests, Mr. F. R. O. Mewton, St. Austell, judged and his awards were well received.

From the catalogue received we gather that the principal winners were: NOR.: Collins, Stroud, Uren, Lee, Lowry, Cock and Son, Waters. YORKS.: Perkins, Cock and Son, Laity, Lee, Eddy, Rowe. CRESTS: Lee, Collins. C.B.: Lowry. CINN.: Collins, Scoble, Stront. MULES: Collins. BRIT.: Collins, Herring, Cock and Son. FOR.: Scoble. NOV.: Waters, Lee, Eddy, Scoble, Strout.

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In the Courts.

A WARNING TO BUYERS OF PARROTS.

Elizabeth Burrows, 48, bird dealer, was indicted recently at the Chelmsford Quarter Session for obtaining four sums of money, amounting to £9, by false pretences at Southend by offering for sale a talking Parrot.—Mr. E. H. Tindal Atkinson and Mr. Digby prosecuted, and Mr. H. Warburton defended, prisoner pleading not guilty.

Mr. Atkinson said prisoner had carried on a rather clever system of fraud by the sale of Parrots. She would advertise in provincial papers a clever talking Parrot, and when particulars were asked for she would give in great detail the accomplishments of the bird. Then when the money was forwarded a Parrot with very small accomplishments and of no value was sent. In one case a Cockatoo was sent. In some cases where the bird was returned money was sent back to the purchasers. Counsel read numerous letters which had passed between the prisoner and the purchasers. In practically every case the prisoner wrote that she was going as companion to an invalid lady, that "Polly is such a dear, sweet companion" about four years old, and could say 64 words, whistle the National Anthem, and two or three bits of tunes, and beat time to any music with a little stick. The bird was further described as loving children, and would ride on her dog's back all over the house. In each case the bird was sent for a month on approval, and in each case there were complaint that the bird would not do anything which had been put forward.

Parrots that Failed to Please.

Mrs. Short, matron of Keighley Infirmary, said the Parrot she received was only about a year old, and had not cast its baby feathers. It did not say one of the 64 words.

Mr. Digby: What about the National Anthem?—I have not heard it. (Laughter.) Did it whistle?—No. She wrote complaining about it, and asked for her money back, as the bird was an utter failure. She did not return the bird, because she did not get her money.—Cross-examined: The bird would now talk a little, and she was more satisfied with it.

Mrs. Fear, of Exeter, spoke to sending £2 10s. and receiving a Parrot which had no accomplishments, and could not talk or whistle. It was worth about 5s. The bird was sent back, but as the money did not come witness took proceedings in the County Court, and had received all but 18s. 6d.

Mrs. Simpson, Doncaster, said she wrote in response to an advertisement by prisoner, who replied that "Polly loved children, and would hold quite a conversation with them." (Laughter.) The bird did not correspond with the representations, and witness was so indignant that she went to Southend and informed the police. She received no money back until after prisoner was arrested, when she received the full amount paid.

Wm. Watson, stationmaster, Westcliff, said that between May and September prisoner sent off 24 Parrots and received 16, as well as other birds.

W. C. Wood, County Court bailiff, said that between Nov., 1912, and Aug., 1913, he served nine County Court summonses on the prisoner relating to money not returned for Parrots.

When Lies Can be Told.

Mr. Warburton said he did not dispute the facts. He admitted that the prisoner's dealings were most unsatisfactory and worthy of condemnation, but people could tell lies as long as they did not tell them with intond to defraud. A certain amount of puffing and fibs were matters for a civil, not a criminal court; and he strongly submitted that this case did not come within the four corners of false pretences.

The Chairman said mere puffing or exaggeration was not regarded as criminal, but it was very common and not very moral. No punishment was provided for it, but a definite false statement was another matter.

The jury found prisoner guilty, but said that owing to the frequency with which such advertisements appeared it was not a case for heavy punishment.

A detective said the prisoner told him she had to "tell them something," and one tale was as good as another.

The Chairman, in placing the prisoner under probation for a year, said it was a serious offence to endeavour to get money by making up a tale of this kind, and the Bench were determined to stop it, but they listened to the recommendation of the jury.—"Essex County Chronicle."

Club Reports.

WINCHBURGH AND DIST. C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held Friday, Mr. John Robbin in the chair. The Treasurer gave his report, which was very satisfactory. The income amounted to £20, and the expenditure to about £3, leaving enough money to pay 9s. per class, which was done, 4/- for first, 3/- for second, 2/- for third; not bad for a small club show. Arranged to run concert after the New Year to try and raise enough money to get a trophy or two for competition at our next show.—A. Bishop, Sec.

ERITH F.S.

Thirteenth annual show, held Nov. 22, at Central Schools, and this year a few cage bird classes were included, with the idea of trying to raise interest among local bird fanciers. Entries did not come in as was expected, but the birds on view were of good quality. Next year it is to be hoped that a little more inducement in the shape of prize money, etc., can be arranged, and with the help of local fanciers joining the society our section might be worked up into a nice little show. The Editor of CAGE BIRDS kindly offered a framed plate as a special. Mr. Sutton, the Sec., got through his work in a painstaking manner. Mr. J. Hazell judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., CL.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Osmond, smart, lengthy bird, well set up; 2, res, Bignell, stylish, fine feather, stouter build; 3, Selborn, nice col. and type, runs winners close. MULE: 1, 2, 3, res, Millward, nice team; 1st wins on type and col.; 2nd, not so steady; 3rd, fails bloom of winner. NOR.: 1, 2, Shaw; 1st, level col., nice body, well shown; 2nd, beaten col. and type. A.O.V.: 1, Millward, Goldie, good blaze, nicely mkd., pretty exhibit; 2, Pamplin, nice Yorks. Cinn., useful bird; 3, Selborn another Yorks. Cinn., fails trifle colour.—Geo. Webb.

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RAWTENSTALL AND DIS. F.S.

The last show and meeting of the year will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th, at the Mission Room, Hall-st. One class any variety cock or hen. Judge, Mr. Edgar Lord. Will all cage bird members try to exhibit as to finish the year with a successful show?—H. Kershaw, Sec.

BLACKWOOD F.A.

Fully attended meeting, held at the headquarters, Pres., Mr. Budd, in chair. Final arrangements for show were gone through, and schedule made up with a good supply of specials coming in, specials for every class, also specials for classes collectively for most points.—Hy. Palmer, chairman.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows Hall, Nov. 29, James Muir presiding; 8 new members were admitted, making a membership of 64. The specials were placed. Members please have entries in on Sat., 6th, or Monday at latest, to give the printer a chance to get catalogues ready for show on 13th.—W. Clarkson, Sec.

NEWCASTLE (East End) C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 27, at Foster's Cafe, Shields-rd., Mr. Young in the chair, when ten new members were proposed and accepted. Rules were then drawn up and adopted. Owing to next regular meeting falling on Christmas Eve at was decided to cancel it. Next meeting Jan. 28, when a table show will be held five classes being provided: 1 Nor., 1 York., 1 Bord., 1 A.O.V., and 1 Brit.; Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Robson will judge.—J. W. Coutts, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Annual concert and prize distribution, Dec. 1st, at headquarters, Grange Park Hall. A good muster of members and friends assembled. Mr. S. C. Rhodes occupied the chair, and at the interval presented the cups and specials to the successful members. Mr. Will Hellens conducted the musical arrangements, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The following artists contributed: Miss A. Gay, Miss K. Talbot, Miss L. Hellens, Mr. W. Stevens, Mr. H. Quibell, Mr. J. Talbot. Mr. Will Hellens and Mr. C. Willacy kept the audience greatly amused while they occupied the stage. The Chairman expressed the pleasure it had given him to preside and congratulated all concerned on the success of the evening.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

REDCAR AND DIS. C.B.S.

Washing exhibition, Nov. 24, at headquarters. The thanks of the members are due to Messrs. Rand and Watson (Middlesbrough), who kindly came down and gave them a lesson in the art of washing. A fair number of members turned up. Those present derived much benefit from the masterly manner in which these gentlemen handled the birds. General meeting was held Nov. 28, and Sec. reported that the Cleveland Hall had been secured for our annual members' show, and that Mr. Rand would officiate as judge. Sec. also read a letter from Mr. Nicholson re Federation, and although the members present were in favour of joining, it was decided to leave this matter open until after the annual show. Two new members were proposed and accepted.—C. L. Mallory, Hon. Sec.

DUNFERMLINE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Co-operative Hall, Nov. 29, Mr. T. J. Rankine presiding. After finally rounding up the Society for another year, it was agreed to formally continue the Society. Nominations for office bearers for the ensuing year resulted in the following accepting office: President, Mr. D. McLaren; Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. Rankine and Mr. W. Rolland; Assistant Sec., Mr. J. Anderson; Treas., Mr. J. Warwick. The position of Secretary was left open until Dec. 13th. Committee: Messrs. Rae, Rice, Kilpatrick, Reny, Howie, Coutts, Kennaway, Leslie, Cumming, Hunter, Low, Penman, Pringle, Wildridge, Grewar, Watts and Smith. At this point the meeting was adjourned until Dec. 13, when we hope to see a fuller number of members, as this Society wishes to consider the question of an open show.—R. T. Campbell, Sec. (pro. tem.).

BISHOP AUCKLAND C.B.S.

Held in Y.M.C.A. Hall, Nov. 26; Mr. Burton, chairman, presided. A statement of the first annual show was submitted and unanimously received as satisfactory. Decided to hold supper and smoker, etc., at Messenger's Cafe, on Dec. 10, when the cup, bowl and other specials will be presented to the winners. Mrs. Boothroyd, the wife of the donor, is to be asked to present the cup. A sub-committee was formed to carry out the arrangements. Tickets for supper, smoker, etc., 1s. 6d. per head, and each member is expected to take one and make early application for same. A balance sheet of the year's work is to be presented at the next meeting in January; for date see CAGE BIRDS. Messrs. Walton and Robson were appointed to audit the Society's accounts.—Elliott and Sattran, Hon. Secs.

BURNLEY O.S.

First supper and concert Nov. 26th. It was a huge success. There were 38 who sat down. The catering in the capable hands of Mr. T. Edwards, who provided us with a royal feed. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, a present from our chairman, Mr. A. E. Barwise. After supper we adjourned to the billiard-room, where we were entertained by the St. Andrew's Quartette (Messrs. A. Slatter, Nuttal, Driver and Barnes), Mr. Grey and Mr. Robinson, comedians. The following also responded with good songs: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. J. Whittaker, junr., and Mr. Stackhouse. Mr. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to all the artists, and said it would give him the greatest of pleasure if all the gentlemen would accept a cigar from him, and all the ladies a cigarette. The party sang "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot," and then dispersed, all having spent a jolly evening.—G. Whittaker, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

For the first time in the history of the Society the visitors at the meeting, held at 6, The Broadway, on Dec. 1, outnumbered the members. The feature of the evening was an interesting washing exhibition, given by Mr. A. E. Pattrick, who had kindly come all the way from Southend to show those present how birds should be washed. A proof that the company was intensely interested was the very hearty vote of thanks accorded Mr. Pattrick by acclamation at the close of the exhibition. Two new members were elected, and there were three nominations for membership. The secretary, Mr. H. Smith, announced that one of the vice-presidents, Mr. J. G. Warley, had been seriously ill, and a message of sympathy and hope for his speedy recovery was ordered to be sent. The subject for January meeting is "Hints on Pairing," and York., Nor. and Bord.; a dozen of each sex of each variety will be brought to the meeting place for those present to try their skill at a pairing competition.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

CHARLOTTEVILLE F. AND U.S.S.

The 1st general meeting was held Nov. 27, when Mr G. Russell Cox presided over a good attendance of members. The society has a balance of £3 10s. 4d in hand on the year's working. The membership is nearly 80, more than ever expected when the society was formed last December. C. H. Pope, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held Nov. 22, in the large Assembly Room, "Legs of Man" Hotel, the society's headquarters. Mr. J. Lomax (St. Helens), placed the cards, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The society's amateur cup was won for the second time by J. McAndrew, and it will be presented to him at next meeting, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. Members please attend.—E. Ball, Hon. Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Monthly meeting held Village Hall, Juniper Green, Nov. 15; pres., Mr. Begbie, chair. Sec. submitted financial statement, which showed an income of £26 12s. 5½d., and an expenditure of £16, 7s., 0½d., leaving a balance of £10 5s. 5d. Decided to pay 8s. per class prize money, and to carry £3 2s. 5d. over to next year. Next meeting, Dec. 6, in the Village Hall, Juniper Green, at 8.—Jas. Napier, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Drill Hall, Nov. 26; Mr. T. Wildridge presided. Unanimously agreed to hold a members' show, Jan. 31. Sec. was instructed to notify all members to be present at next meeting, Dec. 10, when specials will be placed and schedule drawn up. The committee trust that all members will turn out and make this show a great success. Prize-money will be paid according to drawings.—R. Muir, Sec.

DARVEL C.B.C.

General meeting held Nov. 25. Mr. N. Hopkins presided over a good turnout of members. Financial statement of members' show was submitted, and it was found that a good substantial balance would be handed over to the funds of the club. Prizes and specials were distributed to winners. Arrangements made to hold a table show of British birds at next meeting, classes: Goldf., Bullf., Linnet, Greenf., Redpoll, Siskin. Mr. G. Alston nominated as judge; one penny each entry. Pres. and Sec. both promised special prizes for points competition at table shows; other prizes will be welcomed. Next meeting Dec. 16, at 7. Fanciers, step in, you will enjoy an hour discussing your pets with your brother fanciers.—J. Robertson, jun., sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

A smoking concert was held Nov. 18 at headquarters, Balmoral Hotel, Harpurhey. Our worthy president, Colonel H. M. Wilson, Esq., J.P., the prospective Conservative candidate for North Manchester, attended, and presented the Grigg Cup to Mr. A. Cooper, along with a gold medal. He said that he thought every man should have some sort of a hobby, as it refreshed his mind after his day's work. He was very glad to come to our smoker, as it was a change from political work. He then gave the cup to Mr. Cooper, and hoped that he would win it outright. Mr. Cooper suitably replied. There was a fine programme. Mr. Robinson proposed that our best thanks be given Colonel Wilson. Mr. Pike seconded, and said that it was a great honour to have our worthy President amongst us. Colonel Wilson said it was a pleasure to come, and if he was able to do anything to help the society he would only be too pleased. A vote of thanks to the artistes brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—J. Davey, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for an advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest for time at the "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, when there were 25 birds entered. Winners: 1, 2, J. Liversedge 78 and 65; 3, J. Williams, 51. Usual monthly meeting will be held Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. I hope all members will turn up as business is very important.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held King's Head, Shannon Street, Nov. 29; 14 birds sang for three good prizes: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, Wood; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, Mellia and Towers. Also Nov. 30, 16 birds sung for three good prizes: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, Sissons; 3, Bott. Judges, Hardcastle, Mellia, also Rollers. Contest Nov. 30, when 16 birds sung for three good prizes: 1, Galli; 2, Lipman; 3, Wood. Judges, Hardcastle, Hayes, Naylor. Open contest for Rollers on Dec. 7 at 7.30 prompt.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

At the "Prince Albert" Linnet Club, Newtown, Leeds, 24 birds sang for a very good prize: 1, J. Chippendale; 2 and 3, A. Binns and J. Banfield, joint. Judges, Mr. Lorrimer and Mr. P. Madden.—R. Ridyard, Sec.

Quality singing contest held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe. Saturday 19 birds sang for good prizes. Also Nov. 30, 29 birds faced the judges. We had friends from outside districts to hear some good singing: 1, Ward; 2, Hayes; 3, Pears; 4, Blackburn. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and Sellars. On Dec. 6 a Canary contest at 7.30 prompt.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

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CARDIGAN Show of Poul., Pig., Cage Birds, Cats, Pet Dogs, etc in Public Buildings, Wed., Dec. 10th. Schedules, apply—Town Clerk.

LARNE
and Dis. C.B. and Pig. Ass. 5th Ann. Show of Cage Birds and Pig. will be held in McGarel Town Hall, Larne, on Thursday and Fri., Dec. 11 and 12. Under pat. of Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland. Judge, Mr. C. A. Houee. Entries close Dec. 6. Schedules: Thos. Mayne, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

INVERURIE (Aberdeen), Dec. 13th. Cage Birds, J. Ritchie, Brechin. 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-, for 1/- entry. Sched.—Mackie, Secretary.

TREDEGAR (Mon.)
"Cage Birds" Coupon Show.
See Review of Schedule last week. Entries short. Will you help me? I will accept entries up to Monday morning. Send on; I will classify.—W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.

FROME (Somerset) Thur., Dec. 11
Schedule of Classification. Prizes, 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/6; 4th, a Card. Entrance Fee, 1/6; Members, 1/-. Judge, H. Norman, Esq., London: Class 1, Crest or Crestbred, A.V., 2, Nor. Plainhead, C., Cl., Tkd., Mkd., or Varieg. Yell.; 3, Nor. Plainhead, C., Cl., Tkd., Mkd., or Varieg. Buff; 4, Nor. Plainhead, Hen, Yell. or Buff; 5, Nor. Plainhead, bred 1913, Yell.; 6, Nor. Plainhead, bred 1913, Buff; 7, Nor. Plainhead, Novice, C. or H.; 8, Yorks., C., Cl., Tkd., Mkd., or Varieg. Yell.; 9, Yorks., C., Cl., Tkd., Mkd., or Varieg. Buff; 10, Yorks., Hen, Yell or Buff; 11, Yorks., bred 1913, C.; 12, Yorks., bred 1913, H.; 13, Yorks., Novice, C.; 14, Yorks., Novice, H.; 15, York. or Not., Nat. Col; 16, Lancs., Coppy or Plainhead; 17, Lancs., Coppy or Plainhead, bred 1912; 18, Bord. Fcy., Cl. or Tkd., Yell. or Buff, C.; 19, Bord. Fcy., Cl. or Tkd., Yell. or Buff, H.; 20, Bord. Fcy., A.O.V.; 21, Bord., Fcy., Novice, C. or H.; 22, A.O.V. Can., not previously mentioned; 23, Selling Class, not to exceed 15/6, including cage; 24, Selling Class, not to exceed 10/-, including cage. Mule.—25, Clear, Tkd. and Lightly Varieg.; 26, Mule, Heavily Varieg.; 27, Dark Mule, A.V., except Canary-Bullfinch; 28, Hybrid, A.V., including Canary-Bullfinch. British.—29, Goldf.; 30, Bullf.; 31, Greenfinch; 32, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 33, A.O.V., Hard.; 34, A.V. Soft. For.—35, A.V., larger than a Budgerigar, 36, A.V., smaller and including Budgerigar. To Save Show we will accept entries up to Mon. night's post, Dec. 8. We have only 5 entries up to the present. "Cage Birds" Coupon Show. Medals for all Novice classes. Please enter from this to—C. I. Young, Frome, Som.

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1st Open Show of Canariee, Mules, Brit., and For. Birds, and Roller Singing Contest, will be held in Y.M.C.A. Asembly Hall and Temperance Hall (Roller Section), Freer Street, on Friday and Saturday, December 12th and 13th. Judge: Mr. Max Jacquimin, Wolverhampton (Rollers); Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham (all other varieties). Pat., M.C.Y.C.C. and CAGE BIRDS' Coupon, B.R.C.C., with the Young Birds Point Comp. Class 15 should read: Yorks., Cl. or Tkd., Yell., Cock. Class 16 should read: Yorks., Cl. or Tkd., Buff, Cock. COMPELLED TO EXTEND ENTRIES TO TUES. MORN, FIRST POST. WHERE ARE THE MIDLAND FANCIERS?
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NEWTONGRANGE
C.B.S. 1st Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, Brit. and Foreign Birds, will be held in Lothian Hall, on Sat., 20th Dec. Popular judges: Mr. Alex. Fleming, Musselburgh, Nor. and A.O.V.; Mr. James Smillie, Kilmarnock, Bord. Fcy., Scotch Fcy., Yorks.; Mr. John Allan, Leith, Mules, British, and For. This is a "C.B." Coupon Show, and under the patronage of the B.B.F.C. and S.B.B. and M. Club. 107 Specials over 45 classes. Entries close Dec. 13th.—Sec., Wm. Bryson, 42, Fifth St., Newtongrange.

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FAULDHOUSE (Linlithgowshire) Dist. Poul., Pig., and Cage Bird Show, on Dec. 13. Entries close Monday, 8th. Sched.—Jno. Boyd, Sec., Blackfaulds, Fauldhouse.

BOWHILL
and Dist. O.S. Show of Poul., Pig., and Cage Birds, held in Gothenburgh Halls, on Sat., 13th Dec. Canaries and Cage Birds will be staged in a separate hall from poultry. Entries close Mon., 8th Dec.—Robert Taylor, 5, Balgonie Terrace, Cardenden, Fife.

AUCHTERARDER Show of Cage Birds, Sat., 13th Dec. Popular judge; good classification. Entries close 8th Dec. Schedules from—James Dow, Junr., Hon. Sec., Auchterarder.

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PETERHEAD C.B. & Pig. Show Fri. and Sat., 19th and 20th Dec. Good classification. Numerous Specials. Cage Bird judge, J. Smeaton, Esq., Musselburgh. Sched. from—Charles Cross, 5, Mackie Place, Peterhead.

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O.A. A Show of Cage Birds, Pig., Bant., Rab., and Cavies, will be held on the 24th Dec., when many valuable prizes will be given. Entries close on 17th Dec. Schedules from—Robert Bruce, 48, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh.

MALTON (Yorks.)
Will hold their 18th Ann. Open Show on Frid., Dec. 26th. Under Patronage of the Yorks and Lancs. B.B. and M. Club. 15 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, for 1/6 entry fee, and Specials, including 10/- Best Canary, 5/- Best British. No Half Prize Money. Prompt Payment. Entries close Dec. 20th. Last year's exhibitors scheduled, others apply—Jas. Wilson, Sec., 31, Sutton Street, Norton Malton, Yorks.

TRURO Show (confined to Cornwall), Boxing Day, Dec 26th.
Cage Birds, 24 Classes. Schedules—C. H. Toy, Sec.

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HUDDERSFIELD O.S. Show, Jan. 3rd, 1914, Judge, R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley. 24 Classes. 12 Champion Classes; 2 Selling Classes; 10 Novice Classes. Sched. ready shortly — A. Lawford, Sec., 14, Poplar-st., Birkley, Huddersfield.

DON'T FORGET
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4th Annual Open Show, to be held Jan. 10th, 1914.—G. Hunt, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

We have fixed Sittingbourne next annual show for Nov. 11 and 12, 1914, writes Mr. W. Broadbridge, the sec.

Cup in Norwich section at Newton Grange Show should read confined to members, writes Mr. W. Bryson, the sec.

The usual monthly meeting of the Leeds Roller Canary Club is postponed to Dec. 15, writes the sec., Mr. H. L. Davis.

We have a record entry in the cage bird section for Waltham Abbey Show, Dec. 4, writes Mr. W. D. Ward, hon. sec.

Prize money at South Co. Dublin Show has been paid out, writes Mr. D. Smyth. No members' meeting until the New Year.

We hear that Messrs. Burton Bros., of Lee Green, have shipped to Johannesburg two pairs each of winning Borders, Norwich, and Lizards, the latter Mr. Rukin's well-known strain.

All entries for Gateshead Show, Dec. 12 and 13, should be addressed to me, writes Mr. W. Curry, sec., 102, West Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

I have sold my unflighted buff Norwich 1st Sheffield and Nottingham to Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, writes Mr. J. Hayhurst (Burnley).

The Great Horton O.S. next members' show has been put back one week, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, hon. sec.; members are requested to take particular notice of this.

Sorry I made mistake in sending the names of the special winners, writes Mr. J. R. Chestney, hon. sec. Cramlington C.B.S. Lascelles should be Archbold and Lascelles.

I have sold my extraordinary-sized Mealy Redpoll, 2nd Sheffield, 2nd Nottingham, to a well-known Sheffield exhibitor, for a record figure, writes Mr. J. B. Caunt (Beeston).

At Pwllheli Show classes 8 and 14 should read, "Mule or Hybrid," and not as in schedules, which are now ready. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) will judge.—W. H. Davies, sec.

We shall be obliged to extend entries at Walsall Show to Tuesday morning, first post, writes Mr. F. Price, the hon. sec. We are very hard up for entries. Where are the Midland fanciers?

We have changed our headquarters to the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, write Messrs. Jameson and Johnson, secs., where all meeting in the future will be held. Next meeting Dec. 6.

Thank you very much for the grand report you gave of our annual show. It was really splendid, writes Mr. W. Proudfoot, sec. and treas. Glasgow W. End C.B.C. I wish to thank your reporter.

Wiveliscombe C.B.S. has paid out all prize-money (7 days after show) writes Mr. C. Hill, joint hon. sec., and we wish to thank all exhibitors for the support given to us. The show was a big success.

These specials were received too late for insertion in schedule, writes Mr. J. Bryson, sec. Aberdeen show: 5s. by Mr. J. Greig, for best bird in show; 2s. by Mr. M. Steven, for best classes 26 and 27.

We are asked to state that the Watford show, held Dec. 9 and 10, is run by the West Herts F.A., and not by the Watford C.B.S., which is not holding an open show this season, but hopes to do so next year.

An excursion from the Newcastle district has been arranged in connection with the Bradford National Cage Bird show, Dec. 6. It runs from South Shields, Sunderland, Newcastle, Durham, Darlington, etc.

Ealing and Hanwell F.S. holds its annual show at the Drill Hall, Churchfield Road, West Ealing, on Dec. 10, when all fanciers are cordially invited, writes Mr. R. Bamber, the sec. Judge, Mr. R. J. Pretty.

For Wandsworth Show, Dec. 10 and 11, entries are dreadfully short, and many classes will have to be cancelled unless supported, writes Mr. W. Lightfoot, the sec. Entries will be accepted to Saturday, Dec. 6.

Bootle C.B.S. hold their annual show on Dec 13 in St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, Linacre Road, Litherland, under the patronage of G.C.A. novice scheme. Six open novice classes (2 Yorks, 2 Nor., 2 Bord.). To any novice who would like a schedule I will be pleased to send one.—L. S. Hamilton, hon. sec. (The Lodge, Linacre Lane, Bootle).

I have sold my winning Hawfinch that was awarded the Diploma of Honour at Burton-on-Trent show to Mr. C. Beavis, of Exmouth, at a good figure, writes Mr. J. M. Williams (Ashbourne), and hope he will win him many prizes.

I have removed from Montholme Road to 58, Bramfield Road, Clapham Junction, London, writes Mr. F. Moore, hon. sec. Southern Border F.C., and Metropolitan C.B.A. Will members and show secretaries please note.

Will members kindly note that exempted specials should read Nos. 38, 39, 45, instead of 38, 39, 44, as printed in schedules, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, hon. sec. Brighton and Hove C.B.A. Only 1913 members are eligible for these.

We are sorry to find that a few of the coloured plates of the Blackbirds given with our issue of Nov. 1 were not correctly cut. We shall be glad to replace any of these that may have been inadvertently sent out, if readers will return them.

Mr. Richards (Narbeth) won the British cup at Cardiff show, writes Mr. E. Thomas, the sec. He tied with Mr. Bancroft, but won most prize-money, therefore wins the cup. Mr. W. Merritt won the members' cup; Mr. Barrow the gold medal.

OBITUARY.

The past week has been a very sad one for the secretaries of the two leading Tyneside societies, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, Newcastle. On Monday Mr. Curry, Gateshead's popular secretary and Newcastle's show manager, lost his sister-in-law, Mrs. Rae, after a very painful operation. The combined meeting of the Northern Norwich and Northern British Bird and Mule Societies sent a message of sympathy to Mr. Curry and his friends in their sad bereavement. On Friday last Mr. Reed, Newcastle's energetic sec., also had a sad loss in the death of his father, who took a stroke on Thursday, and died Friday night. All who know these two worthy fanciers will join me, I know, in expressing very deep sympathy with them in their loss. I hope that should anyone have been overlooked in the matter of Gateshead's schedules for their show that they will understand the cause of it, and write for one, as Mr. Curry expressed to me last Sunday when they were waiting for the end, that he hardly knew where he was, the suspense was so great. Mrs. Rae was Mrs. Curry's favourite sister, and they had lived next door to each other all their married life.

I desire to thank exhibitors for their entries, and the donors of special prizes; also all who took part in the management (especially our friends from Cadzow Oak), writes Mr. T. Cosgrove, hon. sec. Uddingston show. All prize-money has been paid.

Entries are extended at Brighton show till Saturday, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, the hon. sec. They are very short. Large prize-money for 1s. 6d. entry; also 6 money-prizes in British. Fanciers please help us; send along, and I will classify. It is a coupon show.

Messrs. W. A. Rudd and Co. are giving a bag of Goldfinch mixture and a bag of Lark food as specials in the British section at Tredegar show, Dec. 11, writes Mr. W. B. Watkins, sec.; these are extra specials, and should encourage British exhibitors to give us a good entry.

We are asked to notify the following changes of address: Mr. R. J. Pretty from 6, Old Burlington Street to "Inverness," Reginald Road, Northwood, Middlesex: Mr. F. M. Littledale to 17, Duncan Road, Southsea; Messrs. Reid and Co. from Vale View to 1, West View, St. Bees, Cumb.

I am shortly being removed to Lowestoft, after being stationed 4½ years at Loughboro', and that is why I am offering many of my winning Lancashires for sale, writes Mr. F. J. Green, the well-known Lancashire breeder and exhibitor. I shipped 16 grand Lancashires to Toronto (Canada) last week.

Waxwings Caught in Scotland.

There was caught at Macmerry, in Mid-Lothian, on 21st Nov., a splendid Waxwing, which is alive and doing well, writes Mr. J. W. Bruce. One was also caught on the 15th Nov., but it has since died. Surely this is early for Waxwings, as the weather has been very open in the North. Has any other fancier heard of them in Scotland?

A Cinnamon's Fine Record.

Permit me to thank you for the unexpected honour done me in publishing a sketch of my yellow cinnamon cock, writes Mr. Thos. Pope (Plymouth). He is a real good bird, excelling particularly in Norwich type and purity of colour, and has not yet been beaten on the show bench; his winnings being 1st Merthyr, 1st, special and Cage Birds Diploma Plymouth, 1st and special Barnstaple, Wimbledon, Taunton, Bodmin, and 1st award of merit last week at L.C.B.A.

Entries Extended.

Luton to Dec. 7, Wandsworth Dec. 6.

Good News from Llanelly.

Am pleased to say that I am now out of hospital after my operation, and doing well, writes Mr. D. John, sec. Llanelly C.B.S. It has, I believe, been a success.

Prize Money Paid.

We hear that prize money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries; Wiveliscombe, Cadzow Oak, Bonsall, Arbroath, Dublin S. County, Nottingham and Notts, Penzance.

Sale's Successful Show.

I am pleased to tell you we had a very good show, and that prize money was paid out to all the winning exhibitors who were present. All exhibits were got off in good time with the exception of the Scotch and Welsh birds, these were kept over and were dispatched early this (Monday) morning.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Corrections in Show Reports.

1st in tkd. or varieg. buff Yorks. should be Simeson, not Swinsco; Mr. J. Napier writes that he was runner-up for the B.F.C.C. medal at Edinburgh Nor. and Mule Breeder's Show, not Dods. At Inverness Mr. A. Rhind won 1st and spl in Yorks. hen, not vhc as reported.

L. and P.O.S. Annual Dinner.

The L. and P.O.S. dinner, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the sec., will take place on January 8th in the Duke's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant. The musical arrangements are again in the hands of Mr. Fred Gibson, and the programme will include Miss Nance Haines, who was such a success last year.

Frome Wants Entries.

Entries are dreadfully short for Frome Show, writes the sec., Mr. C. I. Young, and I think it sickening after all the trouble one takes to get a good schedule and judges to have always to beg for support. Will exhibitors please send on some entries (note our show advt. this week).



Two Enthusiasts from "Canary City."

Mr. H. E. Phillips, chairman of the Norwich All-England Alliance C.B.S., and his son, who also takes a great interest in the birds. Mr. Phillips is a staunch supporter of the Norwich Plainhead Canary.

Insects on Wild Birds.

Some people are under the impression that wild birds are not subject to insect pests. This is a mistake. The writer caught a Hedge Sparrow recently smothered with lice; it was a weakly, unhealthy specimen, and these are the birds mostly attacked when adult, but if one handles a brood of young ones just getting their feathers the lice are frequently seen. Birds that nest in holes or against buildings appear to have them more than those that nest in the open hedgerows and bushes. Sparrows and Skylarks undoubtedly dust themselves to clear the feathers of insects in the same way as domestic poultry do. The Swallow tribe appear to be particularly prone to them; their mode of nesting probably encourages them. To handle a brood of young Swallows is not at all a "nice" operation.

International Show at Liege, Belgium.

The thirteenth annual show of the Ornithological Society of Liége will be held Dec. 20th to 23rd next. Bird lovers are numerous in Belgium, and one of the greatest is Mr. Pauwels, who has had many successes at our Crystal Palace and L.C.B.A. shows. He is the honorary chairman; the president is Mr. T. Braconier, who has a very beautiful aviary at his castle at Moolave, and one of the finest collections of foreign birds in the country. Mr. Braconier and the secretary, Lieutenant Ch. De Neeff, are the founders of the society. The Bird Fancy is in a flourishing condition at the present time in Belgium. English Canaries are not very well understood, so it will be an excellent opportunity for English fanciers to make their birds known. Many cups and other valuable prizes will be offered, and it is certain that many birds from England will find buyers. The entrance fee is 1 franc (10d.) per cage. Small birds and Canaries are shown in pairs. This young society is offering many cups and other prizes for the best birds reared during the breeding season of 1914. The secretary of the show (who understands English) will give all information to fanciers who will write to him (postage 2½d. letters, postcards 1d.) at 46, Rue des Mineurs, Herstal, Belgium. Every care and attention will be given to foreign birds sent to the show. Entries close Dec. 10th next.

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A Splendid Christmas Number is in course of preparation.

A Correction.

Our representative at Arbroath show writes: "In my report I referred to Mr. Booth's 1st prize clear yellow as being an old winner in a new stable. This I find was incorrect, as Mr. Booth bred this bird himself. I regret the mistake."

Cock o' the Walk.

At the Glasgow C.B.A. show, writes Mr. Hutchinson, the Queen's Park Society won the Taylor shield with 207 points. The rose bowl went to the Glasgow and W. of S. Society, 179 points; 3rd, West of Scotland Society, 160 points; 4th, Partick, 114 points; 5th, Glasgow North West, 111 points.

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CANARY BREEDING AND THE LAWS OF INHERITANCE.

By MISS L. M. DURHAM.

(*Continued from page 441*)

IT is a familiar fact to all Canary breeders that if you mate a green cock with a cinnamon hen you get only greens in the F₁ generation if the cock was of pure green strain; whereas, no matter how the hen has been produced, a green hen mated to a cinnamon cock gives greens and cinnamons. Further, here we have another curious point: we find that all these cinnamons are hens. This is really a case of one character being dependent upon another—the sex character (the character for femaleness) is allied with the character for cinnamon-ness in such a way that every cinnamon must be a hen.

I will say now that we are not at present able to explain completely and satisfactorily what happens exactly here, although I have no doubt in my own mind that we shall be able to explain it in time. The question of the inheritance of sex is an extremely difficult problem, and there are a great many points still to be analysed before we can arrive at a just comprehension of what is happening.

As you probably know, in the case of many animals (as for instance man) the properties of the sexes born is about equal. In man there is a slight excess of males born, and if we are justified, as experimental research suggests, in regarding sex as a character which can be inherited and will therefore behave in a Mendelian way, we must suppose from what I said before, that one of the sexes is impure for sex character and the other pure. Without going into elaborate details I may say at once that in certain insects it appears as if the male was impure for sex and the female pure for femaleness, but that as a general rule it seems to be the female that is, as we say, heterozygous, while the male is homozygous—that is pure for maleness. The female would then carry reproductive cells of two kinds, one with the character for maleness, the other with the character for femaleness; the male only carrying reproductive cells for maleness, and the femaleness being dominant, we get as a result of these cells males and females again.

A Connection 'twixt Color and Sex.

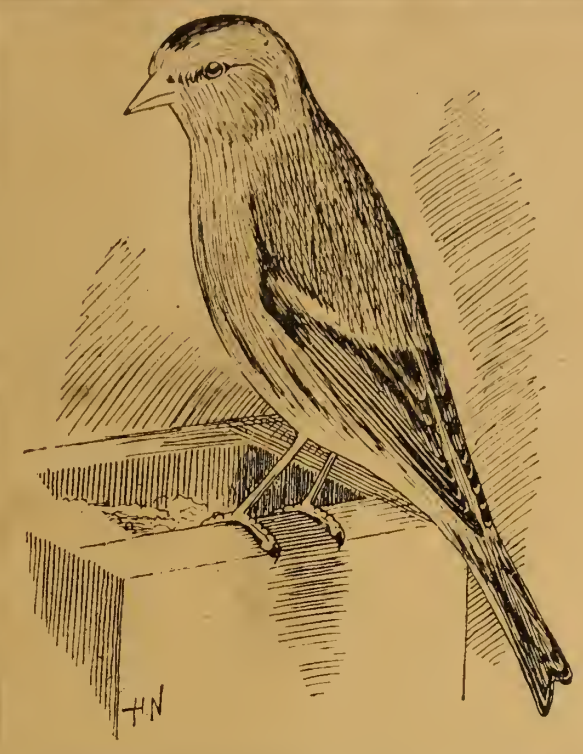
The green hen Canary then seems to have a further association between colour and sex, and the green colour being associated with maleness, we get green cocks and cinnamon hens. Unfortunately, although this is true for the major number, I have exceptions I cannot account for.

I have bred in all sixty-nine green cocks, eleven green hens, and ninety-two cinnamon hens by mating green hens with cinnamon cocks. Theoretically there should be equality in greens and cinnamons, and you see I have eighty greens to ninety-two cinnamons. Also there should be equality of cocks and hens, but here there is a more serious divergence, as there are sixty-nine cocks to 103 hens. I will refer to this again.

When green hens are mated with impure green cocks (bred from a green and cinnamon mating) we ought to get green cocks, green hens, and in cinnamons only hens, because, as explained above, the cinnamon factor is coupled with sex factor for femaleness. There should be a proportion of three greens to one cinnamon. My numbers give 114 green cocks, 93 green hens, 2 cinnamon cocks, and 83 cinnamon hens—that is, 207 greens to 85 cinnamons—the expectation being 219 greens to 73 cinnamons. There are 116 cocks and 176 hens, instead of equality.

In the mating cinnamon hens and impure green cocks we should expect to get cocks and hens of both colours, and the colours should be in equal numbers. My numbers are 27 green cocks, 59 green hens, 32 cinnamon cocks, and 47 cinnamon hens that is, 77 greens to 79 cinnamons.

You will see that in all these cases the sexes are very far from being in equality. In every case there is an excess of hens. I am not able at present to explain why this is, and I have been trying to obtain the experience of other breeders. I find some breeders get more cocks than hens, some get more hens than cocks, and some get equality.



This exceptionally good jonque Goldfinch-Canary Mule secured first prize at the Horticultural Hall Show for Mr. J. Crone (Glasgow). It is a well-known winner in Scotland.

At a lecture I gave recently at Wimbledon upon the question of the conditions affecting the sex of the offspring, I went into this matter in some detail. I showed, and I hope conclusively, that the age of the parent does not influence the sex of the offspring I suggested as a result of analysing my own records that perhaps the cocks were more sensitive and less likely to develop in the egg, because it is just in the years when I was breeding under adverse conditions, and had a very large proportion of sterile and addled eggs, that I got such a large excess of females. Now, when I have better housing for my birds, and the conditions of temperature do not vary, I get few failures, and the numbers are practically equal. I do not, however, think that this will account for all the phenomena, and there is still much work to be done in the matter.

What was the Origin of the Crest?

I will now pass to the consideration of other features in Canaries and deal with the question of Crests. I have not done very much with Crest breeding myself, and I have never attempted to produce the magnificent creatures I see adorning the show benches. In fact, I should be ashamed for any Crest breeder to see my Crests, and but that they really do possess crests, they are unworthy of their title. It is, of course, a familiar fact to all of us that if Crested birds are bred together they do not breed true, they give Crests and non Crests, and that when Crests are bred with non-Crests, again we have Crests and non-Crests. I have bred too few Crests together for my numbers to be of any value, but breeding Crests with non Crests I find that I have bred fifty three Crests to sixty two non-Crests, an excess of non Crests. We know nothing about the origin of Crests in Canaries, and when they first appeared. With the Crested Canary, as with the other varieties, the history of its origin is lost, and we cannot tell, therefore, anything as to its origin.

But if it be true that all the known varieties arose from the wild Canary, from which they all differ so markedly, it must have arisen originally from birds without crests. Last winter, when I was in Teneriffe, I visited a lady who had a large aviary of Canaries in her garden. She had originally brought from England a pair of clear Canaries. She had never added in any way to her stock, but had let these birds breed at will and increase in number without interference. They lived in a large out-of door aviary under most ideal conditions. She had clears and variegateds and Crests. She could tell me nothing as to the origin of her first pair of birds, beyond that they were not crested and were clears.

How Crests May Crop Up.

This summer I had a similar experience, and got Crests from two non-Crested birds. One of these birds had had a Crested grandfather, but as far as I know the other bird had had no Crested ancestor. I should be very grateful if any breeder could tell me of any like experience. I cannot at present account for this in any way, but it is possible that two factors may be required for the production of Crests, and that only when these two factors meet together can the Crest be produced. This would be somewhat the same kind of thing as in the case of the albino mouse, which carries a factor for producing a certain colour, but this can only manifest itself when it meets with the factor enabling colour to be produced at all. With regard to the other point of marked and variegated birds arising from the mating of two clears, that is, I expect, a familiar enough fact to all of you.

I have not myself done very much in breeding clears together, but I have obtained clears and variegateds in this way, but so far no selfs. Clears paired with variegateds have given clears, variegateds, and selfs, and selfs mated with clears have given clears, variegateds, and selfs, and I have got all three sorts from mating variegated with selfs.

I do not know if there is a pure race of clears, but there certainly is a pure race of selfs, which never produce anything but selfs, and which act as Dominant to clears and variegateds.

(*To be continued.*)

Some Living Jewels at the L.C.B.A. Show

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

(See Frontispiece this week.)

THESE notes are written round the figures so ably portrayed by Mr. Goodchild—they were not the only "jewels," however, and others will appear in later issues.

SOUTHERN MALACHITE SUNBIRD (*Nectarinia famosa*).—The fortunate owner of this rare and exquisite species informed me that it was kept in a large cage in his bird-room, which is bright and kept at an even temperature of about 60 degrees Fahr. He considers it hardy, and stated that it was a very fine songster, made a charming pet, and is the prettiest of all the Sunbirds he has seen. It is fed on a mixture of Mellin's Food, Nestlé's milk, and honey—a teaspoonful of each in a cup of boiling-water. It also gets grapes and green flies when obtainable. It is a native of South Africa, and is found at a high altitude. Description of plumage: A rich metallic green, abdomen glossed with blue; quills black, pectoral tufts golden-yellow. The metallic hues are only worn during the breeding season. This is one of the largest of the Sunbirds, but its contour is most elegant and graceful. The specimen figured belongs to Mr. A. Ezra, and carried off premier honours in its class.

A Striking Colour-Scheme from India.

RED-TAILED MINLA (*Minla ruficauda*).—This is an Indian species, of Tit-like demeanour, subsisting largely upon insects, and requiring a good strong insectile mixture and live insects in captivity. While not clad in gorgeous plumage, it is a handsome and charming bird of slender and graceful form, about the size of our Long-tailed Tit. Its confiding and cheerful demeanour is its chief charm, while its little song, if not very varied, is pleasing, mellow and musical. Description: Body plumage, brown and white, the contrasts being bold, the pattern being strikingly depicted on our plate; the base of tail is crimson; outer webs of tail and flight feathers are margined with red, or crimson. The confiding and fearless manner in which it endured close scrutiny at the hall indicated fully its charming demeanour as a cage-bird—it was awarded second prize. The specimen figured is the first to reach England alive, and was brought over last March by Major Perreau, and passed at once into the hands of its present, and much to be envied owner, Mr. A. Ezra.

FIRE-TAILED FINCH (*Zonaeginthus bellus*).—This beautiful Finch is unfortunately not a long liver with many bird-keepers, but has done well with others out of doors during the summer, being brought into a temperate bird-room for the winter. It is, however, very erratic, specimens that have done well for a period in one aviary promptly dying when transferred to another (under equally good conditions) in a different locality. It evidently needs careful nursing after every change, and its quarters should only be changed during favourable climatic conditions. For those kept in cages, a bright, sunny room, in which the temperature is pretty even, will suit them best. Their menu is very simple, canary, millet, spray millet, grass in the ear, and other green-food being about all they require. In the aviary they are very keen on catching flies and picking blight off the foliage—an occasional mealworm and some green-fly, when obtainable, will greatly benefit those kept in cages. The species has not yet been bred in captivity.

Description: Upper plumage brown-grey, light grey below, the whole plumage being finely lined with black; forehead, lores and eye region black; eyelids pale blue; rump and upper tail coverts, vivid scarlet; ventral region and under tail-coverts, black; beak, crimson; legs and feet, flesh-colour. The general colour pattern is fully indicated on our plate. The bird portrayed by Mr. Goodchild is one of the magnificent pair exhibited by Mr. C. H. Row (who has privately imported the species several times), deservedly first in their class.

Not Gorgeous, but very Entertaining.

BLACK-THROATED WREN BABBLER (*Stachyris nigriceps*).—This is a rather plainly clad, yet extremely handsome and entertaining bird. It is the only living specimen at present in this country, being brought over by Major Perreau in March last, passing at once into Lady Kathleen Pilkington's possession, who finds it a most charming bird and cage pet. Like many another shy and skulking species when in its native haunts, it becomes very tame and confiding under the conditions of cage life. The main dietary will be insectile mixture and insects. The latter should vary according to the season; almost all kinds will be readily taken. Major Perreau states that while in his aviary it visited the "sponge cake and milk" dish.

Description: But little is needed, as the general plumage is strikingly indicated in Mr. Goodchild's drawing of the bird. It is bright olive-brown above, and rich fulvous below; head, black streaked with white; a white ring round the eyes; throat black, mottled with white; beak, crimson. Length, 5½ inches. Its fearlessness was very obvious, even when under the scrutiny of strangers; evidently a most active and vivacious species. It was third in its class, being preceded by the Black-chinned Yuhinas and Red-tailed Minla.

DUFRESNE'S WAXBILL (*Lagonosticta dufresni*).—The beauty of this bird is beyond description in a few sketchy notes; only a coloured plate could do justice to the soft and pleasing hues of this chastely clad species, and my readers must content themselves with Mr. Goodchild's fine portrayal. I can only add that the principle hues are soft greys, yellowish-olive, olive-brown and olive-green.

Success almost Achieved in South Africa.

In "Bird Notes" (the Journal of the Foreign Bird Club) a member (Mr. H. E. Bliss) gives a most interesting, but brief account of this species in his South African aviary, which I quote in full: "The Dufresne's Waxbills commenced nesting in June, but it was not till December that, feeling in the nest one day, I discovered it contained four or five eggs. The domed nest was built in a branch of dry heather rather low down in one corner of the aviary, and was composed chiefly of lichen (in preference to moss, which was also supplied) lined with soft grass and a few feathers. The eggs were hatched on the 19th December, but several days later I noticed the birds had deserted the nest, and I found the young had disappeared; whether mice were the culprits, or some of the larger birds in the aviary, I never discovered. These Waxbills moulted in January."

One would fain have read a more successful conclusion—this species has not been bred in Great Britain. Dufresne's Waxbill needs somewhat careful nursing on arrival, and may be dieted as the preceding species. The bird figured was exhibited by Mr. H. Strong, and won fifth prize in a strong class, when competing with such species as Red faced and Melba Finches, Violet-eared Waxbills, etc.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

NORWICH HEN AILING (R. S. D.).—The hen has evidently got a chill, to which it may be susceptible. You should place it at once in a comfortable place, not overheated, but still quite away from the chilly side. Give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecac. wine, and three of sweet spirit of nitre. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, and then give 20 drops of the quinine tonic advised in this issue to "Shoer" for a few days. You will probably have to be very careful not to expose this hen to any cold draughts or severe cold. As regards the loss of feathers on the neck you ought to have treated the hen for this during the moult, in the manner you might have seen repeated almost weekly in this column at that time.

TREATMENT OF YOUNG (G. B.).—I am glad to learn that you have, although late, made such good success by following my previous advice. The young birds are really very young, and will be so for breeding next season until it is again almost too late to commence breeding. It is just such youngsters as these that should be kept over the first season without breeding. You may, however, mate one of your oldest birds bred this season about the middle of

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Normon's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each: No. 5 "The Pet Canary." No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

April next with the Goldfinch if both birds are quite ready to mate, and as the Goldie will probably not be ready to mate earlier than this you will not really lose much time. The youngest of your stock should not really be mated before May, and it would be good policy to take one nest only from them next season—that is, of course, to say one nest from each bird. During the winter feed them on a staple of plain canary seed, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, twice a week a teaspoonful each of egg food, bread and milk, or any similar equivalent, and on two other days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazel, and broken groats. Give a small spray of watercress occasionally, or a morsel of fruit as a substitute. The young cocks will begin to sing somewhere about the middle of January, and should be in full song by the middle of February.

NOT SINGING (R. M.).—The first step is to remove the cause of the constant feather dropping, which is almost certain to be either exposure to cold draughts; rapid and extreme fluctuations of heat; damp; or impure air, such as prevails near ceilings, or near or over burning lights in the evenings. Any or all of these causes which exist in your conditions must be removed before you can hope to cure the effects. Having attended to these points and seen that the bird is in a comfortable, though not necessarily overheated place, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days during the same period give a pinch of the seed mixture advised to "G. B." in this issue. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight or so as may seem necessary. You may also give a little of the paste advised to "Novice, E. T.," on Nov. 15th, for two or three weeks. The sample of seed you sent would do nicely for occasional use as a tit bit, but for regular use, as you seem to be using it, it is most unsuitable, the proportion of linseed being very excessive, and the canary far too scanty.

NOT MOULTING OR SINGING (H. L. W.).—See reply to "F. G. S.," a fortnight ago Nov. 22—for details about getting a bird to moult which appears to be "skipping" this very necessary process. Of course I take it that the birds have not moulted gradually so as not to attract your attention particularly to the matter. Their plumage should show you if this is so. If really not moulted the probability is that they will go into moult when the weather becomes mild in spring, and will in consequence be very late before they are ready to start breeding with. You had better treat the birds as advised in the reply referred to, and see if that will bring about a moult before the spring arrives, and thereby avoid the excessive delay in commencing to breed next season. If this treatment does not succeed I am afraid you will have the misfortune of seeing the birds barely free from moulting at the time you should be putting them together for breeding. The cause of the newly caught Linnets not singing is probably that they have not yet become accustomed to their new surroundings, or, possibly, they may be of the wrong sex. Anywny, you may be sure that the presence of the Canaries is not responsible for their silence, nor they for the Canaries' condition, except in so far that all the birds being subject to the same conditions all may be adversely affected by any unsuitable treatment.

WHEEZING AND NOT SINGING (A Constant Reader).—See that both these birds are kept free from draughts and impure air, such as hanging near the ceiling, or near or over a burning light in the evenings. Keep in a fairly equable and cosy place, but do not overheat them. Give No. 1 half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. If this does not quite remove the trouble write again and I will advise you further. (2) Give this bird a little sponge cake the same as advised for No. 1, every second day for a fortnight, and also keep a cube of the paste advised to "Novice, E. T." on Nov. 15th, stuck in the wires for it to nibble at for a week or two. (By-the-bye you may also give a little of this paste to the other bird.) In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day, and afterwards ten drops each of glycerine and lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece two days in every three for a week, and afterwards every second day for another week. Give a spray of watercress three times a week, and when this is not available substitute a little banana instead.

BREEDING SONGSTERS (C. C.).—If you get a Roller hen of a good singing strain to pair with the Yorkshire cock, you will get much better songsters than you would get from a Yorkshire cock and a Norwich hen, and the Yorks-Roller cross should also produce longer birds than the Yorks-Norwich cross, although the latter may be the largest in substance. There is really very little to choose between the Yorkshire and the Norwich so far as singing is concerned, but the Yorks is not, perhaps, quite so loud and piercing. The Yorkshire cock and Norwich hen would give you the best-looking birds, but in singing powers they would be distinctly inferior to what you would get from a Roller hen. I should also prefer a Yorkshire hen to mate with the Goldie cock, but a Norwich would also produce a good large and attractive Mule. A German hen is about the worst possible choice if you want to get a really good Mule.

A STEP HIGHER (Master).—I wish you great success in your venture in starting with Crests after a probation, so to speak, of two years in breeding common Canaries, and studying "Cage Birds." But I am afraid you will have to open your purse strings a good bit wider to begin with "a really good strain of good Crests." At the price you name—£2 per pair—I am afraid you must not look for exceptional quality in both strain and birds, as they will more likely be of very mediocre quality if they come from a really good source. About £5 per pair would be much nearer the mark for a pair of good stock birds from a good and reliable strain, and the price might go to double, or even treble, this figure for high-class stock birds likely to produce winners in fair competition. It depends, however, very much upon the source from which you get the birds, and you may get a useful pair to begin with at the former price. I certainly do not consider Crests at all delicate provided they come of a robust strain, where stamina is given proper weight in breeding. This is really the crux of the matter, as when any breed or strain gets a notoriety for delicacy it is invariably due to this point being more or less ignored in the building up or subsequent breeding of the birds. I bred Crests myself for a number of years, and found them quite as hardy as some strains of Norwich or Yorkshires, but this does not, of course, apply equally to all strains. You cannot do better than get parts 12 and 13 of "Our Canaries," in which you will find the Crest and Crestbred fully dealt with in all their aspects.

RETURN FROM SHOW (Shoer).—(1) In reply to your first question the bird might have caught a slight chill, either at the show or in transit to or fro. In similar cases in future keep the bird in a comfortable temperature for a few days, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar each day, and add to its drinking water 20 drops of sherry, in an ounce of which you have dissolved half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine, and shaken in a teaspoonful of glycerine. The frilling will probably disappear after the bird has had a bath or two, but if it does not you will have to deal with it when you are next washing the bird, and be careful not to brush the feathers in the wrong direction, and not dry too near the fire. If any frill then appears after the bird is dry you must carefully moisten the tips of the curled feathers with warm water, and gently draw out the curl and cause them to lie in the proper direction. (2) If you mean to include distant journeys in your programme, once every fortnight is too often to show the bird all through the season. Still, if you wish to attempt it you should mix together two fluid ounces of port wine, one ounce of malt extract, and half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine, and give the bird 20 drops of this in the drinking water every second day during the week before you are showing him. Also give a small teaspoonful of egg-food twice during the same week, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of mixed seed. Let the staple diet consist of plain canary seed.

SANG TOO LOUD (J. T.).—I assume the bird has gone out of song, but you do not say when or for what probable reason. In fact, beyond saying the bird sang so loud that people had to throw things at him to silence him, you give no clue at all as to what is wrong. Maybe he feels the indignities heaped upon him, and really any self respecting bird would "dry up" after such treatment. If the bird is in good health and only ceased singing at the commencement of the moult it will doubtless begin again in a short time. Some birds do not resume full song after the moult until the spring is approaching, and it is not necessary for them to hear another bird sing to induce them to start afresh, although the singing of one bird will frequently incite slow starters to begin earlier than they otherwise would do. Give the bird a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazel, and broken groats. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky and ten each of glycerine and lemon juice two days in every three for a fortnight. If there is then no sign of it coming in song, please write again and give particulars of your treatment, and say when it went out of song and if it was likely to be the result of shock from having something thrown at him.

LITTLE BETTER (A. B.).—Sorry the bird is not yet well, but the disappearance of the swelling at the vent and the other little improvement is a hopeful sign. If you are expert at hand washing, I would advise you now to wash this bird once, and use fairly warm water, and in the first two basins add a little Creolin, which you can get at almost any chemist's, in the proportion of a teaspoonful to each pint of water used. Keep the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand instead of sawdust for a time, and treat as follows for another month, and if not then quite well, write again and say what progress has been made. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, given dry. Also break open a grape, sprinkle a little maw on the inside to induce the bird to peck at it, and fix it on the end of a perch, and renew it as often as is necessary during the week. In the drinking water add 15 drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day. At the end of the first week add to the dietary half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, black rape, and teazel, every second day, and on the days when you are giving rape, give also a morsel of banana, and twice a week a tiny spray of watercress. Give a scrap of egg food or bread and milk about once a week In the drinking water after the first week give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternating days in the first fortnight give 20 drops of sherry, in an ounce of which you have dissolved half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine, and then added a teaspoonful of glycerine.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TROUBLE WITH THRUSH (Ed. Richards).—You had better treat your bird as advised to "Squibs" in this issue. The food you are giving him is suitable for a healthy bird, but yours just now is below par and requires a little special treatment. If there is any sign of constipation, mix the food with a little scraped raw carrot.

MAGPIE (C. A. O.).—These birds are neither difficult to hand-rear or to keep in captivity. They are quite hardy and will live all the year round in an outside aviary. If you intend hand-rearing next season it would be as well to write again then. In the meantime why not procure the softbill part (vol. 2) of the British Bird Manual? You will there find a chapter on the Magpie; also one upon hand-rearing, that should be useful and interesting to you.

WHAT BIRD? (Robert Mackie).—You do not say when you saw the bird. By your description I should think it was a Wheatear, which should be now in its winter home, although the season has been so wonderfully mild that it would not astonish me to hear that one was still in this country. The breast of the Wheatear is not a light brown; it is what one might describe as tawny-buff and the back is slate colour, but the hen bird is much browner and it may possibly have been one of these that you saw. They keep to the ground, flying from one lump of earth to another.

BLACKBIRD MOULTING (Squibs).—In the present condition of health of your Blackbird your food is hardly nutritious enough. You had better procure a good brand of insectile food and feed him upon that for a time at least. What I mean by a good food is one that is specially made for the more delicate Warblers. Before you commence the change of diet, give him one good dose of glauber salts, put a couple of crystals of the salts about the size of a pea, in warm drinking water, and let him have it to drink for one day only. Afterwards you had better give him a tonic as advised to "Belfast" in this issue. Keep him free from draughts and on bright sunny days let him bathe in the morning so that his cage gets thoroughly dry before roosting time.

BULLFINCH SEEDY (Zephie).—The fact of your bird being troubled with grey lice is positive proof that she is not in the best of health. By your letter I gather you have had advice before as to seed diet. I would only add that you should just now slightly increase the amount of hemp and maw seed. You had better give her a course of tonic as advised to Belfast in this issue. It is quite possible for half a dozen birds to be in a flight or cage together, and only the one have grey lice. They are seldom or never found on perfectly healthy specimens; the birds they patronise with their attentions are always a bit below par. You do not ask for advice so I presume you know how to get rid of them. The wild seed mixture you sent is rather good and I should not hesitate to give a teaspoonful every other day to the Finches. Bathe the Bullie's face with a solution of boracic acid. Put half a teaspoonful in half a cup of warm water. You must mix the powder first with a few drops of water, and rub it up into a paste, and then pour the remaining quantity of water on it. Let the bird have clean perches daily. You will want an extra one or two for this purpose. This is very important

SEXING GOLDFINCHES (Constant Reader).—As a rule the blaze is the best guide. In the cock bird it should extend well past the eye, and be fuller and broader. The wing butts are also of a good sound black; when seen in a good light they have a greenish cast, whereas the hens are inclined to be brownish. The yellow on the wings in some specimens is slightly richer, and the tanning also. The bird itself is bolder looking with a stronger beak, and the head less round than in the hen; but these are little differences that would hardly be detected by the novice. The blaze is the best guide for any one but an expert.

SHOW CAGES FOR FINCHES (Shower).—There is no colour better than green to show off the good points of a hen Bullfinch. Get a fresh laurel leaf and match it as near as possible. Paint the bars and interior this colour. Make one a couple of shades darker for your Siskin; that will be rather darker than the colour on his back, but not nearly so dark as his cap. You can use the same shade for your Greenfinch if he has been at all colour-fed; if not I think a pale blue, almost white, shows the bird off best. I advise you to paint the Bullfinch and Siskin cages first, and then run the Greenfinch in and see how he looks. They vary so much in tone that what suits one will not the other, so you must use your own judgment. A nice size for a Siskin show cage is eleven inches long, ten high, and five wide.

ABOUT A TREE SPARROW (Weekly Reader).—Feed your bird upon mixed seeds: canary 2 parts, rape 1 part, ½ part each of hemp and linseed, a few sunflower seeds say twice a week, and occasionally give it a little soft food, as given to Canaries or Softbills. He should also have mealworms or other insects. If you are getting him into good condition two or three every day would not hurt him. There is very little difference in colour between the cock and the hen, excepting in the breeding season when the cock bird is a little brighter. You would have to show your bird in the "Any Other Species"

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1): Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3, "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11, "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

class, which generally means that he is competing with Hawfinches, possibly also Chaffinches, and Bramblefinches. It is all according to the size of the show and the classification given. Unless your bird should be an exceptional specimen he would never get very high in the cards. He might compete more successfully in members' classes, where the competition is not so keen. A rather small Norwich show cage, painted green inside, would be a suitable one to exhibit him in.

HAND-REARED BULLFINCH (Baggie).—I am afraid you have been making too much of a pet of your bird, and allowing him to have too many dainties. You had better give him a couple of doses of glauber salts, missing one day after the first dose. Put a piece the size of a pea in warm drinking water. Keep him without water for two hours before giving it to him. Bathe the eye with boracic powder as advised "Zephie" in this issue. If when you catch him you find an open sore, you had better anoint it after bathing, with a little healing ointment, but be careful in this, should it be discharging you had better simply bathe it for a day or two, and let it clear itself, then when it looks healthy use the ointment. Should there be none of these symptoms examine the eye with a strong glass to see if it is quite normal. Give him clean perches every day.

TROUBLE WITH SKYLARK (Oldham).—The bad habit your bird has acquired is not a new one. Captive Finches and Canaries are sometimes guilty of it, it is generally the birds that are in high condition. The only remedy I can advise you is to give him a dose of salts and place his drinker in a position that it will be rather difficult for him to get at it; or another way would be to have his drinker placed so that he could not reach it, and then make a syphon by means of a piece of twisted wool round bent wire, and let it drip on a board opposite his drinking hole. He would be able to get a drop at a time sufficient to keep him from suffering from thirst, and possibly in a few days he would forget the habit. When you went near his cage you could let him have a good drink if necessary.

HYBRID QUESTIONS (S. A. M.).—The cage you are having made would hold about eight birds, but they would be too crowded to breed; it should be given up to one pair only with any hope of success. (2) Hybrids between a Goldfinch and Bullfinch have been bred in an ordinary breeding cage. You would require hen Canaries to hatch and rear, as the hen British birds are not very reliable. (3) Some of the Finch mixtures put up by the best firms are very good indeed, but they should as a rule be used in conjunction with other seeds. If you are going to keep the birds together all the winter, make up the following mixture:—Two parts canary 1 part summer rape, ½ part hemp, linseed and sunflower. Let this be the staple food, and make them clear it up pretty well before giving more. Another mixture would be 2 parts teazle, ½ part dandelion, thistle, and gold of pleasure. You could give them a teaspoonful of this twice a week, and vary it with the Finch mixture you mention in your letter. (3) The law relating to the catching of wild birds is not the same everywhere. You may catch certain birds in one county and not in another. (4) The colour of the blaze in your Goldfinch is quite correct. He will improve as the season advances. The fact of him coming on to song proves that he is in good health. (5) You had better keep the Goldie and Bullie in separate cages, and let them have a fly together occasionally. When they are separate, do not feed the Bullie quite so richly, let him have a larger share of canary and rape.

BREEDING CANARY-BULLFINCH (Sweet).—(1) I would advise you to use a heavily marked or variegated yellow cock with your Bullfinch hen, if you can spare one. Colour plays such an important part in competition that anything that would give you a good start in that direction should be taken advantage of. (2) Hybrids pairs as a rule are rather late in commencing to breed, July is possibly the most prolific month, and I have known them to be produced quite late in the autumn. (3) Let them fly together all the winter if they agree, and then part them for a time in the spring. If they do not agree at first, put them in a two-compartment cage and draw the slide occasionally when you are in the room.

GOLDFINCH SOFT (J. G., Belfast).—Your bird is evidently run down and requires a tonic, and a little different treatment. Procure from the chemist one ounce of the crystals of citrate of iron and quinine. Dissolve as much as will cover a threepenny piece in two tablespoonsful of water, and give him this to drink for a week, fresh daily. If you think he requires a further course, give on alternate days; plain water in between. Should he be at all constipated try him with a cube of bread that has been soaked in hot milk and had a little soft sugar dusted over it. Your seed mixture should consist of the following:- Tenzle 4 parts, canary 3 parts, hemp 2 parts, and linseed 1 part, sunflower and summer rape ½ part each, mix these together as staple food. Then make another mixture consisting of 3ozs. thistle, 2ozs. of both dandelion and sesame, 1oz. of each lettuce and gold of pleasure. Give him a teaspoonful of this every other day, and in between a pinch of niger and maw. Until he is on the mend give him a small pot of soaked teazle seed three times a week. Do not move him from the position he now occupies. (2) A protracted moult is frequently the cause of infertile eggs the following season, but it is a long time to the spring, and with care your bird may be as fit as ever.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

WHAT PARROT? (H. J. W.).—If there is no blue at all on the front of the head, it is a Yellow-fronted Amazon, but if there is any blue, or indications of blue coming through the yellow on the forehead or fore-crown, then it is a Blue-fronted Amazon. You should be able by another examination to decide which of the above two species the bird in question is.

GROSBEAKS (Grosbeak).—The White-throated Grosbeak or Sparrow has quite a nice little song in the breeding season in the aviary, and I have also heard it sing in late autumn, but I have not kept it in a cage. Once your birds are established and have become quite accustomed to their quarters, there is little doubt but what they will sing, at any rate during the summer months, when thoroughly fit.

BUDGERIGARS (R. McG.).—Paddy rice can be obtained from any of the large seed merchants advertising in our pages. Almost every corn chandler keeps crushed oats, which answer as well as the "kibbled," being very similar, simply a difference in the crushing process. The principal dietary of the Budgerigar is canary, white millet, and millet sprays, with green food, grit, cuttle-bone, etc., and the other items are to vary the dietary a little, and oats will meet the case if you have any difficulty in getting the "rice in the husk" (Paddy rice), and whole oats will meet the case if there should be any difficulty about the crushed kind. For a pair of birds a quart would last you some time.

RED-CRESTED CARDINAL (J. O.).—The bulk (say two-thirds) of the seed mixture should consist of canary and white millet seeds, the other third of rape, hemp, and sunflower in about equal parts. It should also have ripe fruit daily (any kind it will take); sweet apple and banana are very good; also green food (fresh lettuce at this season), and two or three mealworms per diem, as well as any stray spider, beetle, or smooth caterpillar you can capture. For all birds, grit, cuttle-bone, and water must be supplied. It is a hardy species, but must not be subjected to draught, and the more even the temperature of its domicile the better it is likely to thrive. They are active, restless birds, and need a roomy cage—the above may sound rather formidable, but really amounts to very little in practice, and a bird repays by its happy, contented demeanour and song any extra care bestowed upon it.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

CARDINALS, PEKINS, ETC. (E. E. S.).—Cardinals, as a rule, are wild and restless birds. They try one's patience considerably, and seldom become really tame, though, of course, there are exceptions to all rules. A Pekin Robin might nicely meet your case, as with patience these birds become quite confiding, and they are both handsome, cheap and hardy. About the size of the English Redbreast, but stouter built. The cage a cock of this species permanently lives in should not be less than, say, 24 by 12 by 18 inches high, and once it is tame it will benefit greatly by a fly round the room daily. I do not consider Quails suitable for permanent cage life. The Tanagers you name are worth about 25s. each. A Shama, or a Gold-fronted Green Fruit-sucker, would suit you best. Both these birds become finger tame fairly soon, and are charming pets, but they cost about 40s. to 50s. each, though occasionally they are to be obtained a little lower.

AMAZON PARROT (F. Y.).—I do not keep queries by me, and can only say that my previous reply was based on the data supplied in your letter of enquiry. As regards your present query, I take it the bird is quite tame, and can be handled. You must spray or bathe with a tepid glyco-thymoline solution daily till the trouble ceases. The best method is undoubtedly two dishes, one containing tepid water, the other the glyco solution; first cleanse the nostrils with tepid water, with a sponge, then, after cleansing the sponge, bathe with the glyco solution. As regards injection, there is no reason why you should not use this method, but it must be injected gently, and only about one drop of the solution at a time.—I should say use both methods. With an ailing bird it is always best to keep the bowels moving quite freely by an occasional laxative—one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water is as good as any. Examine the bird's mouth, and if it is at all furred or slimy, put a little honey and borax in its mouth daily until it becomes quite clean. I shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

F. Litchfield.—Your letter was delayed owing to the fact that we had to ascertain the gentleman's address. We will try to arrange for an article to appear on the subject you mention.

Thrush.—We have from time to time published many articles on the subjects you mention. A chapter on cage-making appears in our book on Cages and Aviaries. We have heard of captive Skylarks, singing practically all the year round; it is far from uncommon.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Mr. Hannigban's, 7.30. Stewards for annual show. R. Peart.

Anfield Everton C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Priory Grove Mission Room, 8.30. General meeting. Report of old show, and general bus.—Redpath and Walker.

Arbroath C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate. Annual general meeting. Every member requested to attend. J. Gray.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Nurse and Jockey, 8. Third table show. All ticket-money to be brought in, please.—W. Hallstone.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Special meeting; urgent and important. Members please attend.—F. Gehler.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Clarence Hotel, 7.30.—F. C. Sims.

Birmingham South O.S.—Dec. 10, Marlboro' Hotel, 8.30. Complete members' show arrangements. Allot specials.—J. Sheppard.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Statement about late annual show, and other important bus. A full attendance requested.—G. Hayver.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—Dec. 6, W.M. Institute, 6.30. Members' prize-money paid.—A. Hirons.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Dec. 9, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. Open show bus.—J. Kilshaw.

British Roller C.C.—Dec. 9, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Birds present, and tours explained. All Roller fanciers invited.—J. W. Norris.

Bury C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Textile Hall, 8. General bus Members kindly bring all unsold tickets.—H. Jameson.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Maskell Hotel, 8. Special meeting; pay members' prize-money, also specials. Other important bus.—E. Thomas.

City of Bradford O.S.—No meeting Dec. 6, owing to Bradford National Show.—W. Helliwell.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 8, Church Institute, 60, Paddington, 8.15. Judging competition in Border Fancies. Judge, H. Norman, Esq.—V. Wynn.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Dec. 8, 8.. Bus.: Election of officers. Will all members have birds staged before 9 o'clock on Dec. 5? Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, will judge.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Report of open show. Members bring ticket money.—Smith and Lees.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Dec. 6, Village Hall, Juniper Green, 8. Annual meeting. Election of office-bearers.—J. Napier.

Darlington C.B.S.—Dec. 10, George Hotel, 8. Pay prize-money and specials, and other bus.—Todd and Walker.

Denton C.B.S.—Dec. 8, headquarters, 8. Amalgamated show bus. Passing of new rules.—W. Hopwood.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, 7. Social arrangements.—Jameson and Johnson.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Show bus.—L. Barker.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Show business and entries close.—G. T. Lynn.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 8. Special general meeting and presentation of prizes.—W. Hodson.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Co-operative, 7. Consideration of open show; election of secretary.—R. T. Campbell (pro. tem.).

Edmonton F.A.—Dec. 11, Edmonton Town Hall, 2 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Annual show. Admission 6d.—W. H. Jackson.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Church House, Church Road, 7.30. General bus.; all ticket-money to be brought in, etc.—W. Dawson.

Guisborough C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Weir's Rooms, 7. Final arrangements for show.—Wm. Waraker.

Hyde C.B.S.—Dec. 8, St. George's School, 8. Annual show bus.—T. Allsop.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Nightingale Hotel, High Road, Wood Green. Annual show, 3 to 10. Admission 3d.—P. Brooks.

Hyson Green (Notts.) C.B.S.—Dec. 9, headquarters, 8. Entry night for show.—W. Cottingham.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 8, White Hart Hotel, 8. Open show bus.—A. Lawford.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Victoria Hotel, Ferry Street, 7.30. Election of judge and show bus.—H. Ayers.

Keighley C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Hare and Hounds Hotel, 7.30. Stewards for show; election of auditors; and general bus.—C. W. Town.

Leicester C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.30. Entries taken for members' show, also subs.—J. Cook.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Pair show bus. Ticket money to be brought in.—R. Charleson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Coffee House, 8. Report of members' show, etc. All members please attend. H. Woodhead.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Specials for schedule, also to receive members' subscriptions, which are now overdue.—D. John.

London Federation of C.B.S.—Dec. 12, The El Vino, 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. Important business, and to meet representatives of unaffiliated societies who are asked to kindly attend.—J. C. Birch.

Longton C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Roebuck Hotel, 8. To discuss winter show and classification. Will members who have not brought ticket money in, please do so?—P. E. Barker.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Drill Hall, 7. Bus., club show.—R. Muir.

L.C.B.A.—Dec. 9, "El Vino," 3, Piccadilly Place, 8. General and show bus. Members are requested to forward unsold tickets and ticket money to Mr. F. Knight, 64, Claplin Road, Wembley.—J. Bray, jun.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 6, headquarters, 8. Open show; nomination of officers 1914.—H. Grange.

Newton-le-Willows F. and F.S.—Dec. 11, Pied Bull Hotel, Newton-le-Willows, 8. Annual show arrangements.—H. A. Waddington.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Balmoral Hotel, 8. Amalgamated show bus. Will members who have tickets or money for our last show please return?—J. Davey.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Dec. 10, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Payment members' prize-money, specials. Tickets for late show.—J. G. Royce.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road. Washing exhibition, commence 7.45. Pleased to see all old fanciers and friends.—J. Cope, Sec.

Openshaw, Gorton C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Alhambra Club, 8.30. Selection of medals. Final closing of entries Dec. 17.—F. Washbourne.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Granby Hotel, 7.15. Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax).—H. Myers.

Partick C.B.C.—Dec. 12, Foresters' Hall, 8. Annual general meeting. Electing office-bearers, paying out specials, etc.—W. Priest.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Dec. 8, Crumpsall Hotel, 8.30. Final bus. in connection with amalgamated show.—H. Clayton.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—Dec. 6, Victoria Hotel, 8. Result of show and other bus.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Temperance Club, 7. Delegates of amalgamated show, or any society desirous of joining above, please attend, as we are desirous of having a big show.—W. Adams.

Sale C.B.S.—Dec. 8 Will members bring in their cash and unsold tickets? Show balance-sheet.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Dec. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8.—P. Drake.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Dec. 11, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 7. Bus.: Dispatching of prize lists, and final arrangements for show.—J. R. Meikle.

Sheffield O.S.—Dec. 9, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers for 1914. Bring all unsold show tickets with you.—E. C. Job.

Skipton C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Balance-sheet of last show.—E. Gill.

South London C. and F.A.—Dec. 11, headquarters, 8. General meeting; nomination of officers for 1914. Prize-money ready.—G. F. Crawford.

South-West London C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, 8.30. Payment of prize-money. Annual show Dec. 6.—H. Freeman.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Wharfe Hotel, 8. General meeting. Annual show bus. Friday, Dec. 12, 8 to 10 p.m. Entries close for annual show, Wharfe Hotel, Dec. 13. Birds staged 1 p.m. prompt. Judge, Mr. R. E. Halliwell (Halifax).—A. Suteliffe.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 6, Central Cafe, 7.30. Agenda: (1) Specials; (2) subscriptions; (3) other show bus.—J. Peacock.

Swansea C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. General bus.—S. H. George.

Wakefield F.S.—Dec. 5, Club Room, 8.15. Bus. in connection with Dec. show; also prize-money.—J. Isherwood.

Walkley C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Mission Rooms, Westmorland Street, 8. Final table show and election of officers.—A. Lawton.

Wallsend Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Dec. 10, Station Hotel. 7.30. Election officers; revise rules; balance-sheet read.—G. Greenwell.

Wigan C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Presentation of cup.—E. Ball.

Wingate F.S.—Dec. 6, Wingate, 7. Arrangements for show, etc.—J. Burdett.

Windhill C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers for 1914, and other important bus. Subscriptions now due for 1913.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wombwell B.F.S.—Dec. 13, Wesleyan Schoolroom. Members' show, 1 to 8. Birds staged at 11 o'clock.—J. W. Dean.

York C.B.S.—Dec. 8, All Saints' School, 8. Show arrangements; election of auditors.—H. Sayles.

TONBRIDGE.

Seventh annual show held in the Public Hall, Dec. 2 and 3. Our section was beautifully staged upon the platform and down the centre of the hall, a fine roomy place with a good light. The entry was rather better than last year, the Norwich being particularly responsible for the increase. These were exceptionally good, some of the birds being quite first class. Yorks were a nice level lot and put down in fine condition. The show, as usual, was ably managed, Mr. Percy Stone (next once more officiating in his best possible manner, and he had good assistance from a hard-working committee consisting of Mr. Christee (chairman), Messrs. Cross, Cullham, Dennis, Fisher, Greenaway, Love, Millen, Parker, Plested, Palmer, Read, Smithers, and others. The show was well attended, Mr. J. Robson judged.

We heard several complaints about the cards used on the cage birds; these were about the largest we have ever seen, and only suitable for poultry pens.

The Critique.

YORKS YELL. (4): 1, Wraight, smart and shapely, clean cut, good wing and tail, A1 qual. and col., well put down; 2, cup best member's, Cross, grand length, very clean cut, grand shoulder, well braced wings, wee bit open in front, but a good Yorkie; 3, Walker, nicely moulded, paler col., but capital length, nice long wings, A1 condition. BUFF (5): 1, Rayner, shade small and wee bit hollow in back, but nice type and qual., very jaunty; 2, Rev. Sales, bigger and bolder, hardly so high on legs, but grand pos. and style, full of qual., grand condition; 3, res, Wraight, fine size and type, wee bit flat on back, grand style, good pos., well up on leg, nice qual.; 4, Bullen. HEN (12): 1, Lord, typical, wonderful length for a lady, excels in back and wings, grand qual., but a bit sluggish; 2, Rev. Sales, smart, hot col., nicely drawn, nervy, hardly so long in wings, neat head and shoulders, grand quality; 3, Rayner, stylish, good pos., nicely moulded but scarcely so long in body, well up on legs, A1 qual.; 4, res, Wraight, typical, all there for type and qual., full of nerve; vhc, Foxen; hc, Bullen. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Rayner, not the largest in the class, but all there for type, beautifully drawn, good head and wings, hot col., but unsteady; 2, Walker, slim, clean cut, nice long wings, hardly staged at his best, nice qual.; 3, Foxen, very stylish buff, typical, beautifully modelled and drawn, grand shoulders and wings, in the pink of condition; 4, hc, Bullen, neck tkd. yell., typical, bit unsteady, good head and wings; res, vhc, Wraight. VARIEG. (4): 1, Rayner, big cap mkd., fine length, good well braced wings, capital shoulder and back, grand col.; 2, Wraight, hardly so long, but lovely type, beautifully rounded, smart wings, grand qual.; 3, Cross, capital variegs., good length of wings, well up on legs; 4, Jenner, Cinn. mkd. NON-FED (5): 1, 2, Creed, capital pair, leader smart, stylish, good wing carr., neat tail, nicely rounded, tight as wax; 2nd shade longer, neck mkd., grand shoulders, wonderful length of wing, capital col.; 3, Cross, wing and cheek mkd., nice length, well up on leg, good qual.; 4, Creed. NOV. YORKS (6): 1, Poingdestre, long racy variegs., grand style, good head, back and wings, A1 qual. and col., well put down; 2, 3, Walker, little to choose between them; 2nd long one, bit untidy; 3rd smart, shade smaller, clean cut, nice qual.; 4, Lord; res, Harvey; vhc, Bellchamber. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Saunders, short thick-set, nicely rounded, bold front, neat, well carried wings and tail, sound rich col., A1 cond.; 2, Meades, shade longer, big bold head, good wings and tail, rich qual., beaten col.; 3, Smith, another good one, grand full body, nicely rounded, hardly the head of winner, still a good one; 4, Taylor; res, Borman; vhc, Smithers. BUFF (5): 1, Saunders, quite the right type, beautifully proportioned, nice full head, rich col., in the best of condition; 2, Gunnell, good eye tkd., capital size, sweetly moulded, grand bold body, not the head of winner, but lovely qual. of feather and well shown; 3, Smithers, good bold head, nice type, but broken tail, we thought should have given place to 4, Taylor, typical, plenty of subs., good head and front, perfect in plumage; res, Richardson. HEN (9): 1, Borman, bold massive buff, short and thick-set all over, neat head, grand back and wings, A1 qual. feather, nice cond.; 2, Taylor, wing mkd. yell., capital type, well across the perch, good head, nicely braced wings, hot col.; 3, Gunnell, lovely cheek mkd. yell., bold front, good back and wings, inclined to be leggy, grand qual.; 4, Loveland, bonny yellow, grand size and type, nice quality; vhc, hc, Smithers; res, Creed. UNFLIG. (13): 1, vhc, Borman, wing and cap mkd. bold, full, beautifully sound head, thick set, short, well filled body, good wings, sound col., A1 qual.; 2, Saunders, cobby buff, hardly tbe subs. of winner, neat head, short wings, nicely carried tail, perfect feather and con., rich col.; 3, 4, Wickbam, bonny yellows, 3rd, rather better feather and wings, but both capital; 3, Taylor; hc, Smithers; c, Acland. VARIEG. (6): 1, res., Smitbers, bonny bold variegs., grand size and type, full front, nicely cut away, good wings and tail, A1 col.; 2, Meades, good type, hardly so full in head, capital wings; 3, Taylor, lightly mkd., full head, beautifully packed, grand wings, some preferred, lovely qual.; 4, Greenaway, big, bold bird, massive body, capital type, good head, grand col., must have pressed leader. NON-FED (9): 1, Denning, nice for quality, shade long in body and wings, good back, well across the perch; 2, Loveland, more massive, shorter, bold front, grand head, nicely cut away, good wings and tail, nice con.; 3, Saunders, hardly so big, but all tbere for type and qual. of feather, sweetly moulded, neat tail; 4, hc, Smithers, big, bold bird, full front, hardly so nicely finished, grand back; res., Smith; vhc, Creed. NOV. (9): 1, Hunt, hot col., capital type, neat bead and neck, good back, wings and tail, sound con.; 2, vbc, Pilbean, cl., nice type, good full bodied bird, nicely braced wing, A1 qual.; 3, 4, Scott, capital, neat bead, good full front, grand wings and tail, nicely cut away, 4, shade slacker in featber, but good type, well across the perch, capital qual.; res., Miss Dark; hc, Coomber; c, Noakes. BORD. (9): 1, hc, Marriott, lovely cl., typical, nicely proportioned, grandly braced wings, neat tail, full of qual., well put down; 2, 3, Burton Bros., two capital, typical birds, leader beautifully mkd., nicely filled in, good wings, fine condition, 2, a bonny cl., close up, nice pos. and style, well put down; 4, res., Aitkin, big bird, hardly tbe type of winners, falls a bit in wings and con.; c, Richards. GOLDF. (5): 1, Rhodes, not over large, but capital shape, nice, full, rich blaze, good both top and bottom, capital tanning, fine con.; 2, Hurst, beauty, close up, grand under blaze, rich wing bars, well buttoned tips, beautifully tanned; 3, Goodchild, shapely, grand blaze, nicely spread, capital, rich col., good wings and tanning; 4, Acland; res., Gunnell. BULLF. OR GREENF. (4): 1, Rhodes, lovely Bullf., grand shape and nice, rich col., good cap and wings, but hardly the condition of 2, Howick, quite Bullie type, grand cap, full neck, good back and wings, lovely tone of col., in the pink; 3, Wickbam, shade small, but beautiful type and style, neat cap, nicely mkd. wings, beaten con.; 4, Taylor. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Marriott, bonny Siskin, capital size and shape, good dense cap, neat wings, sound, rich body col., in fine con.; 2, Wickham, topping Linnet, nice size, shapely, beautifully pencilled, rich tone of col., put down in A1 con.; 3, Gunnell, another good Linnet, equal to second on points, but hardly so nicely finished; 4, Cross; res., Creed. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (5): 1, Gunnell, bonny Hawfinch, grand size, good bold head, well filled neck, shapely body, rich col. throughout, capital con.; 2, Taylor, nice Chaffinch, capital rich col., good wings, A1 qual.; 3, Cook, bonny Bramble, hardly so big as some, but shapely, beautifully spangled, rich breast col.; 4, hc, Poland, lovely White Java, unusual exhibit, among British birds. HYB., LIGHT (5): 1, Gunnell, beautiful wing mkd. yell. Goldf.-Can., wonderfully rich col., grand con.; 2, 3, Lamb, well-known light Goldies, both in good order and well put down; 4, Smithers; res., Hall. DARK (): 1, Howick, well-known Canary-Bullie, fine size and shape, grand rich col., in lovely con.; 2, 3, Lamb, Canary-Bullie leading, big, bold bird, beautifully mkd., beaten tone of col., 3, grand dk. Goldie-Can., beauty for size and qual., rich col., in lovely con.; 4, Acland, bonny Greenf.-Can., good one of the cross, and in fine order; res., Cox; vhc., Hall. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Lamb, young Greenf.-Chaffinch leading, grand size and shape, lovely col. and qual. of feather, 2, well-known Redpoll-Bullie, bonny bird, beauty for size and richness of col.; 3 Bennet, good example of the Redpoll-Greenf. cross, nice size, shapely, capital tone of col. throughout, good con.

TONBRIDGE SHOW—Concluded.

Fill up and post the form on page 463.

Correspondence.

A Wild-Caught Linnet-Twite Hybrid.

SIR, On Nov 20th, while out catching Twites, I caught a Linnet-Twite Hybrid. I showed it to several birdy men, and all were of the same opinion as myself. It proved to be a hen. I would like to know if any other netter has had the same thing occur.

OLD FOWD.

A New Society at Barry Dock (South Wales).

SIR,—A society has recently been formed at Barry Dock (South Wales) with a membership open to the United Kingdom. A meeting will be held on Dec. 6, 7.30 p.m., at Rosser's Restaurant, Holton Road, Barry Dock, to which all interested in cage-birds, etc., are cordially invited.

H. P. THOMAS, sec.
"The Bowers," Coldbrook Road,
Cadoxton.

The Radius of Luton C.B.S.

SIR, I have been a member of the Luton Society for nearly four years, and as I was making my entries for the coming show, to my surprise found they had altered their radius from twenty miles to ten miles. I wrote, enclosing my subscription, when to my surprise my postal order was returned, saying they could not accept me as a member, as they had altered the radius to ten miles of Luton; could anyone advise me if they have power to expel old members, or does it only apply to all new members, when altering old, or making new rules?

W. BUCKINGHAM.

Remarkable History of Two Hybrids.

An Unparalleled Case, We Believe.

SIR,—It was a pleasure to have my Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid illustrated on the front page of your valuable paper. I bred this bird last year (1912). I have not shown him very much. At Oxford 1912 Annual Show he was 1st, sp, and cup for the best bird. In 1913 he was again in that splendid position, 1st, sp, and cup. His brother, a Linnet-Bullie, was second to him at Reading, where Mr. Lamb won with his Greenie-Chaffinch Hybrid. This Linnet-Bullie as a "brother" may appear strange to you. I will try to explain. In my aviary I had a hen Bullie and hen Goldie, a cock Greenie and cock Linnet. The hen Bullie goes to nest and lays her hatch of five eggs. I placed these five eggs in a Greenfinch's nest: result, she hatched two (one dead in shell, two clear eggs). One proved a Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, the other a Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid, and both were cocks. This, I think, was purely a slice of luck. I now thank your artist, Mr. H. Norman, for the life-like picture of the bird, and wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

W. WHITE.

Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League

Testimonial to Mr. Allen Silver.

SIR,—As one of the originators of the F.B.E.L., I, in common with foreign bird lovers throughout the country, was very much delighted with the magnificent response made to our appeal by exhibitors, with the result that the recent show held at the Royal Horticultural Hall was a gigantic success—a record for this, or any other country. One and all seemed resolved to back up the extraordinary classification to their utmost. Foreign bird-keepers have shown the world what they can do when properly catered for; fanciers, aviculturists, and traders have benefitted; and what is more to the point the Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League is an assured success. The entry fees covered the full prize money guaranteed, and its funds provided by generous patrons will not be touched, neither will the guarantors of special classes be called upon to pay a single farthing. Instead of being crushed by its extraordinary initial effort its position is strengthened, and it will now be able to extend its help to other societies requiring its aid. No one knows better than myself how our hon. sec., Mr. A. Silver, has worked to bring about this splendid result, and in the midst of my enjoyment of the show, it struck me we ought to give expression of our gratification by giving him some little token of our appreciation for services so willingly rendered. That the idea was general will be seen from the following list of donations which I have the honour to enclose, and which were collected by myself in a few minutes from visitors at the show. As it is possible that others might like to add their names to the list I should be glad if you would insert this together with my address, and respectfully ask all who have promised donations to send along as quickly as possible, as I propose to make the presentation at an early date. Subscriptions: A. Ezra, Esq. £1, Col. J. J. Routh 10s., Lady Kathleen Pilkington, Mrs. Thynne, Messrs. R. L. Crisp, T. R. Trower, C. T. Maxwell, H. Goodchild, Andrews Bros., J. C. Schlüter, De Von and Co. (per Mr. Chas. Harris), 5s. each; Miss J. Smyth, Miss A. B. Smyth, H. Mitchener, V. Wynn, W. T. Rogers, R. Manse ing, H. Stroug, N.Y.Z., R. Hoffmann, J. C. W. Meadows, F. Finn, B.A., F. Knight, C. Cooper, G. E. Weston, C. H. Row, Rev. J. M. Patterson, S. M. Townsend, J. Robson, J. Bray, R. A. Newley, W. A. Shepherd, W. C. J. Frost, W. Buckingham, R. J. Watts, J. Frostick, 2s. 6d. each; J. Dewhurst, J. Bailey, L. M. Wade, S. Williams, A. J. Shipton, 2s. each; J. Goodall, W. H. Vale, 1s. each; Total, £7 9s. 6d.

JOHN FROSTICK,
50, Boundaries Road, Balham, S.W.

A District Amalgamation Show for Rochdale.

SIR,—At our last committee meeting the above show came up for discussion, and it was arranged that I should call a meeting for Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Rochdale Temperance Club, Toad Lane, at 7.0 p.m. I hope that the different societies will send delegates to it, as we are of the opinion that a show can and will be held if at all possible at an early date, as we have a very good offer, I believe, to come before us. I think that it should be a success, and more so seeing that this year we have not had an open show within a radius of 12 miles. This should encourage us a little towards an amalgamated show. There are scores of fanciers in this radius and I think that if a few of the societies followed this movement we could get a show equal to any open show. Let some delegates attend the meeting (if they are not already members) and form their opinions, and then bring it forward at their next meetings. I will, for one, use my best endeavours to bring it to the front. I see other districts have this kind of show. If any of their secs. think they could assist us a little with any information, I should like to see Oldham, Ashton, North Manchester, Todmorden, Bury, Small Bridge, Littleborough, Heywood, Middleton, and R.O.C. represented at the meeting.

W. ADAMS,
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.

Popularising the Norwich Plainhead Club.

SIR, I think the scheme suggested by "Sub-Rosa" an admirable one, if it can be successfully carried out, and I don't see why it shouldn't be. I am a member of the N.P.C. and I hope they will consider this or some such scheme, because there is really nothing for the average fancier to compete for at patronage shows. He finds it much easier to make part of his expenses if he shows at outside shows, because the competition is not so keen. Unfortunately we cannot all be "deck sweepers," so it behoves the N.P.C. to give the scheme their earnest consideration, if they want to keep their members and get new ones. I see other specialist clubs are also waking up to the fact that cups and trophies, instead of being an asset to the club, are really as a millstone hung aromnd their necks.

PLAINHEAD.

The Winning Hybrid at Preston Show.

SIR,—My time is too valuable to write to papers or to disappointed critics getting cheap information, but if they included Mr. Metcalfe, who "wrong-classed" the above Hybrid at Sale show last Saturday, I only expected it, as he was in the clique at Preston show. Will they post from £5 to £50 with any bank? I will cover the same, and they can name any nine expert mule breeders or judges and send these nine names to the Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and M.C., and the National British Bird and M.C. for them to pick three or six out. I will let either club name the judges themselves, along with the proud owner and the breeder (the lady that practically hand-reared the bird) and a well-known exhibitor and judge who saw the bird in the nest. The winner to take all, to pay expenses. The bird in question is perfect, which is more than the Redpoll-Bullfinch that was second is, as it is minus centre claw, left foot, therefore not a perfect bird. The only thing I objected to was people carrying the bird round the show. When I got to Preston show I could not find it; someone had it in another aisle. What are the committee doing? Anyone can examine the bird until their eyes drop out of their head, but I will not allow them to carry it round the show. Your reporter does not seem to know much about Mules and British birds. Your reporter at Tideswell reported my Greenfinch-Canary as fit to fight for a kingdom, and so is the Canary Bullie 1st at Preston, also their happy owner. It was not awarded 1st prize at Preston without some great study from Mr. Wellings; but I agreed with him to give the bird the benefit of the doubt, as I had to pay its entry fee and pay carriage same as the other exhibitors. I would always give the exhibitor the benefit if I was not sure in any case. I would never put a bird out unless I was sure and prepared to back my opinion against the world, in a case like this. Now is Mr. Metcalfe's chance. He asked his steward at the show what he thought it was.

R. D. PARLETT.

SIR, I will send the pedigree of the bird, if the two gentlemen who wrote last week will withdraw the insulting remarks about the bird.

J. MALLATRATT.

SIR,—In all fairness to Mr. Parlett I may say I saw the above exhibit before and after judging at Preston Show, and there was then no name written on the label to indicate what kind of specimen it was. In fact, I was asked my opinion as to what cross it was, by at least eight fanciers who were watching the judging.

J. W. METCALFE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Walsh and Mr. Johnson, re the Preston sensation, I can vouch for the bird being a Canary-Bullie. Mr. Mallatratt, of Mansfield, was the breeder of this bird, and has shown the same at Nottingham, Derby, and Mansfield. The hen Bullie was caught at Pleasley by Mallatratt and Oscroft, and the cock Canary was a four-years inbred Buff Norwich. I saw the bird reared from the nest, and Mr. Vardy, the well-known judge, has known the bird since it was eight weeks of age. I do not know how the fanciers could make it an Albino Bullie. The hen Bullie laid 33 eggs in the year 1912, and three in one nest were fertile, and were hatched out and reared. Two of the birds died at eight weeks of age, and "Joey," as we always called him, has lived to cause a sensation. We at Mansfield are proud of the bird and his breeder.

BERNARD GABBITASS, Sec. Mansfield C.B.S.

Revival of the Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C.B.S.

SIR,—It has been decided to reform the above society, and some 20 names have been given in. We want to liven the cage bird fanciers up in this district. Will anyone interested kindly give their name to Mr. W. Lloyd, the local bird specialist, or to his son at the Windmill Hotel, Pendlebury, where it is proposed to have our headquarters. Would fanciers at Walkden, Farnworth, and other outside districts kindly watch "Club Notices" in CAGE BIRDS, as I will announce meeting as soon as it can be arranged. I will be pleased to give any information to anyone who will drop me a post card. There are some hundreds of fanciers in the district, and I think it only needs them to get together and pull together, when we can form a very good society. We could carry on a good local society at 1d. per week. I hope to have a good number of names this week-end.

ALEX. DONNELLY.
70, Cheatham Road, Swinton, Manchester.

A Novice Special at Southend Show.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Page's letter re novice special at Southend show, he entered six exhibits in the open novice classes, and won two 1st, one 4th, one vhc, one hc. In one class, where he took a first, there were only three birds, and he wants to count 7 points, but he only counts 3 points; that makes him 19 in all. He is asking why the class was not cancelled. We will explain. Where there were three in a class, as there was a gentleman in the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club and N.B.B. and M.C., we let them stand. And there are other gentlemen who have got specials to come, but they have not threatened to show us up, like Mr. Page, in the papers. He said we were trying to bluff a novice out of his specials. We are novices ourselves, but not so childish; we have never refused Mr. Page his specials, nor anyone else. Everybody who has won specials will receive them in due course. We paid out twenty shillings in the pound three days after the show, as we reckon ourselves as smart as any other society. We hope it will fit where it is meant for.

G. DEER and F. CUNDY, secs.

SIR,—When writing you re Southend show I made a mistake. I won class 20 hc, 21 1st, 23 1st and 4th, 24 vhc. In my last letter I stated two 3rds by mistake.

H. Page

ARE SPECIALIST CLUBS DOOMED?

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Crisp's letter I should presume that all specialist clubs are in for a bad time, except the S.Y.C.C., yet at the Great International Show, the S.N.P.C. was financially better than the S.Y.C.C. Total birds in open champion and novice section (Norwich) 211, total birds in open champion and novice section (Yorkshires) 179, open champion and novice section (Borders) 138. No, I do not think specialist clubs are doomed, but the reason of former shows being short in entries for Norwich, was mostly through the birds not being out of the moult early enough, as most are bred in cold rooms.

F. S. MATTHES.

P.S.—I will answer Mr. Tomsett's letter next week; also those friends who have written me kind letters of sympathy regarding my accident. I wish to state that I am getting on nicely, and thank them all for their wishes that I may soon be amongst them again.

SIR,—I say yes, unless the specialist clubs come to their senses quickly. Here are Mr. Crisp and Mr. Matthes grumbling because the members don't patronise the club shows satisfactorily. But where is the use? Why should a fancier who is not in the running for the cup or other trophy exhibit against birds which he knows will beat him, when he can send to another show where the exhibitors are more numerous, and the competition less keen? Mr. Crisp is right. It isn't necessary nowadays for shows to have a specialist club's patronage to make them pay. Rather is it the reverse, so far as entries go; although we must admit that the club's patronage carries with it a certain amount of drawing power in the "gate." But those fanciers with a small team and a short pocket find it pays better to exhibit where the specialist club is not. Why should they enter birds to make full prize-money for the cup hunter? Let the specialist clubs think out some new scheme of giving extra prizes at patronage shows, instead of giving ten guinea cups; then their patronage will be something for the societies to clamour for, and their members will find it pays better to show where these extra prizes are given. Such a scheme would give the specialist clubs new leases of life, and would be an inducement for those remaining outside to join. To appeal to fanciers to exhibit at patronage shows so as to make the classes pay, when they know they can't win, is to appeal to their sentiment for the club. But sentiment won't pay the heavy railway charges and entrance fees. I have no doubt the cups and medals look well on the pot-hunter's sideboard, and I can see his eyes light up with pride as he surveys them; but he had better make the most of them while he can. The plodding fancier is beginning to open his eyes, and to think for himself. He sees that he doesn't fit into the present state of things, and he knows that the present state of things can't fit without him, so he is going to make the future state of things fit to his own style and cut. Yes, Sir, the specialist club, as at present constituted and managed, is doomed.

SUB ROSA.

SIR,—I was pleased to see Mr Crisp's warning in your last issue. Some specialist clubs are certainly doomed unless the members of same realise their obligations and act accordingly. Too often do we see classes standing half empty, when the said classes have been provided by a confiding society at the request of a specialist club. Apart from the serious question of members of specialist clubs not supporting classes provided at their request, the fact has to be faced that classes are often better filled when they are really open, and not under the so-called patronage of a specialist club. Outside exhibitors shy at this "patronage." Too often the specialist club judge judges according to the rules of the specialist club, and not according to the rules as printed in the show schedule. If questioned, the judge replies that the club rules say so and so, and as the show was under club patronage he judged according to club rules. The outside exhibitor knows nothing of these rules, and so loses his entry fees, perhaps prize-money. If the specialist club rules are to govern the section, it not only ought to be so stated in the schedule, but the specialist club rules ought to be printed in the schedule, for the benefit of intending exhibitors who are not members of the club. The action of the specialist club judges judging under any other rules than those printed in the schedule is illegal, it having been declared by a judge of the High Court that a competition is governed solely by its "advertised conditions." I quite agree with Mr. Crisp that societies will not continue to give the classification required unless some guarantee is forthcoming that the classes will be supported. You might, Sir, allow me to state in conclusion that the next National Cage Bird show to be held at the Crystal Palace in February, will be held entirely free from the official patronage of any specialist club.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

The Disqualified Yorkshire at Halifax Show

Sir, The resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Yorkshire Union Council, as reported in CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 29, are even more astounding than those passed at Halifax. I have pointed out that the Halifax decisions were wrong, and my reading of the rules is supported by yourself, and by legal authority, but the Council by their decisions at Bradford say plainly that I am wrong, the Editor of CAGE BIRDS is wrong, and also my solicitor. The rules distinctly state that the matter should have been dealt with by the Halifax Show Committee, and could only go to the Council upon appeal against the punishment inflicted, and not upon the question of the disqualification itself. It seems that the Council is a law unto itself, and when it thinks fit it overrides all its own rules, the authority of show committees, and the power of its own judges.

I will not say that the committee have shown over zealousness in their desire to uphold the exhibitors. It might be unfair to say so, but it cannot be said that I am unfair towards the Council when I say that they care not what the effect may be upon the judge, their own appointed judge. It must not be overlooked that the Council appointed me to Halifax, not the Halifax committee. One would have thought, under the circumstances, that some desire to uphold their own judge would have been shown by the Council, but there is none. They upset my decision, which they legally have no right to do. It is in contravention of their own rules for them so to act.

By their decisions at Halifax they imputed to me incompetency, and misstatements, and now by their action at Bradford they add insult to injury by stating that the bird they had before them at Halifax and Bradford is the one which I disqualified at Halifax. It must be remembered that at Halifax I handled the bird I disqualified, that I also handled the bird which the Council had before them. I explained to the Council the difference in the marking of the two birds, and I also made the serious statement that the bird I disqualified was not the one presented to the Council. The birds were not alike in their markings, richness of colour, or quality of feather. I saw and handled both birds. The members of the Council never saw the bird I disqualified, yet they now go beyond their Halifax decision, and say—"The Council are satisfied from the evidence received that the bird kept by Mr. H. W. Walsh in his possession since Oct. 18, the date of the Halifax Show, is the same bird disqualified by Mr. House at the said show: and, further, that the bare places on the bird's head as shown to the Council were quite natural." If this matter were not so serious it would be most laughable. The Council have now decided that in addition to being incompetent and a liar, that I am also blind. I see a bird one day with anterior eye markings, as well as posterior, and the next I see a bird with only posterior markings, and, as any sane man would, I say it is not the same bird, but a Council of some twenty men who had not seen the first bird, say that the first and second are one and the same bird. Even marks of old nsed to change, but not in the manner in which this bird must have done, if the Council, in the plenitude of their wisdom are right.

It is one against many, but I still maintain, as I did at Halifax, that the bird was changed. I make no charge against any man. I have not done so, but in the exercise of my duty I found it necessary to disqualify No. 3, class 12, at Halifax, and I did it.

In my letter to the Council, as well as in CAGE BIRDS, I have asked the Council to show me by what rule or authority they have acted as they have done. They wisely refrain. But they do say they have "acted according to rule, rule and precedent."

The whole inquiry seems to have been conducted with a desire to overrule the authority and action of the judge. If there was doubt, as there must have been, after I said the bird had been changed, why did the Council so hurriedly decide the matter? Why did they ignore the evidence of myself, Messrs. Clegg, Robertshaw, Ross, and Macpherson? Why did they pass such resolutions as they have passed at Halifax and Bradford? No attempt has been made by the Council to probe the matter and clear it up.

The Union is supposed to exist for the purification of the Fancy, and the upholding of its honour. Does any single member of the Council imagine that in the future any judge appointed by them will disqualify a trimmed or faked exhibit? No! No man worth his salt will ever lay himself open to the indignities which the Council have heaped on the Halifax judge.

Fortunately for me the fanciers of the kingdom are not blind. From Scotland, from Wales, and North, South, East, and West of England have I received letters congratulating me upon my stand for right and justice, and condemning the action of the Yorkshire Union Council. Some of these letters have come from secretaries and officials of societies in the Yorkshire Union.

One word in conclusion. Have the Council called for certain evidence which they know could be given by a member of the Union? They know that it has been said that the particular member to whom I refer could open their eyes? Do they wish them opened? They have imputed blindness to the judge. He denies it. The Council is blind, and does not wish to see.

C. A. HOUSE.

[Messrs. Ogden Bros. having spoken to us on this subject at the L.C.B.A. Show, we should like to make it clear that we are not taking sides, or concerned with the merits of the disqualification at all. Our sole point is that we have looked over Y.U. rules, and can find none which gives the council power to deal with the matter in the manner in which they have done. Our view is that the rules state that the disqualification should have been dealt with by the Show Committee (Halifax): and no rule has been pointed out to us to cause us to alter that opinion.—EDITOR.]

Pentrebach and Pontypridd Shows.

Sir,—I regret having to take this step, but in justice and fair play both to the exhibitors at Pentrebach show and ourselves, I feel compelled to inform all our exhibitors how my society was dealt with by the Pontypridd officials. In the first place, the Pontypridd secretary is also the secretary of the Welsh Federation, and he arranged their date the day before ours, although the Federation was formed to prevent clashing, etc. Pontypridd have always held their show a week later than ours, but we have been compelled to make the best of things this year. The result of their holding their show the day previous to us has proved a failure, and I trust members of the Federation will make a note of this. Several exhibitors made entries at both shows, and I feel it is my duty to inform these exhibitors of the way their exhibits were sent from Pontypridd to Pentrebach. Almost in every case the Pentrebach labels were not attached, and had it not been for the fact that we had a Pontypridd catalogue, many birds would not have been penned at Pentrebach. Almost every cage-bird we received from Pontypridd we had to classify. We also received about half a dozen baskets which should never have been sent us. The Pontypridd officials had marked the labels "To the Show Sec., Pentrebach." I have received a postcard from the Pontypridd secretary, dated 26th November, postmark 12.5 p.m., 27th November, and received by me first post 28th November (day after our show) saying "A cage-bird has gone wrong, will you take notice if it is at your show." I wonder how many wrong birds we received. Perhaps this will be an eye-opener to the Federation. In conclusion, will all who exhibited at our show kindly accept my very best thanks. I am pleased to say all birds were returned the same night, and I hope by the time this is in print that all prize-money will have been paid.

A. E. BROWN, hon. sec.
Pentrebach and Dis. F.S.

Mysterious Hybrids in the Liverpool District.

Sir,—Just recently, near Liverpool, some "wild" Hybrids have been caught. One was exhibited last Saturday at the L.B.B. Annual Show, entered as a Redpoll-Greenfinch, and awarded first in a good Mule class. It was claimed and taken from the Show before the bulk of visitors had the pleasure of seeing it, which was very unfair to many of us who had hoped to examine it more closely. I had seen it previously and closely examined it, and I am of the opinion that there is no Greenfinch in its composition. Firstly it is too small (size of Siskin), secondly the beak is absolutely Canary-like. In colour it is like a dull Green Canary, slight black bib. I am convinced it is a Redpoll-Canary, bred off a small Green or Variegated Canary hen. Perhaps an escape from an aviary? I have had another, identical with exception of slight bib, in my possession, caught by a friend of mine. Another has also been caught, but this I have not yet seen. It is very much to be regretted that the show manager allowed this exhibit to leave the show so early on Saturday before visitors interested had a chance to see it.

J. W. CUTMORE.

BOOK FOR THE PALACE AT ONCE!

The List of Coupon Shows Grows Smaller, but Exhibitors Chances of Diplomas and Specials Were Never Brighter.

WE are getting now towards the end of the list of this season's Coupon Shows, and exhibitors who desire to secure one of our splendid cash specials at the Crystal Palace should seize their opportunities at once. There are plenty of them, and they amount to will over £100 in hard cash. Remember that you have only to win a Diploma (an artistic and desirable prize in itself) to be "booked for the Palace." The chances of your doing so were never brighter, for no exhibitor can win more than one; and so the way has been cleared for you. Secure your coupons (only sixpence each) at once; some excellent shows are due, at which you can compete. There must remain scores of exhibitors capable of winning one or other of our prizes, who have been, perhaps, too modest to enter their birds in our Coupon Competition. We, however, want all our readers who exhibit birds to share in them. Don't be too late. Exhibitors, whether of Canaries or Hybrids or British or Foreign birds have now glorious chances.

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Dec. 9-10.—Brighton and Hove.—W. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St., Brighton.
Dec. 11.—Frome.—C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.
Dec. 11.—Tredegar.—W. B. Watkins, 35, Whitworth Terrace.
(Any entries for the above must be sent immediately.)
Dec. 12-13.—Gateshead.—W. Curry, 102, West St., Gateshead-on-Tyne.
Dec. 12-13.—Walsall.—F. Price, 18, Milton St.
Dec. 20.—Newtongrange (Scotland). — W. Bryson, 42, Fifth St.

Many thanks for the fine diploma of honour won at Cheltenham Show in the Border section.—J. Madagan (Cheltenham).

Diploma received, for which I thank you. I need hardly say how delighted I am with it, I shall have it framed, for it will look very nice, and it is well worth hanging on any wall. —C. Richards (Newport).

Accept my best thanks for fine diploma of honour. I shall value it very highly, and have had it framed.—S. T. Jones (Lynton).

Many thanks for your splendid diploma of honour which I won with my young Yellow Belgian cock (also challenge bowl) in open competition as a novice at Barnstaple Show; also 1st Swansea, 1st L.C.B.A.—F. Butts (Barnstaple).

Many thanks for the two diplomas of honour you have sent me, one for British and one for Norwich. They are beautifully finished, and a great credit to your artist.—J. N. Williams (Ashbourne).

Diploma design is very neat, and I am very pleased with it.—W. Francis (Tooting).

THE NEXT COUPON SHOWS.

Entries for the above shows are due to close now, and should be sent on at once. Those who wish to join in CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition should note the paragraph: "How Exhibitors May Enter," printed below. Secretaries will be glad to affix the necessary coupons to the entry forms of exhibitors if the conditions of entry are duly observed.

We gave particulars of the classification at Brighton, Frome, and Tredegar Shows in our last issue; note the respective show advertisements, also our "Twitterings" page, this week, for latest date of entries closing.

WALSALL has 48 classes covering Nor. (4 special novice classes), Crests, Yorks. (4 novice), A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Brit. and For. The prize-money is 17/6; entry fee, 1/6. Entries close first post Dec. 9th.

GATESHEAD has 82 classes, covering Nor. (2 special novice classes), Cinns., Crests, Yorks. (3 novice), Scots., Bords. (2 novice), liz., Hyb., Brit. (2 novice), and For. Prizes, 20/-; entry fee, 1/6. Entries close this Saturday, December 6, or first post Dec. 8 latest.

NEWTONGRANGE has 45 classes, covering Nor., Bords., Scots, Yorks., Hyb., Brit., and For. Prizes, 17/6; entry fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 13th.

How Exhibitors May Enter.

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions. CAGE BIRDS offer the following Championship Coupon prizes:

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.
Diplomas of honour for the best champion and best novice coupon birds in each of the four sections, or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crest & Crestbred.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lizards and Variegated.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hartzdorf, Belgian.
(11) British, Scotch.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete, except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry forms. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of December, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of the season.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age, and either rung or not rung.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE : For Full Particulars See Last Issue.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

HENRY J. FULLJAMES, *Secretary* CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

Date 1913

SALE (Cheshire).

Once again this enterprising Society came to the fore with an entry of nearly 600 exhibits in 50 open classes, which were staged in the Technical Schools on Nov. 28, 29, a room that any executive would be proud of, exceptionally well lighted and cosy for the birds, every door was well screened, so that not a bit of draught was felt anywhere. Staging was at a nice height, so that the birds could be comfortably seen, and the management was of the best. The entry was in advance of last year, especially in York., which created a record for Sale. In the e classes, quality ran very high, and the winners must have been hard to separate. The outstanding bird was undoubtedly Mr. W. R. Knowles' clear yellow. Norwich were down on former years; this being a Norwich centre we expected to see greater numbers. There was a good classification, good specials, and a popular judge; another year we hope to see a better entry. Quality was good. It is a long time since we saw such a collection of British; in most classes a double set of winners could easily be found. It is a feather in the Society's cap to see so many of the crack British men exhibiting here. Mules and hybrids were an eye-opener, some choice specimens being on view. The much-talked of Canary-Bullie, the property of Mr. Parlett, was entered, but the judge put it out for an Albino Bullfinch. We heard at the show that its former owner, a lady at Nottingham, bred it from a Greenfinch and Bullfinch, and that it was quite dark in feather the first twelve months, but afterwards moulted out lighter. Foreign came out well, and were a decided attraction. There was a good gate. We noticed many well-known clergymen from Manchester being escorted round by Mr. Boothman, show manager of Manchester. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Hardcastle, may feel justly proud of his endeavours. He gets through his work without trouble either to himself or Committee. He was admirably backed up by a lot of hard-working fanciers. Messrs. Hollsworths and Kitchen, worked like Trojans. Mr. W. Middleton, the well-known Border enthusiast, was busy feeding and watering all the wee gems. Mr. Whitney gave great assistance to the hon. sec. and looked well after the British birds. The open challenge cup was won by Mr. W. Middleton with 109 points; Mr. Parlett runner up, 79. Messrs. Whitney and Son won the nomination cup in British, while the cup for best Border was won by Mr. W. Middleton. The judges, Mr. J. W. Metcalf, Liverpool and T. Harrison, Altrincham, got through their work in good time and gave universal satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Knowles, Liverpool winner, looking as well as ever, rare length of flights, stands like a guardsman, wins; 2, c, Broughton, lovely shape, good top end, wedge shape, nervous at using its legs, otherwise good; 3, Wilkinson, extra length, round head, well lined neck, capital pos., tails wing carr. to others, 4, Stobart, stylish, capital front, rare legs, good wing carr., smart; vhc, Brooks; hc, Sen. BUFF (11): 1, Stobart, cl., full of nerve, magnificent feather, wedge shape, lovely outlines, erect and fearless; 2, Goodwin, round as a bottle, capital neck and wing carr., well tapered, tails legs; 3, 4, Broughton, smart upstanding exhibit, grand expression, full of character, clean front, 4th hot stuff, feathered like wax; vhc, Dykes; hc, Brook; c, Weedall. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Wilkinson, racy, neat head and neck, capital wings, snooty pipe tail, rare pos.; 2, Dooley, topper, wedge-shape, rare carr., well moulded front, bit soft to-day; 3, Dykes, extra good wings and tail, round as a pencil, lovely head and neck, unsteady; 4, Brooks, full of swank, grand back, wings cupped a bit; vhc, Knowles, about best in class, awfully wild; hc, Cafferty and Sons, e Stobart. BUFF (7): 1, Wilkinson, long racy exhibit, capital top end, very shooty, carries wings to perfection; 2, Cofferty and Son, wedge shape, clean cut waist, pipe tail, full of character; 3, Dykes, hot 'un, grand texture of feather, sweet, but short behind, very neat; 4, Brooks, lovely bird when in posi., wants steadying; vhc, Knowles; hc, Butterworth; c, Astley. UNFLIGHT. (16): 1, Potts, rattling good buff, lovely outlines, full of swank, round and neat; 2, Stobart wings and head mkd. yell., racy, sweet head, rare length of side, capital shoulders; 3, Brooks, rather strong buff, full of pos., pipe tail, not so good in front; 4, Knowles, variegated yell., long sided, good back, knocked himself out of position; vhc, Butterworth; hc, Broughton; c, Goodwin. YORKS., GR. (3): 1, Benson and Young, self buff, lovely shade of col., erect and fearless, easy win; vhc, Hickson; hc Simpson. HEN (2): 1, Benson and Young, yell., grand type of a lady, capital col. and markings; vhc, Simpson. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Turner, rare big one, bold head and neck, grand checks, well braced wings and tail; 2, Parlett, nice subs., thick set, broad back, clean cut; 3, hc, Rayner, shapely, full of Norwich properties, capital col., well moulded; 4, Joe Thomas, grand head and neck, moves well, crosses wing; vhc, McFarlane. BUFF (8): 1, Joe Thomas, short and cobby, enormous head and cheeks, round as globe, well cut; 2, Field Bros., not the best of col., lovely shape and style, broad head, thick set body; 3, Sam Cook, hot one, capital type, rich tone throughout, magnificent feather, in grand form; 4, Astley, shapely, full front, short wings and tails; vhc, Johnson; hc, Smith; c, Rayner. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Turner, mkd. neck and wing, rare qual., bold head, neck and eye, bonny damsel; 2, Smith, variegated, full of Nor., properties, clean cut behind, short and compact; 3, Parlett, cl., not so good in quality, but rare type, broad boat shape; 4, Joe Thomas, good col., shapely, capital wings and tail; vhc, Thompson; hc, Field Bros. BUFF (6): 1, Parlett, saddle mkd., carries glorious meal throughout, clean cut away, nice win; 2, Field Bros., short and cobby, grand round head, bold eye, extra good qual.; 3, Joe Thomas, similar build, short flights, feathered like boxwood, close up; 4, Sam Cook, rather narrow head, shapely body, clean cut; vhc, Rayner; hc, Astley. UNFLIGH. (12): 1, Turner, topper, hot col., thick set, grand type, wonderful head and neck, wins; 2, vhc, Sam Cook, again shapely, immense size, well moulded head, rare cut behind; 3, Joe Thomas, saddle mk., only half tail, good front, round as an apple; 4, Thompson, wing mkd., glorious feather, bold head and eye; hc, Parlett; c, Dooley. NOR., GREEN, CK. (1): 1, Walker, yell., foul side and tail, wild, good head and sound col.; 3, Blinston, foul tail buff, nice shape and col., narrow in head; vhc, Walker; hc, Middleton. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Walker, foul tail yell., smart exhibit, short behind, grand col.; 3, Raynes, foul tail buff, lovely shape, good head and neck; hc, Middleton. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Bayley, cl., lovely contour, jaunty, glorious feather, moves freely, 3rd grizzle, neat head and neck, capital style and shape, bit faulty in wing carr.; 2, G. Bennet, rare qual., sweetly cut, marble head, just a shade small; 4, Hamlecocks, rare qual., correct shape; hc, Drinkwater. BUFF (9): 1, Bennet, topper, marvel for type, rare shaped head and neck, capital wing carr., easy win; 2, hc, Bayley, grizzle wing, grand head and neck, fine outlines of a true Bord.; 3, Jones and Green, cl., jaunty, moves well, even wings, clean cut waist, model for perkiness; 4, c, Royle, good type, nice style; vhc, Drinkwater, also good. A very nice lot of birds. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Drinkwater, wing mkd., stylish, lovely contour, takes perches well, exquisite feather; 2, 4, hc, Bayley, rare head, full of Border properties, only just beaten behind; 4th, cl., lovely head and grand expression, droopy tail; 3, Royle, wing mkd., grand character, just shows a bit of shoulder, clean cut; vhc, Nelson, been having a bath; c, McFarlane. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Bennet, wonder for qual., carries glorious meal all over, a topper; 3rd, cl., built on similar lines to winner, beaten head properties only; 2, Drinkwater, strong, very fiery about face, cocky, grand shape and style; 4, Jones and Green, sweet front, capitally braced wings and tail; vhc, Shackley; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Bailey. VARIEG. (14): 1, Drinkwater, almost even mkd. yell., rare qual. and shape, just a shade strong, bonny head and neck; 2, 3, Bayley, yell., capital style and shape, full of qual., clean cut away behind, close up; 3rd, grizzle buff, rare moulded front, jaunty and free, grand outlines; 4, c, Royle, full of character, nicely tapered, grand qual.; vhc, Nelson; hc, McFarlane. BORD. GR., SELF OR FOUL YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, 4, Middleton, rare ground col., pencilling well defined, good head and carr.; 2nd, similar col., full of swank, marking a little denser, but a good one; 4th, bolder, pencilled a bit blurred, grand style; 3, hc, Allen, wonder for col., marked well down to thigh, sweetly cut away; vhc, Charnside; c, Drinkwater. BUFF (8): 1, 3, hc, Middleton, lovely bloom, rare lacing at waist, marble head, sweetly cut; 3rd, rather stronger, full of col., grand wing carr., rare stock hen; 2, Colbeck, rare col. and pencilling, good lacing, not quite so shapely as above; 4, Charnside, very smart grand Bord., lacks bloom; vhc, c, Bayley. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, vhc, Middleton, very well pencilled, rare type, full of go, capital head properties; 3rd, lovely contour, grand tone of col.; hc, Bayley; c, Allen. BUFF (8): 1, Bayley, rare lady, topper for type, well moulded, sweet head and correct col.; 2, 4, hc, Middleton, close up, well clothed, clean cut, pencilled to perfection; 4th, much darker in col., grand shape and style; 3, Handcocks, marvellous qual., grand wing carr., shapely, just beaten head; vhc, Allen; c, Eckersley. BORD. CINN. CK. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Middleton, yell., about as good as we've seen, combines all the necessary qualities of a good cinn.; 3rd, buff, exquisite qual., bonny front, well laced, nice col; 4th, buff, grand col., nice expression; 2, Allen, yell., rare col., carries right through, sweet head and neck, shapely; hc, Hampson. HEN (7): 1, 2, vhc, Middleton, rare buff lady, glorious feather, well cut, carries wings to perfection; 2nd, yell., grand col., very wild; 3, Barnett, shapely, sweet head, well moulded body, might have gone up; 4, Hampson, full of Bord. properties, bit flat in col.; hc, Allen. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. CK. (22): 1, Mitchell, hot one, erect and fearless, shooty, full of go, long sided, sweetly moulded head and neck, wius; 2, Croft, similar build, well braced wings and tail, just a bit patchy in col.; 3, Taylor, straight as a rush, rare top end, capital qual., pipe tail, good finish; 4, Hallsworth, cap and wing mkd., racy, wedge shape, just a bit weak at top end; vhc, Whittle; hc, Bryaut; c, Tansey. BUFF (15): 1, Herd, topper for style, full of swank, rare shooty top, rare legs for a buff; 2, c, Jackson, round as a bottle, capital front, sweet head, well braced wings, fails at waist; 3, Brearley, lovely character, plenty of shoulder, clips wings; 4, Taylor, smart exhibit, full of qual., rare style; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Pickering. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Everett, wing mkd., rare qual., grand wing carr., straight and erect; 2, Bryant, topper for style, full of swank, long-sided, qual. of the best; 3, Appleton, shooty, rare top end, grand back and wings, nice head; 4, Hallsworth, very long and racy, sweet qual., rare waist; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Swindles; c, Tansey. BUFF (19): 1, Everett, grizzle wing, smart, well moulded, exquisite feather, grand legs for a buff; 2, Whittle, long, racy, and well defined, grand outlines, glorious qual., close up; 3, Mitchell, fiery about face, cocky, rare length of side, grand back and tail; 4, Jones, very compact, all there for type and qual.; vhc, Hallsworth; hc, Addison; c, Herd. UNFLIF. (19): 1, Darlington Bros., eye and wing mkd. yell., grand character, good one, but wants a wash; 2, vhc, Taylor, very racy yell., good top end, long sided, grand qual., pipe tail, clean cut, might have gone up; 3, Hutchison, yell., good one, well up on leg, rare style; 4, Musgrave, wing mkd. buff, very smart, glorious type and qual.; hc, Jackson; c, Herd. NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Vint, cap mkd., rare front, bold head and cheeks, well braced wings and tail; 2, Spencer, cap and wing, clean cut behind, broad back, moves well, short wing and tail; 3, Thorpe, cl., topper for type, rare body, just weak in front; 4, Robinson, variegated, hot one, short wings, rare head; vhc, Summerton; hc, Blinston; c, Bruce. BUFF (9): 1, Summerton, wing and eye full of col., shapely, bold head and neck, clean cut; 2, Chaloner, cl., topper for shape, nice head properties, clean waist, broad back, perfect wings; 3, Buckley, cap mkd., full of type, glorious feather and condition; 4, A. Howarth, cl., nice head and checks, short flights and tail; vhc, Sikes; hc, Siddall; c, T. Howarth. YELL. HEN. (9): 1, Thorpe, cl., hot, sweetly moulded, exquisite feather, very nice; 2, vhc, Woods, cl., close up, rare head and cheeks, full of style, clean cut; 3, Buckley, wings and tail very warm, broad back, short wings and tail, well put down; 4, T. Howarth, shapely, neat head, cap. wings and tail; hc, Summerton; c, Sykes. BUFF (12): 1, Vint, neck mkd., well moulded, carries glorious feather, full of Norwich properties; 2, Whalley, wings mkd., stylish, round as an apple, lovely qual., clean cut away; 3, Douglas, cl., bouncer for size and type, rare feather, short body; 4, Robinson, variegated, hot one, evenly balanced, clean cut; vhc, Woods; hc, Sykes; c, Spencer. UNFLIGH. (13): 1, hc, Thorpe, cl. buff, topper, full of type, well moulded body, short and compact; 2, 3, Vint cl. yell., rare head and neck, short wings, clean waist, well put down, 3rd wing mkd. buff, stylish, carries rare qual., broad neck, bit loose at waist; 4, Spencer, yell., neat and shapely, nice front and back; vhc, Bruce; c, Douglas. GOLDF. (12), a hot lot: 1, Capt. Hurst, noted winner, expansive blaze, rare top, richly tanned, put down in rare cond.; 2, hc, Davies, square cut blaze, nice collar, good bars and buttons, beaten tanning; 3, Hope, nice size, blaze, runs in just a little, rich col. and in faultless form; 4, Fairhurst, smart, topping front, dark tannings, even buttons, grand cond.; vhc, Holden; c, Bayley. GREENF. (8): 1, Jelfreys, monster skull, rare bars, great size, finishes off with grand quality; 2, Capt Hurst, similar stamp, rare feather and condition, well cut and in form; 3, R. J. Metcalfe, bold head, thick set, grand col., clean sweep, beaten size only; 4, Johnson, lovely bloom all over, great bars, A1 cond.; vhc, Parlett; hc, Fairhurst; c, Morgan. BULLF., ETC. (12): 1, Holden, Bramble, great size, rare spangle and work, lovely sheen throughout; 2, Jeffreys, Challinch, capital head, rare whites, full of col., in champion form; 3, Parlett, Bramble, topper for spangle, rare cut chest, rich front; 4, Barnett, Chalf., nice size and cond., good whites and col. LINNET, F.M. (8): 1, Jelfreys, great subs.,

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Annual open show held Nov. 29 in the Gymnasium, Ward Road. The hall is one of the best for such a purpose, and is splendidly lighted all round, and a great improvement on most shows was a cloth screen stretched all round the back of staging, thus excluding any draught and doing away with the glare of light which is present when windows are at back of staging. Entries, we are sorry to say, were 100 down from last year. There is a good deal of truth in the assertion that there are too many shows nowadays for all to succeed, but it seems a pity that an old society like Dundee should suffer, and we hope lanciers will rally round the old club and not let what was once considered one of the most important shows in Scotland go out of existence for want of support. The average over the whole show was less than seven per class. The executive is a grand band of workers, consisting of the President, Mr. Herschell; vice, Mr. Mitchell; and a grand working committee, while the stewards also worked very hard to make the show a success. We noticed, as usual, Mrs. Miller, the wife of the genial sec., taking duty for him during his temporary absence, and must congratulate her on the way she carried on the duties during the busy time of judging and helped to carry out the arrangements so ably made by Mr. Miller. Cup for best young Crest, Mr. McMaster.

Scotch Fancies did not turn up in any great number, only 51 entries in nine classes. Challenge cup for best young cock bred by a member was gained by Mr. T. Thomson; cup for best hen bred 1913 Mr. A. McLauchlan. Mules and British came up fairly well, and some birds of excellent merit turned up, outstanding amongst them being Messrs. Stewert and Dailing's team. The challenge cup for best Brit. was captured by Mr. A. R. Towns with his well-known Redstart in perfect plumage; this is the third year in succession this bird has won, so the cup becomes Mr. Towns' own property.

Judges were:—Scotch Fancy, Mr. D. Black (Govan) and Mr. J. Black (Arbroath); Crests and P.B., Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh); Bord, Mr. J. Craig (Brechin); Mules and Brit., Mr. J. Lyon (Aberdeen); and their awards seemed to give satisfaction, for, except in one or two instances, no grumbling was heard.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (5): 1, Herschell, grand Green, massive build, very good crest, of fine radiation, long leafy feather, coming well over, nice qual.; 2, Whitton, good wing mkd. D.C., rare good body, fine Crest, well centred, comes well over beak, in front not so round as winner; 3, Lumsden, good Green, great body size, looser leather than winners, nice crest, hardly so well groomed; 4, McGregor; 5, Sneddon. HEN (3): 1, sp, Herschell, nice size and qual., wiug mkd. D.C., fine long head feather,

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well mkd., rich col. of nutty brown, steady; 2, Titchard, nice size and cond., grandly pencilled, good back col., but unsteady; 3, vhc, Higham, best col. in class, well pencilled and steady, on small side; 4, Field Bros., cone shape, richly toned up, hc, moult; c, Drinkwater. H.M. (14): 1, vhc, Davies, rare cone shape, richly worked, nut brown col., and put down to win; 2, 4, Parlett, very close up, just as good pencilling and col., just fails in subs., 4th topper for size and col., not pencilling of above; 3, Fairhurst, stylish, full of good pencilling, rare col., just open a bit in front; hc, Pitchford; c, Barnett. LESSER REDPOLL (21), real good class, two sets of winners: 1, Davies, nice size, fair good bib, coverts well shown, finished up with rare lacing; 2, H. Walsh, well denned covert bars, nice bib, good lacing, hardly up to size of winner; 3, Liddall, capital bib, good col., well denned markings, in grand form, close up; 4, Whitney and Son, shapely, full of col., grand coverts, any of above could win; vhc, Ford; hc, Higham; c, Jelfreys. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, 2, Parlett, Twite, magnificently mkd., grand size and cond., 2nd Mealey, topping subs., well laced to vent, near thing; 3, Davies, Siskin, very much down, looked a good one though; 4, Milne, Siskin, grand cap and fair bib, rich col.; vhc, Jelfrey; hc, Fildes; c, Shaw. HEN, FINCH OR BUNTING (8): 1, Whitney and Son, Reed Bunting, Newcastle winner, as good as we have seen, making its way to Palace; 2, Fildes, Bullf., great subs., well cut cap, nice qual. and col.; 3, Pitenford, Bullf., square cut cap, grand col. and cond., beaten size; 4, Broadbent, Chaff., lovely specimen, but rather small; vhc, Jelfreys; hc, Metcalf; c, Grey. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, Capt. Hurst, Hawfinch, rare size and col., great bib, shown in form; 2, Milne, Hawfinch, topper for col. and markings, shade smaller than winner; 3, Johnson, Yellow Bunting, real good one, capital Y, great col. hard lines to meet four Hawfinches; 4, Fairhurst, Hawfinch, rare size and col., but rough; vhc, Parlett. SOFTBILL (10): 1, Milne, lovely 'Gale, in rare form, nice size, and col., steady; 2, 4, Sharples, Black Redstart, in grand col., fair size, excellent cond., 4th about the best Waxwing we have come across; 3, c, Jennings, Grey Wagtail, nice specimen, good feather, shown to perfection; vhc, Parlett; hc, Smith. MULES OR HYB., LIGHT (7): 1, J. W. Johnson, Canary-Bullie, in grand form, shows both parents well, wins; 2, Parlett, Goldie Mule jonque, rare size and col., great front, hard lines to meet above; 3, Thompson, yell. variegated. Goldf.-Can., fair subs. and col., rattling cond.; 4, Morgan, buff Goldie Mule, Norwich type, grand col. and size; vhc, Capt. Evans; hc, Liddall; No. 4, Parlett, wrong classed as being an Albino Bullfinch. DARK, YELL. (9): 1, 3, J. Walsh, massive Goldie-Can., red hot, wonder of a blaze, clear win, 3rd Greenfinch Mule, good one, red hot, bit soft when taking notes; 2, 4, Parlett, Greenf.-Can., again great subs. and col., beaten cond. to-day, 4th Goldie Mule, topper for size, fails col.; vhc, Titchard; hc, Morgan; c, Field Bros. BUFF (12): 1, R. J. Metcalfe, the noted Siskin-Can., often described, looking as well as ever; 2, Brunskill, Greenf. Mule, rare size and col., great skull, in grand order, one claw short; 3, Whalley, topping Linnet-Can., extra size and col., but unsteady; 4, Ford, Redpoll-Can., grand order and size, close up; vhc, H. Walsh; hc, Middleton; c, Morgan. HYB. (11) great class, hard to separate: 1, 3, H. Walsh, the famous Redpoll-Bullie, rare exhibit, put down in magnificent order, 3rd Greenf.-Bullf., whopper, fiery col., rare trim, quite a taking exhibit, 2, 4, Oldham, Linnet-Bullie, hot stuff, fair size and cond., wonderful front col.; 4th Greenf.-Redpoll, in spanking form, deserved its place; vhc, Addison Bros.; hc, R. J. Metcalfe; c, Johnson. FOR., SMALL (13): 1, hc, Simpson, Black-headed Gouldian, in full col. well staged; 2, vhc, Sharples, we missed; 3, 4, c, Hubbard, White-winged Whydah, in nice order, 4th pair Golden-collared Whydahs, put down in condition. LARGE (3): 1, 3, Sharples, Black-faced Sibia, looking well, very steady and taking, 3rd glossy Starling but wild to-day, in capital feather; vhc, Ditchford, Amazon Parrot, in good condition.

nicely centred, in grand order; 2, Whitton, similar, loses in crest, horny, still a good bird; 3, Sneddon, good size and subs., nice crest, rather open. C.B. (5): 1, Sneddon, nice variegated., good size and qual., good skull, with fine lashing, rather weak entrance; 2, Whitton, head and wing mark, grand size, fine skull, grand head feather, coming well over eyes, fine entrance; 3, Blyth, nice variegated., grand bold skull, nicely domed, good head feather, nice qual.; 4, McMaster; 5, Whyte. HEN (3): 1, sp, Low, Green, fine size and qual., nice body feather, grand head, wide entrance, nicely lashed; 2, Fox, grand variegated., good big body, grand subs., wide skull, nicely domed, and well clad with nice lealy feather; 3, Blyth, lightly variegated., good size and subs., grand qual. of feather, fine size of skull, nicely lashed. CREST 1913 (2): 1, sp, cup for best young Crest, Low, good variegated., nice size and subs., rare qual. of body feather, nice crest, coming well over, nicely centred, promising youngster; 2, McMaster, wing mkd. D.C., good size and subs., nice leafy crest. C.B. 1913 (6): 1, sp, Cheape, grand variegated., great size for a youngster, rare qual. of feather, grand skull, nicely domed, good entrance, rare good head feather; 2, Whitton, lightly mkd., good size and subs., grand head feather, in romping cond.; 3, sp, 4, Blyth, good size and subs., bold head, well lashed; 5, Low; 6, McGregor. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Boath, fine size, subs., good head and neck, fine quality feather, nice col.; 2, Forrest, nice head tkd., nice size, rich col., fine qual., just a shade thin; 3, Adams, good size and subs., nice head and wings, good col.; 4, Harris; 5, Thompson; 6, Murray. BUFF CK. (10): 1, sp, Mitchell, great size and subs., grand head and front, rare good qual., put down to win, unfig., will be heard of again; 2, Thomson, good size and qual., nice head and front, fine subs., in good order; 3, sp, Anderson, good size, nice head and qual., hardly thick enough; 4, Forrest; 5, Adams; 6, Lumsden. YELL. VAR. CK. (4): 1, Forrest, good size and subs., nice head and front, fine col.; 2, Dickson, good head and neck, nice size and qual., capital col.; 3, Brown, Gr., good size and shape, nice round front, good head and wings; 4, Harris. BUFF (6): 1, Thomson, fine size, good head and wings, rare chubby front, nice qual., well put down; 2, Paterson, good for size and subs., nice wings and tail, capital qual. of feather; 3, Mitchell, good head and wings, nice size, grand qual. of feather, spotless order; 4, Lumsden; 5, Hampton; 6, Rodger. CL. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Adams, grand hen, fine size, good head and wings, rare good qual., nice level col.; 2, Anderson, good size and col., nice head and front, nice wings and tail, well shown; 3, Harris, another good one, nice head and front, capital short wings and good swipe, presses; 4, Hampton. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Lumsden, capital size and subs., nice head and neck, fine wings and tail, good front, well put down; 2, Craig, nice one, good head and wings, nice front, splendid qual., hard up; 3, sp, Harris, still good, fine head and neck, nice shape and qual., in spanking order; 4, Cummings; 5, Anderson; 6, Adams. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (5): 1, 2, Hampton, leaner good size and nice qual., fine wings, well put on; 2nd similar, head and wing mark, both in grand order; 3, Dickson, mkd. eye and wing, nice head and neck, rare good wings, fine qual., worth place; 4, Adams; 5, Anderson. BUFF (7): 1, Boath, grand size, good head and front, nicely folded wings, rare good shape, wins; 2, McKenzie, many thought lucky to get a ticket in such a class, not in show condition; 3, Fox and Milne, rare good shape, nice bouncy style, cobby front; 4, Dickson, sweet qual., grand size and subs.; 5, Mitchell, another beauty for size and qual.; 6, Taylor, Glasgow winner, grand qual., fine size, either of these might have been in front of 2nd, in our view. UNFLIGHT., CK. (7): 1, sp, Dickson, sweet qual. yell., not big, but a beauty, grand head and wings, well shown; 2, 6, Mitchell, nice tkd. buff leading, good size, nice head and wings, rare qual., in spendid order; 3, Forrest, nice var. buff, good size and qual., good head and front, nice wings, well carried; 4, Taylor; 5, Fox and Milne. HEN (9): 1, Pirie, nice cl., grand size and shape, fine wings, well put on, capital style; 2, Adams, variegated., good size and subs., fine jaunty style, put down in grand order; 3, Couper, cl., good size and shape, fine wings and tail; 4, 5, Boath; 6, Patterson. NON-FED CK. (9): 1, Black, cl. yell., grand size and subs., good head and front, nice wings, well carried, grand style, in grand cond.; 2, Moir, buff, good size and qual., nice wings and back, good head, nice style; 3, Pirie, nice size, good head and wings, well carried, nice front, in good order; 4, Pearson; 5, Mitchell; 6, Mrs. Banks. HEN (7): 1, Adams, cl. yell., good size and shape, splendid wings, well put on, well staged; 2, Carstairs, bit lucky, good head and wings, too long and slim; 3, Marr, yell. var., we preferred, nice cobby shape, good head and wings, very bouncy style; 4, Taylor; 5, Mrs. Banks; 6, Fox and Milne. BORD., YELL. CK. (12): 1, sp., 3, Hyslop, leader grand size, neat head and well-fitting wings, splendid qual. of feather, grand style; 3rd, similar, not quite so good wings, both teeming with col., a credit; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, grand size and bonny wings, very neat head, and nicely moulded front, in grand order; 4, Irvine, good size and style, not finish of winners; 5, McDonald; 6, Beveridge. BUFF (8): 1, Irvine, good size and qual. of feather, nice style, good head and very neat wings; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, nice head, neat front, grand wings and tail; 3, Duncan, good stamp, very fine head and wings, capitally moulded front; 4, Beveridge, good size and qual., very fine wing carr., well shown; 5, Carstairs; 6, Mitchell. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, Bell, heavily mkd., rare good shape and style, sweet qual., neat wings and tail, capital finish; 2, Paterson, dandy type, good head, nicely folded wings, splendid qual.; 3, Dalgety and Weston, good size, neat head, nice wings and tail, capital shape; 4, Nicoll, neat head and wings, well finished; 5, Duncan; 6, Lyall. BUFF (9): 1, Lumsden, nice eye and wing mark, grand type and qual., sweet head and neck, in grand order; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, nice one for size and style, grand bloom, close up; 3, Patterson, correct type, good qual., nice wings, well carried; 4, Lumsden, good type and qual., well finished; 5, Briggs; 6, Wilson. CL. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Patterson, grand type, sweet head, well rounded, very close fitting wings, in lovely order; 2, Mitchell, fine type and qual., lovely bloom, nicely tapered, beautiful wing carr., well shown; 3, sp., Robertson, good for type, neat head, grand qual. of feather; 4, Lyall, fine head and wings, very neat carr., good style; 5, Briggs; 6, Borrie. BUFF (11): 1, sp., Patterson, grand stamp, very neat head and close fitting wings, fine style and sweet qual.; 2, Beveridge, nice type, very fine wings, well laid on, splendid head and front, in nice order; 3, Crabb and Finlayson, good head and neck, very neat wings, well carried, fine jaunty style, shining; 4, McDonald, good for size and style, neat wing carr., shapely; 5, Kay; 6, Duncan. YELL.

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VARIEG. HEN (9): 1, Duncan, grand qual., nice weight, fine head, wings, and tail, lovely bloom, a credit; 2, Dalgety and Weston, nice head and wing mark, fine style, sweet wings, well carried, in grand order; 3, Irons, beautiful type and qual., rich colour, nicely tapered, shining; 4, Patterson, beauty for style and finish, neat head and wings, nicely moulded front; 5, Robertson; 6, Crabb and Emlayson. BUFF (7): 1, Lumsden, nice head mkd., good style and cond., neat head and well fitting wings and tail, spotless; 2, Irvine, good size and type, fine stylish carr., nice head and front; 3, Patterson, still a wee dandy, in the usual spotless order, good style and finish; 4, Riutoul, good head and neck, neat front, capital wings, well carried; 5, Robertson.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL., CL., OR FOUL CK. (4): 1, Henderson, tkd. wing, nice drive, gets head well down, good shoulders, grand depth of chest, best of action, wins; 2, Smith, cl., well up, grand shoulders, fine pos. and action; 3, 4, Crighton, 3rd, cl., well up, hardly so deep through, fine pos., and action. YELL., PIE OR GR. CK. (4): 1, Keill, pied, nice one, very nervy, stylish, gets into fine pos., wins well; 2, Miller, not far behind, fine head, neck, and shoulders, stands well; 3, 4, McGregor, 3rd, fails a little in shoulders, grand drive and action. BUFF, CL. OR FOUL CK. (5): 1, cup, Thomson, wins in a canter, a grand bird all over, fine snaky head, neck, and shoulders, grand pos. and action, fine depth of chest; 2, Simpson, another good one, not quite so free in action, grand reach, nice shoulders; 3, Allan, big one, fine drive, gets quicker into pos., not moulded the same; 4, Keill; 5, Curtis. BUFF, PIE OR GR. CK. (4): 1, Low, real good one, nice length, grand top end, rare drive, fine pos., nice free action; 2, Melville, not far behind, good shoulders, fine drive and action, A1 pos.; 3, Ramsay, nice length, grand pose, very stylish; 4, Smith. CL. YELL. OR FOUL HEN (7): 1, McLanchlan, good depth of chest, good action, takes fine pos., a grand hen; 2, 3, 4, Ramsay, 2nd, well up, good prominent shoulders, fine reach, best of action, must have pressed; 3rd, not quite so well filled in at shoulders, fine reach, drive, and pos. YELL. PIE OR GR. HEN (9): 1, Thomson, well up in size, grand style, free in action, very nervy; 2, Simpson, fails slightly in shoulders, still a good one, fine reach and drive; 3, Keill, nice drive and action; 4, Henderson; 5, Melville; 6, McGregor. BUFF CL. OR FOUL HEN: 1, Henderson, best of action, very nervy, stylish, gets into fine pos., wins; 2, Melville, easy worked, splendid shoulders, fine reach and drive; 3, Ramsay, close up, fine head, gets well down, good shoulders, fine pos.; 4, Keill, not so stylish, fine pos.; 5, McGregor; 6, Blair. BUFF PIE OR GR. HEN (5): 1, McLaughlan, real good one, nice length, grand top end, rare drive, and good pos., champion action, wins; 2, Henderson, good head and shoulders, fine drive and action; 3, Low, not so good pos., free in action; 4, Thomson; 5, Allan. HYB. (6): 1, Fyfe, grand Goldie-Bullie, well up in size, rare col. and cond.; 2, 4, Allan, 2nd, same variety, not quite so large, still a nice one, equal in col. and cond.; 3, Nicoll, Linnet-Bullie, wants a bit more go in him, gets down on the perch; 5, Miller; 6, Baxter. DARK CAN. HYB. (9) (two birds in this class set back for not being Dark Mules): 1, 2, Roy, two grand exhibits, 1st, grand Greenie-Can., best of size, col., and cond., pressed hard by Goldie-Canary, well up in size and col., nicely staged; 3, Brown Linnet cross, nice style, fine col., best of cond.; 4, 6, Stevens; 5, Nicoll. GOLDF. (5): 1, Stewart and Dalling, a grand Finch, large enough, good blaze, capital tanning, well polished, shown in the pink of cond.; 2, Christie, a rare little Finch, only fails in size a little to winner, shows buttons and wing bars to advantage; 3, Towns, not quite so rich in breast tanning, good blaze; 4, Harcombe; 5, Robertson. BULLF. (8): 1, Greig, very steady, nice shape, grand cap, good breast col., A1 wings and cond.; 2, Palmer, another grand Finch, very little between the two; 3, Christie, best of col. and cond., not quite so cobby as the 1st and 2nd, still a nice one; 4, Purvis; 5, Falconer; 6, Carstairs. GREENF. (13), strong class: 1, Stewart and Dalling, best of shape and size, rich col., in lovely bloom, closely followed by 2, Law, same type, grand col., well turned out; 3, Messer, not quite so bold, rich in col., tip-top qual. and cond.; 4, Fyfe; 5, Black and Hendrie; 6, Burnett. LINNET (7): 1, Stewart and Dalling, very shapely, nice tone of col., beautifully pencilled markings, well carried down, good head and neck and nice wings; 2, Muir and Heenan, larger bird, in grand feather, not quite the same tone of col., only fault; 3, Fox and Milne, nicely pencilled, in grand col. and cond., fails a little in head; 4, Towns; 5, McArdle; 6, Dickie and Smith. F.M. (10): 1, Barrie, very steady, A1 col. and cond.; 2, 5, Greig, 2nd, good size, nice breast markings and col.; 3, Fox and Milne, lovely shape and style, plenty work on front and flanks; 4, Roy; 6, Nicholson. SISKIN (8): 1, 2, Black and Hendrie, two nice ones, 1st carries best bloom, good size, nice cap, and wings; 3, Brown, a nice one, might have gone in 2nd but for a badly carried wing; 4, Sykes; 5, 6, Robertson. 'POLL OR TWITE (6): 1, Nicholson, nice size, grand col. and markings, well put down; 2, Fox and Milne, Lesser 'Poll, nice col., very shapely, A1 col. and cond.; 3, Dickie and Smith, Twite, another good one; 4, Greig; 5, Black and Hendrie; 6, Storrar. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (5): 1, Law, tip-top Yellow Hammer, graud head markings, well up in col. and cond.; 2, Sykes, Chaffinch, well up in size, lovely whites, fair breast col., A1 cond.; 3, Messer, neat cap, good size and col.; 4, Fraser; 5, Falconer. SMALL BRIT. (4): 1, cup, Towns, Redstart, a picture, fine size and col.; 2, Irvine, a nice Blackcap, in grand feather; 3, 4, Dickie and Smith. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, Nicolson, Goldie, in champion bloom, grand square cut blaze of rich col., nicely tanned, and A1 wings, wins, followed by 2, Palmer, a lovely Bullie, in grand trim, tight as wax, good cap and bib, rich breast col., staged to perfection; 3, Bell, Goldie, good size and cond., fails blaze to 1st; 4, Lockran.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Most successful table show, held Nov. 19, at the Bull's Head Hotel, when Mr. T. Claypole judged, giving every satisfaction. NOR. YELL. CK. (open): 1, vhc, Heighton; 2, 3, Gamble; hc, c, Davis. NOV.: 1, Crane; 2, Brooks; 3, Toone. YELL. HEN (Unflg.): 1, 2, 3, hc, Davis; vhc, Heighton. NOV.: 1, King; 2, Brooks; 3, West. LINNETS: 1, Hester; 2, 3, Brooks; vhc, c, Hawthorn; hc, Heighton. HYB.: 1, 2, Heighton; 3, vhc, Brookes. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Claypole for judging.—J. Cook, Sec.

WHITEHAVEN.

Annual show held Nov 28, 29, and it proved a great success. Entries were well up to former years, and quality was A1. Norwich and Yorks. were a grand collection, especially the Yorkshires, which contained some of the cream of the fancy, many of the classes being very keenly contested, particularly the novice classes. Bord. and Brit. were also good, the Borders having many well-known winners in their ranks. Gold medal for best bird was secured by Mr. J. Dixon with a sweet, even marked bull hen. Mr. A. Bennett judged Yorks., Norwich, and Sell., and Mr. J. W. Bruce the remainder, and their awards were well received. The management of this show is well known to be of the best, and this year was no exception. The staging was A1, and the committee had everything in apple-pie order, the proceedings being supervised by the worthy sec., Mr. W. A. Douglas, who was very busy indeed. The special feature of this show is the payment of prize money, which was being dispatched as soon as judging was completed. The show was well patronised, and we hope to hear of a financial success

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TK. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Thomas, good one, fine size, and grand head and front, finely moulded, well staged; 2, vhc, hc, Rev. Nunn, good body, fine weight, not so bold in head, grand leather; 3, Nicholson, a shade wet when taking notes, A1 eyes; c, Bradley, BUFF (10): 1, res, Rev. Nunn, grand head and rare subs., splendid shape and lovely wing carr., good one; 2, Fielding, splendid head and rare col., fine shape, falls in size only; 3, Thomas, grand col. and rare body, big bold front, and tip-top style, loses to others in head; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Reid and Co.; c, Sumpton Bros. BUFF HEN (4): 1, Sumpton Bros., grand shape splendid subs., nice wing carr., good head; 2, Bradley, lovely qual., fine shape, well drawn, loses in body; 3 Fielding, plenty size and grand subs. fine bold head and front; vhc, Thomas. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, Thomas, yell., a blaze of col., grand size and shape, and lovely mould, splendid head, well put down; 2, buff lovely shape, grand qual., good size, fails a little in wing carr.; 3, Fielding, nice buff, good size, fails in pos., bold headed one; 4, Simpson Bros. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Dykes, sweet one, grand taper, fine length, and well up on legs, extra good in head and front, splendid finish; 2, Stewart, splendid shape, lengthy, and good head and front, loses in col.; 3, Huntington, sweet one, grand shape, lovely feather, shade smaller in side; 4, hc, Coulson, hot Tweedie; c, Douglas. BUFF (9): 1, Coulson, hot one, rare qual. of feather, splendid length, grand shower, sweet head and front, well put down; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, grand col. and qual., good head and front, scarcely so well drawn behind as winner; 3, Nicholson, fine shape, good pos., fails a little in col. and finish; 4, Stewart; vhc, Thomas; hc, Tweedie; c, Huntingdon. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, wing tkd., grand qual, extra good in finish, all there for length; 2, Bradley, sweet one, lovely style, well drawn and lengthy, scarcely so good in head and neck as winner; 3, Lyall, tkd. neck, rare qual., splendid wing carr. and sweet shape, shade smaller than winners; 4, Douglas, good stamp, fine front, beaten finish; vhc, Douglas; hc, Dykes; c, Brown. YORKS. TKD. OR MKD. BUFF (10): 1, Bradley, real good one, fine pose, straight as a guardsman, fine qual. throughout, grand wing and fine pipe tail, 2, Sutcliffe and Son, eye tkd, another gem, grand col., rare head and front, fails in qual. of feather; 3, Dykes, beaten in finish, good pos., fine mover; 4, Brown beaten in length; vhc, Coulson; hc, Stewart; c, Richardson. CL. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dykes, hot one, rare qual., sweet head and front, lovely taper, fine shower, well put down; 2, Coulson, lovely 5-point cin. mark, gem for feather and finish, great style; 3, Thomas, good qual., fine pos, noet not so good in front, fine style; 4, vhc, Stewart; hc, Richardson; v, Rothery. BUFF (7): 1, Coulson, grand type, good qual. of feather, sweet, active, and well drawn, lovely bloom, very stylish; 2 vhc, Stewart, grand stamp, all there for qual., fine head and neck, well drawn behind, good style; 3, Brown, good stamp, plenty size, beaten in qual.; 4, Thomas; hc, Robinson; c, Preest. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Woodward, yell., good one, long, very well drawn, grand wing carr., fine tail, lovely shape, well staged, wins; 2 cup, Tweedie, clinking buff, boxy feather, rare head and front, ideal pose, very nicely drawn, in full bloom; 3, Stewart, buff, equal in length and qual. not so good in head and neck, rare length of side, stylish; 4, c, Sutcliffe and Son, good bird, broken in tail, fine pos.; vhc, Lyall; hc, Thomas. HEN (11): 1, Thomas, uneven yell., hot one, grand length, very nicely drawn, sweet size, rare head and front, grand wing carr., full bloom; 2, Stewart, buff, grand pos., rare qual., extra good front and taper, best of heads, beaten a shade in length; 3, Coulson, yell., fine style and good qual. of feather, inclined to cross wings at times, sweet style; 4, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, Dykes; hc, c, Stewart. NOV. CK. (10): 1, Buchanan, wing tkd. buff, grant qual., fine pose and well drawn, good one; 2, Ashbridge, yell., sweet feather, nice wing carr., and A1 stamp, real guardsman's pose, well drawn; 3, hc, Palmer, good length and fine weight, shade open in front, well drawn, good order; 4, Barrie; vhc, Bostock; c, Barnes. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Nicol, grand col. and qual., shade open in front and tail, wins on length; 2, Barnes, longer than winner, fine pose, good head and front, beaten in qual.; 3, 4, Buchanan, sweet shape, graud head and front, well drawn, nice qual., fails a little in thighs, inclined to be low on leg; vhc, Palmer; c, Bostock. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Nicol, sweet foul neck buff, grand qual., lovely pos., fine wing carr. and tip-top style, well shown; 2, 4, Bostock, cl. buff, good head, fine pos, grand length beaten in finish; 3, Palmer, yell., good qual. and fine stamp, fails a shade in length, very stylish; vhc, Ashbridge; hc, Ferguson; c, Buchanan; a trio of good ones. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Nicholson, noted winner, grand size and lovely head and front, well drawn, fine bloom, good one; 2, Wilson, good stamp, not so fine in head, but better col., grand body and taper, sweet shape; 3, Gentleman, grand all round yell., good head and front, just beaten in qual; 4, Wilson, fine length and good front; vhc, Egerton; hc, Pearson; c, Knight. BUFF (16): 1, Dixon, good qual. of feather and grand pos., inclined to be a shade drawn in front, A1 size and splendid wing carr.; 2, Nicholson, gem for shape, grand head and neck, splendid body and wing carr., fails a bit in qual., could do with a wash; 3, Gilchrist, rare stamp, lovely feather and finish, loses in head and neck to winners; 4, Smith, fine stamp, a shade stronger, good feather; vhc, Wilson; hc, Moore and Son; c, Rea. UNEVEN. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Wilson, leader a good one, grand pos., rare head and front, splendid body, sweet taper; 3rd, good head and body, falls in pos. to winner; 2, Dixon, good stamp, grand feather, not so stylish as winner, but equal in wing carr. and taper; 4, Walker, good qual., shade thinner in front, vhc, Arnot; hc, Pearson, c, Smith BUFF (8): 1, Arnot, good one, a shade strong, but as round as a marble, grand head and neck, and fine qual; 2, Moore and Son, tip-top qual., grand front, very well drawn, fine bend, inclined to be open in wings, close up; 3, Nicholson, good stamp, grand weight, head and front, well drawn, very stylish, 4, Ayre, fine qual., a shade longer; vhc, Egerton, hc, c, Wilson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Gilchrist, topper, grand weight, lovely head and front, and perfect wing carr., finely drawn and grand qual. of feather, real good one, 2, Cubby, grand three point, fine markings, splendid front, well drawn, rather soft in feather; 3, Wilson, sweet qual., grand head and front, not so stylish as winners; 4, Moore and Son, good feather, fine head and qual., fails a shade in front; vhc, Pearson; hc, Ayre; c, Ellwood. BUFF (14): 1, Arnot, grand hen, lovely head, fine body, splendid neck, A1 wing carr., well drawn, grand weight, could be improved in staging; 2, Gilchrist, noted head lick, grand pos. and style, good front and wing carr., fails a shade in head; 3, Ellwood, good one, fine qual., lovely pos., well placed; 4, W. S. Wilson, sweet qual., grand bloom, beaten in front, a grand class; vhc, c, Ayre; hc, Rea. EVEN MARK (4): 1, gold medal best Bord., Dixon, good buff, nicely balanced eye and wing marks, gem for style and quality, well staged; 2, Nicholson, good yell., shade light in eye markings, grand type and qual; 3, 4, Moore and Son, nice buff, fails in eye markings. GR. (6): 1, W. S. Wilson, splendid yell., correct type and markings, grand shape and lovely qual., well staged; 2, 3, Montgomery, buff leading, grand type, extra good in lacing, sweet shape; 3rd, nice yell., fails in back lacing to winner; 4, vhc, Millington, good stamp of a yell., a shade duller in col.; hc, Levason. CINN. (9): 1, Cubby, grand yell., deep tone of col. and pure in markings, sweet size and shape, good order; 2, Arnot, rare buff, a maze of pencilling, but a shade long in body; 3, Gentleman, good buff, finely pencilled and grand type, beaten in flank markings; 4, Montgomery, also buff, nice stamp, not so pure in lacing, a good class; vhc, hc, W. S. Wilson; c, Walker. DARK CAN. MULE (8): 1, Gilchrist, well known dark yell Goldie (Border King), in rare bloom, fine flush face and rare size, well staged; 2, Hodgson, good Linnet, not the largest, but grand col. and markings, pure in tone, finely staged; 3, vhc, Bertram and Baines, sweet Redpoll, good flush face, grand size, shade loose in feather; 4, Sumpton Bros., grand Linnet, rare size, big bold head and front, rather too dark in grounnd col.; hc, McWilliams; c, Armstrong and Dawson. GOLDF. (7): 1, 2, Bertram and Baines, two good ones, leader best in face, grand square cut blaze of pure col., finely tanned cheeks, well buttoned, in full bloom; 2nd, fails a shade in face, nice qual; 3, Boyle, good Finch, fine square blaze, good buttons, lacks the body colour and bloom of winners; 4, Mrs. Jenkinson, sweet Finch, well burnished up, good front; vhc, Wilson; hc, Armstrong and Dawson; c, Nicholson. GREENF. (7): 1, Gentleman, outstanding, grand Greenie, rare head and front, and lovely tone of col., good flights, steady, and well shown; 2, Godfrey, rare headed one, fine full front, extra good qual. of feather, a nice one, well placed; 3, Wilson, sweet shape and qual., extra good in finish, fails in size; 4, hc, Robinson, good col. and shape, again fails in size; vhc, Jenkinson. LINNET, F.M. (5): 1, Park and Sons, a stormer, grand shape, lovely head and front, grandly pencilled, fine wing flights, steady, and well shown; 2, 3, Godfrey, two good ones, a shade darker, and not so good in markings, all there for size; 4, vhc, Jenkinson, stylish, but beaten in markings. H.M. (10): 1, Walsh, grand, rare tone of col., gem for shape, extra good head, lovely markings, fine flights, exceedingly well staged; 2, 4, hc, Park and Sons, two rompers for size, grandly mkd., leader best in front lacing; 3, Reay, good stamp, fails a shade in front, good wing flights; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; c, Drabbie. BUNTING (3): 1, Walsh, tip top yell., grand head markings, a gem for size and colour, one of the best out; 2, 3, J. Wilson, romping Corn, fine bold head and well spangled, shade unsteady and good yell., beaten in head markings. REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, Hodgson, tip-top non-fed Siskin, grand size, and lovely cap, good bib, well laced on flanks, in great form, well staged; 2, Stewart, good Twite, fine size, good lacing and flights, showing signs of age; 3, Seward, Lesser Redpoll, well up in size and nicely mkd., good col. and cond.; 4, hc, Godfrey, Siskin, hot-fed, good cap and col., a shade small, A1 qual.; vhc, Bebbington; c, Wilson. VAR. SEED-EATER (4): 1, 2, Gentleman, tip-top Hawfinch, grand size and good head and bib, and an ideal Bullie hen, fine cap and bib, and rare body colour, both well put down; 3, Watson, nice Hawfinch, fails in col. and bib to winner; 4, Douglas, sweet Chaffie, fails in col., well up in size, good wing flights. FOREIGN BIRD, SMALL (4): 1, 2, Wilson, good Green Cardinal, and a sweet pair of Gold-breasted Waxbills, in tip-top form; 3, 4, Sumpton Bros., a nice Goldie, well up in size, but a shade dull in col. yet.

PENTREBACH.

Fourth annual show held Nov. 27, in the New Hall. The birds were nicely staged at one end of the hall, and were looked after by a good body of fanciers. The hon. sec., Mr. A. Brown, had his work well in hand. Mr. J. R. Houghton judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Hitchings, stoutly built cl., good head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Jones, good shape and size, neatly braced wings and tail; 4, Edwards, neat head and neck, good qual. of feather, must have pressed hard; vhc, Capt. Collier; hc, Tedstone; c, Thomas. BUFF (12): 1, Tedstone, variegd., good shape and quality, stout body, neat wings and tail; 2, Edwards, cl., stout body, nice shape, col., and feather; 3, Tedstone, not large, nice shape head, neat wings and tail; 4, Lewis, eye and wing mkd., nice size and shape; vhc, Thomas; hc, Muscott; c, Capt. Collier. HEN: 1, Hitchings, cl. yell., grand shape, short, thick-set body, good head, very fine in feather; 2, 3, Tedstone, cl. buff, good head and neck, rare substance, must have pressed hard; 3rd, cl. yell., neat head and neck, short compact wings and tail; 4, c, Jones, cl. buff, good head and neck, neat wings and tail; vhc, Jenkins; hc, A. Brown. YORKS., YELL., CK. (4): 2, Phillips, nice shape, qual., and finish, mkd. head and wing; 3, Cook, nice style, lovely qual., good length, clear; 4, Williams; vhc, Richards. BUFF (8): 1, Phillips, cl., nice length, straight as a rush, good wedge shape body, neat wings; 3, Williams, variegd., fine length and type, well braced shoulders, neat wings and tail; 4, (no name), good pos., neat wings and tail. HEN (9): 1, vhc, hc, Hotton, cl. yell., straight as a rush, well up on legs, neatly braced wings and tail; 3, vhc, Williams, upstanding pos., good head, neat wings and tail; 4, Phillips. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, Capt Collier, variegd. Nor., good front, neat head and neck, neat wing and tail; 3rd, similar to winner, scarcely the subs.; 4, Thomas, nice size and shape, neat wings and tail, vhc, Phillips; hc, c, G. Jones. NAT. COL.: 2, Ted-tone, stout built buff Nor., good head and neck, neat wings and tail, 3, vhc, Jones, green Scotch Fancy, good length, nice action and drive; 4, Muscott, Crest; hc, Curtis. BORD. (4): 3, ex 3, Madigan, leader neatly built cl. yell., slick as a bottle, nicely braced wings and tail, latter ball in tip-top form, very little between them; 4, vhc, Jenkins. NOV. CAN. (6): 1, Hazlewell, neatly built mkd. Norwich, good shape and size, 2, Richards, nicely moulded body, neat wings and tail; 3, Morse, nice size and shape neatly braced wings and tail; 4, Davis, vhc, Geier; hc, Brown; c, Phillips. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 4, Edwards, Bullf. Can., in tip-top form, grand size and shape, hot colour, 2, c, Jones, Bullf. Goldf., grand blaze, lovely wing bars, 3, no name, eyes and wing mkd. Gold-Can., nice size and shape, fail a little in col.; vhc, hc, Williams and Morgan. GOLDF. (10): 1, Reynolds, nice square-cut blaze, neat bars and buttons, good size; 3, vhc, Ray, another good finch, good shape and size; 4, c, Edwards, not the subs. of leader, but still a good one; hc, Lucas. BULLF. (3): 3, Edwards, good top, rare col., in fine form; 4, Jenkins, good size and shape, just foils in col.; vhc, Davis. LINNET (4): 3, Lewis, nice size, good col. and breast markings; ex 3, Porger, good ticking, nice shape, hardly the subs as leader; 4, Jenkins; vhc, Morgan and Williams. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 2, Moss, nice breast marking, good cap and col.; 3, Smith, shapely Redpoll, nicely pencilled, good breast, in fine cond.; 4, vhc, Edwards. A.O. HARDBILL (3): 2, Ray, good sized Hawfinch, nice col., nicely shaped bib; 3, Morgan and Williams, Yellow Bunting, nice V-shaped head markings, good col.; 4, Moss, Greenf., tight as wax, good shape, in rare cond.; vhc, Griffiths; hc, c, Brown. FOR. (4): 3, Leavers, Whydah, in lovely bloom; ex 3, Muscott, Lorikeet, in good order; 4, Williams and Morgan; vhc, Brown.

BRIDLINGTON F. & F.S.

Show held Nov. 27; the entry in the cage bird section was more than double that of last year, whilst quality was splendid. Yorks. had seventy entries in five classes, and a grand lot they were. Norwich were also a most typical lot; several would doubtless have done better had they been better staged. A like remark applies to some of the Yorks. The exhibits were nicely staged at the far end of the hall, and no draughts could possibly reach them. The stewards looked well after the needs of the birds, whilst the secs., Messrs. J. R. Sturdy and J. Chadwick, did their utmost for the welfare of exhibitors and visitors. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (17): 1, sp., Glasby, very neat head, grand shoulders, rump, and tail, very nervy and stylish, in lovely kettle; 2, Mountain, another shapely, stylish cl., neat wings and tail, not quite so fit; 3, 4, Simeson, variegd., rare length and style, gets well up on legs, not quite so close in tail; 4th, neck tkd., grand head, but stouter; vhc, Priestley; hc, Watts; c, Dixon. BUFF (11): 1, Atkinson and Firth, grandly feathered, good head, wings, and tail, stands well up on good lengthy legs; 2, Prentice, very slim and stylish, grand qual., capital tail, not so neat in wings; 3, hc, Dixon, very shapely and stylish, grandly feathered, but does not stand up so well; 4, Simeson, lovely qual., capital wings and tail, not so slim, plenty of style; vhc, Mitchell; c, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, hc, Watts, long stylish cl., neat head, grand wings and tail, lovely qual., nice col., stands like a soldier; 2, Campling, not quite so long, wonderfully neat and slim, rare wings and tail; 3, Dixon, thigh tkd., lovely col. and qual., rare shape, plenty of nerve and style; 4, Atkinson and Firth, grand wings and tail, good style, loses neck; vhc, Ramsden; c, Gray. BUFF (11): 1, Watts, neck and wing tkd., quite large enough, but wins by his excellent style, feather, and col., very fit; 2, Atkinson and Firth, very slim racy cl., lovely col. and qual., rare wings and tail; 3, Duxbury, very shapely, stylish, good pos., variegd., not so silky in feather; 4, Mitchell, grand length, capital legs, rare style and nerve, shade flat in head; vhc, Ramsden; hc, Simeson; c, Ireland. HEN (18): 1, c, sp., Watts, sweet clean cut yell., neat head, grand back, wings, and tail, rare shape, and plenty of nerve; 2, Priestley, equally good bull, not so well shown; 3, 4, Pressey, rare showy buff, lovely qual., full of style, but on the stout side; 4th, very pretty cinn.-mkd. yell., soiled; vhc, Mountain; hc, Duxbury. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, sp. best in show, Wilson, grand-headed cl., stout neck and shoulders, rare back and chest, full of col. and qual.; 2, Clayton and Smith, variegd., wonderfully silky and firm in feather, good body, longer in tail; 3, Axe, very chubby typical cl., good head and chest, nice col., needed a polish; 4, Brown, not quite so tight in feather, capital shape and carr; vhc, Harland; hc, Mallinson; c, Mennard. BUFF (11): 1, Clayton and Smith, shoulder tkd., lovely col. and qual., grand head, shoulders, and chest, splendid style; 2, Mallinson, very cobby, short in wing and tail, lovely qual., nice level col., eye and tail mkd.; 3, Boddy, very shapely cl., good col., not quite so close in feather; 4, Potter, rare shape, grand head, not so fit; vhc, Brown; hc, Glasby; c, Mennard. UNFLIG. (11): 1, vhc, Clayton and Smith, rare-bodied yell., grand wings and tail, short and compact, lovely col. and qual., in rare form; 2, Harland, very neat stylish buff, nice head, wings, and tail, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Boddy, grand bodied stylish buff, not so stout in head, sound col., nice qual.; 4, Axe, wing mkd. yell., grand col. and feather, not quite so chubby; hc, Pressey; c, Potter. BRIT. (16): 1, Watson topping Goldie, very rich, brilliant blaze, large and clean cut, splendid bars and buttons, lovely feather; 2, Dixon, grand little Goldie, not quite so deep cut in blaze, but a gem for col. and mks.; 3, Clayton and Smith, rare-shaped Bullie, rich deep chest, large glossy cap; 4, Pressey, good shapely Snow Bunting, in grand feather; vhc hc, Glasby. FOR. (9): 1, 2, 4, c, sp., Chadwick, very handsome, tall feathered, rich coloured Long-tailed Whydah, a sweet little Cordon Bleu, and a well-mkd. Ribbon Finch; 3, vhc, Shaw, large, well-mkd. pair of Budgerigars, in grand fettle; hc, Morris. SELL. (14): 1, Mallinson; 2, Axe; 3, Clayton and Smith; 4, Harland; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Grey; c, Pressey.

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During Saturday, and especially towards the evening, it was not easy to move about, despite the spaciousness of the hall. The latter, as we have pointed out in previous years, is absolutely ideal

It would puzzle the most inveterate grumbler to pick a fault in it as a rendezvous for a bird show. The birds were very neatly staged and could be inspected with every comfort the hall itself can rarely have presented a prettier or more charming spectacle. As we have remarked before, the L.C.B.A. deserves hearty congratulations on its great achievement.

Lady Pilkington Opens the Show.

The opening ceremony was performed by Lady Kathleen Pilkington, herself an enthusiastic bird-keeper. Lady Pilkington made an admirable little speech, in the course of which she said some nice things about the hobby and the L.C.B.A.'s show. Mr. R. L. Crisp presided, and he was supported by Mr. C. Pelham Sutton. There was an excellent attendance.

Two fanciers can fairly claim to have "won their spurs" as a result of this exhibition. We refer to Messrs. J. Bray and F. Knight, who filled the responsible posts of show managers. Though their first venture, they proved themselves masters of every detail and, what is equally essential, lovers of hard work, which they got in plenty, and in a stream that must have lasted for a week! Only those who have inside experience of the running of shows can adequately appreciate the anxieties and labours attaching to it. We heard nothing but high praise bestowed on Messrs. Bray and Knight, and right well they merited it. In Mr. Bray the Association has a truly splendid secretary, while genial Mr. Knight is just "it" in matters of show diplomacy.

The Association is also fortunate in its president, Mr. R. L. Crisp, than whom there can be none more fitted for such a post. He takes a real interest in every detail of the work, and is always accessible and courteous. Mr. Crisp has done much for the L.C.B.A., and every member realises and appreciates it. Mr. J. Robson, the very popular chairman, also lent able assistance.

An Unexpected and Annoying Happening.

One thing caused the officials great regret and not a little annoyance; this was the attitude taken up by the Hall authorities at the last moment on the question of dispatching the birds on the Sunday. They refused to permit it, and no arguments would move them, notwithstanding the fact that the Society had always previously got away the country exhibits then, and had made all arrangements to do so on the present occasion. The keeping of these particular birds back until Monday morning must have caused uneasiness in some quarters, and the Society ask us to express regret. They were landed in a quite unexpected difficulty.

A splendid band of workers assisted in the management of this great show, prominent amongst them being Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Thynne, Miss Robson, and Messrs. J. Tyson, Tyson, jun., W. H. Mugford, H. Peverall, J. W. Wright, J. Carson, A. J. Marley, F. Easterling, E. C. Offord, W. C. Penton, T. L. Sayer, W. A. Shepherd, A. Silver, A. Wallington, T. R. Trower, F. Boxall, H. W. Cook, A. C. Askew, J. Wright junr., V. Wynn, Castell, Walcham, Crust, J. Taylor, R. A. Newley, W. G. Elsmore (Taunton), Evans (Hindhead), Franz, Schlüter Townsend, Nichols, H. Smith, and H. W. Dickinson. That very hard-working and able fancier, Mr. J. Dewhurst, again took charge of the staging and feeding arrangements and, needless to say, these met with the appreciation of everybody.

A 100-year old Cockatoo for a Pet.

A notable feature of the show was the centenarian Cockatoo, kindly put on exhibition by our old friend, Mr. J. F. Hills, and veteran judge, of Sudbury, Suffolk. This bird came to England in 1819, as can be established beyond question, and, as he was "no chicken" then, he must now be over 100 years' old! With the visitors he was a centre of interest—talked to and petted from morning until night. And the pressmen, too—how they seized on him. Surely no Cockatoo that ever lived was so much photographed and paragraphed; every newspaper featured him. And "Joey" is still so chockful of youthful vitality that it would occasion us no surprise to meet him again half-a-century hence—we will keep hopeful.

The "gate" on each of the three days the show lasted was very good, and we are informed that it promised to be ahead of any yet garnered by the Association. Over £70 in cash was taken at the door. The sales, too, came well up to the average—about £175—so that the heart of the Society's treasurer should find ranse for rejoicing. No sensational amounts were paid for birds. The highest was £15 for Mr. Crisp's young green marked yellow Yorks., and we believe this was paid to remove the temptation to buy him which two well known Yorkshiremen seemed likely to succumb to. Mr. Collinge's Bull Lanes, Plainhead found a buyer at £8 8s.; Mrs. Thynne's Crest at £5 5s., and Maroon Tanager, £5 5s., while many Yorks., Nor. and Crests changed hands at from £3 to £5 each. Mr. Maxwell's Red-faced Lovebirds (unnoticed) were claimed at £7.

A Pretty Problem Set for the Committee.

Incidents of an unpleasant nature happily were none. We heard of no disqualifications. A curious point was raised by a protest lodged against the several pairs of Bearded Tits which won prizes. It is alleged that pairs were not eligible to compete, as there was a special class provided for hens. This interesting problem is to be dealt with by the committee in due course.

Messrs. Trower and Co., the well-known seed and bird-food merchants, had a fine stall in the centre of the show-room, and were kept very busy booking orders. The samples they had on view were exceptionally good, and served to enhance the reputation of excellence and quality which this firm has established. The exhibits during the show were fed on seeds and foods supplied by Messrs. Trower, and the condition of the birds evidenced their appreciation of the fare.

Messrs. Baron and Co. had on view their "Kozy Karrier," and this really wonderful case for holding show cages, etc., was universally admired. Nothing like it for strength and lightness combined has ever been put before the Fancy, and we predict a big future for it. Users of the "Kozy Karrier" will very considerably reduce their bills for railway charges. Inspect one and see for yourselves how money can be saved.

Another attractive stall was that of Messrs. Hyde and Co., whose packet seeds and foods are so widely used and appreciated. CAGE BIRDS stall was in its usual place, and we had many visitors, while the demand for our books, etc., was brisk.

The Wonderful Improvement of the Norwich.

Norwich were a splendid lot, some of the best birds in the country were on view, far ahead of anything seen of late years down south. It is wonderful how this variety has improved of late years instead of the flat snaky headed, and frequently browed specimens, we used to see, we have birds with large round heads, possessing grand width and rise in front, wide round shoulders, and great depth, and size, and yet withal type and qual. has been preserved. Some fine specimens were exhibited by Messrs. Hodder, Whetstone, Saunders, Houghton, Collings, and Thomas, the latter of whom showed two of the loveliest unlighted birds we have ever had the pleasure to see. Members' champion silver challenge cup was won by Mr. J. Hodder with one of his unlighted yellows. Large numbers of fanciers were to be seen around the chubby ones, among whom we had the pleasure of seeing once more that ardent lover of a good Norwich, Mr. E. Baker, of Cowes, also Messrs. Keech, Cole, Thomsett, Pounsett, and Treasure, of Cheltenham, Mr. Midgley, and many others.

Craze For Size Not Pandered To.

As usual, the Yorkshires made a wonderfully imposing show, and had a host of admirers. Mr. Kearns (Rawtenshaw), Messrs. Ogden Bros. (Bradford), and Mr. Binns (Blackpool) were the chief representatives of the Northern exhibitors, and although they did well, they had to take back seats in some of the classes, where the men of the South held the trump cards. It is doubtful if the popular president, Mr. R. L. Crisp, ever staged a better team than he did this year; he was either winning or in the cards in every class except the yellow cocks, where Mr. G. T. Green (New Southgate) put down a magnificent specimen. There were some lovely birds in the novice section, and all the classes were well filled, particularly the unlighted, which drew an entry of thirty-five; the leaders were all right, but we did not think the merit all through was quite so high as in previous years. The winners in both sections were not noticeable particularly for size, but no one could complain about them for good Yorks properties, well bred, proportionate birds, all possessing quality as feather of the very highest excellence. Many of the extra big ones were left quite out in the cold. The Greens were not numerous, and were chiefly remarkable for their general levelness, both in type and colour, and must have given the judge a few moments of very serious thought. Mr. Metcalfe (Liverpool) staged the winners in both classes.

There was a good show of Lancashires, some thirty birds being staged, which is good for a Southern show, as these grand birds are not so popular around London as in the North, where most of the exhibits came from. Mr. F. J. Green (Loughborough) had out a magnificent team, and did remarkably well.

Belgians were only sufficient in numbers to let us know that the variety is still in existence, the three classes being confined to three exhibitors, all from the West Country, this variety still being fostered by a few enthusiasts in Devon.

One Solitary White Canary!

One solitary specimen represented the White Canaries. Will they ever become popular?

It was the best show of Borders seen in the South this season, and so it should be, when one considers that three specialist clubs devoted to the "wee gems" were represented. The Southern men held their own fairly well, Mr. Pratt (Exmouth) winning in yellow cocks with one of the best, and Mr. Jenkins (Swansea) romping home with a sweet yellow hen. Mr. J. S. Wilson (Workington) staged some gems; his buff hen was quite an outstanding bird, and much admired by the Southern fanciers. The grand class of Cinnamons was eagerly looked over, the three leaders, owned by Mr. W. S. Wilson and Mr. D. Hamilton, being as near perfection as one could wish. One hardly knew which to admire most, the yellows or buffs. The two Green classes contained twenty-eight charmers—a particularly level lot—and all the premier awards went North; Greens do not appear to quite take on in the South just yet, although we heard many expressions of future interest to be taken in them.

A Hybrid Everyone Wanted to Inspect.

Each day there was always a crowd round the Hybrid section. These birds are popular with all classes of fanciers and ordinary visitors. The classes, with one or two exceptions, were nicely filled, and although everyone could not follow the selections made by the judges, the differences were little, for the merit of all was so high that in some classes every bird was nearly perfection. This was especially the case in Bullfinch Hybrids, the first half-dozen being gems of the first water. Mr. Higham repeated his Watford success by again standing in the premier position with his charming Cinnamon Canary, a bird that everybody was enquiring about. Mrs. Middleton's Greenfinch-Chaffinch had its due share of admirers. It looked in splendid fettle, and once again headed the class. The lightly marked class was a stormer, and was not to be passed lightly by anyone interested in these fascinating beauties. Mr. Gilbert (Coventry) put down a couple of gems. Mr. Lamb (New Malden) was the only exhibitor in the clear class, these birds apparently being as difficult to obtain as ever. Darks were a magnificent collection, it being a toss-up between the three or four leaders in the Goldfinch class, the same remark applying equally well to the Dark Linnets, where Mr. J. Crone held the two winning cards, a charming pair. Although the class of pairs matched for Hybrid breeding had sixteen entries, somehow they did not appear to attract much attention, all the interest being centred upon the produced article.

Classes Worth A Long Journey To See.

The Insectivorous classes contained some 110 entries, and made a very interesting collection, which must have afforded much pleasure to those interested in this branch of the Fancy, and be a complete answer to those fadaists who preach upon the "cruelty of caging our wild birds. Those who saw the charming little Goldcrests, Treecreepers, Dartford Warblers, Nightingales, and other of the migratory species, could, we are sure, only feel that such birds easily adapt themselves to cage life and afford much pleasure to their owners, who so assiduously attend to their daily wants, and give them the many "tit-bits" they so much appreciate. The public are able to see many species that are even now practically unknown to it except perhaps by name. For instance, we heard many express surprise that the Nightingale was not as large as a Missel Thrush, and that Wagtails and Wrens could be kept in cages afforded no little surprise. The small insectivorous class was a sight well worth a long journey to see, also the Nightingales and Blackcaps. Mr. Frostick secured the diploma with his noted Dartford Warbler. The Albino class also proved of great interest to the public. The novice classes brought out some birds that could well have held their own in the open classes, particularly in the Goldfinches, and it is worthy of note that an exhibitor in the novice section secured 1st prize in the open Nightingale class. A little more attention to cages in these classes would add very much to the chances of the exhibits to "catch the judge's eye." It is the first time Mr. Marley has officiated at this show, and on the whole his awards were well received, although one or two of them did not pass without considerable comment.

The Most Wonderful Collection Ever Seen.

The enlarged classification guaranteed by the F.B.E.L., met with a well deserved reward, there being a grand total of 450 entries in this section, which was also under the patronage of the F.B.C., and the League is to be heartily congratulated on the initial success. The Parrot section was perhaps the least successful, although there were some birds of exceptional merit and rarity; but the birds staged give little indication of the variety or large numbers of the Parrot tribe which are kept in captivity. Miss Clare's Hooded and Queen Alexandra Parrakeets, the Rev. G. H. Raynor's Ambreys, Le Vaillant's, and Red-vented Parrakeets, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell's Blue-rumped Parrot being the only birds of note. True, there were a few beautiful Lories and Lorikeets, but these we are accustomed to see staged annually. It is a surprise that these classes did not secure a larger entry, for the keepers of Psittacii have certainly increased lately in number; such birds, however, are now largely kept in aviaries, and the trouble of catching and sending probably explains why more of the rarer species were not staged. Parrot-keepers should remove this reproach at another exhibition. In the group of classes which covered the "Common Ornamental Finches" there was a truly great display, abundant testimony to the popularity and the exquisite beauty of these cheaply obtained species. Among the Grassfinches and Rarer Waxbills, avian gems were arrayed in goodly numbers, far too numerous to pass in review. In the classes for Rarer Species, to the Sunbirds must be awarded the palm, Mr. Ezra's exquisite sextet being a marvel of dazzling beauty, elegance, and grace, attributes which belong to many Foreign Softbills, but more especially so to the Fruit-eating and Honey-sucking groups. In the group of classes given up to Insect-eaters the same pleasant story is to be told, and species either very rare or new to the bench were gathered together in grand array, making a galaxy of beauty that had to be seen to be adequately realised. We give, en passant, groups of first appearances or rarities. First appearances: Greater Amethyst, Lesser Double-collared and Black-breasted Yellow-backed Sunbirds, Yucatan Jay, Lutino Blossom-headed Parrakeet, Small Minivet, Red-flanked Bush Robin, Large Niltava, Indian Fire-caps, Red-tailed Minla Black-throated Wren Warbler, Mahali and Bronze Weavers, and Chilian Finches. Rarities, or only occasional appearances: Ambrey's and Le Vaillant's Parrots, Yellow-backed and Gold-collared Paradise Whydahs, Fire-tailed Finches, Peale's Parrot Finch, Black-faced Quail Finches, Red-faced Finches, Peter's Spotted-sided Finch, Chilian Siskin, Blue Chaffinch, Black Bullfinch or Grosbeak, Southern Malachite and Yellow-backed Red Sunbird, Black-crested Bulbul, Brown-eared Bulbul, Lutino Ring-neck Parrakeet, Blue Budgerigars, Short-billed Minivet, Blue-fronted Redstart, Black-chinned Yuhinas, Pigmy Woodpecker, Pink-crested Touraco, Indian White-breasted Kingfisher, and Le Vaillant's Barbet. We believe the above list is about correct, but the shortness of time before going to press prevents any exhaustive analysis.

The foregoing gives merely an indication of the success of this section, such numbers being unprecedented the interest of the public was sustained during the whole period of the show and to one and all there has been the pleasure of witnessing an unqualified success.

The light during the progress of judging was splendid and, of course, materially assisted the judges in their anything but easy task. These gentlemen seem to have done well, for we did not hear any considerable amount of "grumbling" even from the exhibitors whose birds failed to catch their eye. In one or two sections some difference of opinion was expressed, but as the competition therein was perhaps of unparalleled severity, this is matter for small wonder. Those officiating were Messrs. J. E. Davies, F. Easterling, F. Finn, F. E. Fisher, D. A. S. Longden, A. J. Marley, P. Mason, C. Prior, J. Robson, D. Seth-Smith, J. Tyson, and G. Warcing. The sections allotted them are made clear in our critique.

THE CRESTS & CREST-BREDS

Mr. J. Tyson's Classes.

BUFF CREST CK. (8): 1, Dobson, variegated, huge spread of crest, wonderful front, set on an exceptionally massive frame, beautifully radiated, thickly built, well drooped, and neat as possible, grand bird, clear win; 2, Bale, pied tail, another gem, almost equal in size of crest, round as a hoop, thickly thatched, lovely texture of feather, grand body, loses a trifle in frontal and neatness; 3, Jones and Crest, wing mkd., splendid body and fine big shapely crest, A1 frontal and droop, beaten in texture; 4, Evins Bros., splendid frame, feather of good qual., good and neat crest, shade smaller than leaders; 5, Greenwood and Burson, cl. body, excellent bird, close up; 6, King; 7, Miss Onslow. BUFF C.B. CK. (12): 1, Bale, very fine variegated, grand thick-set body, topped by a wide cushion skull, well clothed and lashed, A1 feather; 2, White, mkd. wings, looked very close up indeed, magnificent qual. feather, huge body, extra wide dome skull, lashed to perfection; 3, Miss More, rare good leafy feather, excellent bold head, good in entrance and rise, and profusely thatched; 4, 5, Evins Bros., 4th lightly variegated., great size, wonderful texture of feather, loses in width of skull, 5th equal in most points, entrance not too good; 6, Linder, almost cl., bouncer; 7, King; absent, Hardy. YELLOW CREST (10): 1, Franz, wing mkd., real clinker, good big headpiece, round as a hoop, well made and drooped, neat as possible, charming col. and qual. of feather, good body; 2, 6, Evins Bros., leader wing mkd., good big bird, very nice crest, neat, but not so well formed as leaders, grand qual.; 3, King, lightly variegated, good specimen, lovely feather, nice sized crest, weaker at frontal; 4, Greenwood and Burson, likewise not a bad one, splendid body and qual. of feather, crest trifle pinched at front; 5, White; 7, Jeffries; unnoticed. No. 1, Crow, a well-known winner out in the cold. BUFF CREST 1913 (11): 1, 2, Mills, two beauties, winner lovely lightly variegated, buff hen, grand big body, fine expansive crest, very round and neat, feather leafy and broad, good centre and frontal, 2nd mkd. left wing, bonny big bird, fine qual., neat crest, large and well drooped; 3, Mrs. Taylor, heavy variegated, hen, very close up, grand sized crest, lovely texture of feather, well radiated from a good centre, well built frame; 4, 5, Evins Bros., two clinkers, 4th a green with a very good and large crest, but still penny in centre; 6, Miss Onslow; 7, Carlton; absent, Hardy, White. CINN. C. OR C.B. (2): 1, Col. Routh, pied tail, lovely qual., good sized body, fairly big crest, good radiation and droop, split one side; 2, King, wing mkd., also charming qual., neat crest, not over large. NOVICE C.B. (9): 1, Shepherd, almost green, slashing good bird, rare size, first-rate skull, bold and well cushioned, splendid feather; 2, 5, Mrs. Gould, leader almost green, excellent bird fine build, lovely wide head, well lashed, plenty of feather; 3, Wallace, pied tail, loses a trifle in width of skull, good rise and lashing, fine body; 4, Jones, nice stamp, big and well clothed, good all-round head; 6, Bowen; 7, Hawker. LIMIT CREST, £3 (12): 1, 2, Jacklin; 3, Greenwood and Burson; 4, Marshall; 5, 7, Evins Bros.; 6, Slade. C.B. CC (8): 1, Franz; 2, Dobson; 3, Stubbs; 4, Marshall; 5, Turner; 6, Mrs. Litchfield; 7, Tatman.

MEMBERS' CREST (9): 1, Shepherd; 2, Mrs. Thynne; 3, 7, Watcham; 4, King; 5, Broad; 6, Mrs. Litchfield. C.B. (8): 1, 6, Broad; 2, Franz; 3, Turner; 4, Mrs. Thynne; 5, Shepherd; 7, King. C. OR C.B. 1913 (cup class) (11): 1, 5, Franz; 2, Wallace; 3, Shepherd; 4, 6, Watcham; 7, Turner. AMAT. CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Mugford. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Mugford. BRED 1913 (cup class) (1): 1, Mugford. NOVICE CREST (4): 1, 2, Wallington; 3, Gollam; 4, Taylor. C.B. (3): 1, Gollam; 2, Wallington. BRED 1913 (cup class) (2): 1, Wallington; 2, Gollam.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

BUFF CREST HEN (10): 1, Broad, almost green, huge body and tremendous spread of crest, good texture, shape and centre, thickly built, but inclined to life a little—too rough, in fact, in both body and crest for a good show bird, yet hard to pass, wonderful stock hen; 2, Dobson, heavy variegated, not the phenomenal size of crest, yet a big spread, very neat and nice, beautiful droop and leafy feather, extra good body, grand hen; 3, 7, Radley and Son, two clinkers, 3rd mkd. right wing, fine, grandly radiated headpiece, round and neat, well lined at back, shade open at centre, good body and feather; 4, Evins Bros., cl. body, lovely spread of crest, nicely drooped, very neat, not quite so thickly packed; 5, Mrs. T. Taylor, grand hen, loses a shade in texture; 6, King. BUFF C.B. HEN (13): 1, 2, Evins Bros., winner almost green and simply magnificent, exceptionally broad, leafy feather, huge body, wonderful width and rise of skull, long, thick head feather, gem, 2nd we did not like the look of, poor feather texture, comparatively, and not the frame; how it handled, of course, we cannot say, catalogued at 70s., and claimed; 3, Lieut.-Col. Gabriel, green, not over big, beautiful texture of feather and plenty of it, fine width of skull, nice cushion and lash, neat all over; 4, White, grand big bird, splendid qual. feather, trifle pinched in skull; 5, Jones and Crest; 6, Franz, looked a grand one; 7, Miss Onslow. YELL. C.B. (7): 1, Evins Bros., almost green, really wonderful head and subs., magnificent texture of feather and plenty of it; 2, Crow, good body, trifle narrow in skull, splendid feather properties, this bird is very oddly marked at base of beak, which quite spoils its looks; 3, Mrs. Litchfield, wonderfully good

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Gateshead (Durham): Drill Hall, Dec. 12-13. Judges: A. Holden, J. Robson, J. Bailey, J. Patterson, J. Muldison. 82 open classes: Nor. 14 (2 Nov.), Crest 4, Yks. 11 (3 Nov.), Scotch Fancy 3, Bord. 15 (Greens 4, Cinn. 2, Nov. 2), Liz. 2, Self. 5, Mules 6, Brit. 15, For. 5, Stock 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 6, to W. Curry, 102, West St.

Auchterarder (Scot.). Aytoun Hall, Dec. 13. Judges: A. Eadie. 26 open classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 3, Crest 2, Brit. 11, Mules 2, For. 1, Gift 1, Self. 2. Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 8, to Jas. Dow, Auchterarder.

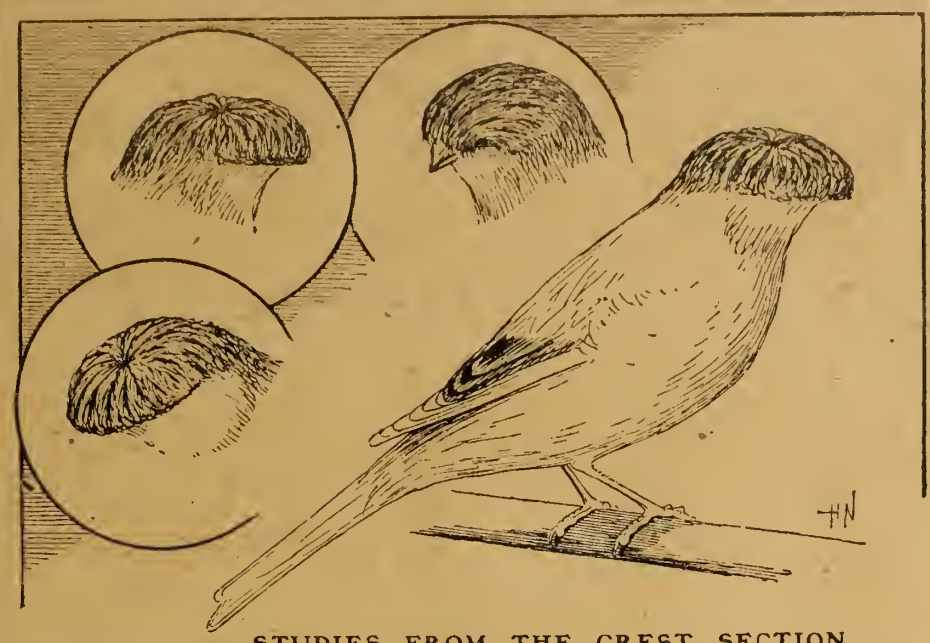
Fauldhouse (Scot.). Drill Hall, Dec. 13. Judges: W. Haddow, C. Small. 23 classes: Crests 2, Nor 4, Bord. 6, A.O.V. 3 (Cock, Hen, and Self.), Brit. 6, (1 Self.). Mules 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 8, to J. Boyd, Blackfaulds, Fauldhouse, Linlithgowsh.

and attractive clear, great head, well domed and lashed, splendid body, lovely feather, we liked as well as any, 4, King, very good, mixed green, grand body and skull, close up; 5, 7, Franz; 6, Linder. BUFF CL. 1913 (12): 1, Robson, very taking clear, grandly built, thickset body, fine wide skull, nice cushion and lash, heaps of good qual. feather, bonny bird; 2, 3, Evins Bros., two good ones for feather properties, leader claimed at 3/4, plenty of head feather, no doubt, but rough and untidy looking, 3rd better qual., trifle nipped in skull, well lashed, fine body; 4, Rudkin and Son, bouncing big green, lovely qual. feather, beautiful wide dome skull, finely lashed, looked worse for higher place; 5, King, very good variegs.; 6, Gabriel; 7, Turner; absent, Hardy. NOVICE CREST (9): 1, 3, Wallace, wing mkd, dark C., really fine headpiece, expansive, nicely drooped, neat as possible, big body; 3rd cl body, grizzle crest, excellent spread, good formation, very neat; 2, Bowen, hen, mkd. root of tail, smaller crest, rare good texture, well drooped and arranged, nice type of body; 4, Mrs. T. Taylor, grizzle crest, fine spread, nice droop, but weak left hand side; 5, Hawkes, almost green crest, neat and good, but oval in shape; 6, Jones; 7, Mayhew; absent, Mrs Thorburn.

THE NORWICH CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. J. E. Davies.

CL. YELL. (10): 1, Hodder, grand round head, with nice rise, good broad back, wonderful depth of chest, beautiful wings and tail, fine qual., glorious col., gem; 2, Baker, nice shape, short and compact body, well cut away, silky texture of feather, col. of the best, loses only depth of chest, good second; 3, Houghton, neat and compact all through, nice even colour, hardly the subs.; 4, Irons, type and qual. all there, grand col., loses a little in compactness; 5, 7, Collings; 6, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (13): 1, diploma, Whetstone, massive bmkd, wonderful subs., and feather, little slack at thighs to-day, otherwise real stormer; 2, Thomas, well formed head, correct shape, beautifully round back and chest, wonderful bloom, deserves its place; 3, Hodder, fine bold bird, neat, full head, lovely shape, grand under col. and meating, hardly so shut; 4, A. E. Silk, well moulded frame, close feather, of fine qual.; 5, Houghton; 6, Gill and Pethick. TKD., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, award of merit, Saunders, beautiful broad skull, short neck, thick set body, beautiful qual., nice bird; 2, Baker, mkd. shoulder and wing, short and compact, well filled in back, lovely feather, hot col., hardly the wing carr. perhaps, close up; 3, Thomas, grand subs., chubby in build, glorious col., fails a little in wings; 4, Rippon, head mkd., well known winner, fine bold bird of right sort, fails head to leaders; 5, Houghton; 6, Gill and Pethick; 7, sp, Keech. BUFF (10): 1, award of merit, Houghton, saddle mkd., big one, grand front, splendid feather, best of under col., well known winner; 2, Collings, neck mkd., neat head, fine silky texture of feather, beautiful sheen, tending to carry one wing rather awkwardly at times; 3, Hodder, grand, full large head, well filled back, perfect wings and tail, well cleaned out, close up; 4, Keech, good shape and best of feather, hardly so tight; 5, Olive; 6, Rippon; 7, Midgley. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Collings, well-known winner, in grand form, one of the sweetest yellows seen for a long time; 2, Hodder, last year's winner, cobby shape, sweet head, beautiful wings and tail, smooth as glass, hardly the size of leader; 3, Whetstone, model for shape, well up in size, good col., but open in feather when we saw it; 4, Thomas, bouncing hen, well over perch, rather narrow over beak; 5, Richardson; 6, Gill and Pethick; 7, Keech. BUFF (13): 1, Houghton, real stormer, wonderful size, rare subs., qual., and type, all to be desired; 2, Thorburn, beautiful bird throughout, short beak, neat, full head, glorious type and qual., loses only in size; 3, 5, A. E. Silk, nice large hen, qual. and col. all there; 4, Gill and Pethick, another of right stamp, loses a little in head and wing carr.; 6, Mrs. Williams; 7, Richardson. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Thomas, real beauty, head tkd., wonderful skull, grand texture, feather, great size, all front, take some stopping another year; 2, Houghton, well shaped head, back nicely filled in, close feather, level col., fails to winner in size and wing carr., nevertheless nice bird; 3, Whetstone, one of the best for shape and col., seemed a bit slack in feather when we saw it; 4, A. E. Silk, neat, cobby, good qual., bit on small side, tail feathers appearing rather rough; 5, Irons, rare type, grand size, glorious col., and nice feather, really fine bird, one of the best in class, our choice for 2nd place as we saw it; 6, Saunders; 7, Whetstone. BUFF (19): 1, Thomas, head and wing mkd., all to be desired, wonderful frame, greatly admired by many, grand under col., rare bloom, gem; 2, Butterfield, good second, neat all over, pleasing exhibit, tight as a Java, hard to find fault with; 3, Houghton, well moulded throughout, sweet head, well over perch, good col. and mealing, in its right place; 4, 7, Saunders, all there for size, and carries a tight fitting coat of grand qual., bit flat on skull; 5, 6, Collings. YELL., CL., ETC. (15): 1, diploma, Leese, fine size, well proportioned throughout, fine firm col. of the best; 2, E. A. Smith, nice qual. feather, neat head, loses a little in shape of body; 3, Leech, very smart bird, good back and chest, bit horned when we saw it, which probably told against it; 4, W. N. Smith, neat exhibit, nice fitting jacket, hardly subs.; 5, Thurley, typical bird, of good qual., bit unsteady; 6, Cole; 7, Burt, very nice bird, could have stood higher. BUFF. CL., ETC. (16): 1, diploma, E. A. Smith, slashing big bird, well filled back, fine under col., and mealing; 2, Annison, well shaped head, rich qual., tight fitting feather of right texture, loses little in col.; 3, W. Smith, good feather, nice shape and style; 4, Burt, good round back, deep chest, close feather, well cut away; 5, Walmsley; 6, Griffin, grandly shaped head, tight as a Java, could we think have stood higher; 7, Leech. MKD. (13): 1, James, neck mkd. yell., large bird, nice shape, very steady; 2, Laccohee, varieg. Yell., very good shape, lovely back, nice varieg., appears in soft moult, which no doubt put it back; 4, massive bird, of good shape, quality of the best; 5, Cole; 6, Leech; 7, Laccohee. HENS, A.V. (27): 1, award of merit, George, nice shape, well across perch, nicely moulded, even col.; 2, Laccohee, head tkd., yell., good hen, feathered to perfection, hardly so short in neck; 3, George, neck mkd. and grizzled tail yell., lovely hen, shown in grand form, could have stood higher; 4, E. A. Smith, neat wing mkd; 5, Beavington; 6, Cooper; 7, Johnson. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Griffin, nicely built, good head, neat wings and tail, excellent qual. and col., wins well; 2, George, grand bird for qual., neat, good carr., nice stamp; 3, Burt, also the right stamp, nice chest and head, fine col. and qual., trifle longer, shapely, and neat; 4, Mrs. Scholes; 5, Cooper; 6, Wakefield; 7, Harris. UNFLIG. BUFF (18): 1, Kerr, lovely head and body shape, rich qual., wins; 2, Burt, another of right stamp, true Norwich, loses only in size; 3, Annison, smart, good qual., but on small side; 5, Leech, very shapely, right stamp; 6, George; 7, Johnson. LIMIT (12): 1, Wickham; 2, Thomas; 3, Taylor; 4, Scholes; 5, Midgley; 6, Scholes; 7, Midgley. GREENS, SELF OR FOUL CHUK (4): 1, diploma, 2, Lawson, yell., pure grassy green, good Nor type, 2nd, good round col., not so shapely; 3, Cook, splendid col., grand shape, tight, close feather, our choice for 2nd place; 4, Keech, bmkd, fowl tail, bold bird, loses little in roundness and col. HEN (4): 1, award merit, 3, Lawson, buff, massive build, good shade of col., fine cond.; 3, similar, loses in head; 2, Leech, grand buff, wonderful subs., col of the best, could have won. MEMB., CHAMP., YELL. CK (8): 1, 3, Hodder, large head, grand qual., well across perch, fit for open; 3rd, similar, loses only in size; 2, Richardson, variegs., beautiful qual., hot as liver, sweet bird, hardly subs.; 4, Withers; 5, Ward; 6, Baker, sweet bird of right stamp. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Hodder, leader, cl., feathered to perfection, in grand form; 4, variegs., big, shapely exhibit, hardly so close feathered, 2, Withers, nice bird, lovely col., bit slack at thighs; 3, Richardson, true Nor. properties, grand under col.; 5, Ward; 6, Hazell. HENS (10): 1, award merit, Ward, buff, good, deep, broad chest, grand size; 2, Baker, yell., sweet hen, qual., col., and type of the best; 3, 7, Withers, varieg. buff, shown in good form; 4, 5, Hodder, 6, 1, Ogden Bros., bonny clr., rangailleat length, grand type, neat head, full neck, beautifully drawn, grandly feathered, 2, Bunn, lengthy cr, fine type and qual., beautifully braced wings, neat tail, in the pink; 3, Crisp, smart variegs., bit shorter, hardly so clean cut, nicely braced wings, good shoulders and back, capital qual.; 4, Holliday, same stamp, better drawn and moulded, grand shoulders and wing, smart finish; 5, Plumb; 6, Bunn Bros.; 7, Easterling and Carson. NOV. YELL. CL. or TKD. CK. (14): 1, Avis, grand clear, beautifully modelled and drawn, on capital legs, good head, back and shoulders, splendidly feathered, wins; 2, Taylor, smart breedy neck mkd, hardly so nicely modelled as winner, but beautifully drawn, good wings, neat pipe tail, in rattling cond.; 3, Midgley, wonderful pos. and tyle, falls a bit in wings, but nicely drawn and well feathered; 4, Glanville, long and racy, clean cut, good back, smart wing carr., inclined to spread tail, A1 qual.; 5, Tapper; 6, Bush; 7, Gardner. BUFF (15): 1, Scudder, wonderful length, typical, nicely drawn, shade flat on head, but capital shoulders and wings, nice qual.; 2, Glanville, beauty, we liked even better, hotter col., grand head, tightly braced wings, feathered to perfection; 3, Cooper,



STUDIES FROM THE CREST SECTION.

The fine yellow Crest winner of 1st prize for Mr. J. Franz. Heads: Buff Crest, 1st for Mr. G. Dobson, Buff Crestbred hen, 1st for Messrs. Evins Bros.; Young (1913) Buff Crest, 1st for Mr. H. Mills.

Ward. UNFLIG. CUP CLASS, many fine birds were to be seen in this class: 1, 2, diploma, silver challenge cup, Hodder, both yells., leader one of the best, grand skull, broad deep chest, chubby, well across perch, gem; 2, nice stamp, full of col., correct shape; 3, Baker, another lovely bird, deserves its place, loses only in size, will be heard of again; 4, 5, 7, Howe; 6, Ward. AMAT., CK.: 1, 3, Thursby; 2, 4, Hart. HEN: 1, 4, 5, Thursby; 2, 3, Hart. UNFLIG. CUP CLASS: 1, diploma; 2, 4, Hart; 3, Thursby. MEM. NOV., CK.: 1, Goymer; 2, Thursby; 3, 4, Brumbridge; 5, 6, Taylor. HEN: 1, Thursby; 2, 3, Brumbridge and Goymer. UNFLIG. CUP CLASS: 1, award merit, 3, 5, Brumbridge, jun.; 6, Goymer; 4, 7, Taylor; 2, Thursby.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

Judges, Mr. P. Mason (Open) and Mr. F. Easterling (Novice).

CL. or TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Green, magnificent bird, wonderful length and style, well up on leg, good head, wings nicely packed, grand depth of col.; 2, Hall, shade smaller, but nice type, hardly so good in head, nor so nicely moulded, but capital style, clean cut, and well put down; 3, Kearns, equal to 2nd, rather cleaner moulded, good head, grand length of wings, nicely cut away, plenty of leg; 4, Owen and Son, big, paler in col., but good type, nice length of wing, scarcely so nicely packed, smart bird, neat tail; vhc, Plumb; hc, Binns; c, French. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Binns, grand lengthy bird, well up on leg, showing plenty of daylight, nice closely packed wings, neat tail, very fine cond.; 2nd, hardly so good pos., capital type, neat head, good shoulders and back, grand wings, A1 feather; 3, Ogden Bros., grand type and length, hardly so good in head, but capital shoulders, and back nicely cut away; 4, Parrott, hardly so good in wings, but grand type, nice clean run, neat tail; 5, Easterling and Carson; 6, Crisp, stylish, typical, nicely drawn, perfect fitting wings, full of qual.; 7, Kearns. MKD. (12): 1, 2, Crisp, grand variegs. buff, wonderful length and beautifully drawn, wee bit slack in wing carr., but perfect feather; 2nd, beautiful 4-ptd. yell., we liked better, grand type, cleanly cut, nicely braced wings, neat head and neck, good col. and qual.; 3, Rev. Muller, grand typical Cinn., cheek mkd., fine length, nicely moulded and packed, smart wings, A1 qual. and cond.; 4, Plumb, grand length and type, not the best of head, and inclined to open tail, still good qual. and nice cond.; 5, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN: 1, Kearns, extra long, slim built, well up on leg, nice shoulders and back, neat wing carr., capital col. and qual.; 2, Crisp, smart bird, wonderful shoulders, neat head and wings, nicely drawn, beautifully feathered; 3, Parlitt, typical, bit loose in feather, but good wings and neat tail, capital head and shoulders, good qual.; 4, Ogden Bros., extra long, nicely drawn, well up on leg, grand qual., bit unsteady; 5, Holliday; 6, Green; 7, Hall. BUFF (10): 1, Crisp, lovely exhibit, typical in every way, beautifully feathered and put down; 2, Hume, wee shade smaller, but equal in every way, practically nothing between them, tight as wax; 3, Mabey, lovely hen, grand type and style, neatly braced wings, good legs, scarcely so tight in feather, but lovely qual.; 4, Fairman, shade smaller, hardly so good in head, but capital type and qual.; 5, Ogden Bros.; 6, Hall; 7, Owen and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Kearns, very smart stylish bird, fine length, shade flat on head, grandly braced wings; 2, Crisp, grand length and style, wonderfully good shoulders and back, beautifully feathered; 3, Binns, real good one, fine length, shade flat on head, but capital wings and neat, A1 qual. and finish; 4, Ogden Bros., just a shade shorter, but cleanly cut, on good legs, nice pos. and style, grand qual. of feather; 5, Green; 6, Mabey; 7, Cundy. BUFF (11): bonny bird of wonderful length, extra good head, well filled back, stands well, very nice cond.; 4, Aubman, grand length and style, good back and wings, looks somewhat soiled; 5, Avis; 6, Johnston; 7, Tapper. MKD. CK. (9): 1, Scudder, grand wing and neck mkd. yell., long, slim, and typical, clean cut, good back and wings, nice qual.; 2, Carpenter, smart variegs. yell., long and racy, nicely rounded and filled in, smartly feathered, good legs; 3, Jones, head and wing mkd. buff, wonderful length, hardly so nicely drawn as some, but grand qual. of feather; 4, Cooper, var. yell, grand length, fails a bit in head, but capital shoulders, back and wings, well up on leg, neatly feathered; 5, Rolls; 6, Carpenter; 7, Johnston. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 5, Glanville, smart, long wing mkd., good head and shoulders, nicely cut away, tightly braced wings, grand cond.; 2, Sanders, lengthy cl., nicely drawn out, stands well on good legs, beautifully modelled, smartly feathered; 3, 4, Scudder, variegs., breedy, takes good pos., closely fitting wings, nice front, good qual.; 4th, true Yorks. type, long and racy, smart wings, neat head, splendidly feathered and well put down; 6, Thompson; 7, Johnston. BUFF (14): 1, 6, Avis, a beauty, true to type, nice head, shoulders and wings, cleanly cut to a good tail, beautifully feathered and packed, A1 cond.; 2, Bullen, shade smaller, but equally good, smart and stylish, tight as wax; 3, Lacey, good one, hardly so clean, but nice length and style, well up on legs, grand qual.; 4, 7, Carpenter, fine length and pos., nicely rounded, smart wings, neat tail, very fine cond.; 5, Bush. UNFLIG. (35): 1, Castell, wing mkd., grand pos. and style, nicely drawn out, good in head, capital wings and tail, grand qual.; 2, Bush, wonderful length, hardly so shapely as winner, grand shoulders and back, neat wings, nice cond.; 3, Scudder, big bull, a beauty from shoulders downwards, a rather flat head and thin neck spoils the proportions, grandly feathered, like wax; 4, Carpenter, smart, leggy yell., beautifully drawn, nicely rounded, grand wings and tail, good qual.; 5, Lacey; 6, Smith; 7, Gardner. LIMIT (19): 1, Tebbs; 2, Ayers; 3, Knight; 4, Hart; 5, Bennett; 6, Penton; 7, Hawes Bros. GREEN CK. (9): 1, 2, Metcalfe, grand pair, good yell. leading, nervy, self col. bird, grand length of wing, deep rich tone of col., distinct pencilling; 2nd, grand buff self, wonderful richness of ground col., dense markings, full of polish, in the pink; 3, 7, Morement, lovely yell. self, rather sweeter type, faultless col., distinct in pencilling, smart, long wings, A1 cond.; 4, 6, Benson and Young, buff foul, grand length, hardly so distinct in pencilling, sound rich col., nicely polished, well put down; 5, Robinson. HEN (9): 1, 6, Metcalfe, smart self col., magnificent length and style, good head and wings, sound rich grass green, splendid quality of feather, full of polish; 2, Benson and Young, shade larger, fine type and length, good shoulders and back, scarcely the rich col. of winner, still a rattling good one; 3, 5, Morement, grand self buff, fine length and style, clean cut, hardly so good in wings as winner, grand col.; 4, 7, Robinson, grand breedy foul mkd., beautifully drawn, good legs, sound rich col., splendid qual., fine condition.

Mr. A. F. Scudder staged winner of Amateur cup; Champion cup was won by Mr. H. Knight.

MEMBERS' CHAMP. YELL. CK..(13): 1, 5, Knight; 2, Clarke; 3, Hawes Bros.; 4, Penton; 6, 7, Ayres. BUFF (10): 1, 7, Knight; 2, 3, Ayres; 4, Elsmore; 5, Clarke; 6, Hawes. MKD. (11): 1, 4, Tebbs; 2, 5, Clarke; 3, Knight; 6, Penton; 7, Bennett. YELL. (12): 1, Hall; 2, Clark; 3, 4, Ayres; 5, Crisp; 6, Smith; 7, Hawes Bros. BUFF (18): 1, Hawes Bros.; 2, Knight; 3, 5, Ayres; 4, 7, Bousfield; 6, Penton. UNFLIG. CUP CLASSES, YELL: 1, Elsmore; 2, Ayres; 3, 6, Knight; 4, Crisp; 5, Clarke; 7, Hall. BUFF: 1, Crisp; 2, Clarke; 3, Ayres; 4, Smith; 5, Hall; 6, Knight; 7 Hawes Bros. NOV. (1): Johnston. AMAT.: 1, 2, Neal. UNFLIG.: 1, Scudder; 2, Neal. NOV.: 1, Runchman; 2, Johnston. HENS: 1, Johnston; 2, Runchman.

THE LANCS. AND LIZARDS.

Judge, Mr. Robson.

LANCS COPPY YELL. CK. (4): 1, sp., Pitt, excellent bird, wonderful length, grand pos., good well formed coppy grand front, well filled at back, lovely qual. feathers; 2, 4, 5, Birch, good length of cole, straight well filled back, grizzle coppy, good front and drop, A1 wing, 4th, grizzled grand frontal hardly so well filled at back, good length of body, fine qual.; 3, Horder, not so much of whimey, but a real good bird, coppy and pos., grand frontal, [illegible] A1 qual. BUFF (10): 1, [illegible], 2, 3, 4, 5, Green, good tail, beautiful length, grand [illegible] wonderful subs., good pos., [illegible] good wings, good coppy, but not the size of winner, 3rd, beauty, wonderful [illegible] perfect well formed head, good coppy front, lovely qual. feather; 4, [illegible], wonderful frontal, lovely qual. feather, hardly so well filled at back, and good [illegible] good qual. 7, Linton. YELL. PIED. 1, [illegible], 2, 3, 4, Green, another wonderful lot here, magnificent bird leader, grand [illegible] rare type of wing, good pos., bold head, beauty, neat coppy, 2nd, small, beauty for heads and pos., good skull, well lashed, body good, 3rd, not quite, like 2nd, very shapely and well, capital qual., well packed and lashed, [illegible] immensely; 5, Mrs. Lees, 6th, hardly the size of winners, but grand head, nice qual. feather. BUFF (10): 1, Collinge, bold and massive, well filled, yet wonderful length of side, very fine, good tail, head and neck, massive skull, well lashed, 2, 4, Linton, beauty, grand subs., scarcely the length of side, but very shapely, good skull, well packed and lashed, lovely cond.; 4th, larger, hardly so well filled, grand wings, wonderful [illegible], nicely lashed; 3, 5, Green; 3rd, shapely, big bold head with grand skull, A1 qual. of feather; 6, 7, Hordern. LIZARD, GOLD, CLEAR (6): 1, 2, Barnes, grand size and shape, clean cap, quite perfect in spangling, capital wings, not rich, [illegible] and col., A1 qual.; 2nd, another beauty, very shapely, nice size, full size cap, even, distinct spangling, grand body work, sound rich ground col.; 3, Bosworth, shade smaller, but full of work, faultless in spangling, grand body work, good wings, neat cap; 4, Homer, charming, as clean cut in cap as any in the class, grandly spangled, A1 col. and qual.; 5, Bradley. BROKEN CAP (10): 1, 4, Rukin, grand size and type, rich deep ground col., beautiful even spangling, perfect body work, A1 wings, lovely qual.; 4th, capital size and shape, grandly spangled back, even and distinct, good wings, splendid col.; 2, Bradley, gem for shape, almost faultless in spangle, closely packed wings, sound rich deep col., as tight as wax; 3, 5, Hamer, lovely, full size bird, very shapely, scarcely so even as winner, still a lovely exhibit, grand qual.; 6, Lord; 7, Barnes, a noted winner this season, unaccountably low down. SILVER CL. CAP (8): 1, Bradley, neat, beautifully capped, good shapely bird, nice rich ground col., evenly spangled, lovely wings, A1 cond.; 2, 3, Hamer, bonny bird, grand size and shape, dense well-defined spangling, grand wing, nicely mealed, sound cond.; 3rd, shade smaller, but a beauty for finish, grandly spangled, nice bars and flights, beautifully mealed; 4, Barnes, bonny, nice full cap, scarcely so even in spangling, good wings, A1 cond.; 5, 6, Rukin; 7, Mumford. BROKEN (9): 1, Barnes, gem for size and shape, nearly cl. cap, absolutely faultless in back and body work, grand wing bars and flights, sound rich ground col.; 2, 5, Hamer, hardly the size, but a gem for evenness of spangling, grand wings, full of qual., and polish; 3, 6, Rukin, nearly clear, hardly so even in back work as winners, but good wings, A1 cond.; 4, Bradley, big bird, great shape, full of work throughout, almost faultless in spangling, nicely mealed, sound col., we admired immensely; 7, Mumford. OLD BIRDS (12): 1, 7, Barnes, grand Gold, fine clear cap, beautifully spangled, capital rich tone of col., nearly as perfect as a young one, a lovely exhibit; 2, 3, Rukin, another fine cl. cap Gold, hardly so even in spangling, but still good, nice body work, capital wings; 3, lovely bold Silver, wealth of spangling, very even and regular, grand rich tone of col., nicely mealed; 4, Hamer, Gold, very shapely, back work hardly so well defined as some, nice condition; 5, Bosworth; 6, Lord, beauty for spangling, bold, well defined.

THE BORDER FANCIES.

Judge, Mr. Robson.

BORD., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 6, Pratt, leader grand one, nice size and type, beautiful, well filled back, wings tightly braced, clean run to a neat tail, sound rich col., in the pink; 2, Munro, gem, wee bit stouter in build, grand head, beautifully moulded, smart wings, A1 qual.; 3, Roberts, neater type, gem for style, full of nerve, tightly packed wings, brimming with qual.; 4, Wilson, grand type, hardly so good in head, but otherwise beautifully moulded, pink of cond., tight as wax; 5, Jenkins; 7, Claydon. BUFF (17): 1, Espie, smart stylish, wing tkd., nice pos., nervy, great head and neck, wee bit flat in back, inclined to show daylight under wing tips, perfect cond.; 2, Madagan, nice size, faultless type, beautifully modelled, neat round head, grand back and wings, good tail, A1 qual.; 3, Jenkins, smart bird, lovely type and style, nicely braced wings, boxy feather; 4, Simpson, rather small, but smart, inclined to slack one wing, still lovely style and qual.; 5, Wilson, a little gentleman, faultless type, beautifully modelled, much admired, might have done better; 6, Roberts; 7, Mrs. Aitken. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Jenkins, smart typical bird, grand type and style, beautifully rounded and cut away, tightly packed wings, perfect qual., a real lady; 2, Madagan, gem, grand type, nervy and free, lovely head and neck, perfectly fitting wings, neat tail, rich qual.; 3, Marriott, grand type and style, wings well carried, but rather badly packed, nicely modelled, clean cut, grand col. and qual.; 4, Munro, little gem for type and style, nice position and movement, clean cut, grand qual.; 5, Wilson; 6 Pratt; 7, Sanders; 8, Wilson. BUFF (16): 1, Wilson, real gem for type and qual., beautifully rounded, neat shapely head, grand, tightly braced wings, snowy nervy bird, much admired, temps home; 2, Espie, fuller type, shade thick in neck, grand wings, A1 qual. feather, full of bloom; 3, Pratt, smart and stylish, free and jaunty, grand back and wings, clean cut to a good pipe tail, boxy feather, we liked; 4, Sanders, typical and smart, not the best of heads, but nice style, good wings, sound cond.; 5, Jenkins; 6, Mrs. Thynne; 7, Simpson. EVENS (4): 1, 4, Haddow, yell., well balanced markings, lovely type, very free and jaunty, nicely modelled, clean cut, good wings, rich col. and qual.; 2, 3, lovely buff cinn., grand type and style, nicely rounded, smart wings, A1 cond., neat eye marks, even wings; 2, Nicholson, buff, lovely type, neat head and neck, nicely rounded front, tight wings, A1 cond., good eyes and wings; 3, Stovin, stylish

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yell., slim type, hardy so nicely rounded, good well balanced eyes, capital wings. UNEVEN (12): 1, 4, Nicholson, grand 4 ptd. cinn., yell., A1 type, beautifully rounded, good head, back, and wings, clean cut and jaunty, lovely col. and qual.; 4th, another beauty, well filled and moulded, grand head and wings, sound rich quality and condition; 2, Jenkins, sweet 4 ptd. cinn., grand type and movement, almost perfect head, grand wings and tail; 3, Jones and Green, lovely var. yell., typical as any in the class, grandly modelled, feathered to perfection, all over a Border, quickly cleaned; 5, Smith; 6, Burton Bros.; 7, Pratt. CINN.: 1, 3, 6, 7, Wilson, a magnificent team, grand buff, polished like satin lining, real eye-opener for qual., lovely type and style, grand head and wings; 3rd, splendid yell., grand type, neat head, well filling wings, lovely even tone of col., in the pink of condition; 2, 5, Hamilton, 2nd, splendid buff, as good in type and style as a cl., lovely tone of level col., nice sheen, full of qual., close up; 4, Baxter, magnificent yell., grand type and style, rich deep level col., and beautifully feathered. GR. CK. (18): 1, Baxter, beautifully modelled, capital head and neck, clean cut, capital wings and tail carr., nice rich grassy green, even and clean throughout, full of polish; 2, 5, Hamilton, beauty for style and type, jaunty, grand pos., neat head and wings, grand depth of col. throughout, distinct dense pencilling, in lovely condition; 3, 7, Johnston, wonderful rich col., capital type, nicely rounded, good distinct pencilling, as good as any; 4, Campbell, another good one, capital type and style, scarcely so rich in ground col., still a grand exhibit; 6, Roberts. HEN (10): 1, Greenwell, smart showy bird, nice size and type, neat head and wings, good carr., grand rich col., full of qual.; 2, Campbell, typical and stylish, nice carr., good tone of col. throughout, distinct pencilling, black wings, in fine fettle; 3, 4, Johnston, bonny lady, typical, jaunty, and free in movement, neat head, sound rich col., hardly the bloom of winner; 4th, another beauty, little to choose between them, lovely rich col., capital qual.; 5, Hamilton; 6, Baxter; 7, Whitelaw. NOV., CK. (15): 1, Philpot, rather full type, yel., not over tight in wings, but good head and back, and nicely cut away, rich qual., and well put down; 2, Snook, lovely neck, tkd. buff, slim type, very jaunty and free, nice carr., smart wings and tail, A1 cond.; 3, 4, Blair, bonny gr., nice tone of col., good rich pencilling, capital type and style, neat head, nicely braced wings, A1 cond.; 4th, good wing tkd. buff, very stylish, nicely rounded and packed, good wings and back, A1 qual.; 5, Hobden; 6, Jones; 7, Warner. HEN: 1, Philpot, typical buff, inclined to be a bit loose in front, good head, nice easy neck, capital wings and tail, A1 qual.; 2, Wright, bonny yell., good shapely bird, neat head, nice full back, wee bit faulty in wings, smart tail, capital cond.; 3, Gamble, typical mkd. yell., neat head and wing, nicely rounded front, clean cut and jaunty; 4, Jones, lovely 3-ptd. buff, grand type and style, good head and closely packed wings, A1 qual. and cond.; 5, Green; 6, Simmonds; 7, Joplin.

ALL OTHER CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. Robson.

BELG. YELL. (3): 1, Horrill, nice size, grand shoulders and depth, good wings, neat shapely head, capital pos., full of nerve, A1 qual.; 2, Butts, another good hen, scarcely the depth, well cleared out front, grand shoulders and wings, quick to pos.; 3, Baker, wonderful nerve, grand shoulders, straight back and wings, capital reach, neat head, very taking. BUFF (2): 1, sp., 2, Horrill, beauties, leader hardly so large as 2nd, but very nervy and quick to position, wonderful reach, grand qual.; 2nd, fine size, rare shoulders, nice clear front, neat head, wonderful reach. BRED 1913 (5): 1, sp., 4, Butts, cap mkd., leading, wonderful size, grand shoulders, straight closely fitting wings, stiff tail, wonderful reach, head right down; 4th, another stormer, full of nerve, quick to pose, grand head, capital reach, rare shoulders; 2, 3, 5, Horrill, nervy, very shapely, grand reach and style, fine shoulders and wings; 3rd, lovely reachy, grand shoulders, quick pos., nervy, neat head and fine reach. CINN. (7): 1, Pope, grand bird for size and subs., good full head and neck, capital back and wings, bold front, clean cut, sound rich col. throughout, lull of polish; 2, 5, 6, 7, Andrews, shade longer in body, hardly the subs. of winner, but as rich in col. as possible, quite a blaze, teeming with qual.; 3, Hart, grand bold buff, rare head and neck, full front, nicely rounded, rich deep tone of col., a wonder for a buff, faultless cond.; 4, Cook, gem for type and subs., grand full front, hardly the col. of winner, but still very rich. WHITE (1): 1, Mrs. Gould, a grand example of the Yorkshire type of White Canary, a clean healthy specimen, in capital condition. A.O.V. (6): 1, 5, 6, Brooks, grand team of Frills, leader a stormer for size and subs., wealth of feather, beautifully curled, in fine condition; 2, 4, Fifield, bouncing Dutch Frill, grand size, good bold head, fine length of wing, almost perfect mantle, must have pressed; 4th, variegated Frill, wonderful size, stands well, grand mantle, full of feather of lovely quality; 3, Wilson, foul Scotch Fancy, grand subs., good shoulders and back, capital reach, nervy.

THE ROLLER CLASSES.

Judges, Messrs. F. E. Fisher and G. Wareing.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD (21): 1, 31 points, fine full toue; 3, 28 points, nice soft tone, pity not more bass, Ives; 2, 29 points, 4, 28 points, nice soft tone, vhc, Neugebauer; vhc, Harper; hc, Davis, Willows; c (2), Davis, Turner, Willows (2).

NOVICE YOUNG BIRD (32): 1, 27 points, Hayward; 2, 26 points, 4, 26 points, Hocking; 3, 26 points, Rawcliffe; vhc, Burnett; hc, Albiston, Goodag; c, Mason, Shepley, Best.

CHAMPION ANY AGE (11): 1, 28 points, 4, 26 points, Roehl; 2, 27 points, Wardleworth; 3, 26 points, Ullmann; vhc, c, Neugebauer; hc, Willows.

NOVICE ANY AGE (19): 1, 31 points, nice bird, 3, 27 points, c, Hocking; 2, 28 points, Gloeckner; 4, 27 points, Mooney; vhc, Plant; hc, Gooding.

LINNET, £2 2s. (15): 1, 23 points, Barnett; 2, 22 points, Whittlestone; 3, 22 points, c, Roehl; 4, 21 points, Hocking; vhc, Neugebauer; hc, Gloeckner.

OPEN SELLING A.V. (20s. single, 30s. pairs) (30): 1, 4, Jacklin; 2, Steed; 3, Crisp; 5, Ayers; vhc, Wickham, Miss Walker, Brydon; hc, Stubbs; c, Thomas, Clarke. DITTO (single 15s., pairs 20s.) (46): 1, 6, Steed; 2, Pope; 3, Clarke; 4, Walmsley; 5, Nason; 6, 7, Midgley; ex 7, Bousfield. STOCK YORKS (15): 1, c, Hawes Bros.; 2, vhc, Tebbs; 3, 5, hc, Phillips; 4, Lloyd; hc, Miss Walker; c, Fairman. DITTO NOR. (26): 1, 6, Thurley; 2, ex 4, Pratt; ex 2, 3, 4, Tousett; ex 3, Baker; 5, Hazell; 7, Jay. DITTO CREST (8): 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, Slade; 4, Miss Onslow; 6, Offord.

THE HYBRID SECTION.

Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden.

CL. TKD. ETC. (2): 1, 2, Lamb, two beautiful exhibits, leader, this year's winner at many shows, looking hardly so fit as usual; 2nd, although a smaller bird, beats him hands down in condition, a gem for shape and proportion, not a feather out of place. UNEVEN GOLDF.-CAN. (17): 1, 3, Gilbert, yellow, mkd. wing, capital size and shape, with a good touch of blaze and richness of body col.. seldom seen in one so nearly clear, nice cond.; 3, gem, we liked equally as well, quite as good in col., a little more rounded in contour, brimful of qual., feathered to perfection; 2, 4, Lamb, eyes and tail mkd. buff, larger than winner, hardly so shapely, capital blaze, good rich wing bars, lovely qual. of feather; 4, grand wing mkd., shade paler in col., but beautifully modelled and packed, rich bars, faultless cond.; 5, Ramsden, big variegd., capital blaze and wing bars, hardly the shape of winners, still lovely qual., in grand cond.; 6, Wood, wonderful size, four-pointed, stormer for subs., wee bit pinched in face, but A1 qual.; 7, McQuiston and Paterson. A.O. UNEVEN (3): 1, Hart, Greenf.-Can., splashed on cheeks and grizzled on wing, wonderful size and shape, beautifully proportioned, nice rich even tone of col. throughout, in the pink of condition; 2, Gilbert, Linnet-Can., mkd. wings and tail, fair size, Linnet, type and style, nice cond., interesting exhibit. DK. GOLDF.-CAN. (9): 1, Crone, excellent shapely body, wee bit snaky in head and neck, good expansive blaze, hot rich col. throughout, beautifully burnished; 2, 4, Lamb, wonderful size, shapely, good full head, dense rich markings, grand colour, although scarcely so full toned as winner, brimful of qual., magnificent cond., must have pressed hard; 4, another gem for polish, hardly the subs. of winners, but grand depth of col., in the pink of condition; 3, McQuiston and Paterson, rather sweeter type than leaders, scarcely the subs., good rich blaze, splendidly coloured, grand well defined wings, in wonderful feather; 5, Law; 6, Leavers; 7, Askew. DK. LINNET (13): 1, 2, Crone, leader, grand size and shape, beautifully proportioned, good col. throughout, nicely pencilled, fine cond.; 2, a trifle more shapely, and bit better burnished, hardly the size, but full of col. and qual., a gem; 3, 4, Middleton, grand size and shape, beautifully proportioned, clean cut, rich, dark col. well laced and burnished; 4, shade smaller, but a bonny bird for shape and qual. of feather, full of polish, grand depth of col; 5, Juby; 6, Wilson; 7, Ramsden. A.O.V. DARK (20): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, magnificent Greenf.-Can., real stormer for size and subs., grandly proportioned, good bold front, wonderful depth of col., capital wings, in the pink of cond.; 2, Miss Bousfield, Twite-Cah., a grand exhibit, showing the wild bird strongly, full of pencilling, rich depth of col., in very fine condition; 3, Middleton, grand Siskin, wonderful size, well filled and packed, nothing snaky about him, densely mkd., A1 tone of col.; 4, Goodall, Redpoll-Can., lovely size and shape, wonderful depth of col., brimful of qual., a big swell for a yell. bird; 5, Johnstone; 6, Buckingham; 7, Ford. BULLF.-HYB. (10): 1, Higham, Cinn. Can.-Bullie, Watford winner, shapely, nice size and chaste in colouring, hardly the condition and polish one expects to see in a big winner; 2, Crone, Can.-Bullf., magnificent size and subs., shapely, dense, rich wings, good back, a blaze of col., in the pink of condition, many preferred to winner; 3, 5, Lamb, Redpoll-Bullf., good as one could wish of the cross, grand size, shape, density of markings, and a wonderful richness of col., a real gem; 4, Dewhurst, Greenf.-Bullf., not an extraordinary size for the cross, nor particularly rich in col., but grand shape, good cap, and nice dense wings, in capital cond.; 5, Lamb, another magnificent Can.-Bullie, quite equal to 2nd, even a shade larger, better cap, and markings more richly defined, but hardly the depth of breast col., put down in the pink of cond.; 6, Hart; 7, Wilson. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (8): 1, Mrs. Middleton, Greenf.-Chaff., interesting, capital size and shape, good wings, showing nice splash of yellow on wing-butts and eye stripe, in lovely cond.; 2, Collins, grand Goldf.-Redpoll, chubby build, full head and neck, capital blaze, good wings, with well defined bars, grand feather; 3, 5, Ramsden, well-known Redpoll-Greenf., lovely tone of breast col., a nice spec. of the cross, in grand fettle; 4, Gilbert, Bramble-Chaffinch, grand size, wonderful col., more Bramble than Chaffie, in capital order; 6, Mascall; 7, Wood. PAIRS: 1, Nicholas, Greenfinch and big hen Bullie, grand size and shape, both rich col., and fine cond.; 2, Manner-ing, big cock Greenf. and hen Chaffineh, apparently on the best of terms with each other, the Greenle a beauty for size and col.; 3, Mrs. Frostick, ck. Goldie, of wonderful blaze and richness of col., big and shapely, with hen Bullie of size and type, a show bird all over, we preferred as winners; 4, Francis, cock Chaffineh, grand col., and good hen Bramble, very fine cond.; 5, Hobden; 6, Vale; 7, Offord.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.

Mr. C. Prior's Classes.

GOLDF. (11): 1, Marley, just a fair Finch, medium sized blaze, cleanly cut, not very solid in colour, shapely body, nice tanuing and polish, well mkd. wings; 2, Bowler, better col. and buttons, tighter and more polished in plumage, rich blaze, but not large, good tan and markings, pressed hard; 3, Col. Routh, very nice cond., best col. in class, deep crimson blaze, but not cleanly cut, or expansive, lovely chestnut back and breast, either of this trio could have won; 4, Pearce, stylish, shapely Finch, well-cut blaze, of fair size, excellent cond., claimed at 32s. 6d.; 5, Casemore; 6, Francis; 7, Dell. No. 6, Drowley, nice one, not moulted yet. The poorest lot of Goldfinches ever seen at this show; not a real good one amongst them. BULLF. (11): 1, Woods, on the small side and a shade slim in build, otherwise a gem, magnificent fiery breast, lovely cap and wings, shining like silk all over, very steady and tight as wax; 2, Carrier, the best bird for size, shape and cap, beautiful cobby body, bold head and neck, grand back and wings, splendid solid rich breast, perhaps hardly so hot as leader's, we liked, but understand was a bit wild when judged; 3, Nicholas, hardly so thick set as 2nd, but tremendous colour, very fine cap, best of wings and polish, should make a grand bird; 4, Bignall, much paler on breast, beautiful type and style, sleek and neat all over, well cut cap; 5, Sykes, nice one, close up; 6, Wren; 7, Drowley; absent, Lloyd-James. SISKIN (11): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, colour-fed, truly a gem, best cap and bib, in combination, we remember seeing on a h.m. bird, remarkably dense and clean cut, grand body and style, plumage polished to perfection, lovely flank lacing; 2, 7, Francis, leader nat. col., trifle unsteady, good size, shape and colour, bonny cap and wings, neat little bib, good flanks, should make nice one; 3, Gillivray Bros., real beauty, nicely col. fed., waxlike in plumage and shining like a mirror, lovely size and shape, splendid cap and bib, well pencilled flanks, presses 1st hard, not quite so perfect in cap; 4, Lloyd-James, best bib in class, very nice size, shape, and col. (fed), grand wings, hardly so bold in head; 5, Sexton, very good, the Clapham, etc., winner; 6, Marley. LINNET (10): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, lovely bird, simply romps home, great size, grand head and chest, magnificent colour, the true "nutty" tone so seldom seen in these days of winners that are marked like hens, carries a charming sheen, and is well pencilled—not "streaked" like a hen; 2, 5, Marley, leader beautiful cobby shape, grand size, very stylish, full of work all over, beaten colour and polish, the noted "His Majesty," has seen his best days; 5th, we liked, big, fine, nutty colour, lovely polish, not so sharply marked; 3, Francis, grand bird for size and style, though a thought fine in head, bold chest, very heavily streaked, but henny in this character and in its colour, which is grey, and not brown, put down in excellent cond.; 4, Emms, lovely warm colour, polished like plate glass, good wings and tail, nice mkgs., loses a little in size and shape; 6, Drowley; 7, Pankhurst. Unnoticed, No. 5, Lloyd-James, unlucky to be out of it, but nervous when handled. TWITE AND MEALY REDPOLL (13): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, last year's winner, we believe, wins well again to-day, great size, bold head and chest, nice wings, grandly mkd. on breast, style and cond. all one could desire; 2, 3, Heal, a remarkable Redpoll, not, we venture to think, the ordinary Mealy, but a near relative, tremendous size, lovely clean tone of col., well laced at flanks, grand head, gem; 3rd another topping Twite, pressed winner very hard, not mkd. quite so well across breast, otherwise equal, in fascinating cond.; 4, Marley, also a very good Twite, lovely col., mkgs., and polish, but a size smaller; 5, Francis, huge Mealy Redpoll, nice col., extra good bib; 6, Fletcher; 7, Drowley. No. 8, Pankhurst, wrong class, should have been among the Lessers. LESSER REDPOLL (20): 1, 4, Marley, leader h.m., and one of the best and soundest coloured ever seen, splendidly mkd., tight as the proverbial drum in plumage and shining like silk, but he was decidedly lucky to win; 4th fine shapely h.m. bird, magnificent colour and lacing, loses in bib, again in A1 cond.; 2, Lloyd-James, h.m., wonderful size and shape, very thick-set, remarkably bold head, big, clean-cut bib, splendid lacing, beautiful cond., not so sound in breast col. as leader, but well ahead at all other points, we heard would not settle down when judged; 3, Ford, h.m., better head than 1st, nice neat bib, good shape and carriage, fair size, loses in colour a trifle, the Clapham, etc., winner; 5, Heal, another very excellent 'Poll; 6, Offord, the Shelfield winner, real good; 7, Miss Bousfield. Unnoticed, No. 10, McQuiston and Paterson, and No. 19, Sykes, two grand birds, the former a great winner this season in Scotland, rough when judged, we were told. GREENF. (20): 1, 3, 5, Marley, very fine trio, leader really grand solid-coloured Jonque, extra big and good in shape, plenty of gold in wings and tail, steady, well polished, and shows to perfection; 3rd extremely thick-set and shapely, grand head and neck, nice tone of col., lovely cond.; 2, Holborrow, exceptionally good buff, bouncer for size, rare qual. and excellent col., tight as wax in feather, well staged; 4, Vale, huge size, loses a trifle in cond. and col., grand head and chest, fine wings, worth its place; 6, Ford; 7, Francis. Unnoticed, No. 2, Drowley, lovely size and col., but has a curious square-looking head, a pity; No. 10, Lloyd-James, minus some secondary lights, or would have altered the awards. CHAFFINCH (10): 1, Sykes, beauty at all points, grand build and shape, bold head and chest, magnificent, solid, rich col., very forward cond., nice blue cap and dense bar, good whites and wing mkgs., wins to-day; 2, 7, Marley, 2nd real gem, wonderful head and chest, carries fascinating polish and exceptionally fine colour, good wings, very stylish carr., not quite so forward in cap, may turn the tables later; 3, Francis, also a magnificent Chaffie, but likewise not quite so forward as winner, all there for size, very racy and neat, wonderfully deep in tone of col., nicely polished; 4, Raine, big, bold, grandly built bird, very good sound col., steady, stylish, A1 cond., not far away; 5, Adams, really good, thinner in neck; 6, Nicholson and Son, we liked very much, gem for colour, shape and cond., struck an unlucky patch. A very hot class, this. HAWFINCH (9): 1, Oliver, perfect beauty for colour and cond., very rich at all points and waxlike in feather, excellent, clean cut bib, grand wings, chubby shape, but not very large, quickly claimed at £3; 2, Sykes, bigger, but shade narrow in head and thin in neck, nice col., very steady, perfect cond., fine bib; 3, McQuiston and Paterson, close up, thick set and more shapely than 2nd, grand col., very good bib, seemed unsteady, and had broken one or two of the "bill-hook" wing feathers; 4, 5, 6, Marley, real good trio, leader marvellous col. and polish, but on the small side; absent, Burrows. BRAMBLEFINCH (13): 1, 2, Sykes, two beauties, leader rare size and splendidly rich in col. all over, exceptionally well carried down breast, lovely clean-cut hood, finely spangled back and well laced flanks; 2nd grand size and shape, extra good head and chest, loses only in richness of col.; 3, 4, 5, Marley, highly creditable feat, three rattling good Brambles, too, good in all the exhibition points, the 4th was our fancy, being steeker in cond. than the 3rd and more sound and solid in breast col.; 6, Heal, good one for size and shape; 7, Francis, very nice; strong class. YELLOWHAMMER (8): 1, Lloyd James, grand bird of beautiful contour, rich body col., extra line in back markings, nice V on skull, and well marked checks; 2, Chesterfield, big as winner, but not the beauty of body col., lovely depth of yellows better skull, not yet clear on top of head, may beat winner later; 3, Marley, size smaller, beautiful back markings, head markings excellent, lovely "horse-shoes"; 4, Miss Bousfield, smart bird, best marked breast in class, lovely polish, bit nervous or might have done better, looks like improving; 5, Taylor; 6, Francis, nice one indeed; 7, Ford, strong class for quality. A.O. BUNTING (8): 1, 3, 6, Marley, leader Corn, extra fine in markings, had broken its frontal feathers earlier, and traces still showing, still bare on left side of face; 3rd, we liked even better than 1st, bigger, steadier, and quite as well marked; both shown in rather too small cages for the species; 2, Pearce, well marked Cirl, inclined to squat on perch, and wild when disturbed, or might have been 1st; 4, Mrs. Frostick, lovely Snow, but very wild, with a bit more cage life should be a good winner; 5, Clarke, very nice Corn; 7, Bignall, prettily mkd. Cirl. SONG THRUSH (9): 1, Wellings, one of the best marked Thrushes to be imagined, arrowheads beautifully distinct and well arranged in rows, lovely sheen and plumage, nicely steady, a good win; 2, Askew, very nice, plenty of markings, but not so well arranged as those of the winner, lovely quality of plumage and very steady; 3, Lott, the most profusely marked bird in the class, and the largest, loses in definition and arrangement of markings, great winner, but fairly beaten here; 4, Lund, charmingly steady, seems to be a hand-reared one, nice condition, and properly marked; 5, 7, Marley, leader beautiful Thrush, marked nearly as well as winner, lovely gloss of plumage, tame as possible, unfortunately lacks the middle claw of left foot, or must have been 2nd; 6, Taylor. BLACKBIRD (8): 1, 2, Marley, two wonderful Merles, Shakespeare's phrase personified, "The Ouzel-cock so black of hue"; black, indeed, yet shining with a metallic lustre, hard to say which of the two is the better, both perfection, enough said; 3, Adams, another marvel, extraordinary size, lovely gloss of plumage, dense black, beautiful orange beak and eeres, three equal 1sts would be the best way to put it, but for the unfortunate fact that the 3rd has lost the hind claw of his left foot; 4, Lott, lovely plumage, dense as possible in its blackness, size smaller than the three wonders above it, and a trifle unsteady; 5, Shirley; 6, Askew; 7, Frostick; a class of extraordinarily good Blackbirds. STARLING (10): 1, Lean and Son, mass of marvellous spangling all over its body, supreme gloss, beautifully steady, and yet sprightly enough to show its beauties to the very best advantage; 2, Dell, profuse spangling, well arranged, perfect in gloss of plumage, an old stager, steady as a rock; 3, Andrews, another lovely one, tame as possible, and singing to the best of a Starling's ability, evidently proud of it, not so much spangling as the others; 4, Oliver, slick upstanding bird, beautiful polish, of the small spangled persuasion: 5, Lott, nicely spangled, not the polish to-day of the others; 6, 7, A. and O. Wellings.

Mr. D. A. S. Longden's Classes.

TITS, ETC. (8); only three of the seven species of Tits represented, and some of them struck us as as having had assisted passages: 1, Goodall, Bearded Reedlings, perfect feather, but pale in body col., looked quite at home amongst the rushy cage decoration; 2, Mrs. Thynne, better coloured pair of same species, the cock bird having a rich coloured head and fine check markings, perfect cond., shown amongst the ivy this time, rather unlucky to take second place; 3, 6, 7, Miss Smith, nice pair of Marsh Tits, well polished black caps, perfect plumage and tastily shown; 6th, Blue Tits; 4, Harris, another pair of Bearded Reedlings, cock an extra large bird, but too pale in plumage, the cage was not the most suitable that could be found, too small; 5, Col. Routh. LARK or PIPIT (13): 1, Fletcher, capital Tree Pipit, good col. and heavily pencilled, full of bloom, shows itself well on a ladder of perches, well shown; 2, 4, 5, Lott, Skylark, Shorelark and Tree Pipit respectively, former a bold upstanding bird, in splendid condition, plenty of markings and sound col., well worth its place; 4th, fine cage moulted Shorelark, well up in col., plenty of size, but appeared a trifle nervous; 5th, very rich coloured Tree Pipit, shade smaller than winner, but a better col.; 3, Bascley, Skylark, we liked much, very tame and full of condition, good chest and bold carr., rich shade of plumage, looks like a hand-reared one; 6, McVay; 7, Smith, Rock Pipit, in nice order; abs., No. 3, Drayson, No. 13, Smth. SHRIKE, ETC. (8): 1, Frostick, Waxwing, rich col., lovely head and wings, good wing tips; 2, Wood, rare big Missel Thrush, densely spotted, the spots distinct and running well down the breast, full of bloom and steady as a rock; 3, 4, 6, Marley, well known Great Grey Shrike, spotless plumage, nice eye marks, very steady, and not a feather out of place, some liked this for 1st place; 4th, capital Fieldfare, lovely head, beautifully spotted, put down in A1 order; 5, Miss Bousfield. NIGHTINGALE and BLACKCAP (13): One of the best classes of these species that has been on view for a long time; 1, Lund, a very large 'Gale, and a grand col., but showed markings on breast which are only to be found on the Sprosser or Continental Nightingale, possibly the marks escaped the judge's eagle eye, perfect feather and condition, claimed at £2; 2, Maxwell, good Blackcap, lovely cap and very silky plumage, nice size and well shown; 3, Evans, another nice 'Gale, not nearly so large as 1st, but in grand condition, rich chestnut back and tail, shows well and quite tame; 4, Peck, charming Blackcap, must have pressed 2nd very hard, tight as wax, and well polished plumage, we liked better than 2nd; 5, Rose, real good 'Gale; 6, Vale; 7, Bent. CHOUGH, ETC. (3): A very small class, and the first time for many years that the Chough has not been represented, in fact, one usually finds our lustrous black friend with the red beak and legs heading the awards: 1, Vale, good Jay, nice size and col., well mkd. head, rich blue wings, spotlessly shown, very tame and interesting; 2, Whithair, real good Magpie, very pure in whites, full tail with the pretty greenish sheen, well polished head; 3, Pilgrim, another Jay, paler than winner and a little smaller, nice wings, perfect feather. WAGTAIL (4): Only two of the five species represented, Wagtails are easy to obtain and not difficult to keep, especially the Pied, and on the next occasion we hope to see this interesting class better filled; 1, Tout, large col. fed yellow, good eye marks and deep col. throughout, perfect in feather and well staged; 2, Dewhurst, Grey, fine lengthy bird, good col. and eye marks, shows well; 3, Rose, Yellow, pale in colour, and a bit patchy on the breast, not col.-fed, small compared with winner; 4, Maxwell, very large Grey, showing a little of the black throat of its summer plumage, claimed at £1 10s., and cheap at the price, nicely staged, might well have gone higher up. SMALL INSECTIV. (14): Grand class, containing no less than 9 species, including a Wood Warbler, a bird rarely exhibited, Dartford Warblers, Treecreepers, Goldcrest a very fine Wheatear badly shown, in a finch cage, and had in consequence hurt its head, as might have been expected, Whitethroats, Redstarts, etc. 1, and diploma, Frostick, well known Dartford Warbler, several times cage moulted, a

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little gem, and shown in Mr. F's usual style, the colours are very beautifully blended, tight as possible in feather; 2, 5, Taylor, very fine redstart, splendid shape, jet black cheeks and throat, with the white frosting of winter plumage, bright reddish breast and tail, very tame, a beauty; cage is rather too small for our liking; 5th, grand Wheatear, not in the best of condition, lovely white eye marks, cage too small, in this case unnecessary cross-wire had caused a cut head; 3, 6, Tout, sweet little Goldcrest, bright golden crest, perfect cond., and evidently quite content with cage life; 6th, nice Treecreeper, very white throat, well shown; 4, Jeffrey, grand Wryneck, beautifully laced breast, rich throat col., and well shown; 7, Evans, pretty Woodwarbler, rather hard lines; No. 7, Wynn, bonny little hand-reared Treecreeper. HEN (except Song Thrush) (18): A well mixed class, including Dartford Warbler and Goldcrest, Nightingale, Corn Buntings, etc; 1, Tout, Goldcrest, perfect specimen, well shown; 2, Heal, very tame Cornbunting, nice size and well mkd., deep col., very steady; 3, Evans, Dartford Warbler, very similar in plumage to the male, but smaller, capital specimen, nicely staged; 4, Dewhurst, Bearded Reedling, good size and col., quite at home without her mate; 5, Francis, Corn Bunting; 6, Lott, 'Gale; 7, Leavers, Hawfinch; No. 8, Smith, cock Goldfinch. PIED ALBINO, ETC. (7): Much smaller class than usual, but containing one regular occupant, the Cinnamon Redpoll. 1, Langlands, White Blackbird, very steady, very clear white, with a nice crocus beak, in capital feather, nicely shown; 2, Frostick, another White Blackbird, hardly so clear as 1st good specimen and very steady; 3, 5, 6, Wade, 3rd, White Hedgesparrow, perfectly white, and quite tame, pretty exhibit, many liked for 1st; 5th, Pied Blackbird, lightly marked on back; 6th, Pied Linnet; 4, Lamb, well known Cinnamon Redpoll, looking as fit and perky as ever. HAWKS, ETC. (1): 1, Askew, the Little Owl, not his first outing at this hall, in good order. SIBERIAN GOLD. OR BULLF. (8): 1, Adams, Goldie, good face and plenty of tanning, nice even buttons, rich yellow wings; 2, Boswell, Bullie, good size, very nice colour and shape, lacks polish, good wing bars, but might be whiter; 3, Price, Goldie, a real topper, wonderful square blaze, and full of col., deeper breast tanning than 1st, rich flights, well buttoned, a nice, upstanding, shapely bird, many preferred this to the winner; 4, Jenner, good Bullie, clear, bright, pink breast and grey back, well polished, clean-cut cap, and very white wing bars; 5, Clarke; 6, Price; 7, Paterson. A.O.S. CONTINENTAL (4): 1, Mrs. Vernon, Redbreasted Flycatcher, looks like a young bird, shows very small trace of the red breast, capital feather, and tame as one could wish; 2, Puck, Blue-throated Warbler, nice specimen, very bright blue band on chest, and clear white spot in centre, very, sleek in plumage; 3, Frost, pretty Blue Rock Thrush, rarely seen on the show bench nowadays, rich blue feather throughout; 4, Fletcher, Nutcracker, well shown and in grand order; this is a species that has won recently in British classes, but this time it is in the right class, Continental.

OPEN NOVICE BRITISH.

Mr. A. J. Marley's Classes.

GOLDF. OR BULLF. (18): A good class for numbers, and contained some good birds, but we could not follow the judge in the winners: 1, 4, Stephens, former a fair Goldie, rich col. face, but too pinched about the blaze, nice size and shape, and in good order; 4th, really typical British Bullie, beautiful pinkish breast, good wing bars and clear grey back, well polished cap, flights, and tail, ought to have taken 2nd place; 2, Shipton, a very good Bullie, Siberian in shape, and a lot too big for a Britisher, good cap and bars, hot colour, seems to have caught the judge napping; 3, Hobden, Goldie, fit to compete in any company, pure square cut blaze, well tanned on breast and flanks, rich yellow flights, even buttons, could well have headed the class; 5, Shelcott, very nice Bullie; 6, Annison; 7, Smith; No. 13, Woodcock, a really fine Goldie, grand face, best blaze of any in the show, including open. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Sadler, big Linnet, full of pencillings, good whites in flight feathers, fine polish and tone of colour, a little "flighty" when we took our notes; 2, 5, 7, Dr. Evelyn Sprawson, former a very nice col. fed Siskin, neat cap, good wing bars, and rich yellow breast, plenty of flank markings; 3, Stephens, Good Linnet for size and shape, nice pencilled breast, sound colour; 4, Lewis, bonny Lesser Redpoll, very shapely, small bib, steady as could be desired; 6, Smith, A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (11): 1, 3, Stephens, clinking Bramblefinch, rare rich breast and shoulders, colour running well down the flanks, good spangling on head and mantle, nice pencillings, a good winner; 3rd, capital Chaffinch, medium size, clear whites, good bold chest, rather flighty, wants a little more training to the show cage; 2, Miss Whitlaw, really good Hawfinch, colours well defined, splendid cond., full of bloom, and well put down; 4, 6, Miss Cooper, bonny Yellow Bunting, very rich yellow head and throat, col. going well on to chest, rich tint of body plumage, wants more distinct head marks, otherwise a good one; 6th, a good Bramble; 5, Dr. Sampson; 7, Orange. INSECTIV. (13): 1, 4, Woodcock, Yellow Wagtail, rather small, perfect feather and steady; 4th, perfect Grey Wagtail, very tame, and in nice order; 2, 7, Miss Smyth, Meadow Pipit, good pencillings and in high condition, but on the small side; 3, Miss Cooper, good-coloured Waxwing, medium size, well shown, good colouring on wing tips, some thought might have gone up a bit; 5, Orange, Bearded Reedling; 6, Lund. This class contained some good birds which were shown in somewhat unsuitable cages, the cages being much too small for their occupants, and it seems really necessary for exhibition specimens to possess tails. Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Nightingales and Wryneck, were tailless. The latter would probably have won if perfect. A. Dunlin was also included in this class.

MEMBERS, HYB. (7): 1, Lamb; 2, Marley; 3, 4, 5, Nichols; 6, 7, Brumbridge. GOLDF. (8): 1, 3, and 4, Marley; 2, Wade; 5, 7, Francis; 6, Taylor. BULLF. (5): 1, 5, Marley; 2, Francis; 3, Maher; 4, Offord. LINNET (6): 1, 2, 4, Marley; 3, Offord; 5, 6, Francis. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Offord; 2, 3, 4, 5, Marley; 6 Francis; 7, Miss Shepherd. A.O., FINCH OR BUNT. (9): 1, 7, Francis; 2, 4, 5, 6, Marley; 3, Offord. INSECTIV., SMALL (7): 1, Maher; 2, 4, 5, Dewhurst; 3, 6, 7, Marley. LARGE: 1, 3, 4, Marley; 2, Dewhurst.

PERSEVERANCE CLASSES.—CAN.: (1): Sheppard, nice little com. Can. of Border type, fine plumage, and very tame. HYB. (1): Mulling, pretty Siskin-Can., showing cross well, beautiful back markings. PET MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Miss Dickerson, nice Yorks., in good feather, but looks as though it had been somewhat carelessly washed; 2 Miss Peacock fine large Canary, no particular type, favouring the Lancs. if anything, evidently a real pet, shown in an all-wire "drawing room" cage, quite at home in the unaccustomed surroundings of a bird show. PET A.O.V. (3): 1, Orange, very good Brit. Goldf., nice blaze, good tannings, well mounted, good enough to take its part in open competition; 2, Miss Winifred Montgomery, beautiful pair Zebra Finches, lovely cond., tame, and sprightly, charming couple of pet birds; 3, Miss Olga Montgomery, very pretty Brit. Bullf. hen in perfect plumage.

THE FOREIGN BIRD SECTION.

Mr. F. Finn's Classes.

COCKATOOS AND MACAWS (4): 1, Mrs. Newmarsh, good Military Macaw, a blaze of col.; 2, Williams, Ducorp's Cockatoo, an uncommon exhibit; 3, 4, Rochl, nice Leadbeaters and Lesser Sulphur-crested Cockatoos. GREYS AND AMAZONS (9): 1, Schluter, Grey Parrot, large bird, tight and well mkd.; 2, Mrs. E. Johnston, Blue-fronted Amazon, rich col., tight and silky; 3, Rev. Raynor, Grey Parrot, well mkd., large bird; 4, Rapson, Blue-fronted Amazon; 5, Wade, Salvin's Amazon, very uncommon, might have been higher; 6, Vipond; 7, Lupton, Blue-fronted Amazons. This class contained no less than six Blue-fronted Amazons, and the variability of this species was very apparent, one having the forehead and almost the whole of the crown blue, another with only a little blue, the others intermediate; this variability extending also to the yellow areas, etc. LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (10): 1, 4, 5, Miss Smyth, White-winged Parrakeet, Red-faced Lovebirds, and Tui Parrakeets, in order given, a fine trio in excellent cond.; 2, Miss Clare, very fine pair Peach-faced Lovebirds; 3, Benty; 6, Col. Routh; 7, Schluter, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, all beautiful pairs, varying about as placed. A.O. PARROTS (6): 1, 4, 5, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Red-vented Parrot, Aubrey's Parrot (might have been first), Le Vaillant's Parrot (very hardly treated), a grand trio, the two latter very rare; 2, 3, Maxwell, nice Senegal Parrot, very tame and steady, and Blue-rumped Parrot; 6, Wade, nice Red-vented Parrot. GREEN BUDGERIGARS (17): A fine array of these beautiful and pleasing, but common birds; all were classy birds, but varying to some extent in colour and markings. The class was well judged, and further comment is uncalled for, except to give the placings. 1, Mrs. Longden; 2, Col. Routh; 3, 7, Frostick; 5, Watts; 6, Bayley-Ransom. RING NECK AND OTHER COMMON PARRAKEETS (9): 1, 2, Miss Smyth, Red-rumps and Red Rosellas, the latter apparently two hens; 3, Frost, good pair Alexandrines; 4, 6, 7, Mrs. Newmarsh, Red Rosella, Alexandrine, and nice pair Cockatiels; 5, W. Baxby, Alexandrines, a good pair. LORIES, ETC. (6): 1, Mrs. Longden, Red-collared Lorikeets, grand col., tight and silky; 2, 6, Frostick, Yellow-backed Lory and exquisite pair of Purple-capped Lories; 3, Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, Red-collared Lorikeet; 4, 5, Maxwell, Red-collared and Ornate Lorikeets, an exquisite couple, tight as wax. This class a blaze of tropical colour. A.O. PARRAKEETS (3): 1, sp., 2, Miss Clare, Queen Alexandra and Hooded Parrakeets, in pairs, exquisite and beyond praise, tight, silky, and not a feather out of place—of equal merit, but of course they must be placed first and second; 3, Meager, Mealy Rosella, rather soft.

Mr. D. Seth-Smith's Classes.

YELL. BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (12): 1, Shipton, good pair Yellow Budg., good col., with green undulations faint; 2, Rev. Paterson, White Java Sparrow, in good form, large and pure cnl.; 3, Andrews, another good pair White Javas; 4, 5, 7, Silver, Choc. and White Bengalese, and White Javas, both in good form, and Yell. Budgerigars, good col., but green markings, rather distinct; Miss Smyth, another good pair of Yell. Budg., with rather light green markings. COMMON MANNIKINS (39): A good array of these freely imported, heavily formed, yet pleasing species, all in good fettle: 1, S. Beaty, Combassou, a gem, one of the smartest we have seen; 2, Miss Bousfield, pair Grey Javas, in perfect form; 3, 4, 5, 7, Silver Magpie Mannikins, Combassous, Sharp-tailed Finches, and Bronze Mannikins, a very smart quartet of pairs; 6, C. Cooper, charming pair of Bib Finches. There was but little to choose between the exhibits, all really being in good feather and condition. Black-headed, White-headed and Tricolour Mannikins, Striated and Spice Finches also competed. WEAVERS AND WHYDAHS (18): This class contained many uncommon species, among which we may mention Bronze, Mahali, Mangar and Small Masked Weavers. We are very near the period when the species grouped together in this class shed their gorgeous summer plumage. An amusing incident illustrated this, Mr. R. Watts' well known Queen Whydah shedding its long caudal plumes a few hours after winning premier honours. 1, R. Watts, Queen Whydah, in perfect plumage; 2, 4, Beaty, Golden-backed and Gold-collared Paradise Whydahs, a handsome and uncommon couple, in perfect form; 3, 5, 7, Williams, Mahali Weaver, Golden-backed Whydah, and Black-headed Weaver, an uncommon and interesting trio; 6, Fletcher, Bronze Weaver, an interesting exhibit, we think a first appearance on the show bench, plumage rich bronzy-cinnamon, with wing of blackish-brown, edged with light brown. A most interesting class. RIBBON AND ZEBRA FINCHES, ETC. (16): 1, Watts, Ribbon Finches, richly coloured and well marked pair, in fine form; 2, Silver, beautiful pair of Af. Silverbills, perfect; 3, Hattersley, Zebra Finches, large and well coloured pair; 4, Andrews, Saffron-Finches; 5, Miss Bousfield, Ribbon Finches; 6, Buckingham, Ind. Silverbills; 7, Schluter, Zebra Finches. All the above in fine form, in fact this applies to all, for there was little to choose between the winners and those which failed to catch the judge's eye. GOULDIAN FINCHES (23): A goodly array of this beautiful and deservedly popular species, with scarcely a bird out of form among them, the Red-headed and Black-headed varieties being about equally represented. The chances of some shown in pairs was marred by one of the pair not being in tip-top form. 1, Buckingham, R.H. cock; 2, Miss Buckhouse, pair R.H.; 3, 4, Miss Bousfield, pair R.H. and H.H. cock; 5, Woodcock, R.H. cock; 6, Meadows, R.H. cock and part-coloured hen; 7, Mummering, H.H. The writer has refrained from criticising this class, as Gouldian Finches are affected by unusual conditions almost more than any other species—he was there the three days, and his criticism would have varied considerably on each day! CERTAIN GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (17): This class contained two entries not for competition, both uncommon and beautiful species—the Fijian or Peale's and Tricolour Parrot Finches—sent by Mr. Frost: 1, Row, exquisite pair of Fire-tailed Finches, rare, tip-top form; 2, Mrs. Galloway, nice Tri-coloured Parrot Finch; 3, 6, Miss Bousfield, grand pairs of Pin-tailed and Common Parrot Finches, exquisite colour and form; 4, Maxwell, good pair Common Parrot Finches; 5, Hawkins, good Painted Finch, now very rare; 7, Woodcock, fine pair Pin-tailed Parrot Finches (Nonpareils). A most interesting class. A.O. GRASSFINCHES (27): 1, Maxwell, Yell.-rumped Mannikins, tip-top form; 2, Watts, Black-faced Waxbills, not so pretty as the common species, only appeared on show bench twice previously, new to aviculture this year; 3, Miss Bousfield, Masked Grassfinches, exquisite form; 4, Rev. Paterson, Long-tailed Grassfinches, perfect; 5, Schluter, Diamond Finches, rich colour and well marked; 6, Miss Smyth, cock Red-headed Finch, grand colour and markings; 7, Silver, Long-tailed Grassfinch. In addition to the above, Common Quail, Pectoral, Chestnut-breasted and Bichenos Finches were staged, and the all-round excellence of all made separation largely a matter of individual opinon. COMM. FIREFINCHES, CORDON BLEUS, ETC. (41): A truly glorious array of the Common Species, amply indicating what a beautiful series of the "Small Ornamental Finches" may be procured and kept at a very small cost. 1, 7, Howe, exquisite pair Gold-breasted Waxbills, one of the best pairs we have seen, like paint, and a good pair of Cordon Bleus, hen not so good as cock; 2, Strong, Cordon Bleus, good col., tight, and steady; 3, Beaty, Firefinch, perfect in every way; 5, Newley, another good pair of Firefinches; 6, Silver, Lavender Finches. With very few exceptions, the whole of the exhibits were in excellent show form. COMM. WAXBILLS and AVADAVATS (29): 1, Col. Routh, Green Avadavats, rich col., perfect in every way; 2, Howe, St. Helena Waxbills, equally perfect; 3, Silver, Red Avadavats, like paint; 4, Newley, Orange-checked Waxbills, rich col., very tight; 5, 7, Miss Blagg, Red Avadavats, and Grey Waxbills, in perfect form; 6, Gibb, Green Avadavats, very rich col. Here, again, almost every exhibit was in best show form. A.O. WAXBILLS (26): Every exhibit notable, where such avian gems as Violet-eared, Ruddy and Black-faced Waxbills, Melba, Red-faced and Dufresne's Finches, Jameson's and Vinaceous Firefinches are gathered together in a crowd words fail to fittingly describe them. Eight of the entries in this class were not for competition. 1, Maxwell, Peter's Spotted-sided Finch, one of the rarest birds in the show, but not yet in full feather, the crown of the head being almost bare, evidently quite recently imported; 2, Col. Routh, Violet-eared Waxbills, exquisite pair, a dream of beauty and perfection, in our opinion might have been first, considering the feather of winner; 3, Frostick, Ruddy Waxbills, a rare and beautiful exhibit, in good form; 4, Miss Bousfield, Melba Finch, grand col.; 5, Strong, Dufresne's Finches, uncommon and beautiful, tip-top form; 6, Hawkins, Melba Finches, a fine pair; 7, Watts, another fine pair of Melba Finches. A grand class. CARDINALS (5): One is surprised that this class did not fill better, as these are favourite cage birds with many. 1, Matthes, Green Cardinal (cock), an easy first, good col., tight and silky; 2, Montgomery, Red-crested Cardinal, rich col., in good form; 3, Col. Routh, pair Virginian Cardinals, rich col., bit soft; 4, Mrs. Moore, hen Virginian, in fine form; 5, Miss Smyth, Red-crested Cardinal, rich col., tight as wax, might have been higher. SERINS, SISKINS, ETC. (9): Another class which should have filled better: 1, Ezra, Chilian Siskin, very rare exhibit; 2, Vale, good Alario Finch, with unusual white markings about head and neck, in good form; 3, Miss Greene, Black-headed Siskin, in tip-top form; 4, Rev. Paterson, Alario Finch, typical markings, in fine form; 5, 6, Meadows, Sikhim Siskins, might have been higher, and a good B.H. Siskin; 7, C. Cooper, Grey-necked Serin, good col. and excellent form. TRUE FINCHES (26): An interesting class, two most notable exhibits being Mr. Ezra's Blue Chaffinch and Chilian Finch, the latter a wee bit rough, but rather hardly treated. Other uncommon exhibits were Miss Smyth's Black Bullfinch, Mr. Williams's Grey Grosbeaks, and two good Sepoy Finches, but not in natural colour. 1, Ezra, Blue Chaffinch, an easy first, in tip-top form; 2, Miss Smyth, Mexican Hawfinch, evidently a hen, but we failed to recognise the species; 3, Beaty, exquisite pair of Cuban Finches; 4, Hattersley, Sepoy Finch, in good form, but yellow instead of the crimson of the wild bird; 5, Miss Smyth, Black Bullfinch or Grosbeak, an interesting and uncommon exhibit; 6, Townsend, Sepoy Finch, in excellent form, might have been higher, better col. than 4th; 7, Williams, Grey Grosbeaks, very uncommon and interesting, but of somewhat sombre plumage. Ruddy, Hair-crested and Rock Buntings, Chiliau, Euler's, Yellowish, and White-throated Finches, Mexican Rosefinch and Yellow Sparrows also competed. DOVES, QUAILS, ETC. (2): Mr. Schluter's Diamond Doves were in perfect form, and might well have been first, but were placed second, 1st going to Mr. Frost's Douglas Quail, in good feather, but mopy, and not looking in best form. SUNBIRDS, ETC. (11): The feature of this class was Mr. Ezra's wonderful Sunbirds, truly a sight for the gods, of which he staged six species, all worthy a first; beautiful as were the others, it was the Southern Malachite, or Cape Long-tailed Sunbird, which was the cynosure of all eyes, and before which everyone paid homage, and most came again and again to feast their eyes upon its grace and beauty. It is described elsewhere in this issue. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and many specials, Ezra, Southern Malachite (beyond praise), Greater Amethyst, a living jewel, flashing out changing hues, with every different angle of light, Cape Lesser Double-collared, another glorious species, of flashing green, blue and ruddy bronze, Amethyst-rumped (this is the well-known individual of many shows, looking better than ever), and Black-breasted Yellow-backed, the plumage is glistening black, washed with maroon above, with a patch of yellow on the crown, and narrow moustachial streaks of metallic violet-blue, tail steel-blue. A marvellous quintet, their condition and staging reflecting great credit on their owner; 6, Lady Pilkington, exquisite Black-headed Sugarbird, like silk; 7, Maxwell, hen, Purple Sugarbird, tip top condition. Blue Sugarbirds and an exquisite Gold-fronted Green Finchbucker, never seen better, were also staged; truly a wonderful class. CERTAIN NAMED TANAGERS (16): 1, Mrs. Thynne, lovely Maroon; 2, Townsend, really grand Tricolour; 3, 7, Col. Routh, Superb and Scarlet, very rich col. and perfect; 4, Lady Kath. Pilkington, Blue, a beautiful exhibit, in perfect form; 5, Maxwell, Scarlet, in fine form, very deep col.; 6, Miss Bousfield, good pair of Maroon Tanager. TANAGERS (12): There were some beautiful birds in this class, some of which were somewhat hardly treated, among which we may mention Lady Pilkington's Blue and Black and Black-cheeked Tanagers, both in fine form, and unnoticed, also Mr. Townsend's Black-backed and Col. Routh's Golden-shouldered Euphonia. The placing in this class gave rise to considerable comment. 1, Ezra, Pretre's Tanagers, good pair, the cock a recently imported bird, and not in full col.; 2, Miss Bousfield, White-capped Tanager, perfect form; 3, Maxwell, Red and Black Tanager, a rare exhibit, which has not yet been got into its owner's usual form; 4, Miss Bousfield, Festive Tanager, rich col. and in good form; 5, Townsend, Black-backed Tanager, exquisite condition and col., absolutely flawless, should have been much higher; 6, Mrs. Sevastopulo, Rufous-throated Sugarbird, now uncommon, in finest condition (this exhibit should properly have been entered in class 191); 7, Col. Routh, Golden-shouldered Euphonia, uncommon, in tip-top form, might have been higher. BULBULS, SHAMAHS, ETC. (11): 1, Major Horsburgh, Brown-eared Bulbul, rare and beautiful, deserves its position; 2, Lady Pilkington, Black-crested Yell. Bulbul, very uncommon, in good form; 3, Col. Routh, Red-eared Bulbul, not rare, but its clean, rich col. and contrasting plumage and condition, marked it out for notice at once; 4, Frostick, Shama, excellent form; 5, 6, Miss A. B. Smyth, Pekin Robins, very rich col., but we rather doubted these being a true pair, and a nice Shama; 7, Andrews, another good Shama. CROWS, TROPIALS, ETC (16): 1, Maj. Horsbrugh, Yucatan Jay, a rare exhibit, new to the bench, but a young bird, not yet in mature plumage; 2, Silver Mandarin Mynahs, an interesting, quaint, and attractive species, in very good form; 3, Mrs. Warren-Vernon, Hunting Cisso, lovely bird, perfect, uncannily tame, might have been higher; 4, Stewart, Wandering Tree Pie, in lovely plumage, tight as wax, and very steady; 5, 6, Shepherd, perfect Greater Hill Mynah, and Black-throated Laughing Thrush, both in tip-top form; 7, Fletcher, Brazilian Hangnest, lovely col., tight and silky. Yellow-headed and flame-breasted Marsh-birds; Glossy Starlings; Baltimore, Black-throated and other Troupials also competed. A most interesting class. HYB., ALBINOS, ETC. (15), almost every exhibit was of interest, there were some very interesting Hybrids among the birds not in the money e.g.: Capt. Reeve's Grey Singing Finch-Canary, this bird being white, varied with light and dark brown on the head, neck, wings, and tail, and only faintly tinged with yellow on the shoulders, outer webs of flights, and tail feathers, also Mr. Wade's Greenf.-Mexican Rosefinch, which much resembled a hen Goldfinch, but had the Rosefinch marking indicated on back wings, and also by pale ruddy buff on forehead, eye streaks, chin, and upper throat. Mr. Tomlinson's Mexican Rosefinch-Canary, showed very little of its male parent, but the old gold of the fore crown and hib was slightly tinged with red, and there were indications of the Rosefinch in the markings of upper plumage. Mr. Woodcock's two Silverbill-Bengalese were very similar to a pale Striated Finch. The outstanding feature of the class was Mr. Ezra's lovely Lutino Parrakeets, and Miss Clare's Blue Budgerigars, the latter (unnoticed) were "streets ahead" of the single bird which was awarded fifth prize. 1, 2, A. Ezra, Lutino Ring-necked and Lutino Blossom-headed Parrakeets, unique and beautiful, the latter new to the bench; 3, R. S. de O. Quincey, Parson-Long-tailed Grassfinch Hybrids, about intermediate between their respective parents, in fine form; 4, Miss Smyth, Redheaded Finch-Cutthroat Hyb., nice pair, in which the male parent is dominant, though the Cutthroat is clearly indicated, not only by the throat band, but by the markings of the upper plumage; 5, Sutton, hen Blue Budgerigar, very lucky to win against Miss Clare's fine pair; 6, Rev. Paterson, Hooded Siskin-Can. Hyb., a nice stubby, clearly mkd. bird, showing clearly its Siskin origin, but lacking entirely the black head and fiery red of its male parent; 7, Woodcock, Silverbill-Bengalese Hybrid, about intermediate between the parents, but having a striking resemblance to the Striated Finch. An intensely interesting class calling for more space than can be given here. FLYCATCHERS, TITS, ETC. (12): Another wonderful class, including several first appearances, and many other rare and beautiful species. Mr. Ezra staged a very rare pair of Indian Fire-caps (about the size of our Fire-crest), which have never previously been exhibited, but being in immature plumage these failed to catch the judge's eye; 1, 2, 3, 4, A. Ezra, Small Minivet, an exquisite bird, though not in natural col., a first appearance; Large Niltava, a gorgeous bird in azure blue and black, also a first appearance; Short-billed Minivet, in beautiful form, but lacking the fiery scarlet of the wild bird, which in captivity moults out pinkish-white; Red-flanked Bush Robin, a charming bird of dull blue, with areas of glistening palish-blue, whitish underparts, and flanks rufous; an entrancing quartet; 5, Lady Pilkington, Loo-choo Robin, now becoming well-known, but a beautiful and charming bird of confiding demeanour and fine song; 6, Maj. Horsbrugh, Blue-fronted Redstart, another gorgeous species of glistening blue and rich chestnut-rufous, an ideal cage-bird; 7, Frostick, Japanese Redbreast, though only 7th, this bird really merits all the warm praise applied to the above; excellent specimens of Rufous-bellied Niltava, Silver-eared Mesias and Black-headed Sibias also competed. A.O.S. (13). This class also contained at least two first appearances, as well as others which we think have only appeared once previously this season: 1, Lady Pilkington, charming pair Black-chinned Yuhinas, minute Tit-like birds, of fascinating demeanour, but chastely clad; 2, Ezra, Red-tailed Minla (a first appearance), another Tit-like bird, clad in dark brown and pure white (see front page), with the upper tail coverts and margins of outer webs of tail feathers and flights scarlet; 3, Lady Pilkington, Black-throated Wren-Babbler, a first appearance, not gorgeous, but very pretty and entertaining, depicted on front page; 4, 6, Townsend, Pigmy Woodpecker and Indian White-breasted Kingfisher, the latter a gorgeous bird clad in rich chocolate-brown, pure white and glistening blue; 5, 7, Maxwell, Levaillant's Barbet and Pink-crested Touraco, both rare species and in excellent form. MEMBERS' SEED-EATERS (12): 1, Mrs. Thynne, Black-headed Gouldian; 2, 4, 6, Silver, Blue-breasted Waxbills, Aurora Finch and Chestnut-breasted Finch; 3, Brambridge, Firefinches; 5, 7, Rev. Paterson, Diamond Sparrow and Alario Finch. INSECTIV., ETC.: 1, 2, Dewhurst, Colcys and Metallic Starling, the winners quite among the veterans of the show bench; 3, Mrs. Thynne, Blue Tanager.

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UDDINGSTON.

Annual show held Nov. 22, and it proved a great success. Entries were well up to former years and considering that their next door neighbours, Glasgow, also held their show the executive had nothing to grumble about. Scotch Fancies were good all round, and contained some real class birds. The buff piebald cock, a gem for style, staged as that old hand, Mr. Joe Higgins, knows how, was runner up for cup. Yorks. were rather poor in numbers, but quality was all there. Borders were grand class. The winning buff hen shown by Mr. Voy being greatly admired. We were pleased to see this old fancier mooing them again as he has been resting for a few seasons. Chinamons and Greens were great, both winners being able to hold their own at any fixture. Norwich were a grand all round lot, the quality being very level, and in many classes the winners were hard to separate. The winning buff cock of Mr. Martin's was a gem, and greatly admired, and was a runner for cup. Mules and British were here in force (Where do the Scotchmen get all these rarities?) and gems of the first water were forward. The pick of the bunch, however, was the charming Redpoll-Bullie shown by Mr. Pirrie. Although only a young fancier he has been success ful in achieving what some have tried a lifetime for, and has succeeded in getting the cross, and also the best that has ever been seen of it, an ideal specimen, which only wants to be seen to be admired; it won the cup for best in show after a strenuous fight, as each of the best in sections received the same vote, and the Hybrid won on the toss off.

British were good. Messrs. McQuiston and Patterson secured the rosebowl for most points in the British section with six nominated birds. The hall is an ideal one for a show, and the staging was beautifully erected; although we heard the committee were unable to get it until early in the morning of show. Mr. Cosgrave is an ideal sec. and treas., and had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee.

The show was well patronised by fanciers from the Hamilton and Blantyre districts, and we hope to hear of a financial success. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged Scots Fancies, Yorks., Bord., Cinns. and Greens; Mr. W. G. Muir the Norwich; Mr. R. V. Raine and Mr. G. McGillivray the Mules and Brit. alternately.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (7): 1, Higgins, good yell. piebald, hard up on top, grand mover, and plenty of sub., hot one; 2, Stewart, another piebald, grand style and sub., scarcely so prominent in shoulders; 3, Turner, cl., fine qual., good top end and reach, A1 side, fine order; 4, Watson cl., a shade slow, fails in droop, but grand sub. and qual. HEN (6): 1, Watson, stylish, good top end and rare mover, clean got up, free style; 2, Stewart, longer in side, but fails in top end, sweet wee bird, grand qual.; 3, Higgins, plenty of go, but slim in build, very nice snaky head; 4, Buchan. BUFF CK. (7): 1, and runner-up for cup, Higgins, hot one, massive shoulders, and rare droop, very nervy, fine free action, and plenty of subs., could be better staged; 2, Higgins, clean made one inclined to raise head, but a hot one for style, rather slow to pos.; 3, Kennedy, nice qual. and fine sub., beaten in droop; 4, Watson, very clean got up, grand length of side; he, Sharpe. HEN (6): 1, Watson, sweet one, nice size and lovely order, grand top end and reach, and fine sub. throughout; 2, Stewart, fine style, beaten in subs. only; 3, Sharpe, fine length of side, fails a little in top end, good qual.; 4, Higgins, stylish, rather slim in build; vhc, Kennedy; he, Boyd. NOV. (5): 1, McCaskill, plenty of size and good top end and reach, in grand order; 2, 3, Turner, close up, fine depth across; 3, fails a shade in length, good subs.; 4, vhc, Boyd, stylish. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Priest, good one, hot fed, and like a piece of silk, grand qual. of feather and well up in length, rare mould; 2, Ferguson, shade longer, but rather open in feather, lacks the finish and style of winner; 3, Stewart, hot shape, again fails a shade in feather. BUFF (1): 1, Steel, good stamp and in grand order. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Priest, grand trim, lengthy, and finely drawn. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 3, Ferguson, yells., leader rare length and tip-top qual., well drawn; 3rd not so long, but all there for qual. and finish; 2, 4, Steel, nice buff, grand style and extra good in qual. of feather, sweet bird, well put down; 4th nice buff var., tight in feather, but a shade shorter, grand qual., nicely drawn, good class; he, Stewart. NOV.: 1 Marley, well drawn and good length, in fine order; 2, Ross good stamp, beaten in finish. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Gentleman, lovely yell., grand size and A1 qual., sweet mould and in fine order; 2, Dick, shade stronger across, fine qual. of feather, and exceedingly well put down; 3, Davidson, good qual. of feather, shade longer, equal in shape; 4, Murphy, good stamp, not so well burnished up; vhc, Linden. HEN (5): 1, Haddon, stylish, sweet wee bird, nice weight, and in grand bloom; 2, Hamilton, not so well rounded as winner, but fine qual. of feather; 3, Clark, good stamp, fails a shade in head, nice weight; 4, Turner, beaten in finish, a shade short. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Haddon, nice taper, grand front and head, and rare wing carr., rather unsteady at times; 2, Voy, grand stamp, lovely front and wing carr., a shade small in head; 3, Lunn, good one, fine weight and well drawn, fails a shade in feather; 4, McVicar, good stamp and well drawn; vhc, Russell; he, Harper. HEN (15): 1, Voy, model, lovely shape, perfect all round, grand head and front, and tip-top wing carr., lovely box feather, shade on the small side; 2, Lunn, good stamp, shade larger, but beaten in taper and mould, unlucky to meet winner; 3, Hamilton, good stamp, sweet head and front, extra well put down; 4, Clark, nice one, good front, fails a shade in wing carr.; vhc, Dods; c, Baird. VARIEG. (5): 1, Haddon, sweet yell. even, nice eye markings, and tip-top qual. of feather, very stylish; 2, Hamilton, lovely buff, grand type and rare qual., fails a shade in eye markings or would be a stormer; 3, Clark, yell., two-pound, fine style and qual., shade long in side; 4, Voy, a buff, nice shape, shade stronger than winner, good stamp, well staged; c, Lunn. GREEN (11): 1, Wilcox, gem of a yell., grand type, lovely solid col., grand pure pencilling, well staged; 2, Marshall, good buff, lovely back lacing, and grand flanks, A1 shape; 3, Lambie, old champion, as good a any for colour, but showing signs of wear; 4, Dods, nice buff, shade bronzy compared to winners, but nice stamp, well placed; he, Gentleman; vhc, Haddon. CINN. (16): 1, Marshall, grand yell., rare shape, pure in markings and well moulded, deep solid col. throughout, nice one; 2, 4, Wilson, nice buff, looks like a hen, grand spangle, shade blurred on back, but lovely type; 4th grand type and good tone of col., markings inclined to run on back, 3, Dods, well up, nice tone of col. pure and clear in markings, rather low on perches, fine size and weight; vhc, Gentleman; he, Wilson; c, Haddow. SELL. (8): 1, 3, Thomson; 2, Lambie; 4, Dick; he, Graham. NOV. (13): 1, he, Paterson, good qual. buff, nice size and grand shape and make, well staged; 2, Marshall, sweet yell., rare shape, lovely front and good head, presses winner hard; 3, Marley, lovely buff hen, grand head and fine close feather, a shade soiled in feather; 4, Waugh, nice green, good type and markings, well put down; vhc, Davidson; c, Houston. NOR. CREST CK. (6): 1, Arnott, good one, fine top piece, dense leafy crest and well down in front and sides; 2, Biggar, close up for size, but a shade open in feather, good sided bird; 3, Scott, nice shape, a shade smaller, A1 quality of feather; 4, Kirkland, good shape, fails a trifle in frontal; vhc, McDougall. C.B. CK. OR HEN (7): 1, Johnstone, great size, bold head and grand entrance and lash, a good one 2, 3, 4, Scott, leader the largest in head, three good ones, well placed; vhc, Kirkland; he, Houston; c, McDougall. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Martin, sweet, grand size and lovely feather, sweet head and front, and extra good in body; well moulded; 2, 3, Morrison, good shape, bold in front, and A1 wing carr.; 3rd fails a shade in subs., both extra good in feather; 4, Gilmour, good stamp, fine bold head and front, beaten in finish by winners vhc, Gray, he, Campbell; c, Russell. HEN (2): 1, Martin, grand size, fine bold head and good front, A1 wing carr., nice tone of col., full bloom; 2, Stewart, sweet shape, scarcely so strong as winner in body, all there for qual. BUFF (11): 1, Martin, good one, grand size, sweet head, very neat in wing carr., and well up in subs., staged in grand bloom, runner-up for cup; 2, Easton, lovely colour and qual. of feather, good bold front and very neat in head, well shown; 3, Clark, shade slimmer in front, plenty size and good head; 4, Cullen, rare quality, shade smaller, but well rounded all over, a good class; vhc, Stewart; he, Rosemond; c, Campbell. HEN (6): 1, Rosemond, good stamp, bold head and front, and A1 qual., fine style, well staged; 2, Russell, plenty sub., a shade stronger in feather, fine bold head, well placed; 3, Stewart, grand feather, but a shade thinner in front, good head and neck; 4, Proudfoot, fine style and quality, scarcely so prominent in chest; vhc, Campbell; he, King. VAR. (7): 1, 2, Martin, leader a grand all round var., rare head and front, and tip-top order; 2nd fails a shade in subs.; 3, Stewart, bold one, grand head and neck, and rare back, well staged, must have pressed; 4, Jackson, good qual. of feather, not the size or substance of winner; vhc, he, Morgan; c, Gray. HEN (8): 1, Mathieson, nice shape and col. and grand qual., well put down; 2, Morrison, fine stamp, good front, shade narrower in head; 3, Devens, well burnished up, fails a shade in size only, 4, Gilmour, good shape, grand head and front, beaten in finish; vhc, Dawson; he, Campbell; c, Proudfoot. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Mathieson; 2, Scobbie, good yellows, leader best in size, bold head, grand front, well rounded and tip-top order; 2nd a shade thinner in front, equal in head and qual. of feather; 3, Gray, nice buff, good size and shape, fine bold head, and A1 wing carr., a shade long in feather; 4, c, Easton, a yell., full fronted bird, not so good in head as winner, well finished off; vhc, Stewart; he, Maxwell. HEN (14): 1, Stewart, good var. buff, fine size, grand bold head and lovely qual. of feather, short and chubby, well put down; 2, Scobbie, cl. buff, grand size and qual., not so short as winner, but good head and front; 3, Martin, a yell., good shape and grand tone of colour, inclined to be a shade thin in head; 4, Melville, buff, grand size and shape, inclined to be long in feather, lovely tone of colour; vhc, Naismith; he, Davidson. NON FED. (8): 1, Martin, variegated buff, grand stamp, bold front and neat wing carr.; 2, R. Martin, var., good shape, scarcely so large as winner, and fails a shade in front; 3, Fleming, a neat yell., well up in size and good feather, a little short in front; 4, Godfrey Bros., buff, grand feather and finish, a shade narrow in head and front; vhc, Naismith; he, Stewart. HEN (12): 1, Campbell, sweet buff, all there for size and qual., grand head and front, well put down; 2, Martin, var. buff, close up, good size and shape, beaten in head; 3, McAllister, var. buff, just fails in front, but bold and noble looking in head, fine qual.; 4, Naismith, a sweet buff, fails a little in size, good shape; he, Stewart; c, Martin. CINN. OR GR. (4): 1, Proudfoot, good cinn., grand size and A1 colour and lacing; 2, Lyle; 3, McAllister; 4, Campbell; all greens, leader the best in size and col. NOV. (13): 1, 3, he, c, Thomson, buffs, good head and front, and fine wing carr., lovely qual. of feather; 3rd shade slimmer in body, but good head and wing carr.; 2, McCallum, a buff, plenty size, fine bold head and front, lovely wing carr., a shade longer in feather; 4, Hall, good stamp of a var., short and chubby, fails a little in wing carr., grand order; vhc, Ross. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, cup best in show, Pirrie, Redpoll-Bullie, a champion and no mistake, grand size, fine tone of col., great cap and enormous bib for this cross, lovely markings, in tip-top order, exceedingly well staged, and a great credit to exhibitor who also bred it; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, slashing var., Greenie, rare col., size and qual., well shown; 3, vhc, Martin, sweet Goldie-Greenie, nice size and good flush face, tip-top wing flights, good order; 4, he, Bell, rattling variegated Goldie, nice cross beaten in this company; c, Smith. DARK (10): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, clinking Greenie, grand size and rare tone of col., great head and front, in grand trim; 2, Bell, good Linnet, well laced and rare size and quality, shade dark in col.; 3, Hannah, grand Greenie, again well up in size, bold head and front, shade duller in col. and lacks the bloom of winner; 4, Lindsay, sweet Siskin, nice size and grand qual. of feather, good cap and markings; vhc, Morrison; he, c, Martin. GOLDF. (10): 1, Wallace, good one, fine flush face, good cheeks and tannings and well buttoned, in tip-top order, well staged; 2, Conkie and Loudon, good stamp, nice square cut blaze, lovely tone of col., and well up in size, not so clean cut as winner; 3, Scobbie, good Finch, nice body and size, grand tone of col., rather long in feather; 4, Thomson, nice one, all there for colours, shade smaller, good class; vhc, Divens; he, Crawford; c, Arnott. BULLF. (6): 1, Wallace, good one, lovely order, light as a drum, grand cap and neat bib, and well up in body col., well staged; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, not so showy as winner, equal in size and shape; 3, Davidson, good stamp, nice cap and bib, scarcely so tight in condition; 4, Bell, grand size, rare cap and bib; vhc, Taylor. F.M. LINNET (7): 1, McGavin, good one, well laced, grand head and A1 size and col., steady and well put down; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, good body, fine bold head, fails shade in steadiness; 3, Smith, good stamp, well pencilled, grand head and front, shade darker tone; 4, Davidson, nice size, good stamp, fails a little in lacing, good quality of feather; vhc, Jackson; he, Brown; c, Davidson. H.M. (13): 1, Kerr, grand order, perfect markings, and lovely size and colour, steady and well shown; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, large one, grand colour and markings, rather open, a shade unsteady; 3, Semple, scarcely so good in colour, but well polished up, nice quality throughout; 4, Davidson, grand feather and shade, fails in lacing to winners; vhc, Boag; he, Crawford; c, Scobbie. GREENF. FED (3): 1, Sharpe, good size, and A1 colour, fine wing flights, well put down; 2, Arnott, close up, fails a shade in head, grand col. and finish, but one for type; 3, Jardine, well up in colour, fails a little in size, nice headed one. NON FED (9): 1, Campbell, large buff, a hot one for shape, big bold head, and lovely order, steady and well put down; 2, Thomson, sweet medium-sized yell., lovely order, fine wing flights and very steady; 3, McLean, good shape, fine head and front, not so good in feather; 4, Ward, clinker, grand size and lovely col., rather unsteady, yet will make a good one; vhc, Esplin; he, Jardine; c, Bell. F.M. REDPOLL (15): 1, Pirrie, dense cap and bib, and lovely lacing, grand col., fine size, and steady, real good exhibit; 2, Bell, sweet shape, nice tone of col., and grand cap, fine flank markings, as good as any, well staged; 3, Hardy Bros., close up, shade smaller, but lovely markings and grand tone of colour, good one; 4, Nelson, just fails in lacing, grand size and markings; vhc, he, Connachan. H.M. (17): 1, Martin, nice size, well polished up, grand bold front and head, and well laced, good cap and bib, a real good one all over; 2, Conkie and Loudon, scarcely so large, but good col. and markings, fails in finish; 3, Crawford, nice 'Poll, paler in col., but well mkd., good cap; 4, Pirrie, sweet one, nice size and qual., beaten in lacing; vhc, Davidson; he, Berry; c, Wilson. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (15): 1, Sinclair; 2, 4, Wilson; 3, Thomson; vhc, Conkie and Loudon; he, Crawford; c, Law. SISKIN (12): 1, Conkie and Loudon, fed, real smart one, grand quality of feather, nice cap and bib, and fine wing bars, nice tone of col.; 2, Pirrie, mat. col., fine size and good flank markings, no bib, but grand cap, well staged; 3, Whyte, shade larger, but not so good in finish; 4, Gilmour, good one, grand size, great cap and well formed bib, rich wing markings, beaten cond.; vhc, Nelson; he, Arnott; c, McFarlane. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLEFINCH (7): 1, Reid, good all round Bramble, well up in size and splendid markings, good breast col., in fine trim; 2, nice Chaffie., well up in size, grand head and breast col., good flights; 3, Conkie and Loudon, fine Bramble, shade thinner than winner, but all there for col. and lacing; 4, Bell, nice Chaffie., good flights, and well put down, plenty of col.; vhc, Divens; he, Dick; c, Davidson. YELLOWHAMMER (4): 1, Bell, grand size, plenty of col., and well mkd., nice back lacing, a good one; 2, Gray, good size and shape, and very steady, scarcely so distinct in markings, well placed; 3, McGavin, good stamp, grand head and front, but very unsteady, likely bird; 4, Congan, less in size, neatly mkd., BULLF. HEN (5): 1, Pirrie, good one, grand cap and bib, and fine body col., well put down; 2, Gentleman, good one, close up, fine size and well staged, extra good in body colour; 3, fails in size, and not so bold in head; 4, Conkie and Loudon, neat one, a shade narrow in skull, but all there for colour and finish. GREENF. HEN (5): 1, Orr, grand size and shape, rare body col. and wings; 2, Campbell, shade narrow in head, good colour; 3, Bruce bold headed, fails a little in body, rare feather; 4, Gilmour, good stamp, fails in feather to winners. A.O. HEN, BRIT. (5): 1, Gilmour, good Hawfinch, well up in size, nice head and grand shape, tip-top order; 2, neat Bramble, fine feather, and well marked, grand colour, and very steady; 3, Smith, tip-top Siskin, a wee gem for markings, grand size and extra good in quality; 4, Campbell; vhc, Hope good Twite, but outclassed here. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Morrison, good Waxwing, in tip-top order, well staged; 2, McLean, very nice Redstart, good size, and all there for colour; 3, Bell, Yellow Wagtail, good shape and nice colour, steady, and well shown; 4, Hall, nice Lark; vhc, Arnott. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, Wallace, grand sized Goldie, rare finish face, and all there for body colours, nice tannings, sweet front, and well buttoned, in lovely order; 2, Conan, good all round, Goldie, h.m., well up in colours, and good feather and finish; 3, Arnott, neat Bullie, good size and fine col., tip-top qual., well placed; 4, a Goldie, shade smaller; vhc, Campbell; he, Doig. LARGE (1): 1, Morrison, a Yellow Weaver, grand colour and size, and very steady. SMALL (1): McFarlane, grand Red-headed Gonldian, in tip-top order, could be improved in staging.

SELKIRK.

Held 52nd annual show Nov. 29. This show caters exclusively for Border Fancies, and the entry received was very poor indeed, not a single class being full, and some had to be cancelled. It is held in an ideal hall, and the worthy secretary, Mr. Edgar, had everything in apple-pie order, and was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged, and his awards were well received.

BORD. CL OR FOUL YELL. HEN (6): 1, Gilchrist, nicely drawn, good head and front, and fine wing carriage, well staged; 2, Patterson, close up, sweet mould and grand feather and qual.; 3, Halliday, stylish, good body and head, and fine shape; 4 Morland and Meston, good shape and qual.; vhc, Arnot; he, Schoole and Briggs. BUFF CK. (5): 1, sp, Patterson, good stamp, grand head and front, rare bloom, fine qual. throughout, well put down; 2, Halliday, very sweet shape, good head and well drawn; 3, Morland and Meston, good qual., fails shade in type; 4, Gilchrist, good stamp; vhc, Linton. EVEN MARK. (6): 1, Patterson, good type, fine qual., nicely balanced eyes and wings, shade heavy eye markings, but good; 2, he, Watson, grand balanced eyes and wings, fine qual, shade light on eyes, some preferred to win; 3, 4, Ballantyne, sweet yell., nice eye and wing mkgs, and a neat buff, good markings, but thin in body; vhc, Schooles and Briggs. UNEVEN (5): 1, Arnot, good one, grand weight and A1 shape and quality, lovely head and wing carr., well staged; 2, Schoole and Briggs, close up, nice stamp, good style, lovely qual.; 3, Morland and Meston, good qual., shade plainer in body, nice head and front; 4, Patterson, rare feather, lacks the shape; vhc, Watson, jun. GREEN (4): 1, Murray, shade heavy in build, but genuine colour, splendid lacing and grand type, extra good in body colour; 2, Halliday, grand shade of colour, splendid markings, but thin in build; 3, Blackie, nice size, good lacing, shade bronzy; 4, Mark. SELL. (6): 1, Reid; 2, 4, Gill; 3, Blackie; vhc, Watson; c, Gilchrist. BRIT., SMALL (6): 1, Brown, tip-top Goldie, grand face and fine tannings, well staged; 2, 3, Lees Bros., good Bullie, fine size, grand cap and bib, extra good in shape; 3, sweet Chaffie, well up in size and colour, well staged; 4, Sanderson, good faced Goldie, scarcely so bright as winner; vhc, he, Reid.

ST. AUSTELL.

Annual show held in the Market House Oct. 29. The bad weather again this year told considerably against the gate, but the entries exceeded last year's total. Norwich were good, especially the hen and unflighted classes, which were a grand lot. The other classes were good, but the entries were not as expected on account of Hayle Show being held next day. Sp for best bird was won by Mrs. Stocker with a White Cockatoo in good condition. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird fell to F. Collins with an unflighted yellow Norwich. Mr. Davies, jun., hon. sec., has the interest of his society at heart, and is a very obliging official. Mr. J. Davies (St. Austell) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Stephens and Caved, good type and colour, nice wings and tail; 2, vhc, Hobbs and Son, nice round head, good wings and tail; 3, Cock and Son, good wings and tail, nice size and type; res, Howard. TKD. (12): 1, Cock and Son, variegd., good col. and size, crosses wings at times; 2, he, Andrew, var. yell., good type and qual., nice wings; 3, Kemp, tkd. thigh buff, neat head, good wing carr.; res, Martin; vhc, Howard; c, Stephens and Caved. CL. (10): 1, sp, Stephens and Caved, nice col. and qual., good shape body, little slack in head; 2, Collins, rich col., good type, grand wings and tail, well mealed; 3, he, Andrew, nice col. and qual., good flights; res, Uren; vhc, Cock and Son; c, Howard. HEN (12): 1, res, vhc, Stephens and Caved, Cinn. mkd. yell., good size, rather rough; 2, Andrew, tkd. head and tail, very neat, nice wings; 3, Martin, cl. yell., lovely col., qual., and shape, our choice; he, Quiller; c, Whetter and Son. UNFLIG. (15): 1, 3, Keen, grand birds lovely type and qual.; 2, Andrew, good type and qual., nice wing carr.; res, c, sp, Collins, yell., good type and qual., lovely col.; vhc, Quiller; he, Stephens and Caved. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, Wills, grand length, fine pos. and col.; 2, res, Allen, nice neat head, good back, wings and tail; 3, Peters, good col., well braced wings; vhc, Richards. BUFF (4): 1, Andrew, good feather, nice head and back, lovely wings and tail; 2, Julian, nice head and shoulders, well filled neck; 3, Allen, good col. and qual., nice wings and tail. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Allen, grand trio, 1st a little gem, feather like wax, good shaped wings and tail, a credit to their owner; vhc, Peters; he, Cock and Son; c, Wills. YORKS A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, Andrew, nice shape, head and shoulders, good wings; 2, 3, Julian, tkd. head buff, very racy, good length; 3rd tkd. head yell., nice col., grand wings and tail; res, Allen; vhc, Peters; c, Martin. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Richards, yell., grand col. and qual., good wings and tail; 2, 3, Julian, Cinn. mkd., nice style and qual., stands well up; 3rd yell., grand wings and tail, nice head; res, Wells; vhc, Martin; he, Cock and Son. NAT. COL. (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Stephens and Caved, tkd. eye and wing buff Nor., good col., type and qual.; 2nd yell. Yorks, good length, nice wings; 3rd var. Nor., nice qual.; vhc, he, Stephens; c, Harvey. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Medlin, yell. Cinn., good type and qual., nice col.; 2, 3, Collins, 2nd yell. variegd. buff cinn., grand col., nice wings; 3rd buff, lovely type, good cap and wings; vhc, Unwin. MULES. LIGHT (6): 1, 2, res, Collins, variegd. Linnet, good size and shape; 2, var. Goldie, grand col. and size; 3, Stephens and Caved, wing and eye mkd. buff, very neat, good cond. DARK OR HYB. (8): 1, sp, res, Hobbs and Son, Goldie-Bullie, good col. and qual.; 2, Dunston, Goldie-Greenie, small and might be better in col.; 3, vhc, Collins, Buff Goldie, grand blaze, good size and markings, lovely col.; he, c, Rowe. GOLDF. (8): 1, Andrew, nice square cut blaze, well tanned cheek; 2, Cooper, good head, nice blaze, well mooned, good chest; 3, vhc, Pearce, nice breast col., well mkd.; res, Strong; he, Lobb; c, Allen. A.O. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, res, Stephens and Caved, Chough, large and good shape, delightfully polished, good beak and legs; 2nd Waxwing, nice size and shape, good markings; 3, vhc, Collins, Hawfinch, lovely shape and col., good bib. FOR.: 1, sp, vhc, Stocker, Cockatoo, good col., but might have given way to 2, Roberts, lovely Hill Mynah, grand colour and speech; 3, res, Stephens and Caved, Love Birds, good colours. SELL., 15s.: 1, Uren; 2, Whetter and Son; 3, Smith. 7s. 6d.: 1, Whetter and Son; 2, Julian; 3, Smith.

DENTON C.B.S.

We have received a catalogue of the annual show, from which we gather that the principal winners were:—LANCS., Ridgard, Stansfield. LIZARDS, Ridgard, Stansfield. NOR., Hopwood Bros., Ainsworth Bros., Blease and Son, Harrison. AMAT. NOR., Taylor Bros., Summerton, Edge, Crabtree, Peters, Hadfield, Darnley. YORKS., Blease, Edge, Bulmer, Harrison, Walker. BRIT. Wilde, Blease and Son, Holden, Crabtree, Gavin and Broadhurst, Peters. MULES, Hadfield, Holden Blease and Son. NOV. NOR., Russell, Redfern Specials were won as follows: Best bird, Ridgard; best opp. sex, Blease and Son; other specials, Ainsworth Bros., Summerton, Russell, Crabtree, Stansfield, Edge, Hopwood Bros. Mr. J. Beswick judged.

HAILSHAM.

Ninth annual show held in the Drill Hall, Nov. 26 and 27. The cage bird section was judged by Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton, and the number of exhibits was an increase on previous years. Sp. for best was won by Mr. W. H. Bridges with a non-fed clear Norwich of good shape, col., and carr.

YORKS (2): 1, French, nice length, with style and qual. NOR. (3): 1, French, well built, nice col. and feather, good carr.; vhc, Bridges. NON-FED (6): 1, Bridges, very nice qual., good col., typical shape and carr.; 2, 3, Mrs. Thornton, nice quality birds of good shape and well shown; res, French; vhc, Noakes, Mitchell. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, Crick, very smart Goldfinch, bright col., well mkd., steady, in good form; res, Newman, nice Bullf., good col. and marking; vhc, Dumbrell. A.O. BRIT. (3): 1, Dumbrell, Jackdaw, in good cond.; res, Bourner, Linnet, nice col., but wild; vhc, Newman. MULE (4): 1, Cheal, smart and well mkd. Goldf.-Can., well shown; 3, he, Isted, very nice Linnet-Can., in good feather; res, Bridges.

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WEST MALLING.

Show held in The Hollis Malt House, Nov. 25-26. The show was rendered notable by the fact that the judge was a lady, and one who is famed throughout the country as a learned ornithologist—Miss Reeves. The exhibits were of fairly good quality generally, but the entry was not a large one. Challenge cup for best bird was won by a shapely Norwich shown by Mr. Smithers. The stewards Messrs. C. Worsley, H. Martin, W. Higgins, S. C. Rogerson, and E. Hond, carried out their duties well. Messrs. J. Mitchell and H. R. Marten, the joint hon. secs, with Mr. H. Dunn, the general sec. and treas., had all the arrangements well in hand, and their energy and courtesy had much to do with the success of the fixture.

The Critique.

CAN. NOR. (4): 1, sp, best in show, Smithers, very nice shapely buff, capital col. and qual.; 2, Harvey, smart yell., even, not so rich in col., nice silky feather. NON. FED. YELL. (4): 1, Jenner, very shapely, nice silky feather, good style; 2, Pipe, neat and smart, not quite so large. BUFF AND VARIEG.: Cancelled. YORKS. (4): 1, Harvey, nice racy variegated, yell., capital col. and feather, good wings and tail, in grand form; 2, 3, res, Jenner, nicely feathered, rich tkd. buff, on the stout side; 3rd lovely qual. clnn. mkd. buff, capital shape, we liked as well as any. CREST: Cancelled. A.O.V. (4): 1, Hysted, close feathered variegated yell. Border; 2, 3, res, Jenner, yell. Borders, not quite so shapely. MULES (7): 1, res, Mrs. Bennett, smart Redpoll-Greenf., grand shape, lovely feather; 2, Cranston, nicely feathered, well mkd. dark buff Goldie; 3, Smithers, shapely, good col., nice rich qual., variegated buff Goldie. BRIT. LARGE: Cancelled. GOLDF. (4): 1, Rhodes, larger, well enl. bright blaze, capital body col., grand feather and style; 2, Wearie, very large, grand feather, darker in blaze; 3, Cranston, sweet, neat little bird, capital col. and feather, stylish; res, Jenner. A.O. SMALL (6): 1, Miss Kelly, handsome pair Bearded Tits, lovely col. and feather; 2, Rhodes, rich coloured Bullie, grand cap, wings and back; 3, Jenner, well mkd., nice coloured Hawfinch, good size and feather; res, Cranston. PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Webb, two well matched pairs of Nor., capital col. and feather, and very shapely; 3, Harvey; res, Wearie. FOR., LARGE (9): 1, 2, 3, res, Miss Kelly, nice team, shown in excellent condition, very handsome red-cheeked Bullfinch, lovely feather; 2nd steady, nice conditioned Mynah; 3rd grand coloured Red-headed Cardinal. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, Miss Kelly, sweet pair of Pin-tailed Nonpareils, lovely col. and markings; 2nd lovely pair of Cordon Bleus, splendid col., rare feather; 3rd, gorgeous coloured Orange Bishop, in the pink of condition. SELL (5): 1, 3, Wells; 2, Cranston.

HADDINGTON (East Lothian).

Held Corn Exchange, Nov. 22. This, from being one of the best shows, has, through a combination of circumstances, the greatest evil of which is a split in the rank of the local fanciers, descended to a level much below its former importance. We remember when Haddington was the Mecca of Lothian fanciers, and the scene of many hard-fought battles, and, considering its situation, it is a matter for regret that a truce cannot be arranged between parties. We are certain that an attempt on the part of the combined managers at Haddington will meet with a good response. They have everything in their favour, a splendid hall, and a practically untapped district, and we hope that next year will see East Lothian fanciers banded together with one desire, to hold one event, and make that worthy of support; only by so doing can they hope to rise above the present state of affairs.

We must express our appreciation of the courtesy of Secretary Grant, whose management was indicative of an ability to pilot a much larger affair, and his efforts were well seconded by a pair of stewards whose only regret was that they had not more scope for their abilities. Mr. Arnott, of Kirkcaldy, judged, the entry only showing an average of three per class. Many fanciers were ignorant of this fixture, and we would advise a more free advertisement.

The Critique.

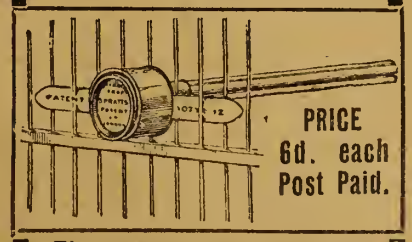
BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, sp., Munro, nice weight, good head, nicely piped tail, might pack better, well staged; 2, Little, scarcely weight of leader, equal col., scarcely as well rounded, better wings, well placed; 3, Young, excellent taper, just on light side, better head, a trifle up on leg, or might have gone up; 4, Kerr. HENN (4): 1, Lambie, nice head and front, fails wings, and very frayed, lucky; 2, Munro, even better head, excels condition, scarcely up to leader in front, yet our choice for 1st; 3, Grubb, nicely rounded in back, well braced, fails front and head, well placed; 4, Young. BUFF CK. (4): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Grubb, heavy stamp, good wings, and nice pipe tail, fails neck and roundness of back; 2, Coventry, better texture, quite equal tail and wings, fails head, must have pressed; 3, Little, grand col. and curve, fine jaunty carr., but coarse feathered in head, will improve; 4, Ramage. HEN (4): 1, Kerr, nice one, good bullet head, nicely-rounded front, slightly hollow back, well put down, wins; 2, Lambie, better back than leader, scarcely so well rounded in front, fails col., well placed; 3, Steele, better texture, excels wings, rather dirty or would have gone up; No. 1, Sanderson, w.c. (a yellow). EVEN. MARK (3): 1, Barrie, rather unbalanced in marks, good head and wings, might be better staged, wins on type; 2, Steele, rather run in eye marks, fails front and texture, very dirty; 3, Sanderson. YELL. VARIEG. (2): 1, sp., Grubb, nice head and front, fails in taper, excels wings and tail, very jaunty; 2, Steele, fails head, nicely wedged, just beaten front, nice one. BUFF (7): 1, sp., Wilson, eyes and wing, real nice one, grand col. and text, shown for all its worth, wins all points; 2, Lambie, cinn., scarcely front of leader, yet a nice one, beaten in wings and head; 3, Grubb, almost even, better front, well braced, just beaten head, and slack at waist, will improve; 4, Kerr; 5, Munro; 6, Coventry. GR. (5): 1, Grant, nice grassy tone, well pencilled, very level, excels head and wings; 2, Lambie, smaller stamp (hen), scarcely so level toned as leader, but a gem for type, staged in good order, lacks a claw or would have been our choice; 3, Munro, another nice one, just beaten front and levelness of tone, excels texture and jaunty action. CINN. (6): 1, 4, Wilson, leader gem first water, grand tone col., rare type and action, we made a good medal winner here; 2, 3, Ramage, nice one, overshadowed here, scarcely so level, fails pencil, yet a good one; 3rd, better head and front, fails col. and texture, well placed; w.c., Lambie (green); 5, Goodal. NOR.: The four classes allotted only mustered ten entries, none of which was of outstanding merit. YELL. CK.: 1, sp., Barrie; 2, Steele. HEN: 1, Cook; 2, Barrie. BUFF CK.: 1, Barrie; 2, Murray; 3, Cook. HEN: 1, Murray; 2, Barrie; 3, Steele. GOLDF. (3): 1, Munro, nice face and wings, best size, well put down, we prefer; 2, Grant, more square in blaze, deeper col., and excels tans, fails size, Avonbridge 2nd; 3, Wilson, f.m., wild. BULLF.: 1, sp., Dordon, nice cap and breast, scarcely size, well staged, f.m.; 2, Grant, c.m., fails cap, pale breast, good order. LINNET OR TWITE: 1, Messer; 2, Thomas; 3, Wilson. GREENF.: 1, 3, Whitelord, leader, unfed, grand size and shape, excels head and cond., wins; 2, Messer, fed, good one, rather longer than leader, excels col., well placed; 3, Whiteford. SISKIN OR REDPOLL: 1, 2, Thomas, nice Siskin, excels cap and flanks, good condition, no bib; 2nd, fair Poll, well staged. A.O. SMALL: 1, Docker, nice Grey Wagtail, rather pale, staged well, wins; 2, Haxton, Yellow Bunting, not up to size, but excels markings, well placed; 3, Thomas, Corn Bunting, small, looks like a hen, pale; 4, Stoddart, Cirl, our choice; 5, 6, Thomson. MULE: 1, Grant; 2, McKie, Gold and Greenie, small, mediocre. FOR.: 1, Barrie, pair nice White Javas.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

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NOR., UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, Melville, Buff, lovely qual., fine head and neck, rare front, neat and cobby, excellent wing and tail carr., staged to win; 2, McEwan and Multman, yell. tkd. head, lovely qual., hot col., fine neat cobby build, clean cut away, staged in the pink; 3, Laurie, neck mkd., fine short cobby bird, nice qual. and col., shown in rare cond., good one; 4, Martin; 5, Crawford; 6, Barron; 7, Duncan; 8, McLean. HEN (12): 1, Noble, yell., perfect little gem, all there for type and qual., fine short flights and tail, nice stylish carr., one of the right stamp 2, sp., Armour, rare qual. cl. buff, nice shapely made, good subs., well placed; 3, Cairns, fine qual., good cond., fair size and sub., might be a trifle better in wing carr.; 4, Braidwood; 5, Sharp; 6, Richardson; 7, Huggins; 8, Crawford. VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, sp, Crawshaw, lovely buff, rare cond., fine broad front, grand head and neck, neat cobby body, only fault crosses wings at times 2, Cairns, neck mkd. buff, fine cond., neat and shapely, just beaten in subs.; 3, sp,, Martin, nice yell., heavily varieg., in capital order, rare type and qual., best of wings, close up on 2nd; 4, Wood; 5, sp, Tawse; 6, Maxwell; 7, Barron; 8, Noble. HEN (7): 1, Braidwood, rare short, cobby bird, nice style and carr., grand front and short thick-set specimen, slightly pinched at entrance; 2, Watson, grizz. head and tail, lovely type, rare silky qual. of feather, good carr., not just the subs. of leader; 3, Edwards, nice neck and wing mkd. yell., in fine cond., good type and carr., trifle weak in head; 4, sp, McLean; 5, Brown; 6, sp, Barron; 7, Henderson. NOV. CK. (18): 1, Edwards, tkd. buff, grand size and subs., fine thick-set body, excellent qual. and cond.; 2, Harper, cl. yell., rare head and neck, capital qual., nice shape, fine style, our choice here; 3, Huggins, buff, nice size and good qual. of feather, neat and shapely made, just behind in head points; 4, Sinclair; 5, McIntyre; 6, 7, sp, Smillie; 8, Muir. HEN (18): 1, sp, Smith, short, cobby, typical cl. buff, fine head and neck, good front, rare qual., stylish, nicely staged; 2, Strachan, cl. yell., rare head and neck, lovely qual., neat wing and tail carr., clean cut away, very close up on leader; 3, sp, Murray, cl. buff, plenty of size and subs., good feather, nice carr., well placed; 4, Braid; 5, Edwards; 6, Fulton; 7, Walters; 8, Sinclair. UNFLIG. YELL. CK., Confined to S.P.C. members (21): 1, 3, sp., Martin, grand one, cl., rare good head, neck and front, excellent qual., fine short wings and tail, grand style and well put down 2, Barron, cl., fine col. and qual., neat shape, beaten in subs.; 3, Taylor, varieg., fine short cobby build, rare front, good qual., neat wings and tail, good one; 4, sp, Morrison; 5, Calderwood; 6, Gardner; 7, sp, Colley; 8, Morgan. BUFF (17): 1, Martin, cl., grand one for qual., lovely, well mealed, rare head, neck and front, fine short well braced wings and tail, clean cut away behind, laid down in the pink of cond., wins well; 2, sp, Colley, another fine one for qual., good size and sub., best of wings, grand col. and cond., just loses in finish only; 3, sp., Naismith, rare size, shape and qual., fine front, and clean cut away behind, in first class cond., quite the equal of 2nd; 4, McCue; 5, sp, Hutchison; 6, Sloan; 7, Calderwood; 8, sp, Woodhouse. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Maxwell, real beauty for type and qual., rare size and subs., grand head, neck and front, fine short feather, well packed wings and tail, a right good one; 2, sp, Morgan, rare qual. wing mkd., fine subs., build, short and neat, rare head, weak a shade in neck only fault; 3, Taylor, sweet qual. of feather, in fine bloom, short, neat, cobby build, just a trifle narrow in skull; 4, sp, Naismith,; 5, sp, Houston; 6, Paling; 7, Gardner; 8, Calderwood. BUFF (18): 1, 3, sp, Barron, cl., medium size, grand hen for type, fine, short, cobby body, lovely qual. of feather, well padded, and nicely frosted, best of wings, and staged in winning cond.; 2, Calderwood, cl., very neat shape, clean cut away behind, fine head, well filled in neck, lovely qual. and col., must have pressed hard; 3, sp, Cairns, more size and subs., very fine qual. of feather, not so well filled at neck, still a good one; 4, Chalmers, grand stamp, well proportioned, in nice cond.; 5, Maxwell; 6, sp, Dowell; 7, sp, Sloan; 8, sp, Barron; fine class.

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DUNBAR.

Ninth annual show held Nov. 26. We were sorry to see the entries very poor, especially in Border. Where are all the local fanciers? Although down in numbers the quality was extra good, the winning yell. even being a clinker. We heard this make its 16th first prize, under about 10 judges, and it well deserved its position, being splendidly staged by the well known West Country exhibitor, Mr Wm. Haddow. There were on exhibition two lovely silver cups for competition among the Scotch fanciers, and the executive were awarded the magnificent entry of 3 birds, surely a record for cup fighting. The show was held in an ideal room, one of the best, and the committee are composed of genuine fanciers, and arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Scott, who had everything in apple pie order, and did his best for visitors and exhibitors alike; the show was well patronised, and sales were good. Mr. R. Lamble judged, and his awards were exceedingly well received.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. or GR. CK. (3): 1, Dunn, good one, hard up on top end, fine reach and grand drive, good subs., well put down; 2, 3, Allan, nice yell., well up in size and good top end, rather poor in feather; 3rd, a neat piebald, good shape and grand drive, fails in subs. CL. or TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Schooler and Briggs, good cl., fine weight, grand head and front, and well put down, a good one; No. 2, w.c., Allan, a buff. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Bennet, good type, grand weight, fine head and front and rare feather; 2, Young, good one, better weight, fine head and front, lovely qual. of feather, good balanced bird; 3, Fairgrieve, well balanced hen, well drawn, nice front and head, fails in wing carr. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Haddow, good stamp, fine weight, grand front and head, well put down; 2, Thomas, stylish, very fine one, good head and wing carr., a shade narrower in front; 3, Bennett, nice bloom, stylish, rare swagger, fails a shade in head; 4, Young, heavier a shade in body, and good style; vhc, Schooler and Briggs; hc, Scott and Combe. HEN (3): 1, Bennett, good shape, grand head and wing carr., rather low on perches; 2, Young, better stamp, lovely box-feather and A1 qual., well drawn, very stylish, might have gone up; 3, Peel, good stamp, fine body and weight, fails in finish. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, B.F.C. medal, Haddow, yell., Uddingston winner, in full bloom, real good, well balanced eyes and wings, and very stylish, showing to perfection; 2, Schooler and Briggs, sweet bull, lovely feather, grand head, A1 style, eye marks slightly run on one side or would be a stormer, well staged; 3, Sathren, nicely mkd. buff, fine size and weight, fails in feather, could be improved with a wash. UNEVEN (7): 1, Schooler and Briggs, buff, rare order, grand weight and fine style, lovely wings and good head and front, clear win; 2, Thomson, good qual., fine weight, A1 style, well put down; 3, Bennett, good shape and rare qual., shade drawn in front, well burnished up; 4, Young, nice yell., a shade soft in feather; good class, well judged; vhc, hc, Scott and Combe; c, Sheldon. GR. or CINN. (5): 1, Thomson, a good one, grand yell., fine size, demon for lacing, splendid all round and well put down; 2, 4, vhc, B.F., nice yell., fine, leading good col and markings, fade thin in front, 4th well marked Green, shade bronzy in neck; 3, Grant, nice bird, fails in type and ground col to winner, well laced. CRIEL (4): 1, F. J. Burn, good one, wins, grand head, well centred, good front and side groomed to perfection 2nd, plenty length of feather, fails a shade in frontal, 3, R. Burns, good shape, nice centre, fails in side, well laid on, 4, Scott and Combe, good size and qual, beaten in length of feather. HEN (3): 1, J. Burns, grand head and A1 qual. throughout, well put down, 2, Forsyth, good stamp, plenty feather, but a shade rough in finish; 3, For sth, good headed bird, well laid on, and free from roughness, a shade thin in feather. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Turnbull, clear win, grand headed one, rare cushion, back skull, fine entrance and lash, in good trim; 2, 4, R. Burns, nice size, 2nd best in entrance, fine lashed bird; 4, falls in size of head; 3, vhc, J. Burns, good qual., a shade narrow at entrance; c, Scott and Combe. HEN (3): 1, Barrie, wins, tip-top size and shape, good frontal, well furnished up; 2, Turnbull, fails in entrance, but all there for lashing, good top skull, 3, J. Burns, fails in size and not so bold in head. CREST, 1913 (5): 1, Dunn, good one, fine size and rare qual. of feather, fine centre and very even on sides, good front, well put down, wins; 2, vhc, R. Burns, close up, fine head, grand qual., scarcely so good in front, but equal in sides, again well centred; 3, Barrie, good stamp, falls a shade in frontal, but extra good qual. of feather, well put on; 4, J. Burns, nice size and shape, shade rough on back of head. C.B., 1913 (7): 1, 4, R. Burns, wins, tip top size, big bold head, rare entrance, fine skull and plenty of feather, a likely one; 2, Barrie, good stamp, close up, shade narrower at entrance, but all there for feather; 3, Scott and Combe, beaten in entrance, but good body; vhc, J. Burns; hc, Sharp. P.B. CK. (4): 1, 2, Barrie, good all-round yell., tip-top order, a shade small, but lovely qual.; 2nd, nice bull, good front and head, A1 qual. of feather; 3, Sharp, nice full mark, shade thin in front, good head and wing carriage; 4, Law, large nat. col. yell., nice size and qual., fails a little in head, well judged class. BRIT. LARGE (3): 1, Barrie, good Misel, fine size and markings, very well staged; w.c., Bramble and Yellowhammer. SMALL (7): 1, Fairgrieve, good F.M. Bullf., grand col., fine size, good cap and bib, very well put down, closely followed by 2, Grant, tip-top Goldie, lovely cheeks grand tannings and rare size, tip topper, scarcely up in face yet; 3, vhc, McDonald, good nat. col. Siskin, grand cap and bib, fine lacing, good shape, exceedingly well staged; 4, c, Scott and Combe; vhc, Barrie. FOR. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Ogg, nice Paradise Whydah, in fine bloom, well put down, fine quality of feather; 3, good all round Bullf., nice col., but on the small side; 2, Barrie, White Javas, in grand order; 4, Bruce, grand Crimson Finch in full bloom, we thought might have gone up 2nd; vhc, McDonald. MULE or HYB. (4): 1, Bruce, tip-top var. Goldie, grand size and in rare order, well staged; 2, Allan, a nice Greenie-Bullie, fine size and good col., could be improved in staging; 3, Barrie, nice Dark Siskin, fine cap and markings, and in good trim; 4, Sanderson.

BUCKIE.

Held in Fishermen's Hall, Nov. 26, and passed off very successfully. Owing to its situation in the North of Scotland the entry of cage birds has never been very big, as these can only be drawn from the surroundings districts, the southern exhibitors not daring to venture the distance. This year, however, there was a marked improvement in this direction, and we are pleased to see a livelier interest is now being taken in the British bird section. The challenge cup for best bird was awarded Mr. Todd's winning Crest, a bird of much merit. Several of the Inverness winners put in an appearance here. Mr. James Garrow, Loanhead, judged, handling the exhibits carefully and well.

The Critique.

BORD., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Craig, scores in quality, smooth as a bottle; 2, Falconer, jaunty in carriage, good type and feather; 3, Harcombe, very neat; 4, Gifford, good shape and front; vhc, Connachie; hc, Grant. HEN (4): 1, Craig, again scores in cond., charming type, beautifully rounded; 2, Smith, very nice stamp, good size and body; 3, Stewart, nice col., type; 4, Falconer. BUFF CK. (4): 1, sp., Gifford, beautiful outline and polish; 2, Craig, wee size and cond., good qual.; 3, Smith, nice shape, well shown; 4, Falconer, fair, good head and wing carr. HEN (3): 1, Craig, fit as a fiddle, grand head and back; 2, Smith, nicely rounded, good shape and cond.; 3, Robertson Bros., good qual. VARIEG. (6): 1, sp., Connachie, pretty cinn. mark, faultless cond.; 2, Falconer, as good in cond., fairly good shape; 3, Gifford, another pretty Cinn. mark; 4, Smith, fair all-round buff; vhc, Fraser; hc, Robertson Bros. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, Fraser, good buff green, neat head; 2, Connachie, rich yell. green, we rather preferred. NOR., UNFLIG. (4): 1, Fraser, bonneting ticked buff, scores in size and qual.; 2, 3, Watt, buff and yell., both typical, and good in feather; 4, Allan, good qual. BUFF (4): 1, Mackie, wins well, best in size, qual., and style, well staged; 2, Grigor, very typical, plenty of size, nicely finished; 3, Grant, good, not so large; 4, Allan, good size, fair qual. YELL. (2): 1, Fraser, excellent type, good head and qual.; 2, Herd, good, excelling in head. VARIEG. (4): 1, sp., Mackie, excellent body, head, and carr., rare cond.; 2, Grigor, grand body and head, good size; 3, Robertson, good typical varieg. buff; 4, Stewart. CREST (3): 1, cup best in show, 2, Todd, 1st, well groom green Crest, grand size and shape; 2nd, big thick Crest, grand qual.; 3, Craigen, smaller Crest, well shown. C.B. (2): 1, Craigen, grand skulled varieg. buff, plenty of subs.; 2, Todd, well furnished buff, good skull and subs. GREEN OR CINN: 1, Allan, green, in nice cond. COL. FED YELL. (4): 1, sp., Strachan, very good in type, grand qual., and size; 2, Mackie, pressed closely, grand feather and subs.; 3, Donaldson, quite good in type, not so large; 4, McLennan. BUFF (8): 1, sp., Stewart and Sons, grizzle-marked bouncing bird of rare qual.; 2, Strachan, big and good varieg., grand head; 3, Allan, good shape and qual.; 4, hc, Craigen; vhc, Mackie. YORKS. (10): 1, 4, Shearer, very good buff and yell., winner excelling in cond., grand type; 2, 3, Wilkenson, both good type, very lengthy, close up; vhc, Junor; hc, Stannard. A.O.V. (2): 1, Todd, buff Scots Fancy, fair size, good shoulder and drive. PAIRS (3): 1, sp., Stannard, Yorks., straight and lengthy, splendid cond.; 2, Stewart and Sons, good bodied Nor., nice subs. and qual.; 3, Fraser, Nor., fair size. BRIT., SISK. OR REDPOLL (6): 1, Junor, good all-round Siskin, capital flank markings and cap, neat bib; 2, vhc, Young, Siskin, well up in col. and size, good bib; 3, Dalziel, fair, good col.; 4, Watt, very nicely marked; hc, Henderson. LINNET: 1, sp., Bird, steady, good coloured Linnet, plenty of size, good shape and pencilling. BULLF. (3): 1, 2, 3, Watt, 1st, grand headed hen, great size, col., and cond.; 2nd, glossy-capped cock, good breast, bars, and back; 3rd, another good coloured cock, close up. GOLDF. (3): 1, Harcombe, rare blaze for size and col., good breast, bars, and buttons; 2, Junor, big square blaze; 3, Fraser. GREENF. (4): Bird, big bouncing buff, massive head, grand bloom; 2, sp., Donaldson, another big one, nice head, capital col.; 3, 4, Grant, good size and shape. MULE, DARK (6): 1, 4, Watt, Inverness winners, great size, col., and cond.; 2, Duncan, well known Linnet Mule "Highland Leader," in great order; 3, Connachie, big, good col. Goldie, grand cond.; vhc, Strachan; hc, Menzies Bros. LIGHT: 1, Stanford, Goldf., nice size, head, and cond.; 2, Bird, marked cheek and wings, close up. SOFT-BILL: 1, sp., Duncan, Thrush, staged to perfection, wonderful spangling. A.O.V. BRIT. (2): 1, Fraser, good all-round Hawfinch, nice size and plumage; 2, Stewart and Sons, chaff., nice cond. FOR., GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, sp., Stewart and Son, square-blazed Goldfinch, nice size and cond. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Mair, 1st, good Parrakeet, for col. and cond.; 2nd, Cockatiel, nice size and perfect feather; 3rd, pretty Cutthroat. NOVICE, CK. (3): 1, Stannard, buff Yorks., straight, nice tail; 2, Fraser, good skulled Norwich; 3, Watt. HEN: 1, sp., Frazer, good varieg. Nor., nice head and type. GIFT (4): 1, Fraser; 2, 4, Stewart and Son; 3, Mair. LOCAL NOVICE, BRIT.: 1, Smith, Lesser Redpoll, b.m., nice markings and col. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Mair, 1st, good Rosella in grand order; 2nd, pretty Yellow Budgie; 4, Laing.

WIRKSWORTH.

Held in the Town Hall, Nov. 29. There was a very fair entry, and quality was A1. The withholding of several prizes caused a lot of grumbling among the exhibitors. The birds were staged to the best advantage in a well-lighted position, and everything done for the comfort of the exhibits. Mr. Charles Ward judged.

The Critique.

NORWICH CL., ETC. CK. (6): 1, withheld; 2, Brotherton, really good shape and size, nice colour and feather, good carr., wings and tail; 3, hc, Dean, wing mkd. yell., lovely col. and bloom, neat skull; res, Williams; vhc, Peddar; hc, Bull. HEN (5): 1, withheld; 2, Brotherton, wing mkd. buff, lovely type and qual., nice shape and size; 3, res, Dean, nice cl. buff, good type, latter rich yell., grand col., shape, neat body and wing carr.; vhc, Bull; hc, Peddar. A.O.V. CK. (10): 1, sp, Brotherton, cl. yell. Yorks, finely drawn, hot col., smooth feather, lovely pos. and style; 2, Bull, Green C.B., nice width of skull, good col. and feather; 3, Garton, Buff D.C., fair droop, nicely radiated, good subs. and feather; vhc, Thomas, Sheldon; hc, Richards, Dakin. HEN (6): 1, withheld; 2, Brotherton, buff Yorks, wing mkd., tight, smooth feather, lovely type and qual.; 3, c, Fox, varieg. Crest., nice droop and radiation, good qual. and type; vhc, Bull; hc, Williams. BRIT. (5): 1, withheld; 2, sp, 3, Bull, the noted Hawfinch, oft described, Tideswell diploma winner, looking at his best, latter nicely shown Bullie, rare breast col., good cap and bars, nice order; res, Williams, quality Goldie, looking a bit thick; vhc, Else. MULE OR HYB. (3): 2, Williams; res, vhc, Hayter. LOCAL CREST OR C.B.: 2, Webster, varieg. Crest; res, Potter. BRED 1913: 2, Potter; res, Botham. A.O.V. (10): 1, Sheldon, lovely cl. Yorks, nice style and pos.; 2, 3, members' cup, cl. buff Nor., nice head and neck, good col. and type; res, Potter; hc, Holbrooke.

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DUBLIN (South County).

Second annual show of the South County Dublin C.H.A., held Nov. 26 and 27, was a great success. Entries were thirty in excess of last year, making a total of 427. Unfortunately the fixture clashed with Cork, and received less than twenty entries from that district, whereas last year they had one hundred and forty. This clashing of shows in Ireland, where they are not so numerous as in England, might be avoided, both Cork and Dublin suffered through the occurrence. One could not find a more imposing building than the King-town Town Hall, and the interior is quite equal to its external appearance. The main hall, where the show is held is a large, roomy, well lighted place, and capable of holding double the number of birds quite comfortably, the staging was perfect, and so arranged that the exhibits were easily examined. Yorks. were the main feature of the show, and of these there was a grand gathering of most of the best in the North of Ireland, but we missed the bonny birds from Sligo, where Messrs. Devins, Mulligan and Tighe bred some of the best seen in the green island. Mr W. Sholdice, of Dublin, almost swept the deck in Non. Feds. In point of merit the novice birds were almost equal to the champion. Mr. Morgan's yell. ck., and Mr. Burtenshaw's buff, were both grand specimens. A few good Crests and Norwich made up the Canary section. There were some capital Hybrids, and British were quite high class. Mr. Mulcahy did well, his grand Chough once more added a prize to his already long list of honours. The management was all that one could desire. Mr. D. Synth, the sec., is painstaking and thorough in his methods, consequently everything went well without the slightest hitch. He has many willing helpers, among them being Messrs. O'Brien, Dwyer, Ward, Price, Waters, Beegan, Carroll, Sholdice, Keating, and others. The show was well patronised by visitors, and should be a decided success. CAGE BIRDS' 10s. champion special was won by Mr. D. E. Alexander, with a lovely Goldfinch-Bullfinch, and the novice by Mr. McKeon. Mr. H. Norman judged, and his awards met with very general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Keogh, wonderful length and style, well up on leg, good head and wing, hot col.; 2, Holley, not so hot in col., but all there for type and qual., beautifully cut away, fine cond.; 3, vhc, Keating, breedy, neat head, nicely rounded body, fine length, stands well, in competition order. HEN (5): 1, Keating, slim, neat type, good head, free neck, just enough shoulder, well braced wings, neat tail, grand cond.; 2, Hyland, shade smaller, but beautifully cut away, nicely moulded, fine length of wing, A1 cond.; 3, Gillen, shade fuller type, good head and shoulders, capital wings, nicely cut away to a good tail; vhc, he, O'Keeffe. BUFF CK. (10): 1, O'Reilly, capital body, right type, good head, closely fitting wings and neat tail, wonderful hot col., brim full of qual., best Yorks. in the show; 2, Hyland, not the colour or quite the sheen of winner, still a grand one, good length of wing, A1 con.; 3, vhc, Keating, pale col., but the right stamp, scarcely so nicely rounded, good head and wings, nice qual. feather. HEN (7): 1, Keogh, sweet exhibit, lovely type, nicely drawn, good bit of shoulder, capital wings, sound qual.; 2, 3, Hyland, nice length and style, well cut away, good legs, stands well, A1 qual.; 3, similar, but scarcely so nicely rounded, neat head and wings, good tail, well put down; vhc, Holley; he, Fleming; c, Keating. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (9): 1, O'Keeffe, wonderful pos., nicely modelled and rounded, grand length of wing, neat head, good legs, A1 qual.; 2, 3, vhc, Hyland, neck tkd., fine length, good head and shoulders, grand wings, wonderful qual., in the pink of cond.; 3, hot col., scarcely so good in wings as winners, still a good typical bird, fine qual. of feather; he, Fleming; c, Keogh. HEN (7): 1, Farrell, lovely Cinn. mkd., grand type, good shoulders, beautifully rounded and cut away, well up on leg, sweet lady, full of qual.; 2, 3, Keating, grand Cinn., not much between them, lovely type, grand qual. of feather, good head and wings, well put down; 3, varieg, nice stamp, hardly so good in wings, nor so nicely moulded, but still a good one; vhc, Fleming; he, O'Keeffe; c, O'Reilly. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Keogh, lovely wing tkd., grand length and type, nicely rounded head, good shoulders and wing, well up on leg, lovely qual.; 2, Power, varieg, wonderful length of body, good shoulders, nicely braced wings, neat tail, grand feather and cond.; 3, vhc, Keating, varieg., good stamp, hardly so good in wings, good back, well cut away; he, c, O'Keeffe. HEN (8): 1, O'Reilly, cheek tkd., not over large, but all there for type and qual. of feather, good head, back, and wings, sound cond.; 2, Power, grand head, tkd., larger, but hardly so nicely moulded, good head, and wings, capital cond.; 3, he, O'Keeffe, lovely wing tkd., fine length and style, beautifully rounded, capital wings, A1 qual. and cond.; he, Farrell; c, Holley. NON-FED YELL. CK. (5): 1, Lawless, grand length and style, stands well on good legs, good length of wing, grand cond.; 2, O'Byrne, good type, nicely cut away, good shoulders and back, well braced wings, neat tail, fine qual. of fenther; 3, vhc, he, Sholedice, fine length and style, hardly so good in head, but capital shoulders and wings, sound cond. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Sholedice, a grand team, lovely little lady leading, wonderful type and style, good shoulders and wings, and nicely cut away; 2, shade small, but all there for type and qual., nicely moulded; 3, wonderful length, hardly so clean in front, but good shoulders and wings, well up on leg, capital qual. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, c, Sholedice, grand bird leading, wonderful length and type, nicely moulded and cut away, grand shoulders and wings; 2, similar, good head, well filled back, close fitting wings, nicely drawn, A1 cond.; 3, he, O'Byrne, fine length, scarcely so nicely cut away as winners, still good head, back, and wings, grand qual.; vhc, Lawless. HEN (6): 1, Lawless, grand length, nicely moulded throughout, well up on legs, sound qual. of feather, in A1 cond.; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Sholedice, big bold bird, fine length, inclined to be a bit thick at waist, still good shoulders and back, grand wings; 3, smaller, but good type and qual., nicely drawn on good lines, tendency to drop tail at times, A1 cond. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Sholedice, another grand team, big neck tkd., leading, good head and shoulders, well braced wings, A1 qual., capital stock bird; 2, smart and clean cut, nicely moulded, well up on leg, neat tail, fine qual. of feather; 3, wee bit inclined to frill, nicely cut away, good wing, and tail, A1 cond. BUFF HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, still another good team, from the same aviaries, grand neck, tkd., leading, fine type and qual., in A1 cond.; 2, very smart, racy bird, nicely modelled and cut away, well up on leg, good wing; 3, hardly so nicely cut away, capital length and style, good wings, A1 qual., in fine fettle. NOV. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Morgan, fine lengthy bird, capital type and position, beautifully moulded and cut away, well braced wings, good tail; 2, 3, Burtenshaw, beauty, very close up, grand length and style, good shoulders and back, nice length of wings, sound qual.; 3, similar, little to choose between them, well drawn and moulded, fine pos. and qual.; vhc, Reilly; he, Whitty; c, Kavanagh. HEN (6): 1, McKeon, charming exhibit, clean cut, capital shoulders and back, closely fitting wings, grand cond.; 2, Jamison, Yorkie type, capital length and style, inclined to be a bit frilly, but cleanly cut, good wings; 3, Morgan, very hot col., bit smaller than winners, grand type, closely braced wings, well up on leg; vhc, Cappola; he, Mahon; c, Lattimore. BUFF CK. (9). 1, he, Burtenshaw, wonderful length and style, good bit of shoulders, capital, smart wing carr., neat tail, in the pink; 2, Mullin, all there for type and style, nicely moulded and drawn, well braced wings, grand cond.; 3, Reilly, good one although hardly so long in wings as winners, nicely drawn, capital qual.; vhc, McKeon; c, Wallis. HEN (5): 1, McKeon, a grand lengthy exhibit, beautifully modelled and drawn, good closely braced wings, neat tail, in the pink; 2, Whitty, just a wee bit thick, at waist, good head, shoulders, and back, grand wings, fine qual.; 3, Duff, fine length, rather rough in feather, and not the best of wings, still good pos. and style; vhc, Howard; he, Cappola. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, 3, c, McKeon, grand neck tkd., leading, fine length and pos., well up on legs, nicely rounded, good wings, fine cond.; 3, another tkd. bird, capital length and type, neat head, good shoulders and back, A1 qual. of feather; 2, Morgan, big varieg., capital pos. and style, nicely moulded, capital cond.; vhc, Jumlson; he, Lattimore. MKD. BUFF HEN (13): 1, he, McKeon, grand exhibit, sweet lady, nicely modelled and drawn, perfect wing carr., fine qual. of feather, sound cond.; 2, Jamison, romping neck, tkd., wonderfully good head, clean cut, capital wings, and tail, nicely feathered; 3, Morgan, very smart, Cinn., mkd., fine length and style, good pos., capital wings, A1 qual.; vhc, Kavanagh; c, Duff. CREST (7): 1, 2, Osborne, fine varieg Crest leading, capital size and shape, good droop from a capital centre, nice leafy feather; 2, var. C.B., grand size, big, massive skull, beautifully domed and packed, well lashed; 3, c, Gleeson, wing mkd., D.C., hardly so large but nice shape, neat frontal, grand qual. feather; vhc, he, Dwyer. HEN (2): 1, Gleeson, grand varieg. C.B., fine size and shape, plenty of feather, good skull, nicely packed and domed, grandly lashed; 2, Osborne, cl., fine size, grand frontal, nice droop. HYB. (7): 1, 2, Kennedy, capital four-pointed yell. Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, lovely qual. feather, grand cond.; 2, lightly mkd. buff, shapely, clean cut, tightly packed feather, well put down; 3, Water, capital varieg. Linuet, good size and shape, nice wild bird style, lovely qual.; vhc, he, Lavery. DK. GOLDF. (7): 1, Trunk, grand yell., fine size, bold head and front, good blaze, capital wings, A1 qual. and cond.; 2, Kennedy, smart yell., shapely, full of qual., nicely polished, capital col.; 3, Waters, shapely bull, somewhat smaller, but good qual.; vhc, Kelly; he, Kavanagh; c, Foster. LINNET-CAN. (4): 1, Alexander, bonny yell., grand size, shapely, clean cut, bold front, nicely packed wings A1 qual.; 2, vhc, Waters, lovely yell., full of qual., good shape and style, capital tone of col.; 3, Kennedy, bouncing buff, good head, full body, capital wings, A1 cond. A.O.V. (7): 1, Lavery, grand Can.-Bullf., wonderful size, capital, shape, nice dense markings, good tone of breast col., in the best of cond.; 2, Alexander, lovely Siskin-Can., capital size and shape, good rich dense marking, nice breast col., sound cond.; 3, Carroll, big bold, Greenf., grand massive bird, bit loose in feather, nicely put down; vhc, Owen and Magee; he, Carleton; c, Alexander. HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, Alexander, grand team; 1, 3, Goldie-Bullies, little to choose between them, both good size, dense, rich markings, grand blaze and breast col., in very fine cond.; 2, Goldf.-Twite, good size, and shape, capital wing bars, nice tone of col. throughout, capital qual.; vhc, Owen and Magee. GOLDF. (13): 1, he, Lavery, nice size and shape, rich, full blaze, good wings and tanning, full of polish, in the best of cond.; 2, Kennedy, grand shapely bird, rich expansive face, good bars and buttons, lovely qual.; 3, vhc, Mulcahy, grand size, capital shape, nice depth of tanning, good face, hardly qual. of winners, still a nice Finch; he, Lavery; c, Alexander. F.M. (7): 1, Waters, nice size and subs., well proportioned, good rich face, full of polish all over, lovely qual.; 2, 3, O'Byrne, little to choose between them, good in blaze, and tanning, capital wings, in fine cond.; vhc, Holley; he, Mulcahy; c, Jackson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Mulcahy, grand Redpoll, wonderful size and shape, good wing bars, nice tone of col., grand bib, in lovely order; 2, Water, nice Twite, very shapely, full of work, capital breast markings, A1 cond.; 3, Cloke, Redpoll, capital shape and bars, hardly the linish of winner, but beautifully laced; vhc, Furley. LINNET (12): 1, Holley, beauty for size and tone of col., nicely proportioned, grandly pencilled, good wings, lovely qual. and cond.; 2, he, Mulcahy, fine size, shape, and col., beautifully pencilled, scarcely so fit as winner, still a fine bird; 3, Lavery, very massive, nice qual. of feather, fails a bit in pencilling; vhc, Carroll; c, Mitchell. F.M. (9): 1, 3, he, Mulcahy, grand team winner, a beauty for size and shape, and grandly pencilled; 3, grand hen, wonderful size and shape, full of markings, sound, rich tone of col.; 2, Waters, fine size, full habit, grand col., nicely put down; vhc, Trunk; c, Ward. SKYLARK: 1, 2, Mulcahy, two bonny Skylarks, fine size and shape, grand cond. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Mulcahy, fine Blackbird, grand shape, dense, rich col. throughout, fine cond.; 3rd, bonny Thrush, capital size, good cond., hardly so regularly spotted as 2, Falkner, a charming exhibit, bold and shapely, beautifully mkd., grand cond. BULLF. (5): 1, Mulcahy, wonderful shape, good head and neck, grand cap, fine rich breast, plenty of polish, capital exhibit; 2, Lady Fairbairn, another good bird, nice size and correct shape, good cap, fine tone of col.; 3, Kavanagh, nice shape, scarcely so rich in col. as winners; vhc, Waters; he, Dwyer. HEN (6): 1, Ward, very fine shape, good type, nice cap, good full cheeks and neck, capital tone of col. throughout; 2, Furley, fine size, bold front, neat cap, capital col. and cond.; 3, Waters, full size and shape, hardly so good in cond., but capital col. and qual.; vhc, he, Mulcahy; c, Jolly. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, Waters, rattling good team, Chaffinch leading, grand bird for size and shape, good cap and wings, lovely tone of col., grandly feathered; 2, fine Bramble, hardly so big as some, still a grand bird for shape, col., and spangling; 3, good, bold Greenf., fine size, rich col. and qual.; vhc, he, Alexander; c, Carroll. SOFTBILL (5): 1, he, Mulcahy, magnificent Chough leading, grand bird for shape and density of plumage, good rich col., beak, and legs, very fine cond.; 2, vhc, Mrs. Rathbone, lovely Blackcap, nice size, good shape, splendid cap, in grand fenther; 3, Carroll, Barn Owl, tame, beautifully feathered. FOR. (8): 1, vhc, Mrs. Rathbone, very fine Ground Thrush, wonderful col., grand size and shape, very fine cond.; 2, he, Lowe, good Brazilian Hnngnest, fine size, rich col., good order; 3, Miss Gill, fine Amazon, grand size and cond., good col.; c, Mrs. Williams. LOCAL YORKS.

IRVINE.

Third open show, held Nov. 29, in Masonic Hall, a most comfortable one, being extra well lighted and free from draughts. The birds were nicely staged round the hall and down the centre, making a very nice display. The management of this fixture has nothing to learn in running a show, everything went like clockwork. Mr. H. M. Ferguson is a most obliging secretary, and is a most valuable asset to the society. Office bearers are Messrs. J. Nairn, Pres.; T. Cowan, vice; and a large and enthusiastic committee, viz., Messrs. McCall, Spratt, Rankin, J. Young, H. B. Young, McKean, Jeffrey, Harvie, Duncan, Alexander, Conner, Adraine, Savage, Murray, McGhee and Garthland. Entries were 11 in excess of last year. Borders were a feature of the show, and gave the judge a heavy day's work. Yorks. are gradually gaining favour in this district, and though the classes were not large, quality was good. British were well filled, and were a big attraction, some well known winners being forward. Mr. Morrie won Border Club's medal with a real gem, a cl. yell. hen. Judges were: Yorks and Nor., A Cant.; Bord., T. Findlay; Mules, Brit. and For., A. W. Watson. The awards seemed to please most of the exhibitors, as very little grumbling was heard.

The Critique.

NOR., CL or TKD. (6): 1, Murray, cl., great size, grand head, cobby build, hot col., wins; 2, Colley, cl., loses size and head, good width of chest, splendid cond.; 3, Jeffrey, large, fine shape and subs., good head, shade slack in feather; 4, McFarlane; 5, Candlish; 6, Clark. HEN cancelled. CK. BUFF cancelled. HEN (6): 1, Murray, cl., perfect model, fine thick-set body, grand head and neck, good wings; 2, Colley, good chubby cl., grand type, beaten size; 3, Jeffrey, excels in head properties, good col. and condition; 4, 5, Denay; 6, McKean. VARIEG. cancelled. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Candlish, grand cl., great depth of chest, grand cond.; 2, Dickie, saddle mkd., nice size, best of type, splendid feather; 3, 4, Mullin, leader heavy varieg., grand stamp throughout, nice qual.; 5, Black. UNFLIG. CK. (6): 1, 2, Colley, 1st, cl., capital size and subs., good wings and back, nice moulded front; 2nd, eye tkd., grand size, shade long on side, big bold head, good qual.; 3, Scott, cl., grand type, rare good wings, well shown; 4, Morgan; 5, Denay, 6, McKean. HEN (6): 1, McLean, varieg., grand col., fine feather, nice full front, rare head; 2, Scott, mkd. on wing, nice size, bit narrow on skull, shown in good order; 3, Kelly, good varieg., splendid type, very thick set, fails size; 4, Morgan; 5, Muir; 6, Jeffrey. BORD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, McKean, cl., correct weight and col., excels type and carr.; 2, Smillie, tkd. cap, splendid col. and size, fine carried wings; 3, N. Aitken, good jaunty cl., capital size, true type, fails cond.; 4, Cunningham; 5, Marshall; 6, Young. HEN (15): 1, Mossie, medal winner, beauty for style and col., good round head, grand wings and tail, sweet qual., perfect order; 2, McKean, similar, loses qual. and carr., splendid type; 3, Cunningham, cap tkd., fine head, good level col., grand texture of feather, nice jaunty carr.; 4, R. Aitken; 5, Clark; 6, Smillie. CK. BUFF (15): 1, Cunningham, grand level col., neatest of heads, excellent type, splendid carr.; 2, Krozen, very sweet cl., nice weight, neat wings, jaunty carr., presses hard; 3, R. Aitken, finely tapered, faultless cond., superb col., well placed; 4, Niven; 5, N. Aitken; 6, Cree. HEN (16): 1, 4, Kilpatrick; 1st, wee charmer, lovely texture of feather, rich and level colour, charming style; 3, Smillie, smaller size, nicely rounded, rare condition; 5, Spratt; 6, Niven. EVEN MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Smillie, grand even cinn. mkd., wonderful cond., very tight feather, easy win; 2, Hamilton, beauty, perfectly mkd., grand carr., nice type and size; 3, Clark, mkd. wings, nice size, finely rounded, feathered like wax, fails carr.; 4, Fraser; 5, Kirkhope; 6, Alexander. BUFF (13): 1, Cunningham, beautiful type, very free carr., grand col. and cond.; 2, Montgomery, very neat wings and tail, nice qual., shade too much leg; 3, Willison, slightly mkd. on wings, very fine shape, beautiful feather; 4, Murray; 5, Hume; 6, Gibson. GREEN (7): 1, Marshall, neat shape, lovely feather, best of head, pure col.; 2, Murray, shade smoky in col., grand type, very jaunty carr.; 3, Hamilton, brightest col. in class, fails type to leaders, in excellent feather; 4, Whitelaw; 5, McCall; 6, Nairn. CINN. (10): 1, 3, 5, Murray, grand team, excelling in purity of col., leader best type and carr., correct weight, nicely rounded; 2, Marshall, cl. in col., very round head, grand size, well placed; 4, Hamilton; 6, Whitelaw. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, Lovie, grand cl., fine length, well up on leg, nice qual.; 2, Telfer, very stylish cl., grand length and pos., nicely drawn; 3, Bullen, fails in length and pos., good qual. and subs.; 4, Stewart. HEN cancelled. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Telfer, great length, cap mkd., very fine feather, best of stand, easy win; 2, R. Stewart, cl., fine length, beaten cond., takes bold stand; 3, McLean, wing tkd., very stylish, well up on leg, grand cond.; 4, Cook. CREST and C.B. cancelled. LT. MULE or HYB. (5): 1, Pirrie, Redpoll-Bullie, excellent order, shows parentage clearly, Mealy 'Poll, fine size and markings, wins; 2, 4, McQuiston and Paterson; 2nd, tkd. Greenie, fine size, in perfect cond., very steady, well staged; 3, McLean, Goldie-Bullie, fine finish, not a large one, but good col., worth its place; 5, Neill. DARK (7): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, monster Greenie, great col., very full chest, fine bold head; 2, Lyall, Linnet, fine size and cond., nicely pencilled; 3, 4, Adams, leader Goldie, showing fine face; 5, Duncan; 6, Cowan. GOLDF. (8): good class; 1, Conkie and London, good Finch, nice size, blaze of good shape, nicely buttoned; 2, Wallace, larger face than winner, nicely cut, might have changed places; 3, Sykes, smaller, hardly ready yet, good expanse of blaze; 4, 5, Guthrie and Son; 6, Metcalfe. BULLF. (9): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, well known winner, grand col., large size, fails cap and bars to winner; 3, Wallace, similar to 2nd, better back col.; 4, Lyall; 5, Bell; 6, Davidson. GREENF., Fed (4): 1, 3, Cowan, beauties, leader largest in class, very full neck, grand head, just a trifle hard in col.; 2, Conkie and London, falls size and flights, otherwise good; 4, McQuiston and Paterson. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Sykes, very level col., grand chubby type, large head, shows big flights; 2, Pirrie, hardly the col., nice size, very steady, slimmer in build; 3, Conkie and Loudon, larger than 2nd, shows better flights, rich even colour, fails steadiness; 4, Mason. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, 2, McQuiston and Paterson, well known winners, at top of their form to-day, little between them, easy winners; 3, Conkie and Loudon, shade darker in front, but open, well placed; 4, McLean; 5, Miller; 6, Davidson. F.M. (6): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, great size, very bold front, pencilled right across, shows great flights, steady as a rock; 2, Conkie and London, falls size and pencilling, but still good; 3, Davidson, equal to 2nd, just a wee shade open on front; 4, Metcalfe; 5, Adams; 6, Gribbon. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, Twite, great size and col., splendid pencilling, well staged; 2, Wason, Siskin, large bib and cap, well pencilled flanks, grand col.; 3, Conkie and London, well fed Siskin, nice size, faint bib, superb cap and flanks; 4, Ferguson; 5, Pirrie; 6, Henderson. LESSER 'POLL (8): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, needs no comment, big winner; 2, Lyall, large size, grandly pencilled, very bold front, loses in col. to winner; 3, Conkie and London, lacks work on front to leaders, nice distinct bib, fine size; 4, Dale; 5, Pirrie; 6, Shields. A.O. FINCH or BUNTING (6): 1, Sykes, superb Hawfinch, grand bib, very bright colours, monster for size, in best of condition, wins; 2, 3, McQuiston and Paterson; 2nd, well known Corn Bunting, steady as a rock, pencilled from beak to tail; 3rd, equally good Bramble, not col. on front, beautifully spangled back, fine mantle; 4, Livingston; 5, Conkie and Loudon; 6, Davidson. LINNET (11): 1, Sykes, very large Greenie, bit harsh in col., very full front, great wing flights for a lady; 2, 4, he, McQuiston and Paterson, lovely Linnet, could win a cock class, ideal col., front one mass of work, must have pressed very hard; 3, Gentleman, Bullie, good size and col., bit slack in feather; 5, McCloy; 6, Lyall. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Henderson, Waxwing, very distinct tips, feathered like a Java, not over large; 2, McLean, Bearded Tit, well shown, quite at home, jet black beard, rich coloured back and chest; 3, Duncan, Waxwing, monster for size, too dark in col., fails tips to winner; 4, Cowan; 5, McCloy. FOR. (7): 1, 4, McFarlane, grand Gouldian leading, great attraction, very bright colours; 2, McCreadie, fine pair Love Birds, grand coloured faces; 3, McCreadie; 5, Duncan; 6, Miller. MEMBERS' NOR. (11): 1, 5, Cowan, leader good typical neck tkd.; 2, 3, McKean, fails type, still good; 4, Mullen; 6, Gilles. BORD. CL. OR TKD. CK. (14): 1, McCall; 2, Ferguson; 3, 5, Nairn; 6, Garthland; 4, Niven. HEN (17): 1, Alexander; 2, 5, Kilpatrick; 3, Nairn; 4, Krozen; 6, McGhee. A.O. COL. CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, Murray; 4, Alexander; 5, McColl; 6, Nairn. HEN (7): 1, 3, McColl; 2, Murray; 4, Alexander; 5, Wilson; 6, Krozen. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Cowan; 2, Duncan; 4, Savage; 5, 6, Robertson.

DUBLIN—Continued.

CK. (21): 1, 2, c, Beegan, grand neck mkd. buff, fine length and type, grand cond.; 2, good yell., typical, nicely cut away, capital wings; 3, Coghlan, bold buff, grand length and style, good feather; vhc, Duffy; he, Dowd, Gleeson; c, Falkner. HEN (16): 1, vhc, Beegan, capital buff, racy, grand style, neat wing carr., good legs, A1 cond.; 2, Gleeson, good long yell., nicely cut away, well braced wings, good shoulders; 3, Clery, big buff, wee bit frilly, good wings and tail, capital qual.; he, Goodman; c, Duffy. NOR.: 1, vhc, Beegan, bonny yell., fine bold bird, grand size, cleanly cut, good head and back, sound col. and qual.; 2, Price, grand buff, bold and massive, neat, full head, good width of shoulders, sound cond.; 3, Gleeson, buff, scarcely so massive, nicely cut away, lovely qual; he, Reilly. HEN (7): 1, Coghlan, lovely yell., grand stamp, bold, full front, good head, capital wings, A1 qual. and cond.; 2, Price, wonderfully big, massive buff, grand shape with nice full head and neck, good wing carr., grand qual. feather; 3, Dwyer, big buff, nice type, good head, sound cond.; vhc, he, Reilly; c, Price. A.O.V.: 1, Dwyer; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Beegan. GOLDF.: 1, he, Foster; 2, Bryne; 3, vhc, c, Reilly. LINNET: 1, 2, Foster; 3, he, Falkner; vhc, Bryne; c, Wood.

WHITBY.

28th annual show held Nov. 26, in the Market Hall, a place well adapted for the purpose, having plenty of light. The thirteen classes provided brought an entry of about 110 birds, which we are certain could be considerably increased by more advertising and a little better classification. Yorks. numbered 14 in the two classes, the chief honours falling to Miss Pyman. In the Norwich unflighted, Mr. Parlett won with a grand clear buff, good all round, and shown in the pink of condition. The main feature of the show was the British, several of this season's first prize winners being on view. Mr. Inman scored first with a real good Linnet of beautiful shape and markings; in the A.O.V. class, containing 13 birds, some champion birds were on view. We could easily pick out seven birds good enough for premier honours, Mr. Parlett's beautiful Bramble having to stand down to an extra good Goldfinch shown by Mr. Inman. In the two cup classes for unflighted, bred within fifteen miles, the cup presented by Dr. Mitchell was won by Mr. Fletcher with a varieg. yellow Nor., a bird of grand type, and hot colour. The cup presented by Miss Coble fell to Mr. Walker, with a fine yellow Yorks. The management under sectional Sec. Mr. Harland and a good band of stewards was all that could be desired. Mr. F. Marwood, Eaglescliffe, judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS., CL., ETC. (7): 1, 4, Miss Pyman; 2, Prossey; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Rand; he, Smith; c, Smith. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 3, Miss Pyman; 2, Fletcher; 4, Rand; vhc, Welbourne; he, Sample; c, Prossey. NOR. CL., ETC. (4): 1, Fletcher; 2, 3, Rand; 4, Parlett. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Parlett; 2, he, c, Walker; 3, 4, Harland; vhc, Fletcher. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Fletcher; 2, Calam; 3, Dixon. BULLF. (3): 1, Marrett; 2, Stamp; 3, Inman; 4, Brown; vhc, Macpherson; he, Hutchinson. LINNET, F.M. (13): 1, Rawson; 2, he, Stamp; 3, Walker; 4, c, Hutchinson; vhc, Brewster. H.M. (9): 1, Inman; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, 4, Parlett; vhc, Macpherson; he, no name; c, Walkinson. A.O. SMALL SEEDEATER (13): 1, 3, Inman; 2, 4, Parlett; vhc, Henderson; he, Glasby; c, Macpherson. PARROT, ETC. (9): 1, Brown; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Wedgewood; 4, Clarkson; vhc, Winspear; he, Cook; c, Sedman. Dr. Mitchell's Cup (12): 1, cup, Fletcher; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Harland; he, Walker; c, Porrett. Miss Coble's Cup: R. H. Walker.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Fifth members' show of the year, held Nov. 25, at Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Messrs. R. Halliday (Shipley) and H. H. Towers (Keighley) judged, and gave every satisfaction; 79 birds were staged in 14 classes, and keen competition was manifest in many classes, the results of which were eagerly awaited to ascertain possible chances for the final show, Dec. 27. Most points with 4 highest birds were secured by the following in their sections: Messrs. G. White, J. Northrop, W. Laycock, S. Woad, W. Myers, and W. Walker.

CHAMP. CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Midgley; 2, Priestley; 3, White; 4, he, Walker; vhc, Stables; c, Northrop. CL. or TKD. BUFF (7): 1, 4, c, White; 2, vhc, Northrop; 3, Midgley; he, Priestley. UNEVEN (2): 1, Northrop; 2, White. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Stables; 2, c, Laycock; 3, he, Northrop; 4, Midgley. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Walker; 2, White; 4, Priestley. UNEVEN (8): 1, Walker; 2, 4, vhc, Laycock; 3, Northrop; he, White; c, Midgley. NOV. CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, W. Walker; 2, he, c, Myers; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Fielding; vhc, Rushworth. BUFF (7): 1, Wood; 2, 3, Myers; 4, vhc, he, Rushworth; c, Taylor Bros. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. or BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Woad; 4, W. Walker. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Wroe; 2, he, Rushworth; 3, vhc, Taylor Bros.; 4, W. Walker; c, Woad. BUFF (7): 1, Woad; 2, Walker; 3, Fielding; 4, vhc, Rushworth; he, Wroe; c, Myers. UNEVEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, Woad.—H. Hill, Sec.

READING.

12th annual show held at the Palmer Hall, Nov. 26. The show was under the guidance of Mr. Pyke, whose tremendous efforts to make a record of show were amply rewarded, for entries were 40 more than last year. He was assisted by Mr. O. C. Smith, and a hard working committee, comprising Messrs. Brooker, Viner, Yates, Avis, Munday, Dearlove, Tremlett, Laurence, Maisey, E. T. Smith, and Hayward, who worked hard in unpacking and packing birds, and all birds were out of hall by 9.45 p.m. The entries were the best ever seen at Reading, quantity and quality being in great evidence. Norwich were a grand lot, in unlighted buff Mr. Litchfield had hard lines, his bird arriving too late for judging, it was a sure winner, although Mr. Saunders, the winner, had a beauty in a variegated bird of rare size. Open Yorks. were even a bit better than Norwich, some birds of rare length, colour, and feather being staged. British open were a little disappointing, two classes having to be cancelled; but Goldies were an eye-opener. Foreign classes were well filled, and were a great attraction to all visitors. Parrakeets were a beautiful lot, Mr. Acton getting nearly all the honours, his Blue-crowned Hanging being a lovely pair. In A.O.V. larger than Budgerigar, Mr. Cox exhibited an unknown variety, and, although a special prize was offered to name it correctly, it was still nameless when show was over. Members' classes were not quite so good as previous years, but held grand birds. In amateur memb. a Norwich unlighted yell. shown by Mr. Church carried off the cup for the best bird bred by amateur or novice. In novice members' classes the unlighted yell. or buff Norwich was the largest class in show, bar pet class, and the quality of birds speaks well for members' future. Novice Yorks. were a failure, only totalling 7 in three classes. The children's pet bird class was a great success, and secretaries should make a note of this, as it brings in a lot of gate money. The special prize to member selling most tickets was won by Mr. E. J. Smith, £1 4s. worth, Mr. O. C. Smith being a good second with £1 0s. 6d. Mr. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Kelly, tkd., lovely colour, full of qual., good head, neck, and back, nice shape and subs., wings perfect, lovely cond.; 2, Silk, cl., good bird, not so neat in wings and head; 3, Lees, tkd., not such good col. or shape, but nice feather; vhc, Saunders; hc, Anderson Bros.; c, Simmons. BUFF (9): 1, Saunders, rare col., nice shape, good back, wings well braced, full neck, a wee bit long; 2, 3, Hill, 2nd var., big bird, good col., rattling shape, nice round chest, good head and neck; 3rd, tkd., nice bird, beaten here for size, shape, and col.; vhc, Folwell; hc, Cooper; c, Kilby. NOR. HEN (9): 1, Saunders, cl. buff, rare type, lovely feather and col., well across perch, grand back, wings well packed and neat tail; 2, Folwell, yell., topper, grand col., magnificent shape, plenty of subs., nice head, back, and wings, clean cut away behind; 3, Lees, buff, short and thick set, good bird, nice round chest, good col., bit slack in wing; hc, Dearlove; c, Simmons. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Folwell, beauty, nice shape, feather, and qual., good head, neck, and back, good wings and tail, grand carr.; 2, vhc, Lewin, nice col. and shape, beaten at all points by winner; 3, Mrs. Williams, falls a bit in head and tail; hc, Saunders; c, Kilby. BUFF (10): Litchfield, too late for judging, or would have won; 1, Saunders, var., beautiful bird, grand shape and size, wings well braced, and tail tight and close, grand bird, nicely rounded chest (romps home); 2, hc, Lewin, cl., good col. and qual., nice head and flights, inclined to cross at tips, nice back; 3, Saunders, cl., nice col. and shape, nice sound chest, full neck, not so tight; vhc, Simmons; c, Mrs. Williams. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Avis, cl., nice pos., well braced wings and neat tail, well on leg, grand feather and col., like wax; 2, 3, Hawes Bros., cl., rare length and pos., good col., nice back, well on leg, not quite so smooth on breast; 3rd, cl., good pos., nice pipe tail, good qual., not so narrow in shoulders; vhc, Hayter; hc, Bousfield; c, Hayter. BUFF (6): 1, Hawes Bros., cl., nicely drawn out, lovely feather, neat head, good long flights and tail, narrow shoulders, stands well; 2, Mrs. E. Holliday, cl., nice length, good head, neck, and back, fine pos., not quite so clean at thigh as leader; 3, Webster, grand feather, nice back and shoulders, good flights and tail, good length, hardly the pos.; vhc, Mrs. Ballard; hc, White; c, Harris. HEN: 1, 2, Hawes Bros., 1st var., grand col., feather, and qual., stands well on a good pair of legs, nice flights and tail, in good form; 2nd, tkd., good feather, well drawn out, well on leg, nice tail, smooth as a glass bottle; 3, White, yell., nice qual. of feather, pipe tail, nice back, not quite the length; vhc, Webster; hc, Bousfield; c, Avis. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Hawes Bros., long, raking, well drawn out, nice col. and feather,, long flights and tail, stands well; 2, 3, Olding, 2nd var., beautiful bird, nice col. and feather, good pos., well on leg, not the length; 3rd nice bird, with a lovely dark tail, ought to be a hen; vhc, Yates; hc, Hayter; c, Webster. BUFF (4): 1, Holliday, var., lot col., nice pos., feather, and style, well on legs; 2, White, shade more length, not so foxy in feather, nice head and back, good pos.; 3, vhc, Grant. A.O.V. (8): 1, c, Messrs. Andrews Bros., cinn., nice bird, good shape and subs., well across perch, wings nice, good round head; 2, Reeken, Gold. Lizard, a rarity to Reading, beautiful bird, much admired, markings and cap perfection, grand cond.; 3, vhc, Ford, Crest, nice size, plenty of feather, well carried, crest nice, round and smooth; vhc, Mrs. E. Holliday. GOLD. (15): 1, 2, Acton, 1st gem, rare size, beautifully marked, well tanned chest, grand square blaze, col. a very rich red, wings well carried, and marked, a runaway victory, would hold its own anywhere; 2nd same stamp of bird, but easily beaten col. and marking; 3, Fleetwood, nicely mkd., good cond., nice square blaze, looked small when compared to winner; vhc, Bowler; hc, Shelcott; c, Pearce. A.O. BRIT., SMALL (6), 1, Andrews Bros., pair of Bearded Reedlings, one of the tit-bits of show, cock beautifully mkd., feathers tight and like wax, hen also grand col., both in grand cond.; 2, Burrows, Redstart, grand col., very steady, showed himself to perfection; 3, hc, Miss W. Philcox; vhc, Paunsett; c, Mrs. Haysom. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, Lamb, Greenf.-Chaffinch, good size, showing parentage well, markings good, but not over good in col., and rather wild; 2, W. White, Greenf. Bullie, a beautiful bird, that was admired more than winner, steady, lovely col., markings A1, and grand cond.; 3, White, Linnet-Bullie, another grand bird, perhaps a bit small, but markings all that is required, very steady, and grand cond.; vhc, Lees; hc, Rose; c, Lomer. SELL. £1: 1, Montgomery; 2, Dearlove; 3, Rukin; vhc, Mrs. English; hc, Vince; c, King. 12/6: 1, Dearlove; 2, Rukin; 3, O. C. Smith. PARROTS, ETC. (9): 1, Muscott, Eclectus, a good bird, plumage and colour being brilliant, wins well; 2, Sugden, Moluccan Cockatoo, massive bird, feather and col. perfect, a great favourite with all visitors; 3, Leaver's Senegal Parrot, good size and col.; vhc, Mrs. Pyke, blue-fronted Amazon; hc, Giles; c, Sugden. PARRAKEET (8): 1, 2, 3, Acton, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeets, beautiful pair, colour great, and in lovely cond.; 2, Lineulated Parrukeets, pair of grand birds, not much to choose between them and winners; 3, Bourke's Parrakeets; vhc, Acton, Toyl Parrakeets; hc, Sugden. A.O. LARGE (5): 1, Acton, Shama, grand feather, tail beautiful, in grand cond.; 2, Stewart, pair white-winged Silky Starlings, a nice pair of birds, shown in best of cond.; 3, Acton, Malabar Fruitsucker, pretty bird, well shown; vhc, Andrews Bros., glossy Starling; hc, Cox, name not known, believed to be the only one in England. SMALL: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Acton, team of lovely birds; 2, Slade, Bluewing Tanager, a pretty bird, well shown, and only beaten by qual. of 1st. MEMB. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2 Dearlove, 1st grand head, lovely col., well carried wings, tail dropped slightly, best of cond.; 2nd, not quite the qual and col. of winner; 3, vhc, Lovegrove, 3rd nicely across perch, plenty of subs., good col. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Lovegrove, nice round head, grand back and chest, splendid shape, fine texture of feather, good col.; 2, Wren, grand bird, chubby, nice qual., hardly so tight in feather; 3, Dearlove, nicely shaped body, not best of wing carr., good col. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, Dearlove, rare team, all massive birds, lovely col.; vhc, hc, Lovegrove; c, Lewin. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Dearlove, grand birds massive, beautiful col., nice backs and chests, smooth as glass; 3, Lovegrove, nice bird, should develop into a good one, not in best of cond.; vhc., Lewin; hc, c, Brooker. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Dearlove, 1st topper, nice neat head, grand qual. of feather, sound col., good wing carr., very steady; 2nd, not quite so steady, nice head, a wee bit longer than winner; 3, Lewin, one that will be heard more of, nice back and chest, good col., bit slack at thighs; vhc, Lovegrove; hc, Lewin. YORKS. CL., ETC., YEL. (8): 1, Giles, grand upstanding Yorks, splendid col. and finish, a popular win; 2, King, nice bird, fails to winner in length and col.; 3, Avis, nice length, wants tightening; vhc, Roser; hc, Montgomery; c, Turner. BUFF (8): 1, Roser, good length, stands well, fine head, grand wings and tail; 2, Turner, well up on leg, nice quality of feather, good wings; 3, hc, King, plenty length, grand pos., light in feather; vhc, c, Montgomery. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Montgomery, bit small, but a lovely buff, close and compact in feather, good col., wins well; 2, King, much bigger, but not the shape and quality of winner; 3, Turner, long and slim, good wings and tail, not good in feather; hc, Giles; c, Avis. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Avis, plenty of length, grand pos., finely drawn body, good wings and tail, fine qual.; 2, vhc, King, well set up on leg, long, slim body, excellent wing, grand feather and cond.; 3, Turner, fine length and pos., good head, neck, and back, not so fine drawn; hc, Roser; c, Ward. BUFF (8): 1, Ward, excellent length, fine wedge shape, well on leg, good wing and tail, very close feather; 2, Rosser, long and slim, neat head and neck, good feather; 3, vhc, Avis, 3rd nice bird, good wings and tail, low on legs; hc, King; c, Roser. CRESTS (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Pike, 1st well away from others; 3, Price; c, Colburn. C.B.: 1, 3, S. Pike, 1st smart bird, nice wings and tail, in good cond.; 2, Colburn, not the size or shape of winner; vhc, Miss Philcox. A.O.V. (2): 1, Gough, cinn., nice bird, rather a set-back for other exhibit, a white Canary, belonging to J. Goldsmith. MULES (6): 1, Gough, nearly light Goldf.-Can., nice col., grand wing carr., very steady; 2, dark Goldf.-Can., good col.; 3, Munday, Siskin-Can., typical, bit wild, col.-fed, looks well; vhc, Goldsmith; hc, Goldsmith;. GOLDF.. (8): 1, May, very nice, good sq. blaze, nicely marked wings; 2, Gough, very steady, nicely marked, not such a good blaze; 3, Meadowcraft, better blaze than 2nd, not so big or good in col.; vhc, Vince; hc, Eggleton; c, Vince. BULLF. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Wern, 1st nice big bird, well marked bib, could be a bit brighter col.; 2nd, similar, but not the size; 3, Vince, nice chubby bird, not so nice in wings or col.; c, Chubb. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Vince; 2, Montgomery; 3, Munday; 4, May. AMAT. NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, Church, nice var. buff, plenty subs., good head, nice col., good cond.; 2, O. C. Smith, nice yell., big bird, good col. and cond.; 3, vhc, May, yell., close up; hc, c, Price. HEN (5): 1, May, nice buff, round head, neat wings and tail, good col., and cond.; 2, Larcombe, buff, nice bird, fails in head to winner; 3, Frewin, beautiful buff, nice size, neat head, might have been one up; vhc, O. C. Smith; hc, Price. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Church, 1st topper, splendid shape, nice size, level wings, good qual. and col. (wins amateur cup); 2, vhc, c, Pyke, 2nd close up to winner, but not quiet in same cond.; c, May. UNFLIG. BUFF (7): 1, Frewin, beauty, tkd., nice head and neck, good in all points; 2, vhc, c, Church, 2nd nice tkd. bird, good in shape, nicely rounded body, good qual. of feather; 3, Larcombe, not quite the quality of winners. YORK. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Cooke, grand length, good legs, slim body, good type and condition, lovely col.; 2, Ward, nice bird, but not so upright as winner; 3, Cooke, good one, but fails in wings and tail; vhc, Tremlett; hc, Thomas; c, Miss Philcox. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Cooke, winner straight as a gun barrel, good qual. and col.; 2, Ward, long and slim, neat head and wings; vhc, Price; hc, Thomas. HEN (7): 1, Ward, gem, capital length, well set up, nice round shoulders, grand wings and tail, good col.; 2, hc, Cooke, another fine bird, just fails in wings; 3, vhc, Thomas, 3rd rather small, but good cond. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Cooke, winner a grand bird, close and compact feather, good length of leg, good col.; 2, Tremlett, fails a bit in head and pos.; 3, Ward, good length, nice wings and col. BUFF (3): 1, Price, very stylish, good legs, nice wings and tail, good col.; 2, Ward; 3, Cooke; vhc, Cooke. NOV. NOR. CL. OR MK. BUFF (6): 1, Larcombe; 2, c, Mrs. Bartlett; 3, vhc, hc, Emmerson. HEN (5): 1, Mrs. Bartlett; 2, Eggleton; 3, O. C. Smith; vhc, Larcombe; hc, Munday. UNFLIG. (17): 1, McCullum, nice grizzle buff, bit long, but nice qual. and col., good head; 2, 3, O. C. Smith, 2nd cl. buff, also long, bit pinched in head, nice wings and good col.; 3rd, bigger bird, better back, bit slack at thighs, but might have been 2nd; vhc, hc, Emmerson; c, Munday. YORKS. (3): 1, 3, Hebburn; 2, Miss Philcox. YORKS., UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Hebburn; 3, Chubb. NAT. COL.: vhc, Chubb. A.O.V. NOR. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Meadowcraft; 3, Eggletou. CHILDREN'S PET CLASS (19): 1, best boys' special, Baden Smith; 1, best girls' special, Ena Herrington; 2, vhc, Constance Albury; 3, Jack Slaughter; c, Fred Munday.

LARKHALL C.B A.

First table show of Norwich held Nov 29 in Y.M.C.A. Halls. There was a nice entry and good turnout of members. Mr. W. Campbell, President of Uddingston Club, judged to everyone's satisfaction. YELL.: 1, 4, Rundell; 2, Pollock; 3, McEwen; 5, 6, McLean. BUFF: 1, 2, 5, McEwan; 3, Rundell; 4, Kennedy; 6, McLean. Table show of Borders, Dec. 13, yell., buff. Judge, Mr. T. Allan, Hamilton; judging competition, Dec. 27, A.V. Mule, Cl. Borders. Letter was read from Mr. Cosgrove, sec. of Uddingston, stating that special of £2 offered at their show Nov. 22 for society gaining most points had been won by Larkhall C.B.A. with 157 points.—Allan Thomson, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST

SAD SLUMP IN ENTRIES.

Annual show held Nov. 29 in the Council Schools, Girlington. The room is an ideal place for a show being well lighted and free from draughts. Entries came up very poorly, only 261 in 26 classes, a very bad average for the Yorkshiremen; most of them must be holding back for the National Show next week. The society is sure to drop a lot at this show, as only four classes had sufficient entries to pay their own prize money. This was very disappointing in view of the patronages and trophies and competitions which had to be competed for, also it being a CAGE BIRDS Coupon Show. Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) judged, and gave general satisfaction. In champion classes Mr. H. H. Towers, with his Hc. yell. winner in Class 3, wins the 10s. spl., and Mr. Tidswell will take the Diploma with 1st in Class 13, seeing that Mr. Towers has won a Diploma before. In novices Mr. Chew, of Leeds, takes the cash special with a buff cinn. mkd. hen, winner in Class 21; a good one. The quality all round was not quite up to the standard of the Union shows, and several of the best will seem to have got new clothes on next week. The management was excellent considering they had the stulling taken out of them with such a poor entry. Pres. Mr. Crabtree was there working as hard as anyone, and Sec. Mr. Cooper had charge, and did his duty well, being ably assisted by Mr. Kilburn. The show stewards were Messrs. Terry, Greaves, Clegg, and Bennett, and were assisted by most of the committee.

Champion Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (5): 1, Radley, grand length, nice head and neck, very fine and tapering, well braced wings, pipe tail, plenty of nerve, stands well up on good legs, a gem; 2, Pickup and Son, nice length, very stylish, level col., good head, A1 pos., not quite as well drawn as winner; 3, Dykes, nice col., grand shape and style, lovely qual., only fails in head; 4, Tidswell, grand length, neat wings and tail, has not the length; vhc, Drake. BUFF (6): 1, Mason, rich col., nice length, grand head and neck, lovely qual., plenty of nerve, good back, well-fitting wing, pipe tail, stands correct; 2, Ogden Bros., grand length, silky feather, very stylish, only fails in col.; 3, Shackleton, wonderful length, nice shape, stands well up on good legs, good stock bird; 4, Drake, nice length, good head and neck, grand qual., not quite as straight; vhc, Dyson; hc, Chittenden. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Towers, wing tkd., nice length, grand shape and style, excels in col., lovely qual., gets well up on legs, shows plenty of nerve, well fitting wings and tail; 2, 4, Snead, wing tkd., plenty of length, very stylish, good head and neck, only fails in col.; 4th, tkd. on head and neck, wonderful length, beautiful feather, well placed wings; 3, Crabtree, wing tkd., plenty of length, nicely feathered, plenty of nerve, nice style; vhc, Cooper; hc, Dykes. BUFF (10): 1, Lister, tkd. wing, grand head, splendid style, very rich col., plenty of nerve, capital legs and feet, nicely made throughout, in fine cond.; 2, Thomas, wing tkd., grand head and neck, good length, well fitting wings and tail, not quite as good in col., and a shade stouter; 3, Bennett, wing tkd., beautiful qual., very stylish, not as long; 4, Ogden Bros., wing tkd., grand shape, well filled up, only fails in wing carr.; vhc, hc, Dyson; c, Shaw Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Ogden Bros., cl. yell., plenty of length, grand head and neck, wings and tail perfect, rich level col., silky feather, stands on good legs, well benched; 2, Bennett, cl., splendid feather, sound in col., nice length, wings and tail carr. well; 3, Cowgill and Son., cl., nice length, very stylish, not quite as tight; vhc, Shaw Bros., cl., beautiful qual. and shape, stands well, only fails in col.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Towers; c, Shackleton. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Shackleton, cl., nice length, grand head and neck, well filled all round, wings and tail correct, full of bloom, stands well up on good legs, a beauty; 4th, wonderful length, nice shape, rich qual., make good stock bird; 2, Ogden Bros., cl., beautifully feathered, neat wings and tail, not as long-sided as 1st; 3, Dykes, cl., grand qual., plenty of nerve, very breedy; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Midgley; c, Snead. UNFLIG. HENS (15): 1, Dykes, yell., tkd. on neck, wonderful qual., rich level col., grand cond., well placed wings and tail; 2, Crabtree, cl. buff, grand head, splendid style, full of nerve, stands well up, wings correct, pipe tail, some preferred this; 3, Ambler, cl. yell., plenty of length, richly feathered, nicely drawn, will do better; 4, Thomas, cl. buff, grand head and shoulders, lovely qual., bit too short in tail; vhc, Casey; hc, Shackleton; c, Ogden Bros. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Thomas, slightly grizzled on head, grand head and neck, well filled, very silky feather, wings and tail correct, A1 pos., gem, noted winner; 2, Dyson, cl., grand shape and style, beautiful qual., fails in length to 1st; 3, Beaumont, cl., nice length, very breedy, grand pos., neat wings and tail; 4, Ambler, cl., wonderful length, very stylish; vhc, Casey; hc, Bennett; c, Cruise. BUFF (11): 1, Clegg, cl., plenty of length, nice style and qual., stands well up; 2, Ogden Bros., tkd. on neck, full of bloom, feathered like glass, correct pos., well placed wings, pipe tail, might have changed places; 3, Crabtree, wing mkd., grand qual., very stylish, plenty of nerve, well shown; 4, Tidswell, tkd. on neck, nice shape and style, hardly as tight in feather; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Whitley; c, Cooper. MKD. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Hall, mkd. head, eyes, and wings, nice length, very slim and stylish, stands on good legs, well placed wings and tail; 3rd, mkd. eyes, neck, and wing, hot col., plenty of length, well fitting wings, pipe tail, not as good in front; 2, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, wonderful length, rich col., lovely qual., shown well; 4, Morrison, mkd. eyes, neck, and wing, grand head and shoulders, good wings and tail, sound col.; vhc, Binns; hc, Thomas; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (14): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. eyes and wings, splendid length, nice back and wings, grand head and neck, silky feather, rich sound col., stands on good legs, well shown; 2, Hall, mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful feather, nicely moulded, only fails in col.; 3, Whitley, mkd. eyes and wings and splash on breast, very nice qual., stylish, plenty of nerve; 4, Dyson, mkd. eyes and wings, grand qual., neat wings and tail, loses in col.; vhc, hc, Morrison; c, Towers, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape, hot in col. MKD. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Dykes, mkd. eyes, cheeks, and wing, rare length, grand head and neck, feathered to perfection, stands correctly on good legs and feet, staged well; 2, Snead, mkd. head, cheek, and wings, grand length, lovely qual., neat wings and tail, loses only in col.; 3, Thornton and Bower, mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful qual., nice shape and style, only fails in length; 4, Myers and Lumb, mkd. head, cheeks, and wings, nice stylish hen, well [illegible], tkd. well; vhc, hc, Thomas; c, Ogden Bros. [illegible] (10): 1, Tidswell, mkd. head, neck, and wing, correct length, grand head and neck, feathered like a Java, A1 pos., good legs, well placed wings and tail, a gem; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. head, cheek, and wings, rare length and style, pale col and little slack in front; 3, Cruise, mkd. cheek, neck, and wings, very stylish hen, grand qual., fails in col. only; 4, Mason, mkd. wings, grand qual., good shape and style, deserves a better place, vhc, Dykes; hc, Myers and Lumb; c, Morrison. SELL. 20s. (13): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Mallinson and Son; 4, Cowgill and Son, vhc, Cooper; hc, Butterfield; c, Shepherd. [illegible] (13): 1, Smith; 2, March; 3, Mallinson and Son; 4, Cowgill and Son; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Lowle, c, Terry.

Novice Classes (Limit £5 5s.).

CL. OR TKD. YELL. (17): 1, 3, Hutchinson, cl., rare length, rich sound col., plenty of nerve, grand head and neck, nice back and wings, pipe tail, lovely qual., stands well; 3rd, cl., richly feathered, very stylish, neat wings and tail, fails in head to winner; 2, Greenwood, cl., beautiful feather, full of nerve, sound col., shows well; 4, Bennett, cl., nice length, silky feather, neat wings, inclined to open tail; vhc, Northrop; hc, Chew; c, Mosley. BUFF (24): 1, Radley, eye tkd., nice silky feather, nicely tapered, good wings and tail, well filled neck, stands on good legs, rich mealy col., beutiful cond.; 2, Fisher and Dyson, wonderful length, nice shape and style, feather not as silky as winner; 3, Firth, cl., beautiful pos., neat wings and tail, good length, wants tightening; 4, Marshall Bros., cl., grand feather, good head and neck, nice shape; vhc, Hudson; hc, Neeson; c, Allatt. EVEN, ETC. (13): 1, 4, Hirst, buff, mkd. eyes, neck, and wings, grand head and neck, plenty of length, full of nerve, rich mealy col., well braced wings, pipe tail, stands well on good legs, shown well; 4th, buff, mkd. head and wings, beautiful silky feather, very fine and tapering, very stylish; 2, Hamlyn, mkd. on head, eye, and wings, nicely made all round or stout side, rich level col., neat wings and tail, stands well; 3, Northrop, yell., mkd. eyes, cheek, and wings, rich silky feather, grand shape and style, shade less; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Hudson; c, Chew. CINN. MKD. CK. (7): 1, 2, Rhodes, yell., mkd. on head, eyes, and wings, wonderful length, grand head and neck, well braced wings and tail, rich sound col., stands on good legs, staged in fine style; 2nd, yell., mkd. head, eyes, and wings, grand silky feather, neat wings, pipe tail, falls in length; 3, Bushby, buff mkd. eyes and wing, good head and neck, rich quality, very stylish, shows well; 4, McLaughlin, yell., mkd. head, cheek, and wings, beautiful qual., good back and wings, rather short in tail; vhc, Woad; hc, Hirst; c, Hudson. HEN (10): 1, Chew, buff, mkd. eyes, cheek, and wings, grand length, beautiful silky feather, good round head, well-filled neck, well-placed wings, pipe tail, A1 pos., a gem; 2, Collins Bros., yell., mkd. eyes and wings, rich level col., lovely qual., another nice lady, well shown; 3, Hudson, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, nice length, grand qual., stands well, falls in col.; 4, Hersey, buff, mkd. head and wings, very stylish, lovely qual.; vhc, Marshall Bros.; hc, Hirst; c, Neesom. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Firth, cl., rare length, rich sound col., beautiful silky feather, neat head and neck, well fitting wings, pipe tail, stands on good legs and feet, well benched; 2, Hutchinson, cl., grand head and neck correct length, very stylish, good qual. hen; 3, Hamlyn, cl., wonderful length, neat wings and tail, not as good in qual., will improve; 4, Sutcliffe, cl., grand shape and style, beautiful feather, loses in col.; vhc, Northrop; hc, Radley; c, Cawthorne. BUFF (12): 1, Hirst, cl., grand length, nice silky feather, nice round head, well filled neck, grand back and wings, piped tail, stands correct on good legs and feet, well shown; 2, Fisher and Dyson, cl., another beauty, grand shape and style, stands well up; 3, c, Greenwood, cl., good head and neck, neat wing and tail, rather stout; 4, Hersey, cl., very breedy, grand qual.; vhc, hc, Bower. GREEN MKD. HENS (12): 1, Sheard, yell. mkd. eyes, cheeks, and wings, grand head and neck, fine silky feather, well fitting wings, pipe tail, well drawn, stands correct, a beauty; 3 Hirst, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, grand length and style, neat wings and tail, stands well; 3, Chew, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, very fine shapely hen, rather stout, hot in col.; 4, Greenwood, buff, slightly mkd. both wings, lovely qual., neat wings and tail, stands well; vhc, Bower; hc, Fisher and Dyson; c, Bennett.

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MEMBERS, NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Stanger; 2, W. Forster; 4, R. Forster; vhc, Redpath. BUFFS (8): 1, Briggs; 2, 4, Stanger; 3, hc, W. Forster; vhc, R. Forster; c, R. Ward. HEN (7): 1, Briggs; 2, 4, Stanger; 3, R. Forster; vhc, W. Forster. YELL., 1913 (4): 1, Stanger; 2, Lindsay; 3, R. Forster; vhc, W. Forster. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Stanger; 2, W. Forster. HEN, 1913 (7): 1, Lindsay; 2, Stanger; 3, c, Briggs; vhc, W. Forster; hc, Redpath. YORKS., YELL. (2): 1, R. Ward; 2, Harrison. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Ward; 2, Stanger; 4, Sanders. HEN (4): 1, 3, Sanders; 2, Ward; 4, Harrison. YELL., 1913 (4): 1, 2, Ward; 3, Sanders; 4, Stanger. BUFF: 1, Ward; 2, Stanger; 3, Wilford; 4, Sanders. HEN, 1913 (1): 1, Ward. LORD. YELL. (1): 1, Stanger. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Stanger; 2, Parkin. HEN (3): 1, 2, Stanger; 3, Ward. GR. OR CINN. (2): 1, Stanger; 2, Cresswell and Price. A.O.V. (1): 1, Stanger. NOV. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cresswell and Price; vhc, Harrison. LINNET, H.M. (7): 1, Boyd; 2, 4, Davidson; 3, Wilford; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Forster. F.M. (3): 1, 2, Boyd; 3, Tarn. GOLDF. or BULLF. (7): 1, 3, Davidson; 2, McVay; 4, W. Forster; vhc, hc, Lindsay; c, Tarn. GREENF. (6): 1, Redpath; 2, Boyd; 3, hc, Lindsay; 4, vhc, Wild. REDPOLL (10): 1, vhc, Wild; 2, c, Boyd; 3, Lindsay; 4, Davidson; hc, Stanger. SISKIN OR TWITE (1): 1, Boyd. A.O. HARDBILL (9): 1, Ward; 2, Wild; 3, vhc, Boyd; 4, Davidson; hc, Sanders; c, Lindsay. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 3, Davidson; 2, Boyd. MULE, ETC. (6): 1, Stanger; 2, Lindsay; 3, 4, A. Forster; vhc, McVay; hc, Boyd. FOR. (5): 1, Davidson; 2, Wilford; 3, 4, Cresswell and Price; vhc, Lindsay. CREST (1): 1, Stanger. C.B. (2): 1, Redpath; 2, Stanger.

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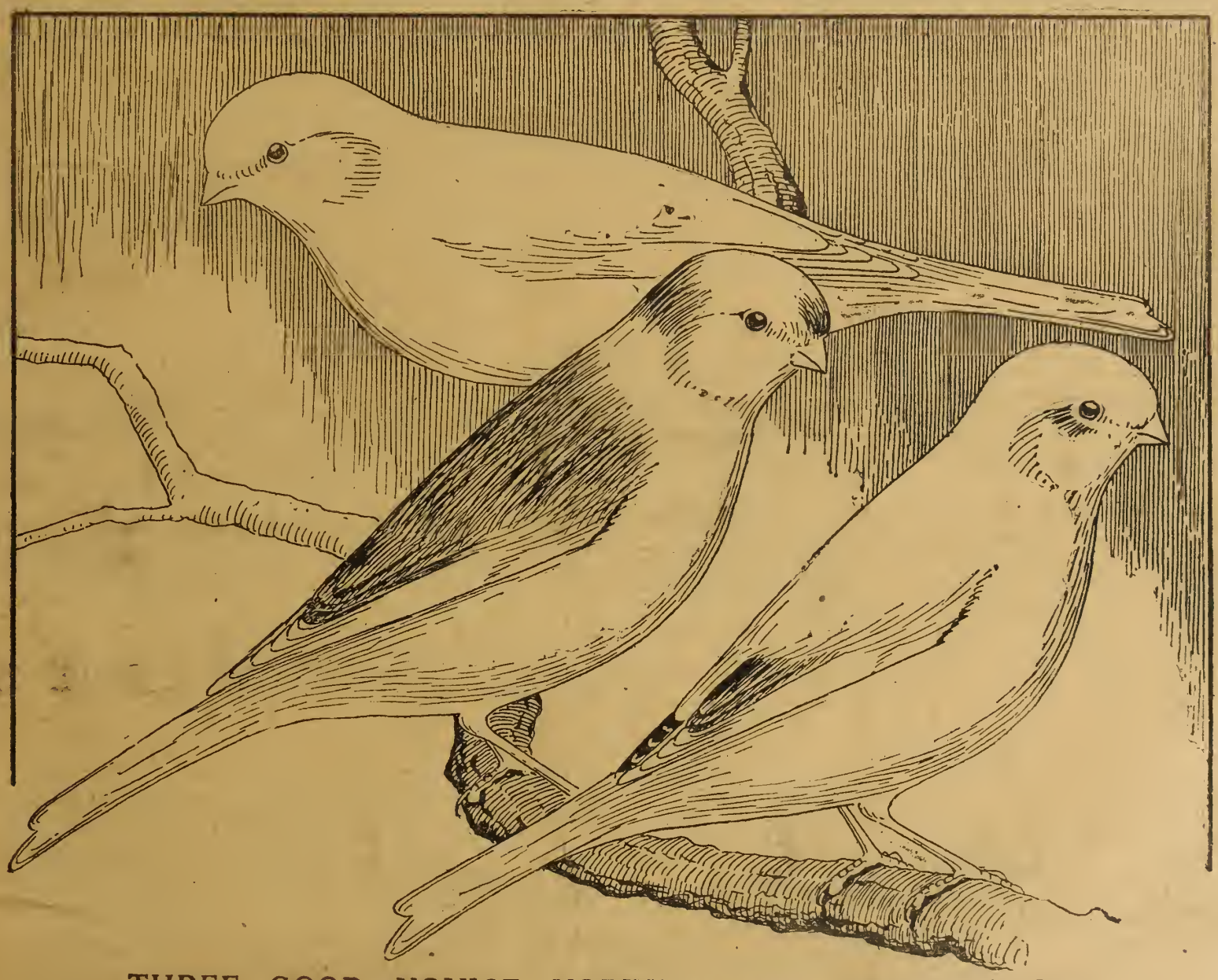
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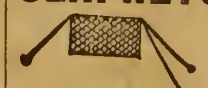
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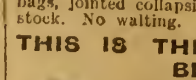
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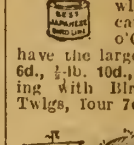
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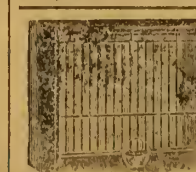
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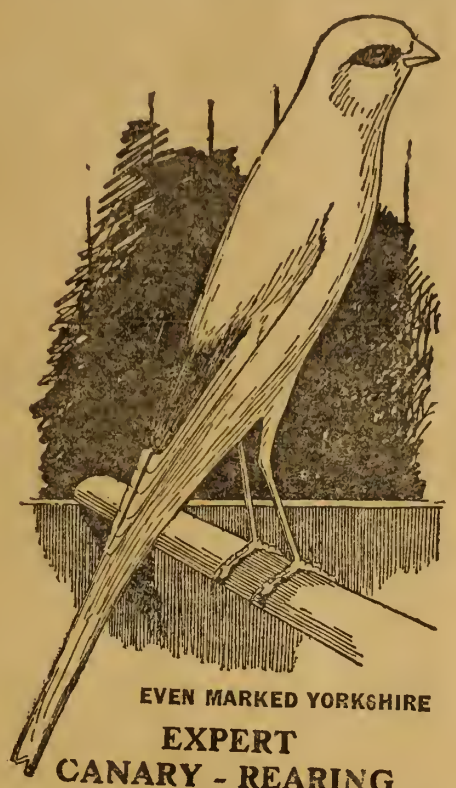
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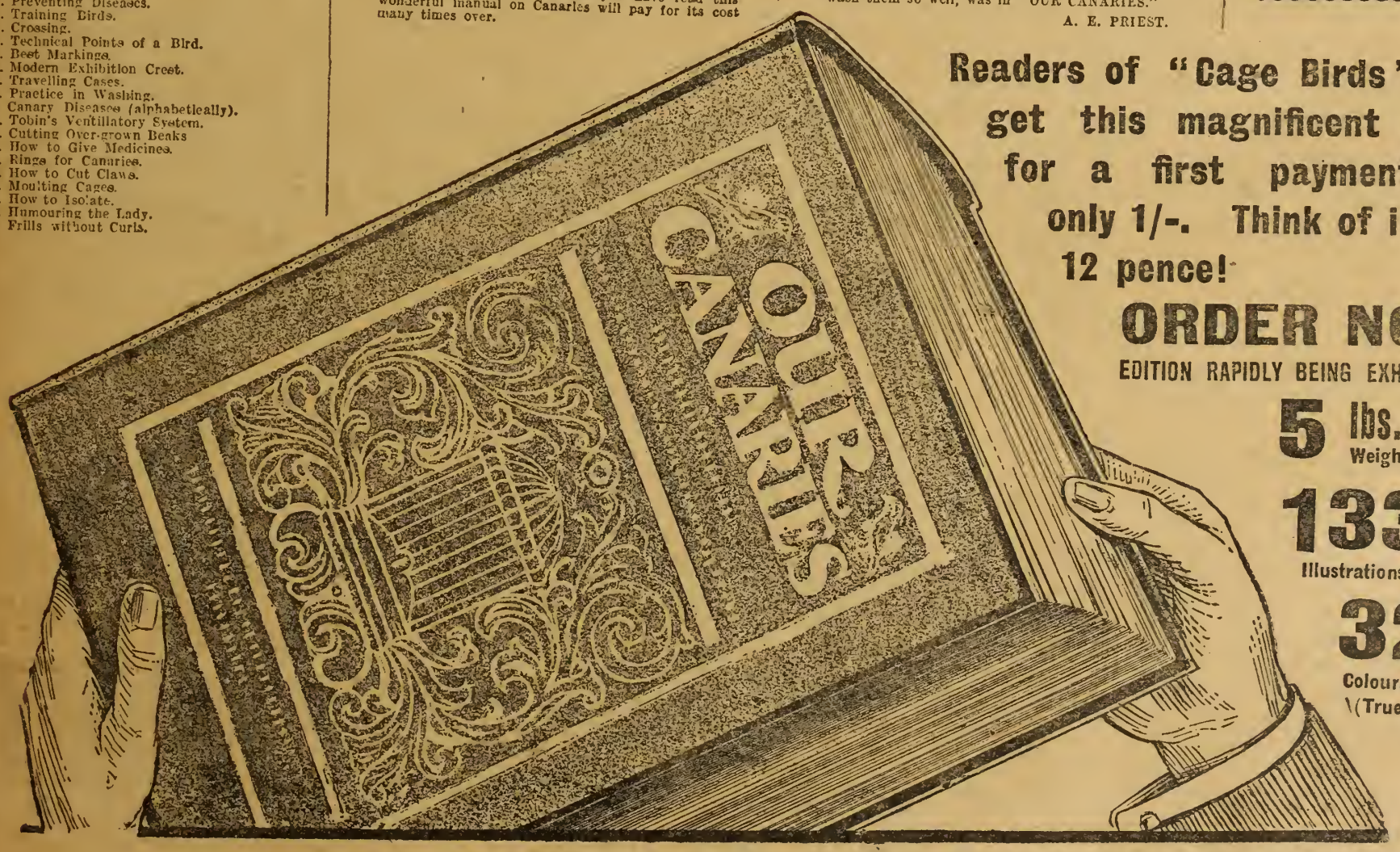
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TWO good Crestedbred cocks 15/- each, good Grizzle Crest cock 25/-, third cross Coppy: 90, Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Asfield. (1106)

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds for sale; a grand selection; price reasonable; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1107)

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale; pairs or single; good stock birds; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham. (1060)

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, best blood, massive birds, grand feather, cocks or hens; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1106)

CRESTS, Crestbred cocks, clears, 1913 birds, from 10/-, working man's breed; cock Goldfinch Cheveral, full song, 12/6: 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales.

CREST and Crestbreds, from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood Avenue, Plymouth.

CAN spare good Crest, large heavy feather Dark Crest hen, large Variegated Crestbred cock, pair £3; on approval, deposit: F. Walsh, 15, Union-st., Glossop. (1104)

YOUNG all-green Crested cock, very large bird, crest over end of beak, one of the best in the Fancy, £6; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde. (1106)

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To Crest Exhibitors and Breeders.

If you are requiring a Crest or Crested-bred for keenest competition, let me know, and I believe I can set you up with your requirements, or if wanting a change of blood with something you can rely upon, and not with a false pedigree. I leave such tactics to people that can stoop to such, who, in many cases never had a really good one in their lives. For the cheapest (that is, the best value in England to-day), send for list of stock.

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CRESTS and Crestbreds, very cheap cocks and hens, 10/-, 15/- each, bred from birds that cost £10 a pair; approval; stamp reply: F. Jones, Arden Cottage, Castle Bromwich, near Birmingham. (1101)

HAVING to reduce my stock of Crests and Crestbred, I offer some good birds from 7/6, my own breeding, cold room, approval, deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex. (1031)

GREAT bargains. Only four left. Crested cock, 15/-, another 12/-; Crested hen, 10/-; grand yellow Norwich cock, 10/-; these are a gift to clear; approval on receipt: Calani, 59, Baxtergate, Whitby.

T. J. KING, Ingoyo, Cheltenham, not exhibiting this season, will part with several show Crests, topping Crestbreds, yellow and buff, also some extra good stock birds, many bred from double Crests; approval. (1110)

LARGE Var. Crest cock 15/-, Var. Crestbred hen 8/6; Ticked Yellow Crestbred cock, grand browing, 12/6; wing-marked Dark Crest hen 5/-; healthy; approval: Chas. Vere, Burnteleuch, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire. (1108)

LARGE, variegated 1913 Crestbred cock, 12/6; ditto broken green cock, 15/-; large, variegated Crested cock, 15/-; another, 10/6; large green Crested hen, 12/6; approval, deposit: Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (1101)

STARTLING Information.—W. Gutteridge, Grocer, Haliburton-rd., St. Margaret's-on-Thames, has decided, owing to increase of business, to dispose of all his Crests and Crestbreds, cages, etc., at less than half their value to effect a speedy clearance; inspection invited; ten years a breeder. (1101)

C. ROBERTS, Blackpool Wonder and King of the North: Noted unbeaten strain; reports say best ever seen; get this blood and be successful; single cocks or hens from 12/6; pairs from 20/6; approval: Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1104)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood in the world; pairs from 40/-, singles from 20/-; many winners bred from pairs matched by me; latest testimonial: "Dec. 5th. The pair bred several which have won a lot for me": Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset. (1105)

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give, on approval: G. Williams, 56a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1033)

SPECIAL: Having had a good season I can spare a few Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, bred off winners; heavily variegated Crestbred cock, both parents winners of many prizes, £2; variegated Crest cock, unflighted, 8/-; grizzle Crest cock, unflighted, 8/-; cock dark Crest and wing marked, £1: Jno. Thomas, 294, Smalley-rd., Derby. (1106)

CHAMPION Crests.—Several real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, including several winners, only 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; also judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 30/-, to £5 pair; all strong, healthy and vigorous; Barnett's Palace winning strains; all cold-room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-road, Norwich.

MASSIVE feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; grand large dark crested cock, lovely neat crest, only 12/6; monster Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice dark crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 10/6; also several other real good, massive, feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 21/-; each all strong, healthy; cold-room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Aylsham-rd., Norwich. (1043)

Lancashires.

HIGH-class Coppies and Plainheads for sale, show and stocks, cheap; stamp reply: Fitton, Garnett-st., Oldham. (1106)

OWING to removal, must sell four grand Lancashire show cages with case, 10/6 four; others with case 8/6: Green, Albert-place, Loughborough. (1111)

Lizards.

TWO pair Lizards, 10/- pair; 2 Silver cocks, 5/- each: James Sutcliffe, 5, Back California, Lumbutts-rd., Todmorden. (1097)

HAVE now ready some good Lizards, bred from my cup winners; cocks 7/6 upwards; hens 4/- upwards; matched pairs from 10/6: H. Garsid, Howard-st., Glossop. (1112)

THE Lizard Prince is giving away four matched pairs, 12/6, 15/- pair; cheap; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire. (1108)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard Blanquart, Lille, France. (958)

Cinnamons.

CINNAMON and Norwich to clear; cocks from 15/-, hens, 8/6 upwards; stamp; approval. Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn. (1061)

CINNAMONS and Plainhead Norwich for sale, pairs from 20/-; single cocks or hens from 10/-; approval: E. Godley, Knowles-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. (1084)

CHAMPION Cinnamons, Norwich type, a few young yellows and buffs for disposal, stamp Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth (1039)

NORWICH young buff cock, also yellow cock, grand heads, neck and chest, stamp Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth (1040)

CHAMPION Cinnamon yellow cock, rare size, type, good head, chest, quality, Dormer's strain, price 15/-; another yellow cock, 10/6; buff cock, very large, good type, cheap at 15/-, large typical Cinnamon yellow hen, big head, chest, rare quality, only 12/6; all 1913 bred from cup and medal winners; first orders have them; stamp reply: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1113)

I SUPPLIED THE WINNER

of L.C.B.A., see CAGE BIRDS' report; half brother buff 1st and reserve for cup at Plymouth (1913), 30 ; few others cheap: Ryer, 220, Beaumont-rd., Plymouth. (1098)

MRS. DEACON'S CHAMPION CINNAMONS

Having purchased this famous stock entire, can offer buff cocks, flighted and unflighted, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards: hens, 10/- upwards; fine chance for novices; winners for sale: Rev. Nunn, Harrington, Cumberland. (See Norwich.) (1101)

Belgians.

CHAMPION Belgians, no to win, single or pairs, from my champion winners; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-rd., Barnstaple. (1063)

CHAMPION strain Belgians for sale; few good pairs, single cocks, hens, yellows, buffs, reasonable, approval: A. Baker, 35, Richmond-st., Barnstaple. (1111)

Greens.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens; show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

SIX good bred Yorkshire green hens, 1 foul yell., 2 foul buff, 1 self yell. unflighted, 1 self buff unflighted, 1 foul buff unflighted, 3 - each, or offers lot: Hexton, 56, Lock-rd., Broadheath. (1097)

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, .1 type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 21," "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, Norwich Specialist, offers unflighted buff cocks and hens, grand type and quality, 7/6 each; good unflighted yellow cocks, from 15/-; all on approval.

WANTED, Norwich: Pearson, Greenwich. (1067)

EXHIBITION buff cock, 6/6; yell., 4/6; buff hen, 6/-: Hay, See Borders. (1060)

A. FLEET, 16, Kings-rd., Upton Park, breeder and exhibitor, has few good birds to spare, see reports.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, from 10/-; hens from 7/6; all clears; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (999)

NORWICH, well-bred, good strain, state wants: P. Huggins, 3, Dudley-drive, Partick, Glasgow. (1064)

NORWICH hens. 15 young, 2/-, 2/6 each, cocks 3/6: Binks, 18g, Peabody Dwellings, Farringdon-rd., E.C. (1069)

SOME good unflighted buff hens 3/6 each, three for 10/; approval: 90, Chatworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield. (1106)

OVERSTOCKED; 3 hen Canaries, sell cheap, or exchange for Norwich cock: Hasler, Wennington, Essex. (1059)

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow cock, winner 4th Chichester, 17/6; approval: C. W. Silk, Glenrosa, Kingsworth. (1105)

A FEW yellow and buff Norwich Canaries, 1913, not for show; stamp reply: McLennan, 16, Market-st., Forres. (1110)

LARGE clear buff Norwich cock and variegated yellow hen, sell £1 pair: Dorsey, Brook View, Earby, Yorkshire. (1100)

NORWICH yellow and buff cocks, 7/6 to 12/6; hens 4/6 to 10/6; stamp: Pentland, 192, Merry-st., Motherwell. (1095)

GOOD quality Norwich for sale cheap, pairs from 10/6, cocks 7/6: Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town, N.W. (1102)

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/-: Staines, 47, Leighton-rd., Kentish Town, N.W. (1106)

W. A. Wilson, winner Crystal Palace, 1913, has a few cheap pairs Norwich for sale, approval: 39, Burley-rd., Leeds.

YELLOW buff and variegated cocks, 8/- to 15/-; ditto hens, 3/- to 6/-; fed: Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1087)

REDUCING stock: 50 for sale, many winners, cocks 10/-, hens 3/-, to clear; approval: Osborne, Heath House, Woking. (1108)

NORWICH Plainheads: Can spare a few well-bred yellow and buff cocks, from 10/-: Hendry, 63, High-st., Fraserburgh. (1105)

NORWICH: Several pairs cheap, see wins Carlisle, Glasgow; buff cocks cheap: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle. (1107)

GRAND unflighted marked and variegated buff hens from 5/-; only few cocks left, from 7/6: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley. (1102)

WANTED buff and yellow hens, exchange two buff cocks; approval; yours first: Curphey, 21, Castle-st., Douglas, Isle of Man. (1102)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold-room bred, cocks 5/6, hens 3/6, approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1093)

THREE grand unflighted Norwich cocks, one yellow, two buffs, 10/- each; approval, deposit: Sayward, 75, King's-rd., Halstead. (1101)

GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners, cocks 6/- upwards, hens 4/- upwards each, cash: Lowthian, 33, Foster-st., Penrith. (1107)

GOOD Norwich for sale, cocks or hens, also Yorkshires; state wants; cash or deposit: G. Grimes, 57, Queen-st., Stamford. (1099)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, full song, 6/-; fed, 6/6, 7/-; hens, 3/-; cages, 3d.; 7 days' approval: Gater, Jones-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1075)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, excellent quality, several have won, 6/- to 20/- each: list on application: Tomlinson, Ampthill-st., Norwich. (1101)

Comparison.

With any Birds previously, or at present time, had from elsewhere.

This is the favour I ask. Pay for the value you see on the perch, and not fairy tales and palpable fals hoods. I will select and match some of the best stock pairs ever seen (so far as value goes), at 21/-, 30/-, and 40/- per pair. Odd Cocks or Hens, same quality, 13/6, 15/-, 20/-. Others as follows: 5/0, 6/6, 8/6 upwards; hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/6; some slashing good hens at 5/6 each; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; cages 3d. On approval. Many testimonials received by every post, which can be seen. Illustrated detailed list others free. Easiest of easy payment by joining my Bird Club. Distance no object.

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J. TRANGMAR and Son have decided to reduce their stock of well-known Norwich; approval, stamp: High-st., Risalton, Blackburn. (991)

MONSTER clear buff cock, 1st in £2 pair class, 15/-; others, 7/6, 10/-; approval, deposit. Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent. (1110)

DALZELL'S winning strain Norwich stock birds for sale, bred from winners; inspection invited. -, Ormrod-st., off Morton-st., Oldham. (1112)

NORWICH Plainheads for sale, pairs 10/- upwards; approval: Gilbert, 50, Browning-st., Leicester, late Newtownards, Ireland. (1040)

NORWICH. Reducing my stock. A few large cocks and hens, with good heads, on approval: Henderson, 3, Grant-st., Wick. (1090)

EXHIBITORS: Massive ticked buff Norwich cock, 1st Spl., Ryde, 2nd Newport (Limit), 21/-; bargain; approval: Morris, Fancier, Ryde. (1107)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, breeder and exhibitor, has several good pairs for disposal: 12, Hazlewood-lane, Palmers Green, London, N. (1088)

50 GOOD Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs; cocks from 4/6, hens from 4/-; approval: A. Pickles, Post Office, Wadsworth, Hedbeu Bridge. (1104)

NOTICE: Grand lot Norwich for show or song, prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1104)

MUST sell unsighted Norwich, healthy, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, upwards; approval anywhere, deposit: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton. (1105)

GRAND Norwich cold-room bred cocks, 7/6, 10/- each, hens 4/-, approval, cash or deposit: J. Lawry, Imegan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall. (1112)

REDUCING stock; 50 for sale, including winners; cocks 10/-, hens 7/6 (stamp): Robert Johnson, Ashlea Terrace, Longton, near Preston. (1055)

20 GRAND Norwich, Fox's strain direct, from great winners, good type and quality of feather, sale or exchange: Joseph Slack, Threshwel, Buxton. (1103)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich cocks from 7/6 to 10/-; hen, 4/-; one big Greenfinch mule, 7/6; stamp; approval: H. Alexander, Buck-st., Tarbolton. (1090)

TWO large buff, one yellow Norwich, hens, 7/6 each; one dark buff cock, Radley's strain, 10/6; buff hen, 5/-: Davies, 24, College-mill, Llanelly.

CHARLES Withers has some good Norwich to part with; cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6; from my winners; approval, stamp: 21, Oxford-rd., Ealing.

NORWICH, 20, guaranteed cocks, on song, 5/- to 6/6 each; 14 days approval, deposit; hens, 2/-: Royston, Treffocks, Westbridgford, Nottingham. (1101)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

T. IRONS has some grand Norwich for sale, singles 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; approval; stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

R. P. HARPER has few good birds for disposal; also several real good Borders, no fancy prices; inspection invited: -, Douglas-terrace, Seven Kings

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood, Bullfinch type, large round heads, grand feather, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

NORWICH cocks, on full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy, 1913; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

NORWICH cock songsters, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each, cold room bred; must clear, want room: Bennett, Gunnie's-gdns., Moorland-rd., St. Austell, Cornwall.

NORWICH, stock birds (colour-fed), good strain, cheap to clear, room wanted; inspection invited (Sundays excepted): Murrell, Printer, Spalding.

OWING to ill-health of my wife, I must clear out all my birds, state requirements; approval; inspection invited; stamp: R. T. Parr, 6, Norman-rd., Ilford. (1110)

EIGHT good Norwich cocks, 5/- each; six hens, 10/-; large strong flight, 10/-; seen afternoons or Sunday: A. Kendrick, Coachman, Monument Hill, Weybridge. (1099)

CHAMPION Norwich type, size, quality, cold room, have won over 20 prizes this season; see L.C.B. report; approved inspection: Phipps, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (1077)

FIVE Norwich cocks, 10/6 and 12/6, brothers of my cup winners; approval; or can be seen by appointment; satisfaction guaranteed: Marholt, 1, Stanfield-rd., Bow. (1097)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, the well-known exhibitor and breeder, has some grand birds for disposal; single birds from 10/-; pairs from £1; satisfaction guaranteed. (1111)

T. W. POPE, 21, New Cross-rd., S.E., can spare unflighted marked cobby buff cock, 12/6; also steady house-moulted exhibition cock chaffinch, win small shows, 6/-; approval. (1095)

COCKS in perfect condition, but only songsters from 5/- each; hens, nice cobby birds, from 4/- each; well bred: "Pets" Supply Company, The Aviaries, Coppice Drive, Harrogate. (1102)

NORWICH, unflighted large yellow hens, 4/-, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; pairs from 10/6; cold room bred, inspection invited, approval: C. Harbour, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (1099)

BIG, fine unflighted yellow and buff cocks, unflighted yellow and buff hens, short and good heads, cocks 15/-, hens 12/6; approval, deposit: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle. (1112)

I HAVE thirty Norwich for sale cheap, cocks and hens, mostly unflighted, suitable for beginners, seen any Saturday, all day, or Sunday: A. Barr, 144, White-st., Govan, Glasgow. (1104)

LARGE unflighted Norwich, matched pairs for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, cold room bred, cash approval: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester, close to Midland Station. (1099)

JONES and Chester have several Norwich for disposal, good-sized yellow and buff cocks and yellow and buff hens, all bred from winners, from 12/6 pair: 31, Princess-st., Chester. (1106)

SEE my special offer last week's "Cage Birds" for bargain. If you want one you must hurry up, they are selling like hot cakes, everyone delighted: Moss, 23, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin. (1109)

HEALTHY colour-fed, unflighted, well-bred, two buff cocks, 10/- each; yellow cock, 8/6; yellow hen, 5/-; buff hen, 3/6; or lot 32/6; approval, deposit: Jamieson, 21, Leonard-st., Arbroath. (1101)

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical colour fed and natural colour Norwich Plainheads, all cold-room bred; large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

BEFORE purchasing Norwich or Yorkshires elsewhere, send for my list and avoid disappointment; splendid collection for sale at all prices; approval; 10 years advertiser and judge: R. Hanford, Derby.

A. CRAWFORD, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, has thirty unflighted stock birds for sale; yellows and buffs; hens from 6/-; cocks from 12/6; approval: 14, Wilton-drive, Glasgow.

TEN handsome large Norwich cocks, grand heads, necks, from winning parents, 7/6 each; lot, 70/-; well worth double; 10 large hens, clears, 4/6 each; these are worth double: Ellis, 1 Mill-rd., Kettering.

GOOD young exhibition Yorkshires for sale, overstocked, want room; cocks in full song, 7/6, hens 3/6; call Saturday or Sunday; other days after 6 o'clock: 34, Victoria House, South Lambeth-rd.

E. BAKER, winner 4 firsts, 5 specials and rose bowl, Ipswich, has yellow cock, large, £1; buff cock £1 10/-, buff hen 10/-, and variegated buff hen 8/6; all own breeding: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1098)

MR. F. J. MARTIN, 54, Battersea Park Road, S.W., has his whole stud for disposal, which emanate from one of the most consistently successful strain in the Fancy; singles from 10/-; see reports. (1021)

GOOD Norwich, 6 pairs for sale, all one price, 10/6 pair, all buff cocks and yellow hens, cheap, no rubbish, some have won in very keen competition; cash or deposit: Maiden and Spencer, Market-st., Hebden Bridge. (1110)

A. L. HAWKES, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone, Breeder and Exhibitor of many years' standing, has some grand deep-fed Norwich for disposal, cocks or hens, singles 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/- and 30/- upwards; being overcrowded, I am offering exceptional bargains, 7 days' approval; late of Grove Green-rd. (1110)

THREE firsts, one second (see Gorton and Openshaw's report); few buff cocks, including winners, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; buff hens, 3/6 to 7/6; pairs, 10/-; see various birds: Chilton, 4, Keuyon-st., Gorton, Manchester. (1111)

BUFF cock, 2nd and members' cup Wirksworth, 18/-; buff cock, out of same nest, 3rd, 14/-; few more same strain, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; all unflighted birds; approval, stamp: Fox, Ebenezer-cottage, Bole-hill, Wirksworth (1097)

WANTED, several real good 1913 bred, colour-fed Norwich Plainhead cocks and hens, must be of good size, large in head, and short in tail and flights; only good birds required for prompt cash; approval. Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1111)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, Roberts' noted strain, from 10/6; massive cocks from 15/6; matched pairs to breed winners from 15/6 to £5; show birds reasonable; approval: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1104)

HAVING purchased my stock birds at enormous cost from the best fanciers in England can spare a few pairs from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; these are cold-room bred and colour-fed to perfection; all bred from winners: H. Growdridge, 40, Charles-st., Hinckley.

CHAMPION Norwich; my birds are winning in strongest competition; at Royal Horticultural Hall I won champion silver challenge cup and 2 diplomas; birds of lovely type and quality, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

JAS. CALDERWOOD, 65, St. Andrews-st., Kilmarnock; unflighted clear buff cock, large 1912 unfed clear yellow hen, good doer, bargain, £2 pair, fit to win; 1912 clear yellow cock, clear buff hen, unflighted, 30/- pair; also a few odd buff cocks and hens, from 10/- each; approval, stamp reply. (1086)

SUCCESS on the show bench follows the introduction of my renowned strain into the breeding room. For account of my latest big success see report of Birmingham Show; numerous prizes and several other specials; some splendid stock birds to spare: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1101)

R. B. CAIRNS, 460, Dumbarton-rd., Partick, Glasgow, has a few nice birds for sale, related to my winner. See this week's report of Queen's Park Show. 6 unflighted buff hens, from 7/6 to 15/-; 2 unflighted yellow cocks, 12/6 and 15/-; 3 unflighted buff cocks, 12/6, 17/6, 30/-; 1912 bred, 1 variegated buff cock, 15/6; 2 yellow hens, 10/- each; 2 buff hens, 10/- each; approval. (1101)

PAIR prize-strain Plainhead Clears (reserve), 20/-; hens, yellow or buff, 7/6, 10/6; Seifert Rollers, 4/6, 10/6 pair; buff Yorkshire hen, noted strain, 7/6; large young cock Hawfinch, 10/6; monster yellow cock Greenfinch, like wax, Mules, 5/-; cock Gold finches, British, 5/-; Siberians, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; dark Goldfinch Mules, 7/6; charming Christmas present: Weaire, Snodland, Kent. (1109)

CHAMPION exhibition buff Norwich cock, grand size, deep chest, rare type and quality, sure winner, only 21/-, honestly worth £2; also monster exhibition yellow cock, rare size and substance, large head and full neck, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, worth 50/- for stock alone; also grand exhibition yellow hen, good head and neck, feathered like silk, only 15/-, worth double; also very choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, win anywhere, only 12/6, recently cost 30/-; also few grand yellow and buff cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality of feather, cocks from 10/6 to £3 each, hens from 5/- to 30/- each; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1043)

SPECIAL, Special: My birds are giving the highest satisfaction, with repeat orders; to confirm this read the following unsolicited testimonial: 6 Gill-st., Benwell, 25/11/13. Dear Sir,—The birds arrived safe. I am pleased to say I like them both. Now, Sir, it is only fair to you that I express my appreciation of the birds you have sent me, and the manner you have conducted this business. I may say that it was my opinion from the first that I had the right man to deal with. With best possible wishes to your success, R. Tindale. To G. C. King. Can still supply large stout yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; ditto, hens, feathered like silk, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; properly-matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; cold room bred, and in the pink of condition. Money returned not approved: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich. (1102)

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The BULL-DOG STRAIN.

CHAMPION NORWICH PLAINHEADS

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to point, but I must point out to you the very special qualities of Weber's Leipzig Rollers, as imported solely by myself. For 22 years the breeders have devoted the whole of their skill to improving the song of this strain, and the result is round about perfection. They have none of the monotony of the ordinary Roller about them, their song being made up a a splendid variety of ever changing harmonious music, and this song they will retain during their whole lives, not merely for one year only. They are particularly strong and hardy, and thoroughly acclimatised before sent out. At present I have an exceptionally large stock (over 900) of these Leipzig Roller cocks, all in full song day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, waterbubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, jug-jug of Nightingale, bell, harp, gong and flute notes, etc., and guaranteed entirely free from any harsh, objectionable notes whatever, price 7/- and 8/- each. Special bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and bubbling water tours, 10/6 and 12/6 each. I also have a limited quantity of very special contest Rollers; these birds are of purest blood Germany can boast of, and are gems of very first water, fit for immediate contesting, 15/-, 17/6, and 21/- each. Leipzig Roller hens, 2/3 each, 4/- couple. No contest Roller hens yet. For those who like a loud, noisy singer, I have a splendid lot of free singing vigorous Hartz cocks in full loud song, day and gaslight. These are particularly good-looking birds, and will stand any amount of cold; just the thing for public bar or coffee house, etc.; price 5/- each; Hartz hens, 3/6 couple. Special travelling cages 3d. extra. All safely and warmly packed with water and seed for 48-hour journey and sent on full week's trial at my sole risk, either on receipt of cash or deposit system of CAGE BIRDS, and money fully and freely refunded if every satisfaction not given. See following few letters and notice full address and date to each: "83, Cobham-rd., South Park, Ilford, Dec. 8. Sir,—Referring to birds from you a week ago, the cock bird has now begun to sing very nicely. I also beg to acknowledge receipt of hen you sent to replace one that died (owing to delay on railway.—W.G.). This is first transaction I have had with you, and in addition to giving me every satisfaction it has proved that I have been dealing with a straightforward business man. I shall not hesitate to send to you again. Yours, J. Chepeck." "Stonyhurst College, nr. Blackburn, Dec. 4. Sir,—A word to let you know how highly satisfied I am with Roller you sent me. His song is so soothing to the mind and quite different from that of other birds, whose song consists of a short, monotonous squeak, and thanking you for honest dealing. Yours, S. de Freitas." "1, Princes-sq., Longport, Nov. 28. Sir,—Birds arrived safe, and highly pleased with them. Yours, J. Joynson." "11, Gethin-rd., Penygraig, Nov. 30. Sir,—Received Leipzig Roller in pink of condition. I thought I had some good singers, but he knocks them into a cocked hat, and has secured you another order. Yours, T. Watkins." "Thorpe Terrace, New-rd., Luddenden, Nov. 25. Sir,—Roller to hand on Wednesday. He commenced singing as soon as unpacked, and for beauty of song I have yet to find his equal. I am perfectly satisfied, and wish to tender my sincere thanks for your straightforward dealing. Yours, Wm. Margatroyd." Please note, all Roller cocks are stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and as I am sole importer of this strain no other man can sell as much as one feather unless he first purchases it from me. I publish but a very few of the testimonials I receive, but the Editor has frequently examined bundles of them which have never been published. (1111)

W. GORE. GOOCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM

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PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.
REAL B.R.C.C. ROLLERS

Real Seiferts, properly trained under Tilbark, Woodlark, Nightingale, and bell notes like real music boxes, 6/0, 7/6, 8/6; Schoolmasters, 10/6 and 12/-; also 900 to pick from; 1913 rung, Foulds' championship strain, also others trained under Randall's, and one of best organs in Germany, price 10/-. Schoolmasters, 12/- and 15/-; all guaranteed and on approval; hens, rung, 2/6, 3/6; unrung, 1/6 and 2/-; best lot Rollers in England; proper Roller box cages, enamelled sand drawer, etc., 2/-; with shutters, beauties, 3/-; established fifty years; thousands of testimonials; for proof write Editor, who has seen the originals; send for catalogue. Mr. J. Davies, Stockport, big Crystal Palace Diploma winner, and winner of hundreds of prizes, writes: "Sir, Send me 6 Rollers. Enclose £3. Last was grand." Patronised by every leading Crystal Palace judge this last 30 years, including Judges Baltye, Barnes, Roe, Robson, Vardy, Bayles, Russell, etc., etc.: Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston; also at 89, Schater st., Shoreditch, London.

Scotch Fancies.

FOR good and cheap Scotch Fancies, see my list; Rudd.

SCOTCH Fancies, for sale, young birds, all colours: Vernall, 234, Allison-st., Glasgow. (1054)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens, all colours: Sluter, Victoria Building, Paisley. (1087)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens, all colours: A. Clark, 39, Queen-st., Rutherglen, Scotland. (1111)

A FEW good Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, for sale, cheap; approval: Apply, Powell, 79, Seedhill-rd., Paisley. (1062)

SCOTCH Fancies: a few good birds, cocks and hens, all colour: Phillips, 39, West End Park-st., Glasgow. (1036)

SCOTCH Fancies young and old, also a few pairs (winners), £1 to £5; apply: Barrie, Coaltown Balgonie, Markinch. (1069)

For sale, yellow cock, buff cock, buff pied cock, two buff hens, two buff pied hens: H. Siddons, 9, Sandholes, Paisley. (1103)

SCOTCH Fancies, yellow hen, 25/-; yellow cock, buff hen, buff green hen, 20/-; young birds: Gardiner, Tendhill-green, Duns. (1097)

YELLOW green cock, winner; yellow green hen, yellow Belgian hen, good birds, reasonable: Charles Wood, 43, Rosefield-st., Dundee. (1094)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, a few cocks and hens, all colours, prize strain, seen by appointment: J. Cook, Moss-side-rd., Cowdenheath. (1057)

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens, all colours, clean, pied, and greens; good stock birds: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead. (994)

SCOTCH Fancy, large buff pied cock, young bird, price 50/-, or will exchange for good Crestbred hen, either colour: Wm. Craig, Walkerburn, N.B. (1108)

A FEW good-class Scotch Fancies for sale at moderate prices; all my own breeding: Robert Lawson, Millbrae-terr., Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

PRIZE bred Scotch Fancies, yellow green and buff Piedald cock, buff and buff Piebald hen, 30/- each: Renwick, 126, Ingleby-drive, Glasgow. (1089)

SCOTCH fancies.—For sale, buff hen, clean yellow hens, buff pied hens, yellow pied hens, clean yellow cocks, good stock birds: James Little, 139, Cross Arthurlie-st., Barrhead. (1045)

WANTED, pair Scotch Fancies, yellow, pied, and clear, buff, 1913 bred, must be good birds and healthy; on approval; no fancy price: Dunbar, Terrace, Penryn, Cornwall. (1097)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 20-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View-terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, Champion Yorkshire breeders; finest strain in the world, which is proved by the champions we have bred, sold, and exhibited for over 30 years, winning thousands of prizes and championships at leading shows. Three times best in show Crystal Palace. This season have sold some of the biggest champions on the bench. For sale, a few clinking pairs, wonderful length and quality, from 15/- to 60/-; also some lovely hens, full of style and feathered like wax, 7/6 to 30/-. Winners, fit for keenest competition. Better Yorkshires cannot be bought. Approval, cash or deposit. Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorks.

WANTED, Yorkshires: Pearson, Greenwich. (1067)

FEW good birds, Bailey's strain; cocks from 10/-; hens from 7/6; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1111)

CANARIES, four 1913 Yorkshires, three cocks, singing, lot 8/6: 25, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1105)

HEALTHY, Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; honest value: Ball, 13, Tarbert-rd., E. Dulwich, London, S.E. (1101)

FOUR good Yorkshire hens, sale, 7/6; offers cock Goldfinches and Siskin: Wills, 52, St. Thomas-st., Wells, Somerset. (1107)

TWO pairs of good stock Yorkshires, 15/- pair; one pair, 10/6; hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each: Jones, Holly Bush, Welshpool. (1099)

COME and inspect my noted stud of Yorkshires, prices to suit all; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, good class, cocks 7/6, hens 2/6, show or stock: Beach, Builder, 41a, Crogsland-rd., Chalk Farm, N.W. (1096)

TWENTY high-class Yorkshires, from 12/- each; twelve double breeders; must be sold: Lashbrook, Church-st., Sidmouth. (1100)

YORKSHIRE yellow hen wanted, good type and quality, good price given: Graham, Greenhill Lodge, Gartcosh, Lanarkshire. (1113)

GENUINE bargain: two pairs of high-class Yorkshires, sell 15/6 pair, or nearest offer: Wantling, 32, Corporation-st., Bacup. (1111)

YORKSHIRE cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, pairs 7/-; must be cleared; no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1097)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, several real good buff cocks, from 10/- each; approval: Burke, 50, Ringmer-ave., Munster-rd., Fulham. (1056)

TWO Yorkshire cocks (winners), £1 15/- the pair; also Norwich, Linnet Mule, winner: Wain, Stanton Leas, Bakewell, Derbyshire. (1100)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, from 2/6: J. Lamb, Tasker's Villas, Church Lane, Carcroft, nr. Doncaster. (10751)

CASTELL, 47, Wargrave-av., Stamford Hill.—Stock Yorkshires, related to my winners; see reports, North, London, Leyton, L.C.B.A.; cocks, 8/6; hens, 4/-. (1086)

Just an Example



Buntry, Yorps, 1913. "Received Yorkshires in grand condition. They are a splendid pair. Thanking you much.—F.W. to W. Rudd."

I want you to have on approval to test the truth of these statements. **Few prices: Cocks, 6/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 16/-, 20/-, 30/-. Hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/0, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6. Pairs, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Detailed list of others free.** Easiest of easy payments by joining my Bird Club; distance no object. Some grand show birds amongst these, that some, I know, would charge you £3 to £5 each.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

WINNING Yorkshires for sale, also few British; see reports Uddingston, Partick, Springburn: Wm. Priest, 6, Orchard-st., Partick. (1105)

NOTICE: Grand lot Yorkshires, song or show, some winners, prices low, easy payments arranged: Mc Keand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1104)

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks or hens, at reasonable prices; cash or deposit, approval: Knight, Beech Holt, Shelford, Cambridge. (1107)

GIVING up, 70 coloured-fed Yorkshires; cocks from 6/-; hens from 2/6; approval; deposit: Avery, 130, Birchanger-rd., S. Norwood, S.E. (1110)

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, bred from winners; cocks from 6/-; hens 3/-; approval: Rushworth, 78, Raymond-st., West Bowling, Bradford. (1079)

LONG typical Yorkshires, bred from winners; some exceptionally good buff cocks, from 10/6 pair; 65, St. Quintin-aven., North Kensington. (1052)

UNLIGHTED cocks and hens, related to 14 prize winners this season; cocks 7/6 upwards, hens 5/- upwards: Wright, Somercleyton," Mortlake. (1099)

YELLOW Yorks. cock, 1913, c.-f., winners local shows, 10/6 to 15/6; also four buff Norwich cocks, c.-f., same price: F. Gray, 8, Ocean-place, Filey.

SELLING off at half cost, fine healthy yellow Yorkshire 1912 Canaries, cocks 10/- and 7/6, hens 3/6 and 2/6: Mrs. Mossop, The Shrubbery, Ketton, Rutland. (1104)

FOUR pair of Yorkshires for sale, 3 pair at 10/- per pair and 1 pair 7/6, or 35/- lot; cash with order; worth double: J. Baguley, Bulmer, Castle Howard, Yorks. (1108)

FINE-feathered Yorkshire, grand type and quality, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; few cinnamon marked cocks, 6/6, 7/6 each: N. Greenwood 10 Old Gate, Hebden Bridge. (1107)

PRIESTLEY'S high-class Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks from 3/-; hens from 3/-; cash or deposit; inspection invited: 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford. (1069)

LONG, slim, beautiful quality Yorkshires, of my winning strain, cocks 10/6, hens 5/-, money returned if not satisfied: Lloyd, 84, Chichele-rd., Cricklewood, London, N.W. (1099)

CHALLENGE for Yorkshire fanciers for birds at my price; Yorkshire cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; deposit each with Editor; I will do the rest: Taylor, Temperance House, Ossett. (1113)

GIVING up Fancy: High-class Yorkshires, bred from my winners; hens, 4/6 to 10/6; cocks, 6/6 to 15/6; cash or deposit; Approval: A. Simpson, 9, Mason's-st., Hebden Bridge. (1104)

WINNERS, unflighted buff cock, 3rd Clapham, 25/-; ditto, 3rd Bromley, 3rd Tonbridge, 25/-; others equally as cheap; buff hens from 5/-: Foxen, Aberdeen Buildings, Bromley, Kent. (1100)

MUST sell, owing to business pressure, all my stock of winning Yorkshires and breeding cages; the lot, or will divide; by appointment: Willett, 7, Fairlawn Mansions, New Cross Gate. (1110)

BEAUTIFUL clear buff and yellow Yorkshire hens, 5/- each; variegated and clear Yorkshire, with Roller strain, 3/- each; 1913 birds: Cobley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (1106)

YORKSHIRES, champion winning strain, cocks 7/6 upwards, hens 5/- upwards, matched pairs, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1112)

FIVE pairs typical stock Yorkshires to part with, 10/6, 12/6 pair; reduced price take lot; two Linnet Mules, in song, 6/- each: John Wm. Fewster, Smithy Brook, Middlestown, nr. Wakefield. (1105)

G. SIMESON has some typical Yorkshires for disposal from my winning strain, reasonable prices; approval; see reports Selby, Bishop Auckland, Stockton, etc.: 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York. (1071)

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; some good stock birds to be sold cheap; pairs from 15/-: Enoch Weedal, jun., 154, Delamere-st., Winsford, Cheshire. See Hanley and Stoke Show reports.

HIGH class Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; grand matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley. (1014)

YORKSHIRES for sales, a few good bred Yorkshire cocks and hens, 1913 bred, colour-fed; two hens, unfed, 1912 bred; cocks from 6/6; hens from 3/6 each: J. T. Shackleton, 6, East-view, Summit, Littleborough. (1103)

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1111)

FIFTY high-class Yorkshires, related to my winners, fine typical birds, cold room, in perfect health, only want seeing; inspection invited; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-: Radford, 128, Sandy-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (1105)

GRAND pairs Yorkshires, yellow marked cock, buff hen, winners, 25/-; evenmarked buff cock, yellow hen, 20/-; nearly evenmarked buff cock, green marked yellow hen, 17/6; few pairs, 10/6, 12/6: Spann, Stivichale, Coventry. (1102)

CAN spare foul-marked green buff cock, smart bird, plenty of leg, 12/6; yellow Cinnamon cock, smart and typical, 12/6; clear yellow hen, 8/6; clear buff hen, 8/6, both plenty of length and leg: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1111)

JONES, 8, Thurza-st., Chorlton-rd., Manchester, has some prize-bred Yorks. for sale, same strain as my winners, at Sale, Preston, Nottingham, Warrington, Manchester; clears and mark birds, 1913 bred; good stock birds, cheap; approval. (1105)



CHAMPION YORKSHIRES, CRESTS and BORDERS,

I make no bounce about my birds, but simply refer you to the reports of all the leading shows, where my Yorkshires are regularly securing premier honours in hottest competition. I am now offering some real clinking stock and show birds, bred from these winners at very reasonable prices; and am also prepared to sell any of my winners at a working-man's price.

The following is one out of a large number of testimonials received during the last few weeks, all of which are liked for inspection:

East Kirkby, Notts, Nov. 28, 1913.—I had three nests with the Yorkshire cock you sold me, and last Saturday I won two firsts and two specials with two of the youngsters, which is not amiss for a novice in his first year of breeding.—F. B. Blackburn to Joe Thomas.

If you require any stock, let me send them on approval, and compare with all others. Note the following prices: Lengthy Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each upwards; smart, erect, racy Hens, feathered to perfection, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; Matched Pairs, personally selected by me to give best results, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

EXHIBITION YORKSHIRES.

I have some grand birds ready for immediate benching, can win their first in prize-money; Cocks or Hens, in clears, ticks, or marked, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each.

CRESTS AND CRESTED-BRED.

I have acquired the entire stock of a well-known breeder, and can now supply birds bred from some of the best blood in the Fancy at following prices. Crested Cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Crested Hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Crest-bred Cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Crest-bred Hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Matched pairs at proportionate prices.

The above are large, massive, feathery birds, and will suit anywhere.

BORDER FANCIES, ETC.

Smart, typical Border cocks, from winning strains, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Hens, from same strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each. Pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair upwards.

I have also a splendid collection of Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, Scotch Fancies, Lancashires, etc., etc.

I send every bird on 7 days' approval at my sole risk. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer, or cash returned in full.

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JOE THOMAS Breeder, Exhibitor and Exporter,
AMBLER THORN HALIFAX.
(Established over 35 years same address.)

YORKSHIRES, same strain as my winners, winning special for most points, in open classes at Sheffield, Rotherham, Liverpool, Warrington; cocks from 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; approval, deposit: Allen Radley, 265, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1111)

THREE typical unflighted cocks for sale, 1st and sp. Sidmouth, 30/-; 3rd Barnstaple, 2nd Ilfracombe, 40/-; 2nd Wiveliscombe, 30/-; clear yellow cock, won three firsts, latest Sidmouth, 30/-; another, 4th, 15/-; approval, deposit: C. H. Hill, Wiveliscombe. (1100)

WE have 50 pairs of the highest class birds in perfect condition: We invite inspection and enquiries; prices from 7/6 each; selected pairs from 15/-; bench birds according to quality; all on approval: "Pets" Supply Company, The Aviaries, Coppice Drive, Harrogate. (1102)

BUY from the old firm; King's celebrated Yorkshires, standard length, type and quality, cocks from 6/6, hens from 5/-, pairs 8/6 upwards; quality unsurpassed: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge. (1099)

YORKSHIRES, same strain as my winners; cocks, 7/6 upwards, hens 5/- upwards; see report Leeds, Sheffield, Rotherham, Liverpool, Selby, Tideswell, Shipley, Bradford City, West National, etc.; cash or deposit; on approval: Hutchinson, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield. (1103)

BENNETT'S Champion Yorkshires; latest wins, 5 1sts East Ham and Leyton, S.Y.C.C. Diploma best bird, see show reports; matched pairs, 15/-; grand outstanding yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; few 7-inch hens, 8/6; inspection arranged; approval: 17, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone. (1110)

HIGH class Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality; two buff cocks, 7in., 10/6, grand yellow hens to match, 7/6; two yellow cocks 10/6, buff hen 6/6, also few pairs 13/-; chance for fanciers wanting birds cheap to breed champions: Graham, Greenhill Lodge, Gartcosh, Lanarkshire. (1113)

SELL pair high-class Yorkshires, unflighted yellow cock, with lovely buff hen, splendid type and quality, etc., standard length, 15/-; also buff, unflighted cock, with beautiful yellow hen, a winner, 20/-; on approval, cash or deposit: Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. (1110)

CHAMPION Yorkshires; yellow cock, unflighted, 3rd, 25/-; clear buff hen, 1st, 25/-; see report of Hetton in last issue of these two grand birds; other cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/6; pairs from 12/6 upwards; approval four days; 29 years breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

RADLEY'S champion Yorkshires; unflighted buff cocks, first Rotherham, Liverpool, Selby; 2nd Warrington; fourth Bradford National, sell £4; buff hen, winner at all the leading shows, 50/-; also few good stock birds from 10/- to £3; approval, deposit: Frank Radley, Elm-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1099)

30 pairs high-class Yorkshires, bred from our Palace champions, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; these are not rubbish, but lovely type and feathered like silk; buff cock, gem, 30/-, can win; another, win small shows, 20/-, feathered like wax; two clinking buff hens, 20/-, 30/-, can win; approval: Messrs. Amblers, Scotton, Knaresborough. (1099)

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Bargains in YORKSHIRES & NORWICH

Read following testimonial from 2, Tivoli Terrace, Last Kingstown, Dec. 8, 1913: "I got three birds from you a few weeks ago, and I showed them last week, and won 1st, 2nd, and vhc, and am highly pleased with them" B. J. Beegan to J. Taylor.

Fanciers requiring high-class Yorkshires or Norwich should send for my illustrated price list, post free, containing scores of winning testimonials from home and abroad. Grand large stock of Yorkshires in clears, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked; colour-fed or natural colour, and all cold-room bred and kept. Fine, large, slim, Yellow or Buff Yorkshire Cocks, on full song, and seven inches long, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Pairs, accurately matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. Extra good stylish Yellow or Buff Hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Exhibition Cocks and Hens at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, that can soon win back their cost in keen competition. Inspection invited at any time. All on seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

NORWICH, ETC.

Large, stout, Yellow or Buff Norwich Cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pairs, matched to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Clears Ticked and Greenmarked. Grand Hens at 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Exhibition Cocks and Hens at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each.

Easy Payments arranged, and birds sent off at once, on receiving first payment, in Yorkshires, Norwich, and songsters. Full particulars and price list post free. Seven days' approval. Only and old address:

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RACK; seven single, one double breeders, absolutely best throughout, all accessories, flight 5 x 4, to match; exchange house, field-moulted Goldfinches, Bullfinches, sell £2, bargain: Richards, Cynwyd, Corwen, N. Wales. (1112)

EXHIBITORS, for sale, grand big steady Linnet, 30/-, or exchange for large typical Norwich; yours first, honourable dealings only entertained: can be seen any week-end: Mr. Donovan, 16, Randolph-st., Ashton Old-rd., Openshaw, Manchester. (1107)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches and Siskins also all kinds of British, birds for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or foreign birds. Notice, all sent on approval both ways: state wants at once to: Hollingshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1044)

Mainly Canaries.

TWELVE Roller hens, 1/3 each, or exchange good cock: 14, Arthur-st., Aldershot. (1102)

EXCHANGE pair of Norwich yellows for show cages and case: Wm. Parkinson, 85, Hodder-st., Accrington. (1097)

WANTED, buff Crestbred hen, good head; give buff and Cinnamon Norwich hens; yours first: 36, Clifton-rd., Southport. (1107)

WANTED to exchange, 6 hen Canaries for 6 good cock Goldfinches; Goldfinches first: Wigmore, 16, St. Mary-st., Monmouth. (1106)

EXCHANGE, cock Canary or Greenfinch Mule for 2 cock Goldfinches; large birds on seed: T. Lister, Station-rd., Leven, Fife. (1096)

EXCHANGE two c.m. hen Goldfinches and three hen Canaries, for singing cock Canary: Hugh Wadey, Hilling-hurst. (1107)

EXCHANGE two clear buff Yorkshire hens for one cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen; offers: Newton, 38, Gledhill-st., Salford. (1105)

SALE, lady's bicycle, good as new, £3; or exchange Norwich; approval; birds first: Curphey, 21, Castle-st., Douglas, Man. (1112)

FOUR hen Canaries; exchange for hearthrug; also 2 cocks, 6/- each: Hudson, No. 1, Providence-place, Coventry-rd., Birmingham. (1103)

SALE or exchange, two Crested hens, for two Rollers, cocks; approval; sell, 15/-: Fielding, 15, Whiteleas-rd., Littleborough. (1101)

LIGHT variegated Greene Mule, winner 2 seconds, 15/-; exchange common Rollers, singing: Dollimore, 31, Portland-st., St. Albans. (1104)

COCK, two hens, Spangle Bantams, sell 10/-, or exchange Siberian cock Goldfinch: Lewis, 30, Hamilton-st., Penbrelmach, Merthyr. (1097)

SELL or exchange, six hen Canaries and 120 copies CAGE BIRDS, for anything in the Fancy: Dyer, 1, Forest-rd., Romford. (1099)

SIDECAR wanted, in exchange for good Yorkshires, or sell cheap; 16 for £3 10s.: Jackson, Kershaw-lane, Audenshaw, Manchester. (1104)

WANTED, German hen; exchange classical Yorkshire buff cock, or sell 15/-; week approval: Fothergill, Water-st., Nelson, Lancs. (1105)

BUFF Norwich and Yorkshire hens, 6s. each; exchange one for Goldfinches or waterdock roots: 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire. (1107)

GOOD unlighted Buff Norwich hens 4/6; exchange 1913 cock Goldfinches or Crestbred hen: Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town, N.W. (1102)

WANTED British birds; exchange Border cocks and hens, or sell cocks 5/-, hens 2/-, or 6/6 pair: Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (1108)

PAIR good Borders, 15/-; exchange for camera, curb, poultry, house, gun, garden tools, nets; offers: Jones, 14, Boundary-rd., Birkdale. (1107)

PAIR Norwich, 10/6; pair Yorkshires, 10/-; Double Breeding Cage, 4/-; exchange anything useful: Royce, 173, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (1106)

FOUR pairs Yorkshires, 7/6 and 10/6 pair; exchange field-moulted exhibition British Hardbills: Hatton, 24, Abernethy-st., Horwich. (1101)

WANTED, outdoor aviary-bred Budgerigars, Cockatiels and Mules, cocks and hens; cheap for cash: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester. (1103)

WANTED, 6 cock Canaries in full song (or offers) for one pair pure bred Scotch Fancies; or sell 30/-: Sutherland, 152a, Moss-st., Keith, N.B. (1098)

EXCHANGE, high-class Borders for exhibition, British or foreign Hardbills or Softbills; mutual approval: Wilson, Wybrow-terrace, Workington. (1106)

WANTED, pair Norwich Plainheads, good type; exchange winning Buff Yorkshire hen to match; also pair Stock Yorkshires: Fleetwood, Wantage, Berks.

H.M. Goldfinch and Norwich hen, bred Mules, for large buff Norwich cock, or give case of carvers, new, for same: McLeod, 24, Kitchener-ter., Wallsend. (1104)

EXCHANGE pair of prize Borders for dark Roller cock, no chopper, sell 12/6; yours first; will give particulars: Brown, 53, Brookhill-st., Stapleford, Notts. (1100)

PRIZE bred Yorkshires, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; or exchange boots, anything useful: approval: D. Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1099)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: W. Whiteley, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, Ashfield-rd., Idle, Yorkshire. (1081)

DARK yellow Greenfinch Mule, Dark buff Linnet Mule, 7/6 each; exchange Yorkshires, Norwich, or Cinnamon Norwich; approval: Butler, Rhosymedre, Rhabon. (1105)

WILL sell, or exchange a few high-class Yorkshires, cocks and hens, and a few good British; stamp reply: J. Fletcher, 63, High-st., Loftus-in-Cleveland. (1084)

TWENTY prize Borders, also few pairs champion Norwich; exchange good gramaphone and records, or useful household goods; stamp reply: Pepper, 5, Greek-st., Hull. (1100)

YELLOW variegated Goldfinch Mule, unlighted, singing, colour fed, 12/6, offers; exchange Norwich cock bird for stock, yours first: Palmer, 3, Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts. (1099)

GIVING up: Twenty excellent Norwich and Yorkshires, winners and bred from winners, from 5/-; offers for lot, or exchange: Richardson, 67, Tynemouth-rd., Tottenham. (1099)

BARGAINS, high-class Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorks. (1111)

½-PLATE stand camera outfit, £3; exchange for exhibition Norwich hens, 1913, or pedigree bull-terrier dog puppy and cash; approval; yours first: Charles Lewis, Highbridge. (1111)

CINNAMON Borders, 1 splendid buff cock, 2 buff hens, 1913 bred (Patterson's strain); exchange for good 1913 buff Norwich hens; approval: Brown, 24, Devonshire-st., Workington. (1102)

SALE or exchange, 30 pairs Yorkshires, several winners, and 6 Silver Sebright hens, 1 cockerel, Bantams, any article useful for house or baby: Ball, G.W.R. Office, Penryn, Cornwall. (1106)

PAIR real good Yorkshires, sell 20/-, or exchange for pair new blankets, cycle tubes, tyres, or gramophone records; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (1108)

BEST cash offer accepted for 4 cocks, and 5 hens, all high-class Seifert Rollers and healthy birds, or exchange for anything useful at home: J. Sutcliffe, 20, Boardman-st., Todmorden. (1100)

YORKSHIRE cocks, in buff, cinnamon, and yellow, green marked, Norwich, clear yellow and yellow marked, 5/- each; buff hens, 2/6 each: Pickles, Shawcroft Hill, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. (1100)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks., Norwich, Rollers, Scotch Linnets, Spanish Canary seed, cages, anything for scrap brass, copper, block tin: Edwin North, Breeder, 177, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1112)

YELLOW MARKED 1912 Norwich cock, full song; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, caged 2 months, lot 12/-; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich hens: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex. (1109)

WANTED, a good blood Crested 1913 cock, in exchange for 1913 perfect Crested hen, one wing marked, Tyson and Joyce, same as winners; several young Crests for sale cheap: Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury St. Edmunds. (1100)

Mainly Foreign.

TWO hens, one cock Zebra Finches, adults, pair Ribbon Finches, acclimatised; wanted tame house-moulted cock Chaffinch, yellow cock Siskin: offers: Albert Thornes, 93, Westover-rd., Bramley, Leeds.

ONE of the finest sulphur-crested Cockatoos ever seen, show plumage, thoroughly acclimatised, and is a talker, price, including cage, £2 2s., or exchange Canaries, hens preferred: Hewitt, Albion-st., Castleford. (£12)

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage for Birds or anything useful, or sell 15/-; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1105)

PAIR Green Budgerigars, pair Cutthroats, guaranteed healthy and sound, to clear, 4/6 the lot: Gardiner, 10, Withipoll, Ipswich. (1102)

BILLY, large snow-white, yellow-crested Cockatoo and cage, winner, perfect pet with ladies only, splendid plumage, not noisy, £2 10s.; will exchange for good Mules, Hybrids; house-moulted British cock, offers?: Allison, Market-place, Blyth, Northumberland. (1106)

Miscellaneous.

WANTED anything alive: Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE, Cutlery or Joiner's Tools for singing Canary: 67, Hodgson-st., Sheffield. (1106)

CHOICE Christmas present.—Birds, pigeons, dogs rabbits, cavies: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green.

EXCHANGE safety razor and blades, pistol, kill 100 yards, for good birds: Cox, 34, Wood-st., Kettering. (1100)

EXCHANGE good Thrush's cage for two good pullets, or sell 7/6: W. Lang, 20, Cistern-st., Totnes, Devon. (1095)

220 "CAGE BIRDS," 35 coloured plates; offers cock Goldfinches: Kelsey, Tyman-st., Wheatley-hill, Thornley. (1096)

CLAP net, pair new, Lark nets, secondhand, 12/- lot; exchange for birds: Archbold, 8, Smith's-yard, Gateshead. (1107)

EXCHANGE, pair of bowls for good young cock Canary: Watson, 3, Darby-st., Gorsehill, Stretford, Manchester. (1106)

22-BORE rifle for sale, value 10/-; exchange cage birds, anything useful: F. Starkie, 19, Maud-st., Barrowford. (1108)

WELL bred King Charles dog, £1; or useful exchange; what offers: Hughes, 35, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (1092)

PATHE gramophone, 20 double records, cost £4 10s., sale 35/-; exchange fowls or Canaries: 6, Kempton-rd., New Ferry. (1102)

WHAT offers cage birds for 10 working homers? Canaries preferred: Dent, 19, Loves Beechburn, Crook, Durham. (1099)

CROSSED Whippet Sheep-dog, five months, 15/-; exchange for cage birds: Lailey, Trowbridge-rd., Bradford-on-Avon. (1100)

EXCHANGE Columbia gramophone, 30 records, splendid condition, for Canaries, or sell 27/6: Dean, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1101)

COCK Linnet, Norwich hen, Canary bred Mules, 4/6; exchange; first P.O. gets them: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole. (1101)

SELL or exchange, single and double breeders, flights, show cases, all accessories: Brown, 43, Tower-st., Harrogate. (1096)

WANTED, pair of Canaries; exchange silver lever watch, new; sell 15/-; yours first: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow. (1036)

SINGLE breach-loader, guaranteed kill 70 yds., 25/-; wanted, bike, Canaries; approval: White, Green Head, Crook, Durham. (1107)

EXCHANGE good wire haired Fox terrier, kill anything, for other breed, or offers: Robinson, 83, Hope-st., Hanley, Staff. (1100)

TEN 12in. and five 10in. double-sided Pathe Records, good condition, exchange birds, anything: 7, Derby-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1102)

WHAT offers, smart young maiden fox terrier bitch, perfect markings; or sell 10/-: T. W. Pope, 21, New Cross-rd., S.E. (1095)

BULL TERRIER dog, 5 months, house guard, exchange singing Canaries or anything useful; sell 15/-: 6, Melunes-st., Lincoln. (1102)

EXCHANGE pair fine hemp clap nets, 6ft. by 45ft., complete, for good zither banjo: Brindley, 201, Gregst., Reddish, Stockport. (1101)

WANTED, racing whippet, in exchange for 2 pairs racing pigeons, value £2: Baker, The Green, Attleborough, Nuneaton. (1112)

GROCER'S brass scales, nearly new, cost £2 10s.; will sell 17/6; or exchange British birds: Jeffreys, 17, Norfolk-st., Swansea. (1101)

WHAT offers in Canaries or British, for dog or bitch Welsh terrier pup, 10 weeks old: Knight, Fruiterer, Merthyr Tydfil. (1111)

EXCHANGE pretty fish carvers for Pekin Nightingale (songster); sale, old pewter coffee pot: 108, Cambridge-st., Normanton. (1103)

WHAT offers in Canaries for joiner's trying plane, practically new, value 6/6: Michael, 25, Osterley-st., St. Thomas, Swansea. (1097)

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for kerb, beaten copper preferred, length about 52 inches: Midgley, 93, Redcliffe-st., Keighley. (1108)

FOUR Airedale dog pups, six weeks, 15/- each; or exchange brass fender, or offers, and part cash: Coppack, Hawkcliffe, Stockton. (1103)

PORTABLE house (sections), 6 by 5, as aviary, nearly new, 24/-, cages, Canaries, cheap: Hames, 30, South-rd., Bournemouth. (1108)

NOTICE: What offers, bagatelle table, nine ivory balls, four cues, and marking board: Cunning, Crown Hotel, Slamannan, Scotland. (1104)

GENT'S new bicycle for sale £4, take birds or gramophone part exchange; approval both ways: E. Gallagher, Sheep-st., Skipton. (1106)

WANTED, two 1913 Yorkshire cocks in exchange for one pair Rosecomb Bantams: Hugh MacKintosh, Manse, Auldearn. Birds first. (1098)

EXCHANGE three British show cages, leather case, hold four, for four cock Budgerigars; sell 7/6: Broadbent, James-st., Thornaby. (1104)

SELL or exchange, Spaniel dog, 30/-; wanted, parrot or Norwich Canaries or cages; approval: Shaw, Sandringham-rd., Crook, Durham. (1105)

EXCHANGE pair of Angoras (buck winner), English doe (winner), and Dutch doe, for hen Yorkshires: Mann, Lancaster, Merthyr. (1102)

EXCHANGE good working ferret for Goldfinch Mule, pure wild note, or two good Yorkshire hens: Nash, 5, Queen-st., Lydney. (1099)

BULLFINCH cock, twice H.M., splendid condition, 6/-; large, clean Norwich hen, 2/6; offers; puppies, useful: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup. (1113)

EXCHANGE large pigeon house, in sections, 60 coloured plates of fowls and pigeons, for Canaries, Foreign: 53, Union-rd., Leytonstone. (1098)

WANTED, muling cock Goldie, singing; exchange smoothing plane, new; call evening: Hammersley, 11, Berkley-st., Saville-pl., Lambeth. (1094)

GRAMOPHONES, records; birds taken part payment; best prices allowed; enquiries invited: Columbia Agency, Wellington, Salop. (1074)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, new condition, approval; exchange for Canaries, Mules, or toy dog: Biddle, 27, Wharton-st., London, W.C. (1099)

FREE.—Two full-sized tins washable cage enamel to all enclosing 6d. postage, packing: Morrison's Enamels, 24, Wyatt-rd., Highbury, N. (1076)

EXCHANGE two pair of Yorkshires, value £1 5s., for clarionette or other reed instrument: Durbano, 14, Upper Waun-st., Blaenavon, Mon. (1097)

PATENT Duplex vapourising stove for heating bird room, 15/-; or exchange anything useful; no hve stock: Fowler, 139, Urban-rd., Heathorpe, Doncaster. (1092)

WANTED, real good pair Yorkshires, will exchange genuine New Edison standard phonograph; approval: Montgomery, High-st., Staines. (1099)

SEWING machine, hand, lockstitch, perfect stitch, new condition, 30/-, cost £5; exchange Canaries or Mules: Fenn, 421, Portobello-rd., London. (1099)

MAHOGANY double breeder, hoppers, bottles complete, Welsh Goldie, large, 6/-; square blaze, 14/-: Thomas, 9, Wellington-place, Llanrwst. (1102)

FOUR Yorkshire show cages and case, joiner-made cages, used once, 10/-; exchange cock birds; birds first: Dickerson, 59, York-st., Bingley. (1106)

EXCHANGE 39 parts Harmsworth Encyclopaedia, part 40 missing, for British birds or Canaries: Smith, 12, Taverners-rd., Peterborough. (1097)

COCK and three hens, Spangle Game Bantams (Babcock's), 2/6 each; exchange birds, anything useful: Fox, Ludgvan, Lengvock, Cornwall. (1092)

COCK Siskin, 2nd Arbroath, 4th Brechin, 9/-; Mealy Redpoll, 1/6; unlighted yellow Norwich hen, 5/-: James Smith, 23, Union-st., Brechin. (1111)

OFFERS wanted in cock Goldfinches and Linnets for smooth fox terrier bitch, pedigree; sell 25/-: Waddington, 45, New Hall-st., Burnley. (1093)

WANTED, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, or good British in exchange for show cages or cages any variety: Hogg and Co., 23, Ancoats-st., Manchester. (1111)

BARGAINS. Mahogany Palace aviary, £2; nine cages, £1 10s.; Wagonette, seat six, £5 10s.; stylish dogcart, £8 10s.; exchange: Cypher, Bedwas. (1101)

BOOTS: One pair of ladies' glace kid shoes, any size; exchange two Norwich singing cock Canaries, or sell, 8/-: R. Thompson, Loughtown, Carlisle. (1101)

JOHN DAY, will exchange high-class British or Siberian, also Parrots, for Canaries, Mules, etc.; see advert: The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1102)

CANARIES, Mules, British, Pigeons, Cavies, Rabbits, sale or exchange; stamp reply: J. A. Walker, Naturalist, 94, Cobden-st., Loughborough. (1107)

SIX hens and cock, White Polish Bantams, from prizewinners, sale £1, or useful exchange: Mr. Smith, 24, Parsonage-rd., Northam, Southampton.

SELL or exchange Clumber Spaniel bitch, 18 months, for good Welsh terrier, poultry or offers: Partridge, 55, Scarborough-st., Irthlingborough.

SALE or exchange, a black Retriever and Newfoundland for a Fox Terrier or a York. Terrier: Jonah Ball, No. 11, Rydal-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

SALE or exchange, five new British show cages, one Linnet Mule, for lace curtains or lino: J. Moody, 4, Brigg, 6, Colsterworth-rd., Tottenham.

EDISON Bell gramophone, very clear, plays 10 or 12in. records, 17/6; or exchange toys for a boy of 7 or anything useful: Bolton, Millham-st., Blackburn.

WILL give new Powell and Hanmer's "Revenge" cycle lamp in exchange for two cock Canaries in full song: Cycle Agent, 91, Mid-st., Keith, N.B.

PAIR telephones, electric bells, etc., 45/-, or exchange for gramophone and records, or talking Parrot: Wheeler, Yattendon, Newbury, Berks.

YORKSHIRE bitch, five months old, good coat, pedigree, 25/-, or exchange Nor. Canaries; approval: Ingham, Lower Chisley, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge.

EXHIBITION Dachshund, two years, for pair Yorkshire greens, or double breeders; sell £4; yours first: Gunning, Crown Hotel, Slamannan, Scotland.

SMART little Yorkshire terrier dog, 9 months old, 3½lbs., make grand stud dog, accept 3 guineas; or exchange.—Weedal, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE, pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield. (1112)

SMALL Yorkshire terrier dog, 2½ years, long silvery coat, beauty, £1; or exchange two cycle covers and tubes, 26 x 1¾; offers: Finch, Hockliffe, Beds.

PURE black retriever pup, 12/6, retriever-sheep 6/-, dogs; retriever-spaniel bitch, 5/-, offers, approval: Goldfinch 1/6: Rivers, Gloucester, Newbury.

GENT.'S new watch, jewelled movement, key wind, perfect timekeeper, guaranteed, etc.; new and unsoiled; 10/- or exchange: Mulley, 59, Bridgend, Dumbarton. (1113)

BLACK Pom. dog, 4 months, slightly mismarked, plenty coat, good tail carriage; also wire-haired terrier, 18 months, good yard dog, champion ratter; offers invited: Weedall, Siddorn-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1112)

EXCHANGE pen of Black Pekin Bantams, cock and two hens, prize birds, for good Roller cock Canary; sell 15/-: Jones, 57, High-st., Baenau Festiniog. (1093)

"CLARKE'S" Syphone stove, suitable for bird room, good as new; exchange for Norwich Canaries, hens wanted, must be good: 43, Florence-rd., New Cross, S.E. (1108)

WALLPAPER: Large assortment for all purposes exchanged for hen Canaries or garden plants, red rose trees, privets, etc.: Exchange Co., 355, London-rd., Sheffield. (1003)

LOVELY Black Spaniel bitch pup, five months, very affectionate, clean, fond of children, only 25/-, or part exchange, no live stock: Moscrop, Longtown, Cumberland. (1107)

ROSEWOOD case, harmonium, 8 stops, splendid condition; exchange, surplus Canaries, or cash, £2 10/-; offers, anything useful: Ellis, 256, Pellon-lane, Halifax. (1108)

NOTICE: Birds of any description taken in exchange for cages or loose fronts; state offers and what wanted: Leigh, Cage Maker, 51, Netherfield-rd. S, Liverpool. (1100)

TRIO Crests, 21/-, worth £2; cock Goldfinch Mule, parlour cage; hand camera, quarter-plate, 10/-; or exchange, offers; mutual approval: Uttley, Hope-place, Liverpool. (1104)

WHAT offers?, 15 7d. parts "Canaries, Hybrid, and British," by Lewer; 13 6d. parts "Our Canaries"; Foreigners or Rollers preferred: A. Fricker, 62, John-st., Worksop. (1107)

GENT.'S English Lever and chain, solid silver, hall marked, capped, jewelled, cost £4, sell 30/-; exchange fur or leather: Rose, 152, Wornington-rd., North Kensington. (1109)

FOR sale, Irish terrier bitch, no better guard living; quiet with children, clean; 10/-; or exchange for good Roller cock: Close, 2, St. Vincent-terr., Cockfield, Durham. (1093)

COCK and 4 hens, Spangle Ga. Bantams (Baddock), 1912 birds, and 3 grand pullets, sell 12/-, or exchange Siskins, Goldfinches; offers: Bethell, 63, North Norman-st., Cotmanhay. (1104)

WILL exchange cross-bred Irish bulldog, about 40lb. weight, for pair of Yorkshires or Norwich; must be good birds: W. Priestley, Harper's Houses, West Boldon, co. Durham. (1106)

SMOOTH-haired Fox Terrier dog, about 6 months, smart ratter; exchange anything useful, yellow Norwich preferred: Joseph Gibb, H, Whyte's-bldgs., Montrose-st., Brechin. (1104)

GOOD pair Calodonia skates, 3/6; 30-hour American clock, 3/6; new flute, 2/6, stereoscope, 2/6; exchange Canaries, accessories: Middleton, 96, Northgate, Canterbury. (1108)

WANTED in exchange, cock Magpie, Manukiu, cock Black-checked Lovebirds, for hens, must be in good condition, from cold aviary; approval: Smith, Woodland, Kendal. (1105)

CAGE-reared cock Greenfinch, Canary hen, nice birds, double breeder; exchange for H.M. cock Goldfinch or Crestbred hen; approval: Grierson, 63, Battlefield-ave., Glasgow. (1096)

EXCHANGE 2 beautiful yellow Bantam hens and splendid black-red Bantam cockerel; exchange them for good pair Canaries; cock must be good songster: Motley, Grocer, Pateley Bridge. (1102)

BARGAIN. Warris patent nine-draw telescope, all polished brass, in new condition, what offers in foreign or other birds, or sell 30/-; yours first: A. Mahony, 3a, Fountain-bldgs., Bath. (1097)

WANTED two cock Canaries or Mules, or 6 hens; exchange 6 ivorine-handled knives, with nickel silver forks, or cruet, new, best quality; approval: Robinson, 3, Thrumpton-rd., Retford. (1112)

THREE large Norwich cocks, six large hens, breeding and flight cages, sell or exchange gramophone, distemper brush, clock, anything for home: F. Brighton, 3, Harwood-ter., Newmarket. (1100)

YORKSHIRE terrier, two years, exchange gramophone or good Yorkshire and cage; also Fox terrier; exchange rose trees or Yorkshire cock, singing; yours first: Webb, 73, Marne-st., London, N.W. (1101)

BEAUTIFUL hanging lamp, made to raise and lower, suit parlour, sitting-room, cost 27/6, only used three months; what offers in Canaries, anything: Pavier, Hempshall-lane, Bulwell. (1108)

Exchange, gas fire with fittings, complete, cost 30/-, two banjoes, one ordinary tenlett, cost 50/-, one zither, cost 30/-, for good Yorkshires or Rollers: Apply F. Forder, 83, Northam-rd., Southampton.

OFFERS wanted for lady's silver watch, recently cleaned, cost 25/-, also for "Women of all Nations," complete, 20 7d. parts; birds preferred; yours first; no postcards: Barber, Westgate, Southwell, Notts.

GRAMOPHONE, Pathe needle machine, grand condition, cost £3, eight double records, sell 45/-, or exchange Canaries or Mules, Goldfinches; offers: George, 772, Harrow-rd., Kensal Green, London.

THREE Norwich hens 3/- each; house-moulted cock Greenfinch 2/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch 4/-; mule breeders; exchange dise records, Yorkshires: T. Davies, 7, Bradford-st., Newton, Hyde.

GAMAGE'S Optimus magic lantern, equal to new, complete with travelling case and large number of slides, cost over £6, sell 40/-, or exchange for birds or camera: Ross, Cage Works, Forres, N.B. (1110)

PEDIGREE Irish Terrier bitch, £2 10s.; Siskin, 12/6; Chaffinch, 10/-; Greenfinch, 7/6; exchange large cinnamon Norwich, house-moulted Goldfinch, Linnet, or exhibition Foreign: John Esplin, Bonnybridge.

TWO 1913 Canary-reared cock Linnets, full song, fit for show, with cage, 7/6 lot; pair riding boots, eights, 35/-, cost £4 4s.; exchange Canaries or cash: C. Punter, 55, St. John's-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

GENT'S bicycle, splendid order, exchange show birds value £2; no rubbish; also two Roller hens, cost 7/6 each, exchange exhibition Goldie or Mule and cage: Jones, Canton House, Penrhyn Deudreath. (1100)

GENUINE cross-bred Pom dog, 18 months, splendid coat, good guard, fond of children; sale no fault of dog, 10/-; cash Editor; wanted, good British cage; moulted Siskin wanted: Wright, 33, Patteshall-st., Bedford. (1104)

EXCHANGE pair hollow ground razors for cock Goldfinch: Hunt, 4, Sherrat-st., Skelmersdale. (1097)

EXCHANGE three O.E.G. Bantam cockerels for cock Canary; exchange Black and Blue English bucks, value £1 for good Steel Dutch buck or Canaries: John Bailes, South View, Colliery Row, Fence Houses, Durham. (1100)

HANDSOME solid gold albert, £3 10s.; ladies' long gold guards and gold watches, £3 10s., all new, perfect; pair handsome bronze figures, cost £1 4s.; exchange colour-fed singing cock Canaries: Ambler, Scotton, Knaresborough. (1099)

STOCKING knitting machine, flat, Rothwell make, cost 11 guineas 3 yrs. ago, a perfect bargain, £3; or exchange, phonograph and records, lady's cycle, or anything useful: S. Jackson, 7, Fishwick-view, Preston, Lancs. (1094)

EXCHANGE good gun-metal watch, two good Sheffield razors, a good bicycle, gas lamp, also a good overcoat, nearly new; wanted, Goldfinches, large birds, or offers; birds first: R. Rolfe, 35, Shepherds-lane, Beaconsfield, Bucks. (1099)

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RUNCORN B.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters, Dec 5, Mr. Sutton in chair, before large attendance. usual bus. was gone through. and distribution of prize money and specials, which went two for each exhibitor. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Next meeting, Dec. 19, for electing officers.—E. Rowe, Sec.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting held November 27 at Colliery Inn, Mr. H. Barron in chair. The following were made members: W. Underwood, J. Yetts, F. Nicholson, W. Soulsby, J. Laycock, R. Wallace. Decided to hold members' show January 17th. We have several good specials promised. Next meeting, Dec. 13.—J. W. Robson, Sec.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Wallace Lower Hall, Nov. 25, Mr. R. McKay in chair. Decided that club show be held Dec. 13, entry fee 9d. per cage. All entry money divided between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; 26 classes provided. We hope members will rally round and make show a great success. Good number of specials.—R. Aitken, sec.

PENDLEBURY, SWINTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Decided to hold meeting at Windmill Hotel, Pendlebury, Dec. 18th. We are hoping to have a good meeting to decide whether we will hold an exhibition of cage birds on New Year's Day. Would fanciers from outside districts kindly come and give a helping hand. There are some good fanciers here, and they only want to get together to make the society a success.—A. Donnelly.

BO'NESS AND DISTRICT F.A.

Meeting in Coffee House Hall. Following officers appointed for the ensuing year: T. Bell, Presd.; T. Scotland, vice-pres.; R. Stevens, treas.; Thos. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness, sec. The secretary gave report of past year's working, showing the society is in a good position, having a balance of £13. Sec. was instructed to announce show date in CAGE BIRDS for 1914. Annual open show first Saturday in Nov., 1914.—T. Cameron, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held Dec. 1, a good number of members present. Decided to adopt same classification as last year for members' show at headquarters on Boxing Day, with addition of Novice British Class open to all members except Mr. Pitchford and Mr. Davis, who each give special for most points in class. Mr. G. Lawton promised a tea service for most points with four nominated birds, the donor and medal winners not to compete. Special meeting Dec. 15, to complete arrangements.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

QUEBEC C.B.S.

Meeting, held Dec. 6th, Hamsteels Colliery Inn, when a good muster of members rallied together. Agreed to have a members' Linnet sing on Dec. 20th, and a meeting afterwards, when all intending members and fanciers will be given a hearty welcome. Every three months we shall have a table show, and every three weeks a singing contest, 6d. a bird, third prize-money to go to club. Result: 1st class: 1, 3, Wiggleworth; 2, F. Charlton. 2nd Class: 1, Brady; 2, Maitlaud; 3, Simpson. 3rd class: 1, Crawford; 2, McQuirk; 3, Maitland. J. Maitland, Sec., 12, Newsingle Street, Quebec, County Durham.

(Kindly write on one side only of each sheet of paper.—Editor.)

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Monthly meeting and table show, held Dec. 1. Secretary is to get samples to select the points medals from for the open shows. Next meeting put back on account of the holidays, until second Monday in Jan. A washing exhibition will be given. Awards at table show, classes 1 to 5 amalgamated: 1, 2, J. Johnstone; 3, 4, J. Craig. Class 6: 1, 4, W. P. Snaith; 2, T. Smith; 3, vhc, A. Affleck. Class 7: 1, hc, T. Smith; 2, 4, W. P. Snaith; 3, G. Wilson; vhc, A. Affleck; c, G. Chambers. Class 8: 1, 4, W. P. Snaith; 2, e, A. Affleck; 3, M. Cosser; vhc, c, T. Smith. Class 9: 1, A. Affleck; 2, vhc, Churnside; 3, hc, G. Chambers. Class 10: 1, 3, A. Affleck; 2, W. P. Snaith; 4, M. Cosser. A hearty vote of thanks was given the judges, Mr. T. Parker and Mr. W. Smith, bringing a good meeting to an end.—M. C. Potts, sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held Dec. 8, at 60, Paddington Street, Mr. W. A. Shepherd in the chair. Mr. V. Wynn, Hon. Sec., and 34 members present. Correspondence was read and dealt with. Mr. Giles, Cricklewood, was elected a member, and 6 nominations received. The chairman presented cups won outright at annual show, viz., Mr. Parrington, Mr. Weston's cup and Mrs. Weston's cup; Mr. F. Wright, the Wynn cup, and Mrs. L. M. Thynne, the lady's silver-mounted shield. A judging competition in Border Fancies was then proceeded with; 22 birds were staged. Mr. H. Norman acted as final judge, and at conclusion gave his reasons for placing the birds. Replying to numerous questions, Mr. Norman was able to give members instructive results gained by his long experience with this now popular variety. Members were unanimous in according Mr. Norman a very hearty vote of thanks for his kind attendance and very interesting remarks.—F. Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Annual general meeting at The Raglan Hotel, Dec. 4, Mr. J. W. Ramsden presiding, some 40 members being present, one of the largest meetings of its kind. Balance sheet, showing a substantial increase on last year, was read by the chairman, in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Crabb, through illness. Letters were read from Messrs. Matthes and Bamber, who were absent through illness. A vote of sympathy was proposed by Mr. Trower to each of these gentlemen. The usual votes of thanks were passed to all the retiring officers. Result of voting papers:—President and treas., Mr. G. Crabb; auditors, Messrs. Matthes and Mortlock; committee, Mdme. Madewell, Messrs. Hodder, Pretty, Salter, Ramsden, Law, Day, Lathleiff, Bamber, Couzens, Harris, Ward, Bullen. Cooper, Graham, Huggins, Kiesel, and Newley. Mr. Couzens was elected chairman of committee; Mr. Hodder, vice-chair; Mr. Law, sec.; and Mr. Huggins, assist. sec. It was agreed that as our London membership is so increased, we should make some special attractions at our monthly meetings. Pair show, Feb. 19 (evening show). 26 classes for Canaries, Brit., Mules, and For. We are giving 7 silver and 7 bronze L. and P.O.S. medals (now, intending members), 20s. presented by the society; silver medals by Messrs. Trower and Newley, money special, Mr. Fairman, and 4 specials by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 3 for colour food, and 1 for lady members. Judges, Mr. Norman or Mr. G. Gardner (Canaries), and Mr. Silver or Mr. Frostick (Brit. and For.). In March we are trying to make arrangements for a very interesting lantern lecture, with slides of all the most interesting exhibits at the Zoo, birds in preference. In July, the young bird show will be made quite as attractive as the pair show, and even more so. In October, a washing competition and exhibition by Messrs. Ramsden and Hodder, each using his own materials, and showing his own methods. In November we are trying to arrange a lantern lecture, with some 40 slides, describing the L. and P.O.S. ramble, with the nests, birds seen, and groups of members. This ramble as a rule takes place in May or June. The other evenings will be given up to lectures, etc. Those wishing to join the society should send along their names and be in time for the Palace, also share in all the good things we are providing from Jan. to Dec. We want real live enthusiastic members, taking an interest in the society, and doing their best to keep up the name and the proud position which the L. and P.O.S. is always trying to maintain, namely, "The Premier Cage Bird Society." Another successful year is closed, and we return grateful thanks to our old friend, CAGE BIRDS, in whose columns members will always find L. and P.O.S. news and happenings.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

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ACCRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Dec. 4th, Mr. Dormer (Rishton) gave a washing exhibition. He put three birds through in good style, and answered a good many questions. Much interest was taken in the drying cage he brought with him. Decided to have members' show Jan. 17th; there will be two cups and some specials to compete for. We had 5 new members join. We want all the fanciers in the district to join, as we intend to make it a success, if they will rally round. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dormer concluded the meeting. Next meeting, Monday, Dec. 23rd.—D. Harwood, Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Dec. 4. Report of annual show was considered satisfactory. Programme for 1914 (a very interesting list of fixtures) was drawn up, including 5 shows, judges for which will be selected next meeting night. We have changed annual show date to Oct. 29th, 1914. Chairman presented specials won at last annual show, and commented upon the great increase this year, 46, as against 11 last year, and said it looked well for the prosperity of the club and the enthusiasm of the members. We shall be glad if members who owe money for tickets and subs. will let us have same at once to enable us to prepare our books for the auditors. Don't forget that Jan. 1st is the only date to get rules altered and added to, so that those who have any suggestions to make please let us know a few days beforehand.—Burton Bros., Hon. Secs.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Annual general meeting held Village Hall, Juniper Green, Dec. 6, Vice-president, Mr. Michie, in the chair. The auditors said they had gone over the books and vouchers and found everything in good order, and the Society in a very flourishing condition. Office-bearers for ensuing year: Pres., Parish Councillor Alex. Begbie; Vice-pres., Mr. Jas. Michie; treas., Mr. Alex. F. R. Scott; sec., Mr. Jas. Napier (Lanark Road, Juniper Green); Committee, Messrs. J. Johnston, D. Campbell, J. Ferguson, G. Crabb, and R. Davidson. Decided we have no meeting in January, but a smoker on the 10th of January. Left in hands of sec. to make arrangements for the smoker. New members admitted: J. I. Yellowlees (Whinton), Miss E. Shiels, J. Marshall and W. Downie, all of Juniper Green.—J. Napier, Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 1st. Everyone was pleased to again see our worthy chairman in attendance after his recent illness. Members' prize-money for open show was paid. Decided to have series of fortnightly night shows for champ., amateur, and novice, the society giving medal for each section, for most points at end of series, value to be decided later. First show December 16th, meeting, with Norwich (champ., amat., and novice). Classes: Cl., tkd., or var. yell. cock, ditto hen, in each section. Judge picked from non-exhibitors. We hope every member will put down a few birds, and so make the meetings interesting. A discussion on the merits of birds staged will be commenced after birds are judged. Three new members made; total on books, 25—not strong numerically, but we make up in enthusiasm. A brief survey of the late show was given by secretary. It proved one of the best financially, and the society is to be congratulated on having a good balance in hand.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

FOREIGN BIRD EXHIBITORS' LEAGUE.

Winners of F.B.E.L. specials at the L.C.B.A. show: Silver cup best pair Waxbills, Col. Routh; silver medal second best, Mr. J. Frostick; silver medal best Tanager, class 192, Mrs. Thynne; silver medal best Foreign Hybrid, Mr. R. S. Q. de Quincey; medal, most points in Parrakeets, class 174, Miss A. B. Smythe; medal most points Grasshinch and Saffron Finch, Class 180, Mr. R. J. Watts; best pair Diamond Finches, Mr. J. C. Schluter; special best Gouldian, Mr. Buckingham; 1 guinea most points in Mannakins, Mr. S. Beaty; same for Common Waxbills, Mr. F. Howe; 10/6 sp. for Doves, Mr. J. C. Schluter; guinea, most points in insectivorous, Classes 94, 195 and 198, Lady Kathleen Pilkington; same amount for most points Classes 192, 193 and 197, Mr. A. Ezra; 5s. each for most exhibits sent in by lady and gentleman exhibitors, Miss Bousfield and Mr. Allen Silver respectively. Winners of diplomas for new birds exhibited will be verified and published later. All societies wishing for help in extended classification should apply to Hon. Sec. before March. Societies that already give six classes for Foreign birds, and have at least six members who are members of the League are eligible.—A. Silver, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

C. BARNES, 115, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

F. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. Liz Long practical experience. Terms moderate

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.—Judge of Canaries. Specialist Yorkshires and Norwich. Terms on application.

R. S. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

W. VAREY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.—Judge Cage Birds, all varieties; specialist British, Foreign, Mules and Hybrids.

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W. Dixon, Hon. Sec.

RUGBY and Dis C.B.S. 20th December.

4 Classes. 1, A.V. Yellow; 2, A.V. Buff; 3, A.V. Yell. Unflighted; 4, A.V. Buff Unflighted. Entries close Dec. 17th. Fee 1/-. Schedules: T. Martin, 13, William Street.

AYR Pigeon & Cage Bird Show, ON DEC. 20th.

Good classification for Can., Mules, Brit., and For. Birds. Two popular judges. Entries close December 15th. Schedules from—D. Mackie, 94, Hunter's Avenue, Ayr.

Fraserburgh

O.A. Show of Cage Birds, Pig., Bant., Rab., and Cavies, will be held on the 24th Dec., when many valuable prizes will be given. Entries close on 17th Dec. Schedules from Robert Bruce, 48, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh.

HIGH WYCOMBE (BUCKS.)

Dec. 26. Poul., Pig., Cage Birds. Open to the County and a twenty-mile air line. Judge, G. H. Billett. Sched.: S. C. Pearce, Sec., 3, Temple End, High Wycombe.

MALTON (Yorks.)

Will hold their 18th Ann. Open Show on Frid., Dec. 26th. Under Patronage of the Yorks and Lancs. B.B. and M. Club. 15 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, for 1/6 entry fee, and Specials, including 10/- Best Canary, 5/- Best British. No Half Prize Monies. Prompt Payment. Entries close Dec. 20th. Last year's exhibitors scheduled, others apply Jas. Wilson, Sec., 31, Sutton Street, Norton Malton, Yorks.

LONGTON, near Preston (all Norwich), on Dec. 27. 6 Champion Classes, 5 Amateur Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6 per class. Specials in each class. Entries finally close Dec. 23. Judge, T. H. Dent, Esq., Preston. Sched.: R. Johnson, Ashlea Terrace, Longton Bridge, near, Preston.

WISHAW C.B.S.

1st JANUARY, 1914.

Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 42 Classes. Judges: A. Chalmers, Thos. Ritchie, and Geo. Marlin. Entries taken till morning of show. Schedules from—Jas. Watson, Sec., 16, Young Street, Wishaw.

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WINGATE

and Dis. F.S. (Co. Durham) 2nd Annual Show, Jan. 1, 1914. No schedules. Classification next issue.—J. Burdett, Sec., 3, Todd St., Wingate, Co. Durham.

Scottish Palace.

DUNFERMLINE (FIFE)

Annual Exhibition of Poul., Pig., Cage Birds, Thurs and Fri., Jan. 1 and 2, 1914. Judges: Cage Birds, Ad. Dickson, Kelty; J. Young, Rutherglen; G. Hislop, Stirling; W. Malcolm, Dumfermline. Good Prize Money and numerous Specials. No classes cancelled. Entries close on Christmas Day. Send for list. Alex H. Hynd, Bankview, Baldridgeburn.

WORKINGTON

Fur and Feather Soc. will hold their 3rd ann. show of Cage Birds, Poul., Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Eggs, on New Year's Day, Jan. 1st, 1914), in the Covered Market Place. Cage Birds:—Canaries, 12 classes under pat. of C. and W. Yorkshire C.C. Mule, Brit., and For., 10 classes. Judge of cage birds, John Nicholson, Esq., Maryport. Entries close Dec. 22nd.—Captain Summers, 24, Elizabeth Street, Workington.

FORFAR Poul., Pig., Fur, and Cage Birds, Jan. 1st and 2nd. 43rd annual show. Good classification, with four money prizes. Judges, Messrs. D. Milne, Henry Wilson, and George McArdle. Sched.: A. Low, 63, West High St., Forfar.

Kilmarnock January 1 and 2, 1914. 50 Classes for Cage Birds. 4 Silver Cups and other Specials. Prize Money paid at show. Schedules ready.—J. Blane, Esq., 10, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.

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LESLIE (FIFE)

C.B. Show, New Year's Day. Scotch Fancies, and Foreign Birds, D. Low, Dundee; Nor., Bord., and Brit., J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh. Entries close Dec. 25, to J. L. Mitchell, Leslie, Fife.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S. Show, Jan. 3rd, 1914 Judge, R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley. 24 Classes. 12 Champion Classes; 2 Selling Classes; 10 Novice Classes. Sched. ready shortly — A. Lawford, Sec., 14, Poplar-st., Birkley, Huddersfield.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

Open Show of Poul., Pig., and Cage Birds, Thurs., Jan. 8th. Entries close Jan. 1. Good specials.—J. C. Mossop, Hon. Sec.

BANGOR (Ireland)

and Dis. C.B.S. 4th Annual Show will be held in Good Templar Hall, on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 8 and 9th, January, 1914. Under patronage of Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of Ireland, and Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland. Judge, W. Mundell. Entries close Sat., January 3rd. Sched.: W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St., Bangor, Down.

DONCASTER & Dis. C.B.S Jan. 10, 1914

Fourth Ann. Show Cage Birds. Classes: Yorks., 13 open, 4 novice; Nor., 5 open, 4 novice; Crests, 4; Selling, 3; Hybrids, 3; Brit., 10; For., 3. Judges: Messrs. Battye and Maddison. Cash Specials every section. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, for 1/ entry. 2 Cups in open section. For particulars see sched.—G. Hunt. Sec., 19, The Crescent, Balby-rd., Doncaster.

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Twitterings.

We have fixed the date of Cheltenham next open show for Nov. 4 and 5, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec.

It will interest many of your readers to know Mr. Alex M. Gardiner has been elected one of our Parish Councillors, writes Mr. Anderson (Newtongrange).

The next autumn show of the London and Provincial O.S., writes Mr. Law, the hon. sec., will be held Oct. 21 and 22, 1914. Will societies kindly note, to avoid clashing.

We are holding a members' show on New Year's Day, writes Secretary Nelson, Warrington C.B.S. (466, Knutsford Road) and anyone joining now will be eligible to compete.

The Old Shildon Workman's Club C.B.S. have appointed, we are informed, Mr. T. Parnaby, 14, Deut St., as secretary; chairman, Mr. E. Richardson; treas., Mr. G. Ingill.

Report of L.C.B.A. show credits Mr. Laccohee with the 2nd prize in open novice hens, instead of me, writes Mr. W. H. Phipps (Isleworth). This is a pity, as I have put an advert. in Cage Birds asking fanciers to look up my win.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret I have to inform you of the sad blow sustained by one of our members, Mr. G. Siddown, who has lost a daughter at the age of ten years. Fanciers will extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Siddown and family in their sad bereavement.—T. Smith, sec. Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. C. Hunter (Glasgow).

Mr. C. Hunter passed away on Saturday, Dec. 6, in his forty-seventh year, after a long and painful illness, borne with great patience and fortitude. Long connected with the West of Scotland O.S., he was one of their staunchest members. All who knew this worthy fancier will join me, I know, in expressing their deepest sympathy towards Mrs. Hunter and family in their present sad bereavement.—W. Hutchinson, sec. W. of S. O.S.

Mr. H. Hunt (Ilkeston).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. T. Smith, sec. Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S., I inform you that we have had the misfortune to lose one of our oldest members, Mr. H. Hunt, of Messrs. Hunt and Brentnall. Mr. Hunt was one of the founders of our society, and has been chairman for the past thirteen years. He was a keen fancier, and one whom we shall sadly miss, as such workers we can ill spare. It has been a big blow to all our members, as Mr. Hunt was of a lovable nature, and well respected in the neighbourhood. I am sure the deepest sympathy of the Fancy and of the members of our society will be with Mrs. Hunt and family in their severe bereavement

A sympathetic reference to the late Mr. Hunt also reaches us from Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton).

A mistake has been made in Birmingham show printed award list, writes Mr. J. H. Jones, the hon. sec., as best novices (rung) class 20, No. 5, should be class 11, No. 10 (Mr. Derry). I should like to tender the best thanks of this society for the splendid support given to our show, both in entries and gate.

The result of Irvine show on Nov. 29 was most satisfactory in all respects, writes Mr. H. M. Ferguson, the sec.; entries an increase of 43 on last year, with substantial balance in favour of society, so the committee's hard work has been amply rewarded. I desire also to thank neighbouring club secretaries for their support in sending entries, etc.

Birds and Music at Islington.

The Islington F.A. annual show is being held in the Congregational Schoolroom, Waiters Road, Holloway, N., on Dec. 13, writes Mr. Brown, the sec., when there will be a fine display. Open 2 o'clock; fanciers invited. A ladies string band will play all day.

Entries at Ashbourne are extended to Dec. 16.

We are asked to notify the following change of address: Mr. A. Maggs from Cardiff to Rice-street, Port Talbot.

At the meeting of the Wingate F.S., Dec. 6, writes Mr. J. Burdett, hon. sec., it was decided to extend the radius to six miles from Wingate.

Would any fancier or club support us by guaranteeing classes? writes Mr. E. Stevens, hon. sec. Guildford and District F.A., 7, Manor-road, Guildford.

Many fanciers have written thanking me for getting away their birds to suit their trains, and saying they never had their prize money paid so quickly before, writes Mr. Robert Lamhie, sec. Whitburn show.

Thank you for your splendid report of Reading Show, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, the secretary. All prize-money has been paid, and congratulatory letters are coming by every post.

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Prize Money Paid.

We hear that prize money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries: Stockton, Whitburn, Cockermouth, Reading.

An Address Wanted.

May I enquire the address of Mr. Bugby, of Wellingborough, writes Mr. Geo. Oglethorpe, Lorton, Cockermouth, as he omitted to give it in his last letter to me.

A Promising Career Ended.

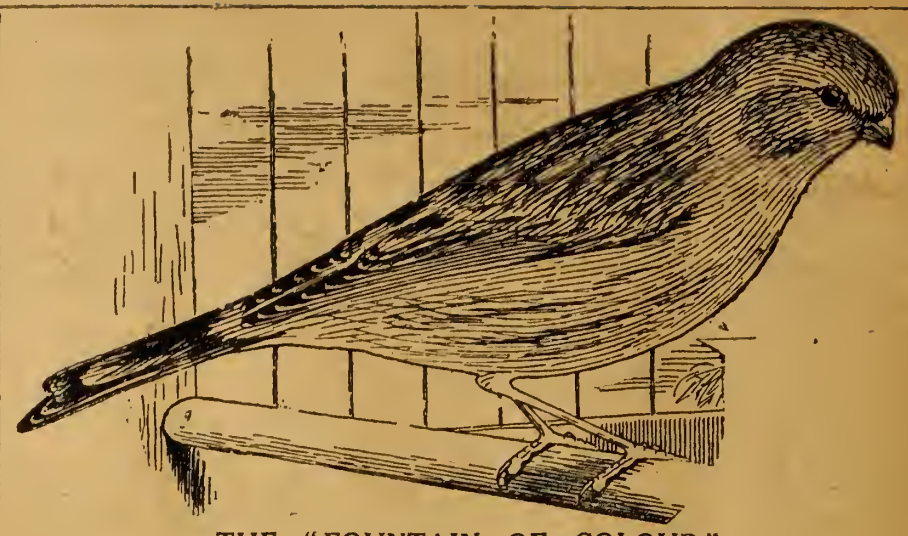
I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) that I received my Linnet back from Bradford show, with a note from the secretary that the bird had died over-night. This was a very fine specimen, only a young bird, once house-moulted. I refused £5 for it the same day it went to Bradford; it has only been out four times, and was 1st at Alnwick, 1st at Coventry, 1st at Stockton, and 1st at Whitehaven.

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Wirksworth, Mr. A. E. Fox won 2, 3, and members' cup in the A.O.V. class; at the L.C.B.A. show Mr. T. Parker won 2 and 6 in Green Bord. cock class, not Hamilton 2 and Roberts 6, as reported; the name of the owner of 2nd Yellow Hammer is Checksfield, not Chesterfield; Mr. C. Roehl won 1 and 4, and Mrs. Newmarsh 3 in the Macaw class. At Dundee Mr. G. Baxter, jun., won 1st in Buff. class, not Greig. At Reading Mr. C. E. Silk won 2nd in Buff Norwich, not Hill as reported.

Southern Border F.C's. Progress.

There is very shortly, writes Mr. R. A. Newley, treasurer S.B.F.C., to be a meeting of committee to decide date of annual general meeting, etc. As treasurer, may I ask all unpaid members to send in their subscriptions immediately to our hon. sec., Mr. F. Moore; and if, at time of sending, any member feels disposed to subscribe to the Club Cup fund, we shall be pleased to acknowledge same? I consider that the club has done good work, and will undoubtedly take rank with the best, given time to develop.



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"Kindly thank all who answered my advert. I have sold out. I had about 30 replies. It just shows what a grand paper CAGE BIRDS is for adverts. I would not be without it, as it is too, so full of interesting articles."—F. A. HASLER (Wennington).

"I must speak very highly of your paper, as I have had five or six replies to each small advertisement I have put in, and they have come from all over the country, so CAGE BIRDS must be well read."—P. C. JULIAN (Battersea).

"I had several telegrams on Friday and numerous letters on Saturday morning for the Light Mule advertised. Bird went into England on Saturday. Purchaser thoroughly satisfied. Another manifestation of the real value of your paper, CAGE BIRDS."—DAVID MORRINE (Glasgow).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Truro (Corn.)—Public Baths, Dec. 26. Judges, E. Webb, E. White. 22 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 4, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Nat. Col. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell 2. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 17 to, C. H. Toy, 20, Prospect-place.

High Wycombe (Herts.).—Oakley Memorial Hall, Dec. 26. Judge, G. H. Billett. 12 classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 15, to S. C. Pearce, Viaduct Villas, 3, Temple End, High Wycombe.

Malton Norton (Yorks.).—Corn Exchange, Dec. 26. Judge, H. W. Battye. 15 classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Brit. 5, Mule 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 20 to, J. Wilson, 31, Sutton-st., Norton, Malton.

Pwllheli (Open to Wales).—Owen's Motor Garage, Jan. 1. Judge, J. W. Metcalfe. 14 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, Brit. 3, Mule 1, Sell 1, Gift 1, Local 3. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Dec. 27 to, W. H. Davies, 4, Mount-ter.

Newtongrange (Scot.).—Lothian Hall, Dec. 20. Judges: A. Fleming, J. Smillie, J. Allan. 45 classes: Nor. 11, Bord. 10, Scotch Fancy 2, Yks. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 14, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 13, to W. Bryson, 42, Fifth St.

Capel Hendre (Wales).—Drill Hall, Ammanford, Dec. 20. Judge, D. Rayr. 10 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 13, to W. Roberts, Brynffynon, Capel Hendre, Pantyffynon.

Ayr (Scot.).—Green's Pavilion, Dec. 20. Judges: C. Campbell, C. Irvine. 28 classes: Scotch Fancy 2, Nor. 4, Yks. 2, Bord. 4, Sell. 1, Mules 2. Brit. 11, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 15, to D. Mackie, 94, Hunter's Avenue.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held 36a, Snargate Street, Dover, Dec. 3, Mr. Raynor presiding over a good company of members. Correspondence was gone through, and points counted up for shows patronised so far this year. A discussion ensued re adult Border cup given by the Rev. Soames, Mrs. Soames, and Mrs. Aitken, and ended with a vote of thanks to the donors.—H. Wood, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LIVERPOOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held the Hall, Royal Street, Nov. 26, when we elected sixteen new members. Mr. A. Wellings will judge our first annual members' show in the Hall, Royal Street, on Boxing day, Dec. 26. Open from 3 till 8 p.m.; admission 3d. We have twenty useful specials. Next meeting at headquarters, January 7, at 8 p.m.—E. S. Broadbent, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH (Western) O.S.

Monthly meeting held Riego-st. Hall, Dec. 4, Mr. Ballantine in chair. Sec. submitted financial statement which showed balance of £7 15s. 2d. Officials elected: President, Mr. T. Ballantine; vice, Mr. D. Burgess; sec. and treas., Mr. C. Grant; com., Messrs. J. Dick and G. Stewart. Debate on the Scotch Fancy is to be held at February meeting, when a large attendance is requested.—C. Grant, sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 2 at "White Swan." Mr. Gibbins presided over large attendance. Secretary was instructed to write several prominent judges for terms re judging next open show. The first table show was held, the rose bowl and added prize money playing an important part on the large number of birds being staged. Mr. J. McCarter judged, and gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL. HEN: 1, Day; 2, Freestone; 3, c, Sarson; vhc, hc, Pole. BUFF HEN: 1, c, Moores; 2, vhc, Sarson; 3, Freestone hc, Pole. NOV. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Laundon and Start: 2, Pole; vhc, hc, Brooks; c, Jolly. BUFF HEN: 1, Herbert; 2, Butler; 3, Heuey; vhc, Jolly; hc, West; c, Hewitt. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Brooks; 2, hc, Allen; vhc, Kilsby; c, Wood. The best thanks of the meeting were given the judge, who promised a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead.—A. Freestone, Sec.

GREAT EASTERN RY. F. & F.S.

3rd annual show held at the Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, November 25. The entry was a record, totalling 240, and birds came from all parts of the company's system. Many good birds were on view, and do justice to the care and attention bestowed on them by the servants and their wives, in the few hours at their disposal after their many duties. Mrs. Hugh Flower, daughter of Lord Claud Hamilton, presented the numerous specials and prizes, with a few well chosen words of praise on the high merit of the exhibits. Mr. F. Marshall won the silver spoon offered by the society with a very nice Norwich cock. Mr. B. Forse, sec., Leyton C.B.A., judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. CK.: 1, 2 sps., res., Marshall; 2, vhc, Burrows; 3, hc, Fysh. MKD. OR VARIEG. CK.: 1, Marshall; 2, res Burrows; 3, Kent. HEN: 1, Marshall; 2, Kent; 3, res., Cann. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Fysh; 3, Kent; res, Fysh. MULES: 1, 2, Fysh. BRIT.: 1 sp., Burrows; 2, res., Fysh; 3, Fish; vhc, Wyatt.—W. G. Rogers, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Gothenburgh Hotel, Dec. 3rd, Mr. J. C. Murray in the chair. Report of 6 pen show was given and accepted. Table show: We had 12 Norwich entries, and 6 British. Mr. J. C. Murray judged Nor., and Mr. Alex. Robertson Brit. Nor.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, W. Grewar (Lochgelly); 5, J. W. Holms. Brit.: 1, 4, T. Cowan; 2, W. Grewar; 3, J. Simpson; 5, 6, W. Stewart. Next table show, Christmas Eve, in Campbell's Hotel. One class for Crest or Crestbred, and 1 for Greenfinch. Mr. W. Grewar will judge Crests and Mr. J. Simpson, the Greenfinches. Club show to be held on last Saturday of January (providing it did not clash with Lochgelly Club Show), in Masonic Hall. There will be 28 classes. Entry fee, same as last year, 3. A special to winner of each class, except gift class, where prize-money will be paid. First, 7s.; second, 6s.; third, 5s.; fourth, 4s.; 5th, 3s.; sixth, 2s.; seventh, 1s.; no entry fee. Vote of thanks to chairman and judges brought meeting to a close.—J. W. Holms, Sec.

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Evening Amusement for Border Fanciers.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(*Continued from page 442*).

The illustrations referred to below appeared in the instalment published in our issue of date No. 29th.

THESE bolt holes must correspond. When the two parts are bolted together, with grooves to the inner side, the grooves form a series of holes through centre of mould. Before using the mould each hole should be tried with a piece of 17 gauge wire, as if any should be too tight, this may be troublesome. The wire should slide easily.

To set mould: Take length of wire, measure off 6½ inches, and make a slight bend at that distance with flat pliers. Bring the long end over bow of mould and make a similar bend at last hole. Measure off 6½ inches and insert as shown in sketch 3. Place spires, and insert in posts, making them firm. It must be borne in mind that no bending, beyond the spring on wire, is necessary to form the bow. The mould will keep it in position.

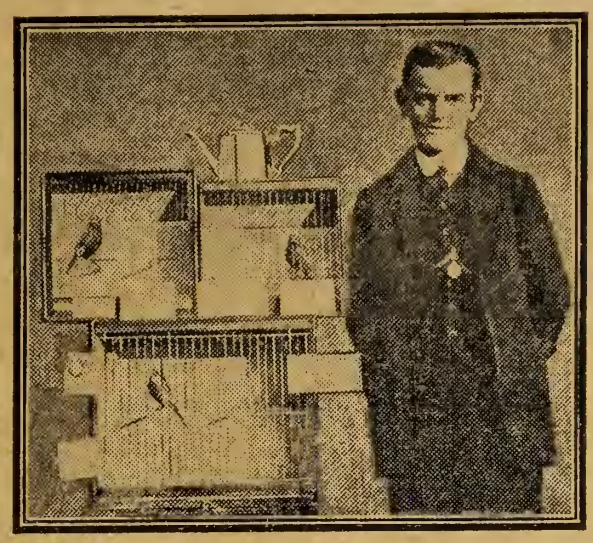
The Wiring and Soldering.

It will be found that this measurement of standard wires will give us a height at centre of arch of 10½ inches, and 9 inches at each corner, measuring from table. This should not be exceeded, as too great a bow spoils the appearance of the cage, and the above gives the bird quite enough head room. The grooved part of mould should always be kept to inside of cage. Proceed to fill in wires, as shown in sketch 4, resting the lower edge of mould on top of spires. The wires may be any length, as all surplus can be cut off. When mould is filled, lay a piece of wire along from A to C, and wrap same with wrapping wire. To use this fine wire, it is best to wind a few yards on a short piece of cage wire. When securely wrapped, solder from A to B, with the exception of wire marked X in sketch. I will now deal with the soldering.

The soldering bolt, a piece of copper rivetted to an iron stem, and inserted in a wooden handle, may be purchased at ironmongers. Solder may be either purchased or, if a piece of block tin can be procured, made, by melting same with three parts of lead. To get the solder into convenient pieces, take an old tablespoon, bore a fairly large hole at the mouth, heat spoon, dip it in the molten metal, and then by tilting a spoonful of this and drawing the spoon along the hearth, the solder flowing from the hole forms long sticks, which are very convenient for use.

The bolt must be tinned. This is done by heating same till fairly hot (but not red hot). Rub point with file till bright, and rub on a piece of old tin, which has previously been sprinkled with powdered resin, and a small piece of solder added. This has the effect of plating, or coating, the point of the bolt with solder, and without which solder would not adhere to it. Tinning may be done with spirits of salts or Baker's mixture, but resin is considered best for that purpose.

These various items are termed fluxes, and without them the solder will not adhere. The most commonly used for cages is spirits of salts (Hydrochloric Acid,



Mr. Ewart Davies, of Tenby, with some of his Norwich Plainheads, a variety he breeds and exhibits with success.

poison) reduced by having a few pieces of clean zinc added, which are at once dissolved by the acid. A dense vapour being given off during this preparation, it is best to do it in the open air, care being taken that the vessel is not more than one third full as effervescence takes place; heat also is generated, so that an old jam pot, or other strong vessel, is advisable to withstand same. When settled and cool it is ready for use and need not be kept corked, but care, of course, should be taken to keep it out of the way of children.

Another flux, and one I prefer to use, is that alluded to as Baker's mixture, a clear fluid, non-poisonous, procurable from chemists or tinsmiths. When about to apply solder, the part must be painted over with the flux, and a small drop of solder taken up on point of the bolt, by touching. This is applied to the wires and the bolt drawn along in the direction required, which distributes a coating over same, and is termed sweating. Holding the cage in a slanting position while applying the bolt helps to make the solder flow, and no beads of solder should be left. Many make the mistake of putting too much solder into their cages, which adds neither to their appearance nor strength.

Keep Your Eye on the Cat!

A brush for applying the flux may be made by inserting a few hairs (from the kitchen broom) into a small piece of gas pipe and flattening same with a hammer. The bolt should be fairly hot; by holding near the face, in the manner common to laundry-maids, one soon learns to recogise the proper degree. Never allow the bolt to get red, as this burns off the tinning from the point, and makes re-tinning necessary. Never cool a bolt with water. And never allow children or cats to get under you when using a bolt, as a drop of hot solder, beats all medicine as a disperser of "that tired feeling." The cost of soldering a Border cage does not exceed one farthing, and adds so much to the strength that I,. at least, would never attempt making them without it.

Coming back to our wiring, wrap the wires tightly, apply flux and solder, then bend down ends (as shown in sketch 4), and by drawing same between finger and thumb a slight circle can be made, as shown at opposite end. Cut these to equal length, and fix to standard wire with loop. Loops are bent in the form of a mark of interrogation "?". The bottom of curve should be brought well down, 1¼ inches from edge of rail. Wrap up and solder; then slide mould up to top of cage and wrap, giving a double turn round each end of wire (as shown at C) and a single turn round bow, or frame wire.

Making the Drinking Hole.

When all are soldered with the exception of wire marked x, cut off all surplus ends as close to bow as possible, and give each end a rub with the file to remove the sharp point which cutting imparts. Then unscrew mould and remove. A tight and absolutely true front will be the result. The back is built up in a similar manner, with the exception that no loose wire is left for removal to form drinker hole. Sketch 5 explains how the latter is inserted. The pear-shaped loop is made by bending wire round handle of bradawl and tying with wrapping wire and soldering. Fix bottom part in position first and then top part may be attached with a small loop and soldered secure. A little should be allowed for insertion of perch at base of drinker hole.

(To be Continued.)

CANARY BREEDING AND THE LAWS OF INHERITANCE.

By MISS L. M. DURHAM.

(*Continued from page 477*).

WHEN one comes to the different types, Yorkshire, Norwich, etc., the case is not so simple. In these types, made up of a variety of characters, you will understand from what has gone before that the immense amount of crossing, to improve the different varieties, which is carried on will account for the fact that a prize winner is not necessarily the parent of a prize winner. I often see the advice given to novices not to start by buying a prize winner in the hopes that he will be able to breed a prize winner from the bird. Many qualities are required to ensure a prize winner, and as each of these qualities may be inherited independently of the others, and perhaps require another factor to let them off, it is quite impossible to be certain of success.

Light Mules.

One other point I should like to touch on before drawing my remarks to a close, and that is the question of Light Mules. It is and must be a great puzzle to Mule-breeders why certain Canaries will produce light Mules, while from other Canaries apparently possessing all the same qualities it is quite impossible to obtain light Mules. I have not tested the subjoined suggested explanation myself, but I think it is worth considering, in view of the facts I have laid before you.

It is quite possible that the power to produce light Mules is an hereditary character, and that when a bird is found to have this desirable quality, if she is suitably mated she should be able to transmit this to her offspring. It would be rather tedious to work it out, but possibly the quickest way would be to mate her back with her father or one of her own brothers, test her young, and mate the successful hens again with the males of her family. This is, of course, sib-breeding, and no doubt accounts for why sib-bred hens are considered to be the best for the purpose, and also explains why all sib-bred hens are not equally able to produce light Mules. Only by careful, patient breeding can the proper cocks for the purpose be found, a somewhat tedious process, but once they have been got it ought not to be difficult to set up a strain which will always produce light Mules.

New Forms and Varieties.

You will have observed that I deal only with the inheritance of characters which already exist, and I have said nothing about the production of new forms and varieties. At present we are quite in the dark as to what happens when a new form—such, for instance, as the White Canary—appears on the scene.

The Appearance of the White Canary.

In the histories of plant or animal breeding, it is very difficult to get accurate accounts of new varieties or sports. It is of the utmost importance that we should have these histories, but they are exceedingly difficult to obtain. Thus of the origin of the various varieties of Canaries we know nothing. But within the last few years the white Canary has appeared in several places. I would urge everyone who is interested in this new variety to try and get as much information as possible in tracing out the pedigrees of the parent birds, in order that we hay have as complete an account as possible. The difficulties are many, because, as a sport of this nature arises unexpectedly, the records and pedigrees of the ancestry have not been kept, perhaps. But it would be very interesting to know whether the birds which have given white Canaries can be shown in any way to be related. In her interesting and valuable contribution to "Knowledge" Mrs. Martin, of New Zealand, has given a very complete account of her extremely careful breeding experiments with these birds.

If we could get a full account of the origin of these birds, it would be a most valuable contribution to the science of Genetics.

In conclusion, I have to add that my experiments are being carried out with the aid of a grant from the Royal Society.

Points from the Discussion.

In the discussion following the reading of the paper, Messrs. Crisp, Harris, Bamber, Weston, Shakespeare, Crabb, and others took part.

Questions were asked as to what effect environment and food had on the improvement of species, and it was allowed that these influences had their effect in producing superior specimens for show in all kinds of birds and animals up to cattle and horses; still, the point was rather beyond the scope of the paper.

With regard to sex production, it was alleged that prepotency of one parent was not a predominating influence. Equality, or near equality, of sex seems to be the rule.

Crossing of the Lizard, which is what may be described as a pure variety of Canary, was tried with Norwich or Cinnamon, and it was stated that the clear cap, or nearly clear, was a more permanent feature than the mooning, but this point produced some opposition of opinion.

It was stated that the late Mr. North, in his paper on Cinnamons read before the members of the L. and P.O.S. in 1905, stated that a *self* Cinnamon hen could be produced containing no more than 1-32nd of pure Cinnamon blood, equal to about 3 per cent. In other words, only one progenitor out of thirty-two would be a Cinnamon, all the others would not be possessed of any cinnamon blood at all.

On the other hand, it was stated in the same paper that green cocks may be bred "containing, in fact, 100 per cent. of Cinnamon blood."

These statements led to questions as to whether Miss Durham had been quite satisfied as to the progenitors of the Cinnamon and green birds she commenced breeding with, and the meeting was assured she had been careful on this point. However, she remarked that she doubted if any *green hen* was *pure*—in other words, all green hens free from cinnamon blood, as far as can be traced, seem to have in them some factor which has a tendency to produce Cinnamon when appropriately mated.

Hens and the Crest Breeder.

With regard to Miss Durham's experience of breeding Crests from two Plainheads, more than one Crest fancier has had the same experience. However, the Plainheads used by Crest fanciers would, in almost every instance, be bred from Crests. With regard to equality in sexes in Crest breeding, it was stated that there was nearly always a shortage of hens reared, and it was generally agreed among Crest breeders that the hens were the more difficult to rear, being the weaker sex.

Birds of type, such as Norwich, Yorkshire, etc., have been crossed and re-crossed, and made up of so many and varied influences that it is very difficult to reproduce the exact champion required to take first all round. In this connection it was stated that breeders often went on with a strain of birds believing them to be pure and to breed true, and that even fresh influences might be introduced without disturbing that belief, until a special influence was introduced which brought out a quality in the strain which had been latent for a long time. The question of light Canary hybrids was discussed, and important evidence was adduced to show that light Canary hybrids followed more some occult influence in the male Finch than all the influence that can be brought to bear from sib-bred Canary hens, but, at the same time, this is a matter which still requires elucidation. That there are laws regulating the production of light Canary hybrids does not admit of doubt, but it cannot be said that breeders are as yet fully acquainted with them.

A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Durham terminated a very pleasant and instructive evening.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

For rules, etc., see last week's issue.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

RETURN FROM SHOW (Shoer).—In this reply last week a line of type, or MS., seems to have been inadvertently omitted. The end of the first portion of reply should read: "moisten the tips of the curled feathers with warm water, and gently draw them between the tips of the thumb and forefinger in such a way as to take out the curl and cause them to lie in the proper direction."

COLOURED RINGS (H. Wilson).—Sorry, but to give addresses in these columns is strictly taboo. If you look up the advts. in our prepaid columns under heading "Appliances" for a few weeks past, I feel sure you will find just the addresses you want. But I doubt whether you can get a sufficient number of different colours to identify an aviary full of birds. If you cannot find the addresses, send a stamped envelope, per the Editor, and I will see if I can help you.

YOUNG NORWICH RAGGED (Constant Reader).—I assume you are satisfied the bird is a young one, and that it has already moulted, though you say nothing on the latter point. But as your treatment is not of the best, try the following, and then write again if bird does not tighten up properly under it. Give a staple of plain Canary. In addition, give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and teazle. Continue this diet for three or four weeks. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

HEAVY BREATHING (In Trouble).—Yes, I am inclined to think you are in for trouble by starting with birds of the type these appear to be. I doubt whether they will be of any service at all only to produce disappointment, and if the following treatment does not quickly set them right you would be well advised to clear them out and start with sound, healthy birds. Keep them in a comfortable temperature, not overheated, nor yet quite cold, as equable as possible; don't hang them high up near ceiling, nor near or over a burning light in the evening. Give a staple diet of plain Canary seed. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the intervening days give a spray of watercress or a morsel of banana as a substitute, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, and teazle. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give the rhubarb and soda aperient as advised to "Constant Reader," for a week, and afterwards give 20 drops of the following mixture in the water every second day for three or four weeks. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne of ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will mix this.

THE BEST ROLLER (Nor-west).—This query is like greeting an old friend. There is no best variety of Roller. All the multifarious names attached to Rollers signify one and the same breed of bird—the old German Canary—in more or less advanced stages of training as songsters. If you look through these queries for a few weeks back you will find quite a number of replies on this subject. As a beginner you will find a trained bird of the St. Andreasberg type of song the most satisfactory all round, and after breeding a year or two with these, during which time you may seize any opportunity to hear and acquire a knowledge of the more technical types of song favoured at Roller singing contests, you will be able to take up the latter class of bird if you desire with a better chance of success. There is nothing whatever to choose in the hardihood or ease of breeding the different so-called types of Rollers, provided you get healthy stock to begin with. High-class singers require a little different treatment from other varieties. Get a copy of No. 10 Nutshell booklet, post free, 2½d., which will give you full details.

YORKSHIRE AND ROLLER (W. J. G.).—(1) It is just possible that the introduction of the Rollers has kept the Yorkshire from coming in song as early as usual. Such cases undoubtedly occur, but are not very common. It is just as likely that the moult has tried the bird a little more severely considering his age. Treat him for two or three weeks the same as advised to "In Trouble," but instead of the final chlorodyne mixture, give twenty drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and six of glycerine. (2) If the Roller is of the right gender and in good health, he should not need any forcing to induce him to sing now. Feed him the same as advised to "In Trouble" for a week or two, except that in your case give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of scalded rape with the banana. Also omit the aperients named in that reply, and give instead the mixture advised for the Yorkshire cock above for a fortnight.

SHOWING (Shoer).—(1) As the bird appears to be in good condition apart from the temporary softness and slight wheezing, I do not think there can be any doubt of him having got a slight cold somehow in connection with the last show. You should see that your case, wrapper, or whatever you despatch to show in, is in good condition, and not likely to expose bird to chill in transit to and fro. Keep in comfortable place as suggested in last reply; give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give the chlorodyne mixture as advised to "In Trouble." This should right matters. (2) No, it will not be too early to show him again on Jan. 6 after showing him at your local show this week. It is more distant shows which take the bird away from home anything from two or four days at a time, that you must not attempt so often. Please note a correction of my reply last week, which appears in another paragraph.

HEAT OR NO HEAT (T. B.).—It is very much a matter of individual opinion as to whether a bird-room should be artificially heated or not. Some fanciers swear by heat and others swear at it. Personally, I know that, given healthy, sound stock which has been bred and kept in a normal temperature, heat is totally unnecessary, but if you have stock raised under artificial conditions, then it is much too expensive a hobby for the average fancier to acclimatise them without heat. If your room is properly ventilated, dry, and tolerably well sheltered, and your stock in good health and vigour, I should certainly say leave well alone. If you begin to heat it you will be obliged to continue, and should maintain an equable heat as near 45 degrees as you can keep it.

A DUET (J.M.C.M.).—(1) Certainly it is advisable to let the birds have a bath as usual when they are breeding. The only time when it would be advisable to withhold it is when a hen is sitting in the early part of the season and the weather happens to be very cold and damp. But during hot dry weather a bath is even more than usually necessary during the second week that a hen is sitting. (2) If only a small number of birds are being catered for, the yolk only of the eggs should be used, and in all cases the yolk only is best used for young up to about one week old. After the latter age, if a number of birds are kept, both yolk and white of the egg may be used for economy's sake, as well as for convenience.

A RAGGED TAIL (Scottie).—Am I right in assuming the bird has moulted this autumn, but has not cast the old feathers from the tail? If so, you should now catch the bird and remove the tail feathers with a steady, gentle pull—one at a time. It would be best to take out only four—two from the middle and one from each outside, at one operation, with an interval of a week between, thus spreading the whole affair over three weeks and three pluckings. Give the bird a morsel of bread and milk, dusted with flour of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar, twice each week for a month, and on two other days add to the drinking water ten drops of glycerine and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. You did quite wrong to pull out the sheathed feathers after the previous moult. If this occurs again when the new feathers reappear, add twenty drops of Chemical Food to the water daily for a fortnight, and write me again for further advice; but do not pluck the feathers out.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GOLDFINCH WITH BENT CLAW (Novice).—A bent or twisted claw lying on the top of the perch is not at all uncommon. The small outside claw is the weakest, and it is that which generally goes wrong. If you can handle the bird I would advise you to hold the feet in warm water for a few minutes, and then massage it with your finger and thumb, greasing them first with a little vaseline. Remove your present perches and give him some very small ones, about the size of a lead pencil; to grip these he will have to use his claws more freely, and they may possibly come all right again. It is just likely his perches have been rather too large for him.

KEEPING A WAXWING (A.B.C.).—A Waxwing is a bird that requires plenty of exercise, or he will soon get fat and ungainly, so you should keep him in a cage as large as you can spare the room for; one about twenty-four inches long would do nicely. Waxwings are quite hardy, and should be kept in a cold room in preference to one heated. As regard food, they are insectivorous and fruit-eating birds, and would require insectile food mixed for them fresh daily. You can purchase it ready made, or mix your own—three parts biscuit meal, two parts ants' eggs, and one part dried flies; to this you could add a few grocers' currants. For fruit there is nothing to equal bananas at this time of the year, with a grape or two occasionally. He should be allowed to bathe freely on fine days, and his cage must be kept perfectly cleau. If fed and attended to properly, he should require no special treatment to get into show condition.

GOLDFINCH FOR SHOW (Seven Years' Reader).—As you say your bird is in the "pink of condition," it is just possible that he is. The fact of our report saying that he was rather slack in feather would mean that he was so at the time of taking notes. It is just possible that the temperature of the show-room was different to what he has been used to, and so he would naturally look a little bit open or slack. If you are not quite satisfied with him, you might give him a tonic. Get an ounce of the crystals of citrate of iron and quinine, dissolve as much as will cover a sixpenny-piece in his drinking water, and give it to him every other day for a week. Bathing would certainly not make him slack in feather, but have the contrary effect; it is, in fact, the best tightener of a bird's plumage that we have. Are you keeping him too warm? Remember, the Finches are quite hardy, and require no artificial heat whatever.

TREATMENT OF GOLDFINCH (James Anderson).—A freshly caught Goldie should be treated as follows:—Place in the cage a pot of cracked hemp, and give teazle, niger, maw, linseed, and cracked sunflower seed. Soak some rape and teazle, but do not continue the soaked seed too long; gradually wean him off them as soon as you see him feeding on the dry seeds. Offer a spray of chickweed, groundsel, etc. After you have had him a week and he is feeding well, give him an aperient, as much glauber salts as will cover a shilling in his drinking water for one day. If you are buying one direct from a dealer, and the bird is well on to seed, give him the above medicine when you have had him a couple of weeks. I expect this is how you lost your other one, the medicine would possibly have saved him. I am sorry you have been so unfortunate, and hope your next Finch will live.

TO FEED A HEDGE SPARROW (Bemrose).—The Hedge Sparrow is a seed and insect eater, and requires both while in captivity, or seed and insectile food. I have kept one myself for months on seed alone, but find they do better on a little soft food as well. Give him canary and rape as staple food, and a spoonful of mixed seeds, such as hemp, niger, maw, and linseed, twice a week. He would feed on almost any soft food; soak a little fine chicken meal with a pinch of meat meal in it, and give him this two or three times a week. He would also eat mealworms or other insects; two or three occasionally would do him good. The sexes are practically alike, the cock birds being a little richer in colour in the breeding season.

A few answers unavoidably held over.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

WHITE JAVAS AND BUDGERIGARS (J. Columbia).—Yes, you can keep Java Sparrows with Budgies. The white variety, once you get started, usually breed fairly freely, though individual pairs vary a little. A husk, enclosed box, with entrance hole in one side near the top, or a Hartz travelling cage, with the fittings removed, will answer for nesting purposes, and a little hay and moss will suffice for nesting material. The food supplied to the Budgies will meet the needs of the Javas.

LOVEBIRDS (M. A. Smith).—With the exception of the Blue-winged Lovebird, which is not a true Lovebird, all are known as Lovebirds, but Passerine Parrakeets is the proper designation of the Blue-wing. Occasionally they are called Parrotlets. As regard the "Nutshells," if you get the one on Budgerigars, and follow the directions given there, as to diet, etc., it will meet the needs of the above; the only difference being that for such species Madagascar, Black-cheeked, and Blue-winged, you must supply straws, leaves, and small pieces of this bark for them to line their nest receptacle with. The species usually on sale are Madagascar (Grey-headed), Blue-wing, and Black-cheeked—they can be kept with Budgerigars.

SUGAR-BIRDS, ETC. (Amb-Egypt).—The bread would be better steeped in hot milk than water, and should not be injurious to the birds you name, unless allowed to become very stale. I should not discontinue the milk-sop, but keep up a small supply regularly—birds, like humans, prefer a change of dietary when they can get it. The sop will certainly do no harm, either to the Bulbuls or Pekin Robins. The 1912 hatched Gouldian Finch, if in full colour and good condition, should be quite old enough to breed with now.

SHAMAS, ETC. (E. E. S.).—The Shama and Gold-fronted Bulbuls are hardy birds once they are established, and could be kept out of doors in the summer, and in a cold room in the winter, but new arrivals (newly imported birds) need a little nursing at first; and if bought at this season, would be better for the temperature of an ordinary living room. Budgies might lay eggs in the cage; but if you do not supply a nest receptacle, they cannot breed. I cannot advise either Whydahs or Weavers for the purpose you name. I saw only the other day, a Grey Java Sparrow that was quite a "pal" with its owner, and I have seen also other species, but such is not usual. A small Parrakeet, such as the Canary-wing, soon becomes tame and "pally," but the price is about double what you want to pay. There is no reason why what has been done once should not be done again, why not get a Grey Java (about 2s.), and try your patience, kindness and care upon it. There is no cheap, comprehensive book on foreign birds, but if you apply the representative articles in your book to all others of the same group, your want is met.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

G. R.—As we are not seed merchants we cannot answer your question as to the value of the wild seed. Your best plan would be to submit samples to the large seed firms, state how much you have, and get them to make you an offer for it. Both samples contain a deal of rubbish (waste), particularly sample No. 2, and require thorough screening. The value at present would be low.

Gwalia.—The gamekeeper has no right whatever to take and keep your ferrets, nets and rabbits. You could sue for their value and damages in the County Court; or you could appear before the magistrates and apply for a summons against him. You would do well to get legal assistance. If the facts are as you state, the gamekeeper would have to pay any costs you incur.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. E. E.—Pneumonia was the cause of death. I see no necessity for getting rid of the Finches, nor would mice be accountable for the trouble. Perhaps this was its first winter outdoors, and the recent cold, wet weather is quite sufficient to account for its death.

Miss H. M. Bates.—All the symptoms you describe were associated with diseased changes taking place in the nervous system, probably senile in character, which are consistent with the post-mortem lesions. There was haemorrhage on the surface of the brain due to arterial degeneration. I do not think your method of treatment has anything to do with this, as it was not of recent occurrence, but had been coming on for some time.

E. E. E.—I can find no direct evidence of injury in the second bird, but there was a blood clot on the surface of the brain as though death resulted in a fit. Fright, of course, would be sufficient to induce this. Upon second consideration I should advise removal of the Green Singing Finches as the possible source of danger. The aviary is all that can be desired with the exception of warmth, and the food bears no relation to your losses in any way.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abertillery C.B.S.—Dec. 19., Prince of Wales Hotel, 7. Hope all members will be present to settle business for Members' Show, Jan 10, etc. Subs. due.—G. Broome.

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Mr. Hannighan's, 7.30. Annual show bus.—R. Peart.

Anfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Show bus.—M. Archer.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Dec. 16, St. Thomas' School, 8. Last meeting for paying in subs. due and ticket money, prize cards and specials.—J. Spencer.

Ashton, Denton, and Hyde Societies.—Amalgamated delegates' meeting, Dec. 15, St. George's School, Church Street, Hyde, 8. Show bus. and entries.—T. Allsop.

Beamish C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Bird Inn, 7.30. Annual show and other important bus. New members invited. Peart and Cresswell.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 16, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Lecture on "Pedigree Breeding" by J. W. Cutmore, Esq. Friends particularly invited.—G. Morton.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 16, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Essay Competition (3 money prizes), entrance free; arrangements for Dec. members' show. A good attendance desired.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 13, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington. Bus., nomination of officers. Mr. T. Tidswell will give an exhibition of washing; also there will be a competition.—A. Cooper.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. General bus. Washing exhibition postponed till Dec. 23, 8 p.m.—H. Bryant.

Bramley O.S.—Dec. 12, Carnival Committee Rooms, 8 p.m. Monthly meeting and entries for old bird show, Dec. 13; birds staged 2.30 prompt; judge, Mr. W. Wharton, Bradford.—W. H. Steel.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Smoke Room, Club and Inst. Special bus.—J. W. Robson.

Charlotteville F. and W.S.S.—Dec. 23. Table show, birds to be staged by 6; 14 classes; Mr. F. Roser and H. Arthurs, judges. Annual show, Aug. 3, 1914.—C. H. Pope.

Chorley C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Shephard's Hall, 7.30. Show bus.—J. H. Welch.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Crown Hotel, Hill Street, 8.30. (1) Nomination of officers for 1914, (2) pay out prize-money, (3) receive all subs. which are now overdue.—J. H. Jones.

Clydebank C.B.S.—Dec. 18, 81, Kilbowie Road, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of office-bearers, and adoption of balance-sheet.—Wm. Kane.

Craghead Workman's Club F. and F. and C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Club Rooms, 7. Select stewards for show and other important bus.—A. Dawson.

Crews O.S.—Dec. 16, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Receipt of ticket money for Nov. show, etc.—E. Jaycott.

Darvel C.B.C.—Dec. 19, Town Hall, 7. General business; table show of British.—J. Robertson, jun.

East Stanley F. and F., C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Club Room, 7. Show bus. Will all members and fanciers of affiliated clubs in Stanley and district please attend?—J. Killgallon.

Eccleshill C.B.F.A.—Dec. 13, Fountain Inn, 2.30. Last members' show for 1913; judge, H. Sutcliffe. Entries taken Friday night, 8 to 10.30. Some more specials.—S. Wilcock.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Financial meeting and annual report; election of office-bearers for 1914. All monies and unsold tickets for show to be in hands of sec. that night.—J. C. Charlton.

Felling F. and F.S.—Dec. 13, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. Taking of entries for forthcoming. All entries must be made before 9; also election of stewards.—G. Garbutt.

Great Eastern Railway F. and F.S.—Dec. 16, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8. Statement of 3rd annual show. Members requested to settle up for tickets and other cash amounts for 1913.—W. G. Rogers.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 13, Butchers' Arms, 3. Also members' show; birds staged 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. T. Bennett.—J. Holroyd.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Dec. 13, Wesley Place School, 3. Members' show; birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. J. Chippindale. Also special meeting.—W. A. Brown.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 13, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 7. Entries taken staging. Classification same as Nov., but all hens. Judge, Mr. H. R. Towers.—H. Clegg.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Crown Inn, 7. Final settling up of show bus., prizes, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Rechabite Hotel, 8. Bus. important.—J. Greenhalgh.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Judging competition for members. Final judge, Mr. G. E. Weston. Will members kindly forward or bring all ticket moneys and subs. by above date?—J. Hyde.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 15, White Hart Hotel, 8. Allotting of members' special and other bus. in connection with open show.—A. Lawford.

Islington F.A.—Dec. 13, Congregational School Room, Walters Road, Holloway, N. Annual show. Open at 2 o'clock; tickets at door, 3d. each.—H. A. Brown.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Lockhart's, next to Hopo Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Election of officers for 1914.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 13, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 16, White Swan, 8.30. Unflighted hens, yell. or buff; ditto, Novice; and Bullfinch.—A. Freestone.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 13, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Balance-sheet; election of office-bearers, and other important bus.—G. Brown.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Dec. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. January show room to be decided, and election of officers for 1914, and other important bus.—W. H. Tansey.

National British Bird and M.C.—Dec. 18, Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Mr. Puck will give a demonstration in preparing food for insectivorous birds.—J. P. Carr.

Northern British, M. and F.B.C.—Dec. 17, 7.30. Table show: Classes, Linnet, Greenf., A.O.V., For. A.V.—W. Curry.

North London C.B.A.—Dec. 17, headquarters, 8. Cage-making demonstration by J. Bell, Esq.—P. W. Jelfries.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Enock Waugh's, 7. Prize money and specials paid out, also balance-sheet read out: other special bus.—Wm. Forster.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Dec. 19, headquarters, 7.30. To elect officers for 1914.—E. Rone.

Sheffield O.S.—Dec. 16, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Committee meeting. Syllabus, 1914 dinner arrangements, etc.—E. C. Job.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 15, headquarters, 8.—J. Bamford.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Dec. 17, Reid Hall, 8. Special prizes given won at annual show.—J. Waugh.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Dec. 15, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Bus.: To complete arrangements for members' show, Dec. 26.—J. Pitchford.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Dec. 16, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Presentation of prize money, etc.—A. H. McLean.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Dec. 16, headquarters, 8.30. Night show, Norwich, Cl., Tkd. or Var. Yell., ditto hen, Novice, Anal. and Champ.—W. C. Andrews.

West of Scotland O.S.—Dec. 13, Nelson's Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting; payment of specials, etc.—W. Hutchison.

Windhill C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Nominations of officers for 1914; concert arrangements, etc. Subs. now due.—Taylor and Ellis.

THE GOLD MINE AT THE PALACE.

A Foretaste of the Good Things Awaiting Diploma Winners at the Crystal Palace Show.

OUR COUPON COMPETITION is in progress at one show next week end—a Scottish fixture, viz.:—

Dec. 20. Newtongrange: Secretary, W. Bryson, 42, Fifth Street.

There remain then five other fixtures before the Crystal Palace Show, at which the "grand finale" takes place. There are the Scottish National (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1), Bangor, Ireland (Jan. 8 and 9), Doncaster (Jan. 10), Llanelly (Jan. 13), and Boscombe, Bournemouth (Jan. 20 and 21). Exhibitors, therefore, should lose no time if they wish to secure one of CAGE BIRDS handsome diplomas, and the right they convey of competing for our specials at the Palace. The chances of everyone are still excellent, as by now so many fanciers are no longer eligible to compete, having already won one diploma, which is all the rules permit in each section.

At the Palace Show CAGE BIRDS will offer for competition solely amongst those who have won a diploma during the present season a

£10 10s. challenge shield for best coupon bird.

£10 10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.

£10 10s. cash for best novice coupon bird, and

£78 in cash specials, divided into 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes in the 12 sections specified below.

In addition we have decided also to give 24 hand-painted Diplomas of Honour to the 12 best champion and the 12 best novice coupon birds, two going to each of the sections we specify.

Now, exhibitors, surely here you have something worth striving to win. Don't be too late; hurry up! The conditions of entry are simple and will be found printed below.

Some Opinions of Competitors.

I beg to thank you for diploma and 10s. special, which I won at Paignton Show. I may say it came a great surprise to me when birds arrived home. A friend of mine was talking about your scheme, and, of course, said, no doubt like a good many more, "What is the use of you competing against all the big exhibitors?" Anyway, I decided to send for half-a-dozen coupons, and had only used two when I won your diploma and special. So it was a good investment for me.—W. Buckingham (Watford).

Diploma to hand, for which I thank you very much. The design is excellent.—W. D. King (York).

Many thanks for diploma safely to hand. It is handsome, and I am very pleased to receive it. The same bird won a "Cage Birds League" medal for me in 1912.—G. J. Slade (Southampton).

May I express my appreciation of the diplomas, which are now framed, and greatly admired by all, and which will be valued by me to the end of my days? "Cage Birds" is to be congratulated on a scheme of such interest to bird lovers.—G. T. Jones (Brecon).

Many thanks for the fine diploma of honour won at Liverpool Show. — W. Blanchon (Doncaster).

Many thanks for the two fine diplomas of honour. I have had them framed and hung in my bird room. "Birdy" visitors pass the remark that the diplomas are well worth competing for.—R. Taylor (Bideford).

Diplomas we consider very neat and nice indeed.—Hall Bros. (West Hartlepool).

Thank you for diploma of honour, which I am delighted with, and I am getting it framed.—E. W. Allen (Upper Parkstone).

Many thanks for the fine diploma of honour, won at Warrington Show.—Miss Kitty Cooper (Birkenhead).

How Exhibitors May Enter.

All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions: CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.

10s. cash for best novice coupon bird.

Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Crestbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
(10) British, Hardbilled.
(11) British, Softbilled.
(12) Foreign.

All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

Coupons, price 6d. each, may be purchased from the offices of CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., or, if the time is short, enclose the necessary extra cash with your entry fees to the secretary of the show, and he will affix coupons opposite whichever birds you have marked on your entry form. Every coupon is numbered and a record of it kept at CAGE BIRDS offices.

NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Some Important Points to Note.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

2.—No coupons sold after the last day of December, 1913, except to previous purchasers, who have the right of duplicating their order up to the end of the season.

3.—No bird with trimmed, painted or dyed plumage, will be eligible to compete, and all entries must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age, and either rung or not rung.

5.—The Judge will be instructed to withhold a diploma should the merit of the competing birds in any particular section not justify its award.

6.—We reserve the right, in the event of there being less than 10 separate competitors altogether in our competition at any one Diploma Show to withhold the cash prizes thereat, the diplomas remaining on offer for as many birds as are eligible for them.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

8.—An exhibitor who has won a diploma need not necessarily enter the same bird for the final competition. By winning the diploma he has the right to nominate and enter not more than four birds in any one of the 12 sections for the final competition, and for each entry made for the final competition at the Crystal Palace a coupon will be necessary.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE: For Full Particulars See Issue of Nov. 29th.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

HENRY J. FULLJAMES, *Secretary* CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. 154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

Date ..... 1913 .....

Correspondence.

Foreign Bird Exhibitors' League

Testimonial to Mr. Allen Silver.

Sir,—In addition to the list of subscribers published last week, I have the honour to announce the following contributions:—The Marquis of Tavistock, £2; Messrs George Crabb and "C. A. L.," 5s. each; the Rev. G. H. Raynor, Messrs. W. Swaysland and S. Beaty, 2s. 6d. each; Mr. J. Weir, 2s.; total, £10 9s.

JOHN FROSTICK.

Waxwings in Scotland.

Sir,—Mr. J. W. Bruce speaks of Waxwings being caught in Scotland just recently. I read the following in "The Scotsman" on Dec. 3:—"Last week I saw a pair of Waxwings not far from my village of New Abbey, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. My brother was standing near me at the time, and we both saw the birds quite distinctly. We did not know what they were until we looked them up in Morris's "British Birds"; but from the description and the coloured plate, we had no doubt afterwards that they were Waxwings.

T. MCNICHOL.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. W. Bruce, re catching of Waxwings in Scotland, I may say a lovely specimen was caught here (Keith) last week, and was in lovely condition when I saw it to-day. There have been five seen feeding daily at Foehabers, on the Spey, near Gordon Castle, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon's estate.

ALEX. RHIND.

What Do Exhibitors Want?

More Limit Classes, Says the Writer.

Sir,—I have been induced to write a line or two in answer to the query I saw at the head of one of your show reports: "What do exhibitors want." My answer is, more limit classes. Working men fanciers will not throw their money away without a sporting chance, at least. There must be a great number of fanciers who would like to show and have good birds, but know they stand no chance in champion classes. They are barred from novice classes, because of one or two wins, so are at a standstill for perhaps years, a great many, I daresay, dropping out of the Fancy altogether. In my opinion this could be altered if societies gave classes of say £5 limit. I know at the big shows we usually get so-called limit classes, but they are simply selling classes, usually from 20s. to 35s. I have spoken to a good many fanciers who used to exhibit, while novices, but dropped out directly they were barred. They say it would take years of careful selection to hope to get anything like the birds we see in the champion classes. I don't think my idea would reduce the entry in the champion classes by one. They could still fight it out with their £20 birds, as they would not be likely to chance that sort in the £5 limit. If they did, well, it might mean a chance for some of us to reach their heights. Of course there may not be the vast difference I mean in some varieties, but I am thinking chiefly of the variety I am interested in, namely Norwich. I expect to be nicely "sat on" for my pains, but this is how it occurred to me, and I thought I would like to put it in your paper in the hopes that a few more competent to know, would give me their ideas.

THE LIMIT.

How Young Fanciers are Being Made at Ealing.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your favour in having reproduced the photo of my two sons on the front page of your issue for Nov. 29. The CAGE BIRDS costume and the Golliwog were both made at home by my wife and myself, in accordance with the rules of the competition, everything having to be made by the parents. I might say there are about 200 birds on the costume, all cut from the splendid plates given in CAGE BIRDS. The headgear is composed of a straw hat with an open wire cage made to fit same. The bird on the perch is a preserved (stuffed) one and answers the purpose admirably. This costume was the centre of attraction, and all spectators were deeply interested in the different species of birds and the beautiful colours of the plates. Both boys, although only eight and six years of age, are keen fanciers, and can be frequently seen taking their birds to school to sing to the little ones. They are allowed out of school a little earlier to get their birds home—to prevent them getting interfered with. "Mr. Golliwog" has to feed and keep clean the bird which he has presented to his class. This he has to bring home for the week-ends and holidays. They take nearly all CAGE BIRDS plates to school, and these are put on the walls in the various classes. I might say it is eleven years since I bought my first copy of your valuable paper, and I have not missed one week; it was the cause of me taking up the Fancy, from which I have gained much pleasure and many friends. I advise all fanciers to take CAGE BIRDS regularly, as it is a wonderful asset, and always contains interesting and instructive information, while it keeps you in touch with the Fancy all over the world. I have used the advertisement columns on many occasions for selling surplus stock, and also for purchasing and have always been perfectly satisfied with the results.

T. H. MONGER

West Ealing.

The Radius of Luton C.B.S.

Sir,—I notice in your last issue a letter re the radius of Luton C.B.S. I have been a member for the past three years, and also am twice the winner and present holder of the Members' Foreign Bird Cup. Much to my surprise I received a letter, dated November 25, from the secretary, asking me to return the cup, and also informing me that I was no longer a member, as at the annual general meeting (notice of which I was not given) the radius had been reduced from 20 miles to 10 miles. I wrote pointing out that this was most unfair, and not in order, as it debarred me (an existing member) from again competing for the cup, of which I was already part owner; and, further, I claimed the right of still competing until won three times by an exhibitor. Following this, my entries for the annual show were posted on December 1, but were subsequently returned, the secretary informing me he regretted it was not proper treatment, and that I was right. I again forwarded my entries as a member, but have had them again returned. I am now in the anomalous position of being part owner of a trophy which I can neither defend my title to nor win outright. I shall be glad if any of your readers can offer me opinions or suggestions on this unfortunate affair.

R. J. WATTS.

What "Took Our Eye" at Galashiels Show.

Sir,—A fancier and I had a run down to Galashiels Show, and it was worth the trouble. A more beautiful sight one could not wish to see. We were soon handling the Scotch Fancies, which were not so numerous as in former years; still, the cream of the Fancy were there. We were pleased to notice that the stiff first crosses were not so prominent, the winners being freer tailed, with fine rounds backs. One or two we noticed had been at the hairdresser's, getting the "fancy vest" put on (when will fanciers give up this practice?). We next examined the Belgians, and were disappointed—too many like poor Scotch Fancies. Why this is so we cannot understand, as the society was giving three specials to one class. The next we viewed were the "Wee Gems." Here again the numbers were down, although the society went to the trouble of providing two qualified judges to work together (same as with the Scotch Fancies). We give them credit for their venture and trust that similar lines will be followed by other societies, in order, if possible, to stem the tide of cliquism which is so prominent among Border Fanciers generally. The next in order were the Norwich Plainheads; then British, etc., where some beauties were staged. But time was pressing us closely, so we had to run.

TWA NOVICES.

Is the Koller an Imaginary Tour?

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. C. Roehl very much for his letter in CAGE BIRDS, Nov. 29. You went to a special koller meeting in Berlin, Mr. Roehl, four members who were convinced the birds sang the koller-like tours put up those songsters, the crowded hall and you were listening in dead silence for two hours, to be . . . fooled! You did not say anyone was disappointed. If there had been disappointment it was quickly rectified by Mr. Walter, Berlin, who described the koller tour at great length. My opinion is that the koller is only an imaginary tour. No bird can sing three tours combined, and if those good birds at the koller meeting could have spoken they would have said: "My dear people, you can hear we are beautiful songsters, but it is impossible for us to sing the koller, and when anyone of you can say three words at the same time (for instance, brandy, whiskey, claret) then we can sing the koller." Seven or eight years ago I heard birds sing a beautiful combined knorre and bell tour, but they must have given it up lately, and I think it would be much better to get a deeper bass knorre into our birds. There were not many birds at the Horticultural Hall that sang; really deep knorre, though we must admit there is a really grand lot of songsters in this country. I am hoping to hear other fancier's opinoins about the koller.

NOVICE.

[Correspondence continued overleaf. A letter from Mr. Gordon McLucas, refuting the statements made last week re Pontypridd and Pentrebach Shows, arrived too late for publication in this issue.—Ed.]

CORRESPONDENCE Continued.

Making Nets for Bird Catching

Sir,—Could anyone, through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, give me [illegible] braiding (for bird catching) and how to braid with shield, and the knots to set a net square mesh. E.G.

A New Society for Crystal Palace, Penge, and District.

Sir,—We started a new society for the above district at a meeting held at the Alexandra Hotel, Penge, on Dec. 3. It was unanimously decided to form a cage bird society, to be known as the Crystal Palace District and Penge C.B.S. Meetings are to be held the second Wednesday in each month.

H. LEGG, sec.

Cramlington Endeavours to Avoid Clashing.

Sir,—It is with regret we have found it necessary to alter the date on which Cramlington annual show is held. In the days of the Cage Bird Union we were given the date in November as the most suitable, but as other societies close by are now holding shows on that date, it is proving detrimental to the number of exhibits. We are wishful to make our show a greater success year by year, and not finding any other society's show (all birds) on Dec. 5 we have selected this date for 1914. We trust other societies will note this and assist us (and themselves) by not entering into opposition. If a meeting could be arranged of representatives from the various societies in the district for the consideration of this matter, our society would be glad to send a representative, and I feel confident some good would be the ultimate result. At our next meeting we will select the judges, and it will be our aim to select competent men who will give satisfaction to all classes of exhibitors.

J. R. CHESTNEY, hon. sec.

Why Don't Shows Pay?

Sir,—Many a time has this question been asked through your valuable paper. At Matlock show rule No. 8 read: "All prize-money guaranteed in open classes, but the committee reserve the right to cancel same if not filled to their satisfaction." After they had received 10 entries from me, they sent me a postcard to see if I would accept half prize-money in all the classes Fancy, 9 to 21 in one class, and get 5s. for 1st prize; 1s. 6d. entry fee, and at least 6d. each bird carriage. I won 2 firsts, 3 seconds, then lost on the show. I wrote back to say I would certainly not accept half prize-money on 9 entries. So they instructed the judge to withhold prizes. You will see by report that he did. When the prize-money came, three weeks after, they had moved the awards up to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in various classes, and paid half prize-money less than 10 entries. No schedule have I come across yet, and I have shown birds over 20 years, where they want 10 entries for full prize-money—13s. 6d. in entry fees alone, and they pay 8s. 9d out I am suing them for my prize-money in full, according to rule. Sheffield O.S. paid full prize-money on two entries. How is this for backbone and sportsmanship? I may say Matlock had three-quarters of a column of specials, all confined to members; schedules stated "specials in catalogue." R D. PARLETT.

What's Wrong with Members of the Southern Norwich P.C.?

Sir,—I was pleased to see that our secretary and certain of our members are waking up to the fact that something is wrong. Like friend Tomsett, I am inclined to believe the cause of all the trouble is the dealer. With regard to the breeders' cup, last April I sent out over hundred letters to the members, asking them to subscribe to one. The only support I got was a paltry sum of 36s. 6d. I also received promises amounting to 22s. 6d., but these were subject to certain conditions, which in many cases are contrary, so that half this amount could not be collected. This, Sir, is useless, and I am seriously thinking of returning the cash to those who were good enough to send it to me. I cannot understand anyone being so shortsighted as to object to a breeders' cup or cups. It has been suggested to me more than once that any society who accepts a breeders' cup from its members is "asking for trouble," and this is, I am informed, the reason why the majority of the officers of our society are not supporting it. One of the suggested rules for the cup was that members should mark their entries S.N.P.C. breeder. I wonder whether this is the cause of the slump? Is it that our members do not breed their winners, or that they do not care to say which they purchased? If so, this should be one of the best of rules, because it gives all members an equal chance. Friend Tomsett says the club exists for the few! Does it? Then the sooner it is disbanded the better, because it will ruin the Plainhead. Mr. Matthes says we have 70 breeders. There are over 100 in the members' rule book. It certainly would be interesting to know what the other 30 are. Then, again, some members are in favour of the cup, but say we must have closed rings; others say no! I do not see that it is fair or reasonable to suggest that every member should be compelled to do something that is distasteful to him, or that he who does not use these rings is a rogue No, Sir, let us be tolerant, and rely on the old saying "murder will out." Coercion is wrong; cohesion is what we want. I see that Mr. Crisp has noticed the "writing on the wall." Now, members, pull yourselves together, attend the general meeting and let us see a living society emerge from the smouldering ashes of the old one. If not, as I have already said, disband the society, and give the bird a chance. Do not let it be said your patronage is harmful to the society which caters so well for the bird you pretend to admire. FRANK COLE.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Tomsett's letter, I must say that I did not quite expect that question being raised by my letter, asking for a good finish to our patronage shows. As to ownership of a stud of birds out to win, the man must be the breeder of his winners, as it is far too expensive to buy each year, unless he sells his inferior and useless stock to those buyers that go to him for birds. This is a point which I will deal with further on, as this affects the novice just beginning in the Fancy. Now our friend goes a little further, stating that only the breeder should have the cups, etc., except the £10 10s. cup. I might state that no plan, however elaborate, can be devised for the protection of the actual breeder. He is protected, to a certain degree, by rings in case of dispute, but no judge will officiate to guarantee the ownership of a bird before he awards his prize to that bird; then I ask, who is to guarantee the whole bench of birds, as to a breeder's points cup? Now we come to the two birds sold, because the novice cannot compete against the owner of a team of birds used for showing purposes. It is a mistake for that man to sell his two best birds, and here I say that his club ought to protect that fancier, but not a specialist club, so that he need not sell those birds until he becomes a champion in every sense of the word. Further, our friend seems to think that the only man that can win is the man of a big pocket—buy birds, win every year, possess all the trophies one by one. Never was he more mistaken in his life. Such breeders as Messrs. Gill, Houghton, Collings, Redwood, and many fanciers who have come to the front can [Possibly Mr. Matthes meant to write "cannot."—EDITOR] be called rich men, and if space would allow, I could show how these men have crept up step by step, aided by their own brains and stock of birds, to the top. The remedy is not the work of a specialist club, but of every society which has a fair proportion of novice fanciers. They should break away from the present definition of a novice. Instead of making a novice a champion because he has won three 1st prizes, they should give him more like three years to gain a little experience, so that his heart is not broken because he has gained with a purchased pair of birds, a place amongst champions before he really knows how to pair birds together to get winners. I would go still further, to give the novice a chance of remaining in the Fancy. Let his birds be called champions before making him a champion, so that if a bird has three 1st prizes to its name, it must be shown in champion section, but the owner still remains a novice for a given time to gain his experience. Then we should see the Fancy increase, and shows pay for all the classes given.

F. S. MATTHES.

Should Fanciers Judge and Exhibit at the Same Show?

Sir,—The grand show at the Horticultural Hall had no greater admirer than myself, but I was really astonished to find that the officials had amongst the judges gentlemen who at the same time were allowed to exhibit birds. Surely this practice of judges showing birds in the same hall in which they are officiating as a judge is wrong in principle? Anyway, I know it caused any amount of comment amongst fanciers attending the show. I think, too, that the judges concerned should have realised that their action would place their fellow judges in more or less of a false position. I do not for one moment suggest that the fact of them judging where they were exhibiting made the slightest difference to the awards (neither did I hear anyone else hint at such a thing); but I quite agreed with the many other fanciers who said that the practice was most objectionable, and ought never to be countenanced, least of all at such a show as the Horticultural Hall

NORTH LONDONER.

Show Staging.

Sir,—I intend bringing up the question of buying our own staging shortly, but would like some particulars before doing so. Could any fancier please oblige me with price per foot run; also if any particular maker specialises in this matter? Simple design would be preferred, if possible. Any details would be received with thanks.

W. H. PYKE
(Hon. Sec. Reading C.B.S.).
102, Radstock Rd., Reading.

The Late Nesting of Foreign Birds.

Sir,—I noticed a short time ago, among the Answers to Questions, some remarks re the late nesting of foreign birds. I have now a pair of Zebra Finches with young; and a pair of White Javas have reared one youngster, which was fledged about a fortnight ago. This young bird is not white at all, but the colour of a young grey. How do you account for this reversion to the original type? The parent birds are pure white, but one youngster reared earlier in the season showed a little grey.

H. A. POLAND.

[The young from white parents are always liable to revert to the grey type, as the white is not a pure fixed type. As a matter of fact, it is far from common to find a white Java that is absolutely white in its plumage (i.e., without foul feathers).—EDITOR.]

A Late Summer Migrant.

Sir,—I thought the following instance of a very late summer migrant might interest. On Dec. 6, while my brother Isaac was out catching Linnets, he caught a Willow Wren, in the pink of condition. I may say that it is the latest date I have on record for such a delicate little bird to remain in England, and particularly so far North. Perhaps the open season we are having will account for it staying so long, but on Friday, the 5th, the day before it was caught, we had a very sharp frost, accompanied with a fall of snow. These did not seem to have affected it in the least. The next latest date I have of this little bird is of the one we caught on Oct. 21, 1906, along with some Chaffinches, one Bramblefinch, a few Starlings, and two Redwings. This was whilst crossing the Atlantic on board the "Empress of Ireland." We were thirty-six hours sail from the North of Ireland, when we struck a heavy gale, and the birds had to take to the boat for shelter.

J. NICHOLSON.

Flimby, Cumbit.

The Winning Hybrid at Preston Show.

Sir,—I notice the letters from T. Johnson and H. Walsh, but I make no reply to Mr. Walsh at the present stage, as there is a lot to come yet respecting the above bird. With reference to Mr. Johnson, one part of his letter is too misleading for me to allow it to pass without correction. Mr. Johnson says "Big, black, beady eyes, twice as large as can be expected in a Canary-Bullie." I hope Mr. Johnson will allow me to correct him, as the bird's eyes are no larger than those of the Canary or Bullie. But Mr. Johnson is not the only one that is mistaken in the same way, as I was asked more than once at Preston show where he got those "big eyes" from. Having a little better chance than visitors and reporters, it seems I examined it a little closer than Mr. Johnson. I found that the eyes have a circle of black feathers round them, which makes them have the large appearance. One eye is larger than the other, and not quite as true in circle. I hope next time Mr. Johnson takes up his pen to give the description of a specimen he will give it a correct one, and not mislead the Fancy. Mr. Johnson may have got some of his information from the remarks I made whilst at the show respecting the above bird.

A. WELLINGS.

(Two other Letters held over.—Ed.)

Do Early Entries Get the Worst Place on the Show Bench?

Sir,—Why will your correspondent persist in his staging theory? I know for a fact that the staging of birds has been explained to him personally by one who has had a lot of experience, and yet he is not satisfied, and will persist that birds in the middle get the most benefit from the judge. Let me explain for Mr. Lane's benefit that the judge starts on the class where he likes, and places the birds to suit himself, and not to suit show officials or exhibitors. His theory of the judge starting at one end is rich, and shows his utter lack of knowledge of show management. The theory of "draught" is on a par with the other. Does he think that birds are staged purposely to catch the draughts (if any), which I venture to say have been conspicuous by their absence at all the shows I have had the pleasure to visit? But allowing his point that there is a draught, how he thinks an open wire cage would be a protection, passes my understanding. His illustrations of "music" and "billiards," if thought out, would not have been penned. You must start at the beginning in billiards, and not in the middle, as a judge is at liberty to do, if so minded. No, Mr. L., your theory will not stand the test. The remedy for late entries does not lie there. I am with you as regards there being a cause for late entries, and my contention is that most exhibitors are working men, and so have to wait till pay-day. Another is that most fanciers have only one team, and if these have to be washed they delay their entries until the last possible moment for the simple reason that should a bird or birds have an accident or come badly through the wash, they then only send those that are fit, and so save entry fees. No doubt there are other reasons, but the above are the general ones that have come under my knowledge. In conclusion, let me state that this is my last on this staging theory.

W. G. ANDREWS.

Sir,—Mr. P. Lane says, "I advocate that the first entry should be placed in centre of the class, and the odd and even numbers on either side outwards to prevent exhibitors from keeping back their entries, and causing unnecessary hardships to secretaries." I wish to say I am fully in agreement with this proposition, and would like a rule to appear in schedules to that effect. I am certain, from my own observation, that this scheme would reduce late entries to a minimum. I do not say this because I adopt the practice of sending late; my birds are always in the first entries.

F. A. LOACH.

More Linnet-Twite Hybrids Caught Wild.

Sir,—I see that one of your readers, "Old Ford," has caught a Linnet-Twite Hybrid, and he wants to know if any other fancier has ever caught one. I may tell him that a fancier here once caught one, and as fine a specimen of the cross as any man could wish to see. I went over to see him one Sunday morning, about six years ago; he had been catching on the Saturday, and he showed me this bird, and asked me what it was. I told him it was a Hybrid, and bought it from him. It had no wing flights or tail, but started singing the pure Linnet song in two or three days, and when its flights grew I sent it on to Mr. Crawhall (Newcastle) and he showed it to Mr. Maddison, who had no doubt but it was a Hybrid. So Mr. Crawhall can let us know what becomes of that bird, for he bought it from me. We were more fortunate than "Old Ford," as ours was a cock.

M. DOOLAN.

Sir,—In answer to "Old Ford," I may say I caught a Linnet-Twite Hybrid in Stirling district four years ago. The parentage was easily seen. It had the size and red breast of the Linnet, with the yellow bill and carmine rump of the Twite It was the wildest hardbill I ever possessed.

R. JOHNSTONE.

Do Winning Borders vary in Type?

Sir,—In reply to W. E. P.'s letter, in a recent issue, I am pleased to read that he has the courage to put the fact on record that there are two types of Borders down South. But, inasmuch as the various Border Fancy Club only recognise one standard type, the other one (or 2nd type) suggested must be foreign to such, and the few judges who allow such birds to stand in the awards are dealing irregularly with prize-money. To the point! Why should a Norwich-Cross-Border fancier be permitted to show, or at least win? Let's have the standard type, and that only, then the majority of the Border fanciers would know what they were about. In conclusion, I trust the judges will again acknowledge the true standard of the "Wee Gem."

"ABERTAWL."

Sir,—The discussion now on re winning types of Borders has, I think, come at a very opportune time. The Southern B.F.C. is in its infancy, and I presume may next year be showing in their hand-book an illustration of the ideal Border Fancy Canary. Now, which will it be, a bird like the Border Fancy Club's ideal; a bird like the Border depicted in the "Nutshell" hand-book, or a bird after the Welsh type—all different? Mr. Moore, in his letter of last week, does not seem to touch the points raised by "Scottie," viz., "as to the different types of Borders winning." It is recognised by fanciers that a bird that wins under one judge may not win under another, because the second judge has a different type of bird as his standard. The best possible way out of the difficulty, to my way of thinking, is for all Border Fancy specialist clubs to agree upon one type of bird as the ideal standard, and also the number of points to be given for quality, colour, position, condition, etc. If, then, all judges were advised to judge to this standard, I think more satisfaction would be obtained.

H. STEVENS, S.B.F.C.

BRIGHTON.

Successful show held Dec. 9, in the Lecture Hall, North Road—a capital place for a bird show, roomy and comfortable, and with plenty of artificial light during the evening. Entries were scarcely up to last year, but 550 birds must be accounted a good number considering the clashing with other exhibitions, and the officials are to be congratulated upon the achievement. Quality in both Norwich and Yorkshires was of very high merit. The two Norwich classes were well filled, with a capital lot, the winner being close on the heels of the champions. Crest and Borders were good. The feature of the exhibition was undoubtedly the wonderful display of British; all the classes were well filled, we might almost say crowded. Sixty Goldfinches and Bullies in two classes made a very fine display, and among the whole lot there were very few inferior specimens. That keen fancier, Mr. Burr, of Chichester, had out a wonderful team. He won in Goldies, Bullies, and Linnets—a great achievement, considering the competition. Softbills and some charming foreigners made up a good show. The management was all that one could desire, Messrs. Goble and James being keen fanciers, and doing their utmost to make the show a huge success. Mr. Gibbs is the right man for the secretarial work. He had everything in good order, and well up to time. The committee did excellent work, as did Mr. G. Absolon acting as assist. sec. The show was opened by Major F. Johnson, who in a clever speech was quite eloquent upon bird shows, and the keeping of birds in captivity. Mr. H. Norman judged Hybrids, Brit., For., and members' classes, and Mr. J. Robson the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Miles, short, chubby bird, good full front, well filled back, nice head set well into shoulders, grand col. and qual.; 2, Hodder, wee shade longer, but beautifully rounded and packed, nicely braced wings, grand cond., close up; 3, Cook, hardly the subs. of winners, capital head and wings, A1 cond.; 4, Frost and Rogers, hardly the col. of leaders, but grand subs.; vhc, Silk; hc, c, Ellis. VARIEG. (10): 1, Miles, bonny varieg. buff, shapely, short all over, full head and cheeks, thick neck, sound wing carriage, lovely qual.; 2, Hodder, varieg., scarcely the subs. of winner, but capital type, sound rich col., in the pink; 3, Allen, head tkd., shade longer in body, but tight as wax, and brim full of qual.; 4, vhc, c, Rev. Miller, stouter and shorter, grand subs., capital cond.; hc, Silk. HEN (13): 1, 2, Ellis, good size, and subs., nicely proportioned all through, capital wings, sound rich col., 2 grand one for size and shape, neat full head, well rounded body, capital wings and tail, short thick set, but pale in col.; 3, c, J. Silk, wonderful size, good head and neck, well filled all through, full of bloom, grand cond.; 4, Miles, shade smaller, scarcely so clean cut, grand head, rich qual.; vhc, Silk; hc, Cook. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Hodder, nice subs., good bold head and front, capital wings, lovely qual., wins; 2, Ellis, nice size and type, hardly so nicely put down, but a very fine bird; 3, J. Silk, shade longer, not so good in head, but fine qual. of feather, nice cond.; 4, Cragg, nice size and subs., capital qual.; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Cragg; c, Gibb. NOV. (19): 1, c, Wade, bold buff, grand size and subs., neat head, good front, nice qual. hardly so clean cut as 2, Scars, typical, short, thick-set, nice full head, bold chest, tightly braced wings, sound rich col., full of qual.; 3, 4, Mrs. Norman, bit longer in body and wings, good full neck, capital col. and qual., 4 short and typical, bit weak in head, but grand qual.; vhc, Smith; hc, Deane. A.O. NOR. (22): 1, 4, Walker, bonny varieg. yell., capital size and type, full front, nicely cut away, good tail carr., 4 neck mkd., capital head and neck, A1 col. and qual.; 2, Scars, neat, bit high on legs but good full front, sound rich col., excellent qual.; 3, Olle, lovely 3-ptd. buff, shade longer, but grand qual. feather, in fine order; vhc, Burt; hc, Lynn; c, Wade. NON-FED (17): 1, Olle, wonderful size and subs., beautifully moulded, rare full front, good wings and tail, lovely qual.; 2, Terry, lovely shape, good head and back, grand col., in lovely order; 3, Wade, hardly so massive, still good type, grand head, and neck, sound rich col., well put down; 4, J. Silk, bonny for size, wonderful type, hardly in the best of fettle, or must have done better; vhc, Dunning; hc, Frost and Rogers; c, Miles. CREST (14): 1, Broad, magnificent headpiece, grand shape and size, beautifully drooped form, a good centre, nice, leafy feather; 2, Hawkes, nearly gr., grand size, bit feathery, but good, well shaped crest, hardly so massive as winner, lovely droop; 3, Pinyoun, wing mkd. D.C., grand size and shape, lovely crest, big and well formed, with grand frontal, nicely veined; 4, Mrs. Thynne, D.C., neat, well formed, nicely drooped; vhc, Stubb; hc, Gale; c, Allen. C.B. (9): 1, hc, Broad, magnificent bird, wonderful size, massive skull, beautifully domed, splendidly lashed, great length of feather; 2, 3, Gale, cap and wing mkd., almost as massive, grand rise from beak, thickly thatched, splendid qual., 3 nearly gr., fine size, hardly so massive in head as winners; 4, Mrs. Thynne, lightly mkd., very fine skull, beautifully lashed, great length of feather; vhc, Hayward; c, Hawkes. YORKS., YELL. (15): 1, Hawes Bros., long, graceful bird, splendidly cut away, smart wing carr., neat tail, hot col.; 2, Frost and Rogers, scarcely so rich in col., nicely moulded, clean cut to a very smart tail, capital wings; 3, hc, Clarke, well up in shoulder, shapely head, nice length of wing, A1 cond.; 4, Gibb, big one, hardly so nicely drawn, capital qual. and cond.; vhc, Wraight; c, Fulford. VARIEG. (12): 1, Rev. Miller, charming cinn. mkd., beautifully cut away, hardly so clean in front as we like them, good shoulders; 2, Clarke, smart and racy, full of nerve, good pos., well up in shoulders, sound rich col.; 3, Hawes Bros., long, reachy buff, beautifully moulded, grand back, smart wings and tail; 4, Wraight, nice qual., nice bit open in front, perfect head and shoulders, A1 col; vhc, Olding; hc, White Bros.; c, Roser. HEN (16): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., racy, lovely type and style, plenty of nerve, beautifully cut away, tightly braced wings, A1 cond., 2 grand cap mkd., fine length and style, smart wings, neat tail, sound cond.; 3, Clarke, grand, upstanding yell., beautiful shoulders, nicely cut away, smart wing and tail carr., capital col. and qual.; 4, Dandridge, lovely buff, fine length and style, nicely moulded and drawn, perfect qual.; vhc, Fulford; hc, Beresford; c, Clarke. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Hawes Bros., lovely cheek and wing mkd. yell., just a suspicion of frill, grand head and shoulders, stands well, rich col.; 2, Roser, smart buff, clean as a smelt, beautifully drawn, perfect wings and tail, lovely cond., close up; 3, Fulford, very long racy buff, capital head and neck, nicely moulded, clean cut and sound qual.; 4, Frost and Rogers, smart yell., beautifully drawn, nice lenght of wings, capital cond.; vhc, Clark; hc, Olding; c, Gibb. NOV.: 1, Airs, full lengthy yell., neat head, good shoulders and back, nicely cut away, inclined to spread tail, sound cond.; 2, Nicholls, very smart buff, taking bird, nicely modelled and drawn, lovely qual.; 3, Cooke, very racy yell., standing well up, smart wings, wee bit frilly, but good type; 4,——, wonderful big buff, grand length, stands well, good wings and tail, lovely qual. feather; vhc, Sears; hc, Beresford; c, Ward. NOV. A.O.V. (12): 1, Mudd, varieg. buff, nice clean cut bird, bit open in front, good back and wings, rich qual., nicely put down; 2, Ward, very lengthy yell., bit flat in head, but nice shoulders and wings, smart tail, good cond.; 3, 4, hc, Newman, neck tkd. buff, fine length and type, stylish, on good legs, sound cond.; 4th tkd. yell., wee shade smaller, lovely type, nicely drawn, good shoulders and wings; vhc, Snowden; c, Ward. NON-FED (8): 1, Frost and Rogers, bonny, big buff, grand length, shade untidy at thigh, good wings and tail, capital qual.; 2, Wraight, another buff, capital type and style, beautifully shouldered, smart wings and tail, tight in feather; 3, Oakley, nearly gr., racy, well up on leg, nicely moulded, rich qual., well put down; 4, Brooks, smart leggy Cinn. mkd., fine length, neat head, good qual.; vhc, Wall; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Gibb. BORD. CL. (15): 1, Mrs. Thynne, capital col., beautifully drawn and moulded, neat head and wings, fine qual., in the pink; 2, 3, Marriott, scarcely so nicely rounded, good wing and tail carr., grand quality feather; 3rd smart buff, nicely moulded, shade heavy in head, nice pos. and style, good qual.; 4, Smith, racy buff, beautifully drawn, neat head and wings; vhc, Frost and Rogers, lovely bird, much admired; hc, Fisher; c, Edwards. A.O.V. (15): 1, Smith, lovely four-pointed yell., beautifully modelled, perfect head, free neck, well braced wings, jaunty style, good win; 2, Burton Bros., variegyell., typical, well filled in, good style, smart wings, rich qual., nicely staged; 3, Mrs. Gibb, lovely wing tkd., capital type and style, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Daw, grand gr., capital type, sound rich col., beautifully pencilled, lovely qual.; vhc, hc, Anne; c, Sayers. HYB., DARK (21): 1, Lamb, bonny yell. Goldie, grand size, very rich col., in the pink of cond.; 2, Goodall, lovely yell. Redpoll-Can., grand size, nice shapely bird, rich flush of col., full of qual.; 3, Juby, bonny Linnet, magnificent size and shape, rich col. throughout, grand exhibit; 4, Balcombe, Siskin-Can., big bold well-filled bird, nicely rounded, sound rich col. throughout, lovely cond.; vhc, Hawkes; hc, James; c, Gibb. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, 2, Lamb, well known Ligbt Goldie-Cinnamon, wing mkd., leading, lovely shape, capital col., in the pink of cond.; 2nd another beauty, hardly so nicely put down; 3, Olle, nice variegy. Linnet, capital size, good shape and style, very nice qual. and cond.; 4, Richards, variegy. Goldie, fine size, rich flush of col., nice qual.; vhc, Himes; hc, Airs; c, Hall. GOLDF. (30): 1, c, Burr, grand size and shape, very clean square cut blaze, wonderfully sound rich col., beautifully tanned, in the pink; 2, James, same stamp, hardly so rich in face nor in quite the fettle, but a lovely specimen; 3, Sarling, good one, shapely, grand blaze, expansive and nicely cut, hardly so rich, capital wings; 4, Vale, real gem for shape and style, perfect face, not so rich as winners, nor so sound in tanning; vhc, Hasler; hc, Hobden. BULLF. (29): 1, 2, Burr, magnificent bird, shapely, nice full front, grand cap, thick neck, blaze of col., in the pink, wins sp best H.M.; 2nd only heaten in richness of col., lovely cond.; 3, James, big bold bird, grand head and neck, full front, lovely flush of col., tight as wax; 4, Wren, bonny bird, quite Bullie shape, grand cap, full of polish, sound colour, close up; vhc, Hinds; hc, Bignall; c, Rhodes. LINNET: 1, Burr, old winner, hardly looking at his best to-day, shapely, nicely proportioned, sound rich col., nicely laced; 2, Francis, well known, in the pink of cond., beaten here in col. and style, grandly pencilled; 3, Offord, beauty for size and shape, good bold front, full head, capital col., in the pink; 4, Tout, capital size, shapely, nicely pencilled, fine qual.; vhc, c, James; hc, Hind. GREENF. (16): 1, Francis, fine size, nicely proportioned, grand sound col., put down at its very best; 2, 3, c, James, spoilt by being a bit too fat, or would possibly turn the scale, a real gem for size and qual., full of polish; 3rd another magnificent spec. for size and shape, lovely qual., in grand order; 4, Morrish, shapely, hardly so massive nor so rich in col., but lovely quality of feather; vhc, Beard; hc, Vale. CHAFF OR BRAMBLE. (14): 1, James, topping Chaffie, not the biggest, but a gem for colour and qual. of feather, put down at its best, good win; 2, Himes, capital Bramble, fine size, nicely rounded, beautifully spangled, lovely qual.; 3, Francis, fine Chaffinch, hardly the col. of winner, but grand qual., put down in fine order; 4, Absolon, grand size and shape, fine qual.; vhc, Vale; hc, Miss Mantell; c, James. REDPOLL (19): 1, Bignall, grand shape and style, bold front, nice tone of col., good cap and bib, densely mkd., a fine Siskin; 2, Ninness, lovely Redpoll, grand shape and style, bold, well filled head and neck, capitally pencilled, sound col.; 3, 4, Francis, bonny Siskin, good rich col., hardly the size of winner, nor in quite the high fettle; 4th, bold Mealy, grand shape, beautifully pencilled, grand order; vhc, Sexton; hc, Offord; c, James. BUNTING (9): 1, 2, Francis, lovely Corn leading, well known, fine size and shape, grandly mkd., fine col.; 2nd bonny Cirl, grand shape and beautifully mkd.; 3, Clark, grand Snow, fine size and shape, good qual.; 4, Gibb, bonny Yellowhammer, grand flush of col., nicely mkd., good condition, bit unsteady; vhc, James; hc, Pearce; c, Burr. SOFTBILL (12): 1, 2, Tout, lovely pair of exhibits, charming Gold-crest leading, perfect little gem, tight as wax; 2nd Treecreeper, hardly so tight as we have seen them, still a good one; 3, Clark, fine pair Bearded Tits, grand rich col., cock bird beautifully mkd., both in good order; 4, hc, Hall; vhc, Miss Hopwood; c, Pazel. FOR., SMALL (15): 1, c, Dr. Thwaites, grand Shama, grand col. and qual. and well shown; 2, Littledale, capital Red-headed Gouldian, grand col. and cond.; 3, Pazel, very fine Whydah, perfect plumage; 4, Miss Backhouse, capital Black-headed Gouldiau, fine size and col.; vhc, Gibb; hc, Brown. PAIRS: 1, 4, hc, Dr. Thwaites, lovely pair of Nonpareils, capital col., in the pink of cond.; 4th, nice pair of Cuba Finches, lovely plumage; 2, Longlands, charming pair of Gouldians, both perfect, fine rich col., tight as wax; 3, Gibb, Cordon Bleus, good pair in capital feather and col.; vhc, Miss Mantell; c, Swaysland. MEMBERS—NOR.: 1, Olle; 2, Rev. Miller; 3, Ellis; 4, Dean. UNFLIG.: 1, 4, Olle; 2, Rev. Miller; 3, Ellis. YORKS: 1, Wall; 2, vhc, Rev. Miller; 3, c, Gibb; 4, Dandridge; hc, Wall. UNFLIG.: 1, Wall. A.O.V.: 1, Dean; 2, vhc, Gibb; 3, Ellis; 4, Gibb. NON-FED: 1, 4, Gibb; 2, Miller; 3, Olle; vhc, hc, Wall. NOV.: 1, Morrish; 2, hc Beck; 3, 4, Brown; vhc, c, Williams. TKD. OR VAR.: 1, vhc, Miss Mantell; 3, Morrish; 2, Brown; 4, c, Beck. GOLDF.: 1, 3, Burr; 2, no name; 4, vhc, hc, Miles. FINCH: 1, 2, Burr; 3, c, Gibb; 4, Bignell; vhc, Roast; hc, Wall. SOFTBILL: 1, Farnacombe; 2, Bignell.

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LUTON.

8th Annual show, held in the Corn Exchange, Dec. 10. The room is suitable in every way, being free from draught, and having good light. Luton has had many ups and downs in its efforts to run an up-to-date exhibition, with a really excellent, all round classification. That there is room for improvement in this direction in the hybrid section is certain, and with reasonable support from exhibitors it will be freely given. With the same classification as last year, when they received a record entry, and with the same judges, this year the entries were very much on the down grade. There is not the slightest doubt that this was caused through the unfortunate alteration of the membership radius, from 20 to 10 miles circuit, which cut off numbers of entries from the Watford and Bedford districts. The falling off of entries was further augmented by the clashing of dates with several important fixtures, and the unfortunate dispute with prominent old members, as to the right or otherwise of competing for challenge cups. Hybrids were a grand lot in numbers and qual., competition being very keen in the dark class, which contained a grand display of beautiful Bullfinch hybrids, including Mr. Higham's Cinnamon Canary-Bullie, the Horticultural Hall winner, Mr. Lamb put down a few of his noted gems. British were below the average in numbers, but quality was all there. Foreign, though poor in numbers for Luton, contained many high-class specimens. Mr. Muscott, Miss Bousfield, Messrs. Meadows and Howe staging some of the best on the show bench to-day. The show was well managed. Mr. Bloomfield makes an ideal secretary, courteous, obliging, and good tempered, and he was ably assisted by a strong committee, composed of genuine fanciers. Mr. J. Robson judged all Canaries, Mr. J. Frostick, Hybrids, British and foreigners.

The Critique.

YELL., NOR. (5): 1, Silk, nice type, brilliant plumage, teeming with qual.; 2, 4, Murrell, rare subs., excels in head, typical throughout; 3, Notley, bit smaller than winners, but all there for type, col. and qual., Bedford winner; wrong class, Horne, a buff. BUFF: Cancelled. HYB., ETC., NOR. (6): 1, Johnson, very fine yell., correct type and good qual.; 2, Silk, rare big buff, full of qual., and nice type; 3, Thompson, lovely qual. yell., just a bit too long for present day type; 4, Ebbage, very nice cap and wing mkd. yell; vhc, Nichols; hc, Hart. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Fox, excellent yell., with rare subs., good wing car., col. and qual.; 2, Goodman, very fine, typical yell., very close run; 3, Ebbage, very fine, large mkd. buff, in prime condition; 4, Osborn, very fine mkd. buff, better in body than third; vhc, Bishop and Son; hc, Kerr; c, Murrell. NOR. HEN (9): 1, Notley, fine big bouncing unflighted yell., full of qual., very choice; 2, c, Goodman, very fine yell., typical throughout; 3, Osborn, mkd. yell., good stamp of bird; 4, Ebbage, very smart yell., on the small side; vhc, Fox; hc, Bowler. CL. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., capital buff, good pos., full of qual., 2, equally good yell., nicely moulded, excels in head; 3, Hedworth, smart buff, full of breed, hardly so good in wing car.; 4, Mrs. Ballard, excellent buff, tight as wax; vhc, Dimmock. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Dr. Craig, one of the very best, straight, steady, good wing car., good col. and condition; 2, Hedworth, nicely moulded, and lovely qual.; 3, Gasson, nice lengthy bird, in good condition; 4, Hawes Bros., heavily mkd., nice type; vhc, Mrs. Ballard. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Langley, lovely yell., good pos., well drawn out, nice wing car., and pipe tail; 2, Hawes Bros., similar, difficult to separate; 3, Bishop and Son, lengthy buff, bit open on chest, and fan tail; 4, Dimmock, shorter and pale in col. HEN (8): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., lovely Cinn. mkd., good pos., choice qual., excellent wings and tail, 2, cl. buff, nicely moulded, in prime condition; 3, vhc, Dr. Craig, very fine cl. yell., good all round; 4, Langley, cl. yell., bit heavier build, otherwise good; hc, Mrs. Ballard; c, Bishop and Son. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, 3, Brooks, two of his noted Dutch Frills, winner especially being a very fine specimen; 2, 4, Andrews, both yellow Cinn., good type, lovely col.; vhc, Brooks; hc, Hieber. MEMBERS, YELL NOR. (2): 1, Litchfield and Son, medium size, nice type, good condition; 2, Rhodes, similar, beaten in con. BUFF (3): 1, G. J. Webb correct type, nice qual. and con.; 2, Litchfield and Son, better col., heaten in con.; 3, Peddar, nice, short, cobby bird, trifle smaller. MKD. (4): 1, Cherry, tkd., excellent type; 2, Litchfield and Son, heavily mkd. yell., good stock bird; 3, Rhodes, good mkd. yell. NOR. HEN (6): 1, Peddar, excellent yell., nice body, good wings and tail; 2, F. Webb, very fair yell., trifle long; 3, F. J. Webb, good yell., nice type, shade smaller; 4, Litchfield and Son. UNFLIG., NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Litchfield and Son, very fine, typical bird, of good quality and con., 3, good headed bird, close up; 2, 4, vhc, F. Webb, very smart, rare qual. and condition; hc, Peddar; c, Cherry. BUFF (9): 1, 2, cup, Litchfield and Son, very fine, typical bird, impossible to find fault with, Bedford winner, 2, nest mate to 1st, a good one, hardly equal in body; 3, 4, F. Webb, nicely made, good col. and con., beaten in subs., 4 similar; vhc, hc, F. J. Webb; c, Cherry. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, Page, nice length, with good pos.; 2, F. Webb, similar, difficult to separate; 3, Spiers, nice length, just a bit throaty; 4, c, Cherry, similar to third; vhc, hc, F. J. Webb. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, F. J. Webb, mkd., nice length, very slim, good pos; 2, Spires, nice cl., bit heavier; 3, Cherry; 4, Page. HEN (4): 1, F. Webb, nice model, very tight, stands well on perch; 2, Spires, smart, hardly so long; 3, Cherry; 4, F. J. Webb. CUP CLASSES, YORKS., YELL. UNFLIGH. (6): 1, cup, F. Webb, very smart, clean cut, correct type, excellent col. and qual.; 2, Spires, takes the perch well, good pos., just a bit weak in neck; 3, vhc, Cherry, nice length and con., inclined to crouch a bit; 4, F. J. Webb. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Spires, 1st, best type, col. and qual., 2, good type, paler, 3 excels in qual.; 4, Cherry, nice lengthy bird; vhc, c, F. J. Webb; hc, F. Webb. CREST (4): 1, 2, Bennett, good buff greens, well formed crests; 3, 4, Bloomfield and Rose, smaller crests, but very nice formation. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Bennett, wealth of feather and well lashed, 2, 3, Bloomfield and Rose, good heads, but shorter in feather. CREST and C.B., UNFLIGH. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Bloomfield, 1, cup, best young Crest, also Bird's cup, variegy, very fine and well formed Crest, 3, good C.B.; 2, hc, Bennett, green, nicely formed Crest. NOV., NOR. (2): 1, Archer, smart yell., small; 2, 3, Bent and Reader, nice buff, bit too long, 3, smart, not cobby enough. YORKS. (3): 1, Page, mkd bird, nice pos., bit loose in feather; 2, Bent and Reader, nice cl. yell.; 3, Mayston, cl. buff, wants tightening up a bit. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 2, 3, Cole, good gr. crest, 2, nice formation, bit small, 3, nice C.B.; 4, vhc, hc, Waggett. CUP CLASS (5): 1, cup, Page, very nice buff Yorks., tight as wax, good pos.; 2, 3, Mayston, very nice Yorks., just beaten in con.; vhc, Archer

Mr. Frostick's Classes.

HYB., CAN. CROSSES (7): 1, Lamb, lovely even mkd. Goldie, in tip-top form; 2, Hart, bonny grizzle mkd. Greenie, nice size; 3, Bowler, good variegy. yell. Goldie; 4, Andrews, dark yell. Goldie, on the small side; vhc, Oliver; hc, Miss Bousfield; c, Nichols. BRIT. CROSSES AND CAN.-BULLF. (9): 1, 4, Higham, noted Can. Bullf., in fine trim, might be better staged, does not seem at home in its cage, 4 charming Can.-Bullf., grand feather and cond., said to be from same nest as 1; 2, 3, Lamb, well-known Redpoll-Bullf., a charming bird, rare and beautiful, 3 one of the best Greenf.-Bullie seen for a long day, absolutely perfect; vhc, Hart; hc, Dick; c, Child. GOLDF. (5): 1, Brooks, not over large, but excels in depth of col.; 2, Bowler, trifle broader in skull, not quite so bright in depth of col.; 3, Mays, nice bird, but a bit off in cond.; 4, Harris, not ready, will improve; vhc, Checkerfield. BULLF. (8): 1, Nichols, typical, grand col., tight as a bottle, wins; 2, Brooks, nice shapely bird, hardly the richness; 3, Child, a trifle pale; 4, Harris, better col., but fails in cond.; vhc, hc, Mays; c, Andrews. LINNET OR TWITE (5): 1, Nichols, well known, marvellous bloom, grand back and wings, a bonny bird; 2, Heal, tip-top Twite, can hold its own in any company; 3, Mays, very fine Linnet, well put down; 4, Checkerfield; vhc, Brooks. REDPOLL OR SISKIN (11): 1, Heal, spanking good mealy, rich col., H.M. bird, very stylish; 2, Hawkes, nice Siskin, good shape, nice cap and flank marks; 3, Miss Bousfield, H.M. Lesser, excellent specimen; 4, Dell, Siskin; vhc, Brooks; hc, Andrews; c, ditto. A.O. HARDBILL (3): 1, Checkerfield, grand Yellow Bunting, rich col., grand head marks, good size; 2, Harris, exceedingly good Corn, only fault rather unsteady; 3, Miss Bousfield, well-known yellow, fails in richness of col. to winner. HEN (5): 1, Heal, fine Corn, rather easy win; 2, 4, Mays, good Hawfinch, and fine Bramble; 3, Meadows, perfect Pied Wagtail, beautifully shown; vhc, Dell. INSECTIV., SMALL (5): 1, Mays, grand Creeper, shown in this exhibitor's well-known perfect style; 2, Andrews, tip-top pair Bearded Tits; 3, 4, Goodall, excellent Pied Wagtail and another good Bearded Tit; vhc, Bowler, Great Tit. LARGE (5): 1, Mays, Waxwing, not over large or extra good in col., but fine wing lacing and good wax tips; 2, Oliver, very lustrous Starling, good size, nice shape; 3, Miss Bousfield, Waxwing, larger and better coloured than winner, but not so nicely laced on wings; 4, Dell, Starling, fine spangling, but not so lustrous; vhc, Andrews. PARROT (6): 1, Muscott, grand Eclectus hen, well-known winner, won in fine form; 2, vhc, Hebb, pair Red-collared Lorikeets and odd Pennants, in grand, tight, healthy cond., from outdoor aviary, want using to cage life, rather wild; 3, members' sp., Meadows, really tip-top Crimson-wing; 4, Mrs. Clark, good Grey, and a nice Amazon. AVADAVATS, ETC. (6): 1, Howe, Golden-breasted Waxbills, very hot col., as near perfection as possible; 2, 3, Newley, absolutely perfect pair of Silverbills, and a good pair of Orange-cheeks, nicely shown; ex. 3, Miss Bousfield, Grey Javas, tight as a Java should be; 4, Meadows, Gold-breasts, long way behind winners; vhc, Andrews. A.O.S. (10): 1, F.B.C. medal, ex. 3, Miss Bousfield, cock Melba Finch, gem of the first water, stands clear ahead of others, ex. 3 best pair of Blk. Goulds ever exhibited; 2, 3, vhc Meadows, a champion cock Red Goulian, shown in a good cage, but unsuitable col., 3 quaint little pair of Quail Finches, shown to perfection, and vhc a pair of Siskins; 4, c, Newley, really excellent pair of Fire Finches, take the tree branches out, Mr. N., and Magpie Mannikins, in tip-top form; hc, Howe, Melba Finch, well beaten by winner. MEMB. MULES (3): 1, Meadows; 2, Child; 3, Bent and Reader. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, Bent and Reader; 2, Webb; 3, 4, Hunt. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, Cherry; 2, 3, 4, Bloomfield and Rose; vhc, hc, Hunt. INSECTIV. (1): 1, Cherry. FOR. (7): 1, 2, 4, Meadows; 3, vhc, hc, Cherry; c, Meakin.

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Weekly Linnet contest, "Woodmay" Inn, Dec. 6, when there were 12 birds entered for three good prizes. I. J. Hinchcliffe; 2, 3, S. Pugh. Open sing, Dec. 7, when there were 18 birds: 1, S. Pugh; 2, J. Williams.—S. Pugh, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest for members at "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, on Dec. 6. Winners: 1, S. Morley; 2, J. Brindley; 3, W. Nelson. On Dec. 7 the winners were: 1, S. Morley; 2, 3, W. Nelson.—J. Brindley, sec.

LEEDS.

23 birds sang for good prizes at the Prince Albert Linnet Club, Newtown: 1, J. Clark, with his "scraping" bird; 2, 3, A. Binns and J. Chippindale, joint Judges: Mr. C. Lorrimer, and Mr. Pat Madden.—M. R. Ridyard, hon. sec.

Quality singing contest held Skinners Arms, Buslinthorpe, Dec. 6; when 19 birds sang: 1, 3, Binns; 2, King. Dec. 7, 28 birds competed for good prizes: 1, 3, Ward; 2, King; 4, Chadwick. We had also a grand Canary contest: 1, Ward; 2, Malone; 3, Smith. Judges: Messrs. Tom Summers and J. Sellars. Dec. 14, our host, Mr. Pickles, is adding copper kettle to prizes; first birds 7.30 prompt.—C. Clayton, hon. sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held "King's Head," Shannon Street, Dec. 6; 16 birds sang for three good prizes: 1, 2, W. Sissons; 3, H. Wigfield. Dec. 7, 19 birds sang: 1, W. Sissons; 2, E. Wood; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges: A. Jennings, W. Naylor. Grand Roller contest held Dec. 7; 15 birds sang: 1, 2, W. Lipman; 3, shared by B Gomersall and H. Wigfield. Judges: Hayes, Naylor, Hardcastle. Open contest for Rollers, Dec. 14, first pair hung at 7.30 prompt.—W. Naylor, hon. sec.

GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES C.B.C.

Annual show held Good Templars' Hall, Dec. 6. Entries about 350, and quality quite up to standard. Mr. J. H. Adam judged British and Mules, and Mr. R. Jeffroy Canaries, and appeared to give general satisfaction. Mr. McFarlane won cup for best bird with a buff var. cock, a very typical bird, also cup for best young Norwich Cl. Buff cock, an exceptionally good bird. Cup for best young Border was won by Mr. Wm. Hamilton with his well-known even mkd. buff cock, a little gem. Silver cup best Brit. was won by Mr. Pettigrew's well-known Pied Wagtail. The birds were nicely staged, and every arrangement was made for the comfort of visitors and exhibits. The hall is well adapted for show purposes, with plenty of overhead light, and even temperature.

YELL. NOR. CK., CL. OR TKD. (12): 1, 3, McFarlane; 2, Campbell; 4, 6, Finlay; 5, Bannerman. BUFF (10): 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Finlay; 4, Campbell; 5, McNeil; 6, Jones. VAR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, McFarlane; 2, Campbell; 3, McNeil; 4, Jones; 5, Finlay; 6, Ross. BUFF (6): 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, McGowan; 4, Hamilton; 5, Campbell; 6, McNeil. YELL. HEN, CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, 2, 3, McFarlane; 4, Campbell; 5, McGowan; 6, Jones. BUFF (7): 1, McFarlane; 2, Campbell; 3, 4, Finlay; 5, McGowan; 6, Bannerman. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (5): 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Finlay; 4, Campbell; 5, Jones. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, McFarlane; 4, Wilson; 5, Hamilton. NON FED CK., ANY COL. (5): 1, 3, Finlay; 2, McFarlane; 4, McNeil; 5, Jones. NON-FED HEN (8): 1, 4, McFarlane; 2, Finlay; 3, McGowan; 5, Hamilton; 6, Jones. NOR., OLD BIRDS, YELL. CK, CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, Campbell; 2, 3, 4, McFarlane; 5, 6, Campbell. BUFF (6): 1, Campbell; 2, 3, McFarlane; 4, 5, Finlay; 6, Hamilton. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, Bannerman; 4, 5, Finlay; 6, Jones. BUFF (6): 1, 3, McFarlane; 2, Finlay; 4, 5, Campbell; 6, Jamieson. YELL. HEN, CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, 2, 3, McFarlane; 4, Campbell; 5, 6, Finlay. BUFF (5): 1, McFarlane; 2, Bannerman; 3, Finlay; 4, Jones; 5, Hamilton. VAR. YELL (3): 1, McFarlane; 2, McNeil; 3, Campbell. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, McFarlane; 4, Campbell; 5, 6, Finlay. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, 3, McGowan; 2, McFarlane. HEN (4): 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, Campbell; 4, Bannerman. 1913, BORD. CK. CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, McGowan; 2, 3, Hamilton; 4, Finlay. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Hamilton; 3, McGowan. HEN, CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, McGowan; 4, Finlay. VARIEG. (4): 1, McGowan; 2, 3, Hamilton; 4, Finlay. MULE OR HYB., YOUNG (3): 1, 3, Frew; 2, Talbut. OLD BIRDS, LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, McFarlane; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Campbell; 4, Frew. GOLDF. OR LINNET MULE (3): 1, 3, Pettigrew; 2, McFarlane. DK. MULE (4): 1, Frew; 2, McFarlane; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Jamieson. GOLDF. (5): 1, Ballantyne; 2, McGowan; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Jamieson; 5, Bannerman. LINNET, H.M. (6): 1, Bannerman; 2, Ballantyne; 3, McFarlane; 4, 5, Pettigrew; 6, Jamieson. BULLF. (4): 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Ballantyne; 4, Pettigrew. SISKIN (6): 1, 6, Pettigrew; 2, 3, Ballantyne; 4, Jamieson; 5, Finlay. LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, Jamieson; 4, Finlay; 5, 6, Pettigrew. TWITE (4): 1, 2, 3, Pettigrew; 4, Jamieson. GREENF., H.M.: 1, McFarlane; 2, Pettigrew; 3, Finlay; 4, Bannerman; 5, McGowan; 6, Ballantyne. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (8): 1, 2, 3, Pettigrew; 4, 5, Ballantyne; 6, Finlay. BUNTING (4): 1, 2, 3, Ballantyne; 4, Jamieson. LINNET, F.M. (8): 1, Ballantyne; 2, 5, Jamieson; 3, 4, 6, Pettigrew. BULLIE HEN A.V. (7): 1, 4, 5, Pettigrew; 2, 3, Frew; 6, Jamieson. HENS FOR HYB. BREEDING (5): 1, Frew; 2, Ballantyne; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Finlay; 5, Jamieson. MEALY REDPOLL (5): 1, McFarlane; 2, Ballantyne; 3, Pettigrew; 4, McGowan. GREENF., F.M. (5): 1, Finlay; 2, Campbell; 3, 4, Pettigrew; 5, Ballantyne. SMALL BRIT. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Pettigrew; 5, Jamieson. LARGE (5): 1, Finlay; 2, 4, 5, Pettigrew; 3, Bryce. FOR. GOLDF. (5): 1, Frew; 2, 3, Pettigrew; 4, Jamieson; 5, Frew.

WOOD GREEN F.S.

Fifth annual members' show held at the Assembly Rooms Nov. 29. A very good show of Canaries was here staged. Numbers were not large, but quality was good. Surely around this district there must be a lot of fanciers who could be persuaded to join this society. The secretary and members all seem enthusiastic in their hobby, and jolly good fellows. Specials were won by Messrs. Titchner, Pettit, Everett, and Huggins, who also won silver cup for best cage bird bred by exhibitor. Mr. F. Easterling judged.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Titchner, very good team, neck tick and two clears. HEN: 1, Titchner, cl. yell. CREST: 1, sp, 2, 3, Pettit, 1st and 3rd var., neat crest, 2nd clear body, grizzle crest. C.B.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Pettit, nice green, good skull, others var., not so dense in feather. AMAT. NOR. HEN: 1, Kerr. YORKS: Jones, cl. buff. YORKS: Jones, grizzle crest. C.B.: Jones, var. NOV. NOR.: 1, Archbold, cl., nat. col., good big bird; 2, 3, vhc, he, Easton, very nice quartette. YORKS NOV. BUFF CL. OR TKD: 1, 2, Huggins, good pair head tkd., good feather, nice pos.; 2, Thigh tick, fails in wing carr.; 3, Archbold, not the finish; vhc, Tolfree. YELL.: 1, Huggins; 2, 3, Tolfree. MKD.: 1, Tolfree, var. yell., good length and pos.; 2, 3, Huggins, buff mkd., bit slack at thighs. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, 2, Everitt, two good yellows; 3, vhc, Tolfree, cl., fails in colour to others; he, c, Huggins. HENS: 1, sp, cup, 2, Huggins, bulls, nice pair, winner most compact, straight as a rush, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Tolfree, not so close in feather. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, very good cl. yell., a green, and another yell., shown beautifully. MULE: 1, Pettit, buff Goldf.-Can.: Jones, wrong class, a Greenfinch. GOLDF.: 1, Jones, neat blaze, good tanning; 2, Pettit. A.O.V.: 1, Jones, good Siskin; 2, Pettit, Linnet.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Members' show held Nov. 29 at George Hotel when about 70 were staged; competition being very keen. Special winners: Mr. Todd best bird with a Linnet Mule, Mr. Carter Yellow Norwich, Mr. Gregory, a Hawlinch, Mr. Stephenson most points in Canaries, and Mr. Forster in Brit. Mr. T. Wright, York, judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS.: 1, Stephenson; 2, J. Brown. HEN: 1, Stephenson; 2, he, Carter. BRED 1913: 1, Stephenson; 2, H. Carter, 3, Brown. HEN 1913: 1, J. Brown; 2, H. C. Carter. NOR.: 1, H. C. Carter; 2, Reynold; 3, Robinson; vhc, Stephenson. HEN: 1, H. C. Carter, 2, Stephenson; 3, H. Todd. 1913: 1, H. Todd; 2 Reynold. HEN 1913: 1, Reynold; 2, H. Todd. A.O.V.: 1, H. C Carter; 2, H Todd. MULE: 1, H Todd; 2, 3, vhc, Robinson. GOLDF.: 1, J. Forster; 2, H. Robinson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, J. Forster, 2, H. C Carter. GREENF., ETC.: 1, Robinson, 2, 3, J. Forster. A.O.V.: 1, Gregory; 2, Robinson. HEN: 1, Robinson; 2, J. Forster; 3, Gregory; vhc, Todd. LINNET, ETC: 1, H. Todd; 2, Robinson; 3, J. Forster. A.O.V. F.M.: 1, Gregory; 2, 3, H. Todd. Todd and Walker, Hon. Secs.

Wonderful and Worthy Success of Bradford's Great Charity Show.

Marvellously Managed; Huge Crowds of Visitors; Nearly 1,600 Birds of the Highest Quality.

ONE of our great poets, in an inspired stanza, urged men to adorn their zeal with shining charity, the noblest impulse that man can feel. The Canary breeders of the great woollen manufacturing city of the North have given the world evidence that their zeal is adorned with charity, and that they can feel for, and help, those who cannot help themselves. Only two years since was the first show held in aid of the Bradford Cinderella Club; the second show was a great improvement on the first; whilst the third has attained a position which stamps it as the greatest show in the provinces.

This year's fixture was held in the Central Baths, at Bradford, on Dec. 5, 6, and 8. The entry, 1,597, was nearly 200 in excess of last year's figures, and nearly 500 above those of the first show, whilst the quality was of the highest order. Fortunate indeed have the executive been in enlisting the sympathy of the leaders of the city, and it has already come to be looked upon as one of the functions at which the Lord Mayor of Bradford must officiate. This year Alderman John Arnold holds the proud position of Bradford's Chief Magistrate, and in him, too, the Cage Bird Fancy owns a friend and a sympathiser.

There was a large gathering at the opening ceremony on the Friday, when Mr. John Emsley, J.P., presided, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Percy Illingworth (Shipley's fancier M.P., and the Government's Chief Whip). Mr. Emsley made a most felicitous and happy speech. He touched upon the contrast between England and other countries in the matter of its native songsters. Englishmen loved song birds, and protected them. Speaking of the importance of the Canary breeding industry in Bradford, he said, Bradford long ago drew the woollen trade away from Norwich, and now they were drawing the bird trade away from the Eastern city. It was wonderful how important and far-reaching was the export trade in Canaries from the Bradford district.

"Polly" Has Her Little Say!

At this point Mrs. Haigh's first prize Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot began to chatter as though disputing Mr. Emsley's remarks, but he proceeded, "It's quite true, Polly. I am speaking the truth. There are thousands of breeders in the Bradford district, and thousands of birds leave it every year for all parts."

The Lord Mayor, in opening the show, spoke on the worth and desirability of hobbies, of their refining influences, of their usefulness in dispelling morbid fancies, and diverting a man's thoughts from the grievances, troubles, and trials of life. He knew of no hobby more interesting than that of Canary breeding, and he was pleased to know that Bradford was leading the way in that Fancy, and that it was Bradford's proud honour to hold a show second only in importance to the Crystal Palace. He referred to the work of the Cinderella Club in looking after the poor children of Bradford, and said the sympathies of all must be with any organisation which sought to assist such a noble and worthy charity. The bird shows had done great things in the past, and he hoped even greater would result from the present exhibition. He congratulated the executive on the success they had achieved, a success that was well deserved.

Mr. R. Halliday proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for their kindness in giving the committee their support and assistance, and said he believed the Lady Mayoress was the first to act as judge at a Canary show, which Mrs. Arnold had done that morning, by judging one of the classes for singing Canaries. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, in seconding, drew attention to the fact that the executive, not only gave their time and labour, but so self-sacrificing were they that even the secretary had to pay for his show luncheon just like anyone else. They were out to help a deserving charity, and he wished people outside to know that they not only worked, but they gave, and they also kept the expenses down.

The First Lady Mayoress to Judge.

In replying to the vote, the Lord Mayor expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present, and concluded by asking the Lady Mayoress also to reply. Mrs. Arnold said she was both proud and pleased to be associated with the show—proud of the fact that she was the first Lady Mayoress to officiate in a judicial capacity at a show, and pleased to help in the work which was being done on behalf of such a deserving charity as the Cinderella Fund. She might not have selected the best bird, but she had chosen the one which appealed most to her fancy.

Mr. H. Hill proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, referring to Mr. Emsley's past help to the committee, and in a tear-compelling speech urged upon those present the claims of the Cinderella Club. The bird men, he said, were doing their best, and one well-known fancier had given him £20 for the fund. This, he hoped, would stimulate others, and also show the public that the bird men were in earnest in their desire to assist a deserving charity. He would like to thank all who had helped—the judges, the committee, and the stewards, all of whom had given their services free of charge. Mr. Chittenden seconded in a most forcible speech.

Lady Kathleen Pilkington, who opened the show on the second day, made special reference to the wonderful organisation of the show, and the magnificent manner in which the exhibits were staged and attended to.

The Man at The Wheel.

Success is never achieved in any great undertaking without good organisation, and the power behind all the good work accomplished in connection with this magnificent show is Mr. Horatio Hill, the highly-esteemed and popular secretary of the Yorkshire Union. A better worker the Cage Bird Fancy has never known. He has zeal and earnestness of the most inspiring character, a temperament that is as level, cool, and even as it is energetic and enthusiastic, whilst his tact, and business acumen are great. 1,600 entries accepted within a few days of the show, prize money paid on the second day, and all the other details worked without a hitch! What is Mr. Hill's secret? Method, nothing left to chance.

Good a man as is the secretary, he could not do much without a capable and willing executive, and this is found at Bradford. Many hands make light work, and the success achieved by the National is due to the manner in which the way work is divided up, and different men made responsible for the various sections. Mr. H. H. Towers is chairman, and we regret to say that owing to illness he was deprived of the pleasure of assisting in the final arrangements. Greatly to the joy and satisfaction of his colleagues, however, he was present at the opening ceremony. We hope soon to hear of his complete recovery.

The following well-known fanciers formed the different committees: Executive Committee.—Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, W. Crabtree, H. J. Chittenden, S. Dean, R. Halliday, F. Hammond, H. Hill, J. Kendall, J. W. Kaberry, F. W. Norris, H. Simonett, H. H. Towers, J. R. Taylor, and G. White. Show Stewards.—Messrs. W. B. Atkinson, F. Archer, C. Cowgill, J. Chippindale, J. W. Kaberry, W. Laycock, J. Lane, H. Long, W. Stables, J. A. Taylor, and J. Ward. Sales Committee.—Messrs. C. Cowgill, F. Hammond, J. B. Martin, W. Moreiment, H. Simonett. Staging Committee.—Messrs. W. Crabtree, H. J. Chittenden, C. Cowgill, H. C. Crossley, T. Fortnam, J. W. Kaberry, J. R. Taylor, J. W. Whitwham, and R. Halliday. Advertisement Committee.—Messrs. F. Hammond, T. Ogden, and H. Simonett. In addition Messrs. C. Cowgill, L. Dykes, J. Greaves, W. Crabtree, H. J. Chittenden, J. A. Taylor, G. White, E. P. Pickard, J. R. Taylor, J. Rhodes, W. Stables, F. Archer, W. Halliwell, G. Riley, H. Gornall, H. C. Crossley, J. A. Whitwham, E. Neeson, A. Huddleston, J. W. Kaberry, and E. H. Wetherill took charge of the door, each having his allotted time, and if either was unable to do his little bit at the appointed time it was up against him to find a substitute. Praise and honour are due to this grand company of fanciers, who cheerfully and ungrudgingly gave of their time. Yorkshire zeal, Yorkshire grit, and Yorkshire enthusiasm conquered.

Visitors Packed In Like Sardines!

We are delighted to chronicle the fact that the attendance was better than the two previous years. It was good on the Friday, and on the Saturday it was almost impossible to move, the visitors being at one time in the afternoon packed almost as close as sardines in a tin. Last year the committee were seriously handicapped by the late delivery of catalogues, even though the entries closed a week before the show. This year entries were received late on the Wednesday, yet the catalogue—a 100-page production—was compiled and copies in the hall ready for sale before the judges commenced their labours in the early morning of Friday, whilst catalogues with full awards were on sale two hours and a-half after the printers received the last slip. Credit for this smart performance is due to our esteemed contemporary, "Fur and Feather," who held the contract for the printing.

Yorkshires, naturally, opened the schedule, and surprising indeed, but true, they totalled the extraordinary figure of 894. This is an astounding result. Never before in the history of the Fancy have so many birds of one variety been brought together. The champion bird amongst this huge collection was declared to be Mr. W. Binns' clear buff. Messrs. Ogden's unflighted yellow, won CAGE BIRDS diploma, and also the champion prize in the coupon competition, and a worthy winner too; as was Mr. Hutchinson's yellow, which won the novice Yorkshire diploma, and the novice coupon prize.

Not only in their numbers were the Yorkshires wonderful, but also in their quality. No higher standard of merit has been seen at any show this season. As one walked down the avenues it seemed as though the Yorkshire fanciers had been keeping the best back for the National. The novice section was wonderful. The best bird was Mr. Huddlestone's winning yellow, which lost the champion cup owing to not being quite so neat as Mr. Binn's buff.

A South-Country Bird Holds Its Own.

In Mr. W. Mundell's classes all the special prize winners in the Yorkshires were found. Mr. Binns, of Blackpool, won with his buff the sp. for best in the first ten classes, sp. for best Yorks in the whole of the champion classes, also sp. and cup for best Yorks in the show—a wonderful performance, and one that any fancier should be proud of. In Green-marked Yorks Mr. Crisp (London) won 1st and sp. for best marked bird with an unflighted yell. which was very much admired by the fanciers present. In the Cinn. mkd. classes Mr. T. Bennett's yell. mkd. hen won the sp. for best Cinn. mkd. in the show, a bird full of quality and true to type.

What a glorious collection, to be sure, were the Norwich Plainheads—truly the "nuts" were there! This was one of the N.P.H. Club Cup shows, also the open Norwich P.C. Competition's patronage. For many a long day those who had the privilege of seeing the galaxy of talent staged will remember it vividly. Mr. J. Thomas captured sp. for best champion and the society's diploma for best Norwich with a magnificent tkd. yell. unflig. cock, a real "knock out." Mr. W. A. Wilson's cl. yell cock took CAGE BIRDS diploma. We did not envy Mr. Barnes of his task in separating such meritorious birds. He well might say that many standing cardless were good enough for first prizes.

Seeing that the patronage of the Green C.A. was in evidence, Nor. Greens might have come up better. The response of 42 in four classes might have been greatly improved upon, still quality was present. Crests and C.B.'s were few, but nice.

Some Sections That Disappointed.

A woeful disappointment were the Borders. Nine classes were provided, two—yellow hens and even marks—were cancelled; the remaining seven produced forty-two entries. And this, with one of the most popular judges of the day officiating—one who really loves and appreciates a Border! As regards the quality, Border-men should call a halt. They are getting far away from the Border Club standard. Many of the exhibits are becoming too long and too thick as well. Mr. J. S. Wilson's winning buff secured the championship, and also the Border Club. CAGE BIRDS diploma was taken by Messrs. A. and W. Hay's second prize in the same class. Half a dozen classes for cinnamons produced forty-one entries, the two novice classes being cancelled. The cream of the Fancy were no doubt staged in the four open classes, and the competition was exceedingly keen. The prizes were well split up. This is a good sign, and one which should make for a spurt in cinnamon circles. The championship fell to the Rev. B. Nume's magnificent yellow, whilst an equally grand buff of Mr. T. Proctor's secured CAGE BIRDS diploma. In Lancashires, both coppy classes were cancelled, and the Plainheads only secured half a score of entries. Lizards made a very fair show—thirty-five in the four classes. Mr. W. P. Barnes won the championship with a very smart broken-capped Silver, whilst CAGE BIRDS diploma fell to a very pretty clear cap Silver of Mr. Horner's. Belgians were all "scratched," and the White Canaries also failed to qualify.

Hybrids and British were up in numbers, and competition keen. In the Light Mule class Messrs. Martin and Archer captured all the money prizes with a grand team, headed by the famous clear Linnet, "Perfection," which also won the diploma for best in section. The two classes for Canary-Bullies, and other Hybrids brought forward 22 entries, including most of the known crosses, and what proved to be the sensation of the show, the much-discussed and much-disputed light Bullfinch-Hybrid. There were quite a few heated arguments concerning the parentage of this bird.

As reporter to CAGE BIRDS, I examined it very carefully, and failed to find sufficient evidence for the Albino Bullfinch theory. I compared it with a Bullfinch, a Canary-Bullfinch, and a Greenfinch-Bullfinch. Its beak is wedge-shaped, like the Can.-Bullfinch. The upper mandible of the beak of the Bullfinch is distinctly rounded and slightly hooked at point. The extra size of the eyes is more apparent than real, because they are encircled by a narrow line of dark feathers, which are only discernible on close examination. A Bullfinch has very small feet and very short claws; this bird has larger feet and very long claws such as I have never seen on a Bullfinch. A Bullfinch's flight and tail feathers are entirely black, while in this bird they are distinctly edged with yellow—in fact, more so than the accepted Canary-Bullie in the same class. Bullfinches are pure white above and below the root of tail; this bird is a rich buff, almost yellow. The head and chest are Canary buff in colour, the dark feathers on lower breast and flanks are not red like a Bullfinch, but like the Canary-Bullie or Greenie-Bullie in colour; and, again, this bird is a buff, so that care should be taken when comparing its dark plumage with a yellow Hybrid.

British birds were a grand lot both in quantity and quality, many of the cracks being present. Diploma for best in section was won by Captain Hurst's magnificent Goldfinch, which headed a strong class of 21, and not a duffer amongst them. The diploma for best CAGE BIRDS coupon Hybrid was won by Mr. G. Edwards' Greenie-Bullie; best Brit., L. M. Wade's White Hedge Sparrow.

Not great in numbers but superb in quality describes the foreign section. Lady Pilkington's very choice team was the cynosure of all eyes, as it well deserved to be. Mr. Finn's decision, which gave the championship to Mr. P. Mason's green glossy Starling over such handsome exhibits as Mr. Howe's lovely Melba Finch, and Lady Kathleen Pilkington's beautiful Loo Choo Robin, and Sugar Bird, was much canvassed.

THE YORKSHIRES.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (20): 1, Dykes, grand length, plenty of nerve, nice head and neck, very fine and tapering, sound col., well braced wings and tail, stands well up on good legs; 2, Morrison, not quite as silky in feather, nice length and style, full of bloom, shows well; 3, Pickup and Son, rare pos., level col., grand head, neat wings and tail; 4, he, Bailey, not in col., lovely qual., very stylish, inclined to cross wings; vhc, Broadley; c, Shaw Bros. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Snead, wing tkd., grand head, well filled neck, nice length, wings and tail, well placed, level col., stands correct, fine cond.; 3rd head and neck mkd., rare length, very slim and stylish, grand qual., fails in col.; 2, Brooks, mkd. head and wings, grand silky feather, nice head and shoulders, hardly as well drawn; 4, he, Towers, wing tkd., good length, nice shape and style, rather pale in col.; vhc, Cruise; c, Crabtree. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (26): 1, Cruise, neck tkd., grand head and well filled neck, beautiful qual., nice level col., A1 pos., well fitting wings, piped tail, shows well; 2, Priestly, cl., hardly as nice shape, nice silky feather, good length, stands well up; 3, Stone, cl., wonderful length, very stylish, fails a little in pos.; 4, Holden, cl., nice level col., well placed wings and tail, good head and shoulders, rare length, might have gone up a bit; vhc, Casey; he, Thomas; c, Bennett. UNFLIG. YELL. (30): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., grand length, beautiful head, back, and wings, full of bloom, rich silky feather, correct pos., on best of legs and feet, wins, CAGE BIRDS 10/- cash prize for best coupon bird; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cl., not in col., lovely qual., A1 pos., loses to winner in col.; 3, Casey, cl., wonderful length, stronger made, not as silky in feather, rare stock bird; 4, Fowle, cl., grand length, very slim and stylish, good wings and tail; vhc, he, Dykes; c, Slobart. UNFLIG. YELL. HENS (29): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, cl., grand head, well filled neck, good shoulders and back, well fitting wings and tail, feathered like glass, stands well up, a gem; 2, Towers, another beautiful lady, mkd. on head and wings, rare qual., best of legs, neat wings and tail, hardly as long as the winner; 3, Bailey, cl., nice silky feather, nicely built and stylish, rather pale in col.; 4, Chittenden, cl., wonderful length, grand head and shoulders, good wing carr., not as steady; vhc, Brown and Son; he,

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Clegg; c, Ambler. STOCK BIRD (limit £6) (19): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., wonderful length, very slim, grand qual., beautiful long wings and tail, carried well, sound col., stands well up, a topper; 2, Bailey, cl. buff, rare length, plenty of nerve, grand back and wings, shows well; 3, Pickup and Son, cl. yell., plenty of length, not in col., very stylish, nicely feathered; 4, vhc, Townsend, buff mkd. eyes and wing, grand length and shape, nicely put together; hc, Stebbings; c, Hill. GR. MKD. BUFF (10): 1, Bailey, mkd. on neck, good length, nice silky feather, sound level col., best of heads, well filled neck, nice back and wings, pipe tail, well benched; 2, Dyson, eye and wing mkd., beautiful pos., nice length, well braced wings and tail; 3, Hall, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely feather, nice shape and style, only falls in length; 4, Towers, mkd. eyes and wings, very stylish, neat wings, stands well up, rather less; vhc, c, Ogden Bros.; hc, Naylor. HEN (15): 1, Tidswell, mkd. head, eyes, and wing, beautiful silky feather, nice head and neck, well fitting wings and tail, hardly as long as some, correct pos.; 2, Myers and Lumb, mkd. eyes and wings, rare length, very stylish, neat wings and tail; 3, Mason, slightly grizzled on wings, grand shape and feather, nice length, stands well, some preferred this; 4, Morrison, mkd. eyes and wings, grand hen, lovely qual., good pos., shows well; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Horsfield; c, Cruise. CINN. TKD. OR VARIEG. BUFF (15): 1, Bailey, eyes and wings mkd., grand length, feathered like glass, nice head, well filled neck, good back and wings, pipe tail, rich level col., staged in grand condition; 2, 4, hc, Morrison, mkd. eyes and wings, plenty of length, nice feathered, good stock bird; 4th, mkd. eyes wings, and cheek, nice silky feather, very stylish, neat wings and tail; 3, Chittenden, eyes and wings mkd., grand qual., good length, had to be taken home looking sick; vhc, Saville; c, Ogden Bros. HEN (14): 1, 3, Morrison, mkd. on head, eyes, wings, and breast, grand length, good bead and neck, rich silky feather, lovely pos., well placed wings and tail, good hen; 3rd, mkd. eyes and wings, very breedy, plenty of nerve, grand qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, hc, Casey, mkd. eyes and wing, lovely feather, very stylish, stands on good legs, close up; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. eyes and wings, grand shape and qual., well fitting wings, not as clean on legs; vbc, Townsend; c, Myers and Lumb. FOUL MKD. YORKS. HEN (12): 1, Midgley, yell., plenty of length, beautiful qual., full of bloom, well braced wings and tail, A1 pos., in best of cond.; 2, Priestley, buff, bot col., rare length, hardly as silky in feather, wings and tail well carr.; 3, Sutcliffe, yell., wonderful length, very slim and stylish, stands well up on the best of legs; 4, McDade, cinn., feathered like glass, grand pos., not quite the length; vhc, Ellis; hc, Dykes; c, Bennett. CRESTS (8): 1, Memmott, buff, mkd. wing D.C., heaps of feather, abundance of subs., crest round as a hoop, neat droop and centre; 2, 3, vbc, bc, Radley and Son, fine quartette, former magnificent buff, mkd. root of tail D.C., wealth of superb feather, great size, crest thickly thatched, delightful radiation, droop, and centre, some liked for 1st; 3, buff var. D.C., plenty of clothing, well up in size, crest large and round, not yet settled, wants a little more time; 4, Colton and Dawn, buff var. D.C., tremendous feather, crest veiny and as round as a rim, lovely droop and centre, good size; c, Cheetham. C.B. (5): 1, Memmott, cl. buff., wealth of clothing, massive width and rise of skull, neatly browed, but for being a bit weak on legs would want stopping; 2, 4, Radley and Son, buff green pied tail, abundance of feather, well up in size, not so massive in skull, yet a gem; 4, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, heaps of feather, capital subs., fine length of head clothing, not the width, neat lash; 3, Cheetham, buff green, nice size, characteristic head points, worth its place; vhc, Edwards.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC., BUFF (19): 1, sp., best Yorks., etc., Binns, pos. A1, beautiful wing car., piped tail, full of qual., rare length, wins; 2, Mason, the noted winner, full of quality, grand position, good head, fails a little in wing car.; 3, Drake, nice type and quality, rare length, also not quite the best of wing car.; 4, Atkinson and Firth, true to type, full of qual., would do with more daylight underneath; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Radley; c, Chittenden. TKD. BUFF (17): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, cheek-marked, rich, level col., rare length and pos., good wing car., piped tail, full of qual.; 2, Ogden Bros., wing mkd., rich, level col., good head, clean on breast, grand type, full of qual.; 3, Thomas, wing mkd., pale col., boxy feather, grand wings and tail, pos. A1; 4, Wilcock, grizzled on back, blaze of col., teeming with quality, rare length, good head, wants more handling, very wild; vhc, Lister; hc, Dykes; c, Drake. CL. OR TKD. BUFF HENS (21): 1, sp., best hen, Thornton and Bower, rich, level col. throughout, teeming with qual., grand wings and piped tail, good head, pos. A1; 2, Tideswell, nice type and qual., level col., would do with more length; 3, Ogden Bros., full of qual., grand wing car., piped tail, pos. A1, should have gone up one; 4, Robertshaw, boxy feather, good head, wings and piped tail, very stylish, we liked much; vhc, Clegg; hc, Whitley; c, Bray. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (20): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., rich, level col. throughout, grand wing car., very stylish, boxy feather, shade on the strong side; 2, Ambler, pos. A1, full of qual., grand wings and tail, neat head, we liked; 3, Binns, rich col., full of qual. well up on legs, grand wings and piped tail; 4, Mason, rare length, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, level col. pos. A1; vhc, Chittenden; c, Thomas. HEN (28): 1, Hill, full of quality, well up on leg, grand wing car., piped tail, neat head, pos. A1, wins; 2, 4, vhc, Ogden Bros., a grand lot, 2nd, rich col., boxy feather, fine pos., good head wings and tail, 4, very slim and stylish, level col., boxy feather, well up on legs; 3, Thomas, full of qual., good head, nice wing car., piped tail, very stylish; hc, Lister; c, Cafferty and Son. GR. MKD. YELL. CK. (20): 1, sp, Crisp, eyes and wing mkd., unflighted, a gem, much admired, grand length, beautiful wing car., rare level col. throughout, pos. A1, teeming with qual.; 2, Morrison, rich col., full of qual., eyes and wings mkd., grand pos., good head; 3, Binns, eye and wing mkd., well up on leg, very stylish, boxy feather, good head; 4, Dykes, eyes and wing mkd., rich col., grand pos., rare length, full of quality; vhc, Pickup and Son; hc, Bailey; c, Thomas. HEN (15): 1, Thomas, eyes and wings mkd., rich col., feathered like wax, well up on leg, neat head, grand wing car., piped tail, wins; 2, Dykes, eyes and wings, full of qual., very stylish, good wing car., piped tail, neat head; 3, Myers and Lumb, eyes and wings, typical boxy feather, well braced wings and piped tail, level col.; 4, Bailey, eyes and wings, full of qual., stands well up on legs, grand wing car., piped tail, even col.; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Snead; c, Robertshaw. CINN. TKD. YELL CK. (13): 1, Dykes, cap, eyes, and wings mkd., rich, level col., boxy feather, grand type; 2, hc, Towers, eyes, neck and wing mkd., very typical, rare length, good wing car., piped tail; 3, Morrison, eyes and wings, rich col., boxy feather, piped tail, grand pos., and very nervy; 4, Mason, neck and wing mkd., rich, level col., piped tail, good head, very stylish; vhc, Thomas; c, Binns. HEN (19): 1, sp., best Cinn. mkd., Bennett, eye and wings, rich, level col., teeming with qual., neat round head, grand wing car., piped tail, position A1; 2, Morrison, eyes and wings, a beauty, we like, full of qual., very stylish; 3, 4, c, Towers, 3, cap, eyes and wings, boxy feather, good wing car., and piped tail, rich, level col., 4, cap, eye, and wing mkd., rich col., boxy feather, grand pos., neat piped tail; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Hall. EVEN MKD. YORKS. OR NOR. (8): 1, Helliwell, buff Yorks., good eyes and wings; 2, Briggs, buff Yorks; 3, Dykes, yellow Yorks., we liked for 2nd; 4, Townsend; vhc, Lunn; hc, Fortman, c, Towers. FOUL OR HEAVY VAR. HEN (12): 1, Chittenden, grand feather and pos.; 2, Priestley, good wings and tail, fine pos.; 3, Dykes, lovely qual. and pos.; 4, Towers; vhc, Mason; hc, Hudson; c, Spencer.



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A GLIMPSE OF THE BRADFORD NATIONAL SHOW.

On the right of the foreground is seen Mr. T. Heath (judge), and behind him Mr. W. Mundell (judge).

Mr. Halliday's Classes.

OPEN YORKS. NOV. YELL. (23): 1, Huddlestone, cl., grand length, very fine and tapering, neat head and neck, feathered like glass, grand wing carr., pipe tail, well up on legs, a gem, wins diploma for best nov. Yorks.; 2, Wood, wing tkd., shows a bit of breed, best of feather, plenty of nerve; 3, Ellis, cl., lovely qual., very stylish, stands well, fails in head and neck; 4, Tidswell, cl., grand shape and style, built rather stout, good feather; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Anderton; c, Waddington. BUFF (24): 1, Taylor, wing tkd., rare length and style, rich level col., very fine silky feather, on good legs and feet, well fitting wings and tail, staged well; 2, Wood, cl., best of feather, grand shape and style, has not the length; 3, Atkinson, cl., hot in col., nice shape and style, not quite so good in front; 4, Linn, cl., grand silky feather, stands well up, not as full in neck; vhc, Midgley; hc, Helliwell; c, Gledhill. YELL. HENS (23): 1, Murgatroyd, wing mkd., wonderful length, grand head and neck, well braced wings, piped tail, fine silky feather, stands well, rather pale; 2, Ratcliff, cl., hot in col., grand length, capital wing and tail, fails in shoulders; 3, Crabtree, cl., nice length, shows plenty of breed, full of nerve, very stylish; 4, Wilkinson, cl., good shape and style, nicely feathered, not quite the length; vhc, Naylor; hc, Ireland; c, Denby. BUFF (24): 1, Wood, cl., very tight and fine in feather, grand head, well filled neck, good shoulders and wings, piped tail, well up on leg, correct pos., a gem; 2, Whitwham, cl., grand qual., very stylish, full of nerve; 3, Greaves, cinn. mkd. eyes and wings, rich silky feather, nice col., stands well; 4, Sutcliffe, Green, mkd. head and wings, nice shape and style, on stout side, well up; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Sampson; c, Gill. UNFLIG. (27): 1, Miller, var. yell., correct length; nice head, well filled neck, hot in col., closely fittings wings, piped tail, very stylish, stands on the best of legs; 2, Harrison, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, not as nice shaped head, wonderful length, nicely drawn, grand qual., neat wings and tail; 3, Wilkinson, cl. yell., very long and stylish, full of nerve, shows plenty of breast; 4, Ratcliffe, cl. yell., nice silky feather, grand shape, but rather stout; vhc, Wharton; hc, White; c, Wilkinson. SELLING PAIRS (8): 1, H. Bailey; 2, Hodgson; 3, Horsfield; 4, Towers; vhc, Huddlestone; hc, Ludhrook c, no name. YELL. (22): 1, Wood; 2, Stone; 3, Butler; 4, Kirkbright; vhc, Mallinson and Son; hc, Spencer; c, Burdekin Bros. BUFF (26): 1, Peace; 2, Atkinson and Firth; 3, Mallinson and Son; 4, Livesey; vhc, Lunn; hc, Haigh; c, Burdekin Bros. HEN (15): 1, Ellis; 2, c, Self; 3, Barnes; 4, Watts; vhc, Marsh; hc, Spencer. SINGING BIRD (18): 1, Duckworth; 2, Moore; 3, Kaberry; 4, Towers.

Mr. Cowgill's Classes.

GREEN YORKS., SELF or FOUL YELL. (15): 1, Jones, nice grassy green, very shapely, full of nerve, nice silky feather, on good legs, good length, excellent wing car., shows well; 2, 4, Metcalfe, grand col., nice head and shoulders, very stylish, loses in wing car.; 4, wonderful length, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, nice shape and style; 3, Morement, grand col., very fine, silky feather, nice position, only fails in length; vhc, Words; hc, c, Benson and Young. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Benson and Young, grand length, very nicely feathered, very shapely, plenty of nerve, rich and sound in col, beautiful wings and tail, a beauty, 3, nice col., feathered like silk, stands well up, not as fine drawn; 2, c, Metcalfe, beautiful col., best of qual., very stylish, loses in neck; 4, vhc, Walker, very slim and stylish, grand feather, not quite the length; hc, Handley. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Handley, foul, lovely col., plenty of length, rich, silky feather, wings and tail, perfect, best of legs, pos. A1; 2, 3, 4, Metcalfe, grand col., hardly as neat in head, very stylish, stands well, 3rd, nice shape and style, full of qual., nice grassy col., rather less, 4th, rare length, very slim, nice even col., good hen to breed from; vhc, c, Benson and Young; hc, Morement. BUFF (10): 1, Simpson, wonderful col., grand length, feathered like silk, good shaped head, well filled neck, neatly car. wings and tail, stands on the best of legs; 2, Morement, rare length, nice col., hardly as silky in feather, very stylish; 3, Walker, grand col. and shape, lovely feather and style, on small side; 4, McDermott, good length, the best of col., nice qual., will do better; vhc, c, Benson and Young; hc, Riley. GREEN NOR. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Harding, foul throat and tail, magnificent col. and quality, fine substance, lovely shape and car., gem; 2,3, hc, Walker, grand team, foul tail, shapely, delightful feather, rich tone of col., not quite the size of winner, still, one of the "right 'uns," 3, foul, good in col. and feather, nice shape and car., longer rather in barrel, flights, and tail; 4, Sunderland and Thornton, foul, cobby in shape, beautiful col. and qual., tight as wax, smaller; c, Lawson. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Walker, foul tail, not overdone with size, but grand shape and qual., superb col., rare car.; 2, 4, c, Harding, self, more subs. capital col. and feather, nice head, neck, and chest, neat wings, drops tail, 4, foul tail, sweetly moulded, rich in qual. and col., good size and car., ours for 2nd place; 3, Handley, foul throat and tail, short and thick set, smooth as wax, A1 col. and qual., on the small side; hc, Bloor. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Handley, foul tail, delightful shape, superb col., lovely texture of feather, dainty car., about the best green staged, gem of gems; 2, hc, Harding, self, little removed from winner, really a great race for premier honours; 3, c, Walker, foul tail, capitally clothed, pure rich col., neat head and neck, not quite the chest, jaunty, good 3rd; 4, Jenkins, cobby self, rattling shape, size, col. and qual., clean cut away, not far off; vhc, Bloor. BUFF (11): 1, 3, hc, Harding, choice trio foul throat, brimful of qual. and col., exquisite shape and car., not a giantess, but very charming, 3, foul tail, capital col. and qual., grand shape, nice style, good size, we liked much; 2, Rev. B. Nume, foul, good in shape, col. and feather, moves well, not so tight in plumage, yet far from a bad one; 4, vhc, Walker, foul wing and tail, A1 col. and feather, good head and neck, longer in barrel, wings, and tail; c, Lawson. SELL, 20s. (20): 1, Marsh; 2, Parlett; 3, vhc, Hammond; 4, Proctor; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Simonett. 15s. (12): 1, c, Wilcock; 2, Hammond; 3, Fortnam; 4, B. and B. Johnson; vhc, Haigh; hc, A. and W. Hay. NOV. CINN.: Cancelled.

Y. U. NOVICE CLASSES

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

YELL. (31): 1, "C.B." Diploma, Hutchinson, grand headed clr., rare shoulders, wings and tail, lovely col., as tight as wax, full of nerve and style, well up on leg; 2, Greenwood, very slim, smart, racy, clr., grandly tapered, rare balance of wings and tail, full of qual., paler in col.; 3, Moore, grand head, neck, and shoulders, nice level back, capital wings, not quite so neat in tail, rare style and feather; 4, Oldreive, hardly so slim and neat at waist, but grand silky feather, nice level bright col., rare wings and tail, shows plenty of nerve; vhc, Chew; hc, Brook and Oldfield; c, Holroyd. BUFF (35): 1, Sheard, very smart, grandly modelled, wing tkd., neat head, well set shoulders, grandly balanced wings and tail, full of qual., nice bright col., rare style and finish; 2, Farnish, most beautifully feathered buff, not quite so slim, but grand wing and tail carr., stands well up on a good pair of legs, and shows plenty of style; 3, Highley, very finely drawn clr., rare shape, lovely silky feather, well braced wings and tail, but is a bit too nervous when handled; 4, Radley, tkd. on head, sweet, stylish bird, plenty of nerve and movement, fine head, grand shoulders and back, capital wing and tail carr., paler in col.; vhc, Bower; hc, Ingham; c, Swaine. HEN, YELL. (21): 1, Hutchinson, rare shaped clr., beautifully tapering in body, superb wing and tail carr., fine head, grandly braced wings and tail, full of nerve, and shows plenty of style; 2, Farnish, hardly so rich in col., but a gem for feather and style, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail, full of nerve, well shown; 3, Firth, not quite so neat in skull, fine slim well tapered body, lovely col. and qual., stands well up on a good pair of legs; 4, Handyn, very racy, nervy clr., hardly shapely enough at shoulders, grand stock hen; vhc, Northrop; hc, Hudson; c, Sutcliffe. BUFF (30): 1, Greenwood, really grand little hen, full of qual., nice even col., grandly finished right through, capital wing and tail carr., gets well up to her work, in rare form; 2, c, Bower, warmer in col., but not quite so long, splendid head, wings and tail, slim well tapered body beautifully feathered and bulshed; 3, Hirst, quite the equal of any, if not the best in the class, but not put down with the same beautiful polish as the leaders; 4, Greenwood, very smart, well tapered body, grand head and back, lovely balance of wings and tail, capital feather, not quite steady enough when handled; vhc, Hudson, hc, Hodgson. GREEN MKD. (21) 1, Sheard, a real masher, four-pointed yell., full of qual., rich bright col., rare shape, splendidly braced wings and tail, in the pink; 2, Firth, bead, neck and wing buff, smart and stylish, feathered like a Java, full of qual., grand head, neck, and back, very closely braced flights and tail, handles well and shows plenty of nerve; 3, Butterfield, head and wings yell., finely drawn, well tapered body, excellent legs, lovely col. and qual., full of nerve and style; 4, Baker, mkd. eyes and wings, grandly balanced yell, rare shape and style, nice level bright col., not quite so tight on front, gets well up on perch; vhc, Padgett; hc, Northrop; c, Fisher and Dyson. HEN (20): 1, Sheard, cheek, neck and wing mkd. yell., sweet head, fine neck, well set shoulders, grandly balanced wings and tail, long well-tapered body, nice light col., very close and silky in feather, and gets well hold of perch; 2, Hirst, eye and wing buff, neat head, capital neck, tightly braced wings and tail, nice level col., feathered like glass, full of style and swagger, very shapely and good length; 3, Hadaker, head, neck, and wing buff, again magnificent shape and style, with the finest and tightest of feather, good sound col., gets well hold of perch, and shows plenty of nerve; 4, Butterfield, yell., mkd. on head, cheeks, wings, and tail, grand shape and length, very nicely feathered right through, grand balance of wings and tail, very nicely shown; vhc, Fisher; hc, Greenwood; c, Bower. CINN., TKD. (14): 1, c, Woad, eye and wing mkd. yell., beautifully feathered right through, long slim, nicely tapered body, wings and tail tightly braced, and grandly carried, grand pair of legs, full of nerve; 2, Sheard, eye and wing mkd. buff, rather pale in col., but wonderfully silky and close in feather, neat head, rare shoulders and back, capitally carried wings and tail, smart and stylish; 3, Hirst, eyes and wings a yell. of greater length, abundance of col., but not quite so close in feather, grand length of legs, and plenty of nerve and style; 4, McLoughlin, head, cheeks and wings, grand head, neck and back, well set shoulders, capital carr. of tail and flights, shapely, close feathered body, not quite so warm in col.; vhc, Parker; hc, Rhodes. HEN (19): 1, Walker, eye, cheek and wing mkd. yell., neat head, good level back, splendid wing and tail carriage, long, slim, well tapered, and nicely finished body, lovely col., rare feather and style; 2, Jowett, cheek, neck, and wing mkd. yell., not quite so much length of body, grandly balanced flights and tail, very close and silky in feather, gets well up on legs, and shows plenty of nerve; 3, Hudson, eye and wing mkd. buff, rather pale in col., beautifully feathered right through, neat head and shoulders, splendid wing and tail carr., full of style and qual.; 4, Marshall Bros., heavily mkd. yell., splendid length of both legs and body, grand wings and tail, very nicely feathered, nice shapely body, but not steady; vhc, Neesom; hc, Baker; c, Bairstow and Chapman.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL. (17): 1, Thomas, marvellous qual. and col., true type, rare subs. and carr., an eye-opener, wins; 2, Wilson, wee bit better in head and neck, good bold front, hardly so cobby, and beaten a little in finish, yet beauty, and close up; 3, Vardy, richly fed, silky in texture, lovely head and neck, not the thickness through, but of the best of carr., well worth its place; 4, Turner, shapely, exquisite qual., rich and level col., clean cut away, not quite the subs.; vhc, Hayes; hc, Haigh; c, Dr. McConaghey. BUFF (16): 1, Cook, so often described as bordering on the ideal, further comment is needless, found heaps of admirers; 2, Beswick, superbly clothed, gaudy col., magnificent head, neck, and ebest, may be a wee bit longer in build, very close up; 3, Thomas, teeming with qual. and colour, sweet expression, full neck and bold chest, little longer in barrel flights and tail; 4, no name, delightful shape, rich level col., smooth as a bottle, not the subs.; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, c, Heap. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Beswick, mkd. left eye, wonderful subs. and shape, richly fed and prettily clothed, best of carr., fascinating to a degree; 2, 3, Thomas, brace of "top sawyers," 2nd mkd. left wing, rare shape and size, magnificent qual., warm tone, clock-like action, close up; 3rd mkd. right wing, ablaze, superb feather, rattling head and neck, not the depth or width of chest quite, yet a gem, and in the pink; 4, Vint, cap mkd., unbeatable for shape, capital col. and qual., nice jaunty carr., hardly the subs.; vhc, Cottam; hc, Humphries; c, Vardy. BUFF (9): 1, Beale and Son, mkd. head, full of fire, shone like polished marble, slashing shape and size, clean cut away, an eye-opener; 2, Crawshaw, mkd. wing, eyes, and root of tail, sweetly moulded, soft silky texture of feather, well up in subs., grand carr., pressed strenuously; 3, Vardy, mkd. eyes, delightful shape and feather, capital size, well across perch, not of the hottest, but exceptional merit; 4, Hirst, cobby var., feathered to perfection, fine subs. and carr., pale and somewhat patchy, which told against it, still a beauty hc, Miss H. Scott; hc, c, Humphries. UNFLIG. YELL. (20), magnificent collection, easily two sets of winners: 1, hc, Thomas, head mkd., marvel, the best juvenile we have spotted this season, truly a stormer from beak to tail; 2, 3, Turner, charming studies, former cl., very massive cl., head of great width, neck excessively thick, prominent and expansive chest, best of wings and tail, not a feather misplaced, wee bit longer; 3, red hot col., for shape, qual., and col., all there, hardly so massive in build, yet one that points vividly to making a great exhibit; 4, Cook, mkd. wing and head, A1 shape and col., plenty of size, jaunty in carr., loses a little in texture of feather, nevertheless a beauty; vhc, Mason; c, Miss H. Scott. BUFF (18), rare class, again birds standing cardless that were easily capable of annexing the highest honours at majority of shows: 1, hc, c, Thomas, trio of toppers, the winner mkd. wings and head, again hard to describe to give full justice to so marvellous a specimen, shall we say "unique" all through and pass on; 2, Crawshaw, lightly variegated, wonderful col., superbly clothed, best of shape and carr., capital subs., ran very close; 3, Mason, cl., hot enough to fire his happy abode, fine qual. and size, lovely head, neck, and front, neat wing carr., closely folded tail, shade loose under; 4, Vardy, monster of a cl., grand in col. and shape, full of action, beaten in texture slightly, yet one of the best, well worth its place; vhc, Cook; No. 7, Hirst, the well-known cl., not up to-day, or no doubt would have gained a mention. Hard

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lues! YELL. HEN (15), a bevy of beauties: 1, Cook, model of n cl., capital feather and col., well up in subs., dainty carr., 1913 bred, and the best maiden we have gazed upon to date; 2, Hirst, mkd. wing and head, more size and lovely texture, nice col., neat head, neck, chest, and wing carr., not so short in build, still a charmer; 3, 4, Thomas, mkd. wings, eyes, and tail, wonderful subs and qual., good shape and col., stately carr., extremely choice; 4, very cobby cl., richly clothed, A1 col., neat in movement, less dominating in subs., yet a gem; vhc, Wilson; hc, Ball; c, Vardy. BUFF (17), lovely lot: 1, vhc, Vardy, leader well known, mkd. wings and eyes, her toilet to-day being quite captivating; 2, Beswick, delightfully shaped cl., tight as box, hardly so full in head, yet fascinating, and very close up; 3, 4, c, Thomas, choice team, 3, very shapely cl., lovely salmon tint, nice size, bubbling over with life, charming carr., not far away; 4, cl., true type, rich col. and feather, smooth as wax, not of the biggest, but most attractive; hc, Cottam. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Leach, booming yell., mkd. neck, capital shape and col., superb feather, grand carr., very fine; 2, vhc, Thomas, cl. bull, short and thick set, magnificent feather, good col. and mealing, not a giant, but very smart; 3, Beale and Son, cl. bull, A1 qual., rare subs. and shape, good wings and tail, neat carr., not the head character; 4, Vardy, yell., mkd. eye, superior feather, nice col., good body, again not bold in head; hc, Winter; c, Haylurst. HEN, NAT. COL., cancelled.

Mr. Hirst's Classes.

AMAT NOR YELL. (10): 1, Worthington, cobby cl., nice subs. and carr., good in feather and col., clean cut away; 2, Atkinson, mkd. wings, eyes, and root of tail, capital qual. and col., bold head, neck, and chest, little longer in barrel, flights, and tail, yet close up.; 3, Birkenshaw, variog., ablaze with col., shapely, A1 qual., not so deep through chest, neat exhibit; 4, Nickson, mkd. head, rare size, good type, nice qual., less dominating in col.; vhc, Kitchen; hc, Mallinson; c, Wilson. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Kitchen, both variog., former rather heavy, round as a ball, superb col., grandly clothed, nice size and action, clean under; 2, sweet expression of head, good neck, hardly the chest, capital feather and col.; 3, Roe, mkd. wings and head, well up in subs., rattling col. and qual., longer in barrel, wings, and tail; 4, Watts, mkd. wings and head, plenty of size, good shape and col., A1 feather, but for habit of crossing flights might have won; vhc, Smith; hc, Smalley; c, Mallinson. HEN (8): 1, Sunderland and Thornton, cl., well up in subs., smart shape and qual., capital col. and carr., beauty; 2, Nickson, red-hot cl., short and thick set, not the size, yet very promising; 3, Mallinson, shapely cl., capitally gowned in rich col., not of the biggest, but of the best kind; 4, Roe, cobby cl., silky feather, good size and carr., moulty on head, or would have been a peg or two up; vhc, Smalley; hc, Howarth; c, Worthington. BUFF (10): 1, Graham, variog., abundance of size, grand shape, qual., and col., moves nicely, one we liked; 2, Fildes, hy. mkd., superior feather and col., neat head and neck, hardly the depth of front, clean cut away; 3, Worthington, lightly variog., built on smaller scale, yet delightful shape feather and col., jaunty; 4, Nickson, mkd. eye, heaps of col., silky texture, good size, beaten a little in type, but worth its place; vhc, Kitson; hc, Welsh; c, Wilkinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Mallinson, very promising cl., grand shape, feather, col., and subs., best of carr., gem; 2, Catlow, cl., good in type, superb feather, not so large and shade flat in col., clean sweep; 3, Smith, shapely cl., capital feather, again not of the biggest or brightest; 4, Howarth, mkd. wing and neck, A1 col. and qual., neat shape and carr., worth its place; vhc, Birchmishaw. BUFF (8): 1, Catlow, mkd. wings and head, teeming with qual. and col., lovely type, dainty carr.; 2, Welsh, lightly variog., fine shape and size, best of qual., not quite the richness of col., still beauty; 3, 4, Fildes, mkd. tail, silky texture of feather, well fed, good head, neck, and chest, wild, and will not show; 4, red-hot cl., good subs., rare head and neck, bold chest, longer in wings and tail; vhc, Nickson; hc, Bartrum; c, Birkenshaw.

Y.C. NOV. CLASSES £5 5s. LIMIT, NOR. COCK (16): 1, Kaberry, buff, mkd. head, slashing qual. and col., grand shaped body, bit weak in head and neck, neat carr. and clean cut away; 2, 3, Hudson, yell., mkd. over beak, plenty of size, rich col., good head, neck, and chest, must have pressed; 3, bull, mkd. eye, cobby in build, silky texture, warm col., smaller, but neat all over; 4, Lord, cl. yell., A1 feather, not hot, but of great merit as regards head and neck character, little longer in build; vhc, A. and G. Riley; hc, c, Naylor. HEN (36): 1, Simonett, buff, mkd. eye and head, short and thick set, tight as wax, richly mealed, fine carr., charmer; 2, Pearson, cl. buff, shapely, good qual., not so large or so rich in col. quite, still very pretty; 3, Carney, yell., mkd. eyes and root of tail, capital size, qual., and col, falls somewhat in shape to above; 4, Hunter, bull, mkd. neck, smooth as wax, neat head and neck, nice tone of col., well clothed, good 4; vhc, ord; hc, c, Hudson.

THE ROLLER CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. W. Massey.

YOUNG BIRD, CHAMPION (6): 1, 2, Ives, 1st 22 points, 2nd 21 points; 3, 4, Firth, 19 and 17; vhc, Kilshaw, 15. NOV. (12): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Percival, 23, 22, 20, 20; 3, Smith, 21; hc, Wilson, 19; c, Firth, 18. OPEN, ANY AGE (5): 1, Ives 26, also diploma for best Roller; 2, 4, vhc, Foulds, 14, 9, 7; 3, Bew, 10.

THE BORDER FANCIES.

Judge Mr. J. Robson

YELL (5): 1, Wilson, neck tkd., lovely col., full of qual., very neat head, grand shoulders and flights, well balanced and nicely piped tail, full of style; 2, 3, Large, grandly shaped, wing tkd., well up on perch, splendidly balanced wings and tail, not quite so smooth in body feather; 3rd, bolder, and more showy, nice in feather and style, very shapely right through, but just a bit on the big side; 4, Pearson, cl., neat wings and tail, even tone of col., grand feather, not so shapely in head; vhc, Gilleade. YELL., HEN, cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, sp. best Bord., and B.C. medal, Wilson, fine, stylish, strong cl., full of quality, nice tone of col., grandly braced wings and tail, and stands like a soldier; 2, "C.B." Diploma, A. and W. Hay, grand shape and style, beautifully balanced wings and tail, nice level col., very tight in feather, but quite large enough; 3, Fergusson, capital wings and tail, nice head, stands well up on a good pair of legs, trifle rough in feather on neck and throat; 4, Pearson, the neatest and most typical bird in the class, but hollow in back; vhc, Peel. BUFF, Hen (7): 1, Wilson, magnificent body and style, grandly balanced wings and tail, nice level col., lovely qual., a sweet bird, but just a wee bit flat in head; 2, Cubby, stands well up to his work, lovely feather and col., nice shaped head and body, but full large, splendidly braced wings and tail; 3, Elple, nice head, back, wings and tail, silky feather, showy and stylish, rather deeper in chest; 4, Fergusson, grizzled head, neat, smart, stylish bird, we liked much; vhc, A. and W. Hay; hc, Pearson; c, Large. EVENMKD., ETC., cancelled. UNEVEN, ETC. (9): 1, Pearson, eye and wing mkd., grand shoulders, back, wings and tail, stands well up on good legs, wants just a shade more rise of skull; 2, hc, Large, mkd. head, eyes and wings, grand shape and style, lovely feather, capital head, wings and tail; 3, Higgins, mkd. eyes, head, wings, grandly moulded, neat head, well balanced wings and tail, a rare shower, hardly so silky in plumage; 4, Pearson, four-pointed, grand shape and style; vhc, Gillead. CINN. (6): 1, hc, Middleton, gem of a yell, grand qual., lovely col., rare head, well braced shoulders and wings, tail very tightly piped and well balanced, in the pink; 2, Cubby; yell., level tone of col., rare head, wings and tail, full of style and qual., capital shape and finish, very close run; 3, Higgins, neat, well balanced bull, capital col., firm silky feather, stands well up and shows for all he is worth; 4, Clare, sweetly balanced yell., good as any in col. and qual., but runs a bit pale in col.; vhc, Barnett. GREEN, YELL. (6): 1, 2, Middleton, leader takes Border Club novice medal, and "C.B." Diploma, a real gem, rich vivid green in col., splendidly finished in feather, grandly balanced wings and tail, nice nerve and style, in rare form; 2nd, very neat head, grandly moulded body, lovely col. and feather, smart body and wing carr., not quite so tight in tail; 3, Higgins, splendid shape, nerve, and style, nice sound col., capital wing and tail carr., not quite so tight in body feather; 4, vhc, Hornby, lovely feather, runs a bit light on thighs; hc, Stovin. BUFF (5): 1, Middleton, splendid shape and style, neat head, well balanced wings and tail, sound, level, grassy colour, in rare form; 2, Peel, just a trifle slimmer, but not quite so bright in col.; 3, Higgins, rather larger in body, grand qual. and col., splendid wing and tail carr., stands well up; 4, Hornby, pied tail, nice shape and style; No. 4, Middleton, a grand bird, would doubtless have won on points, but it had a fit whilst the class was being judged.

CHAMPION CINNAMONS.

Judge, Mr. A. Hirst.

YELL. (9): 1, sp., best in section; 2, Rev. Nume, grand sound col., capital, feather, nice head, very shapely and good size, grand coud.; 2nd, richer and brighter in col., sound and even right through, closer and more silky in feather, not quite so large, a bonny bird; 3, Proctor, splendid sound col., nice close silky feather, very stylish, not quite so shapely; 4, hc, Godley, nice size, lovely col. and qual., just a trifle browy; vhc, Bentley; c, Smalley. BUFF (8): 1, "C.B." Diploma, Bentley, grand shape and style, capital head, well balanced wings and tail, close compact feather, nicely finished; 2, 3, vhc, c, Nume, grand shaped body, very sound and bright in col., grand wings and tail, close silky feather, hardly so stout in head; 3rd hardly lustrous, but sound and deep in colour, nice shape and style, nice quality; 4, Proctor, capital shape and style, bright col., hardly so tight, and not quite so much subs.; hc, Hartup. UNFLIGH. (13): 1, 2, Tweedie, very sound level col. yell., splendid shape and style, not one of the largest, but beautiful silky feather and grand wings and tail; 2nd, larger and bolder, beautiful col. and feather, stands well up, neat head, not quite so smart and tight in wing; 3, Godley, lovely feathered yell, foul in tail, and light throat, grand shape and carr., most taking bird; 4, vhc, Proctor, smart, stylish pied tail yell, lovely feather, sound level col., showy; hc, Nume; c, Smalley. HEN (11): 1, Proctor, fine shapely yell, nice size, capital head, graud wings and tail, sound rich level col., beautifully feathered right through, grand carr.; 2, Tweddie, yell., hardly so rich and bright, but sound in col., beautiful silky feather, neat head, grand wings and tail; grand cond.; 3, Bentley, grand shapely stylish buff, lovely qual., sound rich col., rare wings and tail, not quite so massive in head; 4, hc, c, Godley, sound col. yell., shapely, silky feather, rather narrow in head; vhc, Hartup.

THE LANCASHIRES.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

COPPY: Both classes cancelled. PLAINHEAD, YELL. (5): 1, and "C.B.' diploma, 2, Beattie, broad well lashed skull, capital length and subs., great length and width of feather, well carried wings and tail, grand, stylish bird, 2, plenty of subs., abundance of long, broad feather, good wings and tail; 3, 4, Fitton, nice shape and length, with pleuty of feather, but not so massive in head and neck, 4, almost as stylish, grand length. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, Fitton, great length of side and tail, tremendous subs. and depth of chest, stout neck and shoulders, abundance of long, broad feather on body and skull, grand width of skull, and good, heavy lashing, 3, longer in body, hardly so stout perhaps either in head or body, grandly browed and feathered, stands well up on a good pair of legs; 2, Beattie, massive head and body, not the length and style of winner, abundance of body feather, grandly lashed over eyes.

THE LIZARDS.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

GOLD (7): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Barnes, neat shape, rich ground col., rare feather and style, well shaped, clean cut cap, full of bold clr. spangling, nicely put on; 3rd charming colour and spangle, nicely creeled breast, splendid wings and tail, full of qual., just a bit over-capped; 2, Rukin, smart, natty, stylish little bird, beautiful col., nicely creeled breast, well rowed with good distinct spangle, not quite so nicely finished at back of cap; 4, Taylor, capital shape and feather, but rather slack in flights, splendid col. and spangle. SILVER (9): 1, c, Rukin, grand shape, good chest and back, grandly rowed with large bold spangling, rare wings and tail, sound col., nicely frosted, good thumb-nail cap.; 2, Bradley, not so big, but full of style, rare shape, lovely col., very close in feather, neat cap, and beautiful spangle; 3, and "C.B." diploma, Hamer, capital shape and style, nice size, lovely feather and col., grandly spangled, rather over-capped; 4, Barnes, hardly so much work on chest, lovely col. and qual.; vhc, Lord; hc, Taylor. BROKEN, GOLD (9): 1, hc, Bradley, gem, lovely col. ,very silky and glossy in feather, full of bold, clear spangle, nicely put on, capital wings and tail; 2, vhc, Rukin, capital shape and size, plenty of good shapely spangling, good wings and tail, not quite so bright in col.; 3, c, Barnes, rare shape, style and feather, almost a no-cap, full of grandly placed distinct spangling, good wings and tail, not so rich in col.; 4, Hamer, grand back, yell rowed large distinct spangles, very nice col., lovely qual. BROKEN SILVER (10): 1, 2, vhc, sp. best in section, Barnes, fine bold shapely bird, capital shoulders, chest and back, beautiful col. and qual., full of work of the best pattern; 2nd, very similar, rare qual., rich col., smart and stylish, beautifully rowed, ran winner very close indeed; 3, hc, Rukin, shapely, grand style, plenty good spangle, nicely put on, capital breast, not quite the polish of the leaders; 4, c, Bradley, again grand shape and style, good shaped spangling and plenty of it, not quite so close and silky in feather.

BRITISH BIRDS & HYBRIDS.

Judge, Mr. W. Maddison.

CL., ETC., MULE (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Martin and Archer, 1st, sp. best in section, the clear Linnet "Perfection," improving in condition; 2nd, chg. mkd. Greenf.; 3rd, head and wing mkd. Goldf., both grand col. and cond.; 4th, cl. Greenf. hen, not so good cond.; vhc, Frankland; hc, Lamb; absent, No. 5, Cotton and Dawn. VARIEG. (4): 1, 3, Inman, winner rare size for a light Mule; 2, Wilson, foul-tailed dark yell., very hot in col.; 4, Metcalfe, very nice var. bull. BULLF. HYB. (11): 1, vhc, H. Walsh, very bright coloured Redpoll Bullfe, large, rich-coloured cap, excellent breast col. and wing bars, best possible cond.; 2, Wilson, Can.-Bullfe, not a monster, but all that could be wished for in brightness of col. and glossy feather; 3, Parlett, variog., Bullfe Hybrid, a massive bird, light head and chest, narrow dark rim around the eyes, back, wings, and tail splashed, in good feather, but not the high condition of leaders; 4, Inman, Goldie-Bullfe, good size and shape, big rich blaze, col. carried well down breast; hc, Metcalfe; c, C.B. diploma, Edwards. DARK GOLDF. MULE (9): 1, Parlett, extra good sized and shaped yell., perhaps a shade dark in tone, but a grand bird; 2, J. Walsh, yell., bright colours, good length, not the subs.; 3, H. Walsh bull, rare good face and wings, best of cond.; 4, Fairhurst, yell., only beaten a little in size; vhc, Martin and Archer; hc, Mays and Allinson; c, Wilson. A.O. DARK (13): 1, Parlett, outstanding yell. Greenie, great size, excellent style, shape, col., and qual.; 2, 3, Middleton, yell. Linnet of good size, type, col., and cond.; 3rd, yell. Siskin, well up in size and col., very good dark cap, well mkd. wings, back, and flanks; 4, c, Wison, Redpoll, good size, col., and cond.; vhc, J. Walsh; hc, Martin and Archer. A.O. HYB. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (11): 1, Martin and Archer, Greenie-Chaffie, looking better than ever; 2, Oldham, Redpoll-Greenf., medium size, excellent col. and cond.; 3, Muscott, Siskin-Greenie, very interesting exhibit, in capital order; 4, B. H. Wilson, Grecnie-Goldie, nice blending of colours of both parents; vhc, Fisher; hc, Edwards; c, Metcalfe. GREENF. (21): 1, R. J. Metcalfe, rare cobby shape, full head, neck, and chest, hot and level in col., grand wing and tail, put down in grand order; 2, Cuss, bit longer in shape, excellent col., feather, and cond.; 3, P. Walsh, good for size and col., just a little open at throat; 4, Jeffries, fine cobby shape, good col. and qual., fails only in size; vhc, Nicbolson and Son; hc, Fletcher; c, Parlett. GOLDF.: 1, Hurst, very big, rich coloured blaze, extra good both top and bottom, abundance of rich tanning, good wings, extra good shower; 2, Pitchford, very similar stamp on slightly smaller scale, and a shade less bright in finish; 3, Blanchon, very rich coloured, clean-cut blaze, but not so expansive as leaders, tanning and wings good, bit less size; 4, Nicholson and Son, similar to 3rd except scarcely so bright; vhc, Pets Supply Co.; hc, Marley; c, Compton. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Fletcher, Twite, well up in size, rich level col., profusely pencilled all over; 2, Handley, Lesser Redpoll, rare good size and shape, grand cap, bib, nice breast col., well mkd. flanks; 3, Nicholson and Son, big, well mkd. Twite, not the col. of winner; 4, Edwards, Siskin, nice size, shape, col., and markings, faint bib; vhc, Marley; hc, Hellhwell; c, Parlett. CHAFFINCH (13): 1, Nicholson and Son, rare big size, cobby shape, well forward in col., shows to the best advantage; 2, P. Walsh, shimmer shape, good colours, and exceedingly good in feather and bloom; 3, Jeffries, fine big bird, good shape and col., only a little less polish; 4, Wilson, really grand Finch in all points except size; vhc, Marley; hc, Barnett; c, Metcalfe. LINNET (19): 1, Jeffries, grand size, cobby shape, very sound in col., well pencilled breast and flanks, put down in grand order; 2, Pitchford, similar in all points except little less subs.; 3, Beswick, good in size, shape, and col., markings rather faint, might be better on leg; 4, Fairhurst, good all round but less size; vhc, Marley; hc, Parlett; c, Metcalfe. BULLF. (13): 1, J. S. Wilson, very cobby, wide glossy cap, clear wing bars, deep coloured breast; 2, P. Walsh, same type, excellent cond., only beaten in breast col.; 3, Woods, grand bird for col. and feather, beaten in size and type; 4, Wilson, fine col. and shape, not so tidy in plumage; vhc, Jeffries; hc, Marley; c, Whalley. A.O. SEED-EATER (12): 1, Marley, Bawfinch, very rich in col., good clear-cut bib and wing bars, perfect feather and cond.; 2, Milne, Bawfinch, similar to winner, little to choose between the two; 3, Pitchford, Bramblet., good size, col., and spangling, bit untidy at thighs or might have split the Bawfinches; 4, Blincoe, Crossbill, good col., feather, and cond.; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, c, Hurst. BUNTING (7): 1, J. Walsh, Yellowhammer, grand head and cheek marks, very clear on crown, beautifully mkd. all over body, not over large, in tip-top condition; 2, Wilson, Meadow Bunting, a really fine bird, in best possible cond.; 3, P. Walsh, big, extra good Reed Bunting; any of those three good enough to win; 4, Marley, big, well-mkd. Corn Bunting; vhc, McPherson; hc, Blincoe; c, Inman. THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, Hemmings, big, good shaped Song Thrush, beautifully spangled breast, perfect feather and cond.; 2, Whalley, Blackbird, grand size, sound col., and glossy plumage, beak and eye cere coming well up in col.; 3, Mackwell, Thrush, scarcely the size of winner, but grand spangling, feather, and cond.; 4, Isherwood, Thrush, just beaten in steadiness and cond. LARKS OR PIPITS (3): 1, Fletcher, Tree Pipit, grand size and markings, perfect feather and cond., very steady; 2, 3, P. Walsh, good Skylarks. BLACKCAP OR NIGHTINGALE (3): 1, Milne, good coloured, tight conditioned Gale, very steady; 2, Nicholson and Son, Blackcap, perfect feather, shining cond; 3, Fletcher, Gale, more size than the winner, but beaten in col. and cond. A.O. SMALL SOFTBILLS (6): 1, 2, Hattersley, Lesser Whitethroat and Bearded Tit, in grand order and well staged; 3, Fletcher, Whinchat, rather uncommon exhibit, in beautiful feather and cond.; 4, Beecoby, very fine Grey Wagtail, well forward in colours; vhc, Parlett, a good Redstart, but one wing imperfect; hc, Mackwell. ALBINO, ETC. (5): 1, Martin and Archer, cl. Yellowhammer, a handsome exhibit; 2, 3, C.B. diploma, Wade, 2nd catalogued as a White Robin, we made it a Hedge Sparrow, by its shape and notions, which are entirely different from the Robin; 3rd, a pied, almost clear, Linnet, both in grand order and well staged; 4, P. Walsh, the veteran Silver Starling, now looking the worse for wear; vhc, Mrs. Harrison, very pretty Goldfinch with white blaze. LARGE: 1, Fletcher, Chough, in perfect glossy plumage, rich legs and beak; 2nd, P. Walsh, Waxwing, extra good waxings on wings and tail, rich body col., perfect feather; 3, Blincoe, grand conditioned Magpie, very pure and clean cut in colours, well staged; 4, Bancroft, very big Missel Thrush, beautifully spangled breast, in rare good order; vhc, Wilson.

THE FOREIGN BIRDS.

Judge, Mr. F. Finn.

PARRAKEETS, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Fletcher, 1, wonderfully gorgeous coloured Barraband, very rich and bright markings, shapely and clearly defined, in wonderful plumage, grand size, 2, Crimson Wing hen, a real gem, beautifully coloured, grandly mkd., well shown, 3, magnificent King, lovely rich body col., brilliant wings and tail, grand head, in rare form; 4, Beaty, charming Blackfaced Love birds, rare shape and size, capital col. and feather, well worth their place; vhc, Simpson. PARROTS, ETC. (1): 1, Fletcher, very rich coloured Eclectus, capital size, good head, splendid wings and tail. AVADAVATS, ETC. (11): 1, Beaty, smart and sprightly Combassou, rich metallic hued plumage, lovely feather; 2, c, Howe, very handsome Golden Breasted Waxbills, lovely col., beautifully mkd., in grand form, we liked to win; 3, 4, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, choice little team, St. Helenas, Orange Cheeks, and Zebra Finches, in grand form, remarkably good in col. and feather, and very nicely mkd; hc, Hattersley. FINCHES, ETC. (13): 1, Howe, most charming Melba Finch, beautiful col., most exquisitely mkd., not a feather out of place; 2, 4, c, Beaty, large, grandly mkd., rich coloured Golden-Backed Whydah, very handsome bird, finished off with a glorious tail, 4, bonnie little pair of Cuban Finches; 3, vhc, Simpson, deep, rich coloured Black-Headed Gouldian, beautifully mkd., very steady, and grandly shown; hc, Mrs. Thynne. TANAGERS, ETC. (7): spl., 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Lady Kathleen Pilkington, 1, glorious Black-headed Sugar Bird, fine, bold, sprightly bird, very rich and vivid in colouring, beautifully feathered, 2, large, shapely, grandly mkd., rich coloured Gold-fronted Fruit Sucker, wonderful condition, 4, magnificent Black-cheeked Tanager, most lovely colouring, superb condition of plumage, vhc, remarkably fine, well mkd., grandly coloured Blue-backed Tanager, followed by Pretre's Tanager, and an Emerald and Gold Tanager, a remarkably fine team, and shown in the pink of condition. A.O.S. (7): 1, sp., best members bird; 3, 4, hc, c, Lady Kathleen Pilkington, 1, the famous Loo-Choo Robin, this or the winning Sugar Bird might have won spl. best in show, the bird was in magnificent condition, not a feather out of place, his colours all showing up clearly and distinctly, 3, charming pair of Black-chinned Yuhinnas, lovely col., splendid plumage, very smart, alert and sprightly, 4, very handsome Blue and Black Jay, wonderfully rich in col., and in rare plumage, followed by Black-throated Babbler, and Japanese Red-Breast, another wonderful team; 2, Fletcher, lovely coloured, beautifully feathered Brazilian Hangnest, in rare form; vhc, Simpson, handsome and lustrous, Long-tailed glossy Starling. LOCAL PARROT (4): 1, Mrs. Haigh, Blue-fronted Amazon, capital col. and markings, grand feather; 2, Snowden, another Blue-fronted Amazon, not quite so large in body, but much superior in head and neck marking, we thought an easy winner; 3, Bywater, again a good coloured, well feathered Blue-fronted Amazon; 4, Greaves, nice coloured Grey, good eye, not in such nice condition. A.O. FOR. (4): 1, sp., best foreign bird in show; 2, Mason, a green, glossy Starling, a nice bird certainly, but best foreign bird in the show? Why Philip himself laughed, and congratulated himself on his luck, 2, nicely marked Black-headed Gouldian Finch; 3, Plowright, well marked, nice coloured pair of Budgerigars.

NELSON AND COLNE AMALG.

The Canary and Cage Bird Societies of Nelson and Colne have become amalgamated, and the first annual show under the joint auspices was held in the Lesser Municipal Hall, Colne, Nov. 22. 108 birds were staged. Quality was better than at previous shows, and there was keen competition in some of the classes. D. Watts, of Colne, won the cup with his Norwich cock, and the prize for the second best bird, a yellow Yorkshire hen, was secured by H. Greenwood. Messrs. Sunderland and Thornton won Sandiford medal with a Norwich. The judge was Mr. Mundell, Bradford.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Wharton; 2, Gill and Son; 3, King. HEN: 1, Greenwood; 2, 3, Gill and Son. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Wharton; 3, Gill and Son. HEN: 1, 2, Gill and Son; 3, Greenwood. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Greenwood; 2, King; 3, Wharton. BUFF: 1, Wharton; 2, Holmes; 3, Bell. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Sunderland and Thornton; 2, 3, Fulton. HEN: 1, Sutherland and Thornton; 2, 3, Fulton. BUFF: 1, Watts; 2, Fulton; 3, Bell. HEN: 1, Sunderland and Thornton; 2, Smith; 3, Thorpe. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Fulton; 2, Greenwood; 3, Bell. BUFF: 1, Sunderland and Thornton; 2, Greenwood; 3, Fulton. A.O.V.: 1, Barwise; 2, King. ANY COL.: 1, Sunderland and Thornton; 2, 3, Fulton. PAIRS: 1, Gill and Son; 2, Sunderland and Thornton; 3, Smith. SELL.: 1, 2, Sunderland and Thornton; 3, Watts. BRIT.: 1, Holden; 2, 3, Barwise. MULE OR HYB.: 1 Holden; 2, Barwise.—J. Speak, Hon. Sec.



KIRRIEMUIR.

Annual show of the Thrums Canary and C.B.A., held Public Hall, Kirriemuir, Dec. 6. There were forward over 100 birds, and while the numbers did not reach last year's total, quality was excellent. The hall was nicely staged round four sides, and being well lighted and free from draughts, made an ideal place for a show. The committee and office bearers are a keen lot of fanciers, consisting of the following: Pres., David Lawson; vice-pres., Wm. Butler; sec., Joe Stevenson; treas., John Ewart; committee, W. Foreman, A. Paton, D. Nicoll, P. Paton, W. Stevenson, G. Anderson, R. Mills, W. Ogilvy, and A. Nicol, and they had everything in first rate order. CAGE BIRDS Coupon Specials were competed for at this show, and we heard much favourable comment regarding same. Champ. 10s. sp. was won by Geo. Mitchell, Brechin, with a nice buff cock, while the novice 10s. went to P. Paton, Kirriemuir, for a Border buff cock, a very promising bird. Diplomas were awarded as follows: A. Pirrie, Nor.; H. Benuel, Bord.; Wm. Butler, Brit. Mr. W. Bishop, Stirling, judged Nor. and Brit. Mr. W. Dods, Edinburgh, Borders. The awards were very well received by a critical audience.

The Critique.

LT. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, Fyfe, nice team of Hybrids, leader Goldf.-Bullf., grand size, lovely flush, feather like silk; 2nd, Sisk.-Greenf., wee gem, shown in grand form, fine cap, neat wings and tail; 3rd, Redpoll-Greenie, rather sober col., still well shown; 4, McArdle, Light Linnet, might have split up Hybrids, as the class was also for Light Mules. DK. (2): 1, 2, Fyfe, leader Greenf., fine size and col., well shown; 2nd, Sisk., fine cap and wings. GOLDF. (2): 1, Christie, topper, nice size, well up in col., good face, moons, and tans in rare bloom; 2, McArdle, f.m., similar to leader, but a little unsteady. BULLF. (5): 1, Christie, good one, grand size, neat cap, fine wing bars, very deep col., wins; 2, Butler, topping heu, gets "C.B." Diploma for best coupon bird in section, fine cap, very well cut, in rare order; 3, Douglas, another good one, just a little more col. and depth of cap wanted; 4, Christie; No. 5, wrong classed, as being Foreign. LINNET (3): 1, Moreland, very stylish bird, finely mkd., just a shade long; 2, McArdle, better type and size, fails through being unsteady; 3, Ewart, very good bird, shown in too large cage. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Anderson, Lesser Poll, fair col., but we thought lucky to beat the 2nd, Irvine, Siskiu, fine col. cap and wiug bars; 3, Butler, good Mealy, has good size, nice poll and mks., we liked this for second; 3, 6, Ewart; 5, Mills. GREENF. (3): 1, Moreland, buff, monster for size, fine cobby shape, frosted to perfectiou; 2, Law, sweet yell., feather like wax, fails size only; 3, Fyfe, buff, beaten size only, very stylish and shown in grand order. A.O., BRIT.: 1, Law, Yellowhammer, clinker, grand size, rich col., nice V and cheek mks., shown in tip-top order, wins; 2, Robb, Bearded Reedling, exceptionally steady, grand col, very neat wings and tail; 3, Ewart, Skylark, good size and mks., shown in singing cage. FOR. (4): 1, Irvine, Cordons, very sweedy shown, in grand order; 2, Robb, Weaver, very steady, fine col. and cond.; 3, Mills, nice Ringneck, in faultless order; 4, Ewart, Siberian Goldie. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, sp., Forrest, cap mkd., grand size, nice cobby shape, short wiugs and tail, shown in fine bloom; 2, Mitchell, tkd., hd., good one, grand head and neck, fine shape, scarcely bloom of leader; 3, Boath, good one all over, fails little in subs. to leaders. HEN (2): 1, Adams, cl., grand one, best of type, qual. and cond.; 2, Anderson, smaller, all there for type and cond., nice carrier wings, neat head and neck, fine col. BUFF COCK (6): 1, Mitchell, "C.B." cash spl. winner, cl., grand size, short, thick-set body, close carried wings, beautifully frosted, wins; 2, Forrest, cl., fails only size, equal other respects; 3, Kennedy, similar, scarcely so good feather, all there for type; 4, 5, Anderson; 6, Masterton. HEN (3): Craig, beauty of a cl., fine depth of chest, correct type, neat head and wiugs; 2, Lumsden, cl., not far behind, best of feather and cond.; 3, Forrest, good typical Nor., slightly less subs., not so neat wings. YELL., VARIEG., OR GR. CK. (2): 1, Forrest, romping yell. variegs., best of size, type and qual.; 2, Masterton, fails little size, only all there for qual. HEN cancelled. BUFF VARIEG. COCK (5): 1, Mitchell, best of size, nice depth of chest, grand head, neat wings, wins; 2, Lumsden, fails only in size, grand type, short wings and tail; 3, Masterton, good one, longer than leaders, nice feather and cond.; 4, Miles, pressed; 5, Paton. HEN (2): 1, Mitchell, good one all over, best of subs. and qual., in rare bloom; 2, Boath, similar type, fails little in wings, still a good one. UNFLIG., CK. (4): 1, Forrest, cl. yell., all there for type, qual. and cond.; 2, 3, Mitchell, eyes and neck mkd. buff, best of size, fine chested youngster; 3, yel, we made good second, fine head and neck, best of feather and type; 4, Paton; 5. Boath. HEN (5): 1, Adams, mkd. cap and neck, buff, good subs., fine fronted bird, wins; 2, Boath, yell, good one, best of type and qual., shown in the pink, we heard offers for her; 3, 5, Paton, buff, just a shade small, scarcely so fine feather, will improve; 4, Pirrie. NON-FED (4): 1, 4, Mitchell, good yell. variegs., grand size, fine short body, very cobby; 2, Pirrie, cl., scarcely size of leader, all there for type and qual.; 3, Paton, yell. varieg., not far behind, fine head and neat wings. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. COCK: 1, 2, Craig, clears, nice size, very typical, sweet shape, fine head and closely carried wings; 3, Crabb and Fiudlayson, close up, scarcely feather of leaders, finely braced wings, very stylish; 4, Milne; 5, Irvine; 6, Strachan. HEN (7): 1, 4, cl., very stylish, grand type, qual., and cond.; 2, Bennet, cl., similar, very taking, feathered like silk, not much between them; 3, Mitchell, cl., fine type, nice head and neck, showu in fine form; 5, Crabb and Findlayson; 6, Paton. BUFF, COCK (7): 1, Irvine, cl., beautiful shape, jaunty carr., lovely feather, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Craig, clears, equal shape, nice carr., best of feather, not much between; 4, Duncan; 5, Paton; 6, Thompson. HEN (6): 1, "C.B." Diploma, Bennet, cl., all there for type, best of wing carr., feathered like a Java, wins; 2, Craig, larger, fine type, nice head and neck, scarcely so close; 3, Crabb and Findlayson, grizzle cap, good one, model for shape and qual., well placed; 4, Strachan; 5, Stevenson; 6, Paton. YELL. VARIEG., COCK (4): 1, Craig, eye and wing mkd., charming shape, extra good wing carr., nice feather and cond.; 2, Mitchell, mkd. eyes and saddle, sweet type, nice jaunty carr.; 3, Nicol, cap and wiug mkd., lovely type, fine carr., fails little in con. only; 4, Stevenson. HEN: 1, Duncan, cheek aud wing mkd., good one all over, best of type, qual. and cond., wins; 2. Craig, variegs., nice jaunty carr. fine head and neck, in rare bloom; 3, Stevenson, similar, grand head, neat wings and tail in faultless order; 4, Crabb and Findlayson; 5, Robertson; 6, Buttar. BUFF VARIEG., COCK (3): 1, Craig, eyes and saddle mkd., very typical, shown in grand order; 2, Nicol, similarly mkd., best of type, qual. and cond., presses; 3, Ewart, scarcely so typical, all there other points. HEN (7): 1, Bennet, mkd. eyes and wings, sweetly made, grand type, fine qual. of feather, closely carried wings, wins; 2, Irvine, mkd. cheek and wing, fine type and qual.; 3, Craig, similar mkd., seemed to be suffering from cold weather; 4, Robertson; 5 Crabb and Findlayson; 6, Nicoll. EVENS (1): 1, Bennet eyes and wings mkd., jaunty carr., fine type and qual. GR. OR CINN. (9): 1, 2, Thompson, leader yell-gr., nice qual. of feather, very sweet type, shown in rare order; 2, buff, scarcely qual. of leader, still a good one, might have given way to; 3, Lawson, good yell. cinn., fine type, qual. and cond.; 4, 5, 6, Sturrock. A.O.V., CAN. (2): 1, 2, Low, pair Crests, 1st, grand size, nice clean crest; 2nd, smaller, scarcely feather of first.

CAMBRIDGE.

Twentieth open show, held in the Corn Exchange, Nov. 25 and 26. The birds were staged in a corner of the large hall, where they were free from draught. The committee guaranteed full prize money, but reserved the right to cancel any of the classes, the consequence being that more than half the classes were blue pencilled. No doubt the system of half prize money is objectionable, but is not cancelling the greater evil? An exhibitor who may make an entry, say, of four birds, is very much annoyed to find that three of his entries have been cancelled, and he has to pay carriage on the one left standing. But what is a committee to do, that is the question? Perhaps a lack of advertisement had in this case something to do with the small entry, as many who could have supported the show did not know of the fixture. We remember Cambridge in its palmy days, when it had one of the finest shows in the Midlands, with several hundred exhibits; to-day the number of exhibits is 41. Mr. J. T. Palmer judged and gave satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. (8): 1, cup, Williams, very fine large yell., rare body properties and grand col., just a bit flat on head; 2, Bishop, typical buff, well made throughout, in fine cond.; 3, Fancourt and Harrison, good buff, teeming with qual., just a trifle long; res, Nichols, smart yell.; vhc, Hart; hc, Driver; c, Parker. YORKS.: 1, 2, no name; 1st, grand tkd. yell., excellent pos., lovely col. and qual.; 2nd, even nkd. buff, grand head, nice length, in rare fettle; 3, Hart, hardly standard length, good pos. and col.; res, Fancourt and Harrison; vhc, no name; hc, c, Langley. BRED 1913: 1, Parker, very nice Dutch Frill; 2, Bishop, fine cl. yell. Yorks.; 3, res, vhc, Williams; 3rd, lightly mkd. yell. Nor., bit weak in neck, might very well have given way to res., cl. yell. Nor., nice type, lovely col. and condition. GOLDF. (9): 1, 2, Rinson, smart H.M. Finch, steady, nice square blaze, good wing bars and nicely buttoned; 2nd, nice blaze, rich tauning and wing bars; 3, Fancourt and Harrison, very steady, nice blaze, lacks polish of winners; res, vhc, Jupe; hc, Starling. LOCAL YORKS: 1, Bishop, excellent cl. yell., tight as a Java, good pos., lovely col.; 2, Langley, tkd. buff, correct length, good pos. and cond.; 3, c, Cooper, cl. buff, full of bloom, nice type; res, vhc, hc, Bloy, nice slim bird, in good form. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Bryant, steady, good col., well pencilled; 2, Botwright, fine make, good col., beaten in pencilling; 3, Ridgewell, on the small side; res, Bye; vhc, Robinson. All other classes cancelled.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Eighth annual contest, held Nov. 14 and 15, in the concert room of the Royal Hotel, where a record entry of 235 birds awaited the judges, Messrs. M. Jacquemin, J. Netherwood, and T. W. Walton; quality was excellent all through, and classes were well filled except the two for teams. Mr. J. A. Ives won the Leeds Challenge Cup. CHAMPION YOUNG BIRDS (59) (Judge, Mr. Jacquemin): 1, ex. 2, Ives, 32 and 30 points; 2, ex. 3, Hepworth, 31 and 30; 3, Humphries, 30; 4, Firth, 29; ex. 4, Harper, 28; 5, Harrison, 27; vhc, Willows, 27; Humphries (2), 26 each; Ives, 27; hc, Cadman (2), 24 and 25; Humphries, 25; Firth, 24; Davis, 24; Harrison, 25; Smith, 24; c, Turner, Willows, Cadman, Dimmock, Wirth, 23 each; diplomas, hollow roll, Ives; hollow bell, Turner; bass roll, Hepworth; glucke, Hepworth; water glucke, Ives; sps. most points, best member's, J. A. Ives. NOV., YOUNG BIRDS (93) (Judge, Mr. Netherwood): 1, A. E. Lockwood, 32; ex. 1, Morris, 31; 2, Hill, 31; ex. 2, Mason, 30; 3, Atkinson, 29; ex. 3, Kramer, 29; 4, Eccleston, 29; ex. 4, Best, 28; vhc, Mrs. Firth, Barnett, Broadbent, Rawcliffe, Miss Taylor, 28 ea.; Kramer, Montague, Wilson, Brown, 27 ea.; hc, Grainger, Portlock, Hunter, King, Peel, Craig, Rawcliffe, 26 ea.; c, Whistance, 25; Ward, 24; Collins (2), 24 and 25; Hill, 24; A. E. Lockwood, 25; Whiteley, 24; W. Lockwood, 25; Hill, 23; diplomas, hollow roll, Hill; hollow bell, Mrs. Firth; bass roll, Hadley; glucke, Hill; water glucke, Eccleston; spl. most points, Rawcliffe; spl. best member's, Atkinson. OPEN, ANY AGE (25) (Judge, Mr. Jacquemin): 1, Willows, 32; 2, 4, Turner, 31 and 29; 3, 5, Harrison, 30 and 27; vhc, Kremner, Davis, 26 ea.; hc, Walton, Ives, Simpson, Smith, 25 ea.; c, Davis, 24; special, best glucke, Turner; best hollow roll, Simpson. NOV. (58) (Judge, Mr. T. W. Walton): 1, Grainger, 27; 2, Ward, 26; 3, Kramer, 26; 4, Barnett, 26; 5, Montague, 25; 6, Warrington, 25; 7, Hadley, 24; vhc, Portlock, 22; Hunter, 24; Atkinson (2), 24 and 22; Watson, 22; hc, Smith, Peel, Mahood, Allsop, Short, 21 ea.; c, Warrington, Wright, Collins, Barnett, 20 ea.; diplomas, hollow roll, Taylor; hollow bell, Brown; water glucke, Bennett; bass roll, Barnett; B.R.C.C. Medal, Grainger. TEAM CHAMP. (11): 1, Ives, 87 pts.; 2, Turner, 82; 3, Humphries, 81; 4, Willows, 72. NOV. (11): 1, Hill, 80; 2, Grainger; 3, Best, 68; equal 4, Atkinson and Craig, 66 ea.—H. L. Davis, Sec.

LEWES.

Eighteenth annual show held in the Corn Exchange, Dec. 3 and 4, was a great success. The cage birds were comfortably staged in the balcony, quite clear of the other live stock, and were favoured with plenty of light and entire freedom from draughts. Mr. J. Martin, hon. sec., had made successful arrangements for the carrying out of the show, and had carefully studied every detail. He had the able assistance of a capable assist sec. in Mr. T. Jeffery, and the committee and stewards evinced an untiring interest in the arrangements. Alderman G. Holman is president of the society. There is a long list of influential vice-presidents, and a practical and businesslike hand of committeemen direct the affairs of the society. Entries were good, quality excellent, and competition keen; specials were numerous, and well worth winning. Norwich and Yorks. made splendid classes, Mules were good, and British were a splendid show. Mr. C. W. Silk won sp. for best bird. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Critique.

NOR., C.B. (10): 1, 2 sps., Silk, romping yell., full of col., grand head, body, and qual.; 2, Miles, buff, lovely feather, tip-top head and neck, nice type; 3, Frost, yell., good type and nice feather, hardly the size or chubbiness of winner; res., Roberts; vhc, Frost; hc, Kilby; c, Richardson. HEN (9): 1, Miles, grand bodied tkd. buff, lovely head and neck, short beak, legs, wings, and tail, a good one; 2, Richardson, tkd. yell., again grand shape and qual., rich col., well after the winner; 3, Silk, yell., grand size and close feather, but pulls out a bit long in body, else a grand hen; res, Miles; vhc, hc, c, Olle. TKD. OR VARIEG. (9): 1, Richardson, tkd. yell., short and stout, nice head, good qual; 2, Kilby, tkd. yell., very warm col., nice qual.; 3, Miles, varieg. buff, chubby, nice head, very full of undercol., and nice creamy feather; res., Richardson; vhc, Roberts; hc, Olle; c, Silk. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Silk, capped and wing mkd. yell., rare tone of feather, rich col., nice type; 2, Kilby, yell., wing tkd., full of qual., lovely shape, little to choose; 3, Richardson, varieg. buff, full of col., grand feather nice shape; res., Frost; vhc, c, Olle; hc, Dine. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Hawes Bros., perfect swell, won comfortably; 2, Frost, yell., nice length, stands well, just a wee bit strong at waist; 3, Dandridge, smartish bird, well on the leg; res., Gibb; vhc, Yates; hc, Riddles; c, Frost. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Nicholls, grand one, bolts up like a rocket, lovely qual.; 2, Hawes Bros., another good Yorks., well on the heels of the winner; 3, Frost, upstanding, cleverly drawn bird, rare qual.; res., Yates; vhc, Gibb; hc, Rumsey; c, Frost. HENS (9): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., buff, very stylish, close in feather, full of swagger; 2, Frost, another grand buff, just jumped cleverly in between 1 and 3, stylish lady, delightful toilet; res., Dandridge; vhc, Williams; hc, Dandridge. MULES (8): 1, Plummer, nice yell. Goldie-Can., in good trim; 2, Isted, varieg. Linnet-Can.; 3, Balcombe, Siskin-Can. Mule; res, Gouldian; vhc, Isted; hc, c, Richards. GOLDF. (14): 1, sp., Burr, stormer, looked like the Chichester winner; 2, Beard, grand Finch, only beaten in lustre, made a good fight; 3, Soffner, nice face, bars, and buttons, elegant little Finch, losing a little in massiveness of face; res, Hellen; vhc, Wren; hc, Dunning; c, Relf; a grand class. GREENF., ETC.: 1, sp., Wren, Bullf., grand shape, lovely breast and poll; 2, Burr, also a grand one, little to choose; 3, c, Dunning, a bonny Chaffinch, very lustrous; 4, vhc, Miss G. Mansell; hc, Beard. NOV. CAN. (16): 1, Mrs. W. Norman, very nice buff, Nor.; 2, French, equally nice yell. Nor.; 3, Joplin; res. King; vhc, Norman; hc, Walls Thomas, Dine; c, Horne. MEMB., NOR. OR YORKS. (9): 1, 3, Olle, two varieg. buff Nor., nice shape and qual.; 2, Frost, tkd., buff Nor., very nice type; res, Gibb; vhc, Frost; hc, Miss Walls; c, Plummer. A.O.V. (12): 1, 2 sps., 2 vhc, Relf, fine team; 3, c, Frost; 4, vhc, Plummer; hc, Horne.

CONSETT & BLACKHILL

17th annual show held Dec. 6 in Skating Rink. It was a bitterly cold day, and many of the birds were feeling its effects, which would, no doubt, make it rather difficult for the judge to select the winners. Entries were good, showing a big increase on last year, when most of the classes were cancelled. Sp. for best in section and best in show was won by the Rev. B. Nume's yell Norwich. Mr. T. Dixon judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Snead, both fine length, shape, qual., and feather, good wing and tail carr.; 3, Ramsden, long and straight grand, legs, and wings, scarcely so good in feather; 4, Reed; vhc, Pyman; hc, Forster; c, no name. BUFF: 1, Snead, rare good length, well tapered, hot col., very tight cond.; 2, Oxley, bit less length, but grand shape, perfect wings and tail, good legs; 3, 4, Ridley Bros., good shape, feather, and qual., not so slim: vhc, Ramsden; hc, Forster; c, Johnson. UNFLIG.: 1, Snead, yell., long and finely drawn, grand qual., hot col.; 2, Stark, buff, good type, well up on leg, tight in feather; 3, Pyman, less length, but excellent shape, feather, and qual., good wings and tail; 4, Robinson; vhc, Forster; c, Metcalf. HEN: 1, Snead, cl. yell., rare good length, finely drawn, capital wings, tail, and feather; 2, Stirk, cl. yell., grand length, bit pinched in front; 3, No. 11, no name, eye and wing mkd. buff, good in length, shape, wings, and feather, wants steadying; 4, Fairey; vhc, Forster; hc, Ridley Bros.; c, Pyman. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Rev. Nume, cl., very hot level col., grand head and neck, full round chest, well carried short wings, 3 eye and wing mkd., rare good size and shape, hot col., silky feather, shows bit eye brow; 2, Pierson, varieg., excellent shape and qual., bold head, neck and chest, hot col.; 4, Earl and Bainbridge; vhc, Glendinning; hc, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, Rev. Nume, good size, rare cobby shape, well rounded head, full neck, broad chest, excellent feather and cond.; 2, Mathers, bit less subs., but good head, neck, wings, and qual. of feather; 3, Williams, head tkd., only lacks subs., otherwise good; 4, Burn and Collingwood; vhc, Barkess; hc, Clark and Foster; c, Glendinning. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Williams, wing tkd. yell., nice cobby shape, hot col., good wings, grand qual. of feather, tip-top cond.; 2, Makepiece, head and wing mkd. buff, rare good size, shape, and qual., bit patchy in col; 3, Matthewson, head and wing mkd. yell., very hot col., grand qual., rather slim; 4, Pierson, c. yell., rather small, otherwise really good; vhc, Wren; hc, Smith; c, Barkess. HEN: 1, Williams, tkd. buff, rare good type, full head, neck, and front, and well packed wings; 2, vhc, Armstrong, cl. yell., good col. and qual., fine head and neck, rather slim body; 3, Morgan, cl. yell., real good type, bold head and front, excellent col. and feather; 4, Rev. Nume, cl. yell., a bit on the small side, otherwise really good; hc, Clark and Foster; c, Smith. BORDER YELL.: 1, Wilson, cl., nice size and shape, good head, wings, and tail carr., very close feather; 2, 3, Smart, cl., grand type and qual. extra good feather, 3 smaller, but a little more weight; 4, Skillington and Herdman, very neat all round, needs a wash; vhc, Rochester; hc, Elliott; c, Carlill. BUFF: 1, 2, Wilson, head tkd., neat size, type, and qual., best of wings and tail very smooth feather 2 cl., very similar, little to choose; 3, 4, Smart cl., bit longer in shape, excellent carr. and action, best of wings and feather; vhc, c, Christon and Bowes; hc, Rochester. BORD. A.O.V.: 1, Wilson, cl. buff, perfect model, nice pos., neat head, neck, and shoulders, well rounded back and front, well packed wings and tail; 2, Carlill, cl. yell., neat and good all over, but scarcely the close feather of winner; 3, Elliott, cl., grand type and qual. of feather, beaten wing carriage; 4, Logan, fine green; vhc, Christon and Bowes; hc, Scott; c, Skillington and Herdman. GODLF.: 1, Jameson and Johnson, good sized bird, with big square cut blaze, which might be better in col. and polish, good wings; 2, Craig, F.M., rich blaze, of fairly good size, good in tanning, wings, and cond.; 3, Foster, good blaze and wings, very steady; 4, Ridley and Curry; vhc, Atkinson; c, Carr. BULLF.: 1, Rutherford, big and thickset, broad cap, on a big head, clear wing bar, bright coloured breast; 2, J. Barkess, colour and good, less size; 3, G. Barkess, good all-round Finch, except blue bars; 4, Jameson and Johnson; vhc, hc, Nixon; c, Clarke and Foster. LINNET: 1, 3, Jameson and Johnson, nice cobby shape, good level col., nice markings, 3 fine, steady, upstanding bird, nice tone of col., finely pencilled, breast and flanks; 2, White, more size, poor col. and feather; 4, Smurthwaite, good col., markings, and cond.; vhc, Ewart; hc, Hunter; c, Rutherford. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Smurthwalte, fine, big Twite, excellent col. and markings; 2, Carr, Siskin, cobby shape, good cap, col., and flank marking; 3, White, Mealy Redpoll; 4, Wilde, good Lesser Redpoll; vhc, James and Johnson; hc, Barkess; c, Foster. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, Jameson and Johnson, Bramblef., good rich col., well spangled head and back, 2 fine big Chaffinch, very fine shape, good col., both in grand cond.; 3, Rutherford, medium sized Hawfinch, capital col. and feather; 4, White, very fine Yellowhammer; vhc, Ridley and Curry; hc, Foster. A.O. CAGE BIRD: 1, Christoe and Son; 2, 4, Routledge; 3, Parnaby; vhc, hc, c, Thorpe. MEMB., YORKS.: 1, 2, Stirk; 3, Foster; 4, hc, c, Robinson; vhc, Thompson. BORD.: 1, 2, hc, Carlill; 3, c, Davison; 4, vhc, Rochester.

NEWPORT, I.W.

Twenty-seventh annual show, held Dec. 3 and 4, one of the best the society ever held, both in number and quality, Mr. Baker and Mr. Norman showing some wonderful Norwich. The British and Foreign of Messrs. Yelland and Cheverton were much admired. Mr. C. E. Silk, Emsworth, judged.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, sp. best, 2, Baker, simply walked home; 1st almost perfection, not a feather out of place, round as an apple; 2nd falls a bit in feather, but wonderful shape and col.; 3, vhc, Flemming, two very creditable exhibits, but outclassed. BUFF: 1, 3, Baker, 3rd falls a bit to first in qual. of feather; 2, Flemming, very close up to first, and almost turned the tables, feather like wax. MKD., ETC.: 1, Baker, tkd. buff, wonderful fine head and subs.; 2, Mooreman, varieg. buff, 1st Portsmouth, just beaten here; 3, Baker, again a lovely exhibit; res., Baker; hc, Hill. NON-FED: 1, Harris, nice cobby buff; 2, James Smart, ditto; 3, Caddy; res., Harris. YORKS., ETC.: 1, Hill, straight as a rush, not quite smooth on breast; 2, 3, Morris, close up; 3rd, another good Yorkie, but a bit down when judged. RADIUS CLASS: 1, sp., Hill, grand cl. yell; 2, Mooreman, beauty, full of Nor. properties; 3, res., Mooreman; vhc, Prentice; hc, McKay. PAIRS: 1, Mooreman, very nice pair of Nor., and cheap at catalogue price; 2, Caddy, another very nice pair; 3, Hill; res., Whittington; vhc, Morris, Mumford; hc, Prentice; c, Whittington. MULES, LIGHT: 1, Prentice, very nice Greenf. Can., beautifully mkd., a bird with a future; 2, Morris, nicely broken Goldf.; 3, Prentice, ditto. DARK: 1, Baker, Linnet, fine bird; 2, Morris, Greenf.-Can., good size, col. and feather; 3, Prentice; res., Chinchen; c, Morris. BRIT., LARGE: 1, Williams, wonderfully well shown Magpie, in faultless trim; 2, 3, Zealland; 2nd, fine spotted Woodpecker. GOLDF.: 1, Corson; 2, Knapp; 3, Chinchen. BULLF.: 1, Fryer, nice shape, col. and cap, well shown Finch; 2, West; 3, Blow, both very good Finches; res, Oliver, h.m., pale in col. A.O.V.: 1, Cheverton, grand Snow Bunting; 2, Chinchen, lovely Brambling; 3, Chiverton, good yell. Bunting. FOR., LARGE: 1, Bennett, nice King; 2, McKay, Amazon; 3, Prangall, ditto; res., McKay; hc, Prouten; c, Barnes. A.O.V.: 1, Yealland, lovely Black-headed Sibia; 2, 3, Yealland, fine pair yell. Budgerigars, and pair Pintailed Nonparcils, in fine feather.

HERTFORD F.S.

Annual show held in the Corn Exchange, Dec. 4. There was a nice display of cage birds, staged in a separate room; quality was very good. The hon. sec., Mr. F. Looker, made everything comfortable for the birds, and fulfilled the duties of his office with efficiency and courtesy. Cup for best bird was won by Mr. W. P. Smith, with a very smart Norwich hen. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

YORKS., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Nicholls, nice upstanding bird, good col. and qual., just a shade frilly, 2 another lively bird, hardly so good in taper, 3 neat, scarcely so good behind leg; res, Dickens. HENS (4): All Nicholls, the winner a well-formed sweet-headed yell., 2 and 3 also typical hens. NOR. CK. (6): All W. P. Smith, leader a full bodied buff, nice size and feather, 2 tkd., not quite so stout or so good in head, but nice col., 3 good qual. HENS (8): 1, cup, 3, res., vhc, hc, c, Smith, the leader a bonny tkd. buff, short in wings and tail, nice head, sound chest, short legs, and well filled in neck, just a trifle pale in col., quickly snapped up at the ridiculously low catalogue price of 7s. 6d., 3 varieg., nice full body, but too free in feather; 2, Nicholls, buff, good shape, just a little bit weak in head. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, Nicholls, leader yell. varieg. Can.-Goldie, fair size, 2 very similar, 3 buff ditto; res., Dawes. BRIT. (1): 1, Cook, large Jay, not in as nice feather as might be. FOR. (3): 1, Parker, Budgerigar, in nice plumage.

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VALE OF LEVEN.

Third annual show held in the Public Halls, Alexandria, Nov. 15. This hall is large and commodious, but not just an ideal hall for a bird show, as much wall space is lost through the light being blocked by a large gallery. The gate was on the top side of previous years, and entries were well ahead of any previous show held in the district. The management is of the best. Hon. vice-pres., Mr. J. W. Bell; pres., Mr. A. W. Donaldson; vice-pres., Mr. W. B. Gillies; and sec., Mr. A. H. McLean, are all of the 18-carat gold stamp, and are supported by a hard-working staff of fanciers, who make themselves conspicuous by their thoughtful attention to the exhibits. Mr. Gilmour the hon. pres., in a neat speech at the presentation of prizes, buoyed the members up to enthusiasm, and offered them a new cup for competition among the members. Needless to say, the gift was accepted with acclamation. The judges, Mr. A. McFarlane (Crossmyloof), Norwich and Crests; Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso), Borders; Mr. W. Webster (Greenock), Scotch Fancy; Mr. R. B. Gill, Yorks.; Mr. M. Craig, Brit. and For., got their work over in good time, and to the general satisfaction of all.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS, YELL. NOR. CK. (9): 1, 2, Todd, Bender very nice qual. and type, silky texture feather and stylish, just trifle unsteady; 2, well up, topping qual., beautiful type, not quite so massive build, still presses up; 3, Maltman, heavy var. in capital order, nice cobby make, not quite so hot in col., unsteady; 4, 6, McLean; 5, Davidson. BUFF (5): 1, McLean, lovely qual., best feather, sweet, neat, and typical, in perfection; 2, Todd, nice qual., in rare fettle, not quite so chubby, but nicely got up; 3, McLean, shade hotter in col., top qual. feather, just behind those in front at top end; 4, 5, Davidson. YELL HEN (4): 1, 3, McLean, 1st lovely lady in spanking order, not a ruffle, neat, shapely, cobby, wins nicely; 3, lovely qual., griz. top, steady, neat and typical, might have gone up a peg; 2, Todd, mass. body, nice carr., not quite so hot in col., and could do with more head and neck; 4, Davidson. BUFF (8): 1, Todd, A1 type, rare qual. feather, neat carr., shapely, finely staged; 2, Maltman, large, mkd. head and wing, not so cobby as leader, but neat and well filled in; 3, Lyles, well up in size and qual., fine head and full neck, close, good qual. feather, presses hard; 4, Barker; 5, no name; 6, McEwan. CREST (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Abraham, griz. top, A1 cond., fine feather, good subs., neat, shapely crest, finely staged; 2nd, similarly mkd., laid down in tip-top order, just behind in body subs. and headpiece; 3rd, heavy var. in nice order, not so massive in build, otherwise close on leaders; 5, 6, McDougall. C.B. (3): 1, 2, Mrs. McLean, leading with fine broken green in lovely feather, fine skull, nice entrance, staged in top style; 2nd, similarly mkd., not so large, still nice one; 3, McDougall, gr., just a trifle behind in subs. CL. OR TKD YELL. BORD. CK. (7): 1, 2, Campbell, 1st little beauty, all there for type and qual., jaunty shape, and fine carr. and style; 2nd nice one for type and qual., shapely, not quite so close in feather or well braced, still good; 3, spl., Buchanan, fine type, good feather, well braced together, not so sweetly moulded at top end; 4, Gillies; 5, Donaldson; 6, McEwan. BUFF (14): 1, 4, Donaldson, leader all there for qual., A1 trim, neat and clean cut, and feathered like boxwood; 2, 3, Campbell, 2nd little beauty, tight waxy condition, on somewhat finer lines than leader, and presses hard; 3rd, neatly made, fine little fellow, just a trifle open in feather, nothing behind otherwise; 5, McEwaus; 6, Buchanan. YELL. HEN (7): 1, sp, Buchanan, superb cond., neat, typical, and rare good qual. feather, fine carr. and style, wins easily; 2, 3, Campbell, 2nd neat and tight feathered, fine carr., just inclined to draw too much; 3rd, similar, not quite so tight up, fails a bit in carr.; 4, McEwau; 5, Gillies. BUFF (13): 1, Buchanan, regular little treat, fine qual. and best carr., neatly got up, fine mover; 2, spl, Donaldson, 2nd sweet one for type and qual., fine, neat, well-filled top end, rare feather, just inclined to cross at times; 3, spl, 4, spl, Campbell, leader nice head mkd., grand feather, neatly braced wings and close tail; 5, Campbell. EVEN MARK. (3): 1, 2, Gillies, leader fine qual. cinn. mark, in rare trim, topper for colour, neatly carried wings, trifle nervous; 2nd green mkd., fine feather, neat head and fine front, well up on leader in every respect; 3, Campbell, we could not find. UNEV. (12): 1, spl, 4, spl, Campbell, leader wee gem, neat, typical, stylish, well braced, silky feathered, in faultless bloom, wins well; 2, Buchanan, very nice one, equal in every respect to leader, save showing too much thigh; 3, spl, Donaldson, fine saddle mark, good trim, close, good body feather, nice wings and tail; 5, 6, spl, Gillies. SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, McAdam, leader topper for size and style, nice subs., good depth through, fine reach and drive; 2nd fine free worker, not so thick through, but very stylish; 3rd good one for size and subs., nice qual., not just so free as those in front; 4, McDougall. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, McAdam, fine team in capital order, laid down in creditable style. YELL HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, McAdam, again fine lot, staged to the best advantage; 4, McDougall. BUFF: 1, 2, McAdam, two of the right sort; 3, McDougall. YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, McColl, leader lovely blend of even col., nice style and action, good qual., wins; 2nd nice one for style and pos., fine qual., just trifle open at front, but otherwise good; 3, 4, Kinloch. 3rd capital length and stylish, nice shape and good carr., rather loose at front. BUFF (4): 1, Kinloch, nice one for type and qual., neat carr. and shapely, could do with a trifle more sub.; 2, McLean, topping type, A1 qual. feather, neat and clean fronted, nice top end, hard up on winner; 3, Manclark, plenty length, nice qual., fine leg and nice pos., just behind in carr.; 4, Donaldson. YELL. HEN (1): 1, McEwan, one of the right stamp, wins spl. and cup best Yorkie, beauty, and no mistake, typical, well drawn, and shapely, neat and tight in feather, smooth as glass, deserves the honour gained. BUFF (8): 1, 2, spl, McLean, 1st clean cut, typical, well drawn, neat carr. and fine style; 2nd hard up on leader at all points, only may be not just so close in feather; 3rd, spl, Kinloch, good all round, in nice cond., beaten in type here; 4, spl, Mitchell; 5, McColl; 6, Melville. MULE (7): 1, Todd, large mass. Greenie, in top condition, fine col., perfect feather, steady, wins well; 2, 5, McColl, leader fine Linnet cross, nicely mkd., fine feather, nice size, nicely laid down; 3, Donnelly, fine little specimen, in topping good cond., looks like Redpoll cross; 4, Bennie; 6, no name. HYB. (1): 1, Trotter, Goldie Bullie, fine size and subs., not clean moulted yet, and will improve. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, spl, Taylor, nice Silver Lizard, in rare fettle, fine pencilling, nicely rowed, wins easily; 2, McEwan, Border; 3, McEwan, col.-fed var. buff Nor., in fine condition; 4, McColl. OLD BIRD, YELL. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Todd, medal best P.H., massive built, mnlig, lovely bloom, hot even col., grand qual., nice type, best of carr., will improve a bit yet; 2, 5, Lilies, leader well up for size, type, and col., nice qual., good carr., not just the broadth across front; 3, McLean, lovely hot even col., topper for qual., neat, cobby, got up, only behind in carr.; 4, Davidson; 6, McIntyre. BUFF (11): 1, McLean, nice one for subs., fine level col., nicely mealed, nice shape and cobby build, fine head, thick set neck carried on broad, deep front, wins well; 2, McIntyre, well up in subs. and type, cobby, well filled in, just failing in carr. of wings; 3, Todd, up to the scratch for size and shape, nice silky feather, neat carr., might just be shade fuller at neck; 4, Roxburgh; 5, Davidson; 6, Watson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Maltman, clinking varieg., short, cobby, nicely coupled, good subs., fine feather, all there; 2, 4, 5, spl, McLean, 2nd fine size and subs., good qual., could do with more head; 3, Todd, all there for type, qual., and neat carr., lacks the necessary subs.; 6, spl, McIntyre. BUFF (13): 1, 5, Todd, nice, large, cobby, good qual., shapely, cap mkd., laid down to win; 2, Caulfield, heavy varieg., grand feather, short cobby, looked trifle soft; 3, 4, McLean, leader nice qual. varieg., massive, nicely braced wings and tail, just fails at top end; 6, Davidson. CREST (6): 1, Ritchie, massive varieg., abundance feather, rare crest, fine droop and even radiation, wins well; 2, Bennie, even wing mark D.C., well up in subs., and body feather, but behind in top piece; 3, McDougall, similarly mkd., nice all-round one, in good order, lacks subs. C.B. (4): 1, McDougall, large Gr., in first-class condition, close feather, nicely staged, 2, Ritchie, heavy varieg., topper for subs., fine lash, good entrance, must have pressed; 3, Mrs. McLean, var., plenty body subs., close feather, nice lofty skull, could he shade better in entrance; 4, Abrahams. BORD. CLR. OR TICK. YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, J. McEwan, champion cond., neat and good, just faulty in head, otherwise a beauty; 2, Buchanan, perfect feather, better head than leader, and pressed hard; 3, McCafferty, nice qual., sweet type, good carr., fails at throat; 4, 5, Gillies; 6, R. McEwan. BUFF (12): 1, Donaldson, clinking, typical, and stylish little gentleman, fine jaunty gait, clean cut, staged in full bloom; 2, spl, 6, Campbell, 2nd little treat, in the pink, neat and shapely, perfect carr., runs hard up; 3, Buchanan, rather stronger built, but shapely in body and fine in carr., might be trifle better at throat; 4, 5, spl, McDougall. YELL HEN (9): 1, Buchanan, lovely order, neat, jaunty, and good throughout, wins well; 2, spl, Donaldson, lovely qual. feather, deep even col., grand qual. and type, might be shade better in neck; 3, McCafferty, nice one for shape and style, rather open in feather; 4, Gillies; 6, McDougall. BUFF (2): 1, Campbell, beauty, staged in the pink, neat, sweet, and jaunty; 2, Gillies, nice one, well up on winner, little too close. EVEN MARK (2): 1, McLean, capital, stylish, cinn. mark, A1 cond., neat body and carr., a trifle unsteady; 2, McDermid, lovely Gr. mark, nice qual. feather, looking a bit soft when we saw it. UNEVEN (10): 1, Buchanan, topper, clinking marking, fine shape, and well drawn, clean cut, typical body, nice appearance; 2, spl, McLean, in close pursuit of winner, neat and tightly dressed in Nature's best, hard up; 3, 4, 6, Gillies, 3rd good representative in fine garb, well up for qual., trifle unsteady; 5, McDermid. SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (5): 1, gold medal, 2, 3, 4, McAdam, capital team, in very fit condition, carry all before them, in splendid fashion; 5, Gillies; 6, Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 4, McAdam, grand trio, lovely condition, all there for size and subs., fine type and rare depth through; 3, McLean, nice one, in rare fettle, nice worker, but beaten in this company; 5, Gillies. YELL. HEN (5): 1, McAdam, very stylish lady, nice subs., fine reach, good shoulder, nervy, wins in spanking fashion; 2, McLean, nice one for style, fine top end, neat and shapely, not so prominent in drive, but well up; 3, Taylor, nice one for qual. and style, not quite the subs. of those in front, still good; 4, Gillies; 5, McDougall. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 5, McAdam, another fine trio in capital order; 2, McLean, in rare order, fine reach and drive, not quite so massive as leader, but nice and well placed; 4, Taylor; 6, Gillies. YORKS. YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, 6, McColl leader lovely cond., nice silky feather, even shade col., neat, and well braced wings and tail, good subs.; 2, spl, McLean, not so deep in col., but rare length, fine type, clean fronted; 3, spl, Ritchie, fine one for qual. and length feather, nice poser, might be a shade cleaner at front; 4, spl, Kinloch; 5, Walker, BUFF (2): 1, Donaldson, lovely silky feather, sweet qual., neat and shapely, fine length and style, wins well; 2, Manclark, lengthy, fine subs., grandly folded wings and tail. YELL. HEN (2): 1, McLean, real beauty, in best of feather, clean fronted, neat and finely drawn, takes nice pos., fine legs, good carr.; 2, Manclark, fine, rich, good qual. feather, nice type, and well braced. BUFF (6): 1, McLean, rare length, fine feather and subs., stylish; 2, McColl, well up on winner, fine shape, cleaner at front, but behind in subs., runs well up; 3, Ritchie, fine length, nice type, could be staged to better advantage; 4, 6, Mitchell; 5, Kinloch. MULE (10): 1, McLean, grand, lightly mkd. Goldie, spotless bloom, showing cross well, fine face, wins; 2, McCafferty, massive jonque Greenf., in lovely order, perfect feather, nice rich olive green, fine yell. wings, good one, steady; 3, Hannah, lightly mkd. Goldf, mule, good qual. and nice feather, lacks the col. of those ahead; 4, Maltman; 5, Todd; 6, McDonald. HYB. (2): 1, McLean, capital Goldie-Bullie in tip-top order, plenty subs., fine col., nice Nor. type, and steady and fit; 2, Scullion, nice Goldie-Greenie, in fine feather, good size, nice shape, and laid down in faultless condition, A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, McEwan; 2, McGowan; 3, Maltman. SELL., 15/- (8): 1, Todd; 2, Hannah; 3, Maltman; 4, Taylor; 5, Ritchie; 6, Manclark. 7/6 (7): 1, 4, McEwan; 2, Davidson; 3, Todd; 5, Donaldson; 6, Maltman. GOLDF. (17): 1, Hannah, regular little beauty, rich, deep, square cut crimson blaze, fine wings, nice buttons, rich chestnut col., pure whites, one of the best on the warpath; 2, McLean, again a topper, quite the equal of winner, and must have been difficult to separate; 3, McIntyre, nice Finch, not up in col. yet; 4, Malton; 5, spl, Trotter; 6, Taylor. BULLF. (6): 1, Hannah, not a monster, but rare feather and nice col., rich body col., rich jet bars and cap, wins well; 2, Begg, nice one, good size and subs., behind in staging; 3, McColl, quite good, but very unsteady; 4, McIntyre; 5, Maltman; 6, Kerr. H.M. LINNET (13): 1, McIntyre, large, richly pencilled, nice nutty col., rare subs., fine type and steadiness, wins; 2, McLean, fine cond., not so massive or rich in pencilling, still good; 3, Trotter, good one, rich, neat pencilling, a little more size would be great help

WHITBURN.

8th annual show, held Dec. 6. Entries totalled over 300. There were many shows being held over Scotland same day, which, no doubt, curtailed the entries in Borders; Greens and Cinnamons made a great show in themselves, over 80 exhibits being staged of these alone, some grand specimens being amongst them, and Mr. W. Wilson, Hamilton, was very happy in his selections. Norwich had only 51 entries in 12 classes, but some grand quality was to be seen. British mustered 121 entries for 21 classes, a poor response to the classification put in to satisfy British bird exhibitors in the district. Messrs. Stuart and Dalling secured the handsome Ure cup for most points with 6 nom. birds, and had quite a field day. With 8 entries they secured 5 firsts and 3 seconds. B.F.C.C. medal for best Member's Border went to D. Whitelaw; novice medal, J. Wood; confined sp., Wm. Lambie; Nor. confined sp. also Crests, R. Lambie; Brit. confined, R. Calder. The management is well known to be of the best, and this year was no exception. Everything was up-to-date and well supervised by the worthy Sec., Mr. R. Lambie, whose untiring efforts were worthy of better support. Judges were: Nor. and Brit., J. Strachan, Bathgate; Borders, Mr. W. S. Wilson, Hamilton.

The Critique.

CREST (4): 1, Binnie, G.C., fine top piece, nice leafy crest, well shown; 2, sp, Davie, same type, close up for size, shade open in feather; 3, 4, R. Laiobie, large green and buff, put down in nice order. C.B. (3): 1, Chalmers, large green, nice size and qual., wins; 2, sp., R. Lambie, in rare order, well staged; 3, Binnie, good size and subs., nice shape. YELL. CK. except GR. (6): 1, Scobbie, yell., large shapely body; 2, Chalmers, large varieg., put down in perfect order, might have gone up; 3, Robb, similar to winner; 4, Shields; 5, Robb; 6, Rogers. BUFF (1): 1, Chalmers, eye mkd., grand cood. YELL. HEN except GR. (1): 1, R. Lambie, cl., in nice order. BUFF (4): 1, Chalmers, great size and subs., grand head and front; 2, Calder, smaller than winner; 3, Rogers, nice head and good qual.; 4, Shields. UNFLI. CK. (6): 1, Scobbie, large bird, in good order, wee bit narrow in head; 2, McEwan and Maltman, good size, nice head and wings; 3, Reid, good size and qual.; 4, 5, 6, R. Lambie. HEN (5): 1, Chalmers, grand size and shape, nice wings, lovely cond.; 2, Davie, varieg., nice jaunty style, in grand order; 3, McEwan, good size and shape; 4, 5, R. Lambie. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Reid, cl., grand size and subs.; 2, Robb, good size and qual., nice wings; 3, Marlin, nice shape, fine cond.; 4, Reid; 5, Wightman; 6, Anderson. HEN (6): 1, Anderson, large buff, good shape, nice wings; 2, Weir, bit lucky here, we thought; 3, Robb, cl., nice shape, in grand cond.; 4, Chalmers; 5, Shields; 6, Lambie. CINN. or GR. (7): 1, Stewart and Dalling, large upstanding exhibit, in nice order; 2, Aitken, shade less in size to winner, all there for col.; 3, Chalmers, good one, put down in grand order; 4, Dunlop; 5, Gowans. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Patterson, grand size, nice head, well drawn body, in rare order; 2, Gentleman, good stamp, in nice order, good all-round exhibit; 3, R. Lambie, fine length and good front; 4, Marshall; 5, Wightman; 6, Murphy. BUFF (10): 1, Patterson, good qual. of feather, shining like silk, nice win; 2, Woods, good one for shape and polish, in the pink; 3, Ramage, rare stamp, nice feather and finish; 4, Forrest; 5, Marshall; 6, Gentleman. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 5, Gentleman, leader a good one, rare head, splendid body, nice shape; 2, Forrest, good cond., close up on winner; 3, R. Lambie, fails in pos. to winner; 4, Wood; 6, Patterson. BUFF (7): 1, Patterson, nice chest, nicely moulded bird, wins; 2, Shields, sweet wee model, nice head, rare polish; 3, Williams, nice quality, wins on condition; 4, R. Lambie, close up; 5, Linn; 6, Murphy. YELL. GR. CK. SELF (11): 1, Johnston, wee beauty, staged to perfection; 2, 3, W. Lambie, 2nd close up, loses a bit in shape and condition; 3rd, similar in type, nicely staged; 4, R. Lambie, good type and qual., well finished; 5, Reid; 6, A. and W. Thomson. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Johnston, clinker, in the pink; 2nd, rare col., nice head and neck; 3, Marshall, grand qual., feathered like wax; 4, Whitelaw, 5, Lumsden; 6, W. Lambie. GR. HEN (10): 1, Johnston, glorious feather, well cut, carries wings to perfection; 2, 4, W. Lambie, grand col., very steady, in nice order; 3, Livingston, shapely, sweet head and wings; 5, Reid; 6, Whitelaw. CINN. COCK, SELF. (15): 1, W. Lambie, gem for type and quality, nice round head, sweet exhibit; 2, Glass, fuller type, shade thick in waist, still in nice order; 3, Whitelaw, smart, stylish, free and jaunty carr.; 4, Patterson; 5, Marshall; 6, Johnston. HEN (17): 1, Whitelaw, smart typical bird, grand style, a real beauty; 2, Dunsmore, grand type, lovely head and neck, good one; 3, Johnston, grand type and style, nice col. and qual.; 4, A. and W. Thomson; 5, W. Lambie; 6, Glass. CINN. or GR. (10): 1, Gentleman, grand one, lovely qual., type and style; 2, Ramage, not so typical as winner, still in rare order; 3, W. Lambie, another good one, close up for style and cond.; 4, Whitelaw; 5, Young; 6, Lambie. A.O.V. CK. (3): 1, Williams, sweet jaunty exhibit, wins on condition; 2, Johnston, sweet head, nice wings, close up; 3, R. Lambie, in lovely order. HEN (7): 1, Wood, wing mk., nice one, in lovely cond., wins; 2, Patterson, close up on winner, lovely polish; 3 Williams, nice shape, rare cond.; 4, 6, Gentleman; 5, Kennedy. GOLDF. (7): 1, Dalling and Stewart, grand Finch, nice blaze, clean cut, solid in col., tanning and polish, wins; 2, Wallace, bit larger in size, good blaze, not in condition of winner; 3, 4, Calder, fair Finch, bit unsteady, still a nice one; 5, Scobbie; 6, Grant. BULLF. CK. (2): 1, Wallace, nice cobby body, good size and shape, grand back and wings, well shown; 2, Calder, similar, close up. HEN (3): 1, Calder, good one, grand cap, nice bib, fine body col., good win; 2, Reid, fine size well staged, extra good one; 3, Calder, neat, shade narrow in skull, all there for cond. LINNET (4): 1, Stewart and Dalling, well known winner, still looking fit, staged to perfection; 2, Sinclair, nice Linnet, good col., open in breast; 3, Bell, scarcely so good in col. or cond.; 4, Watson, could have gone up here if shown better. F.M. (9): 1, Calder, grand one, well laced, nice head, good cond.; 2, 4, R. Lambie, very steady; 3 Reid, good shape, nice pencil work, wee shade restless; 5, Peden and Ashcroft; 6, Johnston. GREENF., H.M. (6): 1, Stewart and Dalling, noted winner in the pink, often described, grand polish; 2, 6, Calder, well beaten here, still in good order; 3, sp, Sharp, Uddingston winner, fails in size and shape to winner, well shown; 4, McKechnie; 5, Turnbull. F.M. (6): 1, Showler, not too large, nice body colour, nicely shown; 2, 5, Connachan, good sized Finch, rough in feather; 3, McKigan, nicely coloured Finch, tip-top cond., our choice for 2nd; 4, Calder; 6, Lambie. GREENF. HEN (6): 1, Orr, good big hen, in nice condition; 2, Steven, shade narrow in skull; 3, Watson, loses in size and shape to winner; 4, Small; 5, Livingston; 6, Weir. LESSER REDPOLL (4): 1, Marlin, nice size, well up in col., grand chest and head, all over a good Poll; 2, Harper, hardly so large, nicely mkd., close up; 3, Lyall, paler in col. than winner, very steady; 4, Southern; 5, Allan; 6, Brownlee and Cook. F.M. (14): 1, Connachan, Avonbridge winner, dense cap and bib, nicely laced, fine size and shape; 2, Lambie, sweet shape, grand tone of col., nicely laced, close up here; 3, Calder, lovely markings, nice tone of col., perfect cond.; 4, Bell, grand size, in perfect order; 5, Calder; 6, Marlin. MEALY OR TWITE (4): 1, 2, Calder, 1st nice size, good condition, nice flank marks, easy first; 2nd, smaller; 3, Bell; 4, Calder. SISKIN (7): 1, Calder, tip-top Siskin, lovely cond., nicely pencilled, with care will annex a few more red tickets; 2, Stewart and Dalling, shade smaller, but all there for col. and cond., well placed; 3, Calder, real nice one, but not quite the quality of winners; 4, Harper; 5, Peden and Ashcroft; 6, Watson. BRAMBLE or CHAFFINCH (6): 1, Calder, good Bramble, wins on cond., steady as a rock; 2, 3, Sykes; 4, Spence; 5, Southern; 6, Bell. BUNTING (4): 1, Stewart and Dalling, grand Yellowhammer, in perfect condition, easy win 2, Sinclair; 3, Calder; 4, Small. HEN BRIT. (3): 1, Sharp, nice exhibit, but could have given way to 2, Gentleman, Hawfinch, noted winner, in the pink of condition, hard lines here; 3, Peden and Ashcroft. DK. MULE: 1, sp, Scobbie, Goldie Mule, good one, shapely body, bit snaky in head and neck, nicely polished; 2, Bell, Linnet Mule, a trifle more shapely, better coloured all over, grand condition; 3, sp, 6, Steven, Goldie Mule, rich col. and markings, nice qual.; 4, Martin; 5, Gentleman. LIGHT (2): 1, Bell, varieg. Mule, grand order, well staged; 2, Turnbull, just lacks polish of winner, similar in size and shape.

VALE OF LEVEN.—Continued.

here; 4, Rafferty; 5, Storrie; 6, Malton. F.M. (6): 1, Trotter, capital feather, richly pencilled, nutty brown col., pure whites, could be steadier; 2, Roxburgh, nice one for size and cond., more steady than winner, but not so richly pencilled, good 2nd; 3, Russell, nice pencilling, but unsteady, prefers the bottom of the cage; 4, Malton; 5, McColl; 6, Currie. GREENF. (14): 1, 3, Todd, leader clinking order, fine col. and nice wings, perfect feather, very steady; 3rd in rare fettle, and holds pos. in good style; 2, rotter, nice nat. col., tight and perfect in feather, runs well up on leader; 4, Bennie; 5, McGowan; 6, Hanuah. SISKIN (16): 1, White, lovely col. jonque, steady, and staged well, nice cap and bib, fine distinct wing bars, good feather; 2, McEwan, nice sized, nat. col., neatly mkd, capital cond.; 3, spl, McBride, regular little beauty, fine condition, just fails subs.; 4, McIntyre; 5, Ritchie; 6, Gibson. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (12): 1, Gibson, fine Twite, nice feather, nutty brown col., finely pencilled, nice size and steady; 2, Bennie, capital Mealy, faultless cond., nicely placed in this company; 3, McIntyre, well up in size, but not quite so steady or rich in col. as leader; 4, 5, Hannah. LESSER REDPOLL (21): 1, 5, spl, Hannah, fine H.M., A1 trim, feather like boxwood, steady and perky; 2, McEwan, champion little F.M., in top cond., lovely cap and nicely pencilled flanks, steady, in fine feather; 3, Trotter, very nice one, little behind the others; 4, Gibson; 6, Storrie. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (5): 1, 2, McLean, Chaffinch and Bramble respectively, all there for size and col., steady, perfect feather; 3, Trotter, fine Chaffie, nice col., not quite the subs. of leader; 4, Kerr; 5, Gillies. BUNTING (4): 1, Trotter, fine Snow in full bloom, steady, well up in col., good one, fine size and markings; 2, Gillies, good one, nicely mkd., steady, fine feather; 3, McLean; 4, White. A.O. HARDBILL (1): 1, McLean, grand Hawfinch in perfect feather, steady as a rock, fine bib, nicely blended col., of pleasing hue, like glass. SOFTBILL (3): 1, McEwan, lovely Song Thrush, in fine feather, nicely spotted breast and fine ground col.; 2, 3, Kerr, Pied Wagtail and Starling, in faultless feather. HEN (9): 1, spl, Malton, capital Bullie in rare feather, nice size and subs., nice col., deep jet cap and wing bars, steady and confiding, wins well; 2, Maltman, nice little Siskin, good cond., steady, well mkd.; 3, 6, McLean, former fine Bullie in nice feather, not so massive as winners; 4, Trotter; 5, McBride. FOR. GOLDF. (7): 1, spl, McDonald, topper all over, fine size and col., rich square cut blaze, fine rich, distinct markings, pure in whites, perfect feather; 2, McBride, very even in all points, and runs tight up on winner; 3, McLean, rich deep col., pure markings, best face of the lot, just behind a shade in subs.; 4, spl, Trotter; 5, Donaldson; 6, spl, Taylor. BULLF. (1): 1, McLean, perfect monster, all there, and in the pink of cond., not a ruffle in plumage, the right stuff. A.O.V. (2): 1, Mrs. McLean; 2, Donaldson.

DARVEL C.B.C.

This club, although only formed a year ago, have just held a most successful members' show, the entries exceeding in numbers any of the open shows held by Ornithological Societies in the district. The show was held in the Lesser Town Hall, Nov. 15. Scots were represented by such well-known veterans as Messrs. Ralston and Findlay, who turned out good teams, Mr. Ralston winning special for best. Honours in the British classes were pretty well distributed, T. Anderson winning sp. for best with a nice Song Thrush in grand bloom. D. Hopkins won in foreign with a pair of White Javas, a popular exhibit. Not the least interesting exhibit of this show was the large collection of British birds' eggs, shown by the Pres., Mr. N. Hopkins, which seemed to attract and impress the visitors. The show was well patronised by the public during the afternoon, and we congratulate the committee, from the President down, on the success of their first venture. Mr. Jas. Johnston, Kilmarnock, judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

NOR. CK. (8): 1, sp., T. Anderson; 2, Brown; 3, Allan. HEN (9): 1, Thomson; 2, Anderson; 3, Hopkins. 1913 (8): 1, 3, sp., Anderson; 2, Allan. BORD., YELL. (7): 1, Murdoch; 2, Nisbet; 3, Allan. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Murdoch; 3, Allan. 1913 (9): 1, sp., 2, Murdoch; 3, Allan. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, sp., Anderson; 2, Thomson; 3, Allan. 1913 (6): 1, Hopkins; 2, Bealon and Campbell; 3, Connell. GOLDF. (8): 1, sp., Shields; 2, Murdoch; 3, Thomson. BULF. (5): 1, Beaton and Campbell; 2, Murdoch; 3, Bennett. GREENF. (8): 1, Alston; 2, Hopkins; 3, Morton. LINNET (7): 1, sp., Beaton and Campbell; 2, Robertson; 3, Morton. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Hopkins; 3, Robertson; 3, Beaton and Campbell. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, sp., 3, Hopkins; 2, Alston. A.O. BRIT. CK. (10): 1, sp., 3, sp., Anderson; 2, Thomson. HEN (4): 1, sp., Thomson; 2, Aiton; 3, Morton. FOR. (5): 1, sp., 2, Hopkins; 3, Beaton and Campbell. JUVENILES, BRIT. (8): 1, sp., 2, C. Murdoch; 3, Connell. SCOTCH FANCY, CK. (5): 1, sp., 2, 3, Ralston. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Findlay. 1913 (6): 1, 2, 3, Ralston. SELL. CAN. (10): 1, 3, Anderson; 2, Beaton and Campbell. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Shields; 3, Robertson.

COALTOWN OF WEMYSS.

Fourth annual show held Dec. 6 in Victoria Hall, a very nice place for a show, but just on the small side, free from draughts, and with a good light. Entries came up very well, especially in Borders and British, where competition was very keen. Members' cup for most points was won by the Pres., Mr. D. Henderson, also B.F.C.C. medal. Gold medal for best novice Border was won by Mr. J. Stirling, while Mr. Mackie (Markinch) captured cup for most points in British. Everything worked smoothly, and no wonder, for the whole of the officials are a hard-working lot, from the pres. down; the society are indeed lucky to possess such a lot. Pres., Mr. D. Henderson, vice-pres., Mr. R. Storrar; treas., Mr. G. Whitbrook; committee, Messrs. H. Clelland, S. Allan, J. Coventry, A. Storrar, A. Dryburgh, G. Hutton, W. Smart, H. Christie, J. Dryburgh, W. Weir, and W. Colville; sec., Mr. J. Weir got through his work well for a beginner in the position. He was most obliging and courteous. The judges were:—Nor., Mr. A. Dickson; Bords. and Yorks., J. Hamilton; Mules, Brit., and For., Mr. T. Bell; and their awards seemed to meet with approval.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (5). 1, Murray, fine large round head, full neck, nice shape, good wings and tail, fine qual. and col., wins; 2, Barclay, tick, hardly so strong in head and longer in body, fine quality, nice wings; 3, Thomson, a bit long in barrel, fails head, crosses wings, badly in need of a wash; 4, McCue; 5, Scott. HEN (5): 1, Dempster, sweet head and neck, short chubby body, fine wings and tail, nice qual. and col., wins; 2, Scott, nice round body, fine wings and tail, mealy in col.; 3, Barclay, fine short round body shape, good wings and tail, bit too open in feather; 4, Bells; 5, Thompson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Barclay, grand head, neck and body, good col., fine wings and tail; 2, Ross, good head, neck, not so stout in body, grand col. and qual.; 3, Dryburgh, good head and neck, short stout body, rather patchy in colour; 4, Thomson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Weir and Hutton. HEN (8): 1, Paterson, cl., not one of the biggest, but very sweet, grand stamp all over, lovely quality, grand wing carr., nice salmon col., wins in a canter; 2, Strachan, good one, larger, fine head and neck, short stout body, good wings and tail, fails qual. to winner; 3, Barclay, good head and body shape, fine col. and qual.; 4, Smith; 5, Scott; 6, Dryburgh. YELL. VAR. (3): 1, Smith, wins, fine head and neck, short stout body, good wings and tail, nice colour; 2, Gibson, longer in barrel, fine qual. and col., in fine form; 3, Arnott, bit long in body, fine wings. BUFF (5): 1, Spence, clear win, grand head, fine short neck, short stout body, inclined to cross wings at times, fine qual., in grand order; 2, 3, Thomson, frequent winner, beaten to-day, fails head and neck to winner, short body, good wings and tail, a bit open in front; 3rd nice stamp of a hen, fine head, neck and body, presses; 4, Barclay; 5, Paterson. UNFLIG. CK. (15): 1, Smith, yell. var., fine head and neck, short stout body, fine wings and tail, good qual., rather poor col.; 2, 6, Spence, leader almost buff gr., short stout body, fine wings and tail, presses; 3, McCue, yell. var., fails a bit in head, longer in barrel, good wings, fine col. and qual.; 4, Langan; 5, Barclay. HEN (13): 1, Strachan, cl., extra strong head, good neck and body shape, fine wings, pale in col.; 2, 4, Langan, both vars., 2nd grand short stout body, lovely wing carr. and short tail, extra qual.; 3, Smith, yell. var., fine head and neck, longer in body, fails qual., fine wings; 5, Gibson; 6, Cooper. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, R. Thomson, cl. buff, some thought lucky, good head and body properties, but split in wings and not the best of carr., wants a wash; 2, T. Thomson, yell. gr., fails head and slimmer in body, good qual. and wings; 3, Cooper, buff gr., grand head and neck, good body and qual., fails wings, but our choice; 4, Peters. HEN (4) 1, Suthren, yell. var., good head and neck and body shape, good wings, bit open in feather; 2, Boag, var. yell., open in front; 3, Arnott, gr., good type and qual.; 4, Thomson. BORD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Brown, tick on side of head, nice head and neck, lovely body shape, grand wings and tail, lovely qual., very typical, wins; 2, Robertson, cl., sweet head, grand taper, lovely qual., fine wings and tail, in grand order; 3, Smith, cl., nice head, fine weight, lovely fitting wings; 4, McLean; 5, Wood; 6, Rodger. HEN (12): 1, Wilson, cl., fine weight, gem for type, fine wings and tail, lovely qual., wins; 2, Bennet, wing mark, presses, typical all over, lovely bloom, nice wings; 3, Coventry, mkd. both eyes, hardly so typical, fine qual., grand order; 4, Paterson; 5, Beveridge; 6, Voy. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Bennet, beauty, grand weight, topper for qual., shade flat on back, grand taper, beautiful order; 2, Henderson, hard up, grand taper, sweet head and neck, grand qual., splendid wing and tail carr.; 3, Fotheringham, still another good one, hardly so good in body taper, fine qual. and wings; 4, Crabb and Finlayson; 5, Duncan; 6, Beveridge. CL., ETC., BUFF HEN (10): 1, Bennet, mkd. on head, and heavy mark on neck, many considered it a varieg., sweet head and neck, fine taper, shade flat on back, fine wings and qual.; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, not so typical, and hardly the qual. of winner, still sweet exhibit; 3, Rodger, sweet head, not so well drawn in body, and crosses wing tips; 4, Henderson; 5, Beveridge; 6, Voy. VAR. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 4, Henderson, a grand one, lovely rounded front, grand texture of feather, fine wings and pipe tail, wins; 2, Smith, fine weight, lovely type and qual., presses hard; 3, Brown, still another good one, close up, fine rounded on front, nice qual., sweet head, fine wings and pipe tail; 4, Paterson; 5, Wilson; 6, Duncan. HEN (7): 1, Beveridge, grand style and col., lovely wing and tail, grand qual., nice sheen; 2, 4, Henderson, nice pose, very stylish, sweet qual., in grand order; 3, Norrie, a sweet one, put down in fine order, nice type, lovely wing carr. and qual.; 5, no name; 6, Coventry. VAR. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Douglas, sweet model in grand order, very stylish, nice taper, fine folded wings and pipe tail, lovely qual.; 2, Crabb and Finlayson, a very hot race, same stamp, hardly the qual. of feather, very typical; 3, Henderson, sweet head and neck, grand taper, lovely bloom; 4, Marr; 5, Paterson; 6, Peters. HEN (12): 1, Stirling, a little gem, wins novice medal, sweet head and neck, grand pose, fine rounded front, grand folded wings and tail; 2, Wood, grand taper, lovely qual. and stamp, hard up, fine wings and tail; 3, Thomson, fine head, neck, and body, lovely qual. and wings; 4, Bennet; 5, Peters; 6, Purvis. Even MARK (3): 1, Suthren, yell., grand shape and qual., fine wings and tail, run one side; 2, Coventry, buff, not so neat in eye markings, fine type and qual. GR. OR CINN. (8), all green in tickets; 1, 3, Thomson, grand type, lovely taper, nice pencil markings, and lovely shade of col.; 3rd, fails stamp, fine wings, nice col., and markings; 2, Douglas, not so well rounded on front, fine qual. and col., nice pencilling; 4, Fisher; 5, 6, Henderson. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 6, Bell, straight as a rush, nice head and neck, grand tapered body, lovely wing, well laid on, gets well up on legs; 2, 5, Kinnear, grand pos., well up on leg, fine qual., loses in wings; 3, Reilly, hardly the size of leaders, a bit open in front, fine style; 4, Christie. HEN (2): 1, 2, Henderson, lovely pos., grand qual., well up on leg; 2nd, same stamp. CL. BUFF CK. (2): 1, 2, Reilly, grand length, lovely taper, nicely rounded on front, nice wings, well up on legs; 2nd, fails length. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Henderson, 1st, grand length, straight as pencil, in grand order, lovely qual., nice legs; 2nd, not the same length, but good otherwise, grand qual.; 3, Christie, nice wings and tail, good legs. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Reilly, grand length, straight as a rush, fine qual., nice wings and tail, well up on leg; 2nd, fails qual., nice pos. and swagger; 3, Christie, not so well on legs, lovely qual. A.O.V. (6): 1, Robertson, cl. cap Gold Liz., nice even cap, spangle very regular, lovely rowing, wins; 2, 4, Thomson, Silver Liz., fails cap, and not so well rowed on back; 3, Kiddie, gr., good head and body, fine qual.; 5 Suthren; 6, Horley. COM. CAN. (10): 1, Duncan, 2, 6, Bell; 5, Duncan; 4, Kinnear; 5, Cockburn. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, McLean, Goldie-Bullie, fine size, lovely face and breast, shows parentage well, in grand bloom; 2, no name, var. buff Goldie, good size and colour, lovely qual., in the pink; 3, Thomson, Linnet-Bullie. DARK (8): 1, McLaren, Goldie, fine flush, good qual. of feather, grand col., in best of bloom; 2, Dewar, Greenie, big bold upstanding bird, nice markings and col.; 3, Kiddie, Siskin, nice cap and flank lacings, lovely col., in best of cond.; 4, Wood; 5, Stormar; 6, Cooper. LINNET, F.M. (10): 1, Ross, grand size, lovely Norwich type, fine col., nice breast markings and whites; 2, Robson, not so large, better col., equally good breast, fine distinct whites; 3, Nicol, fails size, and not so distinct on breast; 4, Greig; 5, Philip and Sons; 6, Dryburgh. H.M. (12): 1, Thomson, fine size good type, pale col., nice markings and whites; 2, Waugh, smaller, nice shape and markings on breast, fails flanks a bit and whites; 3, Muir and Heenan, not so large as winner, better col., markings more distinct, tails sheen, fine type; 4, Philip and Sons, 5, Lister; 6, McLean. GOLDF. (8): 1, Anderson, well known, grand flush, fine cut blaze, grand tanning, bars, and buttons, wins; 2, Mackie, fails tans, fine face and wings, in fine order; 3, Spittal, fails flush and tans, nice shape, good wing bars and buttons 4, Thomson; 5, Lister; 6, Burt. BULLF. (8): 1, Low, nice cap, lovely rich breast col., grand bars and back col., in fine order; 2, no name, better cap, fails breast col., and not so neat bars, in even better condition; 3, Sykes, good cap, fails breast and back col., nice bars, in good order; 4, 5, Mackie; 6, Whitbrook and Allan. GREENF., NON-FED (14): 1, spl. best Brit., 4, Mackie, monster of a buff, great head and body, nice bold markings, fine shade of col., in topping order; 2, Thomson, yell., fine head, fails body shape, fine bars, lovely qual. of feather; 3, W. Thomson, buff, not so massive, but fine stamp and markings; 5, Adamson; 6, Spittal, jun. FED. (8): 1, Anderson, red-hot col., fine markings and qual., in grand order; 2, Kiddie, fails size and col., nice markings, in fine trim; 3, no name, not the stamp of leaders, fails qual.; 4, Dryburgn; 5, A. Dryburgh; 6, Storrar. SISKIN (15): 1, Sykes, grand cap and bib, cobby, nice bars and lacing, shown in grand order, yell., col. fed.; 2, Wood, not much between them, col. fed yell., nice dense cap and bib, good lacings, fails bars; 3, Burt, yet another fed yell., not so neat cap and bib, fails flanks; 4, McGregor and Boyd; 6, Boag; 5, Whitbrook and Allan. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Spittal, very neat, good col. and markings; 2, Greig, fails bib and col. a bit, good lacing and size; 3, Whitbrook and Allan, good bib, nice col. and cond.; 4, Nicol; 5, Campbell; 6, Lister. MEALY OR TWITE (6): 1, 4, Muir and Heenan, Twites, leader fine size and markings, nice whites, shade pale in colour; 2, Campbell, Mealy, well known, nice size and grand lacings; 3, Mackie, Twite, smaller, and not so well mkd. on breast, better col.; 5, Thomson; 6, Whitbrook and Allan. BRIT. HEN (13): 1, 6, Mackie, Bullie, often described, a gem; 2, Lister, Yellowhammer, grand size and markings; 3, Rose, Chaffie, fine size, grand col. and markings; 4, Storrar; 5, Whitbrook and Allan. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (8): 1, Reid, well known Bramble, in grand order, great size; 2, 3, Sykes, Chaffie, our choice, in spring plumage, lovely whites, and breast col., grand head, and a big one; 3rd, Bramble, fails spangle and size to winner, grand bloom: 4, Nicol; 5, Millar; 6, Mackie. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, McLean, Bearded Tit, best size and col., nice streaks, in fine order; 2, Whitbrook and Allan, fails size and streaks, good col. and cond.; 3, Millar, fails size and streaks, and not so well put down; 4, Storrar, Cole Tit. LARGE (6): 1, Sykes, well known Hawfinch, grand form; 2, Storrar, Ring Ouzel, a little irregular in crescent, in fine order, great size and col.; 3, Nicol, Thrush, good order, good breast; 4, T. Nicol; 5, Malcolm; 6, Storrar. BUNTING (5): 1, Robertson, yellow, wants two claws one foot, nice head and body markings, nice shade of col., great size; 2, Lister, Corn, fine size and nice markings, in fine form; 3, no name, Yellowhammer, fails size and markings; 4, Whitbrook and Allan; 5, Mackie. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, Arnott, fine size, nice blaze, good tans and bars, in fine trim; 2, Boag, close up, fails flush and tans, good bars; 3, Marshall, fails size of face, good col. and bars; 4, Hutchison; 5, McLean. A.O. FOR. (3): all Storrar, in grand order.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Annual members' show held Nov. 29 at Old Boar's Head, Manchester. Sixty birds, in four classes, were judged by Messrs. Wareing and Massey, whose awards gave general satisfaction. A splendid muster of members, including those from Manchester, Wrexham, Oldham, Bury, Bolton, Sheffield, and Newcastle were present. Over 40 members stayed to the monthly meeting. Mr. Wareing presiding. A discussion, re the present judging standard, took place; Messrs. Lyons, Wareing, Mawhood, Tomlinson, Massey, Johnson, and several others took part in the debate, and some very interesting and useful information came from it. After nearly an hour's discussion it was passed that the present judging standard be not altered.

1913 BRED CHAMP.: 1, sp, Ives, 25 points; 2, sp, Oldroyd, 24 points; 3, sp, Wirth, 24 points; 4, Kilshaw, 20 points. NOV.: 1, sp, Morris, 24 points; 2, sp, Smith, 23 points; 3, sp, Percival, 23 points; 4, Brook, 22 points. AMAT.: 1, 2, 2sps, Percival, 23 and 22 points; 3, Robinson, 20 points; 4, Smethwick, 20 points. ANY AGE: 1, sp, Heatherley, 28 points; 2, sp, Pericles, 23 points; 3, Routledge, 22 points; 4, Ives, 21 points.—A. Perçival, hon. sec.

ST. MARYCHURCH AND BABBACOMBE F.A.

Annual show held Nov. 26 in Town Hall. The cage bird section was stronger than usual, and we believe a record. Yorkshires took the lead, and some very smart birds were staged, most notably by Mr. J. H. Sanders, who carried off all four Yorkshire spls. A good many in this section lacked size and showed frills. Special for best in show fell to a Green Crested hen belonging to Mr. G. Williams. The management was all that could be desired, and everything went smoothly. This is not to be wondered at, as Mr. Bearne, the secretary, is ably assisted by Mrs. Bearne, while the chairman, Mr. Hamlyn, is the right man in the right place. A good working committee completes a fine set of officials. A pleasing opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Towill, the Mayor of Torquay, who was supported by many of the elite of the district. Mr. J. N. Jellery judged and gave satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, Clay, shapely, nice wings, fails rough on breast. BUFF: 1, Sanders, good col. and qual., frilly; 2, 3, Berry, 2nd nice bird but for bad breast; 3rd crosses wings. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Sanders, wins spl from clears, rich col. and qual., well folded tail, good wings, nicely drawn, long sided, head and neck mkd. yell.; 3rd lovely type, close feather, loses in qual.; 2, vhc Berry, good length, silky feather, wings slack. UNFLIG. CL. YELL.: 1, Berry, small, pale col.; 2, W. Clay, hot col., shows mealing, out of condition, grand type. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp, Sanders, head tkd. yell., grand size and cond. CL. BUFF: 1, spl, Sanders, neat wings and tail, soft feather, nice head; 2, Clay, lovely close feather, well mealed, nice head; 3, vhc, Berry, hot col., good wing carr. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Clay, grand type, lovely feather and finish, good head, a gem, fails size; 2, Sanders, similar to winner, just loses in head; 3, vhc, hc, Berry, cinn. mkd., too stout, nice feather. NAT. COL.: 1, sp, 2, Sanders, grand cond. and type, nicely frosted, like boxwood, but for size a stormer; 2nd yell., splendid qual.; 2, Bearne, yell., good size and length, too coarse in feather, grand stock bird; vhc, hc, c, Berry. NOR. YELL.: 1, Fox, shapely, nice feather. BUFF: 1, sp, Fox, hot colour, nice head and neck. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Fox, cl. buff, very shapely, 2nd ben, fails size. CREST: 1, 2, Williams, lightly varieg. crest, nicely finished, rich col.; 2, Stoulter, crest, in pipe feather. C.B.: 1, 2, Williams, almost green and heavy varieg., winner better type and lashing. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, also sp best in show, G. Williams, pied tail green hen, good subs., nice leafy crest; 2nd clear body, mkd. wings and tail, fails in subs., not ready. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Berry, yell. Belg., small and patchy in col. MULE: 1, sp, Fox, Dark Goldf.-Can., good size and blaze, grand cond.; 2, Skinner, varieg., same cross, lovely feather, loses size; 3, Bearne, also same cross, fails col. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Skinner, nice blaze and buttons, excellent cond.; 3, vhc, R. Wills, in soft cond.; hc, Bearne. BRIT. SMALL: 1, c, Skinner, Bullfinch, very shapely, lovely cap and breast, in pink of cond.; 2, Shepherd, Chaffinch, large, grand col., splendid whites in wing, wants steadying; 3, Fox, Greenf., neat shape, silky feather, unlucky to meet such toppers; vbc, Bastin; res, hc, c, Wills. LARGE: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Wills, grand Starling and two Thrushes; 3, Cribbet, Owl in lovely feather. LINNET: 1, Skinner, rich col.; 2, R. Wills, loses in col., nicely pencilled. FOR.: 1, sp, Parker, White Java in the pink of cond. SELLING: 1, Clay.

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BLYTH C.B.S.

7th annual show, held in St. John's Mission Hall, Nov. 8. Entries were about 60 in excess of last year, there being a big increase in Nor. Four bandsome specials were on view for the best four birds, and were won by Messrs. Marshall, Douglas, Hudspeth, and Richardson, with a Green Crest, Plainhead, Border, and Yorkshire. The secretarial duties again fell upon Mr. W. Marshall, the right man in the right place. Messrs. Hay, Berwick, and Stanger, Pelton Fell, judged, evidently to the satisfaction of all.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (16): 1, sp., Griffiths, hot-fed, deep chest, rare body; 2, Snowdon, rare type, grand wings, beaten in col.; 3, c, Dobbinson, neat, cobby Nor., grand skull, fails only in feather; 4, Scott; vhc, Hodgetts; hc, Richardson. MKD. (12): 1, sp., Douglas, grand varieg., massive head and chest; 2, J. Dixon, light wing-mkd., hot col., grand wings and tail, close up; 3, Snowdon, thigh tick, rare type, broad skull, heavy chest, beaten in feather; 4, Gibb; vhc, Dobbinson; hc, Scott; c, T. Marshall. CL. BUFF (23): 1, sp., J. Dixon, grand, massive bird, deep, shapely chest; 2, T. Dixon, grand shape, fine broad skull, close up; 3, Richardson, hot col., rare type, fails in feather; 4, Dobbinson; vhc, Henderson; hc, T. Marshall; c, Gibb. MKD. (18): 1, sp., also sp. 2nd best in show, and 3, Douglas, two toppers, varieg. leading, very deep, massive chest, grand body and wings, 3rd, Grizzle Cap, neat type, not so neat in chest; 2, vhc, Dobbinson, throat tick, grand col., rare type, neat head and wings, if anything a little weak in throat; 4, J. Dixon; hc, Richardson; c, Hodgetts. BORD., CL. YELL. (15): 1, sp., and 2, Hudspeth, two neat ones, rare col., leader best wings and tail; 3, vhc, Wilson, rare type, nice wing carriage, bare in eyes; 4, c, Young; hc, Long. MKD. (15): 1, sp., hc, Hudspeth, Grizzle Cap, leading, rare type, best of wings and tail; 2, Haskins, heavy varieg., well filled, in back, close up; 3, Wilson, cap mkd., nice boxy feather, neat type, fails a little in throat; vhc, W. Marshall; c, Richardson. CL. BULL (23): 1, sp., and sp., for 3, best in show, Hudspeth, grand type, silky feather, well rounded; 2, vhc, Wilson, grand, tight feathered, model, neat round head, close up; 3, Spratt, grand type, lovely body, but inclined to cross wings at times; hc, T. Marshall; c, Long. MKD. (15): 1, sp., 2, Hudspeth, left wing and thigh ticks, similar type, and grand, boxy feather, well polished; 3, Wilson, nice type, neck tick, grand body, hare in right eye; 4, Long; vhc, Wheatley; bc, Haskins; c, Gibb. MULE (6): 1, sp., 2, Wakenshaw, varieg. Goldie; 3, T. Marshall; dk. Linnet; 4, no name. LINNET (16): 1, sp., Allinson, steady, fine size, dense nut col. throughout, faint pencilling; 2, W. Marshall, better pencilled, not so steady, faint col. underneath; 3, vhc, Long, nice size, grand Spangled chest; 4, Young; hc, Younger; c, Spratt. A.O. BRIT. (20): 1, sp., Allinson, Bramble, nice Spangling, hot col., 2, Young, Goldie, rare face, dense col., grandly barred wings; 3, T. Dixon, Bramble, faint col. to 1st, 4, R. Straker; vhc, Elliot; hc, Haskins; c, Hodgetts. NOV. NOR. (14): 1, sp., Cannon, Tick Buff, hot col., rare type, 2, 3, Knowles, two good ones, correct type, 3, beaten in feather; 4, hc, Hutchinson, vhc, Teller; c, Henderson. BORD. (15): 1, sp., 4, Knowles, cl. buff, boxy feather, rare type, well staged for a novice; 2, Spratt, cl. yell., grand type, fails only in feather; 3, Hutchinson, cl. buff, neat head, well rounded body, inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, hc, Armstrong; c, Cannon. OLD. NOR. (7): 1, sp., Richardson, cl. yell., grand type, hot col., deep, massive chest; 2, Griffiths, cl. yell., fine broad skull, rare wings and tail, close up; 3, J. Dixon, nice Bullie stamp, well balanced wings, beaten in feather; 4, Elliott; vhc, T. Marshall; hc, Telfer; c, Scott. HEN (5): 1, sp., 3, Scott, cl. yell. and varieg. yell., grand pair, little to choose, leader better col.; 2, Cannon, cl. yell., nice type, grand head and wings; 4, T. Marshall; vhc, Hodgetts. BORD. CK. (10): 1, sp., 2, Hudspeth, buff and yell., both cls., same type, well staged; 3, Wheatley, cl. buff, boxy feather, rare head and chest, falls in back; 4, no name; vhc, Spratt; hc, Wilson; c, T. Marshall. HEN (8): 1, sp., vhc, Wilson, cl. buff, grand type, glossy feather, well staged; 2, 3, Hudspeth, nice pair, cl. buff and yell., similar to winner, yell. hardly so fine in feather; 4, W. Marshall; hc, Harkus; c, Wheatley. YORKS., CL. YELL. (10): 1, sp., 4, Wakenshaw, neat pair, leader better in body, carries wings more neatly; 2, hc, younger, rare col., nice type, fine moulded head; 3, vhc, Long, grand wing and tail, hardly so fine in chest; c, T. Marshall. MKD. (10): 1, sp., sp. for 4th best in show, Richardson, typical Yorkie, tight fitting wings, grand length; 2, Long, grand position, close, silky feather, neat tail; 3, Gibb, hardly the length, or richness of col., but neat body; 4, T. A. Dixon; vhc, Younger, hc, Wakenshaw; c, T. Marshall. CL. BUFF (11): 1, sp., Gibb, grand pos., well filled in back; 2, hc, Taylor, hot col., neat head, fine wings; 3, T. Marshall, typical, clean cut away, well put down; 4, Wakenshaw; vhc, Richardson; c, Younger. MKD. (12): 1, sp., Long, hot col., rare type, finely drawn body; 2, Richardson, grand length, fine wings and tail; 3, 4, Taylor, close pair, rare top ends, smaller than winners; vhc, T. Dixon; hc, Wakenshaw; c, T. Marshall. CREST (4): 1, sp., cup best bird, W. Marshall, massive green Crest, well radiated, nice droop, easy win; 2, T. Marshall, beaten in crest, but nice body; 3, Douglas, neat body, not so finely groomed in crest; 4, Wakenshaw. C.B. (4): 1, sp., T. Marshall, nice varieg., rare frontal, dense feather; 2, T. Dixon, hardly so dense, but fine body; 3, Douglas, grand body, beaten in skull; 4, Wakenshaw. GR. YELL. (8): 1, sp., T. Dixon; 2, Younger; 3, Griffiths; 4, Scott; vhc, Hudspeth; hc, c, Richardson. BUFF (8): 1, sp., vhc, Scott; 2, Griffiths; 3, Younger; 4, Douglas; hc, c, Hudspeth. A.O.V. (10): 1, sp., Younger; 2, 4, Harkus; 3, bc, Douglas; vhc, Hodgetts; c, Griffiths. SELL., YOUNG BIRDS (28): 1, sp., Griffiths; 2, T. Dixon; 3, Young; 4, Younger; vhc, c, Scott; hc, Wilson. OLD (6): 1, sp., T. Dixon; 2, Griffiths; 3, T. Marshall; 4, Allison; vhc, hc, W. Marshall. FOR. (5): 1, sp., Henderson, Spice bird, nicely speckled chest and body, grand condition; 2, vhc, Allison, Avadavats, in tip-top form; 3, Straker, Roseate Cockatoo; 4, Elliott. NOV., YORKS. (4): 1, sp., 4, Knowles, grand pair for a novice, winner excels in col.; 2, 3, Henderson, little to choose. A.O.V. (4): 1, sp., Armstrong; 2, 3, Elliott; 4, Cannon. OLD CRESTS (4): 1, sp., 2, 4, W. Marshall, grand team; 3, T. Marshall. YORKS., CK. (6): 1, sp., T. Marshall, hot fed buff, rare head, and well-rounded body; 2, W. Marshall, grand wings and tail, not so finely drawn; 3, Younger, grand length, fine position, fails in feather only; 4, T. Dixon; vhc, hc, Taylor. HEN (4): 1, sp., Allinson, typical, clear lady, rare carriage, grand feather; 2, T. Marshall, typical, nice top end, not so glossy in feather; 3, Knowles, very stylish, well staged; 4, W. Marshall.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show, Nov. 29, at Assembly Rooms. Entry numbered 55 birds. Mr. L. C. Casey (Bradford) judged, his awards giving satisfaction. Class 1: 1, 4, Denby; 2, A. M. Craven; 3, Priestly. Class 2: 1, Butterworth and Hardy; 2, Denby; 3, Townley; 4, Shaw. Class 3: 1, Denby; 2, A. M. Craven; 3, Shaw; 4, Townley. Class 4: 1, 3, A. M. Craven; 2, F. Craven; 4, Shaw. Class 5: 1, A. M. Craven; 2, Townley; 3, Denby; 4, Shaw. Class 6: 1, Denby; 2, F. Craven; 3, Dean; 4, Townley. Class 7: 1, 2, Shaw; 3, 4, Bailey. Points to count: S. Denby, 20; A. M. Craven, 20; E. Townley, 15; H. Shaw, 14; F. Craven, 13; Butterworth and Hardy, 10; W. Dean, 7; S. H. Bailey, 7; H. G. Priestley, 5.—H. Shaw, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second old bird show at Victoria Hotel, Nov. 19. Mr. J. Broadley judged, and gave general satisfaction. CHAMP. YELL.: 1, Towers; 2, Excell. BUFF: 1, Bradshaw; 2, Excell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Long; 3, Crosland; vhc, Towers; hc, Murgatroyd. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Murgatroyd; 3, Armstead; vhc, Grange. YELL. HEN: 1, c, Murgatroyd; 2, hc, Towers; 3, Bradshaw; vhc, Long. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, vhc, Crossland; 3, hc, Excell; c, Bradshaw. MKD. YELL.: 1, Long; 2, Grange. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, vhc, Grange; 3, Towers. CINN. MKD. HENS: 1, 3, Towers; 2, Armstead. NOVICE, CLASS 1: 1, Harrison; 2, Stirk; 3, Briggs; vhc, Cooper. CLASS 2: 1, 3, S. Excell; 2, Briggs; vhc, hc, Stirk; c, Tomlinson. CLASS 3: 1, Stirk; 2, Briggs; 3, Armstead; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Harrison. CLASS 4: 1, S. Excell; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, Stirk; hc, Cooper; c, Tomlinson.—E. Grange, sec.

BARNSLEY C.B.S.

Second members' show held at headquarters in the large club room, Clarence Hotel, Nov. 29. Mr. E. Radley judged, and gave entire satisfaction; 67 birds were staged, an increase of 12 on last show. Quality was of high order, some exceptionally good birds being on view. Mr. E. Toulson won most points in Yorks., Mr. J. Hinchcliffe novice, Mr. E. Thorpe Norwich, and Mr. E. Toulson Brit. The winning number drawn for the Canary kindly presented by Mr. J. Hinchliffe was 273.

CL. ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1 Toulson; 2, 3, Race; vhc, Atherton. BUFF: 1, c, Toulson; 2, Atherton; 3, vhc, hc, Race. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, Toulson; 3, Atherton; vhc, Race. BUFF: 1, 2, Toulson; 3, vhc, Race; hc, Atherton. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Toulson; 2, Atherton. BUFF: 1, Toulson; 2, 3, Race; vhc, Atherton. NOV. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Hinchliffe; vbc, c, Pilkington. BUFF: 1, vhc, Pilkington; 2, 3, hc, c, Hinchcliffe. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Thorpe; 2, hc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Thorpe. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Thorpe; 2, Hall. BUFF: 1, 3, Thorpe; 2, Heeley; vhc, hc, Hall. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Toulson; 3, Heeley; vhc, hc, Rapson. F.M. LINNET: 1 Toulson; 2, Rapson; 3, Illingworth; vhc, Heeley. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, c, Illingworth; 2, Heeley; 3, bc, Rapson; vhc, Toulson.—F. C. Sims, hon. sec.

MUSSELBURGH.

Held Dec. 6 in the Town Hall, which may scarcely be described as an ideal place, as, though judging tables could be arranged in a good position for light, yet certain sections were decidedly in the shade; and as some of the winners were benched so high as to necessitate the use of steps to reach them close inspection was not easy. We were informed that no other hall is available, and this is a matter for regret, as undoubtedly was found in limiting space here, notwithstanding the fact that 37 classes were omitted, and floating cages had to be resorted to. Entries were in advance of last year, especially in Borders. Norwich were well forward, and some of the cream were on view. Scotch only mustered 27 in 8 classes, and one can scarcely blame a management for a curtailment of this section unless the breeders support their efforts. British, Mules, and Foreign were rather disappointing, but we fear that Musselburgh is considered somewhat of the nature of a paper chase, by reason of the many champions emanating from local studios. Many of those fanciers who possess a single specimen are now staying at S.B.B.M.C. events, knowing the contest will be hot without holding out any extra inducements.

To say that the management was all that could be desired may sound weak, yet it means much, as nothing that could add to smooth working or the comfort of the exhibits was left undone. Mr. Hoyle is simply an ideal secretary, and when one mentions a Sykes-Moffat-Fleming Watts, etc., combination it means the last word in stewardship. Nothing occurred to mar the harmony, and the only regrettable happening was the absence of Mr. Jeffrey's birds, which were held up on the journey from Swansea, and only arrived when the show was closing. They were well attended to, and seemed little the worse, indeed we believe they would, even then, have entered a few positions of the red cards. The judges were: Scotch Fancy, Jas. Carson; Nor., J. Winter; Borders, J. Hislop; Brit., Mules, and Foreign, L. J. Arright; and their awards were well received. We would strongly advise the adoption of the slip method of printing catalogue, as the present system makes it impossible to know owner or price of exhibits till show is almost over.

The Evans Trophy was again won by J. Sykes with a fine Redstart, his champion Bramble being runner-up for Logan cup. The show was well patronised by the public, its situation being a decided asset in this direction, and most of the Lothian fanciers foregathered to indulge in that "gill gaff" which makes "guid freens."

The Logan Cup for best local members' bird was won by Mr. J. Smeaton; Sanditord medal, Mr. J. Taylor; Mr. D. Monat won the S.F.C. medal. Borders were forward in strong force, some real gems of the first water being staged. Mr. J. Patterson won the B.F.C.C. medal. Scotch Fancy classes were poorly filled, but excelled in quality.

The Canary Classes.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Maxwell, monster for size and shape, beautifully rounded head and front, A1 col.; 2, Craig, fine col. and qual., fails front to leader, nice bloom; 3, Watt, medium size, neat head; 4, Brash. BUFF (5): 1, Harper, grizzle head, grand subs. and qual., nice mealing; 2, Moffat, capital cl., grand type and qual., well laid on wings; 3, Harris, similar, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Fleming; 5, Skinner. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Gardiner, lovely front and head, excellent wing and tail carr., wins; 2, Fleming, shade longer in body, nice qual. feather and col.; 3, Harris, rare size and col., teeming with qual., well placed; 4, Stormont; 5, Stirling; 6, Laird and Matthew. BUFF (7): 1, Gardiner, lovely round head, fine thick neck, beauty for size and shape; 2, Watt, nice cl., good one for type and qual., in grand bloom; 3, Moffat, mat. col., A1 type, fine head and neck; 4, Currie; 5, Fleming; 6, Smeaton. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Harper, heavy varieg., teeming with col. and qual., fine head and front, capital wing carr.; 2, Gardiner, wing mkd., shade thin in neck, well laid on wings, fine col.; 3, Watt, different stamp, heavy varieg., good quality and col. BUFF (3): 1, Smeaton, heavily mkd., grand subs. and quality of feather, inclined to show a little crowing; 2, Laird and Matthews, cap and wing mkd., fine size, nice qual. and col.; 3, Currie, eye, neck and wing mkd., good type, shade rough in feather. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (6): 1, Maxwell, very taking exhibit, nice size and subs., good all round type and qual.; 2, Smeaton, head and wing mkd., beautiful qual., in grand bloom; 3, Moffat, heavily varieg., capital head and neck, fine frontal; 4, Harris; 5, Gardiner; 6, Smeaton. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Taylor, lovely varieg., excels in col. and qual., neat head and chest, grand mark; 2, Dickson, good one for type and qual., capital shape, fine short flights and tail; 3, M'Que, similar to 2nd, beaten on front, fine bloom; 4, Skinner; 5, Currie; 6, Laird and Matthew. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Nelson, lovely cl., beauty for size and shape, extra good in head, fine flights; 2, Moffat, grizzle on neck, well rounded front, nice head, fine short neck, close up; 3, Fleming, good size and subs., fine cobby shape, A1 qual.; 4, Taylor; 5, Gardiner; 6, Dickson (good class all over). BUFF (6): 1, M'Que, rare size and subs., capital tone of col., lovely mealing; 2, Smeaton, heavy varieg., good head, front and wings, well finished on behind; 3, Houston, beaten head, nice qual. and cond.; 4, Brash; 5, Laird and Matthew; 6, Watt. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Nelson, mkd. both eyes and wings, lovely qual. and type, grand flights and tail; 2, Maxwell, beautiful cl., fine head and neck, well rounded front, nice qual.; 3, Smeaton, wing mkd., rare size and col., deep col.; 4, Gardiner; 5, Maxwell; 6, M'Que. BUFF (8): 1, Nelson, real stormer, clinker for size and shape, neat head and neck, in grand bloom; 2, Smeaton, another beauty, long round head and front, close up; 3, Barrie, mkd. both eyes and neck, fine short neck, well laid on wings, nice col.; 4, Fleming; 5, Skinner; 6, Laird and Matthew. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, cup, Smeaton, well known winner, grand one for type and col., fine texture of feather, wins; 2, Fleming, head and wing mkd., grand frontal and head, rare type and feather; 3, Skinner, Green, rare head and neck; 4, Brash; 5, Watt; No. 1, Fleming, w.c., hard lines. HEN (8): 1, 2, Smeaton brace of good ones, leader nearly green, excelling in qual. and style, well placed; second, fine cl. yell., best of heads and wings, grand qual.; 3, Taylor, capital Buff, lovely round head and frontal, rare feather; 4, Wishart; 5, Watt; 6, Young. NOV. (17): 1, Harper, cl. yell., capital head and front, fine short neck, A1 col.; 2, Watt, cl. buff cock, grand shape and subs., best of heads, good wings; 3, Henderson, almost green, rare colour and feather, fine shape; 4, Grant; 5, Lees; 6, Duncan. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Craig, lovely head and front, just a woo shade in the strong side, fine wing and tail carr.; 2, Paterson, fine size and weight, sweet shape, well laid on wings; 3, Little, close up on second, good head and neck, well rounded front, nice pipe tail; 4, Andrew; 5, Espie; 6, Young. BUFF (10): 1, Craig, a beauty, grand one for type and qual., excels in col., rare bloom; 2, Duncan, shade thin in front, lovely texture of feather, well carried wings and tail, neat head; 3, Little, capital stamp, sweet front, put down in grand order; 4, Hamilton; 5, Young; 6, Kitchen. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Halliday, grand size and weight, sweet head and front, finely rounded back, well balanced wings, fine taper; 2, Robertson, beauty for type, sweetly moulded, fine texture of feather, well fawl behind; 3, Harper, model for type and qual., neat head and neck, must have pressed; 4, Craig; 5, Lloyd; 6, Espie. BUFF (11): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Paterson, wins in a canter, gem for type, teeming with qual., finely rounded head, rare front, perfect wing carr.; 2, Halliday, planer got up, good head and back, nice qual. of feather, fine pipe tail; 3, Duncan, shade flat on head, but all there for type and qual., good third; 4, Craig; 5, Little; 6, Murray. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, Hamilton, well known winner, finely balanced markings, capital type and qual., 2, Paterson, shade heavy on right eye, nice wing marks, good stamp; 3, Johnston. UNEVEN YELL. (11): 1, Young, mkd. left eye and right wing, beauty for type and qual., put down in lovely bloom, the runner-up for B.F.C.C. medal; 2, 3, Duncan, 2nd, mkd. left eye and wing, longer drawn, lovely qual. of feather, good wing carr.; 3rd cap and wing mkd., fine weight, sweet front and head, must have pressed; 4, Patterson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Brunton. BUFF (10): 1, Smart, mkd. both eyes and wings, teeming with qual., good head and front, nicely carried wings and tail; 2, Lloyd, mkd. both eyes and left wing, beauty for type and qual., well placed; 3, Espie, good one for type, lovely qual. of feather, A1 col.; 4, Halliday; 5, Arnott; 6, Andrew. YELL. GR. OR CINN. (4): 1, Campbell, yell. gr., grand tone of col., fine pencilling; 2, Andrew, charming Cinn., lovely texture of feather, A1 type; 3, Fairgrieve, gr., nice type and col., shade light underneath; 4, Kidd. BUFF (4): 1, Harper, grand buff Gr., splendid col. and pencilling; 2, Campbell, nice stamp, good marking; 3, Arnott, clinking Cinn., good all over for type and qual. of feather, gem for col.; 4, Kidd. NOV. (10): 1, 2, 5, Watson, trio of nice exhibits, leader cl. yell. cock, sweet shape, fine weight, nice silky feather, only fault inclined to cross wings at times; 2nd nice Cinn. mark, well placed; 3, Duncan, yell. gr., fine rich col., good pencilling, A1 type; 4, Hutchison; 6, Young. SCOTCH FANCY CL. OR FOUL YELL. CK. (3): 1, Dalgleish, noted winner, one of the best yellow cocks seen for years, always ready when wanted; 2, Simpson, another good one, grand top end and drive, fine subs.; 3, King, fails in size to winners, capital style and action. BUFF (5): 1, Bowman, fine length of wing, good drive and pos., shade weak between shoulders; 2, Dalgleish, massive subs., grand top end, splendid drive, grand all over; 3, Allan, fails in size to leaders, but still a good one, very stylish; 4, Aitken; 5, Simpson. CL. OR FOUL YELL. HEN (4): 1 Paterson, grand subs. for a hen, fine top end, sweet head and neck, very quick in action; 2, Aitken, similar stamp, fine length of wing, nice snaky head; 3, Dalgleish, another capital exhibit, gets tail well under perch, good top and drive; 4, King. BUFF (4): 1, M'Millan, rare size and subs., fine depth through chest, well packed shoulders, wins; 2, Simpson, good one for size, good top end, neat drive, quick in action; 3, King, close up, free in action, fine mover, well placed; 4, Dalgleish. YELL. PIED OR GR. CK. (1) 1, Dalgleish, massive subs., fairly rounded shoulders, rare drive. BUFF (3). 1, Dalgleish, again leading with a beauty, fine thickness through heart, splendid action; 2, Paterson, fine square top end, good length of wing, fine drive; 3, Muir, nearly gr, capital style and action, splendid mover. YELL. PIED OR GR. HEN (3): 1, Dalgleish, grand size and top end, fine snaky head and neck, very nervy; 2, Simpson, well up in size and subs., gets head well down, nice stamp; 3, Lile, not the size of leaders, but all there for style and action. BUFF (3): 1, Dalgleish, capital depth through chest, rare top end, good style and action; 2, Allan, medium size, well packed between shoulders, neat top end and drive; 3, King, good one for size and subs., fine long neck, good mover.

Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

CL. OR EVEN MULE OR BULLF. HYB. (6): 1, Wallace, Greenie-Bullie, grand one, often described, looking his best to-day; 2, 4, Jamieson, lightly mkd. Yell. Goldie, grand col. and size, put down in A1 condition, yet some thought lucky, 4th Linnet-Bullie, another well-known winner, very shapely, well refined, rare bloom, well placed; 3rd Perrie, Redpoll-Bullie, gem, finest we have seen of this rare cross, Uddingston cup winner, we make first here, many thought hard lines; 5, 6, Allan. DK. GOLD. OR LINNET MULE (9): 1, 3, Jamieson, Goldie leading, grand flush and size, fails wings and rather slack to-day, yet wins, 3rd Linnet, nice size, very cobby, rare bloom; 2, Brown, Goldie, scarcely up to weight of leader, better feather, beaten col.; 4, Paterson, Linnet, put down in good order; 5, Young; 6, Carson. A.O. MULE (11): 1, Bell, light var. Yell. Goldie, good size and cond., wins well, some thought out of place in this class; 2, Craig, Greenie, hot one, not largest, but all there for shape and cond., looking his best; 3, Sykes, Redpoll, rare size for cross, excels feather, well defined, nice one; 4, McKinley, Greenie, larger than 2nd, but on long side, beaten cond. and col.; 5, Jamieson; 6, Watson. GOLDF. (10): 1, R. Watson, grand face, expansive blaze, hardly square, but best of col., wins on tans and wings; 2, 6, Sykes, better shape of blaze, fails col. to leader, frayed in tail or would likely have gone up; 3, Messer, best col. in class, fails expanse and shape of blaze, rare moons and tans; 4, Brown, nice face, rather racy, beaten subs.; 5, McMillan. BULLF (6): 1, Sykes, C.M., grand breast col. and density of cap, nicely cut, put down in grand order; 2, Palmer, good size, rather dark breasted, nice cap and bib, well placed; 3, 6, Jeffrey, F.M., better size and bib, good width, hangs wing at times; 4, Feeney, nice one, fails at thighs; 5, Jamieson. HEN BULLF. (6): 1, Perrie, good size and shape, dense expansive cap, nicely cut, wins on cond.; 2, Laird and Matthew, better bib, hardly the bloom or subs. of leader, fails at thighs, well placed; 3, Gentleman, nice shape and size, just beaten wings, fails bib, well put down; 4, Jamieson, rather lacking in front, good head and col., will improve; 5, Smith; 6, Brown. GREENF. H.M. (6): 1, 2, Sykes, unfed, grand bloom, nice body shape, well over perch, well placed, 2nd very similar, hardly so good in head, quite equal other points; 3, Finnie, nice one, hardly so cobby as leaders, better head, inclined to hang left wing, we prefer; 4, McLean, hot buff, nice head, very cobby body, fails a little in neck; 5, Messer, might have gone up; 3, Allan. F.M. (6): 1, Bell, rather snipy shape, grand wings, frayed tail, we thought lucky; 2, Whiteford, more cobby than leader, fails head and col., fairly steady for a F.M.; 3, Sykes, we preferred for shape and col., rather wild; 4, Palmer, 5, Aitken; 6, Brown. LINN., H.M. (7): 1, Laird and Matthew, nicely pencilled, hardly tone of col., little open in front, yet wins here; 2, McKinley, nice bloom and pencil work, rather open, fails front and head

ABERDEEN WOODSIDE.

Annual show held in the Burgh Hall; a nice hall, well lighted, and plenty of room for visitors. Entries numbered about 300, and some very good birds were to be seen. Rose bowl for best unflighted was won by Mr. William Allison. Points special was a draw between W. Rea and James Sandison and divided. The judges were:—Norwich, Mr. W. Hampton, Brechin; Foreign, etc., Mr. Alex. Steele, Aberdeen, and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, Ironside, 1st topper for size and col., good thick body and fine round head, nice wings and tail; 3rd shade longer, crosses wings at times, but a good one; 2, 4, Sandison, shade smaller, but rare type and qual., fine wings and tail; 5, Robb. HEN (7): 1, Allison, old winner, good head and body, nicely cut away, in the pink; 2, Reid, little smaller, but a good hen, fine wings and short tail; 3, Will, full of qual., must have pressed for 2nd; 4, Anderson; 5, Sandison; 6, Rea. CL. OR TKD. CK. (11): 1, Allison, in the pink, fine size and qual.; 2, Robb, fine wings and short tail; 3, Sandison, again a very good bird, on the long side; 4, Ford; 5, Mitchell and Greig; 6, Strachan. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Bulneaves, good front, fine round head and body, the right stamp, wins; 2, Sandison, fine head and wings, presses; 3, Clubb, trille on the long side; 4, Allison; 5, Will; 6, Dunn. YELL. VAR. CK. (7): 1, Will, old winner, looking better than ever, the very best of type and qual., wins; 2, Forsyth, very hot, just a bit longer than the 1st; 3, Clubb, another good bird, fine qual.; 4, Ford; 5, Collie; 6, Cushney. HEN (7): 1, sp, Ironside, a clinker, mkd. on head, one of the best hens seen for a long time, fine head, will take some stopping; 2, Allison, good hen, but smaller; 3, Clubb, nice size, hen, fine colour and qual.; 4, Cushney; 5, Davidson; 6, Dunn. BUFF VAR. CK. (8): 1, Allison, old winner looking as well as ever, fine short bird, fine wing carr., wins; 2, Will, not so well cut away, but all there for qual.; 3, Sandison, shade longer, but rare col.; 4, Reid; 5, Clubb; 6, Ironside. HEN: 1, Sandison, old National winner, rare head and body, the right stamp; 2, Scott, very nice hen, not so chubby; 3, Clubb, fine col. and qual.; 4, 6, Dressel; 5, Edwards. PAIRS (3): 1, Morrison, Buff cock and yell. var. hen, a very nice pair; 2, Dunn, same kind, but a shade smaller; 3, Sandison, buff var. cock and cl. yell. hen. UNFLIG. CL. OR VAR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Will, very nice young cap mkd., fine head and body, wins; 2, Ironside, again another good bird, presses hard for first; 3, Clubb, rare col. and qual.; 4, Allison, 5, Sandison; 6, Anderson. HEN (15): 1, Hendry, rare head and neck, fine wings, a good hen; 2, Sandison, little smaller, but rare quality, fine body and wings; 3, Allison, fine col. and qual.; 4, Ford; 5, Campbell; 6, Ross and Duncan. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Allison, winner of rose bowl, a topper, fine head and body, short wings and tail, wins; 2, Sandison, nice young bird, also fine head and body, but smaller; 3, Collie, just on the long side to leaders, but a good bird; 4, Sandison; 5, Reid; 6, Will. HEN (14): 1, Allison, cl. buff, fine size and col., nice wings and tail; 2, Forbes, buff variag., nice head and body, a little smaller; 3, Ford, fine col. and qual., good hen; 4, Balneaver; 5, Forsyth; 6, Sandison. NAT. COL. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Anderson, big bouncing bird, rare

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to leader; 3, Brown, very similar stamp, not the desirable peg top shape; 4, Allan, rather pale, better shape, beaten pencilling, excels wings; 5, Duncan; 6, Lees. F.M. (6): 1, King, nice col., well closed, excels pencilling and whites; 2, A. W. Watson, better shape, nice front, beaten pencilling, must have pressed; 3, Mainland, too wild to examine closely, appeared to be a good one, handicapped; 4, Baxter, nice tone col., fails head and size, fairly steady; 5, Craig; 6, Sykes. SISKIN (6): 1, Sykes, nice tone, excels cap, slight bib, well laced flanks; 2, Perrie, unfed, rather slim, hardly so dense cap as leader, yet nicely cut; 3, Laird and Matthew, nice col. and shape, good flanks and wings, no bib, best cond.; 4, Bell, F.M., best flanks in class, good bib and cap, fails a little in steadiness; 5, Messer; 6, Sykes (wet). LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, Sykes, well-known winner, often described, looking well; 2, Palmer, F.M., a wee gem, rare flanks and poll, excels wings and shape, must have pressed, wonderful bib; 3, Perrie, best shape, but fails flanks, nice poll, shines like glass; 4, Murray, fails size, nice poll and bib, hardly so well laced; 5, Thomas; 6, Atkinson. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (5): 1, Laird and Matthew, Twite, great size, heavy pencils, good col. and cond.; 2, R. Watson, Mealy, large, pale in col., fails flanks; 3, Sykes, not the size, but better col., excels flanks, inclined to hug perch; 4, King, rather wild enormous shield shaped bib; 5, Hilson. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (9): 1, 2, 3, Sykes, the champion Bramble leading, making his 54th first, closely followed by well-known Chaffie, looking well as ever, 3rd the understudy Bramble, quite a crowd round this lot; 4, Russell, Chaffie, rather pinched, nice cond.; 5, Mainland; 6, Allan. BUNTING (10): 1, 3, Russell, Yellow leading, nice size and tone, well defined V and cheeks, yet we preferred 3rd, Meadow, rare order, well-known winner, often described; 2, Thomas, Corn, good size and col., nice breast work, steady, A1 order; 4, Messer, Yellow, nice size, good tone, rather indistinct head and cheeks; 5, A. W. Watson; 6, Campbell. SMALL SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Sykes, Redstart leading, rather poor cond.; 2nd 'Gale, rough. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, Sykes, well-known Chough leading; 2nd Hawfinch; 3rd Missel, all often described; 4, Laird and Matthew; 5, Barrie; 6, Reid. HARD. HEN (6): 1, Sykes, Greenie, gem for a hen, needs no description, wins easy; 2, Miller, Bramble, nice mantle, rare bloom, well put down; 3, Gentleman, one of the largest and best hen Yellow Buntings we have seen, steady, and in A1 order; 4, Moffat, another Yellow Bunting, hardly up to size, but rare col. and cond.; 5, Laird and Matthew. FOR. GOLD. OR BULLF. (8): 1, McMillan, not largest, but grand one, rare depth of col., expansive and square blaze, excels moons and tans, wins; 2, 3, Ferguson, hen Bullie, gem for size, grand tone, dense cap, well defined wings, well placed; 3rd Goldie, rather slim, even better tans than leader, beaten face, yet a good one; 4, Wilson, cock Bullie, nice breast and cap, some fancied for 3rd; 5, Jack; 6, Craig; grand class. SMALL FOR. SEEDEATER (6): 1, Mrs. Younger, pair B.H. Gouldians, good size, rare colour and cond., greatly admired; 2, 4, 5, Miss Tomlinson, Parson Finch, nicely defined, put down in grand order; 3, A. Hoyle, pair Diamond Sparrows, rare size and superb col., some fancied for 1st; 4th we made wrong class, a Hybrid Canary-Blood-finch; 6, Fletcher. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, 2, Arnott, well-known Purple Sugar Bird leading, a gem, and greatly admired; 2nd Golden Fronted Fruitsucker. In A1 order, well placed; 3, Miss Tomlinson, pair Pekins, nicely staged, rather wild. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Sykes, glossy Starling, grand sheen, well put down; 2nd fair Green Amazon, very talkative.

size and qual.; 3rd similar type; 2, Stewart and Milne, fine wing carr.; 4, Allan. HEN (5): 1, Rose and Duncan, nice short hen, with fine head and body, wins; 2, 3, Sandison, fine hen, not much between them; 3rd again good one, just a little longer in flights; 4, Allan; 5, Fleming. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Sandison, plenty of size and col., fine bold head; 2, Dressel, tkd. on head, a very good bird also; 3, Cushney, fine col. and qual., a little longer than the rest; 4, Rea. HEN (6): 1, Anderson, very nice short hen of the right stamp, fine wing carr.; 2, Ross and Duncan, also a very good one, not quite so thick in body; 3, Allison, just a little longer than the leaders; 4, Scott; 5, McPherson; 6, Center. YELL. VAR. CK. (5): 1, 4, Dressel, mkd. head and neck, plenty of size and fine body, wins; 2, Ross and Duncan, plenty of size; 3, Stewart and Milne, heavy var., a shade longer than leaders; 5, Robertson. HEN (4): 1, Reid, nearly green, slightly mkd. on neck, good hen; 2, Dressel, even mkd., a beauty, rare type; 3, Dunn; 4, Robertson. BUFF VAR. CK. (9): 1, Ironside, heavy var., plenty of size, large head and body; 2, Dressel, a nice bird, mkd. on head and wings; 3, Sandison, mkd. eye and wings, good head; 4, Robertson; 5, Scott; 6, Rea. HEN (10): 1, Robertson, beauty, even mkd., fine wings and tail, wins; 2, Ross and Duncan, heavy mkd., good type; 3, Dressel, fine, but a little longer; 4, Ironside; 5, Cushney; 6, McPherson. BORD. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Dunn. BUFF (1): 1, Dunn. GR. OR FOUL NOR. CK. (6): 1, 2, Rea, mkd. on neck, clinker for size; 2nd nearly gr., fine big bird, also extra good carr.; 3, Ironside, bit longer than leaders; 4, Dunn; 5, Clubb; 6, Stephen. HEN (4): 1, Anderson, nearly gr., nice round hen, fine wings and short tail; 2, Ross and Duncan, nicely got up, a little smaller; 2, Center; 4, Ross and Duncan. CINN. CK. (8): 1, Wilson, an outstanding bird, rare size, wins; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Rea, a good team. HEN: Mr. Rice had the class to himself with a grand team. A.O. CAN. (1): 1, Sandison. CK. NOV. (2): 1, Robb, nice size, fine head and body; 2, Campbell. HEN (3): 1, Campbell, yell. var., rare type and qual., wins; 2, Fleming, buff var., plenty of size, fine head; 3, Booth, rather on the long side to the rest; 4, Fleming; 5, Robb; 6, Pithie. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Hird, Can.-Goldf., a real beauty, fine size; 2, Johnston, Greenf.-Can., fine col.; 3, 5, Cleaver, varieg. Goldf.-Can., a beauty; 4, Reid. BULLF. (1): 1, Strachan. LINNET (10): 1, Stewart and Milne, nicely pencilled, wins; 2, 4, Hird, steady as a rock, well shown; 3, 6, Stewart and Milne, not so steady; 5, Campbell. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Auld, Siskin, nice little bird, fine col. and markings, steady; 2, Stewart and Milne, Lesser Redpoll, a little beauty; 3, Ross and Duncan; 4, Johnston. GREENF. (1): 1, Stewart and Milne, fine big bird. BRIT. HEN (4): 1, Robertson, hen Redstart, a beauty; 2, Auld, Redstart; 3, McDonald, Gold-crested Wren; 4, Robertson. A.O. BRIT. SMALL (9): All Robertson, Black Redstart, a noted winner, Bearded Tit, Redstart, Lesser Whitethroat, Yellow Wagtail and Wheatear. BLACKBIRD (1): 1, Robertson. FOR.: All Robertson, a grand team, White-headed Mannikins, Orange Bishop, St. Helena Waxbills, Diamond Sparrow, Golden-breasted Waxbills.

ST. JAMES-THE-LESS F.A.

Tenth annual show (a record both in quality and numbers) held in the big hall at St. James Buildings, Bethnal Green; other societies must envy them having such a splendid hall at their disposal. The cage bird section was well supported. The pres., Rev. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield, and others connected with the institution take great interest in members and exhibits. Mr. Marhoff won cup for best unflighted with a buff mkd. Norwich, not a feather bed, but a Norwich with type, colour and quality, and had a good runner-up in a breedy Yorks with quality. Mr. A. Plumb won special best exhibit by non-member. Visitors often remarked at the cleanliness of the birds, for the members can stage and wash a bird. In Messrs. Adams and Bransford the association have ideal secretaries. Mr. H. T. Jones (Walthamstow) judged.

YORKS CK.: 1, sp, 3, he, Plumb; 2, Ellet; vhc, Sevantes; c, Bailey. HENS: 1, 2, 3, Plumb; vhc, Mrs. Lazell; hc, Ellet. UNFLIG.: 1, bc, c, Marhoff; 2, 3, Ellet; vhc, sp, Mrs. Marhoff. HENS: 1, sp, 2, 3, Marhoff; vhc, Ellet. NOR.: 1, Marhoff; 2, 3, Ellet. UNFLIG.: 1, cup, 2, vhc, Marhoff; 3, Ellet; hc, Lewer. HEN: 1, vhc, Marhoff; 2, 3, Ellet. MULES (4): All to Marhoff.

BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Sixteenth annual show at Dalton Road Schools. The quality has gone up very considerably, and among the birds were those that have been winning at various all-England open shows throughout the country. The Borders and Yorks. were a show in themselves. The entry was a record one, over 150 birds. Mr. J. Stewart (Whitehaven) judged. Mr. G. Large won spl. best bird with a neat yellow Border cock; Mr. S. Woodward spl. most points. Mr. Wagstaff and Mr. Shackley worked hard for the success of the show.

YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, sp., Henderson; 2, hc, Currie; 3, vhc, hc, sp., Woodward. HEN: 1, sp., Henderson; 2, Woodward; 3, Currie; hc, c, Large; vhc, Henderson. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Currie; 2, 3, vhc, sp., Woodward; hc, c, Large. UNFLIG. BUFF: 1, sp., Currie; 2, Henderson; 3, hc, Woodward; vhc, c, Large. VARIEG.: 1, 3, sp., Currie; 2, vhc, c, Large; hc, Woodward. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, hc, c, 3 sp., Large; 3, A. Hudson; vhc, Ireland. YELL. HEN: 1, Shackley; 2, 3, sp., Large; vhc, hc, Ireland. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, sp., Shackley; 3, Armstrong; vhc, hc, A. Hudson; c, Ireland. HEN: 1, 2, sp., A. Hudson; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Ireland; hc, c, Large. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, c, sp., Large; 2, Ireland. BUFF: 1, sp., Shackley; 2 Armstrong; 3, Hudson; vhc, W. Willison; hc, Large. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Ireland; 2, 3, vhc, sp., W. Willison. NOR., A.V. YELL.: 1, hc, 2 sp., A. Hudson; 2, vhc, sp., Wagstaff; 3, Woodward; c, Jones. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, sp., Woodward; 3, vhc, c, Wagstaff. CINN YELL.: 1, 2, 3, c, 2 sp., S. Plumb; vhc, c, Wagstaff. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, sp. Wagstaff. SCOTCH: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, 2 sp., R. Willison. MULE OR BRIT.: 1, sp., Wagstaff; 2, 3, c, sp., A. Hudson; vhc, W. Willison; hc Large. GIFT: 1 sp., Ireland; 2, Currie; 3 S. Plumb; vhc, A. Hudson; hc, Henderson; c, Woodward.—A. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

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PEMBROKE.

Sixteenth annual show, held in the Market House, Dec. 3, a very suitable building. Entries came up very well, and quality was above the average. Mr. Sinnett, the secretary, and his committee had everything well in hand. Mr. M. Evans judged, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

YORK.: 1, spl., Andrews, clinking good yell., rare length and pos., well curried wings and tail; 2, Shears, not so free as leader, nicely clothed, and well-braced wings and tail; 3, Tucker, very good qual., pos., and movement; vhc, Bevan; hc, Bevan, Andrew. NOR.: 1, and 4, Bevan, lovely col. yell., rare type, head and neck in fine form; 2, Davies, another real good yell., nice silky feather; 3, Jones and Davies, nice stamp, very shapely; res., Davies; hc, Bond; c, Muscott. A.O.V.: 1, spl., 2, Tallett, winner lovely crest, put down in nice form, GOLDF.: 1, 2, Ray, really grand pair, 1st lustrous square cut blaze, wins, 2nd, neat bird, well polished blaze, plenty of size; res, James. GOLDF. (local): 1, spl., Lewis, fine exhibit, lovely col., rare blaze, very neat cut, grand bars and body col.; 2, Vaughan, splendid back, good polish, scores in whites, bars, and tans; 3, Evans, neat bird, white legs, warmly-tanned front; 4, Robbin; res, Bates; vhc, Stone; hc, Shears, John; c, Emment, Bates. BULLF.: 1, Bates, fine size and col., very fit; res, Edwards, moderate; vhc, Shears; hc, Thomas. A.O. BRIT.: 2, Ray, clinking good Hawfinch, very clean and neat, well shown; res, James; vhc, Hughes. MULE: 1, sp., Andrew, splendid col., nicely polished, wins; 3, Jones and Davies, in fine feather, nice size; 4, Muscott; hc, Emment.

KEITH.

Held Dec. 3, in the Longmore Hall; entries were in advance of former years, and quality also was better. Yorks. were excellent. Borders, although not strong in numbers, were of high class. The Norwich Lanciers were well provided for, but few birds turned up. British were good; Mr. Thomas's Siskin, which won special for best British, was the largest bird of its kind we have seen, with nice black cap and large bib. Mules, were, as usual, well patronised. Mr. C. Raney, backed by a committee of willing helpers, Messrs. Donald, Cruickshank, Mackie, Jessieman, Kirkpatrick, Whitecross, Ogg, McLean, Wilkinson, Kennedy, Grant, Banks, Thomson, Milne, and Gardiner, had everything in first class order. Mr. T. Arnott, Kirkcaldy, judged, and his awards were well received. The rose bowl for best Can. was won by Mr. Junor, Tomatin, with a Yorks. of great length and suo.; sp., best Brit. Thomson; best Can. (local), Shearer; best Nor. (members), J. McLean; sp. (confined to Keith), J. Banks; best Brit., local, Thomson. A Carrion Crow was shown by a Nov., and was indeed a sight in itself, having plenty of admirers. The room off the hall would be better for a show, as sightseers were to a disadvantage owing to the birds being so high up, especiany the "woe gems." The show was well patronised, and the gate was good.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK., NAT. COL. (1): 1, Smith, yell., good shape, nice wing carr., in grand order. HEN (4): 1, MacLean, grand size and type, nice head and bold front, wins; 2, Hird, good shape and feather, fails to winner in finish; 3, Bain, another nice hen, but a bit rough, make a good stock bird; vhc, Banks. BUFF CK. (1): Banks, tkd. head, grand head and nicely round body, shown in the pink of cond. HEN (2): 1, Banks, tkd., all there for quality, size, and finish; 2, Geddes, hardly ready yet, looking a wee bit down. MKD. OR VARIEG. (4): 1, McLean, buff varieg., full of qual., good head and body, fine wing carr., nice short tail; 2, Walker, soft when taking notes; 3, Banks, another varieg., similar to winner, really a good exhibit; vhc, Stuart. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK., COL. FED. (2): 1, McCallum, yell., hot fed, lovely qual. of feather, splendid wing carr., rich col. throughout; 2, Hird, another hot-fed exhibit, not much to choose between, presses. HEN (1): 1, Mackie, grand Nor. stamp, fit to battle in good company. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Craigen, nice style and type, fine round head and short neck, carries wings to perfection; 2, Smith, similar stamp. MKD. OR VARIEG. BUFF (1): Main, varieg. buff, good sub. and qual. of feather, level col. CREST. CK. (3): 1, Mackie, varieg., grand size, massive feather, nice droop of crest, wins; 2, Main, another varieg., nice shaped crest, well filled centre, and good wealth of feather; 3, Craigen, fails in crest to winners, good stock bird. HEN (2): 1, MacKie, good type, nice size and sub., grand crest, well centred; 2, Main, green, not the size, neat crest, well radiated. C.B. CK. (3): MacKie, monster varieg., in grand order, fine skull, rare lash, nice entrance; 2, Grant, in good form, abundance of feather, close on winner; 3, Craigen, nice shapely skull, fine entrance. HEN (1): McLean, nice feather, staged in good order. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Simpson, lovely qual. of feather, sweet style and finish, splendid type, wins; 2, Grubb, rare tapered body, nice piped tail, good wing carr.; 3, Connochie, our choice for 2nd; vhc, Stuart. BUFF (5): 1, Simpson, grand bloom, extra good in feather, well drawn, free and stylish, clear win; 2, Henderson, soft when taking notes; 3, Harcombe, good shape, neat head, grand qual., A1 order; vhc, Connochie; hc, Stuart. MKD. OR VARIEG. (6): 1, Henderson, wing mkd. yell., good one, grand front and head, A1 taper, good qual. throughout; 2, Grubb, mkd. eye and wing, nice stamp, good front, neat wing carr., in grand bloom; 3, Simpson, varieg., well known winner, out to-day; vhc, Connochie; hc, Harcombe; c, Craigen. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, Junor, yell., straight as a rush, rare length and qual. of feather, plenty leg, shows itself well, wins; 2, 3, Rhind, former wing mkd., brace of nice Yorks., of grand length and subs., capital wings, well drawn, but fails a bit in finish; vhc, Shearer; hc, Wilkinson; c, Junor. BUFF (6): 1, Junor, very stylish, stands like a Guardsman, well on leg, grand body and wing carr., wins; 2, Rhind, good length and stand, nice back, fails in neck to winner; 3, Shearer, good Yorks., nice long flights and piped tail, grand body, fails in finish of feather; vhc, Junor; hc, c, Wilkinson. MKD. OR VARIEG. (5): 1, Shearer, yell., varieg., rare length, nice narrow shoulders, lovely back, wings, and tail, a topper; 2, Junor, plenty of side, nice long flights and tail, not so tight in feather; 3, Wilkinson, good stock bird, rather loose in feather, but a good Yorks.; vhc, hc, Rhind (2). BOY OR GIRL CLASS (2): 1, Pirie; 2, Rhind. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, Hird, variegs. Goldie, nice size and col., in A1 order; 3, Watt, Greenf.-Can. (Inverness winner), looking as well as ever, a step down here; 2, Hird, Goldie-Can., dk., grand hot-fed one, rare size and shape, nice polish and finish; vbc, Knox, Goldie; hc, Teunion; c, Menzies. BULLF. (2): 1, Steele, beauty for size and col., grand cap and bib, lovely wing bars, a living picture; 2, Watt, dense cap and bib, really a toss up here. GOLDF. (1): Junor, nice stamp, in grand bloom, shows buttons well, splendid face and finish. REDPOLL OR TWITE (6): 1, Hulchinson, Lesser, nicely mkd., staged in beautiful cond. and finish; 2, Knox, Twite, nice size and markings, rich col., splendid breast work; 3, Thomson, Merly, grand size and markings, a good Poll; vhc, Steele; hc, Robertson; c, Riddoch. LINNET (5): 1, Hird, well known winner, grand cobby shape, excels in markings, steady as a rock, nicely finished, wins easy; 2, Lamble, good exhibit, but falls in pencilling to winner, bit too open in breast; 3, Junor, good Linnet, rather unsteady to-day; vhc, Hird; c, Hutchison. SISKIN (5): 1, Thomson, grand cap and markings, splendid size, and nice large bird, really the best we have seen; 2, Hutchison, lovely black cap and bib, shown to perfection; 3, Thomson, not the head or bib of winners, but still a nice one; vhc, Steele; hc, Lamble. GREENF. (1): 1, Hird, good one, nice broad skull, fine col. A.O. HARDBILL (3): 1, Haxton, Yellowhammer, fine size, grand head, nice V., very steady, wins; 2, 3, Thomson, 2nd, Nuwf., grand bloom, fine size and bib, lovely bold head; 3rd, Snow Bunting, in good order, very nice. HARDBILL, HEN (3): 1, Watt, Bullie, grand size, lovely cap and bib, wins; 2, Stuart, sweet Siskin, nice markings, good size; 3, Harcombe, beauty of a Bramble, our choice for 1st. SOFTBILL, LARGE (3): 1, 2, Thomson, large Missel Thrush, nice markings, in good order; 2nd, Blackbird, very taking, lovely amber beak and nice eye cere, very steady; 3, Duncan, Song Thrush, nice markings, in fine bloom, shown in good cond. BOY OR GIRL CLASS (5): 1, John Thomson, Carrion Crow; 2, Jas. Angus, Bullf.; 3, G. Angus, Bullf.; vhc, John Angus; hc, B. Minty. FOR. (5): 1, Neish, Ringneck Parrakeet; 2, Hutchison, Goldf.; 3, Geddes, Cockatoo, vhc, Pirie; hc, Watt Bros.

AMBLESIDE.

Held Nov. 27 in the Lecture Room, well lighted and very comfortable. Entries were not over strong. Norwich generally were not very conspicuous in quality, but Yorks. were in advance. Borders were well up in quality, some noted winners being among them. British were a nice lot for quality but some of them very wild, which spoiled their chance. The show was well managed by a body of willing workers, with whose help Mr. King, secretary, had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. A. Wellings, Prescott, judged, and we heard no complaints.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, Dr. Allen, fine quality of feather, clean cut, but rather long; 2, 3, Sumpton Bros., 2nd nice, short body but very fat on chest, which spoils the run, 3 fails in legs, too crouchy; vhc, C. Dickinson; hc, Johnson. HEN (6): 1, 2, Dr. Allen, 1st fine buff in grand condition, 2nd, yell., fine type, bit loose on thighs; 3, hc, Dickinson same fault, otherwise good; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Woodward, fine qual., grand head and front; 2, c, Dr. Allen, splendid carr. and head, rather slack under; 3, Johnson; vhc, Heywood; hc, Dickinson. HEN (6): y, 2, Johnson, 1st, grand yell., splendid feather and front; 2, buff, fine in feather, well-rilled neck; 3, Haywood, nice feather, but fails head; vhc, hc, Dr. Allen. NOV. CL., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Forsyth, 1st, sp. fine buff; 3, Hodgson, shade weak in head. HEN (2): 1, Forsyth; 2, Jackson. YORKS. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (8): 1, Woodward, spleudid carr., well up on legs; 2, Henderson, tight race for first place; 3, Dr. Allen, fine back and sides, good legs, bit too much frill; vhc, Higginson; hc, Lamb; c, Mackereth. HEN (4): 1, Mackereth, grand carr. and qual.; 2, Dr. Allen, bit large in body; 3, Lamb; vhc, Harrison. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Henderson, fine raky bird, good pos., well up on legs; 2, vhc, Mackereth, just fails in front to winner; 3, Woodward, fails pos.; hc, Mossop; c, Dr. Allen. YELL. (5): 1, Henderson, grand feather and carr.; 2, Harrison, good pos. but not looking fit at time of judging; 3, Dr. Allen, just a bit coarse in feather; vhc, Mackereth; hc, Lamb. NOV., CL., ETC., TKD. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Read; 1st would have done well in open, tight in feather, well drawn, and good legs; 2, good feather, rather small; vhc, Forsyth; hc, no name. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, sp. best members sp., Short, real gem, noted winner; 2, Wilson, grand feather, like wax, bit short in run underneath; 3, Allen, not in best of cond. to-day; vhc, Mackereth; hc, C. Simpson. BUFF (5): 1, Wilson, fine qual., steady; 2, Allen, full of nerve, looks like hen; 3, Mackereth, slack in neck in proportion; vhc, Simpson; hc, C. Short. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Mackereth; 2, C. Short; 3, J. M. King. BUFF (6): 1, Dickinson, grand feather; 2, Allen; 3, Haywood; vhc, hc, C. Short; c, Simpson. NOV., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, Short. HEN: 1, Short. A.O.V.: 1, Dr. Allen. GOLDF. (5): 1, sp., 2, Bell, good blaze, well buttoned and fine tanning; 3, vhc, Gibson, 3, damaged on face. BULLF. (5): 1, Atkinson, fine col., good cap and bars; 2, King, best in cap but loses in col.; 3, hc, Mrs. Hadwin; 3, good deep col., but the cap bit too narrow at back and had damaged face; vhc, Threlfall. LINNET (1): 1, W. H. Johnson. A.O.V. (3): 1, sp., 2, 3, J. M. King, 1st greenfinch; 2, 3, chaffinch. DK. MULE (1): 1, Mackereth. FOR. (4): 1, J. Garnett, blue-faced Amazon, full of bloom in each colour; 2, McKey, grey; 3, vhc, W. H. Hardy.

AMMANFORD F. AND F.S.

Fourth open show held New Drill Hall, Nov. 20. Our section did not come up to expectations, no doubt owing to this fixture clashing with Cardiff and Kenfig Hill. The committee worked very hard to make the show a success. The show manager, Mr. J. C. Shaw, had everything well in hand, and Messrs. T. J. Williams, sec., and W. H. Jones, assist. sec., were very courteous and obliging officials. Mr. J. Evans judged.

YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Harry, neat pair, good length, nice type and qual., well on leg; 2, vhc, Morris, close up, grand length, lovely type and qual.; res, vhc, hc, Owen. BORD. (7): 1, 4, Harry, cl., yell., lovely type and qual., very jaunty; 2, 3, Eley, toppers, lovely col. and qual., staged to perfection; vhc, hc, c, Parker. GOLDF. (5): 1, Vaughan, good square blaze, nice tans, bars, and buttons, lovely col. and qual.; 2, 3, Ray, close up, nice size and shape, good col. and qual.; 4, Edwards; res, Davies. A.O.V.: 1, Ray, Hawfinch, lovely qual., nice size and shape; 2, Edwards, close up, good col. and qual., well staged; 3, 4, Ray, Linnet, nice col. and qual., well laced. MULE: 1, 2, Edwards; 3, 4, res, Parker, vhc, Burridge.

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GALSTON.

40th annual show held Dec. 6 in Good Templars' Halls. The cage bird section was staged in the Lesser Hall, which is a most comfortable one for the birds, being well lighted and free from draughts. We were sorry to see seven classes cancelled, and some others only poorly supported. Norwich were both cancelled, this is a great pity, since Kilmarnock and Ayr, two hot-beds, are in such close proximity. The officials are a hard working and enthusiastic lot and deserve better support from exhibitors. Mr. Frew is the captain of the ship, being here there and everywhere; he is most courteous and obliging, and thoroughly understands his duties; he was ably backed up by pres. Hopkins and vice-pres. Brennan. Mr. John Smith, Horwood, judged Scots Fancies, and Mr. D. Holden, Muirkirk, the remainder.

The Critique.

SCOTS FANCY CK.: Cancelled. HEN (6): 1, Stewart, cl. yell., beauty for type, take ready position, plenty nerve, grand reach; 2, Robertson, little behind winner, fails droop only, in splendid order; 3, ———, cl. buff, grand thickness of shoulder, one of the old fashioned type, nice round shoulder, fine droop; vhc, Nisbet; hc, Boreland; c, Robertson. PIEBALD, CK. (6): 1, Stewart, gem, easily best in show, great size, fine long side for a yell., plenty shoulder, sweet head and neck, great drive; 2, Burgess, heavy pied, good stamp, shade small, inclined to carry head too high, takes pos. readily; 3, Robertson, lacks shoulder to winners, nice length of wing; vhc, Boreland; hc, Ralston; c, Reid. HEN (4): 1, Robertson, sweet yell., nice size and subs., decided droop, grand top end; 2, Ralston, grand type, shows great shoulder, fine thickness, nice length; 3, Nisbet, splendid head, very nervy, full of subs., grand depth of shoulder; vhc, Borland. FOUL OR GR. CK. (5): 1, Ralston, foul, fine size, takes pos. very quickly, nice length of drive, fine top; 2, Robertson, self gr., great thickness, very fine back and wings, just fails drive; 3, Nesbit, grand one, splendid size, grand droop, full of nerve, we fancied; vbc, Burgess; hc, Person. HEN (4): 1, McDowall, nice size, fine length of wing, grand head; 2, Robertson, nicely built, good size and qual.; 3, Person, fails size, grand type, takes good stand; vhc, Nesbit. BORD. CL. OR TKD. CK. (6): 1, 2, Mossie, gems, winner cl. buff, very compact, grand qual.; 3, Ferguson, cl. yell., very showy, full of qual.; vhc, Krozen; hc, Torrance; c, McDowall. HEN (6): 1, 2, Mossie, grand pair, both capital qual. and weight, correct jaunty carr.; 3, Ferguson, junr., cl., not far behind, same type and size, loses only in cond.; vhc, Broadfoot; hc, Duncan; c, Krozen. UNEVEN: Cancelled. HEN (3): 1, Torrance, heavy variegs., splendid type and carr., very rich col.; 2, Gibson, wing, eyes, and cap mkd., smart exhibit, in grand order; 3, Ferguson, junr., grizzled on chest, correct size, inclined to crouch. GR. OR CINN.: Cancelled. GOLDF. (4): 1, Davidson, easy win here, largest face and best col. in class; 2, Kidd, similar size, not up in col. yet, will improve; 3, Adam, less expanse of blaze, nicely tanned; vhc, Fingland. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Davidson, leader Linnet, grand size, best of colour, nice work on front, 2nd Mealy, not over large, very clear front, distinct bib, grand full head; 3, Smith, Linnet, grand type, fails col., nice size and cond.; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Turnbull; c, Blackwood. LESSER POLL (7): 1, Hopkins, excels in size, splendidly pencilled front, grand bib, wins; 2, Smith, paler in col., not a large one, somewhat lucky; 3, Davidson, grand col. and size, we liked for 2nd; vhc, Turnbull; hc, Frew; c, Shields. A.O. BRIT. (10): 1, Davidson, Bullf., hot col., grand broad front, splendid cap and bars; 2, Turnbull, not far behind, loses in cap and type; 3, Robertson; 4, Anderson; hc, Thomson; c, Hopkins.

CLEATOR MOOR.

Annual show held Dec. 6. Many birds of outstanding merit were shown and all were well and carefully looked after by efficient stewards. Cards were promptly affixed, and all nicely arranged. The officials were all experienced men, and sec. Mr. J. Skillicorn had all the arrangements well in hand. Mr. J. Wilcock judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, sp, Conlson, both lengthy, fine col. and position, well up, good length of wings; 2, Thomas, sweet birds, well up, fine qual. and finish; 4, Richardson; vhc, Seward; hc, Barrie; c, Todd. BUFF: Canc. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, vhc, Bradley, tkd. wing buff, fine pos., straight, good wings and tail, exceptional qual.; 2, Thomas, varieg. yell., well made throughout, well rounded body, good pos., 3, 4, Richardson, rather heavier made than leader, fine qual. and good type and position; hc, Seward. HEN (8): 1, Coulson, huff, beautiful carr. and qual., round and neat all over, easy win; 2, Watson, cinn. mark yell., good pos., nice length; 3, Thomas, eye tick yell., nice feather and position, behind in length; 4, vhc, Richardson; hc, Barrie; c, Seward. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, sp, Watson, eye and wing mark, fine type and qual., capital shower in good order; 2, Wilson, cl., good head and body, and taper, fine qual.; 3, Walker, close up; 4, Nicholson, an oversight on the judge's part, even mark; vhc, Plaskett Bros. BUFF (4): 1, Moore and Son, cl., fine qual., rare finish, good head and neck; 2, Wilson, just beaten in qual.; 3, Walker, nice size and finish, free mover; 4, Hopper Bros. A.O. CK. (10): 1, sp, 2, Wilson, uneven yell. leading, good pos., nice head, front and taper, well finished, latter buff, eye and wing mark, grand qual., inclined to draw a little and shade flat on back; 3, 4, Moore and Son, 3rd uneven buff, rare qual., good front, well rounded, fine head; vhc, Watson; hc, Plaskett Bros.; c, Millington. HEN (8): 1, Hopper Bros., four-mkd. buff, heavy eye and wing marks, good type, well rounded and neat all over; 2, Watson, even mark yell., better marks than leader, nice qual., but a little too snaky we thought; 3, Moore and Son, cl. yell., bonny type and feather, just fails in front, shade thin; 4, Nicholson; vhc, Todd; hc, Walker; c, Plaskett Bros. NOR. CL. (9): 1, 3, Thomas, fine bodied buff, good bold front, rare col., 3rd yell., finer made, rare good feather and col., good head; 2, hc, Stephenson, yell., fine level col., beautiful qual. of feather, well rounded body; 4, vhc, Sumpton Bros.; c, Bradley. A.O. NOR. (5): 1, 3, 4, Sumpton Bros., good trio, leader varieg. buff, exceptional type, grand, well made head and body, beautiful col. and qual., 3rd head mark yell., good stamp, behind in col.; 2, Seward, yell., fine col. and feather, good bodied, rare stamp. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, sp, 2, Thomas, saddle mark buff, fine shape and qual., rare stamp, latter yell., rare col., good subs., capital shape; 3, Hodgson, varieg. yell., good type and col., nice size and subs.; 4, vhc, Sumpton Bros., yell., behind in subs.; hc, c, Stephenson. HEN (8): 1, Bradley, almost even mark buff, grand body and shape; 2, Seward, quite soft when noting, fails in subs. and col.; 4, Thomas; hc, Whalley. DARK MULE EXCEPT BULLF. (5): 1 4, Sumpton Bros., both Linnet-Can., leader fine upstanding, rare size and finish, might be brighter in col.; 2, Hodgson, Linnet, behind in size, better col., fine shade, getting steadier; 3, Bertram and Baines, Greenie fair big one, nice col. and blend of parentage; vhc, Armstrong and Dawson. GOLDF. (7): 1, 2, Bertram and Baines, capital birds, good faces, well and cleanly mkd., exceptionally good shower; 3, vhc Robinson, F.M., fine Finch, but untidy; 4, c, Armstrong and Dawson; hc, Mrs. Jenkinson. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, Reay, finely mkd., good col. and shape; 2, J. Seward nicely pencilled, fair size, and good shade of col.; 3, Corkhill, capital col. and condition; 4, Mrs. Jenkinson; vhc, Spalding; hc, Park and Son; c, Sumpton Bros. F.M. (6): 1, Godfrey, nice size and pencillings, good col and nice shower; 2, Park and Son, fine bodied, good head, well marked, rare good bird all through, our choice; 3, J. Seward, fine stamp, 4, Mrs. Jenkinson, hc, Reay. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, c, R. Seward, Twite, nicely mkd., good col., fair size; 2, Hodgson, Siskin, fine markings, good cap, well laced flanks, capital shower; 3, 4, J. Seward, lovely Lesser Poll, good qual., nice size and excellent shape; vhc, Park and Son; hc, Godfrey. A.O. SEEDEATER (7): 1, Watson, Hawfinch, nice col., good size and marking; 2, 4, J. Wilson, Yellowhammer leading, nice size and shape, good col., fails a bit in head markings; 3, R. Seward, Bramble, fair colour and markings, nice size; vhc, hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Walker.

WALTHAM ABBEY.

Sixteenth annual show, held Town Hall, Dec. 4 an ideal place for a show, the light being simply splendid. Norwich and Yorks. especially were of excellent quality, and some could have held their own in keenest competition. Mr. French won ch. cup with a beautiful Yell. Yorks. cock. The genial sec., Mr. Ward, worked hard to ensure success, and kept the show well in hand, everything being well arranged; he was ably assisted by a willing band of workers, among whom were Mr. J. W. Medley and Mr. A. Yardley, who saw to the welfare of the birds. Mr. J. Hodder judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. (6): 1, spl., Hodgetts, grand head, shape and col.; 2, Salter, chubby, nice round head, back, and chest, loses little in col.; 3, Medley, very smart, grand shape, silky feather, beautiful col., unsteady when judging; res., Thurley; vhc, Mrs. Elliott; hc, Salter. BUFF (14): 1, Medley, red-hot col., well over perch, useful bird; 2, Hodgetts, correct shape, nice level col., neat head, loses to winner in subs.; 3, Titchner, right stamp, good front, fails little in wings; res., c, Salter; vhc, Thurley; hc, Penn. UNFLIGH., YELL. (6): 1, spl., Medley, cl., nice silky feather, wedge shape body, wins; 2, 3, Salter, wing tkd., nicely rounded, good wings and tail, loses little in head; 3, similar, not quite depth chest, both useful birds; res., Hodgetts; vhc, Mrs. Elliott; hc, Penn. BUFF (9): 1, c, Salter, feathered like wax; 2, Thurley, Nor., all over correct shape, but soiled, or might have won; 3, hc, Medley, faultless cond., clean cut away, fails little in subs.; res., Penn; vhc, Mrs. Elliott. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Thurley, well up in size, nicely moulded, in fine form; 2, Kerr, qual. and type of the best, hardly so close feathered, perhaps; 3, sp., Mrs. Elliott, shape and qual. of best, loses in size; res., vhc, Medley; hc, c, Salter. BUFF (10): 1, Titchner, varieg., lovely head, correct shape, as smooth as glass; 2, Mrs. Elliott, green, good chest, splendid wing carr., well moulded throughout, scarcely so large; 3, c, Salter, very smart, shape and qual. of the best, hardly the cond.; res., hc, Medley; hc, Hodgetts. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, 3, ch. cup, French, grand Yorkie, stands well, straight as rush, good pos., well shown; 3rd, similar, hardly length; 2, vhc, Mr. Elliott, nicely drawn, good length, best of wings and tail loses a little in general outline; res. c, Yardley. BUFF: 1, 2, French, two good birds, leader rather better shape and feather; 3, res., Mr. Elliott, sweet bird, plenty swagger, hardly length. HENS: 1, sp., 2, French, wing tkd., Yorkie all over, well up, sweet head and shoulders; 2nd, best of qual. and type, hardly so slim; 3, Mr. Elliott, nice, cleaned up, not a feather out of place, good style; vhc, c, Mr. Elliott; res., hc, Yardley. NON-FED. (10): 1, spl, vhc, Barnard, Nor. hen, nice head, very cobby shape, useful bird; 2, Yardley, cock, lovely shape and feather; 3, Mr. Elliott, Yorkie, very smart bird, hardly the qual.; res., Mrs. Elliott; hc, Hodgetts; c, Edwards. A.O.V.: 1, Blake, Crest, good centre and radiation; 2, Hodgetts, Nor., gr., really nice bird, useful for stock; 3, Mrs. Elliott, smart little Border. MULE: 1, sp., 2, Hodgetts, Linnet-Can., dark, good size, grand deep col.; 2, Goldie-Can., Jonque, deep rich col. and grand qual., nice size; 3, vhc, Mr. Elliott, Siskin-Can., shown in fine form; res, Rainer. GOLDF.: 1, sp., Medley, grand square cut blaze, lovely tanning, splendid bars and buttons; 2, Hailstone, similar, loses in blaze; 3, Mr. Elliott, smart, well shown, fails to leaders a little in size; res., Hodgetts; hc, Armes, Saville; c, Pettitt. BULLF.: 1, Rainer, grand cap, good shape, back and breast, col. of the best; 2, sp., Mr. Elliott, very similar, loses a little in cap, beautiful shape, and very steady; 3, Clark, nice cap, dense black, clean cut, hardly breast and col.; res, House; vhc, c, Clark; hc, Saville. LINNET: 1, sp., Medley, shining like glass, beautiful pencilling; 2, White, nice nutty brown, pencilling hardly so well defined; 3, Hodgetts, hardly steady enough; res., Mr. Elliott; vhc, Cordell; hc, Pettitt; c, Yardley. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Biggs, Twite, lovely col., nicely striped; 2, spl, c, Saville, Siskin, nice cap, beautiful shade of col., good lacing; 3 Hailstone, very nice Twite, shown well; res., Mr. Elliott; vhc, Missinden; hc, Medley. A.O. FINCH: 1, sp., Medley, Lapland Bunting, in faultless cond., pleasing exhibit; 2, hc, Mrs. Elliott, grand Chaff., fit to show anywhere; 3, vhc, Penn, Bramble, lovely body col., very steady; res., Medley; c, Hailstone.

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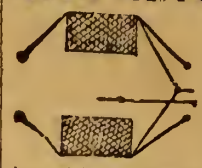
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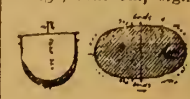


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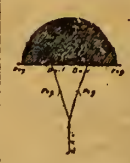
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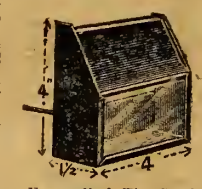
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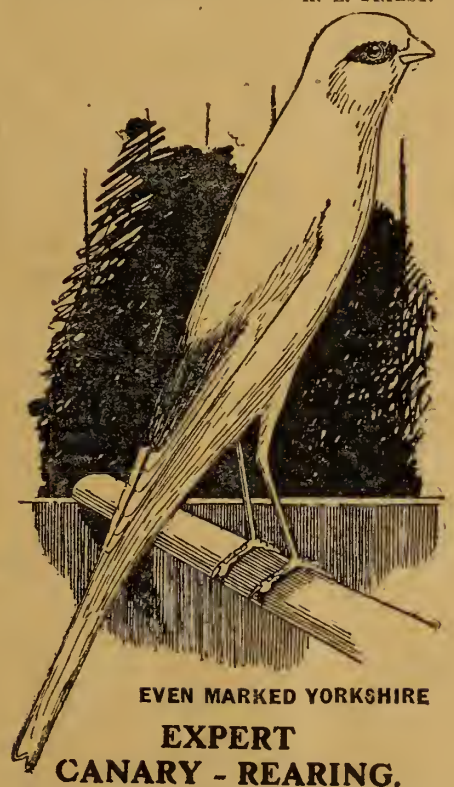
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PAIR young Crests, 15/-; 2 Crest-bred hens, 1912, bred from show birds; room wanted: Miss Onslow, Ingleby, Bournemouth. (1128)

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CHAMPION exhibition Dark Crested hen, 1913 bred, immense, perfectly formed drooping crest, nicely centred, rare type and quality of feather, winner 1st and special only time shown, sure winner in keenest competition, only £3; also monster 1913 exhibition Crestbred cock, immense head and neck, nicely browed, smothered in feather, can win anywhere, only 50/-, or £5 the pair, honestly worth £10 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner, certain to breed Palace winners, cold room bred, genuine bargain, satisfaction guaranteed approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give, on approval: G. Williams, 69a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1032)

CHAMPION exhibition Dark Crested cock, immense, perfectly formed drooping crest, rare type and quality of feather, winner 1st and spl. only time shown, can win anywhere, only 70/-, honestly worth £5 for stock alone; also massive feathery exhibition Crestbred cock, immense head and neck, turnover to end of beak, simply smothered in feather, only 42/-, cheap at £3; also choice exhibition Dark Crested hen, large perfect drooping crest, winner and can win in good company, only 60/-, recently cost £4; also massive feathery, exhibition Crestbred hen, marvellous head feather of the right quality, only 45/-, simply given away at the price; also several other massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- to £5 each; kindly state your requirements fully, and I will guarantee to give you full satisfaction; all cold room bred; Palace winning strain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1132)

Lancashires.

A FEW choice birds to dispose of; also two show cages and box, 5/6: T. R. Ind, Cotham, Bristol. (1123)

HIGH-class Coppies and Plainheads for sale, show and stock, cheap; stamp reply: Fitton, Garnett-st., Oldham. (1106)

LANCASHIRES for sale; state wants; or exchange B.R.C.C. Rollers; yours first; approval: Dearden, 123, Passmons, Rochdale. (1126)

ONE more chance before removal: Will sell massive ticked buff coppy cock, 2nd London cage bird show, 50/-; very large clear buff Plainhead cock, winner, 35/-; ticked yellow coppy cock, unflighted, 16/6; ticked yellow coppy hen, unflighted, 15/6; strong, healthy; finest strain living; approval; stamp reply: Green, Albert Place, Loughborough. (1126)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France. (953)

Cinnamons.

YELLOW Cinnamon cock, 20/-, or exchange yellow hen: E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft. (1132)

CHAMPION Cinnamons, Norwich type, a few young yellows and buffs for disposal, stamp: Brown, 15, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth. (1099)

NORWICH, cinnamon cock 7/6, green Crested hen 4/6, large buff Norwich cock 6/6: Pearce, 64, Coleman-rd., Camberwell, London. (1120)

1912 YELLOW Cinnamon cock, 10/-; 1913 yellow green, 5/6; buff, 7/6; cinnamon bred yellow Norwich hen 3/6, buff 3/-: Crofts, 127, Taylor-st., Leicester.

LARGE 1912 Buff Norwich Cinnamon cock, father of my winner 1st Ipswich, £1 10/-; yellow 1913 cock, brother to winner, £1 5/-; bargains: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1124)

WILL exchange Norwich yellow cinnamon hen, Dorner's strain, for large coloby clear yellow Norwich stick cock; yours first: Messrs. M. Williamson, 24½, Catherine-st., Leicester. (1129)

SENSATIONAL bargains; champion bred large yellow Cinnamon cock, Dorner's strain; price 12/6; buff Cinnamon cock, large, same strain, 10/6; large Cinnamon buff hen, beauty, 7/6; large yellow hen, 7/6; all colour fed, 1913 bred, good heads, chests, quality; first orders get these: George Cubley, Sutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1132)

MRS. DEACON'S CHAMPION CINNAMONS

Having purchased this famous stock entire, can offer buff cocks, flighted and unflighted, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; one chance for novices; winners for sale: Rev. Nimie, Harrington, Cumberland. (See Norwich.) (1101)

Belgians.

WANTED Belgians, will give stocking knitting machine, cost £8: Brown, 43, Tower-st., Harrogate.

FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE Greens, few good birds for sale, cheap, or exchange a good pair for clears: Atherton, 38, Roache-st., Liverpool. (1121)

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 24." "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. HODDER, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich. Winner of championships. Nice birds from 7/6; pairs from 15/-. Approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, Norwich Specialist, offers unflighted buff cocks and hens, grand type and quality, 7/6 each; good unflighted yellow cocks, from 15/-; all on approval.

TEN Norwich hens, 18/-, or sell 2/6 each: Bensley, 187, High-st., Shadwell, E. (1113)

THREE Buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, 8/- each; another 6/-: G. Pinnell, Warminster. (1125)

A. FLEET, 16, Kings-rd., Upton Park, breeder and exhibitor, has few good birds to spare; see reports.

PRIZE BRED Norwich cocks, from 10/-; hens from 7/6; all clears; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside.

TEN nice young Norwich hens, healthy and fine condition, 2/6 each, 20/- lot. H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1124)

FEW Norwich to dispose of, prices reasonable; approval; stamp reply: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin. (1128)

THREE 1913 Norwich cocks, singing, outdoor bred, 5/6 each; approval: Evans, 33, Upper High-st., Rhymney, Mon. (1125)

WANTED, 2 young yellow Norwich hens, exchange 2 large young buff Norwich cocks: Hislop, Baker-st., Stirling. (1125)

BUFF hen, winner three firsts, £3; few hens, same strain, from 6/-; cocks 15/- upwards: Lidgett, Grocer, Newark. (1118)

FEW Norwich for disposal; cocks from 10/-, hens from 4/-; see Luton report last week: Murrell, Printer, Spalding. (1124)

NORWICH: Two buff cocks, two variegated hens, good stock birds, only 22/-: Walker, 210, Kingston-rd., Hampton Wick. (1121)

YELLOW hen, good head, 15/-; yellow cock, 1st Boldon Colliery, 10/-: Noble, 12, Fenwick-st., Boldon Colliery, Durham. (1121)

GRAND Norwich, bred from my winners, cocks 7/- upwards, hens 4/- upwards each, cash: Lowthian, 23, Foster-st., Penrith. (1107)

SPLENDID cock Norwich Canaries, singing hard, 1913 birds, hens 8/-, cocks 8/-, 10/-: Mrs. Morris, Moat House, Brentwood. (1128)

GRAND typical buff Norwich cock, 7/6; ditto hen, 4/6; bred from winners; bargains; worth double: Dodd, Victoria, Southwold. (1131)

NORWICH, variegated yellow, 1913, clear yellow, variegated buff, 1912, 6/6 each; approval, deposit: Welsh, 27, High-st., Hawick. (1121)

NORWICH Plainheads, large unflighted buff cocks, 7/6, hens 3/-; inspection invited; approval: Wells, 38, Goosley-lane, East Ham. (1129)

CINNAMON Norwich, champion strain; a few grand pairs cheap to clear; approval: Hamilton, 1, Holburn Gardens, Newlands, Glasgow. (1126)

DALZELL'S winning strain Norwich stock birds for sale, bred from winners; inspection invited: 4, Ormrod-st., off Morton-st., Oldham. (1112)

THREE pairs of Norwich Canaries, fit for show bench, or stock birds, 15/- pair: T. Green, Confectioner, Bull-st., West Bromwich. (1123)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, breeder and exhibitor, has several good pairs for disposal: 12, Hazlewoodlane, Palmers Green, London, N. (1088)

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, vhc, 3rd nest feather, 5th Plymouth, 13/-; 1912 clear buff hen, 5/-; approval: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-ter., Plymouth. (1127)

FOUR buff variegated, one buff green, all unflighted cocks; seen any day, Sunday included: W. Turnbull, 59, Castle-st., Montrose. (1132)

GRAND pen Houdans, six hens, cock, all winners, value £7 10/-; exchange winning Norwich; cash offers: Young, Secretary, Frome. (1132)

NOTICE: Grand lot Norwich for show or song, prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas. (1104)

GOOD Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval: A. Pickles, Post Office, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. (1122)

REDUCING stock; 50 for sale, including winners; cocks 10/-, hens 7/6 (stamp): Robert Johnson, Ashlea Terrace, Longton, near Preston. (1055)

CHAMPION Norwich; have won over 100 prizes; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; approval; inspection: Phipps, 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth. (1134)

FEW Norwich, cocks and hens, bred from stock birds, best in the fancy, cocks 10/-, hens 7/6: C. Anderson, Batchelor-st., Chatham, Kent. (1121)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold-room, cocks, in full song, 6/6; unflighted hens, 3/6; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1121)

MRS. BARTLETT must sacrifice Norwich, winners and bred from winners; see Reading report; stamp reply: 51, Harpsden-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (1123)

CLEARING out Norwich, four cocks, one hen, good birds, 1912, two hen Goldfinch Mules, £1 the lot: Harvey, 18, Mornington-rd., Wanstead. (1121)

CHARLES Withers has some good Norwich to part with; cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6; from my winners; approval, stamp: 21, Oxford-rd., Ealing.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood, Bullfinch type, large round heads, grand feather, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

R. P. HARPER has few good birds for disposal; also several real good Borders, no fancy prices; inspection invited: 7, Douglas-ter., Seven Kings.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, yellows, buffs, variegated, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, upwards; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1127)

CHAMPION Norwich, cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6; clear yellows and buffs, 3/-, 4/-; seven days' approval: Gater, Jones-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam.

TWO large buffs, one yellow Norwich hens (Vardy), 7/6 each; one Yorkshire buff cock, 10/6; buff hen, 5/-, Radley strain: Davies, 24, College Hill, Llanelly.

HAVE for disposal few pairs at 15/-, odd birds from 7/6; also few fowl greens, cheap; approval, stamp: Norman, High-st., Rishton, nr. Blackburn.

WILFRID Dean offers grand buff cock, 3rd Burton, bargain, 25/-; two yellows, winners, 20/- each; others from 10/-; approval: Cavendish-rd., Matlock.

NORWICH cocks, on full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy, 1913; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester. (1120)

GRAND Norwich for sale, singles from 6/6, pairs from 15/6, colour fed, cold room bred; inspection invited; approval: R. Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1120)

FOR disposal several good Norwich bred in outdoor aviary, all in pink of condition, must clear; cocks, 8/6; hens, 4/6: Beveridge, 4, Acacia-rd., Leamington Spa. (1[illegible])

OWING to ill-health of my wife, I must clear out all my birds; state requirements: approval; inspection invited; stamp: R. T. Parr, 6, Norman-rd., Ilford. (1132)

NORWICH, few unflighted yellow and buff cocks, 6/- to 8/-; unflighted hens, 4/- to 6/-; colour fed; approval: Ratcliffe, 3, Warwick-st., Hustingdon, Lancs. (1127)

BARGAIN; 2 pairs good Norwich, 12/6 pair, also a few good buff hens, 3/- each, honestly worth double; approval: W. Howse, 49, Orme-rd., Worthing. (1118)

GRAND buff Norwich cock, winner 1st Beddington, Leatherhead, 2nd Banstead, with show cage, 40/-, worth double: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1121)

TWO yellow hens, one buff cock, unflighted, one 1912 buff hen, house moulted cock Siskin, 2/-, approval: see show reports: Hodgson, South End, Wigton. (1[illegible])

NORWICH, Yorkshiree, Borders; cocks, 6/6; pairs, 8/6 upwards; Siberian Goldfinch, 7/-; moulted Twite, 3/-; Scotch Linnets, 1/6: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1133)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has grand lot of Norwich; related to my winners at Portsmouth, Lewes, Brighton, etc.; cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-; approval. (1131)

MR. J. Davis, breeder and Exhibitor of Norwich cup winner for 1912 and 1913; nice birds from 7/6, pairs from 12/6: 32, Newby st., Humberstone rd., Leicester. (1130)

1912 winning buff cock, 3rd prize in any colour class at Cardigan, 15/-; 1913, buff variegated cock, 8/6; grand type and quality; approval: H. Hicks, Goodwick. (1128)

TWELVE young Norwich cocks, 5/6 each, two birds, splendid value; 2 pairs of good stock birds, 14 per, good parents. L. Bailey, 69, Dyer-st., Cirencester. (1141)

A SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, the well known exhibitor and breeder, has some grand birds for disposal, single birds from 10/-, pairs from £1, satisfaction guaranteed. (1141)

EXTRA deep coloured ticd yellow unflighted Norwich cock, 4th Leyton, accept 14/-; bargain; worth treble for stock; grand youngster. Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1134)

VERDY'S strain buff hen, from 3/6; one topper, 2nd Rugby, 6/6; yellow hens from 2/6, buff cocks from 7/6, the 3rd Rugby 12/-; inspection invited. Nelsen, 18, Chester-st., Rugby. (1126)

J. BAKER, winner of numerous prizes, has two pairs of good birds, large yellow cock and buff hen, £1 and £1 10/-; approval, deposit: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich. (1134)

GIVE pairs good Norwich, 15/ pair; lot 70/; pair, 1st Newport, 40/; pair, he, 20/; buff, yellow cocks, hens, from 5/. Baker's strain: approval. Meerman, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. (1128)

HANDSOME yellow variegated 1913 Norwich cocks, all clean moulted and well on song, 3/6 each, two 6/; safe delivery and satisfaction guaranteed: Harris, Mill Bridge, West Drayton. (1120)

CAN spare buff licked cock, 12/6; clear yellow hen, 8/6; clear yellow cock 12/6; clear buff hen, 8/6; all of splendid type and quality: T. Worrall, 82, Hightst., Winsford, Cheshire. (1134)

SEE my special offer last week's "Cage Birds" for bargain. If you want one you must hurry up, they are selling like hot cakes, everyone delighted. Moss, 23, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin. (1109)

NORWICH, unflighted, stock or singing, typical cocks, cold-room bred, 1913, 6/6, 7/6, and 8/6; pairs from 10/6; approval, deposit; inspection: C. Harbour, 273, Glyn-rd., Clapton, London. (1120)

FOR sale number of fine Yellow and Buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, 7/6 each; and two 1912 yellow hens at 4/6 colour feds: Albert Haigh, Grove-st., Hill Top, Shaithwaite, near Huddersfield. (1125)

CHANCE for Norwich breeders; three typical Crestbred cocks, 1913 birds, will exchange for one pair of Norwich Plainheads, must be first-class stock birds: Grant, 55, Queen-st., Lossiemouth. (1128)

CLEAR yellow cock, also heavy variegated cock, both well bred, 2nd and 3rd at South-West London Show; also Bramblefinch, 2nd same show, accept 30/-: Broughton, 14, Heath-rd., Clapham. (1123)

I HAVE some splendid Norwich to spare, both show and stock, winners of over 2,000 prizes; prices most reasonable; see report Canterbury Show in this issue: Taylor, 20, Palace-st., Canterbury. (1124)

A. CRAWFORD, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, has thirty unflighted stock birds for sale; yellows and buffs; hens from 6/-; cocks from 12/6; approval: 14, Wilton-drive, Glasgow.

CANARIES: Large handsome rich yellow and variegated young Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, 3/-, two 5/6; guaranteed; suitable Christmas present: Haggett, Lynton, College-aven., Slough.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical colour-fed and natural colour Norwich Plainheads, all cold-room bred; large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, large variegated buff stock cock, good head, ext. feil; will exchange aviary-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, real picture, sure muler; apply: Messrs. W. Williamson, 244, Catherine-st., Leicester. (1129)

CHAMPION Norwich: I have a few grand birds left, yellow and buff ticked cocks from 7/6 upwards; buff hens, fine quality feather, from 5/- upwards; state wants: F. S. Buckley, 30, Adderley-st., Coventry. (1125)

BERT LEWIS, diploma and special winner, can spare few matched pairs, also few hens, yellow and buff, same blood as my winners; state wants; approval; stamp reply: 18, Windmill-lane, Kettering. (1124)

YELLOW marked Norwich cock, 4th Liverston, 12/6; buff cock, fine stock bird, 12/6; wanted, yellow Norwich cock, also buff hen, also yellow Border cock; exchange entertained: Vickers, Union-st., Wigton. (1128)

CHAMPION Norwich and Yorkshires; see reports Middlesbrough, Alnwick, Cramlington, Backworth, Gateshead: reasonable prices; approval; stamp: Archbold and Lascelles, Quarry-row, Seghill, Northumberland. (1125)

WINNERS; wanted a pair of large chubby Norwich in exchange for four British house-moulted British cock Bullfinches, winners, prize cards sent; approval both ways: J. Cooper, 40, Smithick-hill, Falmouth, Cornwall. (1118)

BUFF cock, 1st Barnstaple, best in show, Pembroke Dock, 25/-; ditto, 1st Cardigan, 20/-; ticked ditto, 1st Kenfig Hill, 15/-; yellow hen, 1st Barnstaple, 12/6; 2 matched pairs, 15/-, 12/-; approval: H. S. Davies, Llandilo. (1122)

GRAND 1911 clear yellow cock, 1st Luton, 3rd Oxford, £1; splendid 1911 buff hen, 4th Luton, good breeder, 17/6, 35/- pair; a few good unflighted yellow and buff cocks, and hens; approval: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1121)

WANTED, several real good 1913 bred, colour-fed Norwich Plainhead cocks and hens, must be of good size, large in head, and short in tail and flights, only good birds required for prompt cash; approval, Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1102)

GRAND Norwich Canaries for sale; my birds are giving every satisfaction; from 10/- upwards; grand quality; 42 prizes, spec. medal this season; state requirements; approval, cash or deposit: W. H. Davison, 87, Ashby-st., Norwich. (1120)

C. H. GOODMAN can spare buff cocks, 7/6 and 10/6; two buff hens, 7/6 and 15/-; two yellow cocks, 7/6 each; and four yellow hens, 10/6, 17/6, 20/-, 22/- each; all good value to make room; approval: 21, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (1132)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, Roberts' noted strain, from 10/6; massive cocks from 15/6; matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6 to £3; how birds reasonable; approval: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1135)

GREAT sacrifice; typical large deep colour-fed unflighted Buff Norwich cock, real gem for size, head properties, shape, and style; won honours Luton, Stratford, only times out; accept 15/-; approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd. Leytonstone. (1134)

GIVING up; variegated yellow Norwich cock, related Scottish National winner, £1; two typical yellow hens, £1 the two; two grand buff cocks, 15/- and 21/; pair good Yorks., winners, 25/-: E. Davis, Pennington-green, Hindley, near Wigan. (1127)

THREE hens, 1912, yellow and buff marked, 12/6 each; one yellow, 10/-, 1913; buff marked, moulting, 1913, 7/-; buff cock, 3rd Chester-le-Street, 18 class, 25/-; four show cages; offers lot: Evans, 51, Morris-st., Birtley, Durham. (1122)

REPEATING OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Owing to the number of announcements received we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous Issue, Page, and Column are stated by the advertiser.—ADVT. MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS."

CHAMPION Norwich, 1913, cocks 7/6 to 10/; yellows, hens 3/- to 5/-, matched pairs, 15/-; on approval. If not satisfied money returned, all own breeding, and related to winners: R. Marsland, 8, Highfield-ter., Hooley Hill, Audenshaw. (1121)

WANTED, large clear yellow or yellow variegated stock cock, also large clear or variegated buff stock cock, will exchange large clean outdoor aviary moulted Siberian cock Goldfinches, real gems; yours first apply, T. Ross, Argyle-st., Belgrave-rd., Leicester. (1129)

HIGH-class bird: My Norwich are winding among the best. This season I have won two silver challenge cups, two champion diplomas, besides numerous 1sts, etc.; typical birds, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Hanmer-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

SOME good Norwich cheap; two unflighted yellow hens, 3/6 each; one unflighted yellow hen, 5/-; one year-old buff hen, 7/6; one unflighted foul buff cock, 10/-; two year-old buff cocks, 12/6 each; one-year yellow cock, 15/-; may on approval: Barnes, Factory Row, Whalley, near Blackburn. (1124)

FEW high-class Norwich for sale, same as my winners Burnley, Manchester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Preston, Tideswell, Clitheroe; cocks or hens, yellow or buff, from 10/6 upwards, healthy, cold-room bred and kept; approval, deposit willingly, stamp: Lupe Granger, 21, West-view, Clitheroe. (1127)

HANFORD'S genuine bargains; prize-bred Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; cobby hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-; correctly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; long Yorkshires, same prices; send for full particulars and approval terms: R. Hanford, Derby. (1135)

SUCCESS on the show bench follows the introduction of my renowned strain into the breeding room. For account of my latest big success see report of Birmingham Show; immerous prizes and ten specials. Some splendid stock birds to spare: J. Eckersley, 54, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

NORWICH cinnamon variegated cock, 1913 winner, 1st Leyton, 1st East Ham, 3rd Wimbledon, £1; parents of same, £1 5s.; another good pair, 15/-; odd cocks for stock and song, 7/6 to 10/-; hens, 3/6 to 5/-; giving up Norwich, having won novice Yorkshire cup: Baxter, 98, Dames Rd., Forest Gate, Essex. (1139)

A. L. HAWKES, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone, Breeder and Exhibitor of many years' standing, has some grand deep-fed Norwich for disposal, cocks or hens, singles 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/- and 30/- upwards; being overcrowded, I am offering exceptional bargains, 7 days' approval; late of Grove Green-rd. (1134)

MIDLAND champion (vide Manchester report) strain; winner Leicester young bird cup four years successively; see reports Leicester, Nottingham, Stamford, Longton, Coventry, etc.; unflighted buff, 2nd Longton, 3rd Nottingham, £5; another ditto, £2; large marked buff, 1912, 25/-; unflighted yellow cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, mostly unflighted, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; approval deposit: Mr. E. Hulse, 23, Hartington-rd., Leicester. (1125)

SPECIAL! Special! Those requiring reliable, typical stock birds cannot do better than give me a trial; I guarantee absolute satisfaction or your cash returned in full; large stout yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; ditto hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; properly matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; all cold room bred and in the pink of condition; approval; cash or deposit: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich. (1123)

TYPICAL exhibition hot-fed unflighted buff and yellow Norwich cocks, chubby, thick-set, massive-framed specimens, with large heads, short necks, flights and tails, deep chested, real gems for size, shape, type and style, both in faultless condition, and won several honours; accept 25/- and 30/- each; 7 days' approval: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1134)

THE most up-to-date manual on this popular breed is "Norwich Canaries: How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit," by C. A. House. It contains a beautiful coloured plate, and many black and white illustrations. In it will be found fullest hints and instructions on all the various points which go to make up a champion Norwich. It deals in a most practical manner with all the various stages of the life of a Norwich from the egg to the show bench, explains fully how to pair up the stock birds, how to feed the young, the art of colour feeding, and the way to wash and prepare birds for show. Do not be without it, post free 1/1½, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

CHAMPION exhibition yellow cock, grand type and quality, large head and full neck, rare depth of chest, feathered like silk, sure winner in keenest competition, only 50/-, honestly worth £4; also monster exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, feathered like silk, only 45/-, can soon win his cost; also grand exhibition yellow hen, rare head and neck, grand colour, type and quality, sure winner in good company, only 35/-; honestly worth £3; also extra choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, perfect gem, win anywhere, only 30/-, simply given away at the price; also many others, now ready for immediate exhibition, prices reasonable, all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION exhibition yellow cock, rare type and quality, grand depth of chest, large head and full neck, rare winner in keen competition, only 63/-, honestly worth £4; also monster exhibition buff cock, grand type, colour, quality, and substance, rare head and neck, feathered like silk, only 30/-, recently cost £3; also grand exhibition yellow hen, real model for type and quality, grand size and substance, sure winner in good company, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster exhibition buff hen, massive head, full neck, grand depth of chest, rare type and quality, win anywhere, only 21/-, cheap at 50/-; also several massive exhibition yellow and buff cocks, 21/- each, and monster exhibition yellow and buff hens, only 12/6 each; sure winners in good company; any of the above are honestly worth three times the prices asked; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1132)

NORWICH CANARIES

Cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned. 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

R. W. SMITH

is selling all his noted Norwich and cages; see wins Newcastle, Alnwick, Blaydon, Bishop Auckland; winner "C.B." Diploma; state wants, stamp: 6, Lincoln-st., Gateshead-on-Tyne. (1052)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury, Yorkshire. (1041)

RETIRING FROM FANCY

E. Langford has a few fine large Norwich cocks, 8/-, 10/-; also big selected buff hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; real bargains; approval if deposit: Valinger's-rd., King's Lynn. (1126)

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ROLLER rocks, Randall's strain, full song, 1913, cold-room, 7/6: Cross, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool. (1128)

SEIFERT Rollers, Roehl's strain, cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- each; hens, same strain, 3/-, 5/- each; approval: R. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton-hill, S.W. (1101)

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SEIFERT cocks, from 8/6, Smith and Roehl's strain, rung, 1913: Hughes, Surrey-villa, Long-lane, Church End, Finchley. (1120)

ROLLER cocks, full song, Randall's strain, 1913, rung, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; approval: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire. (1081)

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WANTED, high-class Yorkshires, pairs: will exchange large clean outdoor aviary moulted Siberian cock Goldfinches, real gems, sure mulers; yours first: apply, T. Ross, Argyle-st., Belgrave-rd., Leicester. (1129)

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HOT fed clear yellow Yorks. cock, 15/-; fed buff cock, 10/-; non-fed buff cock, 7/6; two clear yellow hens, 5/- each; all unflighted, £2 the lot; approval, deposit: G. Vandepeer, 20, Murston-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent. (1125)

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A FEW Yorkshires cheap to clear, single and double breeding cages, quantity of new Lark cages, among them a contest singing cage with glass feet, Norwich cages, cases, pans, clap nets: Park, Newton-ter., Millom. (1124)

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YORKSHIRES: Even-marked yellow cock, buff hen, even-marked buff Cinnamon cock, yellow hen, yellow cock, even-marked buff hen, yellow cock, even-marked Cinnamon hen; good class, healthy pair, 15/6 pair: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (1127)

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WANTED Monkeys, Parrots, Dogs, Birds, Ferrets, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1131)

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Budgerigars; exchange Russian Goldfinches, Linnets: Bannister, Pendle-st., Burnley. (1133)

WANTED, Rollers; exchange Collier's stand machine, three drills, now (Spencers); cost £3: Peters, Little Hulton. (1118)

WANTED, selected Goldfinches; exchange thistle, dandelion, and hardhead seed: J. Cowan, 25, New Stock-st., Paisley. (1129)

WANTED, offers in Canaries; exchange pair Scotch woollen blankets, full size, value 25/-: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1133)

WANTED, second hand ½ horse petrol engine, must be in good working order, cheap: Otto, 12, Hanley-place, Bellshill, N.B. (1128)

WANTED, cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linnets, Redpolls; state lowest cash price: H. Jinks 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield. (1113)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large birds, also British and foreign birds: Mrs. Martin, 9), Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow. (717)

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cocks 5/-, 6/-, hens 2/-; cock Bullfinches 2/-, hens 1/-; grand condition: Cutforth, Hairdresser, Oakham, Rutland. (1122)

CHRISTMAS present; for sale, pair Yorkshires, breeding cage, pair Crests, breeding cage, 10/6 pair: Wise, Myers-st., Keswick. (1124)

WILL buy for cash any quantity Goldfinch Mules, hens 1/-, hen Canaries 1/-, colour fed 1/3: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton. (1120)

WANTED: To catchers, Linnets, Siskins, Bullfinches, etc., any quantity; state price wanted: Vanner, 19, Cato-st., Gateshead. (1052)

WANTED, high-class young Bantams, exchange case for show cage, also homer cock, flown 400 miles, value 5/-: Cowans, Wooler. (1125)

WANTED, hens of following specimens: Ruficaudus, Blue, and Black Tanagers, Nonpareil Buntings: Dr. Keays, Easthealthy Station Uckfield. (1135)

WANTED, cheap, for cash, Scotch Fancies, Norwich Crests, Lizards, Lancashires; state particulars: H. Martin, 11, Marlborough-rd., Shipley. (1118)

WANTED, good British, in exchange for first class Borders, yours first; approval both ways: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumb. (1129)

WANTED two Mules, or four common cock Canaries; exchange cycle, no tyres, nicely enamelled green, racer pattern: F. Cook, Penbridge. (1129)

CORNISH Choughs, Jays, or Canaries, Borders, in exchange for Irish Terrier bitch by champions, or sell 50/-: Price, Nelson-st., Chester-le-Street.

WANTED, pigeons, fowls, rabbits, puppies, birds; cash or exchange anything alive; cheap Christmas presents: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green. (1111)

WANTED, from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Chaffinches; state lowest price: J. Conoran, Wholesale Dealer, 36, Devonshire-st., Northampton.

WANTED surplus stocks of Canaries, also hen Canaries, cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford. (1055)

WANTED from catchers, field-moulted Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Siskin, must be good birds; on approval: Wm. Sharp, Mid-st., Bathgate. (1122)

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Canaries, all kinds British birds; state lowest price: Brain, Merchant, 288, Lichfield-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, African Grey Parrot, in exchange for 4 pairs of Green Budgerigars, breeding (or offers): Hodgson, North Parade, Burley, Wharfedale. (1126)

WANTED: To catchers, Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfinches, any quantity; state price wanted: Apply, J. Corneille, 64, Conyers-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1122)

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, Mules wanted, colour-fed, giving 7/- pair, good birds, cash deposited; particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (1133)

WANTED, Roller Schoolmaster, give two Goldfinch Mules, or two Norwich, large, guaranteed cocks; yours first; approval: David Hall, Market-place, Evesham. (1123)

WANTED, Linnet Mule, Linnet song, inverted gas brackets, or Goldfinches, for pedigree bred Norwich; mutual approval: Metcalfe, 8, Fuller-st., New Cleethorpes. (1121)

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshires, also Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Borders, any number; state price for prompt cash: Stirling's Aviaries, Frith-rd., W. Croydon. (1134)

WANTED, exhibtion colour-fed British Mules or Hybrids in exchange typical colour-fed exhibition Norwich or Yorkshires: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1134)

WANTED, offers Canaries, etc., or part cash and birds; exchange new pair all wool blankets, 25/6, or men's tweed suit length, 24/-, approval: McNairn, Merchant, Castle Douglas. (1128)

WANTED, yellow Yorkshire cock, good length, in exchange for winning cock Greenfinch, or Silver Campine cockerel, White Leghorn, pure bred: Barlow, Hilcote, Blackwell, Alfreton. (1129)

CHRISTMAS presents; oak bureau, 30/-; coal vase, 10/-; palm stands, 7/6 pair; all new; exchange Canaries, poultry, or anything to value: Williams, 13, Garner-st., Hackney-rd. (1127)

NEW Crystal Palace aviary, and pair of Green Budgerigars, and 1 pair Norwich Canaries, cock, in full song, accept 25/- or exchange pullets: approval, deposit: Hallett, Shrublands, Smithy Bridge, Lancs.

WANTED, good Crested, Clean Crested, Borders, Rollers, in exchange for book, "Canaries, Hybrids and British Birds," as new, cost 25/-: Whaley, 6, Vickers-buildings, Newton-st., Lincoln.

NOTICE: Will give 6/- per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires, colour-fed preferred; also wanted Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Borders, any number; cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas. (1104)

WANTED—CANARIES
Mules and British birds. Toy Pomeraninns, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

FRED ALLEN will give high-class British for Canaries: Porter-st., Hull. (1135)

WILL exchange British birds for Goldfinch Mules or Canaries: Helyar, 55, Patmos-rd., North Brixton. (1120)

EXCHANGE English Goldfinches for left-off clothing, or Canaries; stamp reply: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1127)

GRAND cock Goldfinch, two hens; exchange young common hen Canaries; approval: Bert Rice, Ranuds, Wellingboro. (1122)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch and Yorkshire hen for pair of Budgerigars: Clark, 2, Foxley-rd., Malmesbury, Wilts. (1123)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch and Linnet, house moulted and steady, for Crestbred cock: Skillicorn, 75, Buck-rd., Douglas, Man. (1120)

EXCHANGE, few very large English Goldfinches for Canaries; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1131)

EXCHANGE hand-reared Kestrel Hawk for Norwich Canaries; what offers: E. Allen, Bullington, Sutton, Scotney. (1130)

DARK Linnet Mule, 15/-; three Border show cages and case for four, 8/6; exchange British: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff. (1132)

HAND-reared cock Skylark, pure song, cage, 7/6; hen Orange-cheek, 1/6; exchange, stamp particulars: Faulkner, Bellevue, Redruth. (1134)

EXCHANGE few very large English Goldfinches for Canaries; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1131)

TWO house moulted hen Bullfinches, laid eggs last season, 1/6 each; exchange cock Goldfinch: Warboys, Knox-rd., Wellingborough. (1125)

JOHN Day will exchange high-class British or Siberians for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, etc; see advert: The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1124)

EXCHANGE good cock Goldfinch, H.M., for good unlighted yellow Norwich hen, no rubbish, approval. Larter, 58, Dalstrode-rd., Ipswich. (1126)

TWO large exhibition rock Chaffinches, one hen, aviary bred, exchange British show cages or Roller cock: Gardener, Vicarage, Llandovery. (1130)

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets for four hen Goldfinch Mules, or three hen Canaries: J. Flower, 15, Pollard row, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (1132)

EXCHANGE 6s; three selected Scotch rock Linnets, field moulted; exchange cock Hawfinch or Mule: Hart, 12, Violet-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (1128)

SEVERAL flue stamp cock Goldfinches, good healthy birds, sell, or exchange healthy Norwich; approval: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton, Devon.

EXCHANGE unflighted or year bred buff Yorkshire cock, Heggie's strain, for exhibition British Goldfinch: John Houston, 32, Auckland-st., Glasgow.

FEW large cock Goldfinches, large blaze and nice colour; some fit to win now; 5/- each, 9/- pair: Thomas, Hawthorne Cottage, Portfield, Haverfordwest. (1124)

LINNETS, Larks, Redpolls, Greenfinches, Twites; will exchange 1 dozen mixed for 2 large hen Canaries: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1124)

LINNET, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Lark, Bramblefinch, Yellowhammer, Redpoll, 1/6 each; clean charlock, 8/- cwt.; exchange anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1133)

SILVER Grey maiden doe, also maiden black Dutch doe, from best strain, sell or exchange British songsters: Dawson, East House, Murton S.O., Co. Durham. (1128)

HOUSE-MOULTED cocks, 2 Bullfinches, 6/-; 1 Siskin, 5/-; 1 Redpoll, 2/6; 1 Linnet hen, grey, 1/6 or exchange wired fox terrier dog: F. Todd, Dewarton, Gorebridge. (1119)

EXCHANGE colour-fed Yellow Bunting, good house moulted cock Bullfinch, 5/- each, exchange 2 buff Yorkshire hens, offers: Sproston, Kilnshaw-lane, Clive, near Middlewich. (1130)

EXCHANGE, h.m. Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Siskin, for Roller hen Canaries, B.R.C.C. rung, sell 16/-; no rubbish wanted. A. Brown, 29, Taylor-st., New Cleethorpes, Grimsby, Lincs. (1122)

EXCHANGE two cock Siskins, 2 Lesser Redpolls, 1 Mealy Redpoll, 1 Twite, all field-moulted, for pair of 1913 Yorkshire Canaries; must be good: W. Harper, Glennan House, Fort William. (1153)

EXCHANGE 3 cock Linnet Mules, metal hanging cage, and cash, for good Anglo-German concertina by Jellerys or Crab, or best cash offer for Mules and cage: Smith, 1, Castle-st., Blackburn. (1[illegible])

EXCHANGE large Yellow Bunting, 5th L.C.B.A. Show, London, 4th Walsall, house-moulted, steady, for large cock Bullfinch, must be good; yours first; approval: Taylor, 155, Old Fallow, Cannock. (1121)

EXCHANGE H.M. cock Chaffinch, 2nd Gosport, and H.M. yellow cock Greenfinch, 2nd Portsmouth, bot class, or sale 10/-, for good exhibition yellow cock Siskin: Russell, Hairdresser, Gosport.

GIANT exhibition cock Hawfinch, 10/6; two extra large cock Goldfinches, 4/- each; six giant well-pencilled cock Linnets, 2/6 each; exchange Canaries or Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (1131)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hens and Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canarics, Mules or Foreign birds; note, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

Mainly Canaries.

GREEN C.B. cock, 1912, 20/-, or exchange yellow Cinnamon hen: E. L. A. Crow, Lowestoft. (1132)

THREE hen Canaries, sell 4/6; or exchange cock Goldfinch: Roby, 135, Enfield-st., Pemberton, Wigan. (1124)

EXCHANGE four pairs high-class Border Fancies (young) for 1913 Scotch Fancy hen: Stenhouse, Sandbank, Argyll. (1126)

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, exchange for pair Lizards, or sell 12/6; yours first: Hargreaves, 4, Keith-st., Burnley. (1127)

EXCHANGE large yellow-green Norwich hen for Crestbred hen, or Crest cock: Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., Lowestoft. (1128)

WILL give pair large, heavy, pure woollen blankets, worth having, for 4 pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1133)

EXCHANGE two young Yorks. hens, 1 cock, for cock Goldfinch and Linnet, no rubbish: Duncan, 14, Grinfield-st., Liverpool. (1124)

EXCHANGE 4 healthy 1913 Roller hens, cold room, for healthy 1913 cocks, yours first: Slater, St Neots-rd., Sandy, Beds. (1127)

BORDER Fancies, pair, 25/-; exchange pup, toy Pom.; Norwich hen, 15/-; exchange Seifert cocks: 55, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh. (1119)

SELL two hen Canaries, Norwich and Border, 6/-, or exchange cock Bullfinch; approval: Fothergill, Water-st., Nelson, Lancs. (1125)

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, three hens, sell, or exchange good gramophone and records, disc preferred: Snell, Nea Barn, Brixham. (1129)

EXCHANGE Green Crested cock, mahogany breeding cage, for Rollers or Yorkshire hens: Robert Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock. (1126)

EXCHANGE smart pair Yorkshires for Bull Terrier pup, about 4 months; approval both ways: 82, Victoria-rd., Netherfield, Notts. (1[illegible])

TWO good buff Norwich hens, 10/6; Brown Linnet, bred Mules, guaranteed; exchange lot songsters: Harry Bingham, Long Sutton, Wisbech. (1133)

EXCHANGE good Norwich pairs, from my winners, for exhibition light Goldfinch Mule or Hybrid; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight. (1128)

LARGE green Crested even wing marked stock cock for Goldfinch Mule in full song, yours first: 6, Lambert-terrace, Aberdare, Wales. (1129)

FOUR pairs healthy 1913 Yorkshires, 6/- a pair, or exchange anything useful, bedroom furniture: Davies, 58, Craven Park, Harlesden, N.W. (1121)

YORKSHIRE Canaries, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; will exchange Concertina, value 30/-, for good melodeon: John Bell, 224, Tudhoe Colliery, Spennymoor. (1122)

EXCHANGE two Crested hens for Norwich, Yorkshires, or Borders, or sell 15/-: John Bailes, South View, Colliery-row, Fence Houses, Durham. (1121)

EXCHANGE high-class Borders, for exhibition British or foreign Hardbills or Softbills; mutual approval: Wilson, Wyhrow-terrace, Workington.

CLEARING. 3 good buff Crestbred hens, 1912, 15/-; exchange typical Border hens, yellows; Cinns., Greens, Clears; offers: 11, Hydethorpe-rd., S.W.

EXCHANGE Norwich (C.B.) to value, for buff hen, good head and type, mutual approval (no rubbish): Heslop, Holmwood-grove, Darlington.

EXCHANGE 3 cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, singing well, for good bred Water Glucke schoolmaster, useless without yours first: Plimmer, 30, Dundee-st., Longton, Staffs. (1129)

WANTED, Siberian cock Goldfinches; exchange Norwich, fcd. Roller schoolmaster; offers British; approval: Robinson, 308, Rectory-rd., Gateshead

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires and Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, etc.: W. Whiteley, Breeder and Exhibitor, 9, Ashfield rd., Idle, Yorkshire. (1081)

YORKSHIRES: Few more good ones to spare, including winners, 10/- to 40/-, or exchange drapery or dress material: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1121)

GOOD matched pair Yorkshires, exchange for one yellow marked hen and one buff marked hen, approval both ways: W. Alton, Holbrook-rd., Belper, Derbyshire. (1120)

WANTED two very large Norwich or any bred hens, natural colour, exchange two pairs of Borders, yours first: Pope, 9, Newbuildings-lane, Frome, Somerset. (1129)

WANTED, Norwich cock or two hens, large birds; exchange yellow Border cock and cock Goldie Mule; approval: Beaurose, Bracken Hill, Chapeltown.

NORWICH: four good buff cocks, winners of nine prizes, sell cheap, or exchange drapery, dress material; offers: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

GIVING up; Twenty excellent Norwich and Yorkshires, winners and bred from winners, from 5/-; offers for lot, or exchange: Richardson, 67, Tynemouth-rd., Tottenham. (1099)

PAIR high class Yorkshires, Ambler's strain, 15/-; 3 show cages and case, good, exchange for pair good Norwich, mutual approval: Phillips, Jonnington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. (1124)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorks, Norwich, Rollers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, cages, anything, for scrap brass, copper, block tin: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford. (1134)

WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins or good British birds; approval: Hodgkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport. (1128)

YORKSHIRE cocks, in buff, cinnamon, and yellow, green marked, Norwich, clear yellow and yellow marked, 5/- each: buff hens, 2/6 each: Pickles, Shawcroft Hill, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge. (1100)

THREE Crest hens, 4/6 each, two yellow, one buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; one buff do., 7/6; exchange Crestbred, Norwich, or Lancs. hens, or good British: Prentice, Trafalgar-rd., Newport, Wight. (1124)

TRAINED Roller cock, splendid songster, 10/-, nice Goldie Mule, Finch song, 8/6; good buff Norwich hen, 3/6; 1913 birds; exchange all or any for pullets: Palmer, 46, Walpole-rd., Great Yarmouth. (1124)

SALE or exchange, 4 lovely crossbred Canaries, believed to be 3 cocks out of four, Yorks. and Norwich, sell 11/-, or exchange for two Hartz Mountain Rollers, good stock birds, bargain: Address, Wm. Taylor, 307, Bolton-rd., Walkden, Lancs. (1120)

Mainly Foreign.

PET Monkey and Bahia Cockatoo, exchange for Amazon or Grey talking Parrot: J. Carr, 40, Church-st., Deptford, Sunderland. (1[illegible])

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage (talker), for Canaries or other birds, or sell 25/-; stamp reply: Cooper, 63, Princess-st., Manchester. (1130)

GREEN Amazon Parrot and square cage, just commencing to talk, will shake hands, and is very tame, 30/-; or will exchange for anything useful: Nicholson, 42, Lime-st., Gt. Harwood. (1123)

Miscellaneous.

PAIR clapnets new, sell, or exchange pullets: H. Balderstone, Towngate, Market Deeping. (1124)

EDISON Gem and 40 records for sale or exchange, what offers: R. Russell, 14, Mona-st., Liverpool.

HOME phonograph combination, cost £8, exchange for anything useful: Meaden, Tisbury, Wilts. (1103)

CHOICE Christmas present.—Birds, pigeons, dogs rabbits, cavies: Maynard's Aviaries, Bethnal Green.

FAW bushels chariock seed, what offers in exchange? will divide: Rowson, Swerford, Oxford. (1129)

TOY bitch pup, slightly mismarked, 8/6, or exchange anything useful: Cousar, 46, Fullarton-st., Irvine. (1129)

EXCHANGE set of shoemaker's lasts, for any useful thing or good Canary cock: W. J. T. Warr, 15, South-terrace. (1066)

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, exchange cage birds, bantams, offers: Biddle, 27, Wharton-st., London, W.C. (1127)

TWO pair roller skates, secondhand; exchange for large English cock Goldie: Brazier, 46, Duke-st., Chelmsford, Essex. (1120)

EDISON Gem, 88 records, three horns, two stands, cost 13/-, almost new, 9/-; exchange, 1913, properly George-st., Oldham. (1125)

PAIR Sandow five-spring grip dumbbells, 7/6; exchange for singing cock Canary: J. Mercer, No. 1, Kay-st., Blackburn. (1128)

WANTED, cage birds, Foreign or British, exchange small black Pom., dog or bitch: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester. (1[illegible])

COCK Goldfinch Mule, finch song, and cage, 4/6; exchange for good phonograph records; yours first: Binks, Askew, Bedale. (1128)

FOR sale, good Whippet puppy, seven months, £1; exchange birds, or anything useful: David Paton, Portland-ter., Hurlford. (1128)

EXCHANGE Columbia graphophone, 30 records, splendid condition, for Canaries, or sell 27/6: Dean, 31, Mirabel-rd., Fulham. (1101)

EXCHANGE gramophone, in box, perfect condition, beautiful horn, ten records; exchange anything: Edward, 12, Kid-st., Notts. (1125)

EXCHANGE American Gates Zither, good as new, cost 40/-, for pair Canaries, any: Honey, Howard-row, Netherton, Newcastle. (1127)

EXCHANGE girl's cream serge costume, new safety razor, for Canaries: Wyllie, 74, Craigiehall, S.W., Plantation, Glasgow. (1129)

WELL-BRED, good working Spaniel, 25/-, or exchange Canaries, anything useful: F. Richards, 44, St. Clare-terrace, Penzance. (1128)

GOOD Greyhound Lurcher dog pup, five months old; exchange anything useful: W. Hopkins, 56, Church-rd., Cadoxton, Barry. (1120)

TWELVE racing homers, flown Swindon, Bournemouth; exchange anything useful, or sell 3/6 each: 10, Robert Stanley-st., Bolton. (1125)

WANTED, offers Norwich, Borders exchange four vols. Robert Burns, over 1,700 pages, cost 25/-: Cobb, Dalhousie-st., Montieth. (1118)

EXCHANGE rink roller skates (lady's) in good condition, ball bearings, for cage birds, or sell 7/6: Freeman, Ironmonger, Brockley. (1120)

EXCHANGE good pair clear Norwich Canaries for Baxter prints or Le Blond ovals: W., 53, Birkenhead-aven., Kingston-on-Thames. (1120)

GRAMOPHONE, loud, clear, with 6 2/6 records, 30/-; ¼-plate focal plane camera, big tripod, 25/-, exchange: B. Hutton, Holbeach. (1125)

EXCHANGE prize bred Himalayan doe for young cock Canary, must be good songster: Steele, Desborough avenue, High Wycombe. (1117)

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary, good condition, for Rollers or Bantams, sell 10/6: A. Chesters, Spring Gardens, Tainworth. (1123)

EXCHANGE 4 Bantams and cock, good breed, for pair Norwich or Borders, dozen Linnets' Jacques, 117, Harrington-rd., Workington. (1118)

ROSSETTED Guinea pigs, six, 1/9 pair, or exchange singing birds or Patne records: Bouiger, Kent-terrace, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. (1130)

OVER 200 CAGE BIRDS, with plates, for Lelpsic Roller, Schoolmaster: Hugh M'Carey, Main-st., Holytown, Lanarkshire, Scotland. (1132)

SMALL square Parrot cage, 2/-; pair riding boots, cost £3, sizes, 7/6; exchange garden gun, birds: Butter Quarter, Staplehurst, Kent. (1127)

FIVE Mules, 2 Linnet, 3 Goldfinch, also Black-red Old English Game cock-rel, grand bird; offers: Worrell, Church-st., Armfield Plain. (1119)

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BUTE.

Thirteenth annual show, held in the Drill Hall, Dec. 6. There was a large entry, and some really good birds were put down. Mr. Napier (pres.), Mr. D. Brown and Mr. W. Leckie (vice.), Mr. J. W. Dubbie (sec.), and Mr. John McRone (treas.), were indefatigable in their endeavours to make the show a success. Messrs. Brown and David's buff piebald Scotch Fancy cock, much admired, took medal for best in section. Mr. McFarlane, Paisley, judged, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY FOUL CK.: 1, Brown and David, foul buff, large bird, fine drive, shows well; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lister, 2nd, yell., showy bird, fails a little in size; 3rd, buff, real good bird. HEN: 1, Millar, buff, shows well, fine length and drive; 2, 3, 4, Brown and David, 2nd fails in size to winner; 3rd, similar to 2nd; hc, Lister. PIE. OR GR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Brown and David, 1st takes medal and 2 spls. large, fine reach, shows well, staged to perfection, wins; 2nd, yell. pie., not so large, but good stamp; 3rd, yell. pied, fine drive. HEN: 1, 2 spls., Millar buff pied, grand action and size; 2, 3 Brown and David, yell. pied, falls in size; 3rd, buff pied, slow to get into pos.; vhc, Lister. BORD. CK.: 1, 3, Lister, two grand birds; 2, Dobbie, fails in condition to winner. HEN: 1, 2, two wee gems, in grand order. NOR. CK., CL. OR TKD.: 1, Napier, large good stamp; 2, Mitchell, fine bird. HEN: 1, 2, Dobbie, good ones. VARIEG. OR GR.: 1, Whiteford, good stamp; 2, McLean. HEN: 1, 3, Dobbie, good birds, will improve; 2, McLean, good type. A.O.V. 1, 2, 3, Jeffrey, grand cond. GOLDF.: 1, Jeffrey, grand bird, fine size; 2, Clarke, typical, fails in size, but better coloured in face and body. BULLF.: 1, Clarke, wins, great breast col.; 2, Wise, good size and cond.; 3, Campbell, fails a little in cond., but better breast col. LINNET: 1, Clarke, great size and cond., shows to perfection, will be heard of again. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, sp., Napier, grand Twite, great size, but a poor shower, needs training; 2, Clarke, yell. Siskin, grand order, could do with more size. A.O., SMALL: 1, Clarke, Bramble, lovely cond., could do with more size; 2, Wise, Greenf., in good order. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, sp., Clarke, Yellow Wagtail, shining like silk, a grand exhibit; 2, 3, 4, Wise, Whitethroat, twice house-moulted, a credit; 3rd, Blue Tit, unsteady; 4th, same species, our choice, steady, and in lovely order. HEN BRITISH: 1, sp., Campbell, Bullf., fine size; 2, Napier, Bullf., h.m., good condition; 3, Weir, grand Bramble, tail still growing, which no doubt kept it back. FOR.: 1, M'Arthur, Amazon Parrot, in lovely order, wins; 2, Mitchell, same species, good 2nd; 3, Clarke, Orange Bishop, still in the moult. GIFT.: 1, Millar; 2, Napier; 3, Mitchell. BRIT., BOYS' OR GIRLS': 1, D. Clarke, Hawfinch, great bird, in the pink; 2, J. Millar, Goldie, in grand order; 3, J. Pendreich, lovely Bullie, feathers missing from breast; 4, Miss Maggie McMurchie, lovely h.m. Bullie, might have changed places.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

Thirteenth annual show, held Nov. 29. Entries came up well, totalling 198, and quality throughout was up to a high standard, Norwich having slightly the best of it. The show was again held in the large room above the White Lion Hotel, a capital place for a show, and the exhibits were nicely arranged in tiers. Cup for best bird was secured by Mr. H. Wilson, closely pressed by Mr. J. Appleby. The hon. sec., Mr. R. H. Dixon, had everything in first-class order. He was grandly supported by a hard-working body of fanciers, headed by the genial chairman, Mr. Matt Dixon. Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) judged.

The Critique.

YOUNG NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Appleby, brace of nice ones, leader cl., red-hot col., medium size, short and thick set, neat head, lovely qual., nice wing carr.; 2, variegated, good size, nice shape, neat head, not quite so hot in col. as leader, or so neat in wings; 3, hc, R. H. Dixon, nice type, good col. and qual., neat head, nice wings and tail; vhc, c, Atkinson. BUFF (12): 1, Appleby, nice size, correct shape, good col. and qual., good head and neck, bit faulty in wing carr.; 2, Kilner, bigger than leader, but not so thick-set, nice col., neat wings; 3, Wilson, variegated, fine size, nice shape, neat head and wings, loses in col.; vhc, c, Atkinson; hc, M. Dixon. HEN (8): 1, cup, Wilson, cl. buff, short, thick set, bold head and neck, nice col., neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Appleby, cl. yell., medium size, fine shape, good head, lovely col. and qual., grand wings and tail, pressed winner close; 3, cl., buff, not the subs. of winner, yet good shape, neat head, fine col. and qual.; vhc, hc, Atkinson; c, Kilner. GR. OR NEAR GR. (4): 1, Wilson, grand shape, short and cobby, nice col., neat back and wings; 2, Fletcher, nice size, good shape, nice back and chest, neat head, loses in col. and polish; 3, Lowery; vhc, Chesterton. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 2, Appleby, cl., nice size and shape, neat head and wing carr., grand col. and qual., clean cut; 2, cl., bigger, not so well finished, nice col. and qual.; 3, Atkinson. CINN. (3): 1, 2, M. Dixon, yell. leading, medium size, nice type, lovely col. and qual., nicely polished; 2, buff, good size and shape, nice col., level in tone, good qual., neat head, back, and chest; 3, Turnbull. CREST (5): 1, Bissett, foul-tail green, nice crest, good shape and size, very neat, nice centre; 2, Davidson, foul green, nice crest, good size, good frontal; 3, hc, Lowery, variegated, smaller crest, neat shape; vhc, Davidson. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Fenton, medium length, nice pos., well tapered, neat head, nice wings and tail; 2, Turnbull, longer, well drawn, trifle thicker; 3, M. Dixon. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Turnbull, leader fine length, well up on good legs, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Fenton, fine length, well up, slim and finely drawn; vhc, M. Dixon. HEN (6): 1, R. H. Dixon, nice length, straight up neat head, nice shoulders, well braced wings and tail; 2, Fenton, cl. yell., slim and finely drawn, nice length, well up on good legs, nice col., close feather, close up; 3, hc, M. Dixon; vhc, Robinson. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, Masters, grand type, close busy feather, neat head, well cut away; 2, 3, Reed, better col., fine shape, well rounded body, nice qual and finish, good carr., no like; 3, good shape and col. BUFF (3): 1, Appleby, even mkd., grand shape, good col and qual.; 2, 3, Reed, variegated, not so well rounded on back, fine col. and qual., neat head, good wings and tail. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Masters, cl. yell. leading, nice shape, good col and qual; 2, cl buff, equal shape nice col, neat head, not so neat in wings. PAIRS (8): 1, 2, Appleby, leaders nice pair Nor., good size and shape, grand col and qual.; 2, good pair Bord., nice type, good col., well braced wings and tail; 3, Atkinson. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, Kilner, big Linnet mule, fine shape, grand col., rich qual. and polish, nice cond.; 2, 3, Tarbett, Linnet mules. OLD BIRDS, NOR YELL. (5): 1, 2, Wilson, well-known cl. leading, nice size, short and cobby, lovely col., neat head, nice wings and tail; 2, trifle bigger, bold head, nice back and chest, lacks col. and qual of leader; 3, Fenton; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Turnbull. BUFF (10): 1, Wilson, fine size but plenty long enough, bold head and chest, nice col., well carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Appleby, lovely shape, short compact body, nice head, good back and chest, lacks size and col of leader; 3, neck tkd., nice col., lovely qual., not quite so deep in chest; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Lowery; c, Robinson. HEN (11): 1, 2, Wilson, cl yell. leading, nice one all over, good size and shape lovely col. and qual., neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, buff, good size, nice bold head, good back and chest, nice col., neat wings; 3, vhc, Appleby, tkd. yell., good size, grand shape, nice col. and qual., not quite so good in wing carr.; hc, Chesterton; c, M. Dixon. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Appleby, medium size, lovely shape, nice full chest, neat head, good back and wings, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Chesterton, fine size and shape, nice col., grand qual., neat head; 3, Tarbett, lovely type, good back and chest, nice col. and qual., close up; vhc, Masters; hc, Fletcher; c, Robinson. GR. OR NEAR GR. (6): 1, Kilner, foul-tail green, fine size, correct shape, bold head, grand col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, Fletcher, foul green, nat. col., grand size and shape, neat head, capital col., neat wings; 3, Masters, foul, good size, nice shape; vhc, hc, R. H. Dixon; c, Robinson. NOR. PAIRS (7): 1, 2, Appleby, well matched yell. ck. and buff hen, plenty size, correct type; 2, yell. ck. and buff hen, good type, but lack subs. of leaders; 3, Wilson, grand yell. cock, plenty of size, and buff hen; vhc, Kilner; hc, Chesterton; c, Fletcher. CINN HEN (3): 1, 2, M. Dixon, yell., nice size and shape, good Nor. properties, nice col., good polish and cond.; 2, buff, good shape, short and cobby, neat head, nice level tone of col., good qual.; 3, R. H. Dixon, nice size, not quite so thick set. CREST CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Bisset, nice team, leader foul tail gr., crest of good size, nice shape and radiation, neat centre and droop, 2, wing mkd. D.C., not quite the size, nice shape and droop, neat centre; 3, cl. body, grizzle crest, nice size, good shape, neat centre; vhc, hc, Lowery. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Lowery, nearly gr., good shaped crest, of nice size, radiating nicely from neat centre; 2, Fenwick, variegated, smaller crest, beautifully finished, neat centre and droop, nice frontal; 3, Bisset. C.B. CK. (5): 1, hc, Bisset, foul tail gr., plenty size, nice broad scull, good leafy feather, nice lash; 2, vhc, Fenwick, variegated, nice size, good skull, nice width and entrance, scarcely so densely clothed; 3, Davidson. HEN (3): 1, 2, Bisset, cl., nice one, good broad skull, any amount of nice feather, nicely lashed; 2, variegated, good size, nice entrance and width; 3, Davidson. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Fenton, fine length, well up on leg, slim and finely drawn, neat head and shoulders, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, R. H. Dixon, 2nd better col., nice length, good pos., neat head, loses in wings. BUFF (3): 1, 2, M. Dixon, leader griz. wing, grand length, straight up, nice boxy feather, neat head and wing carr.; 2, variegated, similar, but shade open in feather, nice col and qual.; 3, R. H. Dixon. HEN (4): 1, 3, R. H. Dixon, 1st variegated, yell., medium length, slim and stylish, well up, nice col. and qual., neat wings; 2, Lynn, yell. cinn., good one, medium length, well drawn, well up on good legs, nice col., nicely braced wings and tail; vhc, Fenton. BORD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Reed, yell gr., nice one all over, good shape, sound col., level in tone, neat head and wings; 2, cl., nice shape, well rounded, good col. and qual., neat wing carr.; 3, Fenton. BUFF (5): 1, Reed, head tkd., nice shape, good col. and qual., well rounded back, neat wings and tail, well cleaned under; 2, vhc, Appleby, cl., fine shape, sweetly moulded, neat head and wings, not so clean on breast; 3, Fletcher; hc, Fenton. HEN (5): 1, Reed, cl. yell., lovely shape, good col., close boxy feather, neat head, well balanced wings and tail; 2, 3, Appleby, 2nd grizz. wing, better col., but trifle heavy neat head, nice wings and tail; vhc, Fenton; hc, Tarbet. PAIRS (3): 1, 2, 3, Fenwick, 1st good Crest, and heavy-feathered C.B.; 2, similar, nice Crest and C.B., not the subs.; 3, Yorks., nice pair. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Fenwick, dark Goldie-Can., nice size, good blaze, rich col. and qual., nice cond.; 2, buff cinn. Can., grand size, fine shape, but pale in col., nice feather; 3, Chesterton, Linnet-Can., nice col. and feather; vhc, Lowery. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Appleby, lovely col. and polish, well pencilled, clear and distinct; 2, bigger, nice col., nicely pencilled, not so profuse on breast, good cond.; 3, [illegible] Wilson, shade slimmer, lovely col., level in tone, pencilling hardly so clear, nice cond.; hc, Fletcher; c, Tarbert. A.O. BRIT. (10): 1, Appleby, Goldie, fine size, rich col., clean cut blaze, nice tanning, grand wings, lovely cond.; 2, no name, Greenie, topper for shape, nice col., good cond. and feather; 3, no name, nice Bullie, good shape, nice cap, good breast col.

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WALLASEY.

Annual members' show, held Fairhaven Institute, Liscard, Nov. 8. Some 130 birds were staged. With such well-known men as Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, pres.; G. Benson, chair; H. Alston, vice.; and committee, Messrs. W. Young, G. Barker, Stead, G. Morton, Cadden, Green, and Hall, with Mr. W. Hodgkins as hon. sec., the show was sure to go well. A large number of specials were competed for, including cup, medals, and cash. These made the entries come up well, and competition was very keen. A very grand Yorkshire bull hen took special for best bird in show, and Messrs. Benson and Young ought to be proud of such a handsome bird. Mr. Metcalfe's cup and the 15s., 10s., and 5s. points specials were keenly competed for by the champions. Matters were well carried out by Mr. Young and others, and Mr. Charles Houlton judged.

The Critique.

CL. YEL. YORKS: 1, Darlington, grand type, well rounded, nice stand and carr., plenty nerve, and sound in feather; 2, 3, Green, right close up, and hard to separate from 1st; vhc, Morton, hc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, vhc, Morton, grand type, sound col., good pos., and A1 cond.; 2, Benson and Young, paler, very fine type, grand pos. and style, full of nerve; 3, Alston, large, fine on back, good stand, etc.; vhc, Morton; hc, Benson and Young; c, Walton. TKD. YEL.: 1, Benson and Young, very fine drawn, clean through, nicely rounded, good pos. and cond.; 2, Green, very neat through; 3, Cooper, stands well, good shape, etc.; vhc, Alston. YEL. HEN: 1, Morton, very nice type, round and slim, well on leg, A1 pos.; 2, Darlington, very stylish, good contour; 3, vhc, Benson and Young, fine pair, in A1 trim; hc, Alston. BUFF (a): A grand lot, all real good birds: 1, spl. best in show, 2, Benson and Young, leader a most symmetrical bird, very silky, tight as a Java, carriage A1; 2nd, right close up in most points; 3, vhc, Morton, a pair of beauties, right on heels of others; hc, Darlington; hc, Stott. HEAVY VARIEG.: 1, 3, Stott, long slim cinn. variog. leading, very stylish, A1 position, big heavy bird; 2, Hodgkins, dark nat. col. yellow, gem for type, pos., and cond.; vhc, Darlington. UNFLIG. YEL. (7): 1, Metcalfe, A1, lovely breedy bird, grand style and stand; 2, c, Benson and Young, slim built, rare pos., good wing and tail car.; 3, Morton, well on leg, good style; vhc, Darlington; hc, Alston. BUFFS: 1, c, Alston, fine bold bird, well up, neat carr. and pos., full of nerve; 2, Darlington, very round and fine silky feather; 3, Morton, tkd. head and wing, fine qual.; hc, Metcalfe. YELL. GE.: 1, Metcalfe, fine self, grand sound level col., good dark points, real Yorks. type; 2, hc, Benson and Young, lovely foul, grand level col., A1 type; 3, Handley, very neat, smaller, grand sound col. and dark points; vhc, Darlington. BUFFS: 1, Darlington, level, soft tone of sound col., grand type, good dark points and carr.; 2, hc, c, Benson and Young, 2nd, foul, large, A1 col. and type; 3, Handley, bit soft in condition, good col. and nice type; vhc, Metcalfe. YELL., 1913: 1, Handley, grand bird all over, col., etc., A1; 2, Benson and Young, very smart type, fine col., A1 carr.; 3, Cooper, nice col. and type, beaten a little in smartness; vhc, Darlington. BUFF: 1, Benson and Young, gem for type and soft tone of level sound col., good dark points and cond.; 2, Benson and Young, big enough, but nice col., etc.; 3, Simmons, foul, just a shade light in col.; vhc, Handley. NON-FED.: 1, hc, Darlington; 2, c, Stott; 3, Handley; vhc, Morton; first four all fine type. YORKS. BORD. CK.: 1, Handley, yell.; 2, Benson and Young, fine buff, just long enough; 3, Goode, very small buff. HEN: 1, Benson and Young, most typical standard yell., a gem; 2, Goode, smaller, nice cond.; 3, Handley, bit of cond. NOV., YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, Walton; 2, Cadden; vhc, hc, Simmons. BUFF: 1, Walton; 2, vhc, Cadden; 3, Simmons. SELL. PAIRS: 1, Benson and Young; 2, Darlington; 3, Alston. GOLDF. OR BULFL.: 1, Morton, Goldie, nice perky bird; 2, Alston, neat Bullf.; 3, Walton, Bullf.; vhc, ditto, wild Goldf. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Goode, very smart Greenf.; 2, hc, Handley, good Linnet and Greenf.; 3, Barker, Snow Bunting; vhc, Walton. CHAFFI., ETC.: 1, Alston, nice Chaffinch, not quite up to Benson and Young's old champion, which, we heard, died a fortnight ago, after having won over 50 firsts in Liverpool district; 2, 3, Barker, Bramble and Chaffinch; vhc, Handley, Chaff., bit wild. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Barker, pretty Siskin, small Twite, and good Mealy Redpoll; 2, Goode, very smart Lesser in grand order; hc, Walton; c, Morton. GIFT: 1, Benson and Young; 2, Alston; 3, Handley.

WALKLEY.

A very fine members' show, held in the spacious and well lighted St. Phillip's Mission Room, Nov. 15th. The entry was a record one, viz., 286. Four years ago the membership was seven. Recently the radius has been widened, and to-day 62 good fanciers are on the books. Capital headway has been accomplished, and still greater things are being looked forward to. The Chairman, Mr. T. Ridal, possesses the ability to say the right thing at the right time, and is a capital controller. He is ably supported by a couple of enthusiastic and true fanciers in Messrs. J. G. Cowley and J. Woolhouse (assist.-sec. of the Sheffield C.B.S.), who act as vice-chairmen. Mr. J. B. Kelsey is the holder of the shekels. The worthy sec., Mr. C. Tomlinson, is correctly cut out for this all-important office, being most courteous, energetic, and enthusiastic. He intends to make things "hum." The show manager and assist.-sec. is Mr. A. Lawton. He executed his duties with great taet, and is master of his job. Stewards who worked promptly and judiciously, affixing prize cards instantly after birds were judged, and having everything in order for opening time, were Messrs. J. Woolhouse and J. Carr. During the year, at various shows, and winding up at the annual shows silver cups have been competed for, causing keen competition right along the line. The fortunate ones are:—Yorks. Cup, Mr. W. T. Furniss; runner-up, Mr. C. Tomlinson; Nor., J. Matthews; Brit., Mr. L. Fallding. Point specials: 1, A. Lawton; 2, W. T. Furniss; 3, C. Tomlinson; 4, L. Fallding; 5, A. Lawton; 6, J. Matthews; 7, J. Woolhouse; 8, F. Jones; 9, D. Pickering; 10, J. Carr; 11, P. Wingfield; 12, F. French. Spl., best young hen, W. T. Furniss. Most pts. Novice Nor., J. Matthews. Ramsden's, W. T. Furniss. Sandiford's, C. Marshall. Best 4th Brit., E. Sisson. Mr. J. C. Barnes, the well-known local fancier, judged, and his awards were well received.

YOUNG BIRDS: YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Furniss; 3, Marshall; hc, Tomlinson; c, Thorpe. BUFF (9): 1, Tomlinson; 2, Jones; 3, 4, vhc, Furniss; hc, Marshall; c, Ridal. MKD. (9): 1, Ridal; 2, vhc, Marshall; 3, Jones, 4, hc, Furniss; c, Tomlinson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 3, Furniss; 2, Tomlinson; vhc, Shimelds; hc, Jones. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Furniss; 4, c, Ridal; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Butler. MKD. (7): 1, Butler; 2, c, Jones; 3, vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Thorpe; 4, Ridal. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, 2, Cowley; 3, Woolhouse; 4, Dunford; vhc, Hobson; hc, and wc, Simpson; c, Lawton. BUFF (9): 1, Dunford; 2, 3, Lawton; 4, hc, c, Woolhouse; vhc, Hobson. MKD. (10): 1, vhc, Dunford; 2, 4, Woolhouse; 3, hc, c, Cowley. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, Lawton; 2, Hobson; 3, Dunford; vhc, Woolhouse. BUFF (9): 1, c, Hobson; 2, Dunford; 3, vhc, Cowley; 4, hc, Lawton. MKD. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Cowley; 3, Woolhouse. OLD BIRDS: YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, Tomlinson; 2, Wilson; 3, Bishop; 4, Butler. BUFF (5): 1, Wilson; 2, Fretwell; 3, Bishop; 4, Ridal; vhc, Thorpe. MKD. (8): 1, Bishop; 2, Butler; 3, Thorpe; 4, Ridal; vhc, Wilson; hc, Fretwell; c, Pickering. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Bishop; 2, Fretwell; 3, Thorpe. BUFF (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Thorpe. MKD. (5): 1, Kelsey; 2, Wilson; 3, Thompson; 4, Thorpe; No. 5, Fretwell, w.c. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, 4, Dunford; 2, Cowley; 3, Hobson. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Dunford; 2, c, Hobson; 4, hc, Simpson; vhc, Smith. MKD. (3): 1, 2, Cowley; 3, Turner. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Simpson; 2, Turner. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Hobson; 2, Dunford; 3, Cowley; vhc, Smith. MKD. (5): 1, Cowley; 2, 4, Simpson; 3, Hobson. NOR. YELL. YORKS. (16): 1, 2, 4, Carr; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, French. BUFF (13): 1, 3, hc, Carr; 2, vhc, Pickering; 4, Wingfield; c, Briggs. MKD. (10): 1, 4, c, French; 2, Wingfield; 3, Hadfield; vhc, Chadwick; hc, Wilson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, and w.c., Pickering; 2, Wingfield; 3, Hadfield; 4, vhc, Kelsey; hc, Smith. BUFF HEN (9): 1, c, Pickering; 2, 4, Wingfield; 3, Kelsey; vhc, Wilson; hc, French. MKD. (9): 1, 2, Smith; 3, c, Chadwick; 4, Pickering; vhc, Wingfield; hc, Abbott. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Matthews; 4, hc, Smith; c, Abbott. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Matthews; vhc, Turner; hc, Smith. MKD (2): 1, Abbott; 2, Turner. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Smith; 2, 3, 4, Sisson; vhc, Bailey. BUFF (4): 1, Bailey; 2, Turner; 3, Smith; 4, Sisson. MKD. (4): 1, 2, Abbott; 3, Smith; 4, Turner. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, 2, Fallding; 3, Wilson; 4, Sisson; vhc, c, Bailey; hc, Woolhouse. LINNET (7): 1, 4, hc, c, Fallding; 2, Simpson; 3, Smith; vhc, Bailey. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Fallding; 4, vhc, Bailey. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 4, Fallding; 3, Turner; vhc, Bailey. FOR. SMALL cancelled. LARGE (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Lawton; 4, vhc, c, Dalton. SELL. (6): 1, Matthews; 2, Cowley; 3, Kelsey; 4, Wingfield; vhc, Thompson; hc, Butler.

KIRKINTILLOCH C.B.S.

Annual show held in Temperance Hall, Nov. 8. Entries totalled 252—163 in young bird section, and 149 old. The Brock challenge cup for best young bird was won by Mr. D. Pirret, with a buff Norwich cock; Norwich points cup, by Mr. Martin; Border, by Messrs. Aitken Bros., and Brit., Mr. James Quinn. The judges were Mr. G. Heslop (Stirling), and Mr. W. Grewar (Lochgelly), whose awards gave satisfaction.

1913 CREST: M'Lay. C.B.: 1, sp., 2, sp., J. M'Lay. CL. TKD. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, sp., Martin; 4, 5, sp., Pirret. HEN: 1, 2, Martin; 3, 4, Pirret; 5, Dick. CL. OR TKD. BUFF NOR. CK.: 1, sp., Pirret; 2, sp., Martin; 3, Thom; 4, Chalmers; 5, 6, M'Lay. HEN: 1, Chalmers; 2, 4, Martin; 3, Thom; 5, M'Lay; 6, Pirret. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, sp., Martin; 2, Pirret; 3, sp., Thom; 4, Dick; 5, M'Clement. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, 7, Pirret; 3, Chalmers; 4, Dick; 5, Reid; 6, M'Clement. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, sp., A. Chalmers; 2, sp., Dick. HEN: 1, Martin; 2, Dick. GR. OR CINN., SELF OR FOUL: 1, M'Clement; 2, sp, Thom; 3, 4, Pirret; 5, 6, Reid. CL. OR TKD. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, Nairn. HEN: 1, 3, Nairn; 2, Aitken Bros. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, 4, sp., Aitken Bros.; 2, Nairn. HEN: 1, 2, sp., Aitken Bros.; 3, Nairn. VARIEG. YELL. BORD.: 1, 3, sp., Nairn; 2, 3, 6, Aitken Bros.; 5, O'Donnell. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, 5, sp., Aitken Bros.; 3, Nairn; 6, Tierney. GR. OR CINN.: 1, Aitken Bros.; 2, 3, Nairn. NOV. BORD.: 1, 2, Nairn; 3, 6, Aitken Bros.; 4, Donald; 5, O'Donnell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, sp., Stewart; 2, 4, Donald; 5, Reid; 6, Hastings. SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, Thom. NOR. NOV.: 1, 3, sp., Donald; 2, 3, sp., Donald; 2, 4, sp., Mathieson. OLD BIRDS: SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 4, Thom; 2, 3, M'Neil. CREST: 1, sp., M'Lay; 2, 3, sp., M'Clemeut; 4, Chalmers. C.B.: 1, 4, M'Lay; 2, 3, sp., M'Clement. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, sp., Martin; 2, sp., Chalmers; 3, sp., Dick; 4, M'Clement. HEN: 1, Martin; 2, M'Lay; 3, M'Clement; 4, Dick; 5, Chalmers. BUFF CK.: 1, Chalmers; 2, M'Lay; 3, Dick. HEN: 1, Donald; 2, Thom.; 3, Chalmers; 4, sp., M'Clement; 5, Dick; 6, Martin. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, sp., Pirret; 2, sp., Martin; 3, sp, Chalmers; 4, Thom; 5, M'Neil. HEN: 1, M'Lay; 2, Pirret; 3, Chalmers. GR. OR CINN. SELF OR FOUL: 1, Chalmers; 2, Dick; 3, Reid. NOR. NOV.: 1, sp, Donald; 2, sp, Donnan; 3, 4, M'Neil; 5, 6, Mathieson. SELL.: 1, Dick; 2, M'Clement; 3, Donald; 4, Nairn; 5, Reid; 6, M'Lay. GIFT: 1, Pirret; 2, Dick; 3, Martin; 4, Aitken Bros.; 5, M'Clement; 6, Thom. CL. OR TKD. YELL. BORD.: 1, 2, sp, Aitken Bros.; 3, Chalmers; 4, sp, O'Donnell; 5, Tierney; 6, Nairn. BUFF: 1, Chalmers; 2, Tierney; 3, sp, Nairn. A.O. BORD. CK.: 1, Aitken Bros.; 2, Tierney; 3, O'Donnell. HEN: 1, 2, Aitken Bros.; 3, Tierney. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 4, sp, Ferns; 2, 3, Quinn; 5, Stewart. FOR.: 1, 2, Stewart; 3, Ferns. LINNET: 1, Quinn; 2, 5, Hastings; 3, Stewart; 4, M'Neil. GREENF., NAT. COL.: 1, Dick; 2, 3, 6, Ferns; 4, Quinn; 5, Stewart. FED: 1, R. Reid; 2, 4, 6, sp, James Dick; 3, sp, James Quinn; 5, sp, J. Ferns. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, sp, Quinn; 3, Hastings; 4, Ferns; 5, Reid. REDPOLL: 1, 2, 4, sp, Quinn; 3, Hastings; 5, sp, Ferns; 6, sp, Reid. BUNTING: 1, 3, Quinn; 2, sp, Hastings; 4, Reid; 5, 6, Ferns. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 5, sp, Ferns; 2, Hastings; 3, Quinn; 4, Reid. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Ferns; 2, 4, 5, 6, Hastings; 3, Quinn. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Quinn; 2, Ferns.—J. Dick, Hon. Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Patronage shows are now past, and this is a list of the members' points. If any are wrong, will the member please send me on his count, stating the shows and classes where he scored his points. Points Competition: P. McCue 55, W. Spence 46, T. Wildridge 43, M. Smith 41, D. McConville 36, W. Grewar 34, A. Dickson 34, A. Watt (novice) 28, J. McLeod 27, A. Strachan (novice) 21, D. Kirk 22, P. Langan (novice), 14, F. Johnston (nov.) 10, J. McGovan (nov.) 9, T. Barclay 9, J. Smillie (nov.) 7, W. Duff 5, H. Paterson (nov.) 3, T. Muir 2, A. Ramsay 2, G. B. Sinclair (nov.) 1. Points specials, with 3 nominated birds: At Lochgelly, P. McCue, 12 points; at Kelty, W. Spence, 15 points; at Cowdenbeath, W. Grewar, 12 points; at Bowhill, A. Dickson, 16 points. Medal winners: Cocks: P. McCue, W. Grewar, W. Spence, M. Smith; hens: T. Wildridge, A. Dickson, D. McConville, A. Watt. Unlighted specials: J. McLeod, W. Grewar, W. Spence, M. Smith, P. McCue, A. Strachan, A. Dickson, T. Wildridge. Next meeting, Dec. 27, at 7 p.m., in Penman's, Cowdenbeath, club show business.—A. Dickson, Sec. and Treas.

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Held Nov. 29 in Tyncastle Church Hall. This event has now attained a position equalled by few which confine membership to a radius, an entry of nearly 500, and over 100 special prizes made many wonder how it is done, but a study of those who run this show soon reveals the secret of its success, as they are names to conjure with in the Fancy, and vie with each other in devising ways and means of adding to the popularity of their society. Certainly no small measure of this success is due to the genial and able sec., Mr. J. C. Charlton, and his efforts are ably seconded by a committee whose desire for progress entirely obliterates their pecuniary interests. The society holds out special inducements for the novice, wisely recognising that recruiting is ever essential, and though the quality necessary to annex premier honours is of the highest, this only stimulated the beginners, and they found ample consolation in the securing of a few useful or handsome species, these being of a nature to appeal to the feminine mind. Incidentally, we have never seen an event in which the ladies entered so keenly as this, and their assistance in packing must have been appreciated by their respective present or prospective hubbies. Councillor Stevenson, in a few well-chosen words on the desirability of a hobby, pointing out that the keeping of cage birds was one of the most desirable, and one without which the life of the workman in particular would be dull indeed, presented the cups and prizes to the various winners. The cup for the best Brit. was won by the popular Pres., Mr. A. W. Watson, and for best young bird by Mr. Wallace, with a splendid Redstart and champion Greenfinch-Bullfinch hybrid respectively. The judges were: Nor., Mr. Winter, Edinburgh; Scotch Fancy and Borders, Mr. McAdam, Lasswade; remainder, J. Sykes, Musselburgh.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, sp., Stormont, rare cobby shape, grand head, wins in strong class; 2, Moffat, scarcely weight of leader, yet a good one, close up; 3, Ferguson, grand head, just beaten front, well placed; 4, Charlton; 5, Brash; 6, 7, Staines. BUFF (15): 1, 7, S.P.C. medal, Brash, rare size and skull, short, excels all points, model Nor.; 2, 3, Finnie, just beaten subs., no disgrace here; 3rd, excels head, both put down in rare order; 4, Craig; 5, Ferguson; 6, Staines. YELL. GR. OR VAR. CK. (10): 1, 3, Wishart, cap and wing mkd., fails head, nice wings and front, rather long barrel; 3rd, rakish, fails texture; 2, Brash, almost even mark, fails a bit in front and texture; 4, Thomson; 5, Moffat; 6, Charlton. BUFF (6): 1, Moffat, rather on the long side, and not the best of front; 2, Bisbop, similar stamp, beaten by winner in texture; 3, Stormont; 4, Campbell. CL. YELL. HEN (15): 1, 2, 3, Finnie, grand trio, leader rare head, short wings and tail, nice depth keel, wins in strong class; 2nd, just beaten subs.; 3rd, quite equal body, scarcely rise over eye, yet a good one; 4, 6, Thomson; 5, Stormont; 7, Charlton; a good class. BUFF (12): 1, 4, 6, Brash, leader, rare shape and subs., fails a little in head, put down in grand order; 2, Finnie, our choice for 1st, better head, nice short wings, tail, excels texture; 3, Moffat, fails a little in head and front, yet a good one, and fit to win; 5, Stormont; 7, Charlton. YELL. GN. OR VAR. HEN (7): 1, Moffat, var., nice head and front, well put down; 2, Finnie, cinn. var., equal body, just beaten head, well placed; 3, Wishart, loses in cobbiness; 4, Staines. BUFF (8): 1, Moffat, wing mkd., nice shape, excels head and texture, wins; 2, Wishart, scarcely texture or head of leader, well placed; 3, Staines, beaten cobbiness, in good order; 4, Craig; 5, Brash. NON-FED CK. (9): 1, Wallace, gr., wins rather easy, rare front, excels head, grand one; 2, Storroont, cl., beaten cobbiness and head; 3, Thomson, rakish, fails texture to others; 4, 5, Hay. HEN (3): 1, Staines; 2, Thomson; 3, Wallace. CINN. (7): 1, Charlton; 2, Thomson, not much to choose. A.V. NOV. CK. (10): 1, 3, Brown, leader green (hot-fed), very cobby, grand head; 2, Bridge, wing mkd. better front, but beaten head, well placed; 4, 5, 6, Dick. HEN (2): 1, Brown; 2, Adam; leader good body. CREST (6): 1, 3, Wishart, green leading, not heavy, but excels head, nice centre and droop; 3rd, var., split crest, very leafy; 2, no name, dk. ct. and wings, fails a bit in droop, good subs.; Nos. 5, 6, disqualified. C.B. (4): We failed to locate. CT. OR C.B. NOV. (2): 1, 2, Bishop. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, 3, 6, Rodger, leader nice one all over except taper, excels head, very jaunty; 3rd, heavy stamp, even better front, nicely rounded, in good order; 2, Watson, excels leader in taper, fails texture and front; 4, Brown; 5, Easter; 7, Michie. BUFF (19): 1, Michie, nice shape, good wings, tail, rather rough in front, somewhat lucky; 2, 3, 4, Easter, former better front, nicely braced; 3rd, nice front, excels head, well braced; 5, Rodger; 6, 7, Spittal. VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Sibbald, almost even, nice moulded, very jaunty, crosses wings sometimes; 2, Napier, better front, fails taper, well put down; 3, 6, Brown, nice one, just a little flat on head, yet some preferred for 2nd; 4, Spittal; 5, Holmes. BUFF (18): 1, B.S.C.C. medal, Rodger, heavy stamp, nicely moulded, packs well, very jaunty, wins in strong class; 2, Dailly, fails front to leader, rather leggy, and crosses wings, lucky; 3, Holmes, better front, scarcely so well rounded in back, our choice, in good order; 4, Spittal; 5, Brown; 6, Dodds; 7, Sibbald. GR. OR CINN. (14): 1, 2, 4, 6, Sibbald, yell. gr. leading, nice head and front, good grassy tone, in tip-top order, wins; 2nd, just beaten front, crosses wings, excels head tone; 3, 5, Hay, cinn., rather leggy, fails subs. CL. YELL. HEN (16): 1, 3, 7, Easter, leader excels head, nicely rounded, grand texture, very jaunty; 3rd, loses wings and head, well staged; 2, Spittal, scarcely such good curves, good col. and texture, leggy; 4, Holmes; 5, Watson. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Rodger, leader nice shape, excels wings, tail, waxy texture; 3rd, scarcely so well tapered, very jaunty; 2, Napier, we made a good 1st, grand hen all over, often described; 4, Watson; 5, Spittal; 6, Holmes; 7, Brown. VAR. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Rodger, nice col., good head and front; 2, 4, Brown, almost even, excels wings, tail, scarcely rounded in back; 3, Sibbald, fails taper and wings, good texture and head, well staged; 5, Campbell; 6, Napier. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Rodger, leader heavy stamp, fails rather in front, we preferred 2nd, nicely rounded, boxy feather, excels packing, rather flat head; 3, Spittal, cinn., close up, just beaten front, excels wings, nice one; 4, Reid; 5, Brown; 6, Thomson. GR. OR CINN. HEN (12): 1, 6, Spittal, leader rather coarse in feather, nice tone leggy; 2, 4, Hay, better texture, fails a little in leg and front; 3, Reid, nice head; 5, Dodds. YELL. BORD. CK., NOV. (7): 1, Daily; 2, 3, 4, Brash. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Brown, leader nice one, well moulded, very jaunty; 3, 4, May, nice head, well rounded, fails taper; 5, Dailly; 6, 7, Brash. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Brown, leader nice one, Java-like texture, sweetly moulded; 2nd, similar stamp, fails wings; 3, Dailly, best colour, rather leggy, good texture; 4, 5, 6, 7, Brash. BUFF (9): 1, Brown, heavy stamp, nice texture, well put down; 2, 3, May, better wings, fails neck and texture, nicely tapered; 3rd, similar stamp, falls back; 4, Dailly; 5, Brash. SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. CK. (7): 1, 5, 6, Campbell, leader, cl., good thickness for yell., gets well down, wins top end, good one; 2, Begbie, pied, hardly weight of leader, very snaky, grand drive, well placed; 3, Bishop, clean, fails weight, very nervy, good head, beaten drive; 4, Rodger. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Rodger, grand one, rare thickness, works well, wins in good company; 3rd, pied, just beaten top end, useful one; 2, Reid, green, good one, gets well down and under, must have pressed; 4, 5, 6, Begbie. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Begbie, cl. leading, excels weight, grand drive, very snaky, wins; 2nd, pied, just beaten top end and head; 2, 4, Rodger, clean, hardly subs. of leader, good shoulders, more Belgian in type, good one. BUFF (10): 1, Reid, green, good thickness through, excels drive, rare top end; 2, 6, Rodger, clear, scarcely drive of leader, comes well under, some preferred for 1st; 3, Bishop, heaviest, beaten top end; 4, 5, Begbie. SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, 4, Brown; 3, Bishop. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, 4, Dickson, all Yorks., leader yell., well up on leg, very racy, nice texture, wins well; 2nd, buff, scarcely up in texture, packs well, beaten front; 3, Wallace, buff cinn. Nor., fails subs., good col. GOLDF. (7): 1, Brown, good square blaze, excels col., nice moons and tans, wins; 2, Allan, hardly depth col. of leader, yet a good one, grand wings, well placed; 3, Finnie, falls face and tans, good order; 4, no name; 5, Watson; 6, Sayers. BULLF. (2): 1, Ogilvie, nice depth col., clean cut, in good order; 2, we failed to find. LINNET (6): 1, Dick, nice tone, well pencilled, little open in front, well put down; 2, Watson, our choice, grand front, quite equal pencilling, better shape; 3, Sayers, just beaten size, grand sheen, fails head, well placed; 4, Craft; 5, Hoyle. GREENF. (16): 1, Finnie, grand subs., rare col. and cond., wins in strong class; 2, Allan, scarcely weight of leader, quite equal col. and cond., well placed; 3, Hoyle, nice head, just a trifle longer in body, rare sheen, nice one; 4, Stormont; 5, Watson; 6, no name. SISKIN OR TWITE (12): 1, 4, Allan, Twite, grand tone and pencilling, shining order, well placed; 2, Hoyle, Siskin, nice cap, good tone and flanks, must have pressed; 3, Finnie, nice one, fails size, well put down; 4, Allan; 5, Watson; good class. REDPOLL (15): 1, 3, Sayers, good ones, leader excels size, tone, nice poll and bib; 3rd, fails head, nice flanks, in grand order; 2, 4, Watson close up, even better tone, hardly weight leader, shines like glass; 5, 6, Craft. A.O. FINCH (10): 1, 5, Watson, Hawfinch, not largest, grand col., nice bib, steady, staged to win; 2, no name, Chaffinch, nice size, good breast, excels wings, good 2nd; 3, Allan, Bramble, nice spangle and mantle, fails depth, good order, steady; 6, Craft. BUNTING (7): 1, 2, Russell, Meadow leading, grand head and monstache, feather perfect, nice one; 2nd, Yellow, nice size, grand v. and cheeks, must have pressed; 3, 5, Watson, Corn, good size, nice breast, good order, well placed; 4, no name; 6, Sayers. SMALL SOFTBILL (8): 1 sp. best bird, 2, 3, Watson, Redstart leading, grand col., perfect feather, very steady, wins; 2nd, Yell. Wagtail, nice one, put down in good order; 3rd, Redstart, scarcely weight or cond. of leader, yet well placed; 4, Russell; 5, 6, Dick; greatly admired class. LARGE: 1, 6, Watson, Blackie, like ebony, grand feather, steady, wins well; 2, 4, Craft, Jay, good size and col., fails wings, rather wild; 3, Russell, Missel, good size and tone, rather run in arrows, close up, steady; 5, Sayers. HEN, HARDBILL (8): 1, Wallace, Bullie, grand cap, nice back, in good order, wins well; 2, 5, Craft, Greenf., good size, nice wings, wins cond.; 3, Sibbald, Bullie, fails size, yet a real nice one, cheap; 4, Watson; 6, Dick. GOLDF., FOR. (2): 1, Adam, good size, wins blaze and wings; 2, Watson, good order, equal col. A.O. FOR. (7): 1, 3, 4, 5, Hoyle, pair Diamonds leading, good size, distinct marks. In grand order; 3rd, pair White Javas, excellent purity, well put down; 2, Ferguson, Bullie hen, great size, dense cap, excels back, wings, well placed; 7, Wallace. NOV. FINCH: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Adam; 4, Taylor; 5, Dick. DK. GOLDF. OR LINNET MULE (5): 1, 3, 4, 5, Brown, jonque Linnet leading, not largest, grand col. and cond.; 3rd, Goldie, fails size, nice flush, well placed; 2, Howit, Linnet, close up, beaten col. A.O. MULE (4): 1, 2, Staines, Greenics, good col.; 3, Sayers; 4, Taylor. HYB.: 1, cup, best in hall, Wallace, Greenie-Bullie, a topper, rare size, grand breast col., champion; 2, Taylor, hen, same cross, could lead in its own class, good one. MULE OR HYB. (OLD) (6): 1, Craig, Greenie, hot col., nice size, good order; 2, 4, Watson, Siskin, good size, falls col., nice order; 3, Adam, Goldie-Bullie hen, we preferred, good col. for hen, shines like satin.

FARNWORTH C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held in the Church House School, Nov. 24. Close on 100 entries were staged, quality being excellent, especially in Yorks. and Nor. Sp. for best Yorks. cock was won by Mr. J. R. Mitchall with a bird of rare type and qual., also spl. best Yorks. hen with a bird of wonderful qual. The best in the Norwich section turned up in the buff cock of Mr. P. Lawton, also taking spl. for best bird in show, a bird of good size, clean head, good front, and quality of the best. Special for best Nor. hen fell to Mr. J. Davis, with a yellow hen that can hold her own in any competition. Spl. most entries, Mr. R. Spiby, also spl. best Roller. Mr. J. W. Clemmson, Preston, judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Spiby; 2, Mitchall. BUFF: 1, sp., 2, Mitchall; 3, Spiby; vhc, Tootle. YELL. HEN: 1, Spiby; 2, Tootle; 3, Mitchall. BUFF: 1, sp., Mitchall; 2, 3, Spiby. 1913: 1, Spiby; 2, Mitchall; 3, Tootle. YELL. NOR.: 1, Mitchall; 2, Lawton. BUFF.: 1, hc, sp., sp. best bird, Lawton; 2, Dawson; 3, Marginson; vhc, Mitchall. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, sp., J. Davis; 3, Dawson; vhc, Marginson. BUFF: 1, Mitchall; 2, vhc, Lawton; 3, Marginson; hc, Dawson; c, Davis. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, sp., Lawton; 3, Hales; vhc, Mitchall. BUFF: 1, 3, Dawson; 2, Hales; vhc, Mitchall. ROLLER, CL.: 1, 2 Spiby. VARIEG.: 1, 3, sp, Spiby; 2, vhc, hc, Chappell; c, Horsefield. GR.: 1, Spiby. A.O.V.: 1, sp., 2, Hales, buff and bull. Belg.: 3, vhc, Horsefield. GOLDF.: 1, J. Davis. LINNET: 1, sp., best Brit., 2, Pennington; 3, Tootle. STOCK: 1, 3, Dawson; 2, Tootle; vhc, Marginson. NOV. NOR.: 1, sp., hc, Marginson; 2, Horsefield; 3, c, Partington; vhc, Hales.

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WALLSEND-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Ninth annual show, held in the Co-operative Hall, Nov. 8, with an excellent entry of 360. Borders made a show in themselves. Many champions met here for the supreme honours. Mrs. Pluckney, wife of the popular president, kindly presented the prizes and cups to the successful competitors. Mr. J. Johnson won 10 guinea silver cup for most points. The Pluckney cup for best young bird bred by a member was won by Mr. Bevor with a grand clear buff Border. Great credit is due to Mr. G. Greenwell and his hard working committee for the way they had the birds staged and returned the exhibits after the show. Mr. W. P. Barnes, Grantham, judged for the fourth time, and his awards seemed to give complete satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, McRay, grand stamp, lovely shape, good head, neck, and body, grand colour and qual., in grand order; 2, c, Hymer, extra size, good col., but a little patchy on sides, nice type, well over perch; 3, Newton, nice type, good head, well filled neck, good condition; 4, Dodes; vhc, hc, Baker. BUFF (18): Grand class, some good birds cardless: 1, Scott, grand size and shape, good head, short neck, broad back and chest, short on leg, well over perch, in excellent condition; 2, Hymers, sweet model, lovely quality of feather, little patchy on right side of body short wings and tail well carried; 3, Scott, nice type and shape, good qual. of feather, in the pink, fails in head; vhc, McGinn; hc, Watson; c, Lumsden. TKD. OR MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Newton, tkd. right thigh, good shape and size, nice head, neck, and body, short flights and tail well carried, well over perch, little patchy on left side; 2, Baker, tkd. right thigh, good type and shape, well over perch, but fails in richness of col.; 3, McRay, rich sound col., grand qual. of feather; 4, Watford. BUFF (6): 1, McRay, mkd. nape, good type and shape, lovely col. and qual. of feather, in grand form; 2, 3, Roy, similar in shape, nice qual. of feather, not so clean cut away, 3rd plenty of good body and back, showing a little browing, a useful bird; 4, Edwards; vhc, Morrison. CL., ETC., HEN (8): 1, McGinn, sweet cl., extra type and shape, grand head, neck, and body, well over perch, even distribution of col., wins; 2, 3, Morrison, good type and shape, equal in col. and qual. of feather, nice chest, little flat on head, in faultless condition, 3rd cl., in the best possible condition good type and shape, little soft in feather when judged; 4, Scott; vhc Roy; hc, Lumsden; c, Matthewson. CL., ETC., BUFF (11): 1, McRay, cl., nice type and shape, good head, neck, and body, well over perch, beautiful col. and qual. of feather, well shown; 2, McGinn, mkd. cap, wing, and vent, striking exhibit, in the pink, good shape and col., a gem; 3, 4, Hutchinson, heavily varieg., capital size, good in shape, broad chest, good pos., short flights and tail; 4, similar shape and size, little rough in thighs; vhc, Edwards; hc, Hymers; c, Morrison. BUFF (17): 1, Jolly, grizzle on left cheek, one of the best for shape and type, grand head and body, broad back and chest, a gem; 2, hc, Hymers, cl., lovely type and shape, extra qual., col., and feather, fails only in subs.; 3, Baker, grand col. and qual. of feather, good head and neck; 4, Scott; vhc, McRay; c, Mack. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN, UNFLIG. (7): 1, Newton, cl., plenty of size, good shape and type, grand even rich col., beautiful qual. of feather; 2, McGinn, cl., good bird, nice type and shape, not so large as winner, nice col. and qual. of feather; 3, Baker, tkd. nape, nice size and shape, not in such good condition; 4, Scott; vhc, c, Hymers; hc, Newton. BUFF (13): 1, 2, vhc, Hymers, cl., gem for shape and type, plenty of size, nice head, neck, and body, lovely col. and qual. of feather, 2nd cl., not so large, good type and shape, good col. and qual. of feather, nice condition; 3, Newton, cl., good head, neck, and body, nice type, col., and qual. of feather; 4, McRay; hc, Couchman; c, Elliott. CREST (8): 1, Hutchinson, varieg. D.C., grand radiation, lovely droop, good width of feather, well filled in centre; 2, 3, McColl, lightly mkd. D.C., nice radiation and droop, not so wide in crest feather, but well filled centre, 3rd varieg. buff, grand headpiece, even droop, nice qual. of feather, well shown; 4, vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Morrison; c, Simpson. NAT. COL. (9): 1, McKie, cl. buff, lovely shape and size, grand col. and qual. of feather, well over perch, faultless condition; 2, Morrison, cl. yell., good type and shape, plenty of size, good col.; 3, McRay, cl. buff, wonderful size, good in shape, nice head and body, showing a little browing; 4, Roy; vhc, Johnson; hc, Hymers; c, Jolly C.B. (5): 1, McColl, varieg. buff, plenty of size, extra headpiece, well cushioned, good entrance, well browed, 2nd Green, grand bird, good substance and size, lovely cushioned head, only beaten in length feather; 3, 4, vhc, Hutchinson, varieg. buff, extra size of good shape, grand head feather, lovely condition. CREST UNFLIG. (3): 1, 3, Hutchinson, griz. huff, good radiation and droop little open in centre, in good order, 3rd lightly mkd. D.C., little rough in crest, plenty of it, in good condition; 2, Morrison, Green Crest, nice radiation and droop, not so large crest, in good cond. C.B. 1913 (2): 1, 2, Hutchinson, lightly var. buff, nice size and shape, good head, plenty of head feather; 2nd almost Green, plenty of size, good shaped body, not so long in head feather. CINN. SELF OR FOUL (4): 1, 3, 4, Roy, Jonque, good col., nice shape and qual. of feather, 3rd foul cinnamon, light feather in tail, nice col. and shape; 2, Morrison, buff, nice size and shape, good quality of feather, little wild, foul cinnamon, light feather in tail, nice col. and shape. HEN: 1, 2, Roy, Jonques, nice col. and shape, lovely qual. of feather, in good condition. CINN. SELF OR FOUL, 1913: 1, 2, 4, Roy, buff, grand size and shape, good even col. throughout, 2nd huff foul, partly light tail, nice col. and qual. of feather, not quite the subs.; 3, Morrison, buff, larger than 2nd, but loses in col. YORKS., CL. OR MKD. YELL.: 1, hc, Studholme, varieg., gem for shape and style, grand length, good head and body, straight as a rush, soon in position; 2, 4, vhc, Wigglesworth, cl., good upstanding bird, lovely col. and quality of feather, good shape, neat head and body; 3, Deighton, varieg., good exhibit, not so rich in col., very erect good in length, nice shape. BUFF: 1, Deighton, grand length, nice pos., well up on leg, good type and shape, shown to perfection; 2, Studholme, nice col. and qual. of feather, rather restless, in good order. HEN (9): 1, Deighton, cl., lovely type and shape, sound even col., nice head and body, well up on leg, in grand trim; 2, 3, 4, c, Wigglesworth, buff, gem for type and shape, neat head and body, lovely qual. of feather, grand condition, 3rd cl. yell., sweet exhibit both for size and shape, upstanding bird, neat head, well filled neck, fails in col.; vhc, hc, Studholme. YELL., UNFLIG (7): 1, 2, 4, Wigglesworth, grizzled left cheek, upstanding, nice type and shape, good even col., nice qual., 2nd varieg., good length and shape, rather wild; 3, Deighton, cl., good even col. and qual. of feather, in good condition; vhc, hc, c, Studholme. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Deighton, cl., good shape and type, well on leg, soon in pos., grand qual. of feather, in A1 form, 2nd cl., rare type and shape, lovely qual., neat head and body, good carr. of wings and tail, 3rd cl., little to choose between them, equal in type, and shape, and condition, little flat on head; hc, c, Studholme. HEN UNFLIG. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Wigglesworth, tkd. buff, nice shape and style, lovely qual., neat head and carr. of wings and tail; 2, Deighton, tkd. yell., excellent condition, good col. and qual., well up on leg, very steady; 3, Studholme, cl. yell., nice type and qual., neat carr. of wings and tail, fails in condition. NAT. COL. (4): 1, 2, Smith, cl. yell., good type and shape, even col. throughout, well up on perch, neat carr. of wings and tail, 2nd cl. buff, good length, nice type and qual., falls cond.; 3, 4, Wigglesworth, cl. yell., good col. and qual., soft when judged. BORD. YELL., CL. OR MKD.: 1, Johnson, cl., nice type and shape, lovely col. and qual., neat head and body, very jaunty, good cond.; 2, Smith, cl., neat shape and type, lovely col., very free action and carr., little hollow in centre of back; 3, vhc, Wilson, cl., stouter in build, good col and qual., crosses wings at times, well shown; 4, Bevor. BUFF: 1, 3, Johnson, lovely exhibit, grand shape and type, good even col. and qual., feathered like wax, 3rd variegd. mkd. eyes, and wings shorter in build, good col. and feather; 2, 4, Bevor, cl., good col. and shape, good carr. of wings and tail, little long in tail; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Craig. HEN, YELL., ETC.: 1, Johnson, cl., grand head, neck, and body, extra col. and qual. of feather, wins; 2, Nesbitt, not so neat in col. and qual. of feather, nice carr. and action. BUFF: 1, McDougal, cl., good type and shape, lovely col. and qual. of feather, neat carr. of wings and tail; 2, Johnson, cinn. mkd. left wing, nice shape and type, good qual. of feather, fine poise and carr.; 3, Wilson, varieg., mkd. eyes, wing and neck, neat and compact, little thicker in build, good hird; 4, Smith; vhc, Reed; hc, Edwards; c, Bevor. CL. OR TKD. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Johnson, cl., excellent col. and qual. of feather, very free action, close carr. of wings and tail; 2, Smith, cl., good shape and type, head not so full on crown, good qual. of feather, clean cut away, grand condition; 3, 4, Dalziel, cl., feather curl in neck; vhc, Reed; hc, Nesbitt; c, Stubbs. BUFF: 1, cup, Bevor, grand bird, full of col., teeming with qual., nice head, well filled neck, good body wins; 2, Johnson, cl., similar type, well filled in back, nice round head, faultless condition; 3, Smith, little larger in size, lovely col. and qual. of feather; 4, Craig; vhc, Dalziel; hc, c, Stubbs. HEN, YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Stephenson, varieg., mkd. head, neck, and wings, good type and qual. of feather, close carr. of wings and tail; 2, Stuhbs, cl., similar type, good feather and qual., well shown; 3, Smith, cl., rather restless, good col. and qual., shows bit too much thigh; 4, Bevor; vhc, Craig. BUFF: 1, Craig, nice type, extra qual. of feather, good head, neck, and body, close carr. of wings and tail, well shown; 2, Johnson, cl., good in type and col., not quite so full in head as winner; 3, J. W Reed, grand model, sweet head, neck, and body, close carr. of wings and tail, in good form; 4, hc, Bevor; vhc, Smith. BORD. CR. YELL. SELF OR FOUL: 1, Stephenson, gem extra col., grand type and shape, neat, qual. of feather, gay and jaunty, wins; 2, Parker, good bird, both for sound even col. and qual., a little longer than winner, very typical in shape and qual. of feather; 3, Greenwell, neat and compact, good col., nice qual., free action and poise, looking fit; 4, Wilson; vhc, Chambers; hc, Johnson; c, Masterman. BUFF: 1, Stephenson, typical, nice shape, sweet head and neck, extra qual. of feather and carr. of wings and tail, well put down; 2, Greenwell, self, neat model, very active in motion, good col., well pencilled, cl. and distinct, a close run; 3, Masterman, self, a little strong in body, not so clean cut away, but a useful bird; 4, Johnson; vhc, Couchman; hc, c, Chambers. YELL., UNFLIG.: 1, Stephenson, self, one of the best for good sound rich col., almost moss green, shown like glass, good type and shape, well staged; 2, vhc, Stubbs, similar type and qual. of feather, but lacks the extra soundness of col.; 3, Greenwell, self, good all-round hird, neat shape and qual. of feather, like wax, fine poise, good carr.; 4, Johnson; hc, Chambers. BUFF: 1, Greenwell, self, grand type and shape, neat head and neck, sound col. and qual. of feather; 2, Parker, self, nice even col., well laced, free action, grand qual., close carr. of wings and tail; 3, Johnson, similar in type and shape, good col., excellent condition; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Chambers. CINN. YELL.: 1, Stephenson, lovely type and shape, extra qual. of feather, sound in col., in grand form; 2, Johnson, nice in type, good in sound even col., neat shape, lovely feather; 3, Reed, little soft in feather, good type and shape, neat carr. of wings and tail; 4, Matfin; vhc, he, c, Greenwell. BUFF: 1, Parker, nice type, free action and poise, neat qual. of feather, sound even col., A1 condition; 2, Matfin not quite the size little too thick in body, nice qual. of feather; 3, Smith, good shape, neat head, tapering body, neat carr. of wings and tail; 4, McDougal; vhc, Johnson; hc, Bevor; c, Greenwell. LIZ., GOLD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hyslop, leader broken cap Gold, nice col. and spangling; 2, Gold, sound col., neat spangling, but not so distinct; 3, broken cap, good size and col., neat work, not quite so good feather; 4, looks like a hen, broken cap, neat in spangling, little hard in col. SILVER: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hyslop, very nice team, well put down, in good condition. SELL.: 1, Dodds; 2, Hyslop; 3, Craig; 4, Matthewson; vhc, Scott. SELL., 20/-: 1, Hyslop; 2, Scott. MULE: 1, Johnson, Siskin-Can., looks as well as ever, well known, an old winner; 2, Elliott, Goldf.-Can., buff, medium size, good shape, rich col., good qual. of feather; 3, Johnson, Jonque, smart Can., grand size, good shape and col., will make a good one; 4, Hymers; vhc, hc, Scott: c Couchman. MULE, UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Scott, Goldf.-Can., yell., dark, nice size, good Norwich shape, sound rich col., good blaze, well mkd. buttons and wing bars; 2, hc, Couchman; 4, Greenwell; vhc, Elliott; c, Simpson. GOLDF.: 1, Johnson, striking exhibit, good blaze, well cut hood, well tanned breast, moons clear and distinct, good col. bars; 2, Scott, nice bird, medium size and col., well mkd. blaze, good feather and cond.; 3, Simpson, a shade smaller, but a neat bird, gohd feather and cond.; 4, Jolly; vhc, Roy. BULLF.: 1, Simpson, good type and shape, rich col. of breast, nice cap, back, and bars, good order. GREENF.: 1, Johnson; 2, Simpson; 3, 4, Bevor; vhc, Smith; hc, Chambers. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH: 1, Couchman; 2, Scott. LINNET: 1, Reed; 2, Johnson; 3, hc, Simpson; 4, MacQuillian; vhc, Reed; c, Mathews. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Scott; 2, MacQuilllan; 3, Nesbitt; 4, Bevor; vhc, Greenwell. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, Greenwell; 2, Wilson; 3, Simpson. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Wilson, leader Skylark, good shape and type, well laced, nice head and body, stands to perfection, 2, Blackbird, plenty of size and qual feather. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Scott, a pair of Cutthroats, well matched, clear and distinct in markings, good in feather and condition; 2, Orange Bishop, lovely col., well shown; 3, Yellow Budgerigars, lovely condition.

INVERURIE.

Annual open show, held in the Reading Room, Railway Hall, Nov. 22. There was a very fair entry, and quality was high. The room is splendidly adapted for a cage bird show, and the staging was perfect. The management of the show was in the capable hands of the following Pres., Mr. J. Shoolbraid; Treas., Mr. J. Walker; Committee, Messrs. E. Krohn, C. Krohn, R. Gordon, Wm. Macintosh, Wm. Reid, and A. Mutch; while at the head of these willing workers is Sec. Mr. J. Simpson, who had everything in tip-top order. Judging was completed, and all awards up in good time. Mr. John Dressel gained sp. for most points in Section 1., and Mr. E. Krohn won the local challenge cup with a grand natural col. buff cock, Mr. J. Dressel being the runner-up with a sweet buff var. hen of true Norwich type, and A1 qual. The open challenge cup was won by Mr. A. Ironside, with a young buff cock of good type and qual.; Mr. Wm. Rae's runner-up must have pressed the winner hard. Best fed bird, Mr. Wm. Allison; Hyde's special was gained by Mr. E. Krohn. Mr. W. D. Milne, Montrose, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

FED YELL. CK.: 1, Ironside, cl., lovely shape and style, good qual. and col.; 2, Bird, cl., not quite so large, best of qual., rare col. and cond.; 3, Ross and Duncan, nice size and shape, good head and neck, fine col. and qual. HEN: 1, Allison, very good size and shape, plenty subs., A1 col.; 2, Reid, not quite so bold in front, tip-top col. and qual. BUFF CK.: 1, Dunn, very sweet, lovely shape and qual.; 2, Allison, another good one, nice size and type, good wing carr.; 3, Rae, well up in size, grand col. and qual.; 4, Simpson, hardly so cobby as those in front, teeming in qual. and cond. HEN: 1, 2, Craigen, grand exhibits, nicely staged in prime cond.; 3, Dunn, short and compact, grand qual. and col.; 4, Balneaves, fails a little in head, good wing carr. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Ironside, well up in size, grand shape and subs. HEN: 1, Dunn, nice type, and well staged; 2, Allison, nice size, good round head, well-filled neck, sound col.; 3, Simpson, good type and qual. BUFF.: 1, Reid, fine large bird, good head and neck, grand col.; 2, Allison, well up in size, best of qual. and cond.; 3, Mrs. Campbell, nicely turned out, good col. and feather; 4, Shearer. HEN: 1, 2, Dressel, 1st, excels in type and qual., grand wings and tail, in best of cond.; 2nd, fails a little in wing carr.; 3, Ross and Duncan, fine body and size, nice typical hen. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Ironside, grand youngster, superb col. and qual., nice neat head and A1 wing carr.; 2, 4, Allison, 2nd, excels in type, grand col. and cond.; 3, Campbell, fails a little in bloom to winner, still a good one; 5, Balneaves; 6, Hill. HEN: 1, Ironside, nice size, good col., and feather; 2, Ross and Duncan, mkd. cap. and wing, rare col., good head and neck, nicely rounded, front well cut away; 3, Dressel, good size and col., crosses wings at times; 4, Allison; 4, Rae. BUFF CK.: 1, cup, Ironside, gem of the first water, teeming with qual., rare col., and staged to perfection; 2, Rae, very smart exhibit, fine style, best of qual. and col., well-carried wings and tail; 3, Allison, good qual. and col.; 4, Craigen; 5, Simpson. HEN: 1, Allison, full of bloom, grand type, nice short wings and tail; 2, Dressel, another good one, nice style, lovely qual.; 3, Simpson, good sound col., best of qual and cond.; 4, Shearer. NAT. COL. YELL. CK.: 1, Reid, grand subs., nice col. and qual.; 2, Ironside, good size, not quite so well filled in at neck, A1 qual., in rare trim; 3, 4, Dressel, 3rd, best of type and col.; 5, Walker; 6, Simpson. HEN: 1, 4, Dressel, 1st, nice type, plenty subs., good head and neck; 2, Reid, also well up in size, lovely feather; 3, Simpson, good chest, short and cobby, grand type; 5, Krohn; 6, Ross and Duncan. CKS.: 1, C, Krohn, 1st, best of qual., boxy feather, short wings and tail; 2, Dressel, typical round head, full in neck and chest; 3, Ironside, nice silky feather, short in flights, true to type; 4, Reid; 5, Shearer. HEN: 1, Allison, good size, true Nor. type, teeming in qual.; 2, Ironside, A1 size, best of feather and cond.; 3, 4, Dressel, two grand stock hens; 5, Simpson; 6, Shearer. BORD. CK.: 1, W. Campbell, well turned out, very jaunty. HEN: 1, Mrs. Campbell, a gem for col., texture, and type, a grand mover. CREST: 1, 2, Craigen, 1st, big dense Crest, grand droop, neat centre; 2nd, not quite so well filled in at centre; 3, Shoolbraid, not so well groomed as winner. C.B.: 1, 3, Craigen, 1st, rare big bird, plenty of feather, good broad head and well lashed; 2, Shoolbraid, well up in size, grand entrance, plenty feather and subs. GREEN: 1, Dunn, best of type and col.; 2, Shoolbraid, in lovely bloom. HEN: 1, Ross and Duncan, well up in size, best of qual. and col. CINN.: 1, Rae, topper for size, col., and cond.; 2, Craigen, fails the build of 1st. UNFLIG.: 1, Rae, nice youngster, good col. and size, well staged. NOV., CK.: 1, Mutch, a nice one, well put down, short stout body and rare qual.; 2, 3, Krohn, 2nd, grand stamp of birds in the pink of cond.; 4, Gordon; 5, Walker. HEN: 1, 2, Mutch, 1st, best of type grand qual. and col.; 2nd, fails in qual. to winner; 3, Krohn, sweet exhibit, teeming in qual., best of col.; 4, Walker, lovely cond., well turned out. MULE: 1, Campbell, lovely bloom, grand col. and qual.; 2, 3, Mr. Gordon, not quite so rich in col. as winner; 4, Simpson, Goldie-Can., could do with a little more size; 5, Shoolbraid. DARK CAN. HYB.: 1, Hird, a nice Goldie-Can., grand blaze, rare col. and qual.; 2, Gordon, fair size and col.; 3, Shoolbraid, best of col., in rare trim; 4, Campbell. GOLDF.: 1, Simpson, smart, good size, clean cut, bright, level col., grand blaze, plenty body tan, nice wings, in solid cond.; 2, Gray, smaller, rich in col., good clean cut blaze, paler in body markings. BULLF.: 1, Craigen, storming good bird, grand size, dense cap, rich body col. and A1 bars; 2, Steele, another good one, in best of cond.; 3, Stewart, paler in col., good cap and bars; 4, 5, Dressel. HEN: 1, Hird, rare type, lovely plumage, and cond.; 2, Stewart, not quite so large, good head, and nice distinct bars; 3, Craigen, a little rough in feather. LINNET: 1, 2, Hird, nice ones, both good size, well mkd., A1 cond.; 3, Stewart, fails in col to 1st. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 4, Stewart, 1st, best of col., grand cap and lacing; 2nd, Steel, 'Poll, nice size A1 col. and cond.; 3, ——, Siskin, fails col. of winner; 5, Ross and Duncan; 6, Clark. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Hill. PAIR FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Campbell. FOR.: 1, D. Craigen. SELL: 1, 2, Craigen.

CORK.

19th annual show held Nov. 26 and 27 in City Hall. Truly a magnificent room, well lighted, very spacious, and well screened from all draughts. Entries were slightly in excess of last year, in spite of clashing with Dublin Show. Unfortunately the Cork fanciers could not alter the date, as they ran in connection with the P. and P. Association. Judicious advertisement early in the year, so that societies in the North may fix their dates accordingly would doubtless be of advantage. Yorks. take pride of place here, and it was quite an eye-opener to see such a collection. There was a rare fight for the cup, but Mr. W. Neville just came out on top; his clear yellow is a real topper, and should take some beating. Norwich were only fair. British were a rare lot. All the classes were well filled with creditable specimens. Mr. Carrol Dawson again swept the deck; he also won the cup with his noted Missel Thrush. Messrs. Cottrell, Neville, O'Keefe, Carrol-Dawson, O'Reilly, and Hawkins looked after our section, and they left no stone unturned to make the show a success. Mr. Tuckey, the hon. sec., ran the show on most modern lines. He seems to have a happy knack of making everybody work with ease. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liver pool) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, 2, res, Neville, leader long, racy, well drawn, rare outlines, very fit; 2nd straight as a rush, grand legs, neat tail, excellent wing carr.; 3, vhc, Lee, capital shoulders, even wing carr., bit short behind. HEN (9): 1, sp, Neville, full of style, rare character, sweetly drawn, stands on a good pair of pins; 2, Cottrell, equal in all except legs, trifle short; 3, Buckley, lovely back, well filled in neck, droops tail a little; res, hc, O'Keefe; vhc, Mills. CL. BUFF CK. (13): 1, 3, Lee, grand character, wedge shape, full of swank, wee bit open in front; 3rd shooty round head, grand style, bit weak in neck; 2, sp, Mills, round as a pencil, lovely top end, beaten in leg properties; res, vhc, Neville; hc, c, Hawkins. HEN (13): 1, sp, 3, Neville, lovely lady, no fault from back to tail; 3rd full of swank, nicely drawn, very spiky, beaten length; 2, res, hc, Hawkins, just as stylish, marble head, rare wings and pipe tail, not quite so straight as winner; vhc, Mills; c, Buckley. CINN. OR CINN. MKD. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Lynch, mkd. wings and neck, sweet head and neck, V-shaped wings, wants a bit more leg; 3rd mkd. check, full of style, shade small; 2, O'Keefe, foul cinn., capital shape, well drawn, exquisite feather, bit wild; res, hc, Hawkins. HEN (11): 1, hc, O'Keefe, full of nerve, long-sided, grand back, in faultless form; 2, Neville, noble head and neck, well carried wings, runs very close; 3, vhc, Lynch, all there for style and quality neat shoulders, pipe tail, and good legs; res, Hawkins; c, Buckley. A.O.C. CK. (11): 1, Hawkins, good "big 'un," rare length of side, well filled in, shows plenty of daylight; 2, res, hc, O'Keefe, eye and thigh mkd., full of go, lovely feather and pos., shade flat on back; 3, Neville, grizzle saddle, good big buff, shapely, plenty of leg, capital feather, open col. front; vhc, Mills. HEN (12): 1, res, hc, Hawkins, mkd. cap and wings, wonder for style, rare qual., well drawn; 2, 3, Mills, mkd. wings, straight as a rush, full of swank, sweet head, capital wings and tail; 3rd very smart, well drawn, grand back, bit weak at top end, will improve; vhc, c, O'Keefe. YORKS NOV. CK. (8): 1, res, c, Greene, yell., rare length, lovely qual., grand pos., shows nice legs, wins; 2, vhc, Dalton, yell., very fit, pos. A1, good texture of feather, very near thing; 3, vhc, Morgan, cinn. mkd. buff, shapely, grand sides, sweet carr., wants training. HEN (8): 1, Dalton, charming feather, erect and fearless, true Yorkie, should hold her own; 2, Morgan, rare size, good back and wings, wants fining down; 3, Green, shapely, nice texture, grand pos.; res, Peters; vhc, Bradford. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, Lee, leader Crest, fair radiation, all backward, showing pens on crest; res, O'Reilly. NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, res, O'Keefe, cl., grand shape, bold head and neck, short on wings and tail, moves well; 2, Cottrell, varieg., good big one, rare front, hot col.; 3, O'Reilly, grand head and neck. HEN (4): 1, 2, O'Keefe, good big one, clean cut, very broad across back, should make good stock hen; 2nd sweet, wants a bit more subs.; 3, res, O'Reilly, smart, but small. BUFF CK. (3): 1, O'Keefe, not a big one, but good throughout, clean cut and very compact; 2, Neville, grand feather, bit faulty on head; 3, Reilly, neat head, good wing carr. HEN, (7): 1, 2, O'Keefe, charming damsel, full of type, bold front, round as an apple, should take some beating; 2nd very sweet, cobby, grand feather and cond., not subs. of winner; 3, Neville, full of qual., well moulded, grand col., well put down; res, he, O'Reilly; hc, Cottrell. LOCAL NOV. (6): 1, 2, Buckley, long racy yells., full of nerve, good legs; 3, res, Wade, erect and fearless, grand back, nice cond.; vhc, Sweeney. GOLDF. (8): 1, 3, Carrol-Dawson, rare blaze, grand tanning, good bars and buttons, a topper; 3rd excels in tanning and bars; 2, Buckley, in fine form, well tanned, grand blaze, only fails size; res, c, O'Reilly; vhc, Patterson; hc, Delaney. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Carrol-Dawson, topper for size, well-pencilled, carries glorious sheen; 2nd grand col., well mkd., fails size to winner, but a good one; 3, Patterson, well pencilled, nutty brown col., well staged; res, O'Reilly. BULLF. (6): 1, Southwood, lovely hen, enormous cap and well cut, nice colour; 2, Devins, grand size, shape, good cap, fine back colour; 3, Dawson, grand hen, better col., not quite so big; res, Noonan; hc, Sullivan. SISKIN (6): 1, 2, Dawson, beauties, winners excels in col., both put down in faultless form. TWITE OR REDPOLL (6): 1, res, vhc, Dawson, grand Twite, wonder for markings and col., good win; 2, 3, O'Reilly, two 'Polls, leader superior markings and col., a Jonque; 3rd bigger, but fails in markings, and not quite so steady; hc, Patterson. SKYLARK (8): 1, Patterson, steady, grand size and col., well mkd., in grand form; 2, hc, c, Dawson, beauty for marking and col., slightly smaller, in tip-top form; 3, vhc, Higgins, well mkd. in front, smart; res, Patterson. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Dawson, Missel Thrush, wonder for size and marking, well fed, a knockout; 2nd Starling, full of work, in rare form, singing lustily; 3, res, Smith, Thrush, well put down, excellent work, fails size only; vhc, Daly; c, O'Connell. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, res, Dawson, leader good Hawfinch, grand col., rare bib, put down to win; 2nd Chaffinch, excellent whites, wonderful sheen; 3, Patterson, Yellow Bunting, in nice trim.

DARTMOUTH F.A.

Fourth annual show, in Subscription Rooms, Dec. 9. Classes were badly supported, only two standing—Norwich and Mules. Mr. Nancarrow, the poultry judge, judged. A cage birds judge would probably receive greater support.

NOR. OR YORKS: 1, 3, Lamble, buff Nor., winner a grand bird; 2, Grant, yell. Nor., good col. and qual. MULES: 1, 2, 3, sp., Lamble, winner a Goldie-Canary, which might have given way to either 2nd or 3rd, two grand Linnet-Canary Mules.

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Advertisers, Secretaries and all our correspondents should note the important Holiday Announcement on page 526.

HOW THEY DO THINGS IN FRANCE.

Notes by the Secretary of Cage Birds League.

The Société Serinophile, of Paris, held an exhibition of birds on November 2 in the hall of the Jardin d'Acclimatation, and among the donors of special prizes was the Société Protectrice des Animaux, a society with the same functions as our own Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

It would appear that they do some things better in France, and the fact that such a society gave a prize at a bird show can only be taken to indicate that the Société Protectrice des Animaux knows what the keeping of birds in cages really means. It means a harmless, pleasurable, and instructive hobby, carried out not only without cruelty, but to the positive advantage of the birds, and if the Humanitarian Societies of England knew as much about it as their sister society of France they also would be encouraging the proper keeping of birds in cages rather than disseminating the wicked accusations they make against bird-keepers.

He Who Runs May Read.

If a bird or an animal of any kind is down in condition, the lack of robust health is first indicated by the appearance of the feathers or the hair, and, conversely, if a bird is in perfect plumage it is in perfect health.

The birds that may be seen at any show tell their own tale, and he who runs may read. In beauty of plumage they excel to an extent which must be seen to be believed their relatives who are "enjoying" their natural freedom, and it is inconceivable that anyone who has seen a properly kept bird should remain under the misapprehension that cruelty of the slightest degree is involved in bird-keeping.

Those whose business it is to keep up the delusion will of course not be convinced. They do not wish to be; it would not suit their business. In fact, they know already that the accusations they scatter broadcast are baseless, but the subscribers to the funds of the societies are in a different position. In their kindness of heart they are led away by the fulminations of their "pastors and masters," and if they would only take the trouble to see for themselves they would no longer be so misled.

An Object Lesson for Sentimentalists.

I wonder how many of our friends the Humanitarians took the latest of the opportunities of seeing for themselves the "cruelties" to which cage birds are subjected, and of gauging the value of their accusation that "the keeping of any bird in any sort of cage is an acted blasphemy."

At the Horticultural Hall, St. Vincent Square, Westminster, there was recently held a show of cage birds at which nearly every possible species was represented—Canaries, the descendants of birds which have been bred for generations in captivity (in a bewildering number of varieties, ranging from the giant Lancashire to the tiny Border Fancy); British birds of every description, some of which have been hand-reared, some caught as birds of the year, and some as adult birds; Hybrids bred between these wild birds, or between them and a Canary; and Foreigners from every clime, in brilliance of plumage which baffles description—"Living Jewels," as they are styled in the inscription to the picture on the front page of our Dec. 6 issue, expresses it exactly.

The View of Sir Wilfrid Lawson.

I am very pleased to receive from Mr. G. Oglethorpe, the chairman of Cockermouth F.S., the appended letter, together with the reply of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, M.P., to the petition sent him by Mr. Oglethorpe. It will be plainly seen by this that Members of Parliament are prepared to give expression to the views of their constituents, and I hope every member of our legislature will by now have received the petition which I put before our readers in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 20 last.

I obtained the signatures of several fanciers in the Cockermouth district to the petition against the objectionable clause in the Plumage Act, and sent same to Sir Wilfrid Lawson, M.P. Following is his reply which you can use as desired.

Isel Hall, Cockermouth,
November 12, 1913.

Dear Mr. Oglethorpe,—Thanks for the notice of the forthcoming Cockermouth F.S. Show, which I hope will be successful. Thanks, also, for the petition re "The Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Bill," to the particulars of which I give careful attention. I cannot think that Clause 4 in it, referred to, can be meant to interfere unreasonably with pet bird keeping. However, I will certainly hope to bear in mind the views of the petitioners as to that when the matter may be before Parliament, in the hope that nothing unreasonable to their interests may be enacted by the measure in question, or any other. Perhaps you would kindly let the other petitioners know this, in answer to their request, as necessary.

WILFRID LAWSON.

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SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

The Schedule and Its Attractions.

We desire to call the attention of fellow-fanciers to our prize list, 2,197 of which have been sent out, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, hon. sec. Scottish National Show. There are still some on hand, and any exhibitor, on application, can have a copy sent per return. Those having one and not intending making use of it can render us valuable assistance by passing it on to any fancier in the district desirous of exhibiting. The handsome trophies, exceptionally long list of valuable specials, over 300, and large number of classes, make it one of the best schedules put out for the season. We thank the specialist clubs for their patronage, and all others for their splendid support by way of special prizes, etc. With reference to the Roller section, which has the patronage of the R.R.C.C. and S.R.C.C., the exhibits are staged in a separate hall, which is thoroughly adapted for the purpose. The judge, whose name has not previously been published, is Mr. T. W. Walton (Leeds). Through the generosity of Mrs. E. Warren Vernon, a cash prize of £1 1s. is given for the best singing Roller Canary; also a handsome cup, by Mr. Kreinner, for best bird in class 66.

Scotch Fancy exhibitors will note full classification is inserted, the Edinburgh Open O.A. having agreed to give us their support. The committee in charge of this section are well-known Scotch Fancy members, namely, Messrs. W. Allan, A. Paterson, R. Lile, P. McNiven; M. Petrie, and J. Sinclair. The foreign section will be ably looked after by Miss Peddie Waddell, and here again Mrs. E. Warren Vernon gives £1 1s. (cash) for the best insectivorous bird in classes 139 and 140.

Our general show hall has been greatly improved by internal alterations, and the addition of a large number of lights. Railway arrangements are of the best. Mr. R. Craig, our show manager, and the whole committee, who are experts in show work, will, as always, do everything they can for the welfare of the exhibits while in our charge during show. We will appreciate it very much should exhibitors send forward their entries early, as it certainly enables us to keep the work better in hand. Last year we had a record entry, and with the united support of our fellow-fanciers, we anticipate going one better this year. (See advertisement in this issue.)

The schedule provides 142 classes in all. Nor. have 22 classes, of which 4 are for Greens and 3 are selling. Crests and C.B., 10 (2 sell), Scotch Fancy 21 (4 sell.), Belgians 3, Borders 22 (4 Gr., 4 Cinn., 3 sell.), Cinnamons 2, Yorks 13 (4 Greens), Rollers 5, A.O.V. 1, Mules 9, British 22, foreign 10, stock 1, gift 1. There are five prizes in each class, 15s., 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., with an entry fee of 2s. Entries close Dec. 24, to Mr. J. R. Meikle, 22, Brougham Street, Edinburgh. Mr. Trengove judges Nor. and Ner. Greens. Mr. J. Young, Limit, Nor., Crests, and C.B.; Scotch Fancies will be judged jointly by Messrs Carson and Young, part, and Messrs. Hamilton and Stewart, part. Mr. J. F. Dewar takes Belgians, Cinnamons, and A.O.V. Can. Messrs. Mossie and T. Arnot divide the Border classes, Mr. Arnot taking Green Cinn. and limit classes. Mr. W. Mundell judges Yorks. and Yorks. Greens. Mr. T. W. Walton, the Rollers, Mr. J. Maddison, Mules, and last 4 classes in Brit. Mr. C. Sykes takes Brit., except last 4, and Mr. L. J. Arrighi the foreign birds.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Forfar (Scot.).—Reid Hall, 1-2 Jan. Judges, W. D. Milne, H. Wilson, G. McArdle. 35 cl., Nor. 14, Bord. 10, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 9s., 4s., 2s., 2s.; fee 1s. 6d.; ent. close 24 Dec., to A. Low, 63, West High Street.

Falkland (Scot.).—Town Hall, 2 Jan. Judge, J. Adams. 35 cl., Scotch Fancies 11, Nor. 6, Crests 4, Bord. 4, Brit. 6, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s.; fee 1s. 2d.; ent. close Dec. 26, to Wm. Anderson, Falkland

Honley (Yorks.).—Dining Hall, Rock Mills, 10 Jan. Judge, M. Peel. 6 cl. (£6 6s. limit), Yorks. 4, A.V. Sell., 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s 6d.; ent. close 3 Jan., to J. T. Hinchliff and Son, Rock Mills, Brockholes, nr. Huddersfield.

Blackwood (Mon.).—Drill Hall, 6 Jan. Judge, F. J. Davis. 15 cl., Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, Children 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d.; ent. close 1 Jan., to A. J. Parsons, 7, St. Mary Street.

Bridgwater (Som.).—Skating Rink, 7-8 Jan. Judge, S. R. Leach. 7 cl., Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d.; ent.; close 1 Jan., to A. J. Parsons, 7, St. Mary Street.

Wanstead (Scot.).—Agricultural Hall, 1, 2, Jan. Judges: A. Kerr, D. Hamilton. 52 classes. Scotch Fancy, 12; Crest. 4; Nor., 9; Yorks., 2; Bord., 9; Mules, 3; Brit., 10; For., 2; Sell., 1. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s. Fee, 2s. Ent. close Dec. 26th, to J. Blane, 10, Hill Street.

Alnmouth (Northumb.).—Town Hall, Dec. 27. Judge: H. Seely. 10 classes. Nor., 3; Bord., 2; Yorks., 2; A.O.V., 1; Brit., 1; A.O. Cage Bird, 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Ent. close Dec. 20, to C. Martin, Barndale Cottage.

Club Reports.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, Dec. 13, Mr. D. McLaren in chair. Mr. R. T. Campbell was re-elected secretary. Decided, after lengthy discussion, not to hold open show this year, but to go on same lines as last year. Committee meet Dec. 18 to arrange classification for annual breeding pair show, Jan. 31, preceding the monthly meeting. Agreed to hold annual Burns' Supper Jan. 26. Committee would like to see a good turn-out.—J. Anderson, assist. sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Dec. 11. Mr. Ball presided over one of the best meetings we have had for some time. We enrolled as members Messrs. J. Jooding, R. Thomson, W. Harriss, McGilway, Williams, and Rowlands. This is a grand start. Dates for next open show, November 18 and 19, 1914. Judges elected at next monthly meeting. Members' matched pair show, held Feb. 18. Judges and classification, also members' cup competition, to be dealt with at next meeting. Winning numbers drawn at meeting are 778, 19, 517, 370, 769, 456, 502, 721. Mr. Maggs wrote that having left Cardiff he wished to resign the vice-chairmanship, but still intended to keep up his membership. Secretary stated all prize money, also all accounts in connection with open show had been paid. He was unable to give balance-sheet as he had not received all moneys in for tickets sold. At monthly meeting, Jan. 15, sec. will present balance-sheet. There will be no collection this year as show will about pay for itself. Will members please clear contributions for year?—E. Thomas, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Points gained towards the various cups: Yorks, Austin 38, Lockett 34, G. Johnson 32, E. C. Rayner 10. Nor., Pilcher 32, Wickham 25, Taylor 17. Brit., Rayner 35, Wickham 31, Austin 15, H. Wood 11. Bord., H. Wood 28, Rev. H. Soames 17, Burton Bros. 14, Mrs. Aitken 12. Mules, Mrs Soames 14. Liz., Mrs. H. Wood 13. Bord. (old) Messrs. Burton Bros. 22, Rev. H. Soames 19, H. Wood 13. Secretary will be obliged if members will communicate with him if any mistake is found.—H. Wood, Hon. Sec.

ARBROATH C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Dec. 10th, in Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, Mr. D. Jamieson, vice-president, in the chair. Balance-sheet for year showed income £40 0s. 6d., expenditure £34 14s., having a balance of £5 6s., which was found to be satisfactory. Office bearers for 1914: Pres., W. Muir; vice-pres., D. Jamieson; sec. and treas., John Gray, 23, Guthrie Port; assistant sec., G. M. Addie; comm., H. Duncan, J. Heenan, D. Forsyth, W. T. Myles, J. Bonnyman, J. Wilson, W. Colville; auditors, W. T. Myles and J. Stewart.—J. Gray, sec. and treas., 23, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oak) O.S.

Meeting, Court Room, Dec. 13. Balance sheet proved very satisfactory, with good substantial balance on right side. Election of office-bearers:—Pres., Jno. Braidwood; vice-pres., W. S. Wilson. Mr. Martin wishing to resign secretaryship, moved that Mr. W. Hamilton be sec. Date for show fixed for Nov. 14. Unanimously agreed to advertise in CAGE BIRDS, and have our date in "Show Date Columns." We were informed that one of our past secretaries, Mr. Cant, had orders to be transferred to Canterbury. Agreed to hold social on Dec. 27. For further information kindly communicate with me.—W. Hamilton, Sec.—(Kindly send your address. Ed.)

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual meeting at Headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, was the largest yet held. Election of officers: Chairman, Mr. T. Down, our last year's skipper, who has led us so successfully; vice-chair, Mr. J. Woodall; Dr. Craig, treas.; Mr. E. C. Job, the sec., and Mr. R. Colton assistant sec., the right men in the right place. Committee, G. Fletcher, P. Walsh, J. Memmott, J. Mace, G. Moor, J. Milne, T. Ridal, T. Towe, W. Baxby, A. H. Waters, J. H. Richardson, E. Simpson and W. Moore. Annual dinner, January 20th, tickets 2s. each, also members' show January 17th, fixed prize-money and specials galore.—J. A. S. Woodall, Press Corres.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Held Dec. 10 at Marlboro' Hotel, Small Heath, Mr. Willmott in chair, and a splendid attendance interested in final arrangements for members' show January 3. Mr. Ratcliffe (Stoke-on-Trent) nominated a member. Specials simply poured in. Dinner service is for competition at this show, and the cups will find their first owners for the season. It is hoped all members will send a few birds, as room will stage 200 easily. The various G.W.R. trains (Small Heath) will be met, so members will have no excuse. Members should put their shoulders to the wheel and make things "hum" on Jan. 3. Judging commences 10.30 sharp; entries close Dec. 28. Tickets and show bills ready; please send or call for supply.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

PELTON FELL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Colliery Inn, Pelton Fell, Dec. 15th, when we had a good attendance. Balance-sheet showed income £18 8s. 6d., and outlay up to annual show £5 9s. 6d. Mr. Lindsay moved report as highly satisfactory, which was carried. Annual prize money was gone into; carried to pay out 6s. per class, as 3s., 2s., 1s. Our best thanks were voted to all our patrons, for kind and generous help towards show. The specials were then gone into; each member will receive one from secretary during the following week. Vote of thanks was then accorded our worthy host, Mr. Waugh, for his kind support, and for the large room he puts at our disposal. Mr. Waugh responded, saying he had the welfare of the society at heart. Votes of thanks were then accorded our secretary and chairman, Mr. Wm. Forster, and Mr. J. Stanger for their work during the year, which brought to a close, one of the best meetings ever held at Pelton Fell.—Wm. Forster, Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Final meeting for the year held headquarters, Dec. 3, a goodly number of members turning up. Sec. put before the meeting the accounts for the year, which show a balance to the good of £14 5s. 8d. It is proposed to hold a local show on New Year's Day confined to members and fanciers of the district; prize money, 6s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Classification: Border 5, Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, Mules 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 2. Schedules have been sent out, but anyone omitted can get one on application to the secretary. A new member was proposed. A feature of the meetings now are informal discussions, which are much appreciated, as some fancier must learn something new to him, everyone seeming to have a different opinion on different matters. I hear markings are to be discussed next meeting, also the colour feeding of Borders, which seems still to be carried on to the disgust of the novice and against the principal rule of the B.F.C.C.—John C. Bell, Sec., 23, Botchergate.

LEITH O.S.

Annual general meeting held Liberal Club Hall, 13th December. The President, Mr. J. Lumsden, presided over a fair attendance. Financial statement for past year showed a balance of nearly £9 to be divided in prize money. This was considered very satisfactory. The members present considered that the late show, although down a bit in numbers was quite up to the average as regard quality, and that the Leith Society could well lay claim to holding pride of place in the East of Scotland Elections of office-bearers. Pres., Mr. J. Lumsden; vice-pres., Mr. Allan; sec. and treas., Mr. G. Brown (8, Elm Place, Leith); comm., Messrs. A. W. Watson, J. Maitland, P. West, and G. R. Smith; auditors, Messrs. J. Musser and J. Walters. A summoned meeting will be held next month to consider advisability of holding open show next year. The society meets every second Saturday of the month in Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street, at 7 p.m. All fanciers within a radius of 12 miles are invited to become members.—G. Brown, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting, Dec. 13, when there was a good turn-out of members. Secretary's statement in regard to last annual show was considered satisfactory. Decided to have next annual show Nov. 13 and 14, and several gentlemen are being written to for terms, etc., for judging. G. Harver, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Table show of Borders, Y.M.C.A. Halls, Dec. 13. Mr. R. McEwan won sp. most points over Nor. and Bord. shows. Mr T. Allan (Hamilton) judged very satisfactorily. YELL.: 1, McLue; 2, Pollock; 3, McLue; 4, McLue; 5, Rundell; 6, Thomson. BUFF: 1, McGhie; 2, Pollock; 3, Graham; 4, Kennedy; 5, Clark; 6, Thomson. Dec. 27, judging competition, Mules and Borders, at 7, Y.M.C.A. Halls.—A. Thomson, Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

List of special winners. Champion section: 1, J. Thomas, 81 points; 2, S. Cook, 78; 3, L. Granger, 45; 4, J. Haythurst, 39; 5, W. Wrigley, 38; 6, W. Vardy, 30; gold medal winner, Mr. J. E. Davies. Amateur: 1, T. Blease and Son, 53 points; 2, W. Vardy, 41; 3, J. Nickson, 43; 4, W. H. Collam, 39; 5, H. Hitchen, 34; gold medal winner Mr. J. Edmundson. Members not yet having paid their subs kindly send same on.—F. Cunliffe, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, El Vino, Dec. 9, Mr. J. Dewhurst in chair. The evening was taken up with business arising out of the annual show. Letters were read from Messrs. Lund, Jefferies, Dewhurst, Beresford, Wilson, and the President of the B.R.C.C. Members respectfully requested to note rule 7, as next meeting will be prior to annual general meeting. Also to forward unsold tickets and ticket money of annual show to F. Knight, 64, Chaplin Road, Wembley.—J. Bray, jun., Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C

Our competitions for present season closed at Walsall show. Results as under. Should any member disagree, I trust he will write me at once. Also, I would remind members that the various prizes have now to be purchased, and unpaid subscriptions and donations would be greatly appreciated. Champions: Wells and Clempson, 98 points; P. Lune, 93; P. Victor Williams, 87; J. Clay, 25; J. Gibbons, 20; W. G. Andrews, 11; W. Raybould, 6; J. Burke, 5; J. Sheppard, 1. Novices: G. A. Smith, 71 points; G. Salt, 46; R. Ratcliffe, 38; T. Walker, 22; J. Hinton, 22; A. W. Austin, 18; J. W. Lawton, 14; A. Philpot, 4. Mr. Ratcliffe has kindly given a medal, value 5s., for fourth most points in novice section.—W. Wells, Hon. Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting Dec. 2, at Palmer Hall. Five new members elected: Messrs. W. White (Oxford), C. Cooper (Newbury), Miss Philcox (Woking), Mrs. Steele, and Mr. Blackall (Reading). Hon. Sec. gave rough balance sheet of recent show, which was a record in every way. Financially it showed a loss, which was balanced by the splendid interest it has caused in our district, and which ought to result in our membership rising to the hundred before long. Mr. G. H. Acton, after congratulating the members on the splendid fancier spirit shown during this show, offered to give a good special prize to the member reading the best paper during the year, as he thought some of them could write good papers but were too bashful to read them. His offer was received with great pleasure. Several congratulatory letters from exhibitors were read. Annual meeting comes next.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Annual meeting Dec. 4 at Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones, president, in chair. Decided that all shows during season 1914 have fixed prize-money, and that new committee deal with classification. Officials elected: President, Mr. F. Jones; vice-pres., Messrs. F. Hemming and W. Bingham; treas., Mr. W. Oxley; auditors, Messrs. C. W. Hobson, and H. Hobson; sec., Mr. A. Hobson; assist. sec., Mr. J. Woolhouse; committee, Messrs. P. Walsh, W. H. Champion, G. Drabble, A. Bailey, J. Curley, W. T. Furniss, E. Sissons, L. Falding, G. Butler, W. Kelley, C. Tomlinson, W. H. Webster, and T. Fow. Vote of thanks to past officials, also to pres. and the two secs. was passed. The assist. sec. replied on behalf of his colleagues, and thanked the members for their kind support. Next meeting Jan. 9, when a match and pair show will be held. Messrs. T. T. Gears and G. N. Beven were elected members.—J. Woolhouse, sec.

ROCHDALE & DIS. (Amalgamated)

Meeting held Dec. 13 at Temperance Club, Rochdale, when delegates attended from R.G.I., R.O.C., Smallbridge, Littleborough, Todmorden, Bury, Heywood, and North Manchester. Mr. Blincoe, of the R.O.C., was appointed chairman; Mr. Wm. Adams, of the R.G.I.C.B.S., sec. It was decided that we have a show this season, date Jan. 24. Voting by ballot. The name of the R.O.C. was first, so they take the show this time. At Mr. Blincoe's wish I undertook the duties of the show. Judge appointed, Mr. E. Brunskill, of Southport. The novice question came in for discussion, and it was decided that a novice was one who had not won a first prize at any show, either members' or open. Classes: Lancs. 6 and 1 novice, Liz. 4 and 1 novice, Crest or C.B. 2 and 1 novice, Yorks. 7 and 3 novice, Nor. 7 and 3 novice, A.O.V. 1, Mule or Hybrid 1, British 6, Selling (up to £1), 1. We hold meeting Dec. 27, in the same rooms; being so central, it would be the best and cheapest, as all expenses are pooled, each society to pay alike. I should like to see Oldham, Middleton, and one or two others attend. They will be in time, and prize money will be on the sliding scale, so the more entries and societies, the better the money.—W. Adams, Sec. (19, Bedford Street, Rochdale).

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Meeting Dec. 9, the president in the chair, and a good muster of members. Election of three new members, Messrs. Atkinson, Kramer, and Webb. The meeting then settled down to listen to the song of the birds present, kindly brought by Messrs. Fisher, Hocking, and Randall. Some brought distinctly Koller-like tours, and it was thought by those present that we were getting a step nearer towards having the Koller tour in the song of the birds. A discussion took place as regards birds having Koller-like tours, whether they should have points given them for same. The general opinion was that they should, and same to be put down on the judging sheet as Koller-like tours. The different tours sung by the birds were well discussed. Comments were made on certain tours, which are not being sung so well as they were a few years back. The knorre, or bass roll, is not so deep or so long; also the glucke, with its deep hard sound, that we used to hear, has somewhat faded. There seems also a difference of opinion regarding the schockel, the definition of which, from what we have read and heard in the past, was that it had a decided beat in it; at the present time it seems to be getting confused with the hollow hell. All remarked that the evening had been instructive and pleasant.—J. W. Norris, hon. sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

C. C. CORNISH, 116, Northfield Road, Wakefield, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire, Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BIRSE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby, Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Byre, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich. Close Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford.—Judge of Canaries. Specialist Yorkshires and Norwich. Terms on application.

R. B. TOPE, West Hoe Terrace, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies; 40 years' breeder and exhibitor.

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J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds, all varieties.

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SOUTHAMPTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 1. Committee and officers for coming year elected. Next general meeting Jan. 5, Waterloo Temperance Hotel, London-rd., 8.30 p.m. Hope all members will attend.—W. L. Page, hon.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

General meeting, Dec. 4, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in the chair. Vote of sympathy passed on the recent loss sustained by Sec., Mr. J. W. Reed, on the death of his father, and Mr. Curry on the death of his sister-in-law. Annual show was fixed for October 23 and 24. Mr. Douglas Clague and Mr. W. Dodds were elected members. Next meeting Jan. 8. Nominations for officials for 1914 were received. Nominations for judges for next open show will take place at next meeting.—J. Craig, Assist. Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting will be held in Scottish National Show, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, Jan. 1, at 11.30 a.m. Business: Minutes, balance-sheet for 1913, election fo pres., sec., and treas., district delegates and auditors. The following motions have been tabled: (1) That rule regarding rung birds be deleted, or to read, rung birds not to be allowed to compete for club medals; (2) that members who judge during year their names be printed on balance-sheet with note of show or shows which they have judged; (3) societies having classification same as Scottish National, an extra medal be granted for Greens or Cinnamons; (4) that all first-prize birds be put on table and judged for medals.—M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting Dec. 11; Mr. J. G. Cowley, supported by Mr. J. Woolhouse. Meeting was very enthusiastic one. Officers for ensuing year: Chair, Mr. T. Ridal; vice, Messrs. J. Woolhouse and R. Smith; treas., J. Kelsey; secs., C. Tomlinson and A. Lawton; Com.—Messrs. Butler, Matthews, Sisson, Smith, J. Chudwick, Marshall. Decided that rule regarding class be 2 exhibitors and 5 birds in place of 2 exhibitors and 2 birds. Then came most important thing of the evening, that we purchase 2 cups for novices, 1 Yorks., 1 Nor., at £1 1s. each. The four highest points to count, to be won 3 times, not necessarily in succession. Decided that sec. and assist. sec. receive increase of 10s. a year salary. Annual tea: Members note that Mr. Ridal, 84, Freedom Rd.; Mr. Woolhouse, 111, Oakland Rd.; Mr. R. Smith, 345, Shalesmoor; Mr. A. Lawton, 45, Thoresby Rd., and Sec., have tickets for sale, 10d. each. Ham and pork pie tea, Jan. 8, at Doncaster Street Friends' Schoolroom. Good talent for concert has been secured. Don't forget Jan. 8.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

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TWELFTH GREAT ANNUAL SHOW

of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British, and Foreign Birds, within Corn Exchange, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, under the distinguished patronage of The Town Council of Edinburgh, and others, also Specialist Clubs, S.P.C., O.N.P.C., G.E.A., S.C.C.C., E.K.H.C.A., H.F.C.C., S.Y.C.C., B.R.C.C., S.B.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C., N.B.B.M.C., F.B.C., and "T.B." Coupon 144 Classes. Prize Money, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry, 2/-, extra stock class 6d. 14 well-known expert judges. Handsome trophies and attractive specials. Membership fee, 2/6, entitling free admission, and members' specials. Grand medium for disposal of surplus stock. Prices of admission to show: Wed., during judging (9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.), 1/-, 2.30 till 9 p.m., 6d.; Thurs., 9 a.m. till 4.30 p.m., 6d. Catalogues (per post 7d.) Schedules ready on application to: I. R. Meikle, Sec., 22, Brougham St., Edinburgh.

ENTRIES POSITIVELY CLOSE DECEMBER 24th.

ELGIN

C.B.A. The Fourth Ann. Show will be held in the Corn Market Hall, Elgin, on Dec. 25. Particulars and Sched. from: James Lumsden, Secretary.

MALTON (Yorks.)

Will hold their 18th Ann. Open Show on Frid., Dec. 26th. Under Patronage of the Yorks and Lancs. B.B. and M. Club. 15 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, H. W. Battye, Esq. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6, for 1/6 entry fee, and Specials, including 10/- Best Canary, 6/- Best British. No Half Prize Money. Prompt Payment. Entries close Dec. 20th. Last year's exhibitors scheduled, others apply—Jas. Wilson, Sec., 31, Sutton Street, Norton Malton, Yorks.

The Great One-day Open Show of the

NORTH WALES

C.B.S., held at Carnarvon, Dec. 26, Boxing Day, at the Assembly Rooms, Market Street. 28 Classes, and prompt payment of Prize Money. Cash Specials in each Class. Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., Accrington. 3 Challenge £2 2s. Cups. Please help us with a record entry. Will accept entries up to Dec. 21st, first post, to: Mr. R. E. Griffith, Hon. Sec., 6, Balaclava Road, Carnarvon.

LONGTON, near Preston

2nd Ann. (Open) C.B. Show (all Norwich), on Dec. 27. 6 Champion Classes, 5 Amateur Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6 per class. Specials in each class. Entries finally close Dec. 23. Judge, T. H. Dent, Esq., Preston. Sched.: R. Johnson, Ashlea Terrace, Longton Bridge, near, Preston.

WINGATE (Co. Durham)

Thurs., Jan. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/-. Members, 9d. Judge, J. Stanger. Class 57, Nor. Yell. Cock. Class 58, Nor. Buff Cock. Class 59, Nor. Hen, A.C. Class 60, Nor., Unflighted. Class 61, Yorks. Yell., C. or H. Class 62, Yorks., Buff, C. or H. Class 63, Yorks., Unflighted. Class 64, A.O.V. Canary. Class 65, 10/- Selling. Class 66, Mule or Hybrid. Class 67, Linnet. Class 68, Goldf. or Bullfinch. Class 69, Greenfinch. Class 70, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite. Class 71, A.O.V. Hardbill. Class 72, A.V. Softbill. Class 73, Novice Members. Cage Birds staged in separate room. Exhibits to be staged by 10 a.m., and remain until close, 6 p.m. Numerous Specials in catalogue. Entries close Dec. 25 to: J. Burdett, Sec., 3, Todd Street, Wingate, Co. Durham.

WAUNARLWYDD SHOW, Jan. 1, 1914

Judge, C. A. House. Pig. and Cage Birds. The Ideal Show. No Prize withheld. Send for Sched., and see for yourself, from: Jack Walters, Westfield Road, Waunarlwydd, nr. Gowerton.

The Diamond Jubilee of the

PAISLEY O.A.

JAN. 1st and 2nd, 1914.

Open Show. 68 Classes. Popular Judges. Hundreds of pounds in Prize Money and Specials. Prize Money paid to those present on second day of show, and remitted to those at a distance within fourteen days. Schedules from: John Sinclair, 4, Clavering Street, Paisley.

GRANGE over SANDS

Open Show of Poult., Pig., and Cage Birds, Thurs., Jan. 8. Entries close Jan. 1. Judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. Good Specials. Schedules: J. C. Mossop, Hon. Sec., The Nook, Grange-over-Sands.

WISHAW C.B.S.

1st JANUARY, 1914.

Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 42 Classes. Judges: A. Chalmers, Thos. Ritchie, and Geo. Martin. Entries taken till morning of show. Schedules from—Jas. Watson, Sec., 16, Young Street, Wishaw.

FORFAR

Poul., Pig., Fur, and Cage Birds, Jan. 1st and 2nd. 43rd annual show. Good classification, with four money prizes. Judges, Messrs. D. Milne, Henry Wilson, and George McArdle. Sched.: A. Low, 63, West High St., Forfar.

Northern Crest Club

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Open Show of Crest and Crestbred Canaries, in the Bird Market, Clayton, Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 16 Classes for Crests. Judges: Joseph Brotherton, Bolton; Thos. Dixon, Bedlington. Entries close Dec. 27, 1913. Schedules: J. G. Hutchinson, Sec., 2, Hannington Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PWLLHELI

Fanciers' Show, Jan. 1, 1914. Cage Birds, Pig., and Bantam. C.B. Judge, J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry fee 1/-. Good Classification, and attractive specials. Entries close Dec. 27. Sched.: W. H. Davies, 4, Mount Terrace, Pwllheli.

WORKINGTON

Fur and Feather Soc. will hold their 3rd ann. show of Cage Birds, Poul., Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Eggs, on New Year's Day, Jan. 1st, 1914). In the Covered Market Place. Cage Birds:—Canaries, 12 classes under pat. of C. and W. Yorkshire C.C. Mule, Brit., and For., 10 classes. Judge of cage birds, John Nicholson, Esq., Maryport. Entries close Dec. 22nd.—Captain Summers, 24, Elizabeth Street, Workington.

Scottish Palace.

DUNFERMLINE (FIFE)

Annual Exhibition of Poul., Pig., Cage Birds, Thurs and Fri., Jan. 1 and 2, 1914. Judges: Cage Birds, Ad. Dickson, Keity; J. Young, Rutherglen; G. Hislop, Stirling; W. Malcolm, Dunfermline. Good Prize Money and numerous Specials. No classes cancelled. Entries close on Christmas Day. Send for list. Alex H. Hynd, Bankview, Baldridgeburn.

KILMARNOCK

Jan. 1st and 2nd, 1914. 60 Classes for Cage Birds. 4 Silver Cups and numerous other Specials. Judges, Messrs. D. Hamilton, of Hamilton, and Alex. Kerr Larkhall. Prize Money paid out at show. Entries close Dec. 26th. Schedules ready.—J. Blars, Sec., 10, Hill St., Kilmarnock.

ANNFIELD PLAIN

F.F. and C.B.S. 2nd Ann. Open Show, Jan. 3, 1914. For Schedules, apply: Matt Archer, 25, William Street, Craghead, S.O., Durham.

FALKLAND

O.S. OPEN SHOW. Poult., Pig., Cage Birds. Jan. 2nd, 1914. Splendid classification and numerous Specials Cage Bird Section. Judge, John Adams, Esq., Dundee. Entries close Dec. 26. Sched.: W. Anderson, Sec., Falkland.

Huddersfield

O.S. Show

to be held on

SAT., JAN. 3rd, 1914,

in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Northumberland Street. Judge, R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Specials. Entries close Tues., Dec. 30th, 1913. Schedules from: A. Lawford, Sec., 14, Poplar-st., Birkby, Huddersfield.

BANGOR (IRELAND)

and Dis. C.B.S. 4th Annual Show will be held in Good Templar Hall, on

Thursday & Friday, Jan. 8th & 9th, 1914.

Under patronage of Yorkshire Canary and C.B.S. of Ireland, and Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland. Judge, W. Mundell. Entries close Sat., January 3rd. Sched.: W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St., Bangor, Down.

UTTOXETER

Fanciers' Show, Jan. 10, 1914. Prizes, 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6. Special Prize, value 5/-, in every Class. Entry fee, 1/6. Members, 1/3. Entries close Jan. 3. Enter from this. Judge, Mr. C. Ward, Derby. Classification: 28, Yorks. Can.; 29, Nor. Can.; 30, Gold. or Bullfinch; 31, Mule; 32, British, A.O.V.—M. Copastal.

DONCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Don't forget the above Society caters for the novice as well as the champion, so reserve your entries for Jan. 10, 1914, one day only. Schedules now ready: G. Hunt, Hon. Sec., 19, The Crescent, Balby Road, Doncaster.

HONLEY & DIS.

F.S., nr. Huddersfield. 21st Annual Show, Jan. 10, 1914. Schedules, etc., apply: J. T. Hinchliff and Son, Hon. Secs., Rock Mills, Brockholes, nr. Huddersfield.

Lingfield

(Surrey) and Dis. 19th ann. show (open to the Counties of Surrey, Sussex, Kent, and Hampshire). of Poul., Pig, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds, will take place on Wed. and Thurs., Jan. 14 and 15, 1914. 3 Challenge Cups and numerous other specials, 116 Classes. Entries close Mon., Jan. 5th, 1914 to: J. Stone, Lingfield.

Don't Forget to Patronise the

YARM, EAGLESCLIFFE, And DIS. C.B.S.

The most progressive society in the North. Full Prize Money guaranteed, whether competition or not. The above society intend holding their next an. open show of Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds on Sat., Jan. 17th, 1914, in the County Council Schoolrooms. Judges, Chas. Houlton, W. Cowgill. Schedules: Wilson and Wilford, High St., Yarm.

CHANDLER'S FORD

Show of Poul., Pig., Rab., and Cage Birds (open to Hants), Jan. 21, 1914. Prize Money Guaranteed Good Specials. Sched. shortly ready.—A. J. Dean, Corn Stores, Chandler's Ford.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, is judging Grange-on-Sands show, Jan. 8th.

Mr. J. Robson has been engaged to judge Burton-on-Trent show, held on Oct. 17, writes Mr. A. Wood.

Entry fee for Doncaster Show is 1s. 6d., not 1s. as advertised last week, writes Mr. G. Hunt, the sec.

Clapham C.B.S. next open show has been fixed for Oct. 14 and 15, 1914, writes Mr. T. J. Hose, the hon. sec.

Mr. T. Gilbert, late of 57, Craven Street, Coventry, writes that he has removed to Hope Cottage, Hill Street, Coventry.

At Hastings and St. Leonards Show all open prize-money was paid well within a week, writes Miss Kirk-Bullock, the hon. sec.

A Merry Xmas
and a
Happy New Year
To Bird Lovers the world over.

Here's to your health,
Here's to your wealth;
A Jolly Good Christmas to you!
A Happy New Year,
With loads of Good Cheer,
And friends that are many and true!

We have received a p.c., posted in Perth, Dec. 5, presumably for a prize-list, but no name or address is given, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, secretary Scottish National show.

Kindly publish the following numbers for our draw, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, Sec., Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.: 1st, 10,695; 2nd, 7,124; 3rd, 7,333; 4th, 9,657; 5th, 7,387; 6th, 8,982; 7th 10,834; 8th, 9,888; 9th, 7,961; 10th, 9,298; 11th, 8920; 12th, 10,509.

Honley and District Society held a members' show on Dec. 13th, at the Coach and Horses, with Mr. E. Radley as judge, writes Mr. F. Castle, the Hon. Sec., and the principal winners were Messrs. J. T. Mosley, F. Ellis, F. Greensmith, and F. Castle.

As managers of the L.C.B.A. show we beg to offer sincere thanks for the splendid report you gave of the show in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, write Messrs. Bray and Knight. All prize-money has been paid, and diplomas and awards of merit will follow.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show, Feb. 6th to 10th, 1914. Breeders should reserve their surplus stock for this show. Record sales and prices. Demand usually more than the supply. This show is open to all. Watch this paper for further details.—Advt.

We are looking forward to a good show at Boscombe, writes Mr. M. Cook, the hon. sec., having secured an ideal hall. We have five classes for Borders, three champion and two novice, the latter fully guaranteed by Mr. J. A. Edwards, also class for field-moulted Goldfinches guaranteed by Mr. E. Hutchins; in all 62 classes and model prize cards will be given.

At the North Wales C.B.S. open show, Dec. 26, we have 12 additional specials, which will appear in catalogues, writes Mr. R. E. Griffiths, the hon. sec. Up to time of writing I have only received 9 entries, and I will accept not later than first post, Dec. 21st. I beg for record support by members and others. We have engaged one of the leading judges, who never has been before at any show in North Wales.

I may say that Tredegar was one of the finest shows that has been held in Wales, and we are deeply indebted to the fanciers who so excellently supported us, and I trust that the manner in which the show was conducted will be an incentive to exhibitors to support us in the future, writes Mr. W. B. Watkins, the hon. sec. All prize-money was paid out within two days. I have received several letters from fanciers thanking us for our promptness, which we much appreciate.

Will members of the Hastings and St. Leonards United C.B.S. kindly note that the annual meeting is fixed for Jan. 14, and keep that date free, writes Miss Kirk-Bullock, the hon. sec.

We have received two very promising pen sketches of birds from Master Archie Clixby, of Manchester, accompanied by an interesting letter concerning the birds they have at home.

Mr. J. Barber, of Chesterton, Staffs, sends us several letters received from customers expressing their great satisfaction with the wire fronts he advertises, made on an improved principle.

The Amalgamated Show of the Birkenhead, Wallasey, Bootle, Liverpool Bird Breeders, and Garston Societies will be held Dec. 27 at the Baptist Schoolroom, Earp St., writes Mr. A. T. Mullock, the secretary.

In future all communications respecting the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. and Rochdale and District Amalgamated Societies, should be addressed to 19, Bedford Street, Rochdale, writes Mr. Wm. Adams.

The Nottingham and District Permanent O.S. annual members' Xmas show is due at the Grapes Inn, Platt Street, on Dec. 26, writes Mr. J. Bunn, the Sec. We shall be pleased to see any fanciers, and make all welcome.

OBITUARY.

I am deeply sorry to announce the death of Mrs. Booth wife of one of our esteemed members residing in New Hey Road, Bowling. Always genial and straightforward, her death is regretted by all who came in contact with her. We are sure her many friends will join us in offering their sympathy to the widower and family in their time of trouble. —J. E. Hudson, sec. Laisterdyke, Bowling, and Tong Combination.

Owing to a severe accident to myself, I was unable to judge Felinfoel (Llanelly) show, as stated in schedule, writes Mr. John Hocking (Swansea).

Abertillery's Rough Experience.

Owing to the inclement weather which the Abertillery Society experienced, their 5th annual show was a great loss, writes Mr. E. Churchill, the hon. sec.; and I regret that I shall not be able to forward prize money so soon as in recent years, but with the scheme that our committee are getting into action we trust to be able to pay the prize money in the near future.

A Treat for Poultry-Keepers.

Those who are interested in poultry, either from the utility or the exhibition standpoint, have a treat provided for them this week-end by our sister journal, The Poultry World, whose Xmas Number is on sale Friday, price 2d., at all newsagents and bookstalls. It is a splendid issue, containing a wealth of entertaining and instructive articles and special features, while it is lavishly illustrated, and, moreover a handsome calendar in colours, and an exceptionally fine coloured plate accompany it. We confidently say to all of our readers who keep poultry that they cannot invest twopence to better purpose than in the purchase of The Poultry World Xmas Number. Get it right away, before it is "sold out."

An Enjoyable Concert.

One of the most successful and enjoyable Bohemian concerts we have ever attended took place at the headquarters of the City and Suburban A.C.B. on Dec. 11. The fine hall of the St. Marylebone Church Institute can rarely have been more cosy, or more artistically decorated. The stage was one mass of lovely flowers and plants, while the audience in sociable groups listened to the fine programme comfortably seated around small tables, with excellent refreshments all ready to their call, and charming waitresses (the Misses Hussey, Menell, Thynne and Wallington) to serve them, and gently but firmly decline to give change. Mr. Wynn (the hon. sec.) looked after the refreshment stall as to the manner born, Mrs. Maher and Mr. Warren ably assisting him. Mr. F. Knight and Mr. T. L. Sayer were tactful stewards. In the organising of the concert Miss Grace Shepherd and Mr. W. A. Shepherd (the chairman) worked tremendously hard, and a notable success deservedly crowned their efforts, over 250 being present. The funds of the society should receive a nice fillip as a result of their kindness. The talented artists were: The Misses C. Blank, Iris Bartley, R. Cunningham, L. and R. Harvey, V. Hewlett-Smith, G. A. Lathbury, Maggie Maher, B. Z. Menell, A. Oakshott, G. Shepherd, G. Thorp, Master Seitz, Messrs. N. Galloway, B. Clifton, C. Hughes, and Lewis and Vincent. The Misses Cunningham and Nagelkop ably accompanied. Mr. W. Wallington, the excellent stage manager, well earned a special word of praise.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Important to Advertisers, Secretaries of Societies, and all our Correspondents.

Owing to the Christmas Holidays this year falling on Thursday and Friday (December 25th and 26th), advertisers, correspondents, and our readers generally, should note that any communications for insertion in our issue dated December 27, should reach us NOT LATER THAN MONDAY (Dec. 22nd), as our December 27th issue must go to press on the Tuesday morning, December 23rd. Any communications arriving after Monday MAY HAVE TO BE HELD OVER.



A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE (?)

Our artist has dreamed of a blissful time when troubles due to non-feeding hens will be unknown—because hens to feed the youngsters will not then be needed!

To Colonial and Foreign Cage Bird Societies.

We would point out that "Cage Birds Annual" has a very extensive circulation abroad, so that particulars of all Colonial and Foreign societies should appear in the "Directory of Cage Bird Clubs and Associations" included therein. We shall be glad if secretaries of clubs in the Colonies, America, etc., will send on to us full details of their societies (place and time of meeting, subscription, etc.). A full list of the members, their names and addresses, would also be appreciated; or a show catalogue giving these latter details would answer our purpose. We should also be glad to have the addresses of bird-keepers abroad who are not members of any society, and particulars of the varieties of Canaries or other birds they are interested in.

A Fancier in China.

On page 538 we publish a photograph of Mr. J. L. Newton, which was taken in China. This photo was sent us by Mr. T. J. Hose, the secretary of Clapham C.B.S., and in an accompanying letter he says:—

"I am enclosing a letter I have received during the past week from an old fancier friend of mine, who went out to China about 18 months ago, and for this I am indebted to the fact of my photo being published in Cage Birds along with the report of our show, as although before he went away he promised to write to me, particularly with regard to the birds he met out there, he had never done so, nor sent his address. I shall now be able to write him and try and keep him up to the mark. This incident is only one more which goes to prove the world-wide circulation of Cage Birds, and how it keeps alive the fancier 'fever' of an old birdy man." Mr. Newton, in his letter, remarks: "Although I am a long way off, I am still a subscriber to our popular paper, Cage Birds."

Corrections in Show Reports.

At Brighton Mr. A. Cooke won 2nd in A.O.V. Novice, not Ward as reported. At Musselburgh Messrs. Heron and McNairn won 2nd in dark Mules, not Brown.

Winning Hybrids Change Hands.

I have sold my winning Canary-Bullfie to Messrs. Hughes Bros., of Carnarvon, writes Mr. G. Edwards (Leominster). Also my Greenfinch-Bullfinch (diploma winner at Bradford Show) to Mr. M. A. Wilson, Pannal, and I wish their owners every success.

On with the Old Love.

I am entering the cage bird Fancy again after an absence of eight years abroad, writes Mr. J. Nicholson (Maryport). I am going into my old hobby, which has been my life study, the breeding of Mules and Hybrids, also Plainhead Norwich Canaries. I have been appointed to judge at Workington show, Jan. 1st.

An Error of the Railway Co.

At Frome show my birds were not competing, writes Mr. J. Thomas (Ambler Thorn). They were entered and sent to the show in due course, but instead of being delivered at Frome, landed back here on the day of show. Evidently, owing to a mistake on the part of the railway officials, they were turned back at some point of the journey.

Our Painting Competition.

A Prize for Artistic Bird-Keepers.

(See frontispiece this week.)

Following our usual custom at Christmastide, our Frontispiece this week is designed to be coloured. We offer a cash prize of one guinea for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Friday, January 9th.

The medium (to be employed (oil, water-colour, or crayon) is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, and have the sender's name and address written on the back.

The whole of the front page must be coloured, not merely the frontispiece (centre picture) alone.

In this competition entries are received only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as final.

My Long-Tailed Grassfinches;

This article is No. 42 of the new series entitled "Through a Birdroom Window," being personal birdy experiences

Related by that eminent aviculturist the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

WHEN you want a new bird, as an old friend used to say to me, you must use every possible means of finding it. Pull every bell, and knock at every door; you never know where Luck lives! One day I saw an advertisement to the effect that at a certain address a pair of Long-tailed Grassfinches were for sale. This was many years ago, when this species was exceedingly rare, and I sent off a wire saying I would take them; but the next day I got a post card with the laconic sentence: "Sold." I felt as disgusted as a gourmet who, sitting down to some favourite dish, is robbed of appetite by finding the corpse of a cockroach in it. The importation of these Australian finches is so strange and erratic that one never knows when they may turn up. At times they come over in crowds, so as to be almost a drug in the market, at other times years will go by and not one appear. When, therefore, I missed my chance I was almost inclined to say what Tacitus did of a good Political Constitution, that it was a thing to be hoped for rather than a possibility!

The Weekly Race for Bargains!

Still, I kept my eyes well skinned and a telegraph form always handy in case luck should come my way. It is always an exciting time, when CAGE BIRDS comes on a Friday, to race through the advertisement columns for bargains, and to wonder whether you will be able to get them. Many a time you fail. In spite of all your expedition; another has stepped down before you; sometimes, again, you are lucky, and secure the prize. One Friday morning I opened my CAGE BIRDS and learnt that a certain dealer was expecting a consignment of 50 pairs of Masked Grassfinches, and I determined that I would do my best to get at least one pair, so to this end I ordered two. If I had said one I should probably have got none; having said two I got two.

When they reached me, I found they were in lovely condition, and I was captivated at once by their quiet sober beauty. For those who have not been fortunate enough to see Poephila Acuticauda in the flesh I will append a brief description. They are much smaller than



THE LONG-TAILED (OR MASKED) GRASSFINCH.

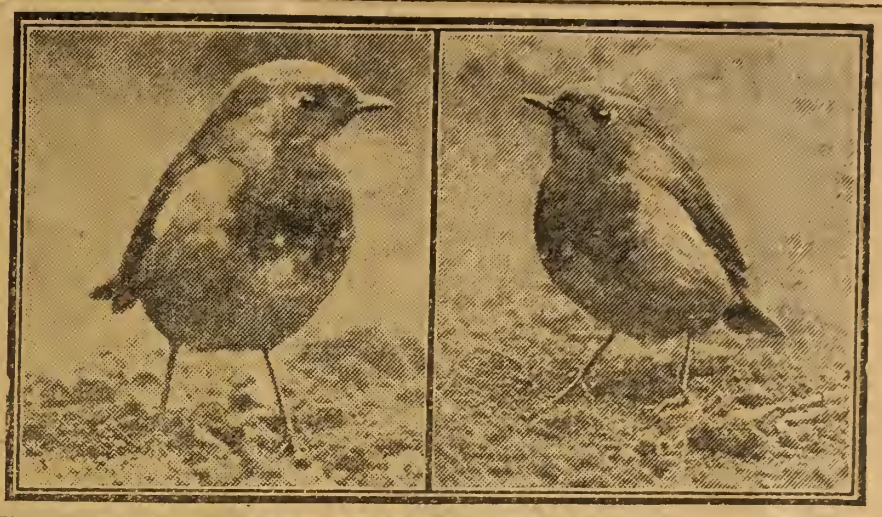
a Parson Finch, and not so stoutly built, and of much the same shade of brown. The head has a black mask over the nose and extending under the chin; there is a triangular black patch at the end of the breast; the rump is white, and the tail, as the name implies, ends in a sharp point; the beak is yellow, the colour varying in depth in different individuals. The upper and under tail coverts white; legs and feet coral red.

And very Nice, too!

I was so pleased with my new arrivals that, like Oliver Twist, I was determined to ask for more! I wrote off again, but the consignment had all been snapped up. Being in Hull one day about this time I, of course, had a look round for bird shops. I came across one in a back street near the docks, in which I caught sight of about half a dozen P. Acuticauda, decidedly the worse for wear. I went in and bought them, though I was guiltily reminded of the saying of a little girl I once read about. "Aunt Huldy," she said, suddenly, "it's just like Troy Gilbert said, you go and hunt up homes for all the pretty children, an' the nice children, an' you just keep the old ugly ones, like me, that nobody'll have."

About the time of which I am writing, several friends wrote me little notes telling me of how they had been fortunate enough to get hold of some Long-tails, and hinting in most offensive terms that they intended to breed them shortly. These letters annoyed me greatly. Do you remember in the story of Monsieur Reynard how the recreant excuse for gobbling up the poor harmless lamb was that he looked so fat and contented and pleased with himself? That is the way the self-satisfied people always make me feel, and I determined that if I could I would be beforehand with my correspondents.

"February fill-dyke" was the time when the Long-tails reached me, so that there was ample time for them to recuperate after their long voyage from Australia. I put them all in a big indoor cage, in a cold room, and carefully studied their form in order to determine the



OUR "PAL" OF XMAS-TIDE.

Everybody loves the Robin, and it is during these winter months that "Bobby" becomes peculiarly our pal, seeking our hospitality and lightening even the dreariest of days with his charming song.

Photos by J. H. Symonds, Polton.

sexes. So far as I can tell, there is little or no difference between the cocks and the hens, except that perhaps the cock is slightly bigger and the tail a little more elongated. Some birds have yellow beaks and some more reddy, but I am sure this is not an indication of sex but simply a peculiarity of individual birds, just as some of us have straight noses and some turnups.

It is well to remember that most of the Australian finches like sleeping quarters; they have a strong objection to passing the night on a cold and draughty perch, so I always provide them with small cardboard boxes, snugly lined with hay, to which they always retire at nightfall. It rather curls up the points of their tails, but that can't be helped. By the way my birds kept together in couples I quite hoped that I had at least three pairs, and my hopes rose accordingly.

A Temptation that led to a Fall.

One day a friend came to see me, and he begged so hard that I would sell him some Long-tails that I had not the heart to refuse. The price that he offered was so tempting that I determined to only keep one pair and let him have the rest.

In catching the birds I must have in some way caught up birds that were not mated, though they were cocks and hens all right, for the way in which they disagreed was painful to witness. It reminded me of what an old man remarked of a married neighbour, who is a harassed, worried-looking person. Someone had spoken of marriage as being made in Heaven, and Job remarked that the idea "allus bested" him when he saw such a couple as Mr. and Mrs. X. But after a few moments' thought his face brightened with a sudden idea. "Mayhap," he said, "t' Almighty wur lookin' t'other way."

In preparing for my summer campaign I realised fully that Luck is the prize-giver to hard work and plenty of it. I also realized that I was getting older each year, and had less and less opportunities of doing things. Time is a commodity one gets to value more when one has used up yards of it than when it stood in bales fresh and unopened at the start of life. One sweet morning in April I turned out the Long-tails into one of my small sheltered garden aviaries, and left them to their own devices. There were all sorts of inducements to nest, artificial and natural. For those who preferred nature there were lovely growing shrubs, boxes, privet, elder and the like; for those of more artificial habits there were boxes, cocoa-nut husks and old straw hats. These latter are great favourites with all Australian finches. You cut a tiny round hole in the crown, and nail the hat up against the wall by the brim, and before long it has found a pair of tenants.

A Sign that Business is Meant.

For a while the Long-tails merely enjoyed life, and then one day I saw the cock dancing up and down on a twig with a bit of hay in his beak, a sure sign that he was ready to go to nest. For some time the hen would have nothing to do with his advances. She seemed as wilful as a stalk of ling. After about a fortnight she seemed to grow more kind, and more than once I caught them sitting side by side in a nest box. My hopes began to rise, and Hope is about as helpful a companion as Certainty.

In a few days there could be no doubt that the birds were nesting, as I could see them carrying hay into the box, especially in the early morning; but although I tried to see if eggs were laid I could not, for the inside of that nest was as black as a wolf's mouth. I did not like to look more than once for fear of hurting the birds' feelings, for I am possessed of a heart as tender as spring meadow grass.

In about a week the hen disappeared into the box and began to sit steadily, but I was by no means certain that success would crown her efforts. We all fear what waits us at the bending of the road, and before long I had good cause to do so. As I went out one morning early to feed, the strange excited action of the cock attracted my attention, and I felt instinctively that something had happened. Either the eggs had hatched, or there had been a catastrophe. My fears flew to the latter contingency. Events justified my fear, for looking carefully about I discovered, after a few minutes' search, the poor little hen hanging head downwards and quite dead. A bit of fibre had got twined fast round her leg, and escape had been impossible. On looking at the nest there were five little white eggs on the point of hatching. As I looked I was reminded of that oracular saying o the immortal Mr. Poyser. "It's your dead chicks take the longest to hatch." I believe I have those eggs somewhere now, but they are still hatching.

Only a Pleasant Dream.

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A Chill; or a Broken Heart?

After a time my widowed cock contracted a chill. I think his health had been failing ever since he lost his wife. Day by day I watched him growing weaker and weaker, and knew that I could do nothing. I could not even prepare him for the end, which I felt was so near, as the old woman did her dying husband. A friend of mine was taking a Mission for a Vicar near Bolton, in Lancashire. As they were walking together down the street they met an old woman, and the Vicar asked after her husband, who was lying sick, saying: "I am afraid he is very ill." "Yes, sir," she answered, "but I do my best for him. I read the Burial Service to him every day to get him used to it."

Just one word more before I close (as old Doctor Hover used to say when he was coming into the straight but still a good way off the Benediction), never neglect green food. The simplest way is to sow canary seed in small boxes, and when it is up put it into the aviary and allow the birds to eat their fill.

Long-tails are very frugal feeders. All that they need is canary seed and millet, good sharp grit, and pounded cuttle-fish bone. And now I think I will end, for if I go on much longer you will be saying what the late Montague Williams used to say of policemen: that the longer a policeman was in the force the less you could believe him.

The Art of Staging British Birds:

By C. PRIOR (Ropley).

This leading exhibitor and judge contrasts the past with the present, and offers much good advice on the proper exhibiting of birds.

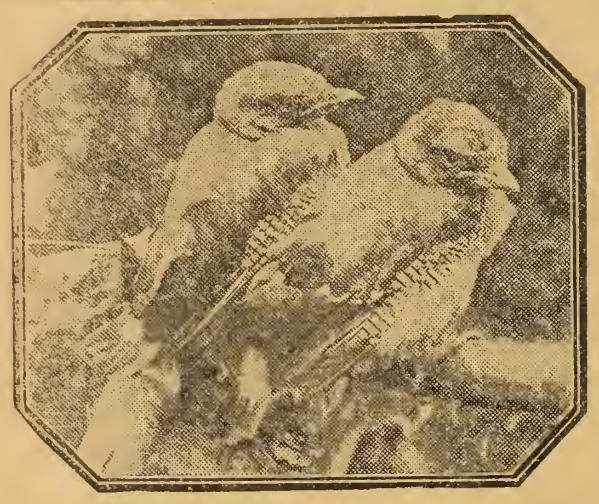
THE art of staging British birds has made such giant strides towards perfection during the past decade, and the importance of expert staging in these day of "topping" birds and hot competition has been so amply demonstrated, that it is really surprising to find that even now there are laggards who have failed to grasp the fact that indifferent staging involves the missing of the tremendous hoist towards the top notch which proper staging gives.

It is even more surprising to note that remissness in this vital matter is far more rampant in the sections devoted to novices and amateurs than in the classes for open competition. One might almost be inclined to look for, and disposed to condone, some slight falling away on the part of the old hands, whose feats have been making bird history for a generation. In their case victory is no novelty. The delirious joy of their first big win is bedimmed with the passage of time. Success now, when it comes, is almost a matter of course; defeat does not spell despair. Their enthusiasm is deeply rooted indeed; but the keen edge of it has become blunted.

Where the Novice Lags Behind.

It should not be thus with the novice. He yet has his spurs to win. The path has been smoothed for him. The spade work has been done. He is provided with devices which place him on an equal footing with his competitors—other novices. He has been taught to select, to tame, to moult, and to exhibit his specimens. Yet, with exceptions, his methods of staging are reminiscent rather of a score or so years ago than of the present day. Upon the old hands still devolves the task of maintaining the high standard they have themselves reached in the one purely mechanical side of bird exhibiting, viz., staging. The keenness of the novice is open to challenge. Let him bestir himself and look into the matter.

In the old days the pioneers of expert staging were compelled to design, and frequently also to construct their own cages, and the task of staging anything like a team was one of some magnitude. The stock article (labelled show cage) of the average cagemaker was a



Two baby Jays taking their first glances at the outer world—and waiting for the next meal! (Photo by J. H. Symonds.)

badly proportioned box with a closely wired front, traversed by two or three always badly placed and often clumsily bound cross wires. There was a drinking hole in the middle of the front, no division for seed, no provision whatever for cleaning out, and recolouring or enamelling could only be carried out through the 4½in. door. A concoction of most unaesthetic blue was daubed inside which could be removed with a duster like chalk from a blackboard. The outside was covered neatly enough with dull spirit black. Sometimes one, sometimes two odd pieces of stick, usually placed two-thirds of the way up, formed the perch accommodation, and —there was your show cage.

A Serious Obstacle in the Old Days.

Nor could you at that time induce the cagemaker to fall in with your views as to improvements. He might or might not undertake to make one or two to your special design at a very much enhanced figure. If he did so condescend, ten to one he would fail to get them ready in time for your show (and shows were fewer then than now) and a hundred to one he would leave out something you wanted put in, or put in something you wanted left out. Moveable fronts were to him an abomination. Seed divisions were needless—what was the floor for? And why have the wires set wider? The bird might get out! Enamelling was out of the question; he could not by any means be entrusted with so delicate a task as that. In fact it paid better to buy his stock article, take it home, and remake it to your own liking.

That is what many enterprising exhibitors of that time did. The first step towards reconstruction would be to adjust the dimensions. In the old stock show cage these were: Length and height, about 12 inches; width, 5½ to 6 inches. An inch off the length and a couple off the height brought about a vast improvement in proportion. The sloping false top was then inserted, and an entirely new and moveable front fitted in, the only available wire being that sold in coils, requiring patient and strenuous toil in the straightening (punched bar and straight lengths of wire came later). The inside was enamelled pale blue, the outside black; improved perches were inserted in more suitable positions, and the transformation was complete.



AN ENGLISH FANCIER OUT IN CHINA.

This photograph, kindly sent us by Mr. T. J. Hose, of Clapham, was taken in a Chinese studio and depicts Mr. J. L. Newton (on the right) now at Shanhaikwan, N. China, and a friend of his, a Greek, an hotel proprietor in the town. Mr. Newton is a regular reader of "CAGE BIRDS." See note on page 536.

Before long these modest improvements began to attract attention. Remarks would be heard at the shows. "So-and-So's is a good bird; how would he look in one of So-and-So's cages?" Whereupon every So-and-So would endeavour to go one better than every other So-and-So, and then commenced the first movement in the direction of present day perfection, which perfection is now to be analysed for the instruction of the lagging novice.

The First Essential of a Show-Cage.

The first essential in a show cage is proportionateness, and the advantages of a properly proportioned show cage are threefold. Firstly, it is pleasing in its appropriateness, and attractive to the eye. Secondly, it permits the exact adjustment of the inside fixtures; i.e., the perches and the seed compartment. Thirdly, it combines the maximum of accommodation with the minimum of space — a very important consideration indeed.

A cage measuring eleven inches long, five inches wide, and ten inches high, is quite a small affair. Small enough, in fact, to do justice to a Siskin or Redpoll; just right for a Goldfinch or Twite, and at the same time not too small to allow a big Linnet ample room to travel to and fro and to turn about without the slightest discomfort or embarrassment. Half-an-inch added to the width will give you, without any sacrifice of proportionateness an ideal size for Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, and the smaller Buntings. Thus the cage designed with an eye to proportion covers the whole range of seedeaters from Siskin to Greenfinch, with just a small variation in width only.

Apart from the question of staging, there is a big advantage in this standardizing of length and height when the time comes for packing these cages into case or hamper. A light case made to fit exactly, say, six of the wider size placed back to back, will also do for six of the smaller, or any proportion of each size; the only thing needed being a few wads of paper tucked in the end to hold the lot tight.

I have said that the first essential in a show cage is proportionateness. A first essential also is correct perching. This is no paradox, the fact being that, in the evolution of the perfect show cage, the cage itself has been built round the perches. The badly proportioned cage, too high for its length, lends itself almost inevitably to the fatal error of placing the perches too much upstairs. This error is impossible, other than by wilful blundering, in fitting perches to a properly proportioned cage.

There will be two perches, and only two, and they will be fixed at a height of three inches from the bottom—outside measurement. There will be a space of three and a half inches, again outside measurement, between the left side of the cage and the left perch, and then a jump of another three and a half inches to the right perch.

(To be continued.)

Is Greenfood Harmful?

By T. JOHNSON (Southport)

I RECENTLY got into hot water over an article I wrote in which I advocated the use of green food all the year round, or during as much of the year as a fancier can get it clean and wholesome. When I advised that, I knew that I was advancing something heterodox, something out of the rut of the general run of fanciers' ideas. A retrospective view of opinions expressed in the past brings to my mind the fact that it has always been usual with the older fanciers to withhold green food after the young have left their parents. I reason these things out for myself; and I could not see how green food could be of benefit to youngsters in the nest while it was detrimental afterwards.

A Very Thorough Experiment.

I experimented with sprays of shepherd's purse, seeding grass, watercress, sunflower heads, and green maize from the garden, and I was completely satisfied that instead of having harmful effects it was just the reverse. This last breeding season I have gone the whole hog, as it were, and have given lettuce, whole roots of dandelion, groundsel, all kinds of seedy green meat, sunflower heads, green maize, and green spray millet, besides green oats, barley, wheat, etc. My birds have a predilection for sunflower heads, green maize, and lettuce; and I have given them plenty, and haven't lost a youngster from any cause since leaving their parents.

New ideas launched on the Fancy have many obstacles to negotiate, many bogeys to live down; before they get to the 18th hole, they are stymied by an inherent conservatism and prejudice. "What has been good enough for my forefathers is good enough for me" seems to be the usual feeling.

Recently, I had a young fancier come to me with a tale of woe. He had a couple of his best youngsters ill and wanted to know what to do. I asked him for particulars, and I knew they were suffering from indigestion, dyspepsia, or whatever the doctors call it. I know that it is caused by the organs not performing their duties as they should, and failing to assimilate the food. I asked him if he gave any green food, and he had the answer pat, as if he anticipated the question: "Oh no! It can't be that, because I haven't given them any." And he looked at me as if to say "Do you think I am such a fool?" I asked him why. He answered that Mr. So-and-So (mentioning a big breeder) always advised the withholding of green food after —

The Birds looked well on it, too.

I broke in with an expletive that the Rev. Farrar would hardly have hurled "through his birdroom window." "Here," I replied, "come into my room." It so happened that his call synchronised with my midday visit to the birdroom. "See," I said, "that is my answer to Mr. What's-his-name." And I proceeded to strip the leaves off a lettuce the size of a cabbage, and put them into the flights containing the youngsters, reserving the tenderest parts for those hens feeding young; and those young which had only recently been weaned. "That is what I do with my birds every day; do you see any ailing?" He had to acknowledge that they were "in the pink," and that he was surprised.

"Nay," I answered, "the surprising thing is how young Canaries manage to keep in health when deprived of one of the chief factors which keep the blood purified and the organs in working condition. Go home and give those two youngsters of yours two drops each of rape oil in the beak, and salts in water for two days. Let them have tender green food and milk sop, and if they are not right in a week I will eat my hat." Is it necessary to add that I was not called upon to perform this gastronomical feat?

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Phonograph Records of the Songs of Birds:

By W. E Teschemaker, B.A. (Teignmouth).

How a Brave Attempt to Secure One went Down to Failure!

OUR excellent Editor has intimated to me that he will risk the circulation of CAGE BIRDS by allowing me to contribute to our 'Xmas number, and, with even greater nerve, has permitted me to choose a subject. I always think that the real difficulty for those of us who are asked to write on avicultural matters is the choice of a subject. Seeing, however, that anyone can always acquire more information about birds in a day than he could possibly transfer to paper in a week—simply by using his eyes—it certainly ought not to be hard to find something to say on any subject; and yet we have the extraordinary and, to me, inexplicable, fact that week after week, year after year, we come across the same old remarks about the same old birds which have done duty so many times. How is this? I will on this occasion try to avoid this common failing by choosing a subject which has not as yet become hackneyed, and which has been suggested to me by some recent queries in the Correspondence Column.

A True Nightingale Record Discovered.

A couple of years since I called the attention of our readers to the fact that a gramophone record of the song of the Nightingale (as alleged) had been produced in Germany; and in due course I succeeded in obtaining it. It proved to be a record of the song of the Sprosser; the notes were remarkably loud and clear, but there was very little variety in the changes. I passed it on to Mr. Weston, who has, I believe, lent it for use at various entertainments. There is, however, as I subsequently found by chance, another and quite distinct record extant, which really produces the notes of the Nightingale, but, as played on a friend's machine, the notes were not very distinct.

I also sent up to our Editor a cutting from a well-known daily paper which gravely informed us that an operator had been successful in obtaining some gramophone records of the Nightingale's song in a wood near London in the month of March! This was quite funny for three reasons; in the first place the operator must have been a very lucky man to have come across a Nightingale in song in that month; secondly, he must have been a very smart man to have secured a record under these conditions; and thirdly, as I shall shortly explain, he must have been a remarkably strong man to have carried the necessary apparatus to that wood.

A Visit to the Gramophone Company.

After hearing these German records I began to take an interest in the subject and thought I should like to try to secure some records of the song of my own birds, so I paid a visit to the local agent of the Gramophone Company, Mr. Poole, to whom I must tender my best thanks for kind advice and assistance. Mr. Poole did not profess to know anything personally of the method of taking gramophone records, but he had himself taken some successful phonograph records, and he explained the *modus operandi* to me. He also gave me a letter of introduction to the Gramophone Company, and recommended me to go to their head office and see for myself how the thing was done. When, therefore, I was next in London I made my way to the imposing offices of the company, and sent up my card to the manager of the Record Department, whom I found not only most courteous but quite ready to offer me some good advice.



A young Cuckoo sitting on the side of its home, a Hedge Sparrow's nest. Note the remarkable discrepancy in size. (Photo by J. H. Symonds.)

He expressed sympathy with my wish to obtain some bird-song records, and fully assented to my suggestion that there was no valid reason why we should have to obtain such records from Germany, but, when I enquired whether it would be possible to hire a recording apparatus, he smiled, and gravely informed me that the machine weighed more than three tons, and that there was only one in the country. He was good enough, however, to say that if I cared to bring a singing Nightingale to London, I might have the services of an operator and try my luck. He concluded with a most sensible remark, which I was destined to find even less than the truth, namely, that the fact that there were so very few successful records of bird-song showed that the experiment was likely to prove a very difficult one. As I bowed myself out, I reflected that I knew even less about the subject than I thought I knew. But there is always hope for the avieulturist who has convinced himself that he knows nothing; he may learn.

How Phonograph Records are Made.

As there seemed no immediate probability of securing a gramophone record of the song of my Nightingale, I thought the next best thing was to try what could be done with the phonograph, so I paid another visit to Mr. Poole and obtained some further hints. Many persons think that there is about as much difference between a gramophone and a phonograph as there is between a alligator and a crocodile, but, as a matter of fact, they are very different machines. Any phonograph can be turned into a recording machine in a very few moments by simply removing the diaphragm and needle from the horn and substituting a cutting tool and special diaphragm, and the cost of this fitting is only twelve shillings and sixpence; the wax cylinders cost only a few pence each.

The wax cylinder is slipped on to a revolving drum and, by means of an endless thread on a revolving shaft, the cutting tool is moved from one end of the cylinder to the other, in just the same way as a lathe works; it should be noted that the cutter is hinged and cuts only by its own weight, but the groove which it cuts is deeper or shallower in proportion to the vibrations of the diaphragm (to which the cutter is rigidly attached). The cutter can be lifted from the cylinder, or "blank" at any moment and held up as long as necessary—a great advantage in recording the song of a bird, which, as we know, generally consists of snatches of song with long intervals between.

When a record has been made, I learn from Mr. Poole that it is transferred to a machine with a very large horn and played to a number of recording machines, and in this way many duplicates are simultaneously made from the original record. Mr. Poole also told me that he had tried horns of all sizes for recording, including one almost large enough to stand inside, and had found that the best results were obtained with a small horn.

(To be continued.)



From a drawing] [By H. Goodchild.

THE MEXICAN HAWFINCH.

The head of the male (lower figure) is black, and the breast has a patch of vivid crimson. He is a handsome bird. The female is garbed in varying shades of brown, streaked with black.

A hen of this rare species was exhibited at the Horticultural Hall Show by Miss J. A. E. Smyth, of Catford.

MY CUCKOOS

and other Bird Pets.

By Mrs. E. M. SARJEANT (Worcester).

I THOUGHT readers might like to know something more about my Cuckoos. I noticed that Mr. Fulljames told a correspondent that his Cuckoo might never be able to feed itself in captivity. If a small penny pie-dish is put into the cage containing a portion of bread soaked in cold milk (with which, during the winter, half a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion with hypophosphates is mixed) and, say, a quarter of a hard-boiled egg, a little shredded cabbage or savoy, raw, and about a cubic inch of beef, also raw, cut up into small, longish pieces, the Cuckoo will perch on the side of the dish and help itself. I have never had one refuse to feed itself when the beak hardened. This is a longer process with some than others. I have one 1912, and one 1913 bird alive at the present time. I lost the other 1912 bird a short time ago.

Eyes like those of a Sleep-Walker.

That brings me to another subject, the migration "fever." I have noticed that the same sort of restlessness comes on all the migratory birds that I have, the Cuckoo, the Tit-Lark, and the Red-winged Thrush. The "fever" of flapping the wings so fast that the motion is quite uncountable attacks them in the night, and their eyes are like the eyes of a sleep-walker, wide open, but neither recognition nor expression in them. This makes me think that instinct has a lot to do with it, and perhaps magnetic forces. There are some people who can turn to the north, like the needle of a compass; wherever they may be, at any time, day or night. This is a natural gift sometimes, and sometimes acquired. The old Cuckoos migrate long before the young ones, so the old ones cannot show the latter the way.

I had been breeding mealworms, and had a small but successful box, and when, just before last Xmas, I found the beetles dying I moved the ones that were left alive into a fresh box as the old box smelt and was wet at the bottom. I was at first going to throw the meal out of it away; but on second thoughts I remembered an answer to a question which said one may have beetles and mealworms alive at the same time. So I kept the meal and it is well I did, for the little box is now again full of worms of all sizes.

I have another new pet, called "Tiny," a little Wagtail I reared from a nest brought me out of a field. The boys called them "nettle creepers," and were quite astonished when long-legged "Tiny" turned out to be a Grey Wagtail. It is one of the tamest and most sensible birds I have had—comes to call, and will stand on a sauce bottle close to me if I put a little bit of egg or meat on it and call. If he is asleep perched on the top of the curtains when I go to draw them, I only say, "It's all right Tiny; don't be frightened." He looks as knowing as anything, and only just moves round to the other side till I have drawn them and then goes back.

A Seven-Year Old Skylark lays Eggs.

My Skylark, which is seven years old, built twice this year, and laid three eggs each time. I changed one lot for some eggs that were brought me, but they proved as clear as her own. The second time, however, two little Skylarks were brought me, which I put in her nest. They were just about old enough to begin to eat. She was as proud of them as could be, and they are all friendly together in one corner of the bird-room by day and sleep in a row in another corner by night.

When I came here three winters ago a little Hedge Sparrow was let out of a cage by mistake. I had had it a twelve-month. To this very day it comes down and feeds with our chickens and answers me when I call. Also a little hen Chaffinch I have in the bird-room knows and answers it; they were "mates" together. It is a marvel the cats don't get this Hedge Sparrow; it is so tame. In the season it had a little mate and used to bring her to feed, but now it comes alone again.

YARNS OF THE BIRD-STUFFER:

Related by NICOL SIMPSON, F.Z.S.

THE double-barrelled word "bird stuffing" is not a becoming word in many ways. The modern word is taxidermy, which is far better. To speak of a man as a "bird-stuffer" may mean two things—either he pushes something into birds, or stuffs himself with birds. As it so happens, an expert taxidermist does not actually stuff birds' skins. He fashions a replica of the carcase he cuts out, and herein much of a taxidermist's art lies. Neither does the man stuff himself with "beasts, birds and reptiles." If the average taxidermist cooked and dined upon the miscellaneous fauna he passed through his hands, I guess his days would not be long upon the land of his birth. Usually there is too much corrosive sublimate and arsenical soap about such an establishment to make even a Grouse or Pheasant palatable.

A Novel Method of Rearing the Family.

Yet the writer can put on record a fact that might seem incredible to the man in the street. In the case referred to, the taxidermist had had three wives and three families, and on being teased as a much-married man he invariably retorted that "the kids were all brought up on the insides of the skins." By this he meant that the wife for the time being cooked the carcasses of birds and mammals he had sent him for preservation. And it was well known locally that this man never buried the body of a game-bird or animal of any description.

The writer was dining one evening in a Dundee club when this very fact was related. Everyone wondered, of course, and each had something to say on the subject. It was left, however, to a ruddy-faced gentleman to close the discussion. He had been asked by a friend over the table if he cared for stuffed birds. His reply was, "Yes, as a rule, but I prefer them always with some good gravy along with the stuffing."

A Man who made "Bastard" Birds.

In another Forfarshire town the writer was acquainted with a taxidermist who seldom gave an animal under his hands its proper title. The more common beasts, birds and reptiles, of course, he knew, but the others he simply guessed at. It was during one of those curious and unexplained irruptions of Sand Grouse to this country that this artist received one of these birds to "set up." As these birds were rare the writer called at this man's shop to see a real Sand Grouse in the flesh. While handling the carcase the Taxidermist remarked:

"It's a rather scarce bird in our quarter. Some folk call it Saint Palladius, but others again seem to think it a breed between a sandy Pigeon and a Swallow."

Pointing to a rather nicely preserved Kestrel Hawk on one of the shelves, I asked if it was for sale. He answered: "It belongs to the minister, and he is getting it stuffed because it is a celestial Hawk."

A rather peculiar feature of this man's trade consisted in making "bastard-birds," as one of the writers to a scientific journal named these. These bastard-birds were nothing more nor less than the bodies of one species adorned with the heads of other species. For instance, a common Sparrow would appear in his window with its head replaced by that of a Tom-tit; a Song Thrush would appear with the head of a Blackbird; a Hawk would exhibit a Coot's head; and so on. This man declared he sold dozens of these specimens to one of an orthodox character. People, he said, wanted "something to ornament their houses," and it was this demand that caused him to cater for this rather curious ornamentation.

Most people who take an interest in taxidermy have heard of the old lady who carried her aged and infirm parrot to the taxidermist when it died from sheer old age. The "stuffer" did his best with the material at his disposal, but in less than six months the feathers began to drop from the cured skin. The matron became concerned about this and visited the shopman.

"Yes, miss; the bird was all right when I had it, but Parrots must moult their feathers once a year, and I guess yours has just started."

Somerset Men Excel in Nature Knowledge.

During a visit to Somerset the writer was rather impressed with the evident knowledge of wild life the natives of that county possessed as compared with mid-Scotland. Not very far from Yeovil the writer came across a taxidermist of no mean order. In his shop window he had two Owls set on cross-sticks, so I interviewed him anent the same. I found the Owls were heirlooms from his predecessor in trade, but all the same this man knew more of the flora and fauna of Southern England than can be said of such a man in a similar position north of the Tweed. He had studied ornithology, he told me, since boyhood—he was a man I would surmise of 60 odd years—and knew the works of Wilson, Audubon, Yarrell, Macgillivray, Seebohm, Morris, and others in so far as related to the birds of Europe and America.

While I talked with him he told me it was quite common in his district to split the tongue of a Starling to make the bird speak. In Scotland this unnecessary and disgustingly barbarous practice must be performed by a "sixpence," i.e., a silver coin of the realm for the time being.

The Corn Bunting.

A FAVOURITE EXHIBITION BIRD.

This species, the largest of the British Buntings, is very difficult to steady down, but a good specimen when staged in perfect condition can always be depended upon to "catch the judge's eye."



From a drawing] [By H. Norman.

Why Hybrids are Usually Unfertile:

Instructive views advanced by that eminent scientist, Sir Ray Lankester, K.C.B., F.R.S.

The question—still a disputed one with many bird fanciers—as to whether Hybrids have been proved to be fertile, is always of interest, and our readers will, we think, find both instruction and food for thought in the appended extracts bearing on this subject, which are taken from "Science From an Easy Chair," as the scholarly and authoritative weekly contributions by Sir Ray Lankester, K.C.B., F.R.S., to the "Daily Telegraph," are entitled.

We may be permitted to say, perhaps, by way of preface, that in our opinion the occasional fertility of Finch Hybrids has been established beyond reasonable doubt. We accept at least two recent instances as authentic, viz., young from a cock Linnet-Canary Mule (or Hybrid) mated to a hen Canary, and from a cock Goldfinch mated to a hen Goldfinch-Canary Mule. As will be seen, one passage in Sir Ray Lankester's article might be held to lend colour to the view that fertility is more likely to occur if of the pair experimented with the Hybrid be the female.

Ova (plural), ovum, egg, and egg-cell, indicate the germ-cell produced by the female. Spermatozoa (plural), spermatozoon (sperms, or sperm, for shortness), indicate the germ-cell produced by the male. The germ-cell is a reproductive cell which develops (after fertilisation) into a new individual. Pollen-dust is the powder which, in a flowering plant, bears the male-cells. "Chemical incompatability" may be broadly explained as indicating two differently constituted bodies which refuse to blend—for instance, oil and water. "Egg-covering" indicates the thin "skin" surrounding the ovum.—EDITOR "C.B."

The Belief in the Extraordinary.

THE subject of the fertility or otherwise of Hybrids is, this distinguished scientist remarks in his opening sentence, one of the most interesting to mankind, and is surrounded by extraordinary prejudice, sentiment and ignorance—traditional fancies of the most unwarrantable kind are current, and hold their ground with tenacity, even at the present day.

Some 250 years ago, and earlier, in fact, ... any queer-looking animal brought from remote lands, and any misshapen monstrosity born of cattle, sheep, dogs, or men, was "explained," and confidently regarded as a "hybrid," the result of a "cross" or irregular coupling of two distinct species of animals to which the "monster" presented some fanciful resemblance. The belief in the existence of such extraordinary hybrids is still common among so-called "well-educated" people. I have with difficulty avoided causing annoyance and offence to a friend, a celebrated painter, by refusing to admit that a deformed cat, of which he gave me an account, was a hybrid between a cat and a rabbit, and a very eminent person whom I was conducting round the galleries of the Natural History Museum, never forgave me for declining to endorse his statement, as we stood in front of the specimen of the Okapi of the Congo Forest, that it is a hybrid between the giraffe and the zebra.

Fertile Hybrids are Very Rare.

It is a well-established fact that the various "kinds" of animals and of plants do not breed promiscuously with one another. The individuals of a "species" only breed with other individuals of that "species." They do not even breed with the individuals of an allied species. So nearly universal is this rule that it was for a long time held by naturalists to be an absolute definition of a "species" that it is a group of individuals capable of producing fertile young by breeding with one another and incapable of producing fertile young by mating with individuals of another such group, which were, therefore, held to constitute a distinct species.

It is the fact—ascertained by careful observation of natural occurrences and by experiment—that, in spite of the almost absolute law of general truth to the effect that the members of a species (whether of plant or animal) only produce fertile offspring by mating with members of that same species, yet there are rare instances known in which individuals of two distinct but allied species have mated and produced fertile offspring. The cases in which such unions have resulted in the production of offspring, but in which the offspring so produced prove to be infertile—that is incapable of producing offspring in their turn—are much more numerous.

An important distinction has also to be made between cases of either fertile or infertile hybrid-production which occur spontaneously in nature, and those in which man, by separating the parent animals or plants from their natural conditions of life, or by bringing about impregnation (as in "pollinating" one flower with the pollen-dust of another) succeeds in obtaining a "cross" or "hybrid," whether fertile or infertile, not known to occur in "wild" (that is, not humanly controlled) nature.

Fishes and Plants Supply Instances.

The rarest case would be that of the production of fertile hybrids in uncontrolled natural conditions. Such possibly occur in the case of some fishes in which the fertilisation of the eggs takes place in water, the fertilising microscopic sperms passing from the males like dust into the water, and thus reaching the eggs laid by the females. Occasionally hybrids are thus produced between some common fresh-water fishes—species of the same genus—and between species of flat fish, such as the turbot and the brill, though it is difficult to be sure that the rare hybrids so produced are fertile even if they attain to maturity. The same is true as to certain small flowering plants having distinct regions of natural distribution and occurrence. At the confines of the regions proper to two such species insects passing from one to the other do sometimes effect a reciprocal fertilisation of the two species, and a natural hybrid is the result. Here, again, it is difficult to follow the subsequent history of the hybrids, but it is believed that in some instances they are fertile, and that the hybrid race is only gradually merged by subsequent crossing into one or other of the parent species.

Not a single instance is on record of the production of a natural hybrid, whether fertile or infertile, between two species of the larger animals (such as between horse and ass or zebra and ass, or between lion and tiger or any of the species of cats, or between species of bears) or birds (such as Pheasants of various species, including the jungle cock, the wild original of our domestic fowl, or between various species of Ducks, various species of Geese, or between various species of the Grouse-birds).

The Influence Wielded by Man.

Nevertheless, in conditions brought about by man that is to say, confinement in cages or paddocks, or at any rate removal from their native climate and home—all the groups of species just cited commonly and frequently produce hybrids inter se, that is, one or more species of the horse group thus inter-breed with one another, so will certain species of cats, certain species of bears, many species of Pheasants, also of Ducks, of Geese, and of Grouse. In nearly every case the hybrids so produced are infertile; they will not mate with a similar hybrid, and even when mated with one of the parent species rarely produce offspring, though they sometimes do so.

The best cases of the production of fertile hybrids are between species of flowering plants brought to this country from widely separated regions. The surprising and instructive result has been obtained that a cross between two allied species (that is, of one and the same "genus") which will fail altogether, or "come to nothing," as infertile hybrids when the two species crossed are from the same or contiguous regions—will yield readily vigorous fertile hybrid offspring when the two species (always, of course, of one and the same genus) have their native homes in widely separate parts of the world—as, for instance, the Indian Himalaya range and the South American Andean range.

(To be continued.)

How the White Canary was Established in New Zealand.

Related by Mrs. MAUD M. MARTIN, of Wairarapa, in "Knowledge," of November, 1913.

In our Birthday Issue for 1912 (date January 13th) we published two photographs of White Canaries bred by Mrs. Martin, and from time to time letters from this lady have appeared in our columns concerning her birds. In the November issue of "Knowledge," that very excellent and instructive monthly journal devoted to scientific topics, Mrs. Martin gives in detail her breeding experiences, from which the appended notes are extracted. For the full set of tables readers interested should refer to the issue of "Knowledge" in question. In a preface to Mrs. Martin's contribution, Professor Dendy, F.R.S., remarks it affords "an excellent illustration of the wonderful power which the scientific study of heredity has placed at the disposal of those who wish to produce new and permanent varieties of plants or animals. White Canaries have, it is true, occasionally been obtained as sports by previous breeders, but I believe I am right in saying that no one has hitherto succeeded in establishing a pure white breed. That this has now been accomplished by an amateur, working alone in New Zealand, and without any special scientific training, shows how much may be expected in the future from the application of Mendelian principles."

DURING the season of 1908-9, a pure white hen Canary (having a grey tick on the left cheek) was hatched in Martinborough, Wellington, New Zealand, being a sport from ordinary buff parents — its mother being a buff hen with a black cap, and its father a buff cock with a green crest and green wing mark. In the same nest as the white sport were three other birds, all buffs, more or less marked with green. All the birds in this aviary were very much in-bred, and many of them were very pale in colour, being a creamy white in the nest feathers, but moulting brighter. One very pale cock bird (with a grey tick on the left cheek) was mate to most of the hens both young and old. The parent birds escaped after rearing their brood.

The white sport hen was bred by Miss Lee, of Martinborough, and I purchased it from her, as I intended, if possible, to produce from it a race of white Canaries breeding true to colour. To attain this end I determined to experiment on Mendel's lines, and bought as a mate for the white sport a buff cock, quite unrelated to her. From the mating of this pair in 1909-10, I reared three buff cocks and three buff hens. No "whites" appeared, which is, of course, what I expected. The white sport hen died before the next season, so I was unable to use her again, and was left with her young ones (the three buff cocks and three buff hens) to carry on the experiment. Some of them were clear and some variegated.



This splendid Tree Creeper was hand-reared by Mr. V. Wynn, the popular hon. sec. of the City and Suburban A.C.B., and won 1st prize and special for best British bird at the annual show of his society.

These three buff cocks and three buff hens I mated together in 1910-11, and obtained from them forty-eight buff chicks and eighteen white ones, proving their hybrid character (see Table 72). Nine of the "whites" were reared, six cocks and three hens, also I kept five buff hens to breed with the following year. The buff cocks I did not use for breeding, as I had not white hens enough to spare to test them with to see if they carried white blood. Also there would certainly be some dominants among them, and I did not want to increase my breeding operations or to multiply the buff birds—for which reason I did not use the buff hybrid cocks of the first generation again, but used only the white cocks as mates for all the hens the following year.

Table 76.
Results of Mating 3 White Cocks and 3 White Hens, 1910-11, Second Generation from White Hen.

Pair.	Buff Chicks.	White Chicks.	Remarks.
I. 3 broods.	0 0 0	2 4 4	The first hen died half-way through the season. All the birds were white, as was expected and hoped for. It appears that white colouration is recessive according to Mendel's law.
II. 4 broods.	0 0 0 0	0 5 2 0	
III. 4 broods.	0 0 0 0	3 2 0 3	
	0	25	3rd Generation from White Hen.

The three buff hens of 1909-10 (first hybrid generation) I mated in 1911-12 to their sons the white cocks of 1910-11 (second generation), and from them I obtained fourteen buff chicks and twenty-six white chicks.

The three white hens (1910-11, second generation) I mated to white cocks (1910-11, second generation) in 1911-12, and from them I obtained twenty-five white chicks, no buff ones appearing in the nests at all, apparently proving their recessive character (see Table 76). The six buff hens (1910-11, second generation) I mated to white cocks (1910-11, second generation) in 1911-12. Two of them gave me only buff birds, no white ones appearing in the nest at all, which looked as though they were dominants (see Table 77), the other four hens having sixteen buff chicks and twenty-seven white ones, evidently being hybrids, or impure dominants (see Table 78). The eggs were carefully numbered, and the young had number rings on their legs, so that there should be no mistaking the birds belonging to each pair.

Table 77.
Results of Mating 2 Buff Hens, 1910-11, and White Cocks, 1910-11, all Second Generation From White Hen Sport.

Pair.	Buff Chicks.	White Chicks.	Remarks.
I. 4 broods.	3 4 2 3	0 0 0 0	Apparently these two hens were dominants, as they gave no white chicks in any nest.
II. 3 broods.	3 3 4	0 0 0	
	22	0	3rd Generation, 1912-12.

The white chicks are easily distinguished directly they are hatched, as their skin is a pale bright pink, quite unlike the ordinary yellow appearance of a common hatching. Very often (but not always) the hybrid chicks have a pinkish-yellowish body when first hatched, but this soon turns yellow, and is never the bright light pink of the white chick. Also the hybrid chicks are generally (but not always) very pale in the nest feathers, quite a creamy white, but becoming brighter yellow later, although many remain very pale, but not all of them.



It was on account of these two peculiarities of the hybrid birds that I mated two buff hens to the white cocks, as I suspected that they would have young white ones, which they both did have. Hen No. 1 (1907-8) I hatched in my own aviary, and she was almost white in the nest feathers and always continued very pale, and when mated to a Goldfinch gave me pied mules. Hen No. 2 (1909-10) had peculiarly pinkish-yellowish chicks, so I suspected her too of carrying white blood, and in 1910-11 mated her to a first hybrid generation buff cock, from which mating I got only one pale hen. The following year (1911-12) I mated both mother and daughter to a white cock (1910-11, second generation), and got white chicks from both of them.

I have other pale hens (older) related to the white sport (but not descended from her), as Miss Lee and I have for many years exchanged birds from our aviaries. These hens I intend this year to mate with white cocks, to prove if they are hybrids or not, as I fancy some of them carry white blood too.

(To be continued.)

Table 72.

Buff cock, 1908-9. (Black Cap.) **X** **Pure white sport hen.* 1908-9.** (Grey tick on left check.)

3 buff cocks. (Clear and variegated.) **X** **3 buff hens.** (Clear and variegated.) — **1st hybrid generation 1909-10.**

- **2 buff hens.** Mated to a white cock. — **All buff chicks.** No whites. Evidently pure Dominants.
- **4 buff hens.** Mated to white cocks. — **Some white chicks. Some buff chicks.** Evidently impure Dominants or hybrids.
- **9 white birds.** 6 cocks and 3 hens. — 3 cocks X 3 hens. — **25 white chicks.** No buffs. Evidently recessives and breeding pure.
- **Several buff cocks.** Not used again for breeding.

2nd generation, 1910-11. — **3rd generation, 1911-12.**

*Note.—The white sport was bred from ordinary variegated buff parents and very much in-bred. One pale buff cock, in particular, appeared several times as father in previous generations, the white hen being his granddaughter on both sides

The Anthem of the "Queen of Song."

The Nightingale is always welcome, but rarely are its efforts rewarded with such luscious prose as that of a Machen correspondent in a Monmouthshire paper. Here is an excerpt:—"The Queen of Song has honoured our village by a visit, and can be heard nightly pouring forth her lays in strains, which echo over mountain and dale before midnight until after dawn. To hear it at its best, as the writer has, one must be in the village at the break of day, when Aurora comes with her electric flashlights illumining the heavens as she announces the approach of the Monarch of Day, who comes in his chariot of gold to run his daily course and arouses the Warblers of the grove to pour forth their carols of praise and thanksgiving for the returning day. Then the anthem swells into a flood of song; the Nightingale, redoubling her energy, can be heard like a silver trumpet above the other birds, until our mountain, wood, and dale echo and re-echo with the majestic strains and delightful music." It does seem a pity the Nightingale can't read this!

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

DRIED EGG YOLKS (Market Cross).—I have really no practical experience of the dried yolk of which you send sample, though I have had it in view for testing some time. I see no reason why it should not be a very useful adjunct to the fancier's larder. It certainly is not cooked in any way, but is, none the less suitable for fanciers' use on that account. The worst point about this yolk is its excessive fineness. A more granulated type is more suitable for birds. If I were using this brand I should prepare the food freshly each time required, by taking sufficient crushed biscuit, or whatever other medium you use; moisten, if necessary, with a few drops of water to bring it to a rather dry crumbly consistency, that is to say, there should be no indication whatever of stickiness or surplus moisture; then add the egg yolk and again well mix all together, when it will be ready to give to the birds. As regards the quantity to use, for very young birds I should use a teaspoonful of yolk to four of moistened biscuit, and by the end of the first week increase the biscuit to six teaspoonfuls, and again, later on, increase to eight teaspoonfuls of biscuit to one of yolk.

TWITTERS ITS BEAK (Beginner).—It is undoubtedly a little cold, to which the bird may be a little more susceptible than the others in the same cage; hence she took a cold and the rest escaped. But I fancy there may also be a little overfeeding; therefore treat as follows for two or three weeks. During the first week give only plain canary seed with no extras of any kind, and add to the drinking water, every second day, six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence. After this add a pinch of summer rape to the diet every second day, and on two other days give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it, and in the water give 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together two days in every three for a week. If the bird is not well by that time, stop giving the above mixture in the water, and give instead the mixture advised to "Roller" in this issue for a week or two longer.

A QUINTETTE (Tuck).—(1) The bird seems to be suffering from an overfed condition. Cage him alone in a fair-sized cage for a few weeks, and limit the quantity as well as the quality of his food. Keep the cage floor fairly clear of waste seed and husk, and allow only a small teaspoonful of dry seed per day. You will need to be careful not to overlook his daily dole. Give a staple of plain canary only, but on two days each week reduce the canary by one-half, and make up the usual quantity by mixing with it a half-teaspoonful of millet, and on two other days give a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts rape, niger, and teazle, in addition to the usual supply. Give a good-sized spray of watercress each day as long as you can get it in a condition fit to use, and when this is not available give a little sweet apple once or twice a week, but not oftener. In the drinking water add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a fortnight. Continue the above feeding for three or four weeks if necessary. (2) You do not say anything about the size of the aviary, or its position. But sawdust may always be used in cages or aviaries, except open-air ones, out of the breeding season. It is cleanly and economical. You must, however, supply gritty sand for digestive purposes in a small shallow vessel. (3) The only reason I can suggest why Canaries do not slug so much in aviaries as cages is that they find more distracting influences, and more to occupy their attention in aviaries. (4) Will look up this matter and reply next week. You could doubtless get a catalogue of the show by applying to the secretary of same. (5) It depends upon the parentage of the bird, and also what you wish to breed, what would be the best mate for a variegated Yorkshire cock. Failing any definite knowledge of the parentage, it would be best to mate it with a clear of the opposite colour. Thus, if your bird is a variegated bull mate it with a clear yellow, and vice-versa.

COLOURED RINGS (H. W.).—Will look up the addresses and send them along.

VARIETY OF GREEN (T.A.T.).—I have not a copy of "Our Canaries" by me at the moment to refer to but will look it up and reply next week. By the way, you make a big mistake in the price of this work, which is 25s., not 35s., as you name, so I shall have to refer to the volume to see if the types you refer to are really there.

REMOVING CLOSED RINGS (W.T.).—No. It is not usual to cut off closed rings from hens' legs in the breeding season. If there is a possible chance of the rings assisting a clumsy hen to break the eggs there is nothing for it but to take the risk. If you removed the rings at any time, or for any purpose, you can never replace them, and the bird will be in precisely the same position as if it were never rung at all; therefore, if you want to remove them to avoid the chance of risk in the breeding season why go to the trouble of putting on closed rings at all?

"TIPPLING" YORKSHIRES (Puzzled).—The excessive drinking is the effect rather than the cause of the looseness of the bowels. Keep the cage floors and perches as clean as possible. It would be an advantage to strew the floors well with clean dry sawdust for the time being, and renew it every second or third day until the looseness is stopped. Also keep the food and water vessels scrupulously clean. In addition to the staple diet of Canary seed give half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape every second day and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and also a pinch of

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries" All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

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a mixture of equal parts good sound hemp, niger, teazle, and broken groats. In the drinking-water add a small pinch of Epsom Salts for one day only, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Continue this treatment until the looseness has stopped. If it is not markedly better by the end of the first week add to the water in the second week four drops of tincture of opium every second day in addition to the gentian, etc.

CREST AND CRESTBRED (R. D.).—The orthodox way, and the one which every beginner should adhere to until some experience has been gained, is to mate a crested bird to a crest-bred, and from this mating both crested and crest-bred birds will be produced. It is not correct to say that the mating of two crested birds will produce plainheads. This is far from being true, but it is quite correct that such a mating if made haphazard is very likely to produce a deterioration of crest qualities. Two crested birds are not infrequently mated together by experienced breeders for some particular purpose, such as increasing the proportion of crested birds in the progeny when this has fallen to a low ebb, and also to improve crest qualities, but it is never done without a definite object in view, and when it is done it is essential to good results to know the pedigree of some extent of the parent stock. It is impossible to go into all the details in these replies, but if you got parts 12 and 13 of "Our Canaries" you would find the matter discussed in all its phases.

NOT QUITE THE THING (A. E. A.).—It is just possible your room is colder than the one the hen has hitherto been accustomed to; otherwise she is a little overfed. Give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day. Then if she seems a little more lively you may turn her into the flight with the others where she will get more exercise and probably be all right. If she is not place her in a little warmer temperature for a few weeks. Also listen to her breathing after she has settled down to roost at night, and if you find any wheezing or difficulty in breathing write again, and I will advise you further. Have you quite got rid of the sore feet trouble recently advised about? You will find the result of examination of feet under another heading.

BAD FEET (A. B. C.).—In further reference to reply on November 29, Professor Cave, F.R.C.V.S., of the South-Eastern Agricultural College has examined the bird's feet and very kindly replies: "I have examined the bird's feet, and am of opinion the trouble was entirely due to an ill-fitting perch. A sore would form at the abraded part, and constant wear of the surface would prevent healing. Then profuse granulations ('proud flesh') would form, and would bleed at the lightest touch." The treatment advised in last reply should have quite removed the trouble before this time. By the bye, it would be interesting to know whether builder's laths undergo any, and what, treatment to preserve them from decay. I have recollections of other cases of foot trouble arising where perches had been made out of laths.

NOT SINGING (Anxious, Rotherham).—As the bird has now stopped moulting on the treatment advised he will no doubt also resume singing in the course of a week or two. Continue the same general treatment as previously advised, but stop the drugs and extras and give the following for two or three weeks instead. Make a paste by well mixing on a hot plate a teaspoonful of honey, ditto cod liver oil emulsion, as much powdered grain of paradise as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and add sufficient finely powdered biscuit whilst mixing to make the whole into a paste about the consistency of soft cheese. When cold it will cut into cubes. Keep a small cube stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at as it likes, and renew it as often as necessary for two or three weeks. In the drinking-water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey, and ten each of lemon juice and glycerine, every second day for a fortnight.

WHEEZINESS NO BETTER (Roller).—In a room over a kitchen, wherein I presume a fire is kept burning, and with a temperature of between 50 and 60 degrees, as you say this room has, there is certainly not the slight at need for using any artificial heat to further increase the temperature, which is already high enough for practically any class of stock. Is the room damp? If so, this may be the cause of the birds' condition, and they would never be likely to thrive there unless the dampness were removed. Really, I am afraid the birds have inherited the tendency to the disease from similarly affected stock, this being the most distressing effect of breeding with birds affected in this way. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it twice a week, and on two other days give a morsel of banana instead of any kind of green food. Give a small pinch of mixed seed once or twice a week, and limit the diet to this simple fare. A mealworm a day for each of the affected birds for a time would do no harm if you have any available, and you might keep a little of the paste advised to "Anxious, Rotherham," in this issue, in the wires for a month or so. Get a chemist to mix you the following, and add 20 drops to the drinking water every second day for a month. Then report progress. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. I cannot advise you to breed with any of these affected birds.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

WHERE REDPOLLS BREED (No Name).—The Lesser Redpolls breed mostly in the North of England and Scotland, but may be located further south; in fact, I have found a nest myself on the hills in Kent, and another in the valley of the river Medway, so I am afraid you have the worst of the argument.

SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH (Thrush).—In making your selection of a Siberian Goldfinch, you need not trouble much about the wings, the buttons will be considerably plainer after a house moult. If you think of exhibiting, select a bird with a good big blaze. If he has this point really good, there will not be much the matter with his wings. When judging them, a judge does not require a bird to be absolutely even in buttons. If he beats everything else in the class in size and richness of blaze and tanning (that is, the colour on the breast), that would be quite sufficient to take him to the top. You do not enquire about treatment, so I presume you know how to manage a Goldie.

WHAT BIRD (W. McA.).—I am afraid I shall have to give your puzzle up. I know of no British bird with white and brown patches, about the size of a Blackbird, unless it should happen to be a pied hen Blackbird. Cannot you compare it with a Blackbird? Note the manner, the shape of the head, and beak, length of wings, etc. Has it any song or call notes? Perhaps there is some fancier in your district that would have a look at it for you.

BREEDING GOLDFINCHES (Hyram).—Goldfinches have been known to breed in captivity and rear their young. I once turned a pair into a spare room, with a few Canaries; they reared three young ones. You should get your birds as soon as possible, and keep them together all the winter. A small aviary would be the most convenient place for them, but failing this, you could try them in a good flight cage, say, one, three, or four feet long. Fix up some furze or heather at one end, and put an old Finch nest in it, and give them plenty of other building materials, moss, short grass, some hair, and a few feathers and wool; this will encourage them. You will be more likely to be successful with a pair than a cock and two hens.

LINNET NOT MOULTING (Jas. Wharton).—You failed to send your address with your letter; perhaps you will send it to us on a post-card. I gather from your note that your bird is in good health and song, and therefore I do not think I should trouble about his moulting, as it is not an unusual occurrence for a cage bird to skip a moult. If you would rather him go through it, you had better place his cage in a warm corner of the room, and cover it over with a cloth; do this gradually, so that he can learn to find his food and water. Get some meadow saffron from the chemist, and put a few shreds of it in boiling water, and when cold, give it to him to drink. Feed him well, and if he will eat a little egg food, just sprinkle it with sulphur, not much, or he will not eat it. When he is well in the moult, you will have to be very careful that he does not catch cold, or you will probably lose him. If he belonged to me, I certainly would not force him to moult; the fact of his being in good health and song is a sure proof that there is nothing wrong with him; if you look after him he will probably moult early next summer.

BULLFINCH NOT GROWING FEATHERS (G. F. L.).—It seems rather extraordinary for your Bullie to pass two moulting periods without growing any feathers on his head and back. You make no mention of your treatment. Is he having seeds alone, or do you keep him well supplied with wild food? The Bullfinch is a bird of robust nature, one that requires rather careful treatment, or he will soon become unsightly. In addition to his seed, I would advise plenty of fresh green food, seeding chickweed, groundsel (both of which are still to be had), privet berries, a piece of apple and apple pips, or any other fruit he will eat. If you are giving him hemp seed, discontinue it, and give sunflower seed, and safflower instead. Get some Kerol ointment from the chemist, warm it, and rub a little on the bare patches. Do it gently, and rub the way of the feathers. Do it for about four days, and then wait the result. Do not on any account extract the wing feathers. You really should have taken him in hand and given him special treatment at the time of the moult; you would then have had Nature to assist you.

SEXING SKYLARKS (T.R.V.).—I am afraid I shall not be able to assist you much in your efforts to sex your Lark. It is a difficult job for anyone to undertake unless they are very well acquainted with the species. Both cocks and hens are practically alike in plumage. If at any time you have several, you cannot do better than select the biggest and boldest birds, those that strut about the cage. The cocks, as a rule, have longer wings than the hens, and are hardly so thickly spotted, but as I gather from your letter that you have only the one bird, the song should be your best guide, unless you happen to know a kindly denier or birdy friend who would give you his opinion. If your bird is a hand-reared specimen, and has been well tended, he should be in song sufficiently by now for you to determine the sex.

BREEDING FROM COCK BULLFINCH (Wonder).—It is almost useless trying to breed from the cock Bullfinch with any other hen but one of his own species. In all Hybrid breeding where the Bullfinch is one of the parents, the hen Bullfinch is the one made use of. There is no harm in your trying him with, say, a Linnet or Greenfinch, but I cannot hold out much hope of success.

KEEPING A BRAMBLEFINCH (J. Knight).—A stock cage for a Brambletinch should be twenty inches long, twelve high, and seven or eight from back to front, but if you cannot spare the room for one as large as this, you could keep him in one somewhat smaller, providing you let him have a fly in a larger one occasionally, say, once a week, to stretch his wings. Make a mixture of three parts canary and one of summer rape; give him this as staple food with a few sunflower seeds, two or three

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times a week. These should be cracked and opened until he gets the flavour of them, when he will no doubt manage it himself. You could sometimes let him have a pinch of maw, teazel, and a few grains of hemp. Offer him seedling chickweed, shepherds' purse, and flowering groundsel when in season. He will also eat mealworms, and may possibly pick up a few ants' eggs; these will be beneficial if he will take them. The stock cage should be of the box pattern—that is, open in the front only, with seed trough at one end and water vessel placed outside.

GOLDFINCHES AND CANARIES (W. J. R.).—I gather from your letter that you wish to breed with Goldfinch and Canary to rear some Hybrids. For this purpose you will require a cock Goldfinch, and Norwich hen Canary. You can either let them fly together all the winter, or place them in separate cages, so that they can see each other and become acquainted. You will not, of course, put them up for breeding until next March, and not then if the Finch is not ready, which you may know by his being in full song, and his beak quite clear (that is without any black stripe on it). The food for the Goldfinch would be 3 parts each of teazle and canary, 2 each of hemp and linseed, one of sunflower seed, and ½ part summer rape; this would be his stock mixture. In addition you should mix the following and give a teaspoonful every other day: niger and maw 3 parts, thistle, dandelion, and gold of pleasure seeds, 1 part each. He should also have a spray of seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, or groundsel, but be careful to collect it when the air is quite free from frost. If you require any further information later on, as regard breeding, perhaps you will kindly write again. The hen canary can be fed upon Canary seed, with a spoonful of the Finch mixture twice a week.

BIRDS FOR YOUNG BIRD-LOVER (E. E. S.).—I will try to answer your many questions in rotation: (1) Half-a-dozen of the smaller Finches would be quite sufficient to keep in your larger cages; whatever you do, do not overcrowd, that is, if you want to keep your birds in health and good feather. Four birds would be enough for the two feet cage. (2) Respecting Softbills, I think as you have never kept any, it would be as well to begin with a Thrush, Blackbird, or Starling, as the smaller ones require very careful attention and delicate handling. Tits are very quarrelsome birds, and not at all suitable to be kept in with others, especially in a confined area; one or two may sometimes behave themselves in a large aviary, but they are always a source of anxiety to the owner. Waxwings are not very difficult subjects to get steady, but they require a lot of attention and to be kept scrupulously clean, as they are rather messy birds and do not show their beauty to advantage unless in the best of condition. (3) Yes, a Crossbill would soon find his way out of an ordinary cage he requires something exceptionally strong. (4) The ordinary opening in the front of a cage is not large enough for the Hawfinch to get his head through; it would require to be about [illegible]

BLACKBIRDS AND SNOW BUNTINGS (No Name).—There is no standard size cage for a Blackbird, but a nice size would be eighteen inches long, twelve high, and nine from back to front, with two rather stout perches, and food drawer inside a pale blue, almost white, is a good colour for the inside; this shows up the bird admirably. If you are not going to exhibit both your birds, send the largest and best coloured one. Blackbirds are hardly fit to show until after their second moult. The wings of young birds are tinged with brown the first year; afterwards they are as dark as the body feathers. Your feeding is not bad, but as you want the birds in high condition, you should improve it by the addition of a spoonful of ants' eggs, and dried flies, or else purchase some good insectile food, as used for the more delicate birds, and let them have it two or three times a week. It would make a nice change, and bring them into fine condition. It should be mixed with a little scraped raw carrot, or, failing this, some mashed potato; but give the carrot if possible, it assists in putting a gloss on the plumage. (2) In one way you are feeding your Snow Bunting correctly, as they will live and thrive on Canary seed. As a change, you can try him with a few groats or coarse oatmeal, and a spoonful of wild seed mixture. He will probably find something in it to his liking. Have you tried him with a few soaked ants' eggs? Let them be good, and soak them in milk, not water, and then turn them into a cloth to drain. Most Buntings will eat a mealworm or two occasionally, or other insects, such as small beetles and flies. Offer a spray of seeding chickweed, he may nibble at it.

GOLDFINCH LOSING COLOUR ON HEAD (E.C.).—As your Goldfinch was moulting in October, it is quite time he finished. You appear to be feeding and treating him correctly, but in spite of his cheerfulness I am afraid he is below par, and requires building up with a suitable tonic. Therefore, I would advise you to get a small bottle of the compound Syrup of Glycerophosphates. Mix one part to two parts of good port wine, and give him fifteen drops in his drinking water (which should be distilled or boiled) every other day for a fortnight or three weeks. This treatment should put him right.

CHAFFINCH-CANARY (John Paris).—Up to the present time the Chaffinch-Canary has not been produced. We have heard occasionally of eggs being fertile, and reputed Hybrids have been exhibited, but have proved upon examination by specialists to be something different to the genuine article. One cannot say positively that the cross will never be produced, because the unforeseen has already happened in the hybrid world. There would be no harm in your trying, especially as you have the birds together, and they appear to be friendly. The Hybrids would be extremely valuable if you manage to rear any. You can hardly expect your Chaffinch to be in song now, but if he keeps in health he should begin to call by the turn of the year, and will no doubt sing as the days lengthen. The great difficulty with these peculiar crosses is not the fact of the birds pairing, but the getting of fertile eggs. Eggs when laid should be put under foster mothers. Your treatment appears to be right. I would, however, advise you to mix a few good ants' eggs with the egg and bird that you give them occasionally.

LINNET AND CANARY (No Name).—The usual materials for Hybrids' production are a British bird and a Norwich Canary hen, although I have seen many that have been produced from the Yorkshire, so I see no reason why you should not try to breed from your Brown Linnet and Yorkshire hen. If it is not convenient, it is not absolutely necessary to let them fly together through the winter months, but if you can do so I think it is as well, as the birds become familiar and lose all fear of each other, but if you let them run together occasionally this will do equally as well. Whichever method you adopt, you will put them together finally in the spring, when both are quite fit for breeding. If the birds are together, let their stock seed mixture be three parts canary and one of summer rape, then twice a week give them a little mixed seed composed of two parts teazle, half-part linseed, maw, hemp, and gold of pleasure, and a sprig of seeding chickweed, or a piece of sweet apple. If you keep them separately, the Canary will not require quite so much rape seed.

CORNISH CHOUGH (H. Gale).—The following measurements are good for a show cage for a Chough—30 inches long, 18 high, and 12 from front to back. Do not make the top flat, but have it to slope a little from front to back sufficiently to prevent heavy packages being placed upon it when travelling. You would require two good strong perches placed about nine inches from the floor. These look best if they are turned with a kind of bub to them, and are what we call short end perches; that is, they do not come quite up to the front bars. Build your cage either slightly bow at the top or have as little woodwork as possible at the top of the front bars. The object of this is to allow as much light as possible to fall on the inmate. A pale blue, almost white, is a good colour for the interior; the outside should be black; the front bars could be of either colour, whichever you prefer.

HYBRID AND BRAMBLEFINCH (Three at Once).—If you mean is it usual to breed Canary Hybrids in a room where Canaries are flying loose, I may say that it is not, although it has been done, but where all the birds are kept in cages Canary Hybrids can be produced as well as pure Canaries. The presence of the cock Canary is frequently an inducement to the hen to call, when, if the Finch is in breeding condition, he immediately takes advantage of it. What you will have to do is to get the Finch and Canary thoroughly used to each before the spring. Let them sometimes run together. The presence of the Finch may prevent her making an attachment or contracting a liking for any particular cock bird; this would naturally make things easier. (2) The Bramblefinch-Canary Hybrid has not yet been produced; the difficulty is in getting fertile eggs. (3) Make a mixture of two parts canary and one of summer rape. This will be the stock food. Then give separately about twice a week a spoonful of mixed seed, teazle, hemp, and linseed in equal parts; half part each of maw, niger, and gold of pleasure; or you can buy a good brand of Finch mixture containing all these. He could have half a dozen sunflower seeds daily, and occasionally a little sprouting rape, a mealworm now and then, and a few ants' eggs would be acceptable; also seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, etc.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T PAGE F.Z.S

WHAT BIRD? (Novice, Norfolk).—So far as I can gather from your description, you have a Russ' Weaver (Quelea russi), which really appears to be merely a colour form of the Red-billed Weaver (Quelea quelea). If you are acquainted with the above, and know your bird is not a Russ', then if you care to send it on to me (Editor will supply address) I will name it for you and return, but I think it must be a Russ' Weaver.

GREY PARROT WITH GROWTH (R. H. Shaw).—You give me no idea of length of time you have had the bird, or how it has been treated. As matters stand I can only state that if the bird is tame enough to be handled, I should foment the swelling with hot water (not hot enough for discomfort) and keep the bird in a warm room. I should also keep the bowels moving quite freely by giving a laxative two or three times a week, according to need. One teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water is as good as any. On intermediate days put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. However, if the swelling increases much in size, and does not come to a head, I should certainly advise letting a local vet. see it, as it may be necessary to have it removed. I presume you are dieting the bird correctly, but seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and a little plain biscuit or dry crust of stale household bread will form an ample dietary. Of course, grit, cuttlebone, and water must also be regularly supplied.

AN AILING GREY (W. Bouchier).—It is a case in which only someone on the spot (your local vet.) could answer definitely, and you give me really no details, save just on the one point. If the bird can be handled I should well cleanse around the vent, and foment with hot water (as hot as can be used without causing discomfort) containing a little glyco-thymoline, twice daily; dab dry with a soft cloth after each occasion, and keep the bird in a warm room. I should also keep the bowels moving quite freely by putting, once or twice weekly, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water; also put several times weekly half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. Get from the chemist, ready mixed, a small box of honey and borax, and put a little in the bird's mouth daily. Report progress in two or three weeks.

BIRDS' DIET (Buchanan).—Two mixtures will be the best, one consisting of equal parts of white millet and Indian millet; the other three parts canary, one part each best rape, paddy rice, oats, sunflower, and hemp seeds. Well mix and keep a supply of each in the aviary. Also hang up regularly one or two millet sprays; also supply green-food and fruit, and a few live insects (meal-worms, etc.) for the Cardinals. A tablespoonful of wild seed mixture once a week is appreciated, and makes a wholesome change. During the winter lettuce is a safe green food, but when full grown the centre (fleshy) rib or stalk of each leaf should be cut away.

RE PARRAKEETS (J. R. Barrett).—(1) I think your birds are young Banded Parrakeets, and are not yet ready for nesting or mating; I doubt if they will be for another twelve months. (2) Yes, when fully adult, and in best condition and plumage. (3) Sexes will be doubtful till they are a few months older. Both are young birds, with one a little older than the other, and at present I take it to be a case of the older driving the younger, and the latter turning on it again at times. As a rule, the hen has a more rounded head than the cock, but this may not be apparent at present. When adult, it is mostly easy, to an observing eye, to sex them by the shape of the head.

COVERED-IN FLIGHT (Enquirer. — This term is used in several ways, but the general meaning of it is a flight open at front only; of course a flight with open wire netting all round, if roofed in, is, strictly speaking, a "covered-in flight." You do not give your county, but with the matting on the east and if you cover up the north, I think all the birds you name will be quite safe if the west and south are left open wirework. I note your P.S.; the fence and hedge should be sufficient protection on the north, unless your county is a very northern one. Pekin Robins would be quite all right out of doors all the year round, providing they are put out in the spring and then left out. You do not give dimensions, but you seem to have some good cover and shelter, and birds should do well.

GREEN PARROT (Jade).—There are many Green Parrots, and you do not say what kind yours is, neither do you tell me how you have been feeding and treating it; therefore I cannot give you any idea as to the cause of the trouble. Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and put a little in its mouth twice daily. Also cleanse its beak daily with hot water containing a little glyco-thymoline. While there must be no appearance of chronic diarrhœa, the bowels must be kept moving quite freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful in the drinking water, as often as required. Twice or thrice weekly put half a teaspoonful of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water. I am in a little difficulty as to diet, not knowing the species of the bird; but seed mixture, fruit, nuts, and biscuits or stale crusts, should fully meet its requirements. Of course you must also supply water, grit, and cuttlebone, and pieces of wood for it to play with and chew up.

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Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. Harrison.—The Grey-winged Onzel was sound in every respect, all its organs healthy, but an absence of food in the intestines. It is my opinion that the bird simply pined, resulting in its death.

H. R. L.—Bronco-pneumonia is the cause of your losses. From the plan you have sent me, I cannot see that the birds are subjected to draught, and the ventilation should be adequate. It is quite possible that the heated and gaseous air at the level you describe is causing the trouble. You have omitted to give me details as to height of room, space between top row of cages and ceiling, and whether those in upper row of cages are most affected.

Chas. T. Collins.—The two Canaries I find to have died of acute enteritis or inflammation of the bowels, resulting from the eating of some irritant or poisonous material taken in with the food. In both cases, the post-mortem lesions were exactly the same. The darker coloured bird (sex I forgot to note) was a healthy bird, and had no contagious or infectious disease. Although the other was in better condition, yet both deaths arose from the same cause. I should keep to plain Canary seed, and not change the diet again.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

R. Ogden.—Send a penny stamp and a stamped addressed envelope to Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and ask them to send you a copy of the Wild Bird Act relating to Cheshire.

T. Simpson.—It is quite impossible to solve the puzzle unless class 38 be intended to include Hybrids. You had better enquire the meaning of the secretary.

Tom S.—The Goldfinch is protected all the year in Lincolnshire, and so it was very ill-advised on your part to use a Goldie as a call-bird. You can only attend the court and plead that you had not caught any of this species.

W. H. Gibbs.—We have no complaints against the advertiser you name. If you conform to rule 8 we will write him on your behalf.

Blunt.—(1 and 2) If the dark underline does not show on the surface the bird is undoubtedly four-pointed (even-marked) and must compete among even marks. We take it, of course, that the markings are good (i.e., do not "run over" into the surrounding plumage. (3) It might be possible, but it is very improbable.

F. Faulkner.—Probably our artist has this; we will enquire.

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Arbroath C.B.S.—Dec. 24, Shepherd's Rooms, Millgate, 8.—J. Gray.

Ayr C.B.C. Dec. 23, Wallan Tower Hall, 7.30. Payment of prize-money for club show.—R. Aitken.

Barrington and Chippington C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Social Club, 7. Payment of prize-money, etc.—D. Reavley.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Last members' show for 1913. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey. Entries Friday, 8 to 10.—H. Bryant.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Dec. 23, Market Tavern, 8. All ticket-money, subscriptions, etc., to be handed in. Consideration of claims for diplomas and other bus.—H. Hill.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 20, Flying Dutchman, 8 prompt. Balance sheet for open show. Election of stewards for members' show, Dec. 26, and other bus.—W. Helliwell.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Dec. 24, Campbell's Hotel, 7. Table show, class for Greenfinch and one class for Crest (cock or hen).—J. W. Holms.

Derby C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Normanton Hotel, 7.30. Members' show bus. All money due, etc.—Wharam and Bamsey.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 20, St. John's School, 3. Show; Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—L. Booth.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Marie Stuart's Head, 7.30. Table show, Mules, Brit., and For.—R. Heggie.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 20, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30 prompt. Special meeting, bus. important, members requested to attend.—H. Clegg.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 22, White Hart Hotel, 8. First monthly table show; judge, Mr. J. Moorhouse. 6 Yorks., 4 Nor. classes.—A. Lawford.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Victoria Hotel, Ferry-st., 7.30 prompt. Selection of judge and general bus.—H. Ayers.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Dec. 20, No. 2, Gothenburg, 7. Annual general meeting and club show bus.—A. Dickson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 20, Railway Hotel, 2. Last competition show for 1913 of Canaries. Judge, Mr. C. E. Walker (West Bowling). All members must pay up before they can receive a special.—J. E. Hudson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Show matters, all members to be clear on the hooks with their contributions at this meeting.—D. John.

Middlesbro and Teeside C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting re members' show.—A. Wake.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Headquarters, 8. Report of delegates re Rochdale Amalgamated Show.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Table show of Norwich Plainheads; all fanciers turn up.—J. Cope.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Fleece Hotel, 8 to 10.30. Entries for show, Dec. 20. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden; birds staged 2.30 prompt.—H. Raistrick.

Redcar C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Crown and Anchor, 8. Final arrangements for show.—C. L. Mallory.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Owing to committee meeting falling on New Year's Eve no meeting will be held.—W. Adams.

Rochdale Amalgamated Societies.—Dec. 27, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 6.30. Delegates' meetings. Show classification, etc. Please attend early owing to early trains for home.—W. Adams.

S. Shields C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Cyprus, 7.30. Rules.—W. L. Smith.

Southampton C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Waterloo Temperance Hotel, London Road, 8.30. Framing of rules and other bus.—W. L. Page.

Stanley Vic. F. and F. C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Club Room, 6.30. Annual show bus.—R. Peart.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Members' show Boxing Day, Dec. 26, birds to be staged by 1 p.m. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock (Ecclesshill).—W. Walker.

Wakefield O.S.—Crown and Anchor, 1. Meeting and table show. Presentation of cup and specials. Entries for show to be at secretary's address Tuesday before show.—J. Sherwood. (No date stated.—Editor.)

Walkden Roller S.—Dec. 23, Stocks Hotel, 7.30. Bus. important.—Hy. Howard.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Horse and Groom, 10.0 a.m. Members' show, Judge, Mr. J. Robertshaw.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; Judge, H. J. Chittenden. Entries Dec. 26, 8 to 11 p.m. Medal for hottest fed bird.—Taylor and Ellis.

York C.B.S.—Dec. 26, All Saint's School. Club show, birds to be staged at 11 a.m., Judge, Mr. R. Halliday. Entries close Dec. 23. Last show for points prizes.—H. Sayles.

Yorkshire C. C. of Scotland.—Dec. 23, 83, Ingram-st., 7.45. Nomination of officers for 1914.—R. B. Gibb.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for as advertisement rates, three words a penny.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest at the "Columbia," Fordam Street, Sheffield. Dec. 7th: 1, Foulstone, 57; 2, Newton, 55; 3 Woodcock, 37. Linnet contest, Dec. 21st, at 1 o'clock.—W. Foulstone.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest, "Woodman" Inn, Dec. 13, when 18 birds entered: 1, T. Jones; 2, J. Butler; 3, J. Blackshire. Open sing Dec. 14, when 20 birds sang: 1, 3, B. Nelson; 2, S. Pugh.—S. Pugh, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, for time, at the George and Dragon, Bridge Street, Dec. 13, when 24 birds entered. J. Brindley, 1; W. Harding, 2, 3. Morley and W. Nelson shared 3. On Dec. 14, 17 birds entered. W. Harding and W. Nelson shared all three prizes. Annual, open to all England, contest for time on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, at George and Dragon, Bridge Street. First pair of birds to be in the window at one o'clock prompt.—J. Brindley, Sec.—(Advt.).

LEEDS.

Usual quality singing contest of King's Head Linnet F.A., Dec. 13, when 18 birds entered: 1, S. Hardcastle; 2, Wm. Sissons; 3, E. Wood. Judges: C. Lorriner and Wm. Lacy. Dec. 14, 17 birds entered: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, S. Johnson; 3, Wm. Sissons. Judges: C. Cooper and A. Jennings. Roller contest: 1, H. Wigfield; 2, Coniffe; 3, E. Wood. Judges, H. Hayes and C. Cooper, and Wm. Sissons. Open contest for Rollers Dec. 27th, first pair hung 7.30.—W. Naylor, hon. sec.

Quality singing contests held Skinners Arms, Buslinthorpe. Dec. 13, 15 birds sang: 1, Ward; 2, Binns; 3, King. Grand contest, Dec. 14, when 19 birds sang: 1, 3, Ward; 2, Blackburn. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and J. Sellars. At our Roller contest we had a crowded house to hear some good singing: 1, Rabinia; 2, Maloney; 3, Shared by Chadwick and Binns. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, Sellars, and Lorriman. Contest Dec. 25, also Canary contest at night, 7.30. Linnet contest Boxing Day.—C. Clayton, hon. sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

55th annual members' show held Nov. 22 in the large public room of the Normanton Hotel, an admirable one for the occasion. Close on 200 birds were staged. Chief interest at this show always centres in the society's silver challenge cup for the best young Norwich, bred during the current year, and generally arouses keen competition. This year's winner was a clear buff bred by Mr. J. Watts, quite worthy of winning this much-prized trophy. This is the second time this member has been successful. Silver medal for best colour-fed was captured by Mr. J. H. Drakeley, with a cl. yell. Nor., which would hold its own in any show. Yorkshires were very good, and seem to be increasing greatly in this district. Crest and crest-bred, whilst not so numerous as in former years, were well worth seeing. Mules, Hybrids, and British, although small in number, made a very fair show, and some good specimens were staged in excellent condition. Mr. W. H. Eley, Derby, judged in a very efficient manner, whilst members who officiated as stewards, etc., were Messrs. T. Thompson, J. Shearman, J. H. Drakeley, W. Roberts, B. Ramm, A. Morrell, W. Twells, W. Wood, and F. Cockeram. Messrs. Wharam and Bamsey had charge of the secretarial duties, whilst donors to the special prize fund were Messrs. Ind, Coope and Co., J. G. Fox, Binns and Co., J. Newton, A. Ashley, Ratcliffe and Co., etc.

YOUNG NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Pegg; 3, medal Drakeley; vhc, Thompson; hc, Roberts; c, Bamsey. BUFF: 1, cup, hc, Watts; 2, Pegg; 3, Smith; vhc, Twells; c, Thompson. VAR. YELL.: 1, Drakeley; 2, vhc, Watts; 3, Smith; hc, Sharman; c, Roberts. BUFF: 1, Parnell; 2, Morrell; 3, Bamsey; vhc, hc, Pegg; c, Hodgkinson. HEN. YELL.: 1, Twells; 2, 3, Pegg; vhc, Watts; hc, Bamsey; c, Hodgkinson. BUFF: 1, Roberts; 2, c, Drakeley; 3, Sharman; vhc, Bamsey; hc, Smith. PAIRS: 1, Watts; 2, Pegg; 3, Drakeley; vhc, Bamsey; hc, Smith. CREST: 1, Foley. DARK BUFF: 1, 2, Woolley; 3, Foley; vhc, hc, Wharam. HEN: 1, Wharam. C.B. YELL.: 1, Stevens. BUFF: 1, 3, Woolley; 2, vhc, hc, Foley. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Pass; 2, vhc, Wood; 3, York; hc, Barton; c, Elkins. BUFF: 1, 2, Cockeram; 3, Pass; vhc, Wheeldon; hc, Barton; c, Elkins. HEN: 1, 3, Cockeram; 2 Pass; vhc, Barton; hc, York; c, Barton. VARIEG.: 1, York; 2, Pass; 3, Wheeldon; vhc, Wood; hc, Elkins. PAIRS: 1, Elkins; 2, Pass; 3, Cockeram. A.O.V.: 1, Drakeley; 2, Elkins. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Parnell; 3, Wood; vhc, hc, Thompson. NOVICE: 1, hc, Twells; 2, 3, vhc, c, Oliver. OLD BIRDS: NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Pegg; 2, Thompson. VARIEG.: 1, Roberts; 2, Bamsey. BUFF: 1, Pegg; 2, Sharman; 3, Parnell; vhc, Watts; hc, Twells; c, Hodgkinson. HEN, YELL.: 1, Watts; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, Hodgkinson. BUFF: 1, Watts; 2, Roberts; 3, Sharman; vhc, Thompson; hc, Hodgkinson. NOV.: 1, 2, 3, Oliver; vhc, Twells. NAT. COL.: 1, Watts; 2, 3, Bamsey; vhc, Woolley; hc, Jordan. CREST. DARK: 1, Stevens. CREST, A.O.V.: 1, Wharam. C.B. YELL.: 1, Stevens; 2, Foley. BUFF: 1, Stevens; 2, Woolley. MULES: 1, Barton. GOLDF.: 1, Ramm; 2, Wood; 3, Foley; vhc, Barton; hc, Thompson. BULLF.: 1, Ramm; 2, Wharam. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Barton; 2, 3, Ramm. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Ramm; 3, Bamsey; vhc, Barton; hc, Thompson. YORKS., CL. ETC., YELL.: 1, Barton. BUFF: 1, Cockeram; 2, Wood. HEN: 1, 2, Cockeram; 3 Barton; vhc, Jordan. VARIEG.: 1, Cockeram. SOFTBILL: 1, Ramm.

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Correspondence.

Is the Koller an Imaginary Tour?

Sir,—In reference to the concluding remarks of your correspondent, "Novice," in hoping to hear other fanciers' opinions about the Koller, if he would like I should be pleased to introduce him to a bird, that in the opinion of those fanciers who have heard it, sings this tour. Among them are some prominent fanciers of to-day. Unfortunately the bird cannot be moved, owing to the effects of advancing age, but an appointment would be willingly made by me.

F. E. FISHER.

Brunswick House, Malmesbury Rd.,
South Woodford.

Why Don't Shows Pay?

Sir, I was very glad to read Mr. Parlett's letter re Matlock show. There seem to have been some very odd business methods employed there. When writing the secretary afterwards re another matter, I mentioned it surprised me my Canary-Bullie was cardless in a class of nine entries. He replied it was vhc, and a fortnight later sent, without any comment, 1s. 3d., 3rd prize for that class (half prize-money), on which I thought matters were getting interesting. What particularly strikes me, though, is that they wrote to Mr. Parlett to see if he would accept half prize-money. Why not write all the prize-winners? The minor lights of the Fancy, the novices, etc., don't count, I suppose. Well, Matlock's secretary may find out next year. Another instance of "how to make a show pay" was Wirksworth, in the same district. I entered two birds in the Hybrid class, and there was only one other entry. I was awarded 2nd and reserve (although only credited vhc and reserve in your report); the other exhibitor was he. In face of his intentions re awards, the secretary knew perfectly well I had no chance of even covering expenses. His obvious duty was to cancel the class. It is this sort of thing that disgusts exhibitors. If Mr. P. sues Matlock, I shall be very glad to give him any help, if required. To revert to the heading once more, I think the shows are too crowded together. Why the insane idea of having them all in October and November? I have a nice lot only just ready for showing, and no shows within reasonable distance. Twice this season there have been no less than five shows on one day at which I should have been glad to exhibit and (mark you) visit, if on separate days. Spread out, scretarics, give us a few dates in December, and possibly January, and I am sure entries will increase all round, also the visitors. The latter, to my mind, are a very important item of a show, with their admission, catalogues and possible purchases. T. H. HAYTER.

The Improvidence of the Thrush Family.

Sir,—I wonder if it has ever occurred to any readers of CAGE BIRDS that the Thrushes are an improvident lot. I have thought so many a time, when I have watched them in the late summer and autumn—that period when the keys of the ash tree hang heavily as if overburdened with their encased seeds; and elms and sycamores are dropping their yellow leaves as if shedding tears at the rapid approach of winter; and the hips and haws are just turning crimson on the hedgerows. Day after day I have watched them, and have noticed the gluttonous feasts they make of the autumn berries, such as those of the Pyrus family, and those of the order of the Rosacæ, the haythorns, etc. From the few lessons we ever had at school on Natural History, I always remember one, that these berries are supposed to be sent by a wise Providence to provide food for our birds in frosty weather, when they can't get from the ground the worms and other items which they usually live upon; but these birds, the Missel Thrush, Song Thrush, and Blackbird, have them all eaten up by the end of October, at latest. The Missel Thrush, especially, is a regular glutton. This species goes about in groups of a dozen or so, making a great commotion, from one plantation to another, and eating all the berries they can find during September and October, until there are no more left. If they were to do as nature really intended them, or as we far-seeing humans think nature intended them, they would live on the abundant insect life to be found during this time. Anyone not accustomed to being amongst plantations, were they to spend a day amongst the trees and root amongst the dead leaves and twigs, would be surprised to see the abundance of insect life they would disturb. If maxims can be applied to the Thrush family, a good one would be: "Let us look after to-day, to-morrow will look after itself," for they refuse to touch—or appear to refuse—these luscious insects until they have demolished all the berries. During the winter, when frost and snow is on the ground, it is a mystery how these birds live, because they can't dig through the hard ground after worms. If they would only save the berries for themselves until such times as they can't possibly find insects, then they would be doing themselves and us a great service. That is why I say they are improvident.

T. J. SOUTHPORT.

The Vicissitudes of the Novices' Exhibits.

Sir,—As some readers of CAGE BIRDS will be aware by this time, I take a great and absorbing interest in the welfare of the novice. I know the uphill work a novice has to go through before he becomes a champion, and not until recent times has he had a decent classification put on for him. But these few notes are concerned less about the novice than about the novice's birds. It is no uncommon occurrence at any show to find a bird in the novice classes standing cardless, where at a previous show the same bird has been standing behind the much sought after 1st prize ticket under a different judge. The same birds may be competing again the week following under another judge, who may select a different bird altogether for first, until the novice really begins to wonder where he really is. The arguments amongst novices are fast and heated, and it goes without saying that all the judges are blamed in turn. But it is all very simple. A judge once said to the writer that it was more difficult to judge "middling" birds than good 'uns. And it is quite true, too. All, or nearly all novices' birds are more or less faulty in some point, and some judges make more of one point than another. For instance: A judge may have a penchant for one given point, say a good head, and he selects his winners out of birds possessing good heads; at another show, under a different judge, the same birds may be jumbled about again, because he may have a fad for another point. Every judge has his own particular fad, and that is the reason why the novice's bird has so many ups and downs. But put a real knockout before one of these judges, and he will find it every time. Why? Because it has all the good qualities combined, and doesn't excel in one point only, as do a great many of our novice exhibits. Of course, the same factor is at work in the champion classes, but in a lesser degree. A few cases have come under my notice this season, where certain birds have been changed about by the judges. Some judges will not have a fat bird, and real good birds have been put down for being too fat. But at another show another judge puts them well up simply because he doesn't object to that fault.

SUB ROSA.

WHY NOT HOME-BRED BRITISH BIRDS?

Sir,—"The Evening Standard and St. James's Gazette" of Aug. 30, has an article by Mr. Marcus Woodward, which has so interested me as a bird-keeper and bird-lover, that I have sent it in the hope that you can find room for it in the columns of our journal CAGE BIRDS. When we think of the marvels which have been produced from the insignificant looking bird, the wild Canary, ranging from the giant Lancashire to the neat little Border Fancy, and consider also the perfection of music which has been reached in the song of the Roller Canary, the wonder is that British bird fanciers have not long ago taken in hand the material which lies at their door.

LONDON BIRD LOVER.

In a small village in East Sussex lives and works a very intelligent cobbler, whose interest and passion in life is the study of wild birds, especially of our many different Finches: Goldfinches being his first favourites among all birds. His little workshop, set on a hill looking out across fields and woods to the South Downs, is ever musical with bird-song. Cages hang in the sun outside the shop, and within are many kinds of hybrid Finches and pure-bred Canaries and wild birds, some of whom have worked for the cobbler for years as decoy-birds, luring others within his power.



A fine marked Yorkshire, which won 1st prize and the "Mayoress Cup" at Clapham Show for Mr. A. J. Clarke (East Dulwich).

Living in concord in one cage within the workshop we have seen at once six sorts of Finches—Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, Redpoll, and Siskin; and there are birds in other cages which only a fancier could name, hybrid Finches and Finch-Canaries, the most beautiful being the Goldfinch-Canaries, and the sweetest singers the Linnet-Canaries. Our cobbler achieved a notable triumph by being the first fancier to produce Siskin-Goldfinches, selling the nest, with four young ones, for £11. Though it is not for profit that he tends and rears his birds, and, indeed, can spare but little time from boot-mending, in one year he sold Goldfinch-Canaries—a favourite cross—to the tune of about £40 in clear profit, his fifteen hens rearing one hundred and fifty young birds. What a large number of birds may possibly be descended from one strong and long-lived wild bird is illustrated by the case of a fine Goldfinch our friend once caught, whose offspring would have to be counted by hundreds. From this Goldfinch he bred for ten years in succession, until the bird died an accidental death, while seemingly in its prime. In its last year it was mated to five hens, by whom it became the father of thirty-six young birds.

The cobbler had marked out this bird before it was caught as a remarkably fine singer; for it chanced to land on a hedge one day, and sing loudly, at the very place beneath which our friend, out bird-catching, was watching his net—this in the days before Goldfinches were protected all the year round. Of the anxious time of waiting, while the grand bird sang on above his head for ten minutes on end as he crouched still, hoping against hope it would fly to where his net lay spread—of how at last it fell to his lure, and how he rushed then to pull the net-strings, failing twice on his way in his eager haste—and of the joy with which he made the singer captive—the cobbler tells as a thrilling story.

He has a story to tell of every bird in his cages. And as he talks about, and to, his birds, it becomes clear that he possesses some wonderful power to charm and tame the shy, wild things he takes captive. His decoy, or flirt-birds, he says, soon learn the work he expects them to do, and seem to know it is their duty to lure their wild brothers and sisters to the net or trap. One Goldfinch worked regularly as a flirt-bird for six years, and lived to enjoy six more years of life when sold. He has a hen Bullfinch to-day who has been perfectly tame and happy ever since she was taken prisoner; and a Linnet that sang directly it was caged, and has never shown the least sign of fear in its captivity—though once, when working in the field, it was terribly frightened by the attack of a Hawk. Parties of Linnets and Goldfinches often will settle on the cages hanging outside the shop.

Our cobbler is about to begin some experimental work on new lines—he intends in future to devote all his spare time to an attempt to improve many choice kinds of British birds by careful selection and breeding—to rear larger and greener Greenfinches than any ever seen in a state of nature, and larger and more brilliant Yellow-hammers; while he dreams of painting the Goldfinch's gay coat of many colours in even purer tones of black and white and brown, crimson and gold, until he has called the perfect Goldfinch into being.

THE HYBRID SENSATION OF THE YEAR.

Sir,—Any correspondence re the above Hybrid, now named "White Rose," will be settled by the Yorkshire and Lancashire British Bird and Mule Club. I thank CAGE BIRDS for the valuable space given.

R. D. PARLETT.

Sir,—Before I came to a conclusion about this bird, I examined it very carefully, and I still maintain I could not find any Canary in this so-called Hybrid. As regards the £5 to £50 challenge, I do not take it seriously. I have no desire to make this hobby into a gambling concern. I consider a fancier who cannot stand criticism concerning any bird he owns is a poor fancier. As regards carrying his bird round the room, I do not credit the statement. Visitors, he says, can look at the bird "while their eyes drop out," but a well-known exhibitor and judge was simply examining it in its class, and the owner came up to take it from him. He was answered by common sense, that is, "Don't handle other people's birds." Then Mr. Parlett retired. He had been hit with an answer which was perfectly justified. I should have considered it a pleasure to have had a few words with this fancier concerning this bird, an interesting chat, but, when I saw him in a furious temper, while beads of moisture ran down his forehead, I considered I was wise in not approaching him. As regards the Redpoll-Bullfinch, which was second, not being perfect, it does not trouble me, as I am prepared to leave the bird's future for the judges to decide, the same as Mr. Maddison has done at the Bradford National show. I highly prize this, as the bird has been bred by the exhibitor, and not bought by a large cheque. He shows his parentage clear, from Bullfinch and Redpoll; that is what the so-called Canary-Bullie does not do. In reply to Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, I was a visitor on Saturday, and the words were written on label, "Canary-Bullfinch." Mr. B. Gabbitass gives a very interesting account of how this bird is supposed to have been bred, but he has not tried to show us where the parentage of the Canary is shown in this bird. I am not prepared to withdraw any remarks I have made, Mr. Mallatrat, concerning the Canary-Bullfinch at Preston show, as it is only an expression of honest criticism.

H. WALSH.

Sir,—I read that the judge at Sale show "wrong-classed" that splendid light Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid of Mr. Parlett's. If this is going to be the treatment met by rare Hybrids, it is time exhibitors kept them at home and denied other fanciers the pleasure of seeing them. I saw this bird at Nottingham, and thoroughly examined it. I found it had the Norwich type, had light legs, and was the colour of the Canary (also had other characteristics). What more does any one want? Do they want it to show all Canary and no Bullfinch? In my humble opinion it is the rarest and finest Hybrid we have on the show bench at the present time, and until I see a clear or better marked bird of this cross, I shall hold this opinion.

LOVER OF RARE HYBRIDS.

Sir,—I have re-read my letter, and fail to find anything which by any imaginative stretch may be termed "insulting." I have simply given my own opinion on the points of the bird, and have nothing to withdraw. One or two points in Mr. Parlett's letter call for retort. First he alleges that Mr. Metcalfe was in the "cliquo" at Preston. So far as I know, he wasn't there on Saturday. Mr. Parlett may select as many Mule breeders as he likes, but he will always find a difference of opinion on the bird. It may be a Hybrid, but it certainly hasn't in its composition the characteristics of a Canary and a Bullfinch equally. If it is a Hybrid, it has taken the Bullfinch's structure entirely, and the partial plumage of a Canary, a thing never before known in the history of Hybrid breeding, I should imagine. He himself acknowledges there is a doubt when he says Mr. Wellings, after a long study, gave it the benefit. Since writing the above, I have seen the bird at the Bradford National, and I noticed the judge awarded it third prize. Now, everyone will admit that Mr. Maddison knows a Hybrid, perhaps, as well as anyone, but what I want to know of this. Why didn't he give it 1st prize or, at least, 2nd? Assuming the parentage it claims, it is worth a dozen of the second as a Canary-Bullie, for we must admit, as I said last week, if it is a Hybrid, it is a glorious one, and possibly the best of its kind ever bred. The second bird could go inside it without—I should think—making it feel uncomfortable—it is such a monster! What I can't understand is, acknowledging its parentage, how he allowed the other Canary-Bullies to beat it. Did he, too, have a doubt of its parentage?

T. JOHNSON.

Sir,—I see Mr. B. Gabbitass, sec. Mansfield C.B.S., refers to me as knowing all about this Hybrid. I saw the parents before the bird was bred, also the Hybrid when quite a baby, and being hand-reared by Mrs. Mallatratt. I was so struck by the bird that I offered a good price for it. Being such a favourite, however, I could not buy it. I told Mr. A. Shellam, of Cardiff, about the bird, also Mr. Dewar, Mr. Colton, and several Hybrid fanciers. I have no hesitation in saying it is a genuine Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid. I judged a half-brother to this Hybrid on Saturday last, a Greenfinch-Bullfinch, much larger in head, and stronger and longer in beak. This came out of the same Bullfinch hen, but by a Greenfinch cock. If some fanciers had had the bird, there would have been no questions asked. Mr. Weston "wrong-classed" him in 1912, at Nottingham, but it was for being a variegated bird in a class for darks. Mr Houlton placed him second in a light class at Nottingham this year.

W. VARDY.

The Foreign Bird E.L's Testimonial to Mr. Silver.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to announce the following additions to the above testimonial: Miss Lydia Claro 10s., Mr. W. A. Lott 5s., Mr. G. Thurling 2s. 6d., Mr. O. J. Stone 2s. 6d; making total £11 9s. I propose making the presentation a public one, during the Palace show week, full particulars of which will be given later.

JOHN FROSTICK.

An Object-Lesson for "Humanitarians."

Sir,—I should have liked the so called humanitarian who objects to birds in captivity, to have been with me the other morning. When, after the strong wind of the night before, I went to see how the birds in my aviary were looking, I found the door had been blown open, thus letting the birds out on to the lawn; then it had blown to again. But instead of rejoicing over their freedom, the birds here all collected outside the door, waiting for me to let them in again. Wise little birds. I wish CAGE BIRDS always continued success. I should be pleased if you have room in your valuable paper for the above little fact.

MURIEL MAXWELL JACKSON.

The Camera as a Witness.

Sir,—I owe Mr. Craven an apology for my belated reply to his enquiry. Only a photograph of the bird itself, held in my hand, would I obtain. Regarding colours and markings, the obstacles connected therewith would be a problem I should leave to the craftsman only. Orthochromatic plates, nowadays, are of so advanced an excellence, such difficulties count for very little with experts. An improvement to the enlargement suggested by me, would be a lantern slide. If the Editor be agreeable, I will be pleased to give five shillings towards a competition demonstrating the possibilities of rendering colours and marks in their exact tones by means of the camera.

A. E. MORRIS.

[We don't quite grasp the object of the suggested competition, or exactly what it is competitors would be called upon to do. If it requires "expert craftsmen" in the photographic art, we are afraid such a competition could not hope to appeal to many amongst our readers.—EDITOR.]

What's Wrong with Members of the Southern Norwich P.C.?

Sir,—Mr. Matthes asks why there is such little enterprise among the members of the S.N.P.C. Who ought to know better than himself? I have met a few members, and learned that one great fault lies in the same judge officiating at most of the club shows. This, I think, accounts for the falling-off to a great extent, as when a team is down on the first show, what exhibitor would continue to follow the same judge? Only those who could afford it, and, as Mr. Matthes is no doubt aware, he has several working-men members belonging to the S.N.P.C. Why not try and arrange for a different judge for each show, as is done at Yorkshire Union fixtures? There are good judges available, viz., Payne, Rennie, Gardner, Robson, Heath, Pope, House, Houghton, Vardy, and a host of others. Mr. Matthes shows bad taste in having a slap at the leaders for the cups and prizes. Aren't they offered to be won? There seems to be a rift in the lute, Mr. Matthes, so see that this is removed, otherwise your membership will decrease.

CONTEMPLATING MEMBERSHIP.

Is it the Money that Talks?

Sir,—Our secretary complains of the lack of support. Most members are working men who have taken up the Fancy as a hobby. Some have had the good fortune to breed a good bird or two, which has "finished them off" in the novice classes, and now they find their team of birds not quite good enough to compete against the present-day champions, and not being blessed with too much of this world's goods, they cannot afford to pay entry money and the heavy railway charges, knowing there is not much chance of getting any return. Well, you cannot blame them for not sending to the club shows. Friend Tomsett says if a small man breeds two good birds, he must sell them, because he cannot compete with the owner of a team. That, I contend, is where the small man makes a great mistake. He breeds a good bird or two, and very soon down pounces some one with a big pocket, and offers a tempting price for the bird or birds, and generally the small fancier lets them go, thinking he can easily breed some as good or better next year. But by selling his best he will never advance in the exhibiting world. Let him keep those two or three good birds, and most likely in two or three years he will be able to hold his own with the best of them. I think the specials of our club ought to be won by birds which are bred by the exhibitor; but we must have buyers, and I don't blame anyone buying a bird, if he cares to launch out. A fancier who breeds his own winners, however, gets a thousand times more pleasure out of his winnings than the one who, year after year, has to dip pretty deeply into his pocket to keep his wins up, and his name before the public. I believe most of the fanciers who have come out on top at our club shows this year have bred their own winners; in fact, know they have, and I congratulate them. One or two have been running here and there claiming and buying birds, an annual affair with them. I may be wrong, but to me it seems a business. Those are the fanciers that will kill any club, if one is not careful. I like to encourage the novice as much as possible, but some, if they stop much longer under that heading, will soon grow grey. I believe if all members had to breed their winners to compete for the club specials, it would greatly help novices and the small breeder. My advice to such is, if you breed a good bird or two, do not sell. Keep your best, and soon you will come out on top.

A TRIER.

More "Little Troubles" Than One.

Sir,—We are all sorry to hear of Mr. Matthes' accident, and hope by this time he has completely recovered. I am sorry to read that Mr. Matthes is of opinion the breeder has no effective protection, because this statement implies that dishonesty cannot be stamped out. The reason I did not include the ten-guinea trophy was because that trophy has already been competed for under certain conditions, whereas all other ones are put up fresh each year under any conditions the S.N.P.C. is pleased to enact. Of course, I do not pretend to know the financial positions of the gentlemen he names in your last issue, but I do know that they take a back seat against birds that have been purchased and shown against them. Let members show what they like, and win what prize-money they can, but let the trophies be the reward of the careful years of study and the members' brains and what they have accomplished step by step. Then the nomination farce: A man nominates his birds, at present purchased or otherwise, for certain trophies, and is guided (a) by his own judgment, (b) relative position on the bench. With what result? The unnominated bird sometimes takes first place against the nominated one, its stable companion. Why? Because, owing to the wobbling, the exhibitor cannot fix on which way the cat will jump and takes pot luck. All these little (!) troubles keep many birds at home. I am aware of birds winning to-day that have not been bred by the exhibitors. What do we hear? "Hobnails" is not doing much, gone down this year; and look at "Goldbags," isn't he going it, 1st at —— and 1st at ——. Those who read the reports, do they know that "Hobnails" is stronger than ever, and that birds HE bred are the ones that are winning? Mr. Matthes is not responsible for these troubles, and is anxious for large entries at all shows; but, as Mr. Crisp says, the writing is on the wall. Let us not ignore it.

H. W. TOMSETT.

Too Much of the Same Judge.

Sir,—I don't think there is so much wrong with the members as with the principle on which our patronage is given to shows, without knowing who is the appointed judge. I think myself that one, or at most two, shows for one judge is plenty. Then we should soon see where the mystery lies as to shortage of entries. This show season we gave our patronage for cups, etc., at six shows, and one judge officiated at five out of the six! I am sure if we had had more changes, we should have seen more show secretaries with smiling faces (and exhibitors, too).

A MEMBER.

What Do Exhibitors Want?

Sir,—I quite agree that there should be a limit class of, say £5, and then it would give the ex-novice a chance, and not break his heart. What chance has he against such birds as were in the champion Norwich at the L.C.B.A. show? Only wasting his money, and so it goes on, and the enthusiastic novice dies out. Let the present novice status stand; do away with amateurs (a farce) and let him have a chance in a £5 limit class. If his bird gets claimed by the tip-top exhibitor, then the purchaser has paid for it. If the big team exhibitor (the "deck-sweeper") puts a bird in the limit class, you can bet it will not be a £20 bird, which brings his bird to a competition level with the ex-novice. It has been a grievance too long, and it is quite time the "back-bone of the Fancy's" appeal was taken notice of, ere too late.

C. S. MARTIN.

Do Some Novices Exceed the Limit?

Sir,—They want fair play, especially in the novice section. I was very successful during the members' and young stock shows. With only about three pairs of birds I bred eight good ones, and was more than pleased with myself. I sent to one open show early in the season, and never had a card. This did not dishearten me, until I heard about a fancier paying "£20 for those three, and £5 for that hen." On trying at further shows in the Midlands I found this same exhibitor (not a breeder), although winning about six firsts, still showed as a novice. Why? A member of the leading specialist club in the Midlands, he was out for the cup, and the shows accepting this specialist club's support were obliged to make him a novice, although the first important rule in schedule was: "A novice is one who has won one first in open champion class, or three firsts in open novice." I find other exhibitors, novices, won 1st at West Bromwich. I understood from the secretary that made them champions, having taken twelve years to win their third in open competition. I was staggered to find the same people in the novices at Birmingham (another 1st) and now two 1sts at Walsall. I ask, is this fair to the genuine novice? Does it encourage him to show? We see in reports: The novice classes full again. I am afraid, especially in the Midlands, they will soon be empty.

FRED LEONARD.

A Blackbird that Dined on Fish!

Sir,—During the summer I caught some minnows in a burn. I brought them home and put them into a tub of water in the garden, below the hose tap. I noticed very soon afterwards that they were gradually disappearing in some mysterious way. One day I discovered a Blackbird sitting on the edge of the tub, watching them, and whenever one swam near the surface the bird made a dive, caught it, and flew away with it. This is how my minnows disappeared one by one, for I saw the Blackbird several times afterwards doing the same towards those left.

JAMES MUNRO.

What is a Natural-coloured Bird?

Sir,—A year or so ago, an eminent Border Fancy breeder exhibited some of his Borders at a show, and was disqualified—or should I say his birds were?—for alleged colour feeding. A short correspondence followed: at least, the exhibitor wrote denying the soft impeachment, while, if I remember aright, the judge observed that silence which is golden. In his denials, the exhibitor admitted giving his Borders nasturtium flowers but held that such things, being only flowers, were natural colouring elements. Now suppose we examine the case thoroughly. What is colour food? That is what is the cool pepper we supply to our birds as a colour producing factor? It is the fruit of the same order as the tomato belongs to; the nasturtium is of the natural order, Geraniacæ. Both these colouring agents are from common plants, only from one the fruit is used, while from the other we use the flower. Now doesn't it seem strange that if we use the colouring element from one plant, our birds are colour fed, while if we use the colouring agent of the other plant we are allowed to call them natural fed? Suppose we were to gather a large quantity of nasturtium flowers, and by some process crush them in such a way that all the moisture was evaporated, and nothing but the colouring matter remained, concentrated and in powder form, and we fed our birds with that, would our birds be natural coloured? I will put it another way. Suppose we have two flights of Canaries side by side. In one flight we drop some plants of the nasturtium, and they eat the flowers. Those birds, according to the Border exhibitor, are non-colour-fed. In the other flight we drop some plant of the Capsicum, which bears our colour food, and the birds eat the pods. If we take the popular opinion, the birds which eat the Capsicum pods will be colour fed. But where is the difference? Both sets of birds are eating parts of two separate kinds of plants, known to be colour producers; then, to any logical mind, surely both sets of birds must be colour fed. We will take the judge's view. Say he has a class of clear yellows before him. Certain birds in this class have colour of a deeper tone than the others. It may be only just perceptible (these natural colour enthusiasts know how far to go) but the judge knows that they have had something the others haven't. How is he to know that they have only had nasturtium flowers? And even if he does know, he also knows that the nasturtium flower is a colour producer, just the same as the capsicum, only in a lesser degree. Does he not do quite right by disqualifying all birds which had their natural colour deepened?

SUB ROSA.

Correspondence continued overleaf.

"Cage Birds" Picture Puzzle.



Can You Solve It? HALF-GUINEA CASH FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPETITOR.

The "Jig-saw" picture above hides in its jumbled-up pieces two British birds. A cash prize of half a guinea is waiting for the reader who cuts out the pieces and pastes them on a sheet of paper or cardboard so as to produce the original picture of this couple before it was cut and jumbled up. The key to the correct arrangement of the pieces (as given by our artist) is locked in the Editor's desk. In the event of no reader correctly solving this puzzle, the prize will go to the effort which comes nearest the said key-picture; should two or more readers be correct, the prize will go to the one who sends in the most neatly arranged attempt.

In solving this puzzle, every jumbled piece appearing on the drawing must be utilised—any picture sent in which is made up of less than the said number, or to which extra pieces have been added, will be disqualified.

All solutions should be sent packed flat, with the full name and address of the competitor clearly written at the foot, and be posted to reach CAGE BIRDS Offices (154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.) not later than first post Friday, Jan. 2nd, when the competition closes. The Editor's decision will be final.

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Pentrebach and Pontypridd Shows.

The Other Side of the Matter.

Sir,—In the letter from Mr. A. E. Brown, sec. of the Pentrebach Society, the tone is so prejudicial and the allegations seem to be so grave, that I cannot allow it to go by unchallenged, and especially as to the part referring to my action as secretary of the South Wales and Mon Federation. Anyone not acquainted with the facts of Pontypridd changing its date and also those who were not present at the annual meeting of the Federation would take it for granted that I had most grossly abused my position as secretary of this body, and, if true, I would deserve to be instantly expelled from that body. Mr. Brown in his first sentence states: "I regret having to take this step," etc. Now, Mr. Brown, I generally call a spade a spade, and I do not believe that you regret writing the epistle, which you have, as far as I know, sent to six papers. I do not know how many more. Your letter is as full of prejudice and bad blood as it is possible to be, simply because we at Pontypridd altered our date this year, and it happened to be the day before your show. The facts of the case are as follow: In the beginning of this year I wrote Mr. E. Ll. Simon, Pembroke, a vice president of the Federation, on some matters connected with that body. Mr. Simon is also a prominent member of the Pembroke Society; and in my letter I asked him if he could influence his society in becoming affiliated to the Federation. At that time I did not know the address and name of secretary. In his reply he pointed out that Pembroke and Pontypridd held their shows on the same day, and unless some arrangement could be made to alter that he did not believe it would be any advantage to Pembroke to become affiliated. He stated that they had tried several dates, but the first Wednesday in December seemed to be the one which suited them. At a meeting of my society I brought this matter forward, and it was decided that if I thought by altering our date it was likely that Pembroke would join the Federation, they were agreeable to do so, and consequently we altered the date to a week previous, November 26. Result, adding another society to the Federation. The date, however, was altered subject to the consideration of the Federation, and its annual meeting was held May 12, at Swansea, and all dates of affiliated societies considered. Before this meeting we advertised our date in your paper, and a little time after I received a letter from Mr. Brown objecting to this alteration, and considered it was a matter for the Federation. At the annual meeting I, as secretary, brought Mr. Brown's letter of objection before the representatives and I stated the reason of Pontypridd altering the date. I may say that though this meeting was a very important one, as dates were to be fixed, etc., and it seemed to seriously affect the Pentrebach Society, that society was not represented. The matter was discussed, and it was unanimously decided that Pontypridd should have the date of November 26, and it was also stated, not only by some of the representatives, but by the president himself, that they considered it would really be an advantage to Pentrebach. I may also mention that two or three societies had also selected the same date as Pentrebach, but these were overruled. These are the facts of the case. It must be remembered that the Federation is composed of about 30 societies, and it is impossible to have one show a week in our area from September to January. I do not know how Mr. Brown would alter this. At our last annual meeting we only in one case failed to avoid the clashing of two societies, and actually prevented about a dozen societies from clashing. Yet Mr. Brown states "If things are allowed to go on like this the sooner the Federation falls the better!" Mr. Brown says that owing to Pontypridd holding their show a day before Pentrebach the latter resulted in a failure. I am sorry to hear that their show was a failure, and I cannot account for Pontypridd being the cause of it. On the day Pentrebach held their show there were ten other shows. Result, Pentrebach failure. On the day Pontypridd held their show there were twenty shows, including Bristol, and Lord Tredegar's. Result, success for Pontypridd. How do you account for this Mr. Brown? At our annual meeting of the Federation Mr. W. G. Camden recommended, after we had been awarded the date of November 26, that I should insert in my schedule that exhibits entered for both shows would be sent in time for Pentrebach. This I did, also advertised the fact in several paragraphs sent to the Press. Did you do anything of this kind Mr. Brown? I do not think so. It is true there were a few mistakes made with regard to exhibits sent to your show, but not anything like you appear to make out. It is practically impossible for you to paint us blacker than you have attempted to do with regard to these exhibits; you say in nearly every case Pentrebach labels were not attached. On all the exhibits going out of our hall the night of the show to your show the carrier to the T.V.R. Station *wrote* on each label as I called out, "carriage paid," or "carriage forward"; he will bear me out in that. Again, the booking clerk will also say that all exhibits sent to Pentrebach had the labels properly addressed and fixed. If you dispute this fact, I can refer you to Mr. Hurford, T.V.R. Stationmaster, Pontypridd, and he will no doubt substantiate my statements. There must have been some wholesale wickedness occur for you to receive same in such a state; it is beyond my comprehension how they went to you at all. You state, again, that you received a postcard from me re bird missing; you received this postcard on the 28th, you say. With regard to this postcard, Mr. Brown, you have paid me a great compliment. At night of our show one of the stewards thought a cage bird was missing. After I arrived home from the hall about 1 a.m., I wrote that postcard, and posted same on the morning of the 27th. Fortunately, this was "another mistake" on the part of the steward; there was no bird missing. I am sure those who have read Mr. Brown's letter will have read between the lines that there must be something beyond the few mistakes made before a secretary would write in such a strain of another and his society, but I am sure, sir, that with all our faults and with Mr. Brown's intention we will outlive these unfair remarks of Mr. Brown.

A. A. Gordon McLucas.
Sec. Pontypridd F. & F. Soc.

THE DISQUALIFIED YORKSHIRE AT HALIFAX SHOW.

A Reply from the President of the Council.

Sir,—As President of the Y.U. Council may I ask you kindly to allow me space in your valuable paper to put before your readers the case of the disqualified Yorkshire at Halifax Show from our standpoint? I should not have troubled you, sir, had it not been for the fact that Mr. House in his last letter appearing in Cage Birds, December 6, goes rather too far in his abuse of the Council and tries to throw ridicule upon the delegates. Now, sir, with your permission, I propose to commence with the case as it has presented itself to me from the evening of the first day of Halifax Show. Mr. Ross, one of the show officials, informed me that Mr. House had disqualified a green marked yell. hen belonging to Messrs. Ogden Bros. for alleged trimming. He showed me the bird but I failed to find anything wrong with it; he then told me to examine its eyes. I did so and still could discern nothing amiss except that the bird was very full of pen feather about the face and head. There were several of us about, but no one could find evidences of plucking. Mr. Ross informed me that there was a distinct bare place just above the eye markings on the right eye; he had seen it in Mr. House's hand in the morning. Mr. Robertshaw, Mr. Macpherson, and Mr. Clegg also saw the bare place at the same time. On the Saturday, as you are aware, there was a special meeting of the Council called for the purpose of dealing with the disqualification, a report of which appeared in Cage Birds the following week. Your readers and yourself would find on perusing the report that Mr. House was asked to show to myself and Mr. Hill the bare place upon the bird's head. He caught the bird, examined it, replaced it in its cage, and then made the bold statement that it was not the bird he had disqualified the day previous. After looking at the bird for a few seconds he said this bird was not marked in the same way as the one he disqualified, this having no markings in front of the eyes, whilst the other one had. Now, sir, do you not think that it was rather late on in the day to say that the bird had been changed, and that the eye markings were different? Why did he not make those statements before handling the bird? Surely he could see the marking of the bird whilst it was in the show cage; also, why did he not tell Mr. Hill earlier in the afternoon that the bird they were both looking at together was not the bird he had disqualified instead of pointing out to Mr. Hill the position of the bare place where he said the feathers had been plucked. No, sir, Mr. House had been too long in finding out that the bird had been changed for us to be convinced that he was not making a mistake. Mr. Towers said he thought it was absurd to think of the bird being changed during the show, and I think he echoed the thoughts of most of the delegates present. After the meeting Mr. House was very dissatisfied with its findings; said the Council had exonerated everybody but the judge, and him they had made into a liar. He somehow made Mr. Ross, Mr. Macpherson, and Mr. Robertshaw think the Council had made them into liars. As a matter of fact their evidence was never questioned; they were believed implicitly as to their having seen a bare place on the bird's head on the Friday. On the Saturday Mr. House failed to find the bare place, consequently they failed to see it. But it was there, Mr. Editor, all the time; the rather poor light in the room being responsible for Mr. House's failure, in my opinion. Now, sir, seeing that there was some little discontent with the findings of the Council I was invited to take charge of the bird for a few weeks to see how it turned out. I did so, and the first thing I noticed upon unpacking the bird on the Sunday morning was the white tipped feather mentioned by Mr. Macpherson at the meeting. I asked him to come and have a look at the bird, which he did on the Tuesday following at noon. I asked him if he thought it was the same bird which Mr. House had disqualified and he said it looked like it; there was the white tipped feather, could I show him the bare place? I caught the bird in my hand and turned the feather up just above the eye marking on the right eye and there was a distinct bare place about a quarter of an inch long and an eighth of an inch wide. Mr. Macpherson then said he was of the opinion that it was the same bird that Mr. House had disqualified. I also turned the feather up on the left side of the bird's head and there again was a distinct bare place. I then examined one or two of my own birds and found the bare places in every case of a bird with pen feather about the head. I had Mr. Clegg to see the bird and he was of the same opinion; several others of our members came to look at the bird with a view to reporting at a special meeting of the Halifax O.S. to be held Nov. 15, to discuss the case. We had the bird at the meeting and we also had Mr. House; someone had informed him of the meeting so he had come along to assist us. The various members of the committee gave their reports as to having seen the bird examined, and expressed the opinion that the bare places were natural. Mr. Macpherson also stated to the meeting the opinion he had expressed to me as to its being the same bird. We also had a very long speech from Mr. House, in the course of which he told the meeting that when he had judged the class to which this bird belonged he rather suspected that owing to its nice eye markings and what he knew of the even marks of the olden times that it had been trimmed; he therefore caught it in his hand, turned up the feathers, found the bare place. He felt that mad and angry, he said, to think that anybody in Yorkshire should try to get the better of him, so he disqualified it. He also denied that it was natural for a bird to have bare places on its head, as he asserted that the feathers grow all over. Now, I think all breeders of Canaries will have seen how the feathers grow on a bird's head, as it is very noticeable whilst they are getting their first set of feathers. The bare places show on the youngsters in the nest until the feather grows long enough to hide them. Mr. House was asked to catch and examine the bird, but would not do so. Asked if it was the same bird we had before the Council he said that without handling it he thought it was. I wonder why, after hearing all the evidence, he refused to handle the bird. On November 22 there was a meeting of the Y.U. Council, a report of which appeared in your issue of Nov. 29, also an editorial note in which you state that in no rule can you find anything to give us authority to alter a judge's decision, and you quote Rule 6 which says: "The decision of the judge shall be final, unless it can be proved—" etc. That rule refers to the prizes or cards awarded by the judge, which cannot be altered unless an objection is laid and proved to the satisfaction of the committee. It does not refer to a disqualification by the judge (a point, this, which I should have thought would be quite clear to anyone) therefore it has no bearing on the case. Rule 8, quoted by you, states: "Any exhibitor who shall be disqualified at any show held under the rules of the Union for fraudulent practices shall forfeit—etc. Such disqualification must be reported to the Union Sec., to be dealt with by the Council." Now, sir, I think you will agree with me that any fair-minded person will not consider that an exhibitor shall be deemed to be disqualified on the bare statement by the judge that in his opinion a bird has been tampered with, and he has disqualified it. I think you will see the vast difference between the disqualification of an exhibit and an exhibitor, the judge disqualifies the exhibit and some higher authority deals with the exhibitor. Surely Mr. House will agree that before punishing an exhibitor he must be proved guilty of fraudulent practice, and not the victim of an error of judgment. Rule 9, quoted by you, gives the power to a show committee to deal with a case of this kind, and also to punish an exhibitor in accordance with these rules. It also gives power to an exhibitor to appeal to the Council of the Union against the committee's decision. The Halifax Show Committee, however, did not deal with this case; they never attempted to do so. The judge's disqualification was sent to the Union Sec., and the Halifax Sec., engaged the room for the Council meeting. Under these circumstances I think there is no question as to Rule 8 being violated by the Council. The above rules occur in our Show Rules and Regulations. Will you kindly allow me to quote Rule 26 of the General Rules: "Should any circumstances arise at any show requiring the immediate deliberations of the Council the Show Sec. shall call a meeting of members of the Council who may be present at the show, but not less than five societies in the Union shall be represented to form a quorum." Did not this case require immediate deliberation? And now to Mr. House's abusive letter: He says after quoting resolution passed by the Council at Bradford that were it not so serious a matter it would be almost laughable. The Council have now decided that in addition to him being incompetent and a liar, he is also blind. Let me say here I have never heard a single delegate, either inside or outside the Council, charge Mr. House with being a liar or being blind; but I think he must have an abnormal bump of self-estimation, as he seems to think it impossible for himself to make a mistake. As to his statement that the delegates never saw the bird that he disqualified, when does he suggest the change took place? Did it take place previous to the show being opened to the public? It must have if Mr. House is correct that none of us have seen the bird. That statement is a direct insult and charge against the Halifax Show Committee in my opinion. I will now conclude by referring to the last paragraph of his letter. He appears to be desirous that we should hear some more evidence. I should not press too much for it if I were in his place; he pressed for evidence from a member of the Union before and when he got it through your column, sir, it rather staggered him. I refer to the letter of Mr. R. Sutcliffe.

H. W. Walsh.

[We can only repeat with all respect that in our opinion the Yorkshire Union exceeded its powers in dealing with this case in the way they did. Their show rule, Number 6, says most distinctly "The decision of the judge shall be final" except in certain contingencies, none of which arises in this case. Rule 9 distinctly says the "Committee" must first deal with the case, not the Council. And we can only regard it is a regrettable precedent that the Council should attempt to justify a clear breach of their own show rules by any reference to their general rules. Into the question as to whether Mr. House was right or wrong we do not care to enter. But rules are rules, and it will be an ill day for the Fancy when ruling powers disregard their own regulations for any purpose, however laudable. Finally, may we point out that the General Rule, No. 26, referred to by Mr. Walsh gives the Council no power whatever to upset Show Rule 6, or any other show rule for that matter? It merely gives the show sec. power to call the Council together to deliberate. Their powers of decision after deliberation are specified in Show Rule No. 8.—Editor "C.B."]

The Keighley Society's View of the Matter.

Sir,—The Keighley and Dis. Cage Bird Society, after discussing the Halifax disqualification case, passed a vote of confidence in Mr. C. A. House, and came to the following decision, which they communicate to you: That it is our opinion that the rules of the Yorkshire Union have been broken; also that the action of the Council in the case was illegal; and we call upon them to correct that action, in order that justice may be done. The meeting also hopes that other societies will voice their opinion on the matter, which in our opinion is a serious one. Our decision was come to by reading the evidence of the four officials of the Halifax Society, and we are of opinion that had a novice been placed in the same position, he would have fared worse.

C. W. Town, sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

OUR THIRD LIST OF WINNERS OF HALF-SOVEREIGNS.

Have You Had Yours? Cash at the Palace? **Are You Wanting Some of the £100 It Costs You Only 6d. to Try for it!**

WE have pleasure in publishing below the third list of fanciers who have been successful in annexing 10s. cash specials in our Coupon Championship Competition This is up-to-date, so far as we have received signed lists of awards from the various secretaries. Now that the pressure of show reports on our space is relaxing somewhat, we shall hope to find a vacant page in one of our next two issues to publish a complete list of the winners of our diplomas. We trust that secretaries who have not as yet sent us complete lists of the judge's awards at their shows will do so at once.

Last week we published a list of the splendid specials we are offering at the Crystal Palace show for competition amongst winners of Diplomas. We should like to see all our exhibiting readers join in this competition. There are still excellent opportunities of securing the necessary Diploma—in itself an artistic and valuable prize. Here are the forthcoming Diploma shows—good classification and good chances at all:—

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, Scottish National.
Jan. 3 and 9, Bangor (Ireland).
Jan. 10, Doncaster.
Jan. 13, Llanelly.
Jan. 20 and 21, Boscombe (Bournemouth).

Schedules can be obtained from the respective secretaries (note the show adverts. this week on page 535).

THIRD LIST OF 10s. CASH SPECIAL WINNERS AT COUPON SHOWS.

[Lists No. 1 and No. 2 appeared in our issues of Nov. 8 and 29, respectively.]

GLASGOW.—N.—Wm. Gunning, Crown Hotel, Slamannan.

ABERTILLERY.—N.—Mrs. E. Price, Ivor Villa, Manordilo, Carm.

BOURNEMOUTH.—C.—J. Broad, Groffman, White Hill, Bordon, Hants. N.—H. Harris, Rosary Villa, Evelyn Rd., Winton.

LEYTON.—C.—R. L. Crisp, 50, Elm Park Rd., Chelsea, S.W. N.—J. Wyatt, 63, Boyd Rd., Canning Town.

NOTTINGHAM.—C.—G. A. White, Wellington Square, Nottingham. N.—G. W. Boaler, 21, Melton Rd., West Bridgford.

COWDENBEATH.—C.—R. J. Heggie, 27, McLellan St., Mount Florida, Glasgow. N.—J. McIvor, Mungall St., Lumphinnans, Fife.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—C.—J. Taylor, Shildon (full address wanted). N.—J. Wilson, 31, Sutton St., Norton, Malton, Yorks.

CARDIFF.—C.—E. J. Lamb, Alverstone, Thetford Rd., New Malden, Surrey. N.—D. Raymond, 81, Mardy St., Cardiff.

PRESTON.—C.—W. P. Barnes, 23a, London Rd., Grantham. N.—J. Davies, 18, Skipton St., Tonge, Bolton.

FROME.—C.—G. W. Saunders, Thursby Hall, Farnham Lane, Haslemere, Surrey. N.—F. Sampson, 28, Nutgrove Avenue, Victoria Park, Bedminster.

COCKERMOUTH.—C.—J. and R. Lewis, Workington (full address wanted). N.—J. C. Johnston, Chesterhill (full address wanted).

WEST STANLEY.—C. J. Armstrong, 11, Northgate, Annfield Plain. N.—G. Bates, 7, Rose Avenue, South Moor.

BRISTOL.—C.—F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria St., Barnstaple. N.—W. J. Norman (address wanted).

FORRES.—C.—Wm. Campbell, 36, Elgin Rd., Lossiemouth, N.B. N.—P. Maclean, 1b, South St., Forres, N.B.

BIRMINGHAM.—C.—J. A. Smith, St. Ives, Chester Rd., Erdington, B'ham. N.—Messrs. Gough and Loach, 32, Humber Rd., Wolverhampton.

GLASGOW.—C.—E. Barron, 119, Montrose St., Glasgow. N.—Wm. Steele, 19, Govanhill St., Glasgow.

THRUMS.—C.—G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St., Brechin. N.—D. Paton, 21, Bank St., Kirriemuir.

TREDEGAR.—C.—D. Edwards, 566, Corporation Rd., Newport, Mon. N.—W. R. Lewis, Panteg House, Charles St., Tredegar.

CRAMLINGTON.—C.—R. Hancox, North Seaton Colliery, Northumb. N.—W. Thurston, 22, Lamb St., East Cramlington, Northumb.

TIDESWELL.—C.—W. N. Turner, 3a, Percival St., Hightown, Manchester. N.—J. A. Lomas, Litton, Buxton.

ARBROATH.—C.—J. Craig, 6, High St., Brechin. N.—J. Black, 111, River St., Brechin.

DUBLIN.—C.—D. E. Alexander, Bangor, Co. Down. N.—R. McKeone, Harcourt Terrace, Dublin.

WALSALL.—C.—A. J. Smith, "St. Ives," Chester Rd., Erdington, B'ham. N.—J. Fessey (full address required).

LONDON C.B.A.—C.—Mrs. C. Middleton, Lynwood, West Avenue, Exeter. N.—F. J. Wallace, 240, High St., Stratford, E.

BRADFORD WEST.—C.—H. H. Towers, 8, Colne Rd., Glusburn, near Keighley. N.—H. Chew, 52, Woodside Avenue, Burley, Leeds.

What Others Think of Our Diplomas.

I received the Diploma won at Kelty Show, and feel very proud at being the possessor. It is an honour worth having in more ways than one, and I thank you for your valuable gift.—John Thomson (Kirkcaldy).

Received Diploma all right, and I think it is very beautiful.—Wm. Scott (Coatbridge).

Many thanks for Diploma of Honour won at Ramsgate. It is beautifully finished.—W. Dell (Bromley).

Received Diploma, with which I am very well pleased.—C. E. Lloyd (Earlston).

Received Diploma; very artistic work, and well worth competing for. — H. Simmonds (London, S.W.).

Many thanks for novice Diploma I won at Nottingham Show, being my first time out at a big show. I am quite delighted with it, for I think it is grand.—W. G. Smith (Finedon).

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All who intend entering Coupon birds at these shows must do so under these conditions:—CAGE BIRDS offers the following Championship Competition prizes:—

10s. cash for best champion coupon bird.
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Diplomas of honour for the best champion and the best novice coupon birds in each of the following sections; or in as many of these sections as are included in the classification:—

(1) Yorkshire Canaries.
(2) Norwich.
(3) Crests & Creetbreds.
(4) Border Fancies.
(5) Scotch Fancies and Belgians.
(6) Greens.
(7) Lancs. and Lizards.
(8) Any Other Variety Canary.
(9) Mules & Hybrids.
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TWITTERINGS—Continued.

Prize-money Paid.

We hear that prize-money has been paid in respect of the following shows. Anyone overlooked should apply to the various secretaries: Birmingham, Luton, London C.B.A., Tong, Brighton, Tredegar, Hastings and St. Leonards, Preston, Auchterarder.

At Malton Show.

If fanciers wish to send their exhibits on Dec. 24, or Xmas Day, to Malton show, held Dec. 26, I will guarantee to look after them writes Mr. Jas. Wilson, the Sec. Malton has a good railway connection, and fanciers need not be afraid of sending their most valuable birds. I am a well-known fancier and exhibitor, and will attend to all birds which come before the morning of show.

Off to South Africa.

I have just despatched birds to South Africa, writes Mr. W. N. Turner (Manchester). My customer informs me he receives CAGE BIRDS every week, and it is through my many wins reported in your paper he decided to purchase from me, which proves what a huge success as an advertising medium for the Fancy your paper must be. I hope the birds will take such a big journey safely, and wish your paper continued success.

Clapham's Next Venture.

To Colonial Fanciers.

The manager of the Crystal Palace Show, Mr. J. W. Ramsden (11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton) informs us that he will be pleased to send a copy of the catalogue of the forthcoming show free to any fancier in the Colonies who applies to him for one, providing, of course, that he has sufficient catalogues left over at the conclusion of the show to allow of this being done. All catalogues will be sent off strictly in the rotation in which the applications are received by him.

LANCASTER C.B.S.

Fifteenth annual show held Nov. 21 and 22 in Market Hall Coffee Tavern, with over 300 exhibits. Norwich and Yorks. were good, many birds having won in open competition. Hybrids and Mules numbered 14 in their class, and were a very nice lot. Messrs. P. Alexander's and Fisher's birds being exceptionally good. Two Linnet Bullies, one Gold Bullie and a Greenfinch-Redpoll all young birds. Cafferty and Son won the challenge rose bowl outright, T. Swainson Norwich cup, Cafferty and Son Yorks. cup, T. P. Alexander Brit. cup, W. E. Wilson Bord. medal, J. Taylor nov. medal. Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington, judged and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Johnson; 2, c, Hawthornthwaite and Son; 3, 4, vhc, Swainson; hc, Hoyle. BUFF: 1, Hawthornthwaite and Son; 2, Hoyle; 3, 4, vhc, Swainson; hc, Mercer. HEN: 1, 4, vhc, Hoyle; 2, Hawthornthwaite and Son; 3, hc, Swainson; c, Whalley. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Hoyle; 2, Johnson; 3 4, hc, Hawthornthwaite and Son; c, Whalley. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Mulliner; 2, 3, Gradwell; vhc, c, Cafferty and Son; hc, Mercer. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Cafferty and Son; 4, Bostock; vhc, hc, Mason. HEN: 1, 3, Cafferty and Son; 2, vhc, Mason; 4, hc, Bostock; c, Gradwell. UNFLIG.: 1, 4, vhc, Cafferty and Son; 2, Mulliner; 3, c, Mason; hc, Bostock. CINN. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Hawthornthwaite and Son; vhc Swainson. BUFF: 1, 2, Swainson; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Hawthornthwaite and Son. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Swainson; 2, 4, hc, c, Hawthornthwaite and Son. YELL. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Wilson; 4, vhc, hc, Mulliner. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Johnson; vhc, Mulliner. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 4, Swainson; 3, Bostock. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, Alexander; 3, 4, c, Fisher; hc, Whalley. LINNET, REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, 3, hc, c, Alexander; 2, Bostock; 4, Whalley; vhc, Fisher. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Alexander; 3, Hoyle. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, Fisher; vhc, hc, Alexander. NOV. NOR. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Radcliff; 3, Johnson; 4, vhc, hc, Whiteside; c, Winn. BUFF: 1, Tayler; 2, Whiteside; 3, Radcliff; 4, Winn; vhc, hc, Johnson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Harrison and Son; 4, Winn. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Harrison and Son; 4, Winn. GIFT: 1, Swainson; 2, Bostock; 3, Gradwell; 4, Hawthornthwaite and Son. T. Swainson wins Sandiford's medal, H. Hoyle Ramsden's medal.—J. Bostock, hon. sec.

EAST STANLEY.

With an entry double that of last year, and a nice show of quality, the fixture promoted by the Stanley Empire Workmen's Club, and held Nov. 22nd, may well be described as a success. Canary cup for most points with three nominated birds fell to Mr. Robinson, the popular sec., with 19 points, but he was closely pressed by Mr. Bates, 18. British bird cup for two nominated birds went to Mr. Gowland, 14 points, Mr. Boyle coming second with 13 Special for worst bird in the show fell to Mr. Edmunds. The birds were nicely staged, and their needs were well attended to by a most excellent lot of stewards. Mr. Robinson made a most courteous and energetic sec., and he received a helping hand from that good fancier and well known West Stanley official, Mr. Elliott. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (11): 1, sp, Goodchild, very rich eol., lovely silky feather, stout head and chest, heavily mkd. yell.; 2, c, Hunter, very shapely yell., nice col., not quite so tight in feather; 3, Emmerson, good qual. buff, nice head, chest and back, well mealed, captal col., had been washing; 4, vhc, Clarke. HEN (11): 1, Peart, charming eye tkd. yell., rare shape and style, very short wings and tail; 2, Armin, lovely qual. buff, neat, shapely body, nice col., on the small side; 3, hc, Goodchild, rare shaped buff, nice qual., good head, wings and tail, not so fit; 4, Teasdale; vhc, Clarke; c, Emmerson. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Lane, neat stylish yell., lovely head, back, wings and tail; 2nd, charming buff, close and silky in feather, grand carr.; 3, Moston, shapely, good bodied yell., not so fit; 4, hc, Teasdale; vhc, Goodchild; c, Robinson. Hen (6): 1, 3, 4, Lane; 1st, smart, stylish, well shaped yell.; 3rd, eve and wing tkd buff, nice qual. and style, not so slim; 2, vhc Teasdale, nice shaped, stylish buff, not quite so smart and clean in feather. BORD. (12): 1, 2, 3, Bates, 1st, smart little buff, lovely feather, neat head, wings and tail, full of style; 2nd, wing tkd yell., wonderful style and qual., nice col., in rare form, but on the large side; 3rd, rare shaped wing tkd. buff, grandly feathered, not so steady; 4, Shaw; vhc, Purvis; hc, Curry; c, Clarke. HEN (12): 1, 2, 3, Bates, again a clean sweep; 1st, lovely little cl. yell., sweet head, capital wings and tail, close, compact feather, rare style; 2nd, grand bodied, stylish buff, just a trifle flat in head, neat wings and tail; 3rd, hardly so well balanced in wings and tail; 4, Curry; vhc, no name; hc, Peart, c, Hopper. NON-FED (13): 1, Atherton, grizzle capped yell. Nor., grand shape and feather, very nicely shown; 2, Hall, stout, shapely, well feathered buff Nor.; 3, hc, Piper, heavily varieg. yell. Nor., stout, shapely body, not so neat in head; 4, Gowland; vhc, Clarke; c, Peart. HEN (6): 1, Edmunds, very smart buff Nor., grand head, wings and tail, rare feather and style; 2, Conlson, grandly feathered, good bodied buff Nor., not so shapely in head; 3, Peart, rare headed, good chested buff Nor., nice qual., a bit soft; 4, Hunter; vhc, Piper; hc, Goodchild. BRED 1913 (8): 1, sp, 2nd best in show, Gowland, rare shaped yell. Nor., lovely col., grand silky feather, capital wings and tail; 2, Robinson, very sound coloured yell. Cinn., nice head, good shape and style, capital feather; 3, Clarke, stout, shapely buff Nor., nice qual.; 4, Peart; vhc, Lane; hc, Goodchild; c, Hall; No. 5, Edmunds, took sp. worst bird in show. HEN (7): 1, Robinson, lovely yell. Cinn., grand col. and qual., nice shape and style; 2, Lane, very neat, stylish, well feathered buff Yorks.; 3, Gowland, shapely, nice col., good qual. varieg yell. Nor.; 4, Hunter; vhc, Clarke; hc, Hunter; c, Hall. A.O.V. (5): 1, Robinson, fine, bold, shapely, buff Cinn., excellent col., grand head, chest and shoulders, neat wings and tail, in nice form; 2, Rendle, pied yell Scots Fancy, rare shape, plenty of nerve, good wings and tail; 3, Purvis, very smart, stylish, nice coloured green Border; 4, vhc, Calvert. HEN (5): 1, Rendle, quick actioned buff Scots Fancy, grand shoulders, good drive; 2, 3, 4, Robinson, yell., buff and yell. Cinns., and a nice little team, too, full of col. and qual.; vhc, Peart. LINNET (12): 1, sp, Gowland, rich nutty col., grandly mkd., capital flights and tail, well feathered; 2, Peart, larger and rather bolder chest, capital col. and mks., feather missing over back put it back; 3, Curry, larger, bolder bird altogether, rare feather, nicely mkd., not so rich in col.; 4, Calvert; vhc, Boyle; hc, Robinson; c, Mitchell. MULES (10): 1, sp, 3, Peart, grand shaped Goldie Greenie, capital feather and style and a very smart, rich coloured varieg. yell. Goldie-Cinn.; 2, Lane, rare shaped dark buff Goldie, splendid col. and qual.; 4, Hall vhc, Emmerson hc, Boyle c Purvis. GOLDF (7): 1, Curry, grand depth of blaze, clean cut, rare shape and feather, good bars and buttons, not quite ready; 3, Hockiday, very nice body, col., and feather, smaller in blaze, 4, Emmerson vhc, Boyle, hc, Purvis. BULLF. (11): magnificent lot; 1, Gowland, beautiful H.M. bird, large deep clean cut cap, sound breast, rare shape and size, 2, hc, Armin, very rich, deep breast, fancy glossy cap, capital shape and feather; 3, Boyle, magnificent col., lovely silky feather, grand back and bars, not quite so chubby; 4, Coulson vhc, Emmerson, one of best in class, but had damaged his tail, c, Hall. GREENF. (5): 1, sp, Gowland, large, deep coloured jonque, rare wings and tail; 2, Peart, large, shapely bull, capital col., not so fit; 3, vhc, Elliott, lovely shaped bull, grand qual., but put a trifle horned in washing; 4, Curry. REDPOLL (15): 1, Calvert, most lovely body col., grandly mkd., not so rich in body col.; 3, Boyle, wonderfully rich in col., grand feather, loses in distinctness of back marking; 4, Bates; vhc, Clarke; hc, Robinson; c, Atkinson. A.O. HARDBILL (9): 1, sp, second best Brit., Lane, lovely Chaff, great depth and richness of col., rare feather and markings, in the pink of condition; 2, Boyle, large, sound col., neat feathered Hawfinch, capital tail and wings; 3, Emmerson, very handsome, rich coloured, well spangled Bramble; 4, Hall; vhc, c, Elliott; hc, Purvis. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Boyle, large, well mkd, grandly feathered Mistel Thrush, very steady; 2, vhc, Elliott, charming little Bearded Tit, capital feather, nice col., would show better in a larger cage; 3, hc, Atherton, very handsome Thrush, grand col., feather and moons; 4, Peart. FOR (7): 1, 3, c, Elliott, very pretty pair of Spice Birds, grandly mkd., lovely feather and condition; 2, Boyle, large, shapely, stylish Virginian Nightingale, capital crest, good col not quite fit; 4, Robinson; vhc, Rose; hc, Mitchell.

LEIGH.

Ninth annual show, held at the headquarters, Railway Hotel, Nov. 22 and 23, with an entry of 110. The open Linnet class was poorly patronised, only nine entries turning up for 17s. 6d. prize money. Norwich, Yorks., and Crests were very good and well staged. Mr. Collier's buff Norwich hen, taking special for best bird in show, and Mr. Hart's Crest, second best. Competition was very keen on account of the cup, and a copper kettle given by Mr. H. Taylor for most points. Mr. J. Lomas won the cup with most points gained by nominated birds at both shows, 37 points; Mr. Taylor runner-up with 36. This is the third time Mr. Taylor has been runner-up for cup, losing it twice with 1 point, and once with 2 points. Mr. Taylor scored most points through show, 46, but, owing to his not competing for the kettle and standing down to 2nd special, the kettle fell to Mr. T. Dawson with 36 points. Sp. for best, vhc, hc, and c went to J. Lomas, Gaskell Bros., and C. Wylie, respectively. Specials for most points in Nor., Yorks., Crest, and British and Mules, Dawson, W. Hulme, Lomas, and Taylor respectively. Mr. Dawson's medal and spoons for 1st and 2nd, most points in selling classes, and gift class at both shows were won by H. Taylor (8 points), 1, and T. Wilkinson (6 points), 2. Specials were kindly given by Mr. Taylor, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Keeley, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Collier, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Halsalls, Mrs. Wyatt, and Mr. Smith, all of which were appreciated and well fought for. Mr. A. Wellings, Prescott, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL CK. (11): 1, Dawson; 2, Taylor; 3, Collier; vhc, Lomas; hc, Gaskell Bros.; c, Ordish. BUFF (9): 1, Collier; 2, 3, and c, Dawson; vhc, Gaskell Bros.; hc [illegible] HEN (5): 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, hc, Dawson; 3, Collier. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Collier; 2, [illegible] 3 vhc, c, Dawson. YORKS. YELL. CK, (6): 1, 2, C. Hulme; 3, Charnock; vhc, hc, W. Hulme; c, Wylie. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, c, W. Hulme; vhc, Collier; hc, Charnock. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Collier; 2, hc, Charnock; 3, vhc, W. Hulme. BUFF (8): 1 W. Hulme; 2, Hamer; 3, Taylor; vhc, c, Charleson; hc, Charnock. CREST (7): 1, P. Hart; 2, c, Taylor; 3, vhc, hc, Lomas. CB. (7): 1, P. Hart; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Lomas. MULES (5): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Lomas; vhc, hc, Gaskell Bros. BRIT. (5): 1, Seddon; 2, hc, Hart; 3, Charleson; vhc, Gaskell Bros. GIFT (3): 1, 2, Dawson; 3 Taylor. OPEN LINNET (9): 1, 3, Brookes; 2, Ronghley; vhc Robinson; hc, Dawson; c, J. W. Jones. R. Charleson, secretary.

ATTERCLIFFE & DIST.

Eighth annual show held Vestry Hall, Nov. 22. About 200 birds were staged; quality up to the standard again. The judging was in capable hands, the awards giving general satisfaction. Messrs. Browning judged Yorks., Mr. Taylor Nor., and Mr. Fletcher Brit.

YORKS., YOUNG., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Webster; 2, vhc, hc, Blunt; 3, 4, Thornhill. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Webster; 3, Blunt; 4 vhc, Thornhill. VARIEG. (4): 1, Thornhill; 2, 3, Webster; 4, Blunt. GREEN BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Eason. HEN. YELL. (4): 1, Thornhill; 2, 3, Webster; 4, Blunt. BUFF (6): 1, 4, c, Thornhill; 2, 4, vhc, Blunt; 3, Webster. OLD BIRDS: CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, 2, 3, Webster; 4, vhc, Thornhill. VARIEG. (5): 1, 3, Webster; 2, vhc, Eason; 4, Thornhill. HEN (4): 1, 4, Webster; 2, 3, Thornhill. HEN. GREEN (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Eason. NOR., YOUNG: CL. OR TKD. BUFF (7): 1 4, vhc, Grainger; 2, 3, hc, Ridler. VARIEG. (8): 1, 4, vhc, Grainger; 2, hc, c, Ridler; 3, Hibberson. HEN. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Grainger; 3, Hibberson; hc, Havenhand. OLD BIRDS: CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Havenhand; 2, Ridler; 3, Richinson; 4, Grainger. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Havenhand; 2, Ridler; 3, Richinson. HEN (6): 1, 2, Havenhand; 3, 4, Richinson. BRIT. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (5): 1, 2, 4, Bearder; 3, Hailstone. GREENF. (7): 1, vhc, hc, Hailstone; 2, 3, 4, Green LINNET (5): 1, Hailstone; 2, Duce; 3, Bearder; 4, Ritson; vhc Dyett. LESSER REDPOLL (6): 1, 3, Green; 2, Harrison; 4, vhc, Hailstone. SISKIN (5): 1, 3, Duce; 2, Bearder. A.O.V. HARD. (6): 1 3 Duce; 2, Bearder; 4, Hailstone. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Duce; 2, 3, Ritson. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Hailstone; 2, Green. HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Duce. NOV., YORKS., YOUNG: CL. OR TKD. YELL (4): 1, 3, vhc, Exton; 2, 4, W. Dyett. VARIEG. (5): 1, 2, Palmer; 3, Hammond; 4, vhc, Dyett. GREEN YELL. (5): 1, 3, 4 vhc, Palmer; 2, Dyett. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4 Palmer. HEN. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Exton; 2 Merrill; 3, 4, vhc, Palmer. BUFF (5): 1, Exton; 2, 4, Merrill; 3, Hammond. OLD: YORKS. NOV. CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, 2, Merrill; 3, 4, Hammond; vhc, Flint. VARIEG. (3): 1, 3, Hogg; 2, Flint. GREEN: 1, 4, Palmer; 2, Dyett; 3, Hogg. HEN. YELL (5): 1, Merrill; 2, vhc, Flint; 3, 4, Palmer. HEN. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Hammond; 2, Dyett; 4 Palmer. NOV. NOR. OLD: CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, 3 Hollingsworth; 2, Flint; 4, vhc, Jones. VARIEG. BUFF (3): 1, Hollingsworth; 2, Jones; 3, Harrison. Cup winners were: Yorks., A. Thornhill; Nor. W. Grainger; Novice, Mr. Exton—W. Hailstone, Sec.

HOLIDAY NOTICE: Advertisers should read the Notice on page 536 this week.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park).

Fifth Annual Show held Victoria Rooms, Dec. 6. Keen frost prevailed, but the hall, which is well lighted on both sides, was of equable and comfortable temperature. Mr. R. Martin (Kirkintilloch) judged Crests and Nor., and Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) the remainder. All went through without a hitch, under the able and masterly hand of Mr. R. Heggie, supported by an able staff, who, like their head, followed out the work in a quiet but efficient manner, and left nothing to be desired. Quality was of a high standard, especially in Norwich and Yorks, while the Borders, Mules, and British contained some outstanding specimens. Mr. Heggie took spl. for best bird with his clear Greenie Mule, now well known; while Mr. G. McGavin, with a charming Chaffinch hen, won spl. for best Mule, Brit. or For. (cup-winning Mule debarred). Best Nor., Mr. Naismith; best Nord. or Yorks, R. Heggie. Gold medal for best unflig. Nor., and spl. for best unflig. opposite sex, R. B. Cairns. Entries came up about the same as last year, while the gate receipts were up, as also were the sales, a few of the winners changing hands at catalogue price.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 5, Jeffrey, 1st lovely col., neat, short, cobby, fine qual; 2, Munro, frequent winner, griz. cap, more massive build, in other respects the equal of leader, our choice; 3, Naismith, fine size, topping qual. and fine shade col., just trifle browy; 4, Cairns; 6, Gilmour. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Stewart, tkd. nape, lovely qual., nice subs., neat and well braced, wins, in fine cond.; 2, Edward, wing mkd., good size and nice shape, not quite so hot in col.; 3, Holliday, neatly moulded, fair subs., nice wing carr.; 4, Morgan; 5, Hardie; 6, Hunter. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Stewart, tkd. head, nice qual., fine shapely body, trifle pinched at throat; 2, J. M. Naismith, nice qual., but fails a little in subs. and wing carr.; 3, A. W. Naismith, nice nat. col., good feather, well built, just a trifle open in feather; 4, Philp; 5, Gilmour; 6, Cairns. BUFF (15): 1, Colley, cobby, fine type and qual., shapely and well filled, in rare bloom; 2, Stewart, short cobby build, fine feather, just behind in subs.; 3, Jeffrey, good exhibit, well up for subs. and type, inclined to be trifle open in feather; 4, A. W. Naismith; 5, Cairns; 6, Fulton. VAR. OR GR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Stewart, hot col., var., capital qual., not very massive, but neat and correctly built, in tip-top cond.; 2, Jeffrey, wing and neck mark, fine subs. and silky feather, inclined to cross at times; 3, Hardie, not large, but neat and shapely, in perfect feather; 4, Fulton; 5, Philp; 6, Ross. BUFF (5): 1, Stewart, wing and eye mark, lovely even col., finely mealed, fine front and good top end, in winning form; 2, 4, Colley, 2nd lightly mkd., nice subs. and qual., inclined to cross at times; 3, Morgan, heavily var., nice order, fine type and cobby build, fails only in size; 5, Fulton. VAR. OR GR. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Philp, light mkd. in fine trim, neat and shapely, the right stamp; 2, Edward, neat and cobby, finely braced together, just wants more size; 3, Bryson, neck mkd., little beauty for type and qual., only needing more subs.; 4, Fulton; 5, A. W. Naismith; 6, Hunter. BUFF (5): 1, A. W. Naismith, grizzle tail, natural col., rare silky qual. feather, nice head and neck, staged in topping condition; 2, Stewart, cheek mkd., in nice order, good size and qual., not just so close in feather; 3, Morgan, heav. var., nice type and fine qual., inclined to crouch at times; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Hunter. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK.; 1913 (5): 1, Morgan, lovely type and qual., thick-set, shapely and stylish, only fault not quite perfect in wings; 2, 5, Cairns, former nice typical exhibit, lovely cond., good qual., silky feather, neatly moulded and clean-cut, only lacks trifle in subs.; 3, Jeffrey, nice size, fine feather, in good cond., just inclined to crouch when being worked; 4, A. W. Naismith. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Cairns, leader fine subs., rare deep thick-set body, good head and neck, finely braced; 2, A. W. Naismith, typical, lovely silky feather, fine front, clean cut away, only behind in subs.; 3, Colley, nice cond., good qual., nice size, could be less feathery at thighs and bolder at top end; 5, Holliday; 6, J. M. Naismith. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN, 1913 (7): 1, spl, 4, A. W. Naismith, leader massive, tick nape, capital, broad, deep, shapely front, fine style and perfect carriage, will earn a name; 2, 3, ——, former lovely check mark, in fine plumage, nice type, beaten in subs.; 3rd rather unsteady, rare type and qual., requires more handling; 5, Cuthbert; 6, Fulton. BUFF (6): 1, A. W. Naismith, nice subs. and capital qual., could be trifle better in wings and at throat; 2, 4, Cairns, 2nd nicely braced, good style, behind in size; 3, Colley, nice qual., but bit behind in subs.; 5, Fulton; 6, Cuthbert. VAR. OR GR. CK., 1913 (3): 1, Munro, fine hot even col., var., nicely built, fine cond.; 2, Cuthbert, heavily mkd., short and neat, but unsteady when handled; 3, Fulton, nice qual., good carr., wants just a bit more subs. BUFF (6): 1, Cairns, nice size, good type and qual., fine wings and tail, might be shade broader at entrance; 2, Ross, neatly made, heavy var., nice cond., behind in subs. to leader; 3, Colley, nice close silky feather, fine front, neat carr., could be shorter behind; 4, Holliday; 5, Fulton; 6, Hunter. VAR. OR GR. YELL. HEN, 1913 (4): 1, Morgan, wing mark., in nice cond., nice size and type, neat make, might be better in wing carr.; 2, A. W. Naismith, heavy var., grand trim, neat and well braced; 3, 4, Bryson, we missed. BUFF (8): 1, Cairns, real chubby type, tight silky feather, grand carr., staged in lovely bloom; 2, Stewart, heavy var., in bard cond., capital feather, neat and shapely, nice 2nd.; 3, 5, Holliday, leader nice qual., neat and stylish, lacks subs. a bit; 4, A. W. Naismith, nice all-round exhibit, might have gone up a step. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, A. W. Naismith, fine buff, plenty subs. and type, fine feather, neat carr., wins; 2, 3, J. M. Naismith, 2nd fine, deep, level col. yell., typical and neatly made, hard up on leader; 3rd buff, nice size and qual., shapely, in fine bloom, falls in carr. to winners; 4, McCubbin, we could not find; 5, Gilmour. HEN (8): 1, A. W. Naismith, tkd. head, in the pink, fine subs. and short, cobby make; 2, Morgan, typical, cl. yell., in perfect feather, sweet type, nicely placed; 3, McCubbin, nice qual., in fine order, slimmer built; 4, J. M. Naismith; 5, Smith; 6, Munro. NON-FED CK., 1913 (1): 1, McCubbin, rather small, but neat cl. yell., cobby and in fine cond. HEN (4): 1, A. W. Naismith, grand qual. cl. buff, nice size, might be shade broader at front and neater in carr.; 2, Bryson, shade smaller, but fine qual., neat carr.; 3, Morgan, wing mkd. yell., short, neat and typical, good value for a step up; 4, Forman, nice all-round, wants subs. CREST OR C.-B. (7): 1, Robertson, broken green C.-B., plenty subs. and feather, fair, good skull and entrance, wet when we saw it; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, McKinnon, nice team, in good feather and cond. DITTO. 1913 (3): Another trio from the McKinnon stud, nicely staged. NOV. CAN. (7): 1, spl, Culhbert, nice cobby cl. buff, fine level col. and meal, well filled, typical, wins, spanking cond.; 2, 3, Hardie, good qual., typical, latter not so massive or good at top end; 4, 5, 6, Smith. DITTO, 1913 (10): 1, Hardie, dark tail, yell., perfect feather, shade small side; but neat and shapely, wins; 2, 3, 6, Robertson, leader good all-round buff, 3rd nice clear yell., nicely staged; 4, Galbraith; 5, Lockhart. A.O.V. (1): 1, Steel, small buff Cinn. of the Nor. persuasion, in nice feather, can do with more subs. OPEN NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Barron, leader yell. var., nice subs., short, thick-set, well braced, tight feather, in top trim; 2, Maxwell, cl. yell., fine type, lovely texture feather, neat and good; 3, Crawford, cl. yell, nice size and type, good qual., inclined to cross a trifle at times; 5, Thomson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Barron, leader green, grand youngster, West of Scotland winner, faultless cond., fine broad front, short and cobby built, neat and thick-set; 2nd cl. buff, nice cond., good silky feather, nice size and style, not the clubbiness of leader; 3, Crawford, var. buff, fine qual. feather, nice size, well filled at top end, good head, nice carr.; 4, Maxwell; 5, Houston; 6, Thomson.

BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Steel, good one, grand shape, rare feather, shade flat on head; 2, A. Steel, showy, good style, and action; 3, Deans, fails in feather, nice type. BUFF (6): 1, Philip, real good one, fine size and weight, good front and head, rare style, lovely order, clear win; 2, Deans, fine body, extra good front and head, falls in feather; 3, vhc, J. R. Steel, grand feather and finish, good front, loses in head; hc, e, A. Steel. VARIEG. GR. OR CINN. (5): 1, vhc, Philip, sweet yell. cinn., grand type, lovely head and front, good col., and markings; 2, 3, J. R. Steel, sweet variegs., fine qual. of feather, and grand shape, rather heavily mkd.; 3 good markings, loses in type and finish; hc, A. Steel. CL. OR TKD. YELL., 1913 (3): 1, 2, Deans, good one, lovely shape and style, shade small in build, 2 good qual. and style, beaten in feather; 3, J. R. Steel, nice stamp, fails in finish. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, sp. best Yorks., Heggie, leader a gem of a cl., "C.B." diploma, buff, rare length, and lovely order, good foul yell., lengthy, shade soft, 3 grand buff, beaten in length, all in fine trim; hc, Steel; c, Ross. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Heggie, sweet yell. leading, grand length, nice buff, and lengthy yell., fails in feather; hc, Peters, c, Steel. VARIEG. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Heggie, raking yell., rare length, 2 buff, about equal, fine head and front, A1 feather, 3 buff, good trim, beaten in finish; hc, Steel. CL., TKD. OR VARIEG. CK., 1913 (5): 1, 2, 3, Heggie, long, raking yell., rare cut, grand head and front, 2 close up, scarcely the length, all there for feather, 3 beaten in front, fine style, three bot ones; res, vhc, Peters; hc, Ross. HEN (8): 1, 3, vhc, Heggie, grand varied, great length, splendid front and head, well drawn, 3 yell., sweet one, a shade small; 2, "C.B." diploma, Steel, extra good buff, rare shower, grand qual. of feather, shade long, and would make a stormer; hc, Ross; c, Peters. A.O.V. (1): 1, Steel, grand buff cinn., lovely order. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, vhc, be, Heggie, leader, grand cl., Greenie, rare size and fine order, shows the cross well, wins cap for best in show; 2, McGavin, lovely Redpoll-Greenie, sweet size and shape, grand col. and qual. of feather, good one, well placed; 3, c, Peters, real good Dark Linnet, fine size, and well mkd., grand qual. of feather. 1913 (5): 1, Colley, good dark yell. Goldie, fine face and bars, good col., well up in size, a good youngster; 2, McGavin, also dk. yell. Goldie, fails a shade in col., grand shape; 3, Hunter, fine variegs., grand size, fails in markings; vhc, hc, Hunter. LINNET (4): 1, McGavin, grand F.M., rare shape and size, lovely breast markings, steady and well shown; 2, Holliday, good H.M., finely mkd., grand shape, rather poor style, otherwise would have won; 3, Steel, F.M., rather wild, well pencilled, lovely col.; vhc, McCubbin. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, McGavin, grand Goldie, in fine bloom, nice face, and well tanned, good buttons, A1 flights, shade thin in front, lovely qual.; 2, Holliday, tip-top Bullie, grand head and bib, rare shape, good dense col., a likely bird, F.M.; 3, A, Steel, Bullie, equal in head, but slim in body, fine colour, grand finish; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Peters; c, J. R. Steel. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 2, McGavin, grand F.M. Mealy Redpoll, in lovely order, fine size, grand lacing, good cap and bib, steady and well shown, 2 nice fed Siskin, inclined to be broken in cap and bib, well laced flanks, A1 size and qual.; 3, Holliday, nicely laced Twite, well up in size, A1 markings, good class; vhc, hc, c, A. Steel. GREENF. (4): 1, 2, McGavin, leader easy win, grand fed Grecnie, lovely col., good size and shape, 2 non-fed, bold head and front, fails in size and qual.; 3, A. Steel, nice shape, good bold head, beaten in wing flights; vhc, Ross. HEN (6): 1, sp, best Brit.; 3, McGavin, leader gem of a Chaffinch, rare size and markings, lovely col., steady as a rock, real topper, well staged, 3 nice Siskin, good size, well laced; 2, vhc, A. Steel, lovely hen Bullie, good cap and col., lacks finish; hc, Holliday. A.O.V.: 1, 2, McGavin, leader good Hawfinch, fine size and good col., steady, 2 well mkd. Yellowhammer, A1 size, good col.; 3, vhc, A. Steel, nice Chaffinch, well up in size, good col., shade rough and unsteady. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, A. Steel, wins, gem for col. and markings, rich dense blaze, lovely wing bars, grand cheeks and buttons, good flights, in full bloom; 2, McGavin, large faced Finch, well mkd., not up in col. yet, still, a good one; 3, Morgan, nice Bullie, A1 size, good cap, rather loose in wings, or would have gone higher; vhc, Ross. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Ross, leader a red-headed Gouldian, in nice order, but showing signs of age, 2 sweet pair of Green Budgerigars, well put down.

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AUCHTERARDER.

Annual show was held in the Aytoun Hall, Auchterarder, Dec. 13, about 130 birds were staged, slightly more than last year; quality in some classes was excellent. The cage bird section is run by a few enthusiastic members, notably Mr. D. Roy, and Mr. H. Gardiner; while the sec., Mr. James Dow, had all arrangements in apple pie order. The cup for most points and the splendid silver tea service presented by Sir Theodore Brinckman for most points won by six nominated birds was gained by Mr. Roy. There was a good attendance of visitors during the afternoon, among whom were our old friends Hughie Moreland, of Falkirk, and John Brown, Edinburgh, both seeming to be as keen on the birds as ever. Mr. A. Eadie, Falkirk, judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (1): 1, McCallum, fair size and good col., nice qual., on the slim side. BUFF (3): 1, Fergusson, nice head tkd., good size and subs., nice wings, neat head, fine col.; 2, Miller, good size, fine front and wings; 3, Prentice, smaller, nice qual., good head and front. YELL., VAR. (3): 1, sp, Jeffrey and Stevenson, capital size and subs., good head and wings, nice cobby front, easily best bird in section; 2, Mitchell, good size, fine bold head, good front, rot finish of winner; 3, Parker, nice qual., capital wing and tail, well put down. BORD., YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, Munro, leader dandy little chap in spanking order, sweet shape, grand col., 2nd looks like a hen, grand shape and style, very neat head and wings, spotless; 3, Shields, stylish, heavier built, good qual., nice finish; 4, McGregor. BUFF (4): 1, Munro, wee gem, neat head and grand wings, very stylish; 2, Shields, different stamp, looked soft; 3, 4, McIntosh, good size, nice wings, nicely carried, typical. CREST (2): 1, Moreland, grizzle crest, great size, nice round crest, well centred, fine long leafy feather; 2, Cameron, gr., small size, rather poor crest, somewhat guttered, seems to be throwing feathers. C.B. (4): 1, sp, Moreland, yell. var., great size, bold skull, well lashed, fine wide entrance, wins easily; 2, Prentice, good one for size, good head, feather coming well over, well put down; 3, 4, Cameron, fails size, good head and body feather. GOLDF. (4): 1, Christie, fine size, rare good blaze, nicely tanned chest; 2, Mitchell, good size, nicely mooned, fine wings, rich col. face; 3, Kerr, good blaze, nice col., grand wings, loses build; No. 4, Cranna, wrong classed as a foreigner. BULLF. (7): 1, Roy, grand one, f.m., very rich breast col., beautiful cap, splendid wing bars, not big, but a beauty; 2, Cranna, grand bird, good head and wing bars, paler col., put down in shining order; 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good size, nice cap and fine shape, fine breast col., typical; 4, Mitchell; 5, Christie; 6, Crabbe; 7, Halley. GREENF. (6): 1, sp, Moreland, grand size and col., rare cobby shape, splendid wings, good head, wins; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, god size, very fine feather, good head and wings 3, Wylie, good size and shape, nice front, fails in head to leaders; 4, Brown; 5, Mitchell; 6, Roy. LINNET (12): 1, Cranna, good col. and pencilling, good size, nice quality of feather; 2, Moreland, good size and shape, rich nutty col., well mkd. on breast; 3, Brown, good size, shape, and feather; 4, Roy; 5, Parker. SISKIN (10): 1, sp, Robertson, nice size, good col., capital wing bars, nice markings; 2, Buchan, good size, nice cap and bib, fine bars; 3, Cranna, nice shape, good col., neat head, well shown; 4, Hopo; 5, Brown; 6, Kerr; 7, Miller. REDPOLL F.M. (7): 1, Farnish, nice wee Lesser, fine warm col., nice polish; 2, 3, H. Gardiner, 2nd fine Lesser, good size and markings, good cap and bib, 3rd Mealy, good size and colour; 4, Cameron; 5, Wilson and McAuley; 6, Bell; 7, Craig. REDPOLL OR TWITE (8): 1, Nicholson, big Twite, rich level col., nicely pencilled; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, Lesser Poll, neat size, nice markings, rare polish; 3, Davidson, good Twite, fine size and col., in grand bloom; 4, Wilson and McAuley; 5, Brown; 6, Gardiner; 7, Bishop. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (3): 1, Miller, Bramble, good size and col., fine spangling, rare cond.; 2, Roy, Chaffinch, fine size, cobby shape, nice col.; 3, Craig, Bramble, good size and col., nice cond. SMALL BRIT. (2): 1, sp, Miller, Bearded Tit, very nice, but wild; 2, Halley, good Mavis, in fine bloom. HEN (7): 1, Miller, good Bramblefinch, fine size and col., nice cond., very steady; 2, Roy, grand Siskin, nicely mkd.; 3, Gardiner, good Lesser Poll, fine size and col.; 4, Buchan; 5, Harper; 6, Robertson; 7, Brown. BULLF. HEN (4): 1, Roy, fine size, rare cobby shape, nice cap, well put down; 2, Bishop, good size and shape, nice cap and bars; 3, Cameron, good size and colour, nice shape. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, sp, Bell, Light Goldie, fine size and col.; 2, Brown, Goldie, good size and shape, well shown; 3, Gardiner, nice Redpoll-Siskin, in rare bloom, might have split 1st and 2nd. DARK (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Roy, leader well-known Goldie and Greenie, old winners often described and still winning; 3, Bell, very fine Linnet, fine size and col., rare polish; 6, 7, Brown. FOR. GOLDF. (2): 1, Roy, good sized one, fine col., well poussed, rare good blaze, fine tanning and whites; 2, Nicholson, good one for size and col., nice face, well shown. NOV. (2): 1, Mallis, nice Goldie, well shown; 2, Lawrence, good Siskin. GIFT: 1, 2, Miller; 3, Mallis; 4, 5, Roy; 6, Cranna; 7, Cairns.

CARDIGAN.

34th Annual Show, held at the Market Place, Dec. 10th, W. F. Lloyd James judged. Some good birds were staged, but more attention to training and cleanliness of exhibits was needed in several cases. NOR. (7): 1, Davies and Jones, good all-round bird, wins; 2, Muscott, loses wing carr.; 3, Betty, not the subs., fair shape; 4, vhc, Carter; hc, Thomas; c, Phillips. YORKS. (9): 1, East, good length, wings, and tail; 2, Smith, might carry wings better; 3, Spurry, wild or would have been higher; 4, vhc, Dicks; hc, Smith; c, Chapels. DARK MULE (5): 1, Spurry, Goldie-Can., good size and blaze, lacks col.; 2, Betty, similar but smaller; 3, Davies and Jones, Greenfi.-Can., very small, not the best of col.; 4, Davies; vhc, Portman, nice Lin.-Can., damaged tail, or would have been in the money. GOLDF. (9): 1, sp, 2, Portman, well-known winners, 2nd looking a bit soft, takes special best local British; 3, Ray, big bird, good square blaze, not improved by being col.-fed; 4, Betty, similar type, not so steady; vhc, Davies; hc, c, Thomas. BULL., ETC. (6): 1, James, Bullf., good size and shape, not the best of col., steady; 2, hc, Spurry, Bullf., better col., rough at thighs; 3, Thomas, defective bar in right wing, unsteady; 4, vhc, Davies, smallish Greenfinch. A.O.H. (9): 1, Ray, very nice, steady Hawfinch, good bib, feather, and cond.; 2, Thomas, grand Corn-Bunting, lovely col., and markings, fine size, squats on perch or would have won; 3, Davies, very nice Yellow Bunting, wants to clear on head a bit, good col., very steady; 4, Thomas, rich coloured Bramble, a shade small.

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The Sensational Hybrid Once Again.

In a show remarkable for the quality of the exhibits, the outstanding bird was undoubtedly Mr. R. D. Parlett's light Canary-Bullfinch, the bird that is at present the subject of so much comment. I read CAGE BIRDS' reporter's comments on the bird at Bradford show, and took this opportunity of examining the bird at Gateshead, and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that your reporter was quite correct in every detail, for I am fully convinced that the bird is just what it is claimed to be, viz., a Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid, the Canary cross being easily discernible. This opinion was fully shared by the large number of fanciers who also examined the bird, and if any further vindication of Mr. Alf Welling's action in placing the bird first at Preston is needed, surely it is forthcoming in the fact that the bird has been also recognised and accepted as a Canary-Bullie by such experts as Mr. J. Maddison, who placed it third at Bradford, and Mr. John Robson, who awarded it first at Gateshead.

Norwich were a splendid collection, totalling 208 in 13 classes—an average of 16 per class. Large type predominated throughout, and a finer collection of typical birds has not been seen in the North of England for some years. Short, thick-set birds, teeming with quality and col., were the rule, and many really grand birds had to stand cardless, so keen was the competition. Mr. Joe Thomas staged a grand team, capturing four firsts, three seconds, and a third, his winning unlighted buff being a real stormer, and without a doubt one of the best youngsters out this year. Yorks. also were a grand lot—165 in 11 classes. A stickler for quality is Mr. Bailey. One could take the whole Yorkshire section through and not find a bird in the money that lacked quality, consequently the winners were all birds of true type, and feathered to perfection with close, tight fitting feather, of the finest texture, looseness of feather and frills apparently being an eyesore to Mr. Bailey, no matter how good the bird may be otherwise. Crests were not numerous—27 in 4 classes, but quality was very nice. Lizards had 15 in 2 classes, and here again the quality was superb, the winners being all birds full of work and colour.

The Scotch Fancies Come in for Attention.

Scotch Fancies, although not large in number, made up in quality, being very equal all through. Mr. Thos. Chapman had forward a large team, and came in for the lion's share of the prizes; he is making a great name for himself and the bird he loves in the North of England, and we question very much if at any former occasion the Scotch Fancy has claimed so much attention as at Newcastle and Gateshead, at both of which shows Mr. Chapman has carried off the coveted honours for the best member's bird with a Scotch Fancy, and he richly deserved the honour.

A Magnificent lot of Borders.

The Border Fancy section was splendidly filled, and the exhibits were of first class standard. It was truly a meeting of champions, as at this time of the season nothing but the very best come forward to do battle for their respective owners. In every class very little divided the winners; condition, symmetry, roundness of head and back, with perfect wing carriage, being prominent in the winners. Some grand birds now are showing the result of too much hard working, and would be much better for a rest. We think Borders might well be allowed a little more room in staging, and kept from draughts as much as possible; being in open cages, they feel it badly. They were packed too closely across the staging, and one could hardly handle the cages with safety or get the view of the birds that such a grand display merited. The B.F.C.C. medal was awarded to one of the finest clear yellow hens seen out this season, and this award seemed to please everyone. She is a bird of splendid type, neat and round all over, with splendid symmetry, col., qual., and a style all her own. Mr. Gilchrist has every reason to be proud of the achievement. Mr. R. Young won the novice B.F.C.C. medal with a yellow even-mkd. cock. Green Borders were a show in themselves, and such a team of high class birds has scarcely ever met. The best in section was undoubtedly a yellow Green hen, shown by Mr. Johnstone. The Tynesiders have fairly brought this variety to perfection, and had a good share of the prizes, although a few birds from Scotland gave them something to look at and admire. The old school of breeders were there in full force on the Saturday, criticising or admiring, some of them seeing faults which others could not agree upon. A great diversity of opinion seems to take place as to the true colour and pencilling desired. The judge ultimately made the suggestion that as a body they should meet at the Scottish National show, agree as to accepting what they thought the best bird there as their model, draw up a standard of points, and have them printed. This would let the young breeder as well as the old one know. Mr. J. Patterson, handled the section very carefully, and left little room for grumbling. The Scotch Fancies were judged by Messrs. Maddison and Robson together.

Four Clear Mules in Competition.

The Hybrid classes, though not too well filled, contained the very cream of the Fancy; in the class for clear and ticked Mules there were no fewer than four genuine clear Mules, and one which appeared to be a Hybrid from a Border Fancy and a Common Canary. The sensational variegated Bullfinch Hybrid was on view, and commanded more attention than any other bird in the show; here it found favour with yet another judge, who placed it at top of class, but in spite of that there were many fanciers who refused to accept it as a Hybrid, declaring that, apart from its colour it is a better Bullfinch than any bird in the Bullfinch class. It certainly is of great size and substance, and if it had been all dark, instead of splashed, it would have made the Canary-Bullies, and even the Greenie-Bullies, look quite insignificant. We heard one old fancier put a very pertinent query, viz., might it not be a rare-feathered Greenie-Bullie. We have seen a variegated Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid: but whatever it may be, we feel confident that it is not a pure Bullfinch. British bird classes were well filled, the class for field moulted Linnets having 30 entries. Other societies should take the hint. Foreigners were an excellent lot, and a great attraction.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon Competition was in vogue here, and brought forth a nice entry, the diploma winners in the champion sections being: Nor., T. Irons; Crests, E. Richardson; Yorks., J. Thomas; Hybrids, R. D. Parlett; Lizards, W. Reid; Borders, T. Parker; Scotch, R. Willison; Brit., J. Scott; and For., W. J. Thompson.

Fine weather favoured the show both days, and the attendance was very satisfactory, visitors from far and near coming to enjoy the glorious spectacle. Sales were quite up to the average, a good number of birds changing hands, although no startling prices were given, the biggest being six guineas (catalogue price) for the winning old Crest. The judges were Messrs. A. Holden, J. Robson, J. Bailey, J. Patterson, and J. Maddison, and we heard very little grumbling at their selections.

THE CANARY SECTION:

Mr. A. Holden's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, McGinn, nice subs., grand shape, hot col., lovely feather, bold head and neck, but shows a bit brow, a grand exhibit, but perhaps a trifle lucky to beat 2nd, Thomas, not the hot col. of leader, but a topper all over otherwise, grand subs., big bold front, very thick through, grand head and neck, lovely qual.; 3, Rev. Nunne, hot col., lovely feather, deep full chest, nice head and neck, grand carr., shade longer in flights and tail; 4, Irons, typical and red hot, lovely texture, good head, back and chest, gets wings over a bit at times; vhc, Wellsbury; hc, Carr; c, Smailes. BUFF (13): 1, Thomas, stormer, lovely shape, grand size and subs., wonderful head and neck, excellent col., nice flights and tail, carries plenty of feather perhaps, but carries it well; 2, Snowden, another grand one, Newcastle winner, not the depth of chest of leader, grand shape and size, good col. and qual., lovely head, neck, and chest, a bit too high in condition or would have shown himself better; 3, Wellsbury, not the col. and subs. of leaders, gem for shape, short and cobby, nice fronted bird, carries lovely wings and tail; 4, Rohson and March, fine size and shape, good head, neck and chest, nice col., though not so hot as leaders, inclined to get wings over a bit; vhc, Nunne; hc, McGinn; c, Archbold and Lascelles. TKD. ETC. YELL. (16): 1, 2, Thomas, gems, leader lovely size and subs., magnificent shape, lovely col. and qual., bold heads neck and chest, grand wings and tail; 2nd another topper for size and shape, grand bold front, excellent col., lovely wings and tail, not quite so thick through or so well finished; 3, Peirson, variegs., beautiful shape, hardly the subs. of leaders, grand head, lovely back and chest, short tight fitting wings, lovely col. and qual.; 4, Rev. Nunne, lightly mkd., bit longer in barrel, grand qual., neat head and neck, nice flights and tail, well cleaned out; vhc, Grewar; hc, Elliott; c, Bennett. BUFF (8): 1, Hirst, topper all over, magnificent shape, grand size, lovely chest, broad and deep, grand head and neck, col. and qual. of the best, lovely wing carr.; 2, Butler, not quite so thick set as leader, but yet a grand one for shape, nice size, good head and neck, grand col., well carried wings and tail; 3, Briggs, magnificent subs., lovely shape, red-hot col., feather of grand texture, bold head, neck, and chest; 4, Robson and March, magnificent col., grandly moulded, good head and neck, not so short and cobby, yet a good one for size and shape; vhc, Nunne; hc, Clark and Forster; c, Bennell. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Butler, charmer, medium size, lovely shape, short and thick, grand back and chest, lovely head, col. and qual. of the very best, grand short wings and tail, delightful all over; 2, McGinn, bit longer in body, best of col. and qual., grand head and neck, nice full chest, delightfully carried wings and tail; 3, Peirson, scarcely so chubby or so hot in col., yet fine shape, nice size and subs., excellent qual., neat head and nice wing carr.; 4, Briggs, trifle slimmer in build, grand shape, nice col. and qual., good head and neck, well cleaned under; vhc, Hirst; hc, Thomas; c, Hunter. BUFF (14): 1, Thomas, lovely lady, short and thick set, lovely back and chest, well rounded, delightful col. and qual., neat head, magnificently carried wings and tail; 2, Topping, not so hot in col., or so well cleaned under, grand shape and size, lovely head, very sweet in expression, nice col., neat wing and tail carr.; 3, Peirson, not quite the grand subs. of leaders, very typical, sweet head, lovely qual. and col., grandly moulted, close tight-fitting wings; 4, Hoje, loses a bit in size, lovely qual., nice col., sweet head and neck, nice shaped body and neat wing carr.; vhc, Irons; hc, Butler; c, Hunter. YELL., 1913 (18): 1, Hathaway, nice size, good shape, red-hot col., best of qual., nice back and chest, well finished off; 2, Laidlow, medium size, lovely shape, nice full chest, hot col., not quite so fine in texture of feather, nice head, neat wing and tail carr.; 3, vhc, Butler, not quite so thick through, yet a nice one, lovely shape and col., grand qual., neat clean head, beautifully carried wings and tail; 4, Clayton and Smith, fine shape and size, red-hot, good head, neck and chest, grand carr.; hc, Irons; c, Thomas. BUFF (24): 1, Thomas, truly a stormer, one of the best, grand shape, magnificently proportioned, deep broad chest, lovely head & neck, delightful col., and teeming with qual., beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, Butler, another topper, plenty of size, short and cobby, though hardly the same grand depth of chest of leader, nice col., lovely qual., grand head, delightful wings and tail; 3, Hathaway, not quite the hot col., lovely type, nice size and subs., grand head and neck, magnificent qual., best of wings and tail; 4, c, Archbold and Lascelles, hardly so bold in head and neck, correct shape, grand back and chest, nice col., neat wing carr.; vhc, Russell & Teasdale; hc, Peirson. YELL. HEN, 1913 (16): 1, 3, Laidlow, lovely damsels, leader cl., not a big one, but stormer for shape, short and well rounded, lovely col., magnificent qual., grand clean head, short beautifully carried wings and tail; 3rd variegs, grand size, good back and chest, nice col. and best of qual., scarcely so bold in head as leaders, and a wee shade longer in barrel; 2, Moore, head tkd., bigger than winner, but not so good in col. and qual., lovely shape, short and thick set, good head and neck, nice front, neatly carried wings and tail; 4, Wood, fine shape and plenty of subs., sweet head and neck, nice back and chest, good wings and tail, fails to leaders a little in col.; vhc, Peirson; hc, Kennerson; c, Morgan. BUFF (12): 1, Peirson, gem of a cl., lovely shape, medium size, short bold fronted bird, grand head and neck, the best of col. and qual., delightfully carr. wings and tail; 2, Kennerson, grizzled root of tail, more subs., lovely shape, good head, nice back and chest, good qual., well packed wings and tail, loses only in col.; 3, Thomas, grand shape and size, hot col., deep broad chest, nice wings, not so bold in head as leaders; 4, Topping, fine size and correct shape, nice back and deep chest, rich col. and qual., wants tightening up a bit; vhc, Irons; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Grewar. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Grewar, yell., plenty of subs., typical bold fronted bird, bold head and neck, lovely col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, c, Thomas, buff, short and stout, grand front, good head and neck, magnificent col., lovely wing carr.; 3, Hathaway, cl. yell., not so bold in head as leader, grand shape and size, nice col., teeming with qual., well cleaned behind; 4, Dobinson, buff, beauty for shape, grand subs., good head and neck, grand bold front, nice carr.; vhc, McKie; hc, Peart. NOV. YELL. (28): 1, Frazer, gem for shape, plenty of subs., grand back and chest, nice bold head and full front, red-hot col., fine qual., grand carr.; 2, Pyman, not quite so chubby, yet fine shape, nice subs., good head and neck, nice col., excellent qual., well cleaned under; 3, Wood, lovely shape, bold head and neck, grand qual., well carried wings and tail, loses to leaders in depth of col.; 4, Morrison, gem for shape, but not the subs. of leaders, magnificent col. and qual., lovely carr., a good little one; vhc, Wright; hc, Elliott; c, Fryer. BUFF (30): 1, Kennerson, nice size, grand shape, short and chubby, bold head and neck, lovely col., teeming with qual., well carried wings and tail, a good one; 2, Morrison, shade longer in body perhaps, yet a beauty for shape, fine size and subs., neat head, though not so bold as winner, hot col., well finished behind; 3, Mallinson, not quite the depth of chest, grand col., beautifully mealed, sweet head and neck, nice shape, not far behind; 4, Matthewson, grand size and shape, nice head and neck, lovely col., extra qual. of feather, good back and chest, gets wings over a little at times, otherwise a good one; vhc, Yellowley; hc, Elliott; c, Richardson.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Nunne, yell. leading, grand col., hot in tone and level all through, nice shape and subs; 2nd buff, lovely Nor. shape, nice size, grand col., nice polish and cond. CREST (6): 1, Richardson, wing mkd. D.C., nice size, crest of grand shape and droop, nice frontal, neat centre; 2, J. Taylor, wing mkd. D.C., lovely shape, nice size, not quite so long in frontal perhaps, nice droop and centre; 3, J. L. Martin, had been washing when we were taking notes; hc, Mrs. Taylor, foul gr., grand size, good crest, well over beak, nice shape and radiation, rougher and lacks finish of leaders; vhc, Martin. C.B. (9): 1, J. Taylor, variegs., massive skull, grand rise and entrance, abundantly clothed with right kind of feather, well lashed; 2, Orton, foul tail green, equal size, grand skull, broad and massive, nice rise and width, scarcely so heavily clothed behind poll; 3, vhc, c, Mrs. Taylor, nice team, 3rd cl., grand size, nice skull properties, good rise, grandly lashed, not quite the density of feather; 4, Lawson, scarcely so massive in build, nice skull, good rise, not the same amount of feather; hc, Martin. CREST, 1913 (7): 1, Martin, cl. body, grizzle crest, fine shaped crest of good size, nice radiation and droop, neat centre, well finished; 2, Tate, foul tail green, grand chest for size and shape, nicely radiated, neat centre, equal to leader in all but finish; 3, J. Taylor, nice size and shape, but hardly so dense in frontal as those above it, neat centre and droop; 4, Mrs. Taylor, variegs., not so well rounded as leaders, nice size, neat centre and droop, bit rough behind; vhc, hc, Dickenson Bros.; c, Lawson. C.B. (5): 1, Martin, foul tail green, wonderful head, grand rise and width, well packed on top, carries any amount of feather; 2, Lawson, foul green, good skull properties, nice size, good entrance and lash, scarcely the abundance of feather of leader yet a good one; 3, Tate, bit narrower behind poll, nice size, good entrance, nice feather and lash; 4, vhc, Mrs. Taylor, variegs, hardly the width of skull, yet a nice one, plenty of good feather, nice rise and lash. CLASS BORD. YELL. (17): 1, Middleton, lovely shape, beautifully rounded back, lovely col., sound and pucah throughout, nice light pencilling, sweet head and neck, beautifully braced wings and tail, a topper; 2, Hamilton, trifle heavier in build, lovely col., very little if any behind leader, level all over, fine shape, neat head, lovely qual. and finish; 3, Chapman, lovely shape, beautifully balanced all over, grand col., though hardly so bright, nice faint pencilling, sweet head, nice one all over; 4, c, Wilson, correct shape, nice col., very level tone, sweet head, nicely moulded body, good qual., gets wings over the head bit at times; vhc, Parker; hc, Whitelaw. BUFF (7): 1, Middleton, gem, lovely shape, beautifully balanced sweet head and neck, lovely col., pure and level in tone, excellent qual., not a feather out of place beautifully packed wings and tail, a treat; 2, Wilson, again lovely shape, lovely col., though not so rich on breast, capital head, well rounded back, grandly cleaned under, excellent wing and tail carr.; 3, Whitelaw, lovely col., bright and pure, correct shape, neat head and neck, best of wing carr., beaten a little in finish; 4, Hamilton, fine shape, good col., a bit soft, while we were taking notes; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Johnston; c, Montgomery. LIZARD, CL. CAP (7): 1, 2, Barnes, beauties, leader Gold., fine size and shape, lovely ground col., beautifully rowed back, nice spangling, well laced body, nice clean cut cap; 2nd Silver, nice size, spangled to perfection, nice cap, grand back and body work, rich col. and qual.; 3, Rukin, Silver, a big one, but mustead, without a doubt a topper, full of big bold spangling, but would not show himself at judging, when steadied he will take some stopping; 4, Reid, Gold, medium size, fine shape, not the rich ground col. or body work of winner; vhc, Davidson; hc, c, Hyslop. BROKEN CAP (8): 1, 2, Barnes, Silvers, leader topper, grandly spangled back, work laid on in regular rows, big bold spangling, beautifully laced body, lovely ground col.; 2nd hardly the rich col., but another beauty for work, lovely spangling, laid on in regular order, well laced flanks, nice feet and legs; 3, Rukin, Gold, fine size and shape, lovely ground col., nice distinct spangling, well rowed, plenty of body work; 4, hc, Reid, Silver, nice ground col., plenty of big bold spangling, well laid on; vhc, c, Hyslop.

Mr. J. Bailey's Classes.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Deighton, medium length, straight as a guardsman, lovely col. and qual., feather fitting like a glove, neat head, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Pyman, longer than winner, lovely pos., hardly so finely drawn, nice col. and qual., feathered to perfection, lovely wings and tail; 3, Crawhall, nice length, gets well up on fine legs, very slim and stylish, nice col. and lovely feather; 4, Radley, grand length, bit thicker perhaps, lovely qual., well braced wings and tail; vhc, Stewart; hc, Thomas; c, Cattell. BUFF (11): 1, Coulson, gem all over, fine length, straight as a gun barrel, grandly tapered, lovely shoulders and waist, excellent col. and qual., tightly braced wings and tail; 2, Cattell, fine length and position, equal to leader, nice head and neck, slim and stylish, capital wings and tail, loses in col. only; 3, hc, Crawhall, trifle heavier in build, nice length, lovely pos., delightful feather, neat head and neck, beautifully braced wings and tail; 4, Heggie, nice length, gets well up on a pair of grand legs, loses in col. only; vhc, Thomas; c, Campling. TKD. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Heggie, fine length, straight as a rush, beautifully slim and finely drawn, capital shoulders, well rounded, lovely col. and qual; 2, Pyman not quite the length, equal pos., close tight-fitting feather, lovely qual., sweet head and neck, grand shoulders, lovely wing carr.; 3, Dykes, topper for length and pos., grand shoulders, lovely wing carr., nice head, good col. and qual., shade thicker at waist; 4, Mirley; vhc, Bradley. BUFF (7): 1, Dyson, medium length, straight as a rish, beautifully rounded back, grand shoulders and waist, neat head, lovely col. and qual., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Bradley, wee shade thicker at waist perhaps, yet a topper otherwise, grandly rounded, nice length and pos., lovely col., qual. of the best, grand wing carr.; 3, Heggie, slim and finely drawn, grandly rounded, neat head, nice length, gets well up, fine qual., but a shade down in col.; 4, Thomas, grand length, finely drawn at waist, best of feather, shade pale in col.; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Pyman; c, Mather. HEN (14): 1, Coulson, gem of a bull, medium length, lovely pos., well up, sweet head, splendid shoulders, well rounded, grand col. and finest qual., lovely wing carr.; 2, 3, Heggie, brace of beauties, leader bull, not quite so rich in col., but a gem for length and pos., grandly drawn, neat head and neck, tight-fitting feather, beautifully braced wings and tail; 3rd buff, bit shorter, but all there for pos., exquisite feather, sweet head, lovely wing carr.; 4, Mather, yell., nice length, extra slim and well rounded, lovely col., nice position, beautifully carried wings and tail, might have split some of the buffs; vhc, Pyman; hc, Stewart; c, Crawhall. YELL., 1913 (22): 1, Heggie, head tkd., medium length, lovely pos., magnificent feather of finest qual., neat head, lovely shoulders and waist, inclined to get wings over a bit, otherwise a topper; 2, Crawhall, grand length, very slim and finely drawn, neat head and neck, well rounded shoulders, beautifully braced wings and tail, nice col., loses to leader a little in qual.; 3, Dyson, nice length, hardly so erect, red-hot col., fine qual., nice head and neck, finely drawn at waist, lovely wing carr.; 4, Dykes, grand length, a topper all over, lovely col. and qual., slim and finely drawn, a bit wild, and would not show himself; vhc, Stewart; hc, Taylor; c, Pyman. BUFF (17): 1, Dykes, medium length, very slim and stylish, beautifully drawn, lovely shoulders and waist, neat head, nice col. and clothed with exquisite feather; 2, hc, Wigglesworth, longer than winner, magnificent feather, close and tight-fitting, grandly rounded shoulders, slim and well drawn, shows well, not quite the col., yet a grand one; 3, Tweedie, we could not find; 4, Stewart, nice length, straight up on fine legs, beautifully rounded back and breast, well tapered, good head, inclined to cross wings a bit at times, and a bit paler in col.; vhc, Thomas; c, Crawhall. HEN (23): 1, Thomas, gem of a buff, medium length, straight as a gun barrel, lovely shoulders, grandly rounded, slim and finely tapered, nice col., lovely feather, well braced wings and tail; 2, Butler, yell., nice length, very slim and stylish, nice col., lovely feather, tight as a bottle, neat shoulders, nice head, lovely wings and tail; 3, Archbold and Lascelles, buff, better col. than 1st, grandly drawn, nice length and position, exquisite feather, well braced wings and tail, hardly so neat in head; 4, Pyman, wee bit shorter, good col. and qual., nice pos., well drawn, neat head, fails a trifle in wing carr.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Moore; c, Deighton. NOV. YELL. (23): 1, Fairey, topper, fine length, lovely pos., slim and stylish, neat shoulders and waist, nice head, best of col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 2, c, Thurston, grand length, straight as a rush, well rounded shoulders, smooth

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close fitting feather, sweet head, lovely wing carr., loses to leader in col.; 3, Marshall Bros., fine length, nice pos., stylish and well drawn, lovely qual., well packed wings and tail, again a bit down in col.; 4, Kennerson, scarcely the same grand qual. of leaders, yet a good one, nice length and pos., finely drawn, neat head and shoulders, capital wing carr.; vhc, Graham; he, Burrell. BUFF (13): 1, Ridley Bros., gem, clothed with exquisite feather, nice length, well up on grand legs, best col., neat head, lovely shoulders and waist, nice wing carr.; 2, Marshall Bros., hardly so well rounded on back, grand length, nice pos., lovely qual., grandly braced wings and tail, nice col., but not so hot in tone as leader; 3, Berry, lovely pos., straight up, neat well rounded shoulders, slim and finely drawn, nice col. and qual., scarcely so neat in head; 4, Smith, nice length and pos., neat narrow shoulders, nice col. and qual., sweet head, wee bit faulty in wing carriage; vhc, Dixon; he, Witherby; c, Kennerson. HEN (20): 1, Graham, bull, fine length, nice pos., lovely feather, smooth and tight-fitting, neat narrow shoulders, nicely expered body, good colour, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Smith, nice shorter, straight as a rush, grand feather of finest texture, sweet head and neck, well rounded back and breast, well carried wings and tail, nice colour; 3, Carlisle, yellow, nice length, good pos., slim and finely drawn, grand shoulders and waist, neat head, inclined to get wings over; 4, Fairey, nice lengthy buff, well up, neat narrow shoulders, nice col., and qual. of the best, not quite so well drawn, and hardly so neat in head; vhc, Ridley Bros.; he, Oxley; c, Thurston.

Judges, Messrs. Maddison and Robson (jointly).

SCOTS YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, 4, Chapman, wonderful team, leader well-known yell. pied, grand size, long neck, prominent shoulders, decided drive, grand length of side; 2nd, cl. yell., close up, grand mover, fine free action, great length of reach, prominent shoulder, just a shade short below; 3, Thomson, Bros., good size, long, reachy neck, fine weight and subs., fails in shoulder; 4th, cl. yell, good one, fine size and weight; vhc, Rendles. BUFF (9): good class: 1, sp, 4, c, Chapman, leader monster cl. buff, rare length of side, and symmetrical throughout, head held well down, and beautifully cleaned out, rare circle, drive and shoulder; 2, 3, Thomson Bros., beautics, little between them; latter showing signs of age, hard up decided drive, well filled shoulders, good length, nervy and full of action; 4th, more size, but fails in length of drive, good shoulder and position; vhc, Willison; he, Rendle. HEN (5): 1, Thomson Bros., rare good yell., large size, prominent shoulder, well filled, rare length of neck, head held in right pos., handles a treat; 2, 3, 4, Chapman, wonderful team, little between them; leader yell., fails in shoulder to winner, but more length of neck and more free in action, head held well down; 3rd, buff, grand one, rare prominent shoulder, length of reach; 4th, looks like the Newcastle Bowl winner, rare size and subs., good shoulder and drive, a shade slower; vhc, Willison.

Mr. J. Patterson's Classes.

BORD. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (19): grand class: 1, sp, Craig, looks like his well known champion, great depth of col., sound and level, feather like satin, grand head, fine neck, back and front, well rounded, grand wing and tail, in the pink; 2, Bates, tkd. wing, another true Bord., wonderful col. for density, extra sweet head, fine back, wing and tail, rare front and thighs, well placed legs; 3, Smart, shade fine, but a sweet one all over, looks like making a champion with another moult, handles well and steady; 4, Nicholson, well known winner, losing his freshness somewhat; vhc, Browell, another true Border; he, Purves; c, Watson. BUFF (20): 1, Gilchrist, real gem, turned out to perfection, lovely bloom, sweet head, neck, back and front, graceful in action, charming feather of pure col. and qual.; 2, vhc, Craig, close up, splendid outline, beautiful head, extra sound and level in col., scarcely the bloom of winner; vhc, well known winner, not looking so well to-day; 3, Chapman, grand one, splendid head, nicely rounded throughout, grand size, taper and style, rare feather; 4, Watson, tkd. wing, ideal size and shape, true model, fine col. and qual., well put down; he, Peel; c, Browell. YELL. HEN (15): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Gilchrist, true little gem, turned out to admire, taking style, jaunty head carr., splendid col. of rich qual. throughout, a treat to handle, and much admired; 2, Halliday, another charmer, scarcely so fine in head, but a beauty, true model throughout, feather pure and soft, in the pink; 3, Craig, a shade stronger, but ideal in symmetry, roundness, col., qual. and finish; 4, Watson, sweet wee thing, fine feather and qual., well put down, jaunty head carr.; vhc, Gilchrist, well known head tick, in hot company to-day; he, Smart; c, Nicholson. BUFF (16): 1, Craig, wee charmer, and no mistake about it, sweetly made, ideal in shape, feather of pure texture, and lovely qual., rare jaunty taking style, put down to perfection; 2, Smart, well known winner, met his match to-day, just a shade soiled in neck, sweet head, grand neck, back and front, fine col. and qual., inclined to twist tail; 3, Halliday, yet another gem, type and qual. in every feature, well displayed, handles well, in the pink; 4, Gilchrist, well known head tick, close up, ideal in shape, beautifully finished in feather, true Border; vhc, Nicholson, Carlisle winner, good one all through; he, Chapman; c, Purves. EVEN. MKD. (7): 1, Gilchrist, bull, often described, and looking well to-day, beautiful eye marks with wings to correspond, fine texture of feather; 2, 3, Nicholson, Haltwistle winners, reversed, good eyes and wings, fine type, col. and qual.; 4, Chapman, fresh one, fine col. and qual., scarcely finished yet; vhc, novice medal, Young, fine eyes, good col.; he, Willis; c, Nicholson. LINEVALS YELL. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Nicholson, leader well known cinn. mark, still fresh and going strong, heads a good class; 3rd, mkd, one eye, both wings, fine col. and qual.; 2, Arnot, sweet one for feather and markings, fails type to winner; 4, Denholm, fine col., feather of nice qual., inclined to draw; he, Purves; c, Chapman. BUFF (15): 1, Arnot, Gala winner, looking better than ever, true ideal, feather of short and soft qual., fine symmetry and markings, runner-up for medal; 2, Halliday, extra sound col., feather of finest texture, put down by a master hand; 3, Denholm, mkd. eyes, head and one wing, fine col. and qual., graceful carr., fails a bit in back; 4, Craig, grand hen, fine feather and qual., good type and pos.; vhc, Nicholson; he, Gilchrist; c, Smart. GR., SELF or FOUL YELL. CK. (20): 1, c, Middleton, little beauty, a the pink, grand round head, fine neck, rare back and wings, pure and level in col., fine penciling above and below, wins; 2, Montgomery, charmer, close up, much the same in size and type, fine head, extra col. and qual., scarcely so good in movement; 3, Thompson, another hot one, perfect outline, stylish and typical, ideal in penciling; 4, vhc, Parker, similarly built, jaunty head, fine carr., good col. throughout, just a shade dark in markings; he, Johnstone. BUFF (19): A meeting of champions here; 1, A. and W. Thomson, "Scotland's Pride," good one all over, true to shape, rare head, grand back, wing carr., fine movement, action, pure and level in ground col., back markings a marvel for evenness, good thighs and wing butts; 2, Middleton, lovely feather of pure texture, grand type, fine penciling, a shade heavier, but well balanced; 3, vhc, Johnstone, grand col., rich green throughout, excellent qual., fine markings above and below, inclined to tip at times; 4, Montgomery, grand type, fine head, good back and wing, fine ground col., just finishing a shade dark for col. of cheek; he, Arnot; c, Little. YELL. HEN (18): 1, 2, 4, Johnstone, leader charmer of the first water, perfectly shaped throughout, sweet pos., jaunty action, grand deep col., penciling well arranged without any break, well placed wings and tail; 2nd, close up, scarcely so jaunty, but extra sound in col., with perfect penciling to correspond, two hot ones; 3, vhc, Greenwell, good type, fine head, grand back and wing carr., well modelled throughout, shade dark on head for body colour; 4, Johnstone, fine type and qual., good pos., sweet head, well filled back, a shade dark in markings; he, Montgomery; c, Cossar. BUFF (13): 1, 4, he, Johnston, perfect in shape, true model throughout, fine col. and qual., grandly arranged back markings, the flanks and wings; 4th, rare head, fine back, wings and tail, sweet body col., fine penciling, just a shade rough on thighs; 2, Parker, fine head, well moulded body, good back, fine taper and style, good col., fine penciling, a shade dark at thighs; 3, Little, good one for col. and qual., nice back, flank and wing, a shade inclined to draw; vhc, Parker; c, Middleton. NOV. (24): 1, H. Browell, uneven yell., hot one for a novice, love'y head, fine back, well laid on wings, pure and level in col., put down to perfection; 2, vhc, Tallantyre, cl. yell., good head, fine neck, good back, fine wing taper and style, pure and fine in feather; 3, Howe, yell., fine col. of pure level texture, fine type and qual.; 4, Wilson, buff cock, fine weight, good col. and feather of neat and tidy style; he, Porter; c, Reed. HEN (19): 1, A. Browell, even mkd. bull, rare wee thing, fine col. and extra good qual., grand eyes and wing markings, handles a treat; 2, Porter, bull tick one wing, fine col. and qual., pure and level throughout, fine type and taper; 3, Wray, grand one, fine head, good back, nice col. and qual.; 4, Wilson, bull, good size, fine head, good back and wing; vhc, Howe; he, Tallantyre; c, Borrows.

HYBRID BRITISH & FOREIGN SECTIONS.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

HYB. or CAN.-BULLF.: 1, Parlett, variegated Bullfinch Hybrid, the Preston sensation, referred to in the introduction; 2, Martin and Archer, the noted Greenf.-Canif., looking scarcely so bright as we have seen it; 3, vhc, he, Wilson, Can.-Bullie, extra bright and rich in col., perfect cond.; 4, Butler, good sized and coloured Linnet-Bullie. CL., ETC., RULE: 1, 4, Martin and Archer, the cl. Linnet "Perfection," leading as usual; 4th, nice cl. Greenf. hen; 2, Heggie, fine big cl. Greenf., bold shape, rich col., in best of order; 3, Butler, clear Goldf., good size, bold cobby shape, in rare good cond.; w.c., Jewitt and Kirkpatrick, an alleged clear Linnet Mule. VAR. MULE: 1, 2, Martin and Archer, cheek-mkd. Greenf. and head and wing mkd. Goldf., two lovely birds, in very nice cond.; 3, Butler, cap and wing mkd. Goldf., lovely shape, col. and cond.; 4, McQuiston and Paterson, real good nearly even-mkd. yell. Goldf.; vhc, Seely Bros.; he, Bruce; c, Parlett. DARK GOLDF. or LIN.: 1, Parlett, yell. Goldie, extra good size and shape, grand head and wings; 2, McQuiston, grand cobby shaped yell. Linnet, sound col., best of order; 3, Gilchrist, very hot-col. yell. Goldie, just beaten in head; 4, Martin and Archer, big yell. Linnet, trifle cloudy in col.; vhc, Middleton, fine, big, bright col. Linnet; he, Walsh, big yell. Goldie, grand face and wings; c, Wilson, DARK, A.O.V.: 1, Parlett, the noted yell. Greenie, great size, excellent shape, col. and feather; 2, Middleton, really good yell. Siskin, well defined dark cap, grand wing, back and flank markings, rich col.; 3, Walsh, yell. Greenie, good size, rare col., shape and qual.; 4, Johnston, yell. Sisk., good in size, shape and col.; vhc, McQuiston and Paterson, buff Greenie, great size; he, Wilson, very good Redpoll; c, Carr. HYB. NOVICE: 1, O'Reilly, big Can.-Bullie of Yorks. type, with pied tail; 2, 3, Husband, yell. Linnets, good size, col. and cond.; 4, Hope, grand shaped yell. Goldie, hot col.; vhc, Swinburn and Crawford; he, Elliott. PARROTS, ETC.: 1, Butler, very bright coloured Ceram Lory; 2, Beaty, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, lovely condition and col., beautiful pair; 3, 1, Scott, King Parrot and Yellow-naped Parrakeet, both in marvellous feather; vhc, Davison. AVADAVATS, ETC.: 1, vhc, c, Howe, Golden-breasted Waxbills, extra good colour, absolutely perfect cond., beautifully shown; 2, Murton, perfect pair Cordon Bleus, very bright colours, plumage tight as wax, best of cond.; 3, he, Almond, grand conditioned Lavender Finch; 4, Beaty, grand feathered and conditioned Firefinch. PARSON FINCHES, ETC.: 1, Almond, pair of Bib Finches, in lovely cond.; 2, Beaty, very nice feather-perfect Diamond Finch; 3, 4, Howe, pair White-headed Mannikins, and of Combassous, all in the best of cond.; vhc, Young, an extra good pair of Diamond Finches; he, Carr very good Parson. A.O. SEEDEATERS: 1, 4, c, Almond, Rainbow Bunting, a real picture, put down in grand order; 4th, pair Cuban Finches; 2, Beaty, pair of Quail Finches, lovely feather; 3, vhc, Howe, Melba Finch, best of col. and cond.; he, Bruce, good Crimson Finch. FRUIT-EATERS, ETC.: 1, Nicholson and Son, Scarlet Tanager, in grand col., feather and cond.; 2, Murton, pair of Californian Quail, a very interesting exhibit, well staged; 3, Thompson, very handsome Red-crested Cardinal; 4, Petterson, an extra good Pekin Robin.

Mr. J. Maddison's Classes.

GOLDF. (13): 1, Bertram and Baines, nice cobby shape, big, clean-cut, bright coloured blaze, good tanning, wing bars and buttons; 2, Almond, grand coloured, clean-cut blaze, plenty of rich tanning, slimmer shape; 3, Conkie and Louden, capital blaze, wings and tanning, only lacks subs.; 4, Nicholson and Son, fine cobby shape, good sized blaze, breast well tanned, scarcely so bright as leaders; vhc, Jameson and Johnson; he, Butler; c, Wilson. BULLF. (8): 1, Wilson, rare cobby shape, wide glossy cap, clear wing bars, rich, clear coloured breast; 2, Jameson and Johnson, similar stamp, scarcely so bright in col.; 3, Martin and Archer, very good cap, wing bars and breast col., beaten a little in shape; 4, Barkess, good bold head, neck and front, a little less bright in cond.; vhc, Davidson; he, Forster; c, Thompson. GREENF. (14): 1, Cuss, good sized Finch, rare hot level col., grand qual. feather, might be better staged; 2, McVay, fine cobby shape, not so good in col. and feather; 3, Gentleman, good size, shape and col., a little untidy at flanks and beaten wing bars; 4, Nicholson and Son, rather pinched in head, well shaped body, capital feather and cond.; vhc, Robinson; he, Conkie and Louden; c, McGuire. BRAMBLE or CHAFFCH. (11): 1, 2, Sykes, Chaffinch, very best possible condition, polished like a piece of glass, extra rich coloured breast, grand wings, well carried and well staged; 2nd, Brambellinch, grand size, shape, and col., well spangled head and back, perfect feather and cond.; 3, Nicholson and Son, Chaff., a bit more size than the winner, but not the colour and bloom; 4, Parlett, Bramble, upstanding bird, good size and shape, and well spangled, only beaten in col. and polish; vhc, Wilson; he, Conkie and Louden; c, Appleby. LINNET, H.M. (22): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, fine size, cobby shape, rich level col., well spangled breast, good wings, well put down; 2, Parlett, upstanding bird of grand size and shape, profusely pencilled breast, only beaten in cond.; 3, Hunter, fine style and shape, capital col. and markings, rather pinched in head and size; 4, Smurthwaite, similar to 3rd, just a little less col.; vhc, c, Crackett; he, Davidson. F.M. (26): 1, Jameson and Johnson, very steady and upstanding, grand size and shape, level in col., well pencilled; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, not so cobby in shape, but very rich col., well mkd., in grand cond.; 3, c, Bertram, plenty size, well marked, less col. and polish; 4, Fletcher, fine cobby shape, plenty of markings, a little dark in col.; vhc, Wilford a very good bird, but too low on leg; he, Mrs. Cope. SISKIN, ETC. (21): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, big Twite, grand col. and markings, good wing bars, in tip-top order; 2, Conkie and Louden, Siskin, extra good cap, bib, flank markings and col.; 3, McGuire, Lesser Redpoll, fine size, cobby shape, grand cap, bib, breast col. and markings; 4, Smurthwaite, big, good coloured Twite, well mkd., in grand order; vhc, Carr; he, Nicholson and Son; c, Stewart. FINCH or BTG.: 1, Nicholson and Son, Hawfinch, good size and col., well-shaped, clean-cut bib, in perfect feather and cond.; 2, Walsh, Yellowhammer, grand head and cheek marks, rich coloured body, well mkd. all over, and well shown; 3, Wilson, very smart Meadow Bunting, good in colours, feather and cond.; 4, McVay, big, thick-set Corn Bunting, grandly ticked breast, scarcely up in cond.; vhc, Robinson, Reed Bunting, in fine col. and feather; he, Hooper, Yellowhammer, good col. and head markings; c, McGuire. F.M. HARDBILL (except Linnet) (15): 1, McVay, Goldf., neat size and shape, big, clean-cut blaze of pure col., good fans, wing bars and buttons; 2, Bertram, steady Yellowhammer, good head and cheek marks, perfect feather and cond.; 3, vhc, Nicholson and Son, very rich coloured Greenf., good wing bars, just a bit slim; 4, Parlett, big, thick-set Mealy Redpoll, good cap, bib and markings; he, Tucker; c, Davison. HEN, FINCH or BUNTING (16): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, very steady Corn Bunting, grandly mkd. breast, perfect feather and cond.; 2, 3, Gentleman, Bullf., fine bold shape, extra col. and feather; 3rd, rare big grand shaped Yellowhammer, tip-top col. and cond.; 4, Graham, fine sized Hawfinch, good clean-cut bib, clear wing bars, fine cond.; vhc, Whitney and Son, fine steady, good coloured and conditioned Reed Bunting; he, Scott, fine Bullf., rather small; c, Davison. LINNET, NOV. (13): 1, Wilford, big upstanding bird, rich nutty brown col., well mkd.; 2, 4, Reed, nice cobby shape, well pencilled, scarcely the col.; 4th, a bit more col., but less size; 3, Mrs. Handley, fine level col., good markings, not over big; vhc, Hubbock; he, Aston. NOV.: 1, Wiggins and Harrison, really fine Chaffinch, grand size and shape, bright col. and cond.; 2, Forster, very steady Reed Bunting, capital col. and feather; 3, Conlson, Goldf., big blaze of very rich col., grand wings and tanning; 4, Boddon, very bright coloured Greenf., in best of feather and cond.; vhc, Hiron, fine big Corn Bunting; he, Young, Goldf.; c, Swinburn and Crawford, big Redpoll. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Bruce, very big, well shaped Thrush, extra good speckled breast, shown in grand order; 2, he, Telford, dense coloured Blackbird, in splendid cond., rich coloured beak and eye rere; 3, Swann, fine big Starling, beautifully spangled from head to tail, in very glossy cond.; 4, Hall, really fine Thrush, good in all points except size, only beaten by a very big good one; vhc, Askew, Thrush; c, Greason. A.O. SOFTBILL, LARGE: 1, Scott, high conditioned Chough, dense coloured glossy coat, rich beak and legs; 2, vhc, Davidson, Waxwing, plenty of size, rich in colours, excellent wings and tail; 3, 4, Parnaby, Redwing and Fieldfare, both in the most perfect feather and cond. SMALL: 1, Bousfield, Redstart, bright in colours, perfect feather, steady, and well staged; 2, Nicholson and Son, very fine Blackcap, in the best of order; 3, Scott, Skylark, nice upstanding bird, good in size and chest markings, just a little nervous; 4, Petterson, very bold and steady Robin; vhc, Hooper, fine Oxeye Tit, in perfect feather.

The Members' Classes.

The classes confined to members made a very nice collection, all sections coming up well. The quality of the exhibits was also up to a high standard, and competition was very keen. Special prize winners in these classes were: Best bird throughout the show, shown by a member, T. Chapman 2nd best, W. H. Butler; best novice, J. Smith; 2nd best, J. G. Greason.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Laidlow; 2, 3, Butler; 4, McKay; vhc, Lindsay; he, c, Topping. BUFF (7): 1, Butler; 2, Pierson; 3, McKay; 4, Topping; vhc, Wellsbury tic, Lawson; c, McGinn. HEN (11): 1, 4, Laidlow; 2, Moore; 3, he, Pierson; vhc, McGinn; c, Topping. CREST, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Martin; 3, 4, vhc, he, Mrs. T. Taylor. SCOTCH FANCY (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, T. Chapman; vhc, Chirnside. YORKS. YELLW (5): 1, vhc, Mather; 2, Crawhall; 3, 4, Cattell. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Cattell; 2, 3, Crawhall; vhc, Mather; absent, Jordan. HEN (9): 1, 3, vhc, c, Crawhall 2, he, Cattell; 4, Mather. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Graham; 2, 3, Nicholson; vhc, Chapman. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Chapman; 2, Nicholson; 4, he, Hawkins; vhc, he, Graham. BORD., GR. OR CINN. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Johnston; 2, Chapman; 4, Nicholson; he, Graham; c, Harvey. MULE (2): 1, McGuire; 2, Hooper. LINNET (9): 1, 3, 4, Bertram; 2, c, Petterson; vhc, he, Davison. FINCH OR BUNTING (17): 1, Almond; 2, c, Hooper; 3, Scott; 4, McGuire vhc, Butler; he, Graham. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Scott; 2, Petterson; 3, Hooper. FOR., LARGE SEEDEATER (3): 1, Butler; 2, 3, Scott. SMALL (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Almond; 4, Young; he, Petterson; c, Davison. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Petterson. NOV. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Hodson; 2, vhc, Morrison; 3, Spoor; 4, Wood; he, Lumley, [illegible] (9): 1, Liddell 2, Spoor; 3, c, Reed; 4, Hodson; vhc, Lumley; he, Morrison. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Morrison; 2, Hodson; 3, 4, Reed; he, Wood. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Rowan; 2, Cromarty. BUFF (2): 1, Witherby; 2, Cromarty. HEN (1): 1, Rowan. BORD., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Reed. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Greason; 4, he, Reed. A.O.V., CAN., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Reed; 2, Greason. BAIT AND FOOD (6): 1, 3, 4, he, Hall; 2, vhc, Reed.

INVERNESS.

First annual show of the Highland P.P. and C.B.A., held Dec. 10, in the Drill Hall, Margaret Street. The hall is an ideal one for a show, being free from draughts, and well lighted. The show was a decided success for a first event. Secs. Messrs. T. Sutherland and Fraser deserve great praise for the way the show was conducted. They were ably backed up by a committee of true fanciers, Messrs. H. M. Graham (pres.), Livingstone, Gillies, McBean, John McBean, R. Duncan, A. McArthur, J. Ritchie, A. Ross, R. Fraser, J. Sutherland, A. and C. Grierson, J. Finlay, G. Allan, F. Stanford, F. Cameron, J. Mackie, T. Forbes, W. Munro, L. and W. MacKay, with Mr. J. Gedall as show attendant. Mr. F. Stanford judged, and his awards were well received. Cup for best Nor. was won by Mr. J. Mackie; sp. best Mule or Hyb., J. Duncan; medal for best Ct. or C.B., and sp. best bird, E. Todd; medal best bird, W. Simpson; medal for best Goldfinch, A. Junor, also sp. for best Brit.; medal best Nov., W. McKay; medal best Yorks., Junor; most points, J. Markie, also memb. medal. The show was well patronised, the drawings were very encouraging, and exhibits, although not strong in numbers, were of a first-class order of merit.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY, CK. (2): 1, 2, Todd, leader topper for size and style, nice subs., good depth through, fine drive and reach; 2nd, yell., fine free worker, not so thick through, but very stylish. HEN (2): 1, Duncan, bull, fine length of wing, good drive and pos.; 2, Todd, grand top end and drive. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, cup, J. Mackie, monster for size and shape, beautifully rounded head and front, hot col.; 2nd, yell., grizzle cap, nat col., lovely front and head, excellent wing and tail carr.; 3rd, fed., unflig., beauty for size and shape, nice flights. HEN (1): 1, Mackie, very taking exhibit, nice size and subs., good all round type and qual. BUFF (5). 1, MacDonald, nice size and subs., capital tone of col., lovely mealing; 2, 3, vhc, MacKie, 2nd grand type and qual., capital shape, fine short flights and tail, our choice for 1st; he, Darke. HEN (3): 1, 2, MacKie, capital Ct., fine thick neck, beauty for size and shape and type; 2nd, buff variegated, good size and shape, fails in type; 3, MacDonald, buff variegated, very soft when taking notes. CREST (3): 1, 2, Todd, 1st, and sp. best bird, monster for size, abundance of feather, crest round as a hoop, neat droop and centre, wins; 2nd, gr., tremendous feather, nice veiny crest, delightful radiation, droop and centre, not much between them. C.B. (3): 1, Todd, massive width and rise of skull, neatly browed, bonny lash, bags of feather. BORD., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Simpson, sp., full of qual., bonny neat head, lovely shoulders and flights, grand piped tail, plenty style, greatly admired; 2, Campbell and McKenzie, yell. variegated, nice jaunty carr., fine head and neck. HEN (1): 1, Simpson, sweet wee lady, all there for type and qual., feathered like wax, in faultless cond. BUFF CK. (5): 1, sp., Simpson, fine stylish strong cl., full of qual., nice tone of col., grandly braced wings and bonny piped tail, wins; 2, Campbell and McKenzie, buff variegated, nice sweet type, fine head and neck, lovely wing carr.; 3, Bruce. HEN (1): 1, Simpson, rich qual. of feather, very sweet type, shown in rare order. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Junor, leader sp. best Yorks., pair of grand Yorks., grand length shape, and qual., splendid wing and tail carr., on good legs.; 2nd, buff variegated, nice upstanding bird, grand col. and qual., nicely drawn flights and tail; 3, he, Ross; vhc, Clunas. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Junor, splendid quality and finish of feather, rear topper. NOV. (6): 1, medal, MacKay, yell. Nor., lovely qual. and col., grand shaped body and head, tip-top wing carr.; 2, Cumming, cl. body, D.C., grand size and subs., nice droop of crest and bonny centre; 3, Davidson, Yorkie, grand head, well filled neck and shoulders, nice fitting wings and tail, good 3rd; vhc, Cumming; he, Fraser; c, Bruce, Border Green. A.O.V. (4): 1, Duncan, gr. Nor., nice subs. and qual., clear win; 2, Bruce, Bord. Gr., capital wings and tail, stands like a soldier, A1 qual., staged to perfection; 3, Davidson Yorks., nice col. and pos., well up, good length of wings; vhc, Miss McIver. MULES AND HYB. (4): 1, sp., Duncan, well-known Linnet Mules, often described, wins; 2, Junor, Linnet-Bullie Hyb., another well known winner, looking A1; 3, Fraser, lightly variegated Goldie, nice size and cond., in A1 order; vhc, Frank Forbes. GOLDF. (3): 1, sp., 2, Junor, leader lovely square cut blaze, grand tannings, splendid bars and buttons, wins easily; 2nd, smart, well shown, fails in finish only; 3, Darke, nice Goldie, grand blaze and col., rather restless. SISKIN (4): 1, Fraser and Ross, nice flank facing, good black cap and bib, nicely shown; 2, Junor, nice tone, excels in cond., good markings and cap, our choice for 1st; 3, MacDonald, slimmer in build; vhc, Ross. LINNET OR TWITE (2): 1, Junor, Linnet, nicely pencilled, nice tone, grand bloom, showing whites to advantage; 2, Darke, Twite, fine size and tone. BULLF. CK. (5): 1, Fraser, lovely breast col., dense, beautiful broad cap, lively bib, very taking; 2, he, Junor, nice size and subs., showing bars to perfection; 3, Ross, one of the largest, rare feather and col., fails in staging; vhc, Brown. HEN (4): 1, Duncan, grand size and shape, dense expansive cap, nicely cut, a good win; 2, Shaw, nice shape and size, grand head and bib; 3, Junor, hardly the bloom or subs. of winners; vhc, Fraser and Ross. A.O. BRIT., LARGE (2): 1, Duncan, fine Thrush, Inverness and Buckie winner, often described; 2, Fraser, Hawfinch, grand size and subs., very steady, A1 cond. SMALL (5): 1, Fraser and Ross, Wheatear, one of the best we have seen for some time, a nice win; 2, Duncan, Mealy Redpoll, nice size and col., lovely col. throughout; 3, Junor, Linnet, nice Poll, rare flanks and poll, nice breast work, must have pressed; vhc, Fraser; he, Darke. FOR. (4): 1, Darke, nice Grey Parrot, very amusing; 2, 3, vhc, Martens, Budgerigars Madagascar Exclusives, and Spice Birds, in faultless condition.

BURY C.B.S.

9th annual show held Nov. 29, in Textile Hall, Bury, an ideal room for the occasion. Entries came up very satisfactorily, every member staging. In Yorks., Messrs. Brooks, Crossley, and Howarth staged some fine specimens. Norwich were a grand lot, Mr. O. Wilson's Burnley and Manchester winner was again shown in the pink. A. Armistead, the old veteran, was also in his usual form. Col.-Sergt. E. Smith, a novice member, popped in a surprise packet in this section. Crest and Crestbreds were a great improvement. A. Armistead winning in the Crest class for the third year in succession. There was a slight falling off in the Britishers. Vice-pres. J. Brough, Esq., captured 1st in Mules. Mr. J. Hopkins, Bolton, played the cards, and left little room for grumbling. The show was a success financially, and exhibitors were quite on good terms with themselves. H. Jameson, Sec.

[From the prize list sent we gather that the principal winners were: Yorks.: Brooks, Howarth, Crossley, Moores, Armistead, Smith. NOR.: Wilson, Armistead, Gorton. CRESTS: Armistead, Gorton, Jameson, Booth. NOV.: Moores, Smith. BRIT.: Gorton, Brough, Homer, Booth, Jameson. MULES: Brown, Gorton.—Ed.]

TONG.

Show held Dec. 13 in the Dudley Hill School, which is an ideal place for a show of Canaries. Entries numbered only 265; there is plenty of room for a much larger show, with good space left for the visitors. The place is extra well lighted. Quality was quite up to the standard of the Union shows, but many of the birds seemed to want a wash. Entries in the champion classes were very poor, only one class paying its own prize money. Novice classes did not come up well, no fewer than three being half prize money. The selling class was better, 19 entries in two classes. Sp. for best cock in novice classes was won by Mr. W. Hirst with a yell. cinn. mkd. Sp. best Nov. hen, Messrs Fisher and Dyson. Members' points specials: 1, Gledhill; 2, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Holdforth. The management was excellent. Mr. Walker, the sec., got through his duties in a way which was a credit to him. He was very ably assisted by the stewards and show committee, which consisted of the following: Messrs. Hodgson and Son, Baker, Nichol, Denton, Gledhill, J. G. Hodgson, Firth, Atkinson, Worsnop, and Parkett. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

CHAMP., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Bennett, cl., rare length, very slim and stylish, well fitting wings, and tail, stands on good legs, nicely feathered, wants washing; 2, Dykes, cl. plenty of length, rich level col., good head and neck, A1 pos., staged well, some prefered this; 3, 4, Snead, 3 wing tkd., nice size, very stylish, stands well, only fails in col., 4 mkd. head and neck, plenty of length, very slim, lovely feather, rather pale; vhc, Casey; hc, Cruise; c, Dyson. BUFF (16): 1, Dyson, cl., grand head, well filled neck, feathered like glass, stands correct, well braced wings, piped tail, nice level col., wins; 2, Shackleton, cl., grand qual., nice shape and style, rather pale; 3, hc, Sutcliffe and Son, cheek tkd., beautiful qual. and style, grand back and wings; 4, c, Ogden Bros., cl., plenty of length, stands A1, hardly as tight in feather; vhc, Mason. YELL. HEN (12): 1, sp., vhc, Smith Bros., cl., rich sound col., fine silky feather, wings, and tail, plenty of length, carried well, beautiful shape, good legs and feet, grand cond.; 2, Cruise, wing tkd., hot col., rare length, very slim and stylish, not as tight in feather; 3, Bedforth, head and wing mkd., good length, nice shape and col., not looking well; 4, Thomas, head mkd., plenty of length, stands well up; hc, Bennett; c, Shackleton. BUFF (10): 1, sp., 3, Clegg, cl., good length, neat head and neck, well filled, splendid feather, good back and wings, well bcuched, 3 cl., grand style and pos., silky feather, stands well, only fails in length, 2 mkd. on neck, rare length, feathered like glass, wings and tail correct; 4, Shackleton, cl., plenty of length, nice col., beautiful qual., not so well on legs; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Ellis; c, Atkinson and Firth. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, sp., Hall, cl., wonderful length, grand feather, sound col., neat wings and tail, good legs and feet, make good stock bird; 2, Dykes, cl., nice head and neck, best of feather, hot col., not as long as winner; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, cl., very stylish, lovely feather, nice pos., fails in length; 4, Bedforth, wing tkd., plenty of length, sound col., neat wings and tail, not as good head; vhc, hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Bennett. BUFF (11): 1, sp., 2, Shackleton, cl., grand length, feathered like a Java, neat head, well filled neck, good shoulders and wings, piped tail, correct pos., gem, 2 cl., plenty of length, very slim, full of nerve, stands well up on good legs; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., cl., good shape and style, best of feather, only fails in length; 4, Dykes, cl., nice length, beautiful qual., very slim and stylish, well shown; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Bedforth. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, sp., Brown and Son, cl. yell., rare length, very slim and stylish, grand head and shoulders, wings and tail, correct carr., beautiful silky feather, pos. A1; 2, Dykes, cl. limf, grand shape and style, best of qual., stands well on good legs and feet; 3, Towers, yell., mkd. on head and wings, hot col., nicely feathered, very slim and stylish; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, cl. yell., nice shape and style, grand qual., only fails in length; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Bryant; c, Shackleton. GR. MKD. YELL. (12): 1, Mason, mkd. eyes and wings, hot col., fine silky feather, nicely drawn, good head and shoulders, wings and tail well braced, stands well on good legs; 2, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, wonderful length, grand qual., only fails in length; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Bryant; c, Shackleton. GR. MKD. YELL. (12): 1, Mason, mkd. eyes and wings, hot col., fine silky feather, nicely drawn, good head and shoulders, wings and tail well braced, stands well on good legs; 2, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, wonderful length, grand shape and style, rich sound col., well shown; 3, 4, Dyms, eyes and wings mkd., very slim and stylish neat wings and tail, not as silky, 1 cinn., mkd. eyes and wings, fine silky feather, well braced wings, grand pos., open tail; vhc, Towers; hc, Morrison; c, Thomas. BUFF (9): 1 sp., Hall, mkd. head and wing, plenty of length, sound level col., lovely feather, fine and tapering, correct pos., on best of legs, a gem; 2, Bailey, not as long, but beautifully feathered, well carried wings and tail, staged well; 3, Morrison, cinn. mkd. on eyes and wings, grand col., silky feather, nice shape, fails in wing carr.; 4, Dyson, mkd. eye and wing, lovely qual., neat wings and tail, rather pale, and not as long; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Dykes; c, Towers. GR. MKD. HEN (14): 1, sp., Thomas, yell. mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, sound col., feathered like glass; good head and neck, wings, and tail, well carried, stands correct, well shown; 2, Ogden Bros., buff mkd. on head and wings, grand shape and style, boxy feather, wings, and tail, well placed; 3, Bennett, yell. cinn., mkd. head, neck, and wings, beautiful shape and qual., very stylish, only fails in length; 4, Tidswell, buff, mkd. head and wing, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, stands correct, rather less; vhc, Mason; hc, Dykes; c, Cruise. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, sp., Sandford, cl., hot col., rare length, plenty of nerve, good head and shoulders, well braced wings and tail, nice pos., in best cond.; 2, Chew, neck tkd., plenty of length, good shape and style, hardly as silky; 3, Hodgson, jun., cl., grand length, very slim and stylish, silky feather, not steady; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Parker; hc, Symes. BUFF (13): 1, sp., Fisher and Dyson, cl., fine boxy feather, grand head, well filled neck, nice back and wings, stands on good legs, might have a bit more length; 2, Radley, mkd. on head, plenty of length, nice col., grand feather, wings, and tail, shows well; 3, Handsworth, cl., wonderful length, nicely drawn, well placed wings and tail; 4, Hudson, tkd. on head, very slim and stylish, lovely qual., not quite the length; vhc, Hodgson, jun.; hc, Cawtheray and Son; c, Mann. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, sp., Hamlyn, cl., plenty of length, full of nerve, rich sound col., silky feather, wings and tail well carr., A1 pos., a gem; 2, Hutchinson, cl., nice shape and style, well feathered, stands well, loses in cond.; 3, Northrop, cl., very shapely, beautiful feather; 4, Butterfield, cl., nice head and back, wings and tail carr., well; vhc, Hodgson, jun.; hc, Padgett; c, Symes. BUFF (12): 1st, sp., Fisher and Dyson, cl., grand length, boxy feather, neat head and shoulders, well placed wings and tail, stands correct, staged well, gem; 2, Radley, cl., beautiful shape and style, grand pos., paler, and not the length; 3, Smith, cl., grand length and style, fine boxy feather, neat wings and tail, stands well up; 4, Hirst, cl., plenty of length, grand other and shape, rather stout, good stock hen; c, Greenwood; hc, Woad; c, Mann. UNFLIG. CK. (20): 1, sp., Sheard, cl. yell., wonderful length, very fine and tapering, sound col., stands on good legs, wings and tail well carr., bit raky in feather; 2, Ramsbottom, buff tkd. on wing, rare length, good back and wings, stylish, bit slack in front; 3, Hutchinson, cl. yell., hot in col., nicely feathered, nice shape and style, inclined to cross wings; 4, Gledhill, cl. buff, grand length and shape, boxy feather, stands well; vhc, Bushby; hc, Sandford; c, Northrop. HEN (18): 1, sp., Greenwood, cl. buff, not big, but beautifully put together, rich silky feather, wings and tail perfect, stands on the best of legs, fine cond.; 2, Ward, cl. yell., wonderful length, very slim and stylish, nice col., shows well; 3, Sharp, cl. buff, grand qual., neat wings and tail, fails in length; 4, Bleazard, cl., yell., plenty of length, good wings and tail, rather pale; vhc, Ramsbottom; hcz Gledhill; c, Bowrr. GR. OR CINN. MKD (21): 1, sp., 4, Hirst, yell. cinn., mkd. eyes and wings, rare length, grand style, and very slim, feathered like glass, wings and tail correct, A1 pos., in best cond.; 4th buff mkd. eyes, neck, wings, plenty of length, nice feather, very stylish, on stout side; 2, Hudson, buff, mkd. eyes, cheek, and wings, boxy feather, very shapely, stands well up; 3, Gledhill, yell., mkd. on wings, rare length, full of bloom, neat wings and tail, not as steady; vhc, Baker; hc, Chew; c, Sheard. HEN (18): 1, sp, Padgett, yell., mkd. on head, eyes, and wings, splendid length nice head and neck, grand shoulders and back, wings and tail well carr., good sound col., stands well up; 2, McLaughlin, buff, mkd. head and wings, lovely shape and style, silky feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Sheard, yell. mkd. eyes, cheeks, and wings, plenty of length, fine silky feather, stands correct, wants washing; 4, Crowther, buff, mkd. eyes and wing, grand shape and style, nice back, and wings, bit loose on thigh; vhc, Jowett; hc, Hudson; c, Hirst. NOR. CK. (6): 1, sp, 4, Lord, cl. yell., grand head and breast, hot in col., plenty of subs., stands well across the perch, in best rond.; 4th, cl. yell., grand shape, nice head and chest, shows well, loses in col.; 2, Cawtnra, cl. yell., plenty of col., very shapely, stands well, close up; 3, Hunter, buff, mkd. on neck and back, hot rich col., good head and chest, gets up too much; vhc, Duckworth. HENS: Void.

NEWARK C.B.S.

Fourth annual show, held Nov. 29, in the Friendly Societies' Rooms. The arrangements for the show were in the capable hands of the hon. sec., Mr. W. Lidgett, one of the best; he has everything at his finger ends, and likes to see everything in applepie order. The show room was beautifully decorated with pot flowers, etc. Mr. Lidgett was also assisted by a staff of really good fanciers not afraid of work, a good-hearted lot, worthy to be called a committee. Chairman, Mr. Wells; treas., Mr. Lamb; and vice-chair., Mr. W. Toynbee, helped to make the show a pronounced success. Entries were not quite up to the average, owing to the generally unfavourable breeding season, but what was lacking in quantity was more than made up in quality. Mr. W. Fitchett's buff Norwich cock won society's challenge cup for best bird, this exhibitor having won it last year it now becomes his own property. In Yorks. Mr. W. Staniland won with a buff cock, a fine, slim, upstanding bird, runner-up for the cup. In Norwich non-fed Mr. J. H. Lamb won with a fine bold bird, while in hens Mr. W. Lidgett stood at the top with a capped-mkd. hen. This bird has won 1st in the same class three years in succession. British were not so strong in number as in past, but the winner, a Bramble finch, owned by Mr. W. Lidgett, easily stood first; the mule or hybrid class had some nice birds. Mr. Fitchett won 6 first prizes in all, and his exhibits were much admired. Mr. W. Brotherton, Rotherham, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CK., CL.: 1, 2, sp., cup, W. Fitchett; 3, c, Toynbee; vhc, hc, Lamb. TKD., etc.: 1, sp., vhc, Fitchett; 2, c, Lamb; 3, hc, Toynbee. HEN: 1, 3, sp., hc, c, Fitchett; 2, vhc, Lamb. NAT. COL.: 1, sp, Lidgett; 2, Lamb; 3, Staniland; vhc, hc, Toynbee. CK., NOT FED: 1, sp., Lamb; 2, Hopkinson; 3, Staniland; vhc, Fitchett; hc, Lidgett; c, Toynbee. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Staniland; 2, 3, vhc, Fitchett. YORK., TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, sp., vhc, Fitchett; 3, Staniland. 1913 BRED: 1, 2, sp., Fitchett; 3, hc, Toynbee; vhc, Lamb. BRIT.: 1, sp., Lidgett; 2, Fitchett; 3, Lamb; vhc, hc, Martin. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, sp., Staniland; 3, Lamb; vhc, hc, Toynbee. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, sp., vhc, hc, Lidgett.

The committee wish to tender their thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen for contributing specials to the show: Messrs. W. Fitchett, sen., Knight (Barubygate), Freeman, Hardy, and Willis, Mason, H. Pearson, Burbidge, Ernest Randall, Staniland (Collingham), Mrs. Pratt (Collingham), Messrs. Ellis, Brunning, Clutterbuck, Cupit, and Higs Bros., also to Mr. C. H. Brunning for plants and decorations.

CAMBOIS.

Second annual show, held in Mechanics' Institute, a well-lighted and comfortable hall, Nov. 22. The energetic committee, Messrs. Wheatley, Harkess, Young, Spratt, Hutchinson, Dunn, Charlton, and Long, with Chairman Dixon, Treas. Hyde, and Sec. Elliott, worked hard to make the show a success, and succeeded in their endeavours. Mr. Stanger judged.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp., Elliott; 2, 4, Richardson; 3, Hodgett; 5, Snowden. MKD.: 1, sp., Marshall; 2, 4, Hodgett; 3, no name; 5, Gibb. BUFF. CL.: 1, sp., Wakenshaw; 2, 3, Richardson; 5, Snowden; 6, Gibb. MKD.: 1, sp., Richardson; 2, Snowdon; 3, Henderson; 5, 6, Hodgett. HEN: 1, sp., Marshall; 2, Richardson; 3, 6, Elliott. BORD., YELL., CL.: 1, No. 16; 2, Marshall; 3, Long, 4, Spratt; 6, Hndspith. MKD.: 1, sp, Moody; 2, Harkness; 3, Hndspith; 4, Dawson; 5, Younger; 6, Richardson. BUFF. CL.: 1, sp., 2, no name; 3, Young; 4, Long; 5, Dawson; 6, Marshall. MKD.: 1, Hudspith; 2, Harkess; 3, Wheatley; 4, Marshall; 6, Gibb. HEN: 1, Hudspith; 2, 4, Spratt; 5, Wheatley; 6, Dnnn. YORKS., YELL. CL.: 1, Wakenshaw; 2, Younger; 3, Loug; 4, Marshall. MKD.: 1, sp., Richardson; 2, Younger; 3, Wakenshaw; 4, Gibb; 5, Long. BUFF, CL.: 1, Marshall; 2, Gibb; 3, no name; 4, Wakenshaw; 5, Younger. MKD.: 1, 2, no name; 3, Dixon. HEN: 1, Long; 2, Richardson; 5, 6, Younger. CREST: 1, W. Marshall; 2, no name; 3, T. Marshall. C.B.: 1, T. Marshall. A.O.V.: 1, 4, 6, Hndgett; 2, Younger. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Wakenshaw; 3, 4, 6, Hyde; 5, W. Marshall. LINNET: 1, 2, Dawson; 3, 4, W. Marshall; 5, Snowdon; 6, Spratt. A.O.V.: 1, no name; 2, Younger; 3, Hodgett. GIFT: 2, Wheatley; 3, Dawson; 4, Long. NOV., NOR.: 1, sp., 4, 5, Hutchinson; 2, Spratt; 3, Knowles. BORD.: 1, 4, Spratt; 2, 5, Henderson; 3, 6, Agnew. YORKS.: 1, 6, Knowles; 2, 3, Cannon; 4, 5, Henderson. A.O.V.: 1, Cannon; 2, 4, Moody; 3, Spratt. OLD, NOR.: 1, no name; 2, Elliott; 3, Richardson; 4, T. Marshall. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, W. Marshall; 2, T. Marshall. BORD.: 1, 5, Hndspith; 2, no name; 3, Spratt; 4, W. Marshall; 6, Wheatley. PAIR: 1, W. Marshall; 2, no name; 3, T. Marshall; 4, J. Henderson; 5, Hudspith. SONG BIRD: 1, R. Henderson; 2, J. Henderson; 3, Elliott; 4, Mrs. Douglas; 5, Fryer; 6, Harkess.

BOWHILL.

Sixth annual show, held Dec. 13, in Gothenburg Halls. Entries were slightly up this year. The management are a good working lot, everything passed off in good order, secs., Messrs. Taylor and Fisher had everything working smoothly, both are courteous and obliging to a degree, and were received every support from the committee. Judges were: Crests and Nor., A. G. Cameron (Kelso); Bord. and Yorks., A. Peters (Blackhaven), Miles, Brit. and For., P. Pettigrew (Glasgow).

The Critique.

CREST CK. (2): 1, Sneddon, Gr., nice crest of good formation and veiny feather, wins; 2, McGregor, Green crest, not so well rounded, fine leafy feather. HEN (2): 1, Wood, D.C., nicely rounded, good frontal, and length of feather, neat centre; 2, Sneddon, lovely crest of nice leafy feather, hardly so neat. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Sneddon, great skull, lovely frontal and lash, grand feather of lovely texture, wins; 2, McGregor, fails length of feather, nice skull and fine beetle brows; 3, McIntosh, loses size and subs., not so strong in skull. HEN, cancelled. UNFLIG. CREST or C.B. HEN (2): 1, Wood, wins on formation and length of feather; 2, Sneddon, fails length and texture of feather, fine skull. NOR., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Wildridge, nice head and neck, fine front, a little dry in feather; 2, McCue, loses head and wings, stout body, fine qual.; 3, Johnstone, hardly the size and subs., fine col. and qual., good wings; 4, Mathieson; 5, Spence. HEN (5): 1, Wildridge, sweet cl., neat head, short stout body, fine wings and tail, fine qual., patchy in col., but wins; 2, no name, hard up, frill in throat, level in col., nice body, wings and tail, good qual. 3, McConville, larger, nice head and neck, good body; 4, Barclay; 5, Firth. Cl., BUFF CK. (4): 1, Saunders, fine head and neck, good body, hot col., crosses wings at times; 2, Henderson, fails head, good body and qual.; 3, Stewart, not the size or subs.; 4, Wildridge. HEN (5): 1, Spence, sweet cl., grand type, lovely qual., good wings and tail, nice shade of col.; 2, Watt, larger, fails qual., nice head and body, fine wings, good col.; 3, Strachan, fine head, neck and body, good wings and qual., bit open on front; 4, Mathieson; 5, Yarley. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Smith, fine head and neck, short stout body, good wings and tail, a little bit open in feather; 2, Kirk, strong head and neck, longer in body, loses in wing carr., hot col.; 3, Baird, good head and body, fine qual.; 4, Wildridge. BUFF (6): 1, Henderson, good head and body, fine qual.; 2, Hutton, nice type, good quality and wing carr., not the subs.; 3, Spence, our choice, great head, neck and body qualities, fine qual., in fine form; 4, McConville; 5, Dnll; 6, Stewart. VARIEG. YELL. HEN: 1, Dickson, shade small, but sweet, fine qual. and colour, good wings and tail; 2, Thomson, loses in quality and not so typical; 3, Watt, nice head and body, good wings. BUFF (3): 1, McConville, nice size and subs., good head and neck, fine wings, patchy in col.; 2, Dickson, very close up, better type, not in so good form; 3, McCue. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Smith, yell. var., fine head, neck and body, fails col., fine wings and tail, wins; 2, Dickson, cl. yell., good head and neck, loses in subs., lovely col. and qual.; 3, Langan, yell Gr., good head, fails a bit in throat, fine body and wings., nice qual.; 4, Stewart; 5, Harris; 6, Spence. HEN (9): 1, Henderson, heavy var., good head and body properties, fine wings, good qual.; 2, Smith, var., fine head and neck, good body, fine qual., nice wings; 3, Langan, good body, fine wings, lovely qual.; 4, 5, Strachan; 6, Barr. UNFLIG. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Spence, Gr., fails head a bit, good short, stout body, fine wings and tail; 2, Duff, var., nice head and neck, good body, fine wings and tail, bit patchy in col.; 3, McCue, good head, longer in body and not so full, good qual. and col.; 4, Barr; 5, Watt; 6, Barclay. HEN (10): 1, Wildridge, cap mkd., good head and body, good qual. and fine wings; 2, we could not find; 3, Paterson, must have pressed, not so large as winner, but a sweeter model, teeming with qual.; 4, Saunders; 5, Spence; 6, McCue. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Couper, Gr., fine head and neck, hardly stout enough in body, good qual.; 2, Wildridge, yell Green, good head, tails neck, good body; 3, Thomson, cl. buff, good head and neck, fine short stout body, good quality, loses in wings; 4, Duff; 5, Kirk. HEN (4): 1, Harris, Gr., good stout body, fine qual.; 2, Hutton; 3, Watt; 4, Smith. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Robertson, sweet model, lovely type and qual., fine wings and tail; 2, Duncan, fine weight, nice type and qual., nicely folded wings and pipe tail; 3, Cunningham, sweet head and body shape, fine qual., crosses wings at times; 4, Paterson; 5, Bennett; 6, Wotherspoon. HEN (3): 1, Bennett, fine weight, lovely shape and qual., nicely folded wings and pipe tail; 2, Paterson, not so typical, sweet qual., nicely folded wings and tail; 3, Stewart, sweet type and qual., fails wing carr. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Paterson, little gem, sweet all over, lovely type and qual., fine weight, nicely folded wings and tail; 2, Duncan, fails wings, fair type and quality, nice weight, sweet head; 3, Rintoul, fine type and qual., nice front; 4, Henderson; 5, Bennett; 6, Arnott. HEN (6): 1, Beveridge, a little model, grand type and lovely qual., best of wings, pipe tail, lovely pose, wins; 2, Bennett, typical all over, close up, fine qual. and weight; 3, Arnott, hard up, very sweet and typical, lovely qual., nice wings and tail; 4, Wotherspoon; 5, King; 6, Johnston. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, Johnston, neat marks, very typical, lovely qual.; 2, Stewart, fails markings, nice quality, fine weight. EVEN (6): 1, Duncan, nice weight, fine style and qual., lovely round front, nice wings and pipe tail; 2, Arnott, sweet and typical, lovely qual., fine weight; 3, Beveridge, fails wings, good pos. and qual.; 4, Henderson; 5, Rintoul; 6, Cunningham. COMMON (6): 1, 4, Duncan; 2, 5, Bell; 3, Nicol; 6, McGregor. YORKS CK. (6): 1, 2, Kinnear, straight as a rush, fine pos., lovely qual., fine wings, well up on legs; 2nd, similar, loses in front, fine quality and position; 3, Reilly, not so typical, lovely qual., well up on leg; 4, Wishart; 5, Gray; 6, Stewart. HEN (3): 1, Gray, very straight and upstanding, lovely qual., fine wings and tail; 2, Reilly, fine pos., lovely qual., fails legs and wings; 3, Wishart, fine qual. wings, in fine order. DK. MULE (4): 1, Dewar, Greenf.-Can., fine size lovely col. and markings, in grand order; 2, Taylor, Linnet-Can., grand size, fine col., rare shape, fine markings, in lovely bloom; 3, Harrower, Linnet-Bullf., smaller, not so good in col.; 4, Thomson. GOLDF. (9): 1, Pringle, a little beauty, lovely rich col. flush, grand tans and wing bars; buttons, in rare bloom; 2, Chalmers, fails flush, nicely cut, fine shape, good col. and tans; 3, Harrower, fails markings and tans, fine cond.; 4, Lister; 5, Hutchison. FOR. GOLDF. or BULLF. (3): 1, Lister, nice blaze and collar, fine bars and buttons, in fine order; 2, Hutchison, hardly so well cut or so large, fine col. and cond.; 3, Marshall, fails size of face and not so deep of flush, fine order. BRIT. BULLF. (6): 1, Mackie, nice cap, lovely breast and back, good bars, fine form; 2, Palmer, fine head, nice size, lovely type, good breast and back col., hard up; 3, Summers, fails skull, and not so rich in col., nice markings; 4, Black and Limsden; 5, Bogie; 6, Cook and Hunter. LINNET (6): 1, Stuart and Dalling, lovely col. and breast work, fine size, nice whites, wins; 2, Nicol, fault col., and not so well marked on breast; 3, Smart, smaller, nice shade of of colour, nice work on breast; 4, Black and Limsden; 5, Campbell; 6, Millar. GREEN, NON-FED (9): 1, Mackie, rattling good bull, topper for size and col., grand shape, easy win; 2, 5, Bell, smaller, lovely shape, nice col. and marking; 3, Thomson, fails body shape, fine col. for a yell., nice markings; 4, Hutchison; 5, Arnott. FED. (11): 1, Stuart and Dalling, hot one, fine head, nice body shape, fine markings, grand order. SISKIN (4): 1, Coutts and Hunter, nice cap and bib, fine size, good flanks and bars; 2, no name, fails size and col., good markings; 3, Hutchison, fails markings; 4, Stuart and Dalling. REDPOLL or TWITE (3): 1, Campbell, Mealy, fine size and markings, well known; 2, Mackie, Twite, fine markings; 3, Smart, not so well marked. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, Arnott, sweet one, nice bib and poll, good markings, fails on one side a bit; 2, we could not find; 3, Nicol, loses only in marking on flanks, fine order; 4, Campbell; 5, Greig; 6, Bogie. LARGE (2): 1, Pringle, Hawfinch, nice bib and wings, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Malcolm, Starling, lovely exhibit, in grand trim. SMALL (3): 1, Beattie, we made a Linnet-Bullf. Hybrid, and therefore wrong class; 2, 3, Raith, Yellowhammers, leader best V mark and cheeks, and cleaner; 3rd, richer col. FOR. (3): 1, Todd, Budgies, in fine order.

OPENWOODGATE.

First annual open show, held Bull's Head Hotel, Dec. 13. The exhibits were nicely staged in a large clubroom, and were well cared for by the steward in charge, Mr. G. Elkins, the well-known Belper enthusiast. Mr. W. Hallam is the hon. sec., and Pres. Mr. R. Hanson. Only four classes were provided, but we understand an extended classification will be given another year. Mr. C. O. Davies judged.

YORKS., YELL. (12): 1, Cockeram, really smart, well up on leg, good col. and pos., nice type and qual.; 2, Elkins, typical gr., rare type and qual., finely drawn, grand col. and feather, close up; 3, Alton, nice wings and tail, good pos., very erect, nice col. and form; 4, Richards; vhc, York; hc, Green; c, Wood. BUFF (5): 1, sp (2), Cockeram, cl., nice size and type, good col., grand pos. and style, nice wings and tail; 2, York, cinn. mkd., head and wing, finely drawn, neat head and feather, good col., well placed; 3, Elkins, nice shaped cl., fine qual., good length and head, neat head and wings; 4, Alton, nice type and qual., grizzled cap; vhc, Richards; hc, Wood. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, withheld; 2, Dean, wins nicely, hot col., rare good body and shape, neck and wing mkd.; 3, Doxey, not quite the subs., still a good one, neat head and col., good wing carr.; 4, Shaw, nice shape and body, cl.; vhc, Earnshaw; hc, Morrell. BUFF (5): 1, withheld; 2, Dean, typical cl., neat head and wing, grand col. and feather; 2, vhc, Doxey, nice col., mkd. neck, good type and qual.; 1, Earnshaw, heavily variegated, nice shape, size, and col.; hc, Shaw.

WADEBRIDGE.

Members' second annual show held Nov. 19, in the Drill Hall, which is free from draught, and well lighted. The show was a success, and the birds were well staged. Yorkshires were a good lot. Mr. Boundy won cup for best bird in show with a cl. yell., Mr. Raby's Crest being runner-up. Norwich were also a good lot. Medal for most points was won by Mr. Audrew. The hard-working committee consisted of the following fanciers:—Messrs. Wills, Boundy, Docking, Lobb, Spear, and Hooper. Mr. Mitchell being the hon. sec. must be congratulated on the way in which he had the show under hand. Mr. S. Tickell, Bodmin, judged, and his awards seemed to please all.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2 sps., 2, 3, vhc, Andrew, cl., well up in size, col., and type, lovely qual., nice head, 2 foul tail, lovely qual., col. and type, fails in head to winner, 3 variog., hot col., good head and neck, nice chest, not quite so cobby. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Andrew, lovely lot, winner head and tail mkd., teaming with quality, big, bold, cobby bird, 2 lovely qual., and col., tight as a Java, 3 well up in size, good head and neck, fails a bit in col. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Audrew, 1 buff, good size, nice bold head, lovely qual. and col., easy win, 2 yell., good col. and qual., 3 yell., nice head, good chest and col. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 2 sps., Boundy, cup winner, nice col. and length, good qual., well up on leg; 2, Andrew, very stylish, well up, nice round head, neat shoulders, nicely drawn; 3, Docking, good length; vhc, c, Wills. BUFF (4): 1, sp., Andrew, good length, and col., lovely pos., nice round head, well braced wings and tail; 2, Wills, nicely drawn, good pos. and col.; 3, Boundy, good length, nice pos., good wings and tail; vhc, Docking. A.V., BRED 1913 (6): 1, sp., Wills, Yorks., wing mkd. buff, nicely drawn, good length, beautiful qual.; 2, Lobb, Nor. yell., good col. and qual., a bit long; 3, Doidge, Bord., nice type and qual.; vhc, Boundy; hc, Wills; c, Andrew. 1913 PAIR (3): 1, Wills, Yorks., nice length, well drawn; 2, Boundy, Yorks., good length and qual., one a bit soft; 3, Yorks., good length and qual., one a bit soft; 3, Andrew, Nor., nice head, lovely type and qual. A.O.V. (3): 1, sp., 2, Raby, variog. D.C., nice subs., good leafy feather, neatly placed centre. 2 variog. D.C., not the sub. of winner, nice crest, good lashing; 3, Doidge, Bord., nice col., type, and qual. BRIT., SMALL (6): 1, sp., Andrew, Goldf., good square blaze, lovely tannings, well buttoned, nice bars, wins well; 2, Wills, Goldf., nice blaze, good size, not tannings or buttons as winner; 3, c, Hicks, Yellow Bunting, well marked, good col., in faultless cond.; vhc, hc, Helen. FOR. (4): 1, sp., Hon. Constance Agar Robartes, Hill, Mynah, a lovely exhibit, a well-known winner; 2, Meagor, Parrakeet, lovely plumage; 3, Pearn, pair Waxbills; vhc, Irons. NOV. (4): 1, sp., G. Wills, Yorks, buff, good length and col.; 2, Spear, Green Crest, leafy feather; 3, Irons, Yorks, yell., well up on leg; vhc, Spear. SELL (15): 1, Raby; 2, Wills; 3, Lobb.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Monthly table show. Acld headquarters, Dec. Mr. Lockton judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Bond. NOV.: 1, 2, 3, 4, c, Jackson; vhc, hc, Greeson. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, vhc, W. Bailey; 2, Musson; 3, Tebbutt; hc, c, H. Bailey. BRIT.: 1, Musson; 2, W. Bailey. MULES: 1, Musson. Mr. Twilley was in the chair, and, after the business, Mr. M. Jackson gave the members his method of colour feeding. One new member was made.—H. Fowther, Hon. Sec.

LARNE.

Labour and political troubles are upsetting things greatly in Ireland just now, and the Fancy is suffering in common with other organisations. Entries at the show of the Larne and Dis. Cage Bird Association, held in the M'Cosh Town Hall, Dec. 3rd and 4th, were most appreciably affected by the troubles that exist in the Dublin district. Last year Larne had over sixty entries from Dublin, this year only half a dozen. Notwithstanding this drawback, the entry was only twenty down on last year. Scots Fancies, which at one time were the principal feature of North of Ireland shows only numbered four. Crests were few, but the few supplied the winner of the special for best bird in the show, a remarkably fine yellow Crest, shown by Mr. A. Creighton. This well-known Belfast fancier had quite a field day, as he won four specials, four firsts, and one second with half a dozen exhibits. Norwich were of most excellent quality. Mr. Thompson, who was the most successful exhibitor, staged a grand team, birds of grand type, and most excellent feather properties. The Dublin team of Mr. O'Reilly's captured the bulk of the spoil in the Yorkshires, and a very nice lot they were too. The special winning buff is a beauty, so far as shape, feather, and body is concerned; he just wants a bit more leg. Mules were a small, but capital lot. Mr. Lavery won the section special with a very nice Can.-Bullie. Matched pairs for hybrid breeding were most interesting. In the British section Mr. Mulcahy's Goldie was universally admired, as were Mr. Creighton's Linnet, Mr. Carleton's Siskin, and Mr. Lavery's Greenfinch, all birds of high class, and beautifully shown. The exhibits were nicely staged, and their needs were attended to by the following committee, who did their work well: Messrs. Geo. Barton (pres.), W. Owen (treas.), D. M'Elkinney, T. Crooks (trustees), J. Harte, P. Steele, G. Gettinly, E. Ramsey, Wm. Crawford, C. M'Conkey, D. W. Crawford, R. Gilchrist, W. Kane, jun., Jos. M'Conkey, Wm. J. M'Find, R. Baillie, and S. Fullerton (auditor). Mr. Thomas Mayne made a most excellent secretary, and attended to the duties of his office with urbanity and promptitude which called for much commendation. The show was splendidly managed. All that was needed for complete success was a few more entries. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

SCOTS FANCY, YELL.: Cancelled. HEN (1): 1, Dunlop, clinking good cl., gets head well down, and drives hard. BUFF (2): 1, 2, sp., Dunlop, very massive cl., rare top end, great drive, capital head and neck, takes well hold of perch, in nice form; 2nd, very shapely, stylish, and nervy, but not so much subs. HEN: 1, Smart and shapely drives nicely, and knows how to use her tail. CRESTS (3): 1, sp. best in show, Creighton, variegd. yell., wonderful qual., neat, well defined centre, lovely droop and radiation, nice shaped body, and very stylish, well shown; 2, Osborne, even-mkd. buff, nicely centred, well spread crest, nice level well filled back, not so even in front; 3, M'Keown, very neat cl. bodied dark, capital shape, not so long or dense in crest. C.B. (1): 1, Osborne, immense headed green, tremendous feather, a grand bird, but stands on one leg. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Lavery, head and wing mkd., lovely qual., rich, sound, level col., shapely head, neat wings and tail, well finished; 2, McConnell, much better in col., rare shape and size, grand style, but lacks the lovely qual. of winner; 3, 4, sp., Thompson, very short in body, wings, and tail, best shape in class, lovely feather, but patchy in col.; 4th, lovely col. and feather, longer in wings and tail. BUFF (5): 1, sp., Thompson, lovely shape and style, superb feather, rare chest, wings, and tail, short, cobby, and well finished; 2, M'Larnon, nice col., grandly feathered, full of style, well balanced wings and tail, not quite so cobby; 3, 4, M'Connell, 3rd, thigh tkd., nice head, grand col. and feather, very stylish, bit longer in wings and tail; 4th, eye mkd., best type in the class, beautiful silky feather, rare shoulders and chest, had lost part of his tail; vhc, Carson. VARIEG. (5): 1, Lavery, lovely rich bright col., beautiful qual., good head and shoulders, shown very fit, a topper; 2, 3, sp., Thompson, grand head, neck, and shoulders, superbly feathered, just a bit longer in wings and tail; 3rd, grand shaped four-pointed, lovely col., and nice silky feather, but not a good shower; 4, Osborne, very shapely, stylish, close feathered, neat winged, bull, not so well shown. HEN., YELL. (6): 1, sp., Thompson, beautiful cl., real model, neat well-rounded head, grand shoulders and chest, very neat wings and tail, feathered like a Java, very level and bright in col; 2, 3, hc, sp., Teasey, tkd. on head, capital shoulders, chest, and back, well feathered right through, nice col., a trifle longer in wings and tail; 3rd, very neat and compact in body, nice col., and feather, not so stout in head; 4, M'Connell, grand shape and style, beautifully silky feather, not yet tightened up; vhc, Carson. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Thompson, cinn. mkd. wings, very short and chubby, grand chest and shoulders, very short wings and tail, lovely col., full of qual. and style; 3rd, head grizzled, capital body, wings, and tail, very neatly feathered, not so chubby in skull; 2, Carson, head and wing mkd., lovely shape and feather, nice level col., just a shade longer in wings and tail; 4, c, M'Connell, lovely qual., cl., neat head, nice col., very stylish; vhc, hc, sp., Teasey. HEN, VARIEG. (5): 1, 3, M'Connell, yell., neat and shapely body, grand wings and tail, lovely col., beautifully feathered, in rare form; 3rd, buff, rare shoulders and chest, beautiful silky feather, nice level col., not quite so neat in feather on thighs; 2, Carson, buff, grand type and style, capital head, wings, and tail, rather pale in col., but rare hen to breed from; 4, Thompson, buff, lovely qual. and col., nice style, short and neat, not so stout; vhc, Teasey. NOV., COCK (7): 1, 3, J. Crawford, beautifully level col. unflgh. yell., neat, shapely, and stylish, nicely shown; 3rd, unflg. neck, tkd. buff, but a gem for col., shape, qual., and style; 2, vhc, M'Larnon, shapely cl. yell., not quite so silky in feather, grand style, well shown; 4, Clawson, rare shaped, stylish cl. buff, not quite so silky in feather or clubby in head; hc, sp., Carleton; c, Brennon. HEN (4): 1, 3, sp., Carleton, grand shaped buff, lovely feather, rather pale in col.; 3rd, shapely nice coloured yell., would have been improved by a wash; 2, 4, J. Crawford, nice shapely bull, splendid feather and style, plenty of col.; 4th, yell., nice shape and qual., not so level in col. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Woods, long, stylish cl., rare wings and tail, gets well up on legs, very nice silky feather; 2nd, tkd. back of head, splendid shape of body, beautifully piped tail, neat wings, very close and compact in feather, with a bit more leg would be a flier; 3, 4, sp., O'Reilly, grand length, nice head and shoulders, well balanced wings, bit open in front, and does not carry tail over well; 4th, long and slim, grand legs, wings, and tail, pulls a bit too thin in neck; vhc, Fleming, jun.; hc, Stewart. BUFF (1): 1, sp., O'Reilly, lovely cl., neat head, grand shoulders, back, wings, and tail, feathered like a Java, stands well up on perch, full of nerve; 2, Woods, tkd. head and also plenty of length, nicely tapered, well up on perch, grand legs, not so well put down; 3, 4, Stewart, mkd. eyes, cheeks, breast, and wings, grandly shaped, lovely feather and style, not so much length; 4th, nice stylish, lengthy cl., not so neat in waist. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 2, O'Reilly, long, slim, well tapered, stylish cl., beautiful feather, grand wings and tail, very smart and showy; 2nd, grand head, back, wings, and tail, lovely silky feather, well up on perch; 3, 4, Fleming, jun., tkd. on neck, nice shape and qual., not so steady when handled; 4th, thigh tkd., great length, capital shape; vhc, Stewart. BUFF (3): 1, O'Reilly, check tkd., neat head, grand wings and tail, full of style, lovely shape and qual., full of nerve; 2, Fleming, jun., grandly feathered cl., rare style, good wings and tail, not quite so slim; 3, Woods, shapely cl. NOV., CK. (6): 1, vhc, Wheatley, smart and shapely, neat head, well tapered body, lovely feather and style, wants just a bit more leg; 2, 3, 4, 2 spls., Webb, nice shape and style, good legs; 3rd, long, raking, shapely, stylish bird, needs tightening up; 4 nice shaped bull. HEN (2): 1, Wheatley, very neat, smart buff, lovely feather and style, well up on legs, handles nicely; 2, W. Cranford, long, shapely, stylish yell., not so tight in feather. MULES, LT. (4): 1, 2, Creighton, three-pointed yell., very rich col., grand face and bars, beautifully feathered; 2nd, wing mkd. buff, fine bold, shapely bird, nice style, rare flush and bars, feather like glass, both in the pink; 3, 4, Lavery, neatly mkd. four-pointed buff, small, nicely feathered, but needs col.; 4th, rich coloured, close feathered variegd., in grand form. DK. (6): 1, Alexander, large, grandly shaped, beautifully feathered, rich coloured jonque Can.-Linnet, in rare form; 2, Owens and Magee, nice shapely, well mkd., silky feathered Can.-Siskin, not quite so tight; 3, Lavery, nice shaped, well feathered jonque Goldie, not over done in col.; 4, M'Larnon, fine, big bold Greenie-Can., nice shape and col.; vhc, sp., Carleton; hc, Hayes. HYB., ETC. (4): 1, sp., Lavery, rare coloured Can.-Bullie, splendidly mkd., rare shape, feather, and style, in nice form; 2, 3, spl., Alexander, nice shaped, well feathered Goldie-Bullies, grandly mkd., very stylish and smart, leader the richest in col.; 4, Owens and Magee, very pretty Siskin Goldie, rich col., lovely feather, grand shape, a good shower. MATCHED PAIRS, HYB. (5): 1, sp., Carleton, big handsome Goldie, lovely blaze and checks, grand bars, rare legs, and a very shapely, well mkd., nice feathered Bullie hen, both exceptionally steady; 2, Alexander, deep blazed Goldie, not so clear in checks or legs, splendid body and feather, and an immense Bullie hen of superb col., not so steady as winners, close run for 1st; 3, Hayes, neat, shapely, well feathered, rich coloured Goldie, and a good yell. Nor. hen, rare qual.; 4, W. Crawford, very pretty well mkd. Redpoll, and a grand shaped, nice coloured Bullie hen; vhc, sp., Ramsey. GOLD. (8): 1, sp., Mulcahy, wonderful col. right through, large deep cut brilliant blaze, rare collar and back, lovely breast, grand bars and moons; 2, 3, c. 2 spls., Lavery, clearer checks, not quite so large in blaze, lovely rich deep col., and beautiful feather, very smart; 3rd, clinking face, collar, back, and crest, not quite so clean in checks, neat buttons, and rich bars; 4, Owens and Magee, large, shapely blaze, capital buttons and feather, nice cheeks and collar; vhc, sp., Alexander; hc, Creighton. BULLF. (1): 1, Mulcahy, a gem, grand shape, lovely rich col., beautiful feather, deserving of good competition. GREENF. (3): 1, Lavery, large, well shaped jonque, sound bright col., lovely feather, rich wings and tail; 2, Ramsey, mealy, capital shape and col., well feathered, beaten in finish; 3, sp., W. Crawford, mealy, nice shape, col., and feather, not so large. LINNET (5): 1, sp., Creighton, big bold bird, lovely rich nutty col., very cl., and well defined markings, especially on back; 2, Mulcahy, not quite so large, nice shape and style, very neatly mkd., nice col. and feather; 3, sp., Magee, rather darker in col. grand feather, nice cl. breast mks.; 4, Lavery, large, shapely bird, nice feather; vhc, Campbell. TWITE, ETC. (4): 1, Carleton, grand shaped Siskin, very rich bright col., grand lacing, capital wings, in rare form; 2, Harte, charming Redpoll, grandly mkd., very tight feather, capital col.; 3, Ramsey, shapely, good coloured Twite, nice feather, beaten in markings; 4, Mulcahy, nice Redpoll. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. A.O. HARDBILL (2): 1, sp., Creighton, lovely rich coloured Yellow Bunting, beautifully feathered, and grand mkd., in rare form; 2, W. Crawford, shapely stylish Bramble, rather weak in col., looked like a hen. LOCAL (7): 1, 6, B. M'Conkey, neat, stylish, nice feathered, shapely yell. Yorks.; 2, Harte, variegd. yell. Nor., typical, nice col. and qual.; 3, 4, Guy, long shapely yell. and buff Yorks., not so tight in feather as they might be; vhc, Owens and Magee; hc, Kirkwood. HEN (5): 1, W. Crawford, stylish, nice shaped buff Yorks., good feather, pale in col.; 2, Harte, big buff Nor., nice col. and feather, shown too fat; 3, Guy, stylish buff Yorks., not so close in feather; 4, Sittlington, useful buff Yorks. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 4, 2 spls., C. B. M'Conkey, buff Yorks., grand style and feather; 4th, long yell. Yorks., not so fine in feather; 2, hc, Owens and Magee, good shaped, nicely feathered buff Nor. hen; 3, vhc, c, and 2 spls., M'Keown, shapely, nice feathered buff Nor., good col.

HEADLESS CROSS.

Held at the White Hart Assembly Rooms Dec. 13. The arrangements were all well carried out by the committee under the direction of Mr. Ernest Sealey, who made a most courteous and capable sec. Mr. C. A. House judged.

BRIT. (13): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Mills, grand headed Goldie, lovely rich col., rare feather and style, grand bars and buttons; 2, large, shapely, good coloured Waxwing, not perfect in bars; 3, Bennett, rare good coloured and feathered Goldie, bit wild; res, Austin; vhc, Parker; hc, Robinson; c, Pearse. CAN., NOR. (20): 1, Harman, neat, close feathered, well mealed buff, sound level col.; 2, Parker, smart bodied variegd. yell., loses a bit in head, rare style and shape; 3, res, vhc (2), c, Andrews, big, bold, shapely buff, nice col., not so compact in feather; vhc, hc, Hubert; hc, Marsh. YORKS. (15): 1, spl, and cup best in show, 3, hc, c, Austin, splendidly shaped variegd. yell., beautifully feathered, nice wings and tail; 3, smart neat buff, beautiful style and pos., rare feather; 2, res, Harman, nice lengthy cl. yell., rare wings and tail, stands well up on legs, not quite so neat in head; vhc, Parker; hc, Richards. A.O.V. (9): 1, Marsh, beautifully feathered, sound coloured buff cinn., nice shape and style; 2, Herbert, nice shaped, good shouldered, stylish buff Scots Fancy; 3, res, Mills, nicely shaped, heavily mkd. Crest, good centre and radiation, and a neat buff dark Goldie mule; vhc, hc, Turner; c, Robinson.

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FROME.

Once more the Frome fanciers scored a success in the show held Dec. 11 in the Market Hall. It is the first time they have used this grand building, a wonderfully spacious hall, with a grand top light, and warmed with hot water, so that the exhibits are comfortable, and free from draughts; our section was beautifully staged at one end. Entries hardly came up to last year's splendid record, but all classes were well filled, and quality was far in advance of any previous effort. A unique thing about the show was that every variety of Canary (excepting the white) was on view. The Novice class was a stormer for quality, and contained a couple of fine Dutch Frills, several Cinnamons, Lizards, Belgians, and Scotch Fancies. Mr. Fifield won with a grand recently imported Frill. Norwich were excellent, most of the best breeders in the district staging their winners. In Yorks. the judging had to be delayed in consequence of the non-arrival of several exhibits, Messrs. Hawes Bros. birds not putting in an appearance until close on 2 o'clock, and although Mr. Norman left them as long as possible to recover, they were seriously handicapped, and hardly did themselves justice, although all of them managed to get in the money. Hybrids were extra good, a really very fine collection, and although the Bullfinch class was a poor one for the West of England, a class of 21 very fine Goldies pleased the British bird lovers. They were a fine lot, with the first half-dozen difficult to separate. The chief feature of the members' section was the fine class of Lancashires. Winner of the cup for best mtlig. was Mr. Blewett, and the novice medal Mr. Payne. Mr. Ivo Young once more had the management of the show, consequently all the arrangements were perfect. In his work he was ably assisted by Messrs. Fricker, Kelley, Pinnell, Pope, Elliott, Yeo, Astell, King, and Edwards. The President of the society, L. R. Tanner, Esq., was greatly interested in the exhibition, and spent some time examining the fine collection. The hall was packed during the evening with interested visitors. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Critique.

CRESTS (2): 1, 2, Miss Oaslow, lovely pair of variegd. Crests, nice size, shape, and qual., good full shapely heads, leader capital centre, and good well drooped frontal, nicely packed all round. NOR. YELL (6): 1, 3, vhc, Saunders, very fine team, exceedingly well put down, leader the Horticultural Hall winner, a wonderful headed bird of good qual. of feather; 3rd, short, thick set, very hot col., good bold head and front, short wings and tail, nice qual.; 2, Banbury, hardly so nicely proportioned as winner, not the width of skull, a grand exhibit, lovely qual.; 4, Williams. HEN (9): 1, 2, hc, Saunders, fine team, yell. hen, grand size and type, leading, full head, bold front, nice short wings and tail, rich col.; 2nd, lovely shapely buff, good back, tightly braced wings, grand qual.; 3, Follwell, very fine yell., capital size, real Nor. type, good depth, nice qual. feather, sound col.; 4, Banbury, shade small, but faultless type; vhc, Garland; c, Tripe. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Follwell, lovely exhibit, grand size and type, full head, nice back skull, good wings, sound col. and qual.; 2, hc, Saunders, beauty for type and qual., hardly so massive but very short all over, rich col., in fine order; 3, Banbury, bonny bird, wonderfully short feather, grand full head and body, wee bit leggy, full of qual.; 4, Brown; vhc, Noyce. BUFF (9): 1, Noyce, massive, full head and neck, good back and wings, capital qual. of feather, hardly so sweetly moulded as 2, vhc, Saunders, grizzle cap, shade smaller, perfect type, teeming with qual., in the pink; 3, Banbury, fine bold bird, typical, nicely filled in, hardly the col. of 2nd; 4, Brown, rare head and full front; hc, Dyer. NOV. (23): 1, Stibbs, 1st, bonny buff, massive, grand head and neck, good depth, capital wings, neat tail carr., fine qual.; 2, 3, Sampson, lovely yell. leading, very typical and nicely moulded, capital col. and qual. of feather; 3rd, wing and head mkd. buff, shapely, beautifully filled in, grand wings, nice qual.; vhc, Howard; hc, Ireland; c, Preadle. YORKS., YELL. CK. (11): 1, vhc, Snead, wonderful length, beautifully moulded and cut away, good shoulders, nicely shaped head, fine col. and qual.; 2, Pitt, beauty, hardly so nicely rounded, but excellent length, fine wings, lovely qual.; 3, Hawes Bros., beauty for type, good head, shoulder, and back, nicely moulded, perfect qual.; 4, Bonsfield; hc, Elsmore; c, Boundy. BUFF (10): 1, Mrs. Holliday, lovely type and style, good head and shoulders, perfect wing carr., full of qual., in the pink; 2, Price, close up, nicely moulded, capital wings and tail, hardly the rich qual., but still a grand exhibit; 3, Nicholls, shapely, good shoulders, nicely cut away; 4, Hawes Bros., correct type, neat head, good back and wings. HEN (9): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., buff leading, faultless type and style, beautifully moulded, fine length of wing, lovely qual.; 2nd, grand yell., sweet type, nervy, good pos., nice tone of col., sound qual.; 3, Oddy, bonny buff, grand size and length, good well braced wings, nice cond.; 4, Pitt, nice yell., excellent type; vhc, Holliday; hc, Snead; c, Mrs. Holliday. UNFLIG CK. (13): 1, Hill, fine bold buff, grand length and style, good type, nicely drawn, beautifully modelled, sound qual.; 2, Oddy, good yell., fine length, nicely moulded, grand length of wing, neat tail, nice qual.; 3, Hawes Bros., excellent type, stylish, grandly braced wings, lovely qual.; 4, Snead, very fine yell., grand length, nicely filled in, fine pos. and style; vhc, Mrs. Holliday; hc, Elsmore; c, Nicholls. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Mrs. Holliday, magnificent yell., full of qual., sweet type, beautifully cut away, in the pink; 2, Hawes Bros., charming mkd. buff, splendidly moulded and rounded, nicely cut away, tight as wax; 3, Bonsfield, fine bold yell., lovely size and type, grand back and wings, AI qual.; 4, Elsmore; hc, Price; c, Oddy. NOV. CK. (11): 1, Malsom, very fine lengthy yell., grand type and style, neat head, good shoulders, back, and wings, sound cond.; 2, Egerton, lovely buff, nicely drawn, good front and wings, full of qual., rich col.; 3, Russell, typical, sweetly moulded, well up on legs; 4, Hawes; vhc, hc, Everett; c, Neal. HEN (14): 1, 4, Maidment, lovely yellows, leader beauty for type and style, grand front, nicely cut away, rich col.; 2, Everett, lengthy buff, capital length, very stylish, neat wings, fine qual.; 3, Russell, typical yell., smart and stylish, well up on leg., good wings; vhc, Edwards; hc, Goldsmith; c, Neal. NON-FED YORKS. OR NOR. (9): 1, Parson, magnificent bold buff Nor., grand full head, wide shoulders, closely braced wings, lovely qual.; 2, Sampson, excellent typical Yorks., beautifully modelled, tight wings, neat tail, very fine feather; 3, Pope, good Nor., fine type and qual., shapely, well filled back, sound col.; 4, Bonsfield; vhc, Saunders; hc, Tripe; c, Edwards. BORD. (11): 1, 2, Jenkins, real "wee gems," perfectly typical, leader hard to find fault with, sweetly moulded; 2nd, magnificent buff, teeming with qual., sweetly moulded, both in the pink; 3, 4, Madagan, two more beauties, 3rd, lovely type and style, shade high on leg, but full of swank; 4th, buff, nice pos., beautifully rounded, tight as wax, hardly the rich under col. of winners; vhc, Edwards; hc, Eley; c, Wines. HENS (9): 1, 3, Madagan, charming yellows, leader real gem for type and style, beautifully combed, sweet head, tightly fitting wings, nice col.; 3rd, hardly so rich in bloom, lovely type, sweetly moulded, perfect cond.; 2, Jenkins, lovely buff, nice style, beautifully modelled, and cut away to a neat tail, grand cond.; 4, Lawrie, slim built buff, very jaunty; vhc, Brain; hc, Eley; c, Edwards. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Jenkins, sweet, cinn. mkd., grand type, full of go, nicely balanced, cleanly cut, perfect qual.; 3rd, very fine yell. gr., wonderful richness of col., full of bloom, splendidly pencilled; 2, 4, Lawrie, charming self cinn. buff leading, typical, nicely filled in, grand depth of col., in the pink; vhc, Edwards; hc, Elston; c, Brain. NOV. (21): 1, 4, Preece, typical yell., nicely moulded, neat head, good wings and tail, grand cond.; 4th, charming cap mkd. buff, nicely filled in, swanky in style, lovely qual., tight as wax; 2, Wall, good buff, perfect head, nicely cut away to a neat tail, tightly packed wings, in the pink; 3, vhc, Master Beard, two real good exhibit, leader a lovely four-ptd. yell., grand type and style, nice col., sound qual. and cond.; hc, Smith; c, Bexon. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Fifield, two magnificent Frills, leader a cl., perfect even mantles, of fine lengths, grand side frills, full of feather, of good length, lovely qual.; 3rd, variegd., larger, bodier, grand length of feather, but hardly so good in mantle, good front, fine rond.; 2, Collins, splendid buff cinn., massive bold bird, good full head, beautifully proportioned, lovely col. and meal; 4, Brown, yell. cinn., nearly as large, very shapely; vhc, Rinkin; hc, Mrs. Holliday; c, March. HYB., CL., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Collins, leader gem, of a cl. Goldf.-Can., grand size, shapely as a Border, lovely col., and in perfect feather; 3rd, lightly marked Linnet-Can., shows parentage well, in fine fettle; 2, Ball, very fine bold lightly mkd. Greenie, nice rich tone of col., capital size, shapely, in lovely order; 4, Smith, Goldie-Can.; vhc, Hawes. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Collins, Goldie-Can. leading, lovely type and style, grand depth of col., perfect cond.; 2nd, very fine var. Greenie, wonderful size, good bold head, grand col. throughout, perfect qual.; 3, vhc, Smith, beautiful var. Goldie, nice blaze, capital feather, in good order; 4, Goldsmith. DARK (16): 1, Lamb, magnificent Goldie-Can., wonderful size, lovely shape, good style, capital depth of col., in the pink, full of qual.; 2, Collins, lovely Twite-Can., splendid size, shapely, good bold head, capital wings, full of work throughout, teeming with qual.; 3, Nicholls, magnificent Goldie, scarcely so big, lovely rich blaze and good col. throughout, very fine cond.; 4, Mrs. Longden, richly col, Greenf., fine size and type, nicely feathered; vhc, Miss Bonsfield; hc, Williams; c, Harding. A.O.V. (11): 1, Lamb, well known Greenf.-Chaffinch leading, in fine feather; 2, Howick, equally well known Canary Bullie, gem for size and shape, capital tone of col., in lovely order; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Collins, 3rd, one of the best Goldie-Redpolls we have ever seen, magnificent size and shape, richly col., in grand fettle; 4th, Goldie-Greenie, one of the best for shape and qual. of feather, and a gem for richness of col.; vhc, Lee. GOLDF. (21): 1, Winstone, nice size and shape, grand wing bars of fine col., fine depth of tanning, not the largest face in the class, but a good one, stands alone for richness of col. and polish; 2, 4, vhc, Richards, two grand birds, leader beautifully proportioned, nice broad blaze, richly tanned, capital wings, lovely qual.; 4th, as good on points, with fine spread of blaze, nicely tanned, but not the finish; 3, Portman, splendid Finch in every way, big clean cut face, nice wing bars, and good depth of tanning; ex. 4, Herbert, beaten to day on condition; hc, Rescorla; c, Cheney. BULLF. (7): 1, Cheney, lovely Bullie, fine bold bird, grand cap and bib, splendid depth of col., tight as wax, grand wings; 2, Howick, hardly so full in type, but good cap and wings, splendid cond.; 3, Miss Bonsfield, lovely exhibit, perfect type, nice full head and neck, good back, nice tone of col., scarcely so rich; 4, Coggins; vhc, Bemfrey; hc, Hillier; c, Coggins. GREENF. (7): 1, Bancroft, nicely proportioned, good shape, bold head and front, splendid tone of col., in the pink, well put down; 2, Winstone, shapely, nice size, good rich col., splendid qual., hardly the finish; 3, Nicholls, shapely, nice size, good head and back, capital cond.; 4, Lewis; vhc, Parsons; hc, no name; c, Cheney. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, 3, Bancroft, gem of a Linnet leading, not particularly large, but beautifully proportioned, nice head and wings, capital lacing, good tone of col. throughout, in the pink; 3, bonny Siskin, capital size and shape, rich col., nice quality, beautifully laced; 2, Richards, Linnet, shade larger, pencilling rather better defined, but not the col. nor polish; 4, vhc, Lewis, very fine Redpoll, capital size, good bib, nicely laced, rich col.; hc, Williams; 3, Brain. A.O.V. (6): 1, Collins, very fine Hawfinch, grand size and shape, good bold head and front, rich tone of col. all through, tight as wax; 2, Cheney, sound Yellow Bunting, good size and shape, rich col., even, well defined markings, beautifully spangled; 3, Pool, bonny Hawfinch, hardly so bold in head as winner, nor so richly col., still a grand bird, in fine cond.; 4, Mrs. Longden, Yellow Bunting, fine size and shape; vhc, Tripe. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Collins, magnificent Yellow Wagtail, lovely shape, beautiful col., in the pink; 2, 3, Tout, charming Golden-crested Wren, beautifully feathered, lively as a cricket; 3, splendid Lesser Whitethroat, good sound col., and pure throat, grand cond.; 4, Benjamin, fine bold Waxwing; vhc, Miss Bonsfield; hc, House. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, Mrs. Sage, magnificent Senegal Parrot, wonderful size, rich col., best of feather; 2, Mrs. Longden, lovely Red-naped Lory, grand size, splendidly and evenly coloured, in fine fettle; 3, Leaver, good Senegal, hardly the size of winner, but a real beauty for feather and col.; 4, vhc, hc, c, Biss. SMALL (6): 1, vhc, Miss Bonsfield, lovely pair of Tanagers leading, splendid col., in best possible cond.; 2, 3, Lee, grand Blk.-headed Gouldian, very fine size, wonderful depth of col. throughout, tight as wax; 3, splendid cock Nonpareil, faultless in col. and feather, a real topper; 4, Reed, Red-headed Gouldian, fit to win, in very fine order; hc, Mrs. Longden. MEMB., YORKS.: 1, 3, Payne; 2, vhc, Davis. LANC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Minly; vhc, Young; c, Edwards. BORD.: 1, 3, 4, Pope; 2, Perry. NOV.: 1, Perry; 2, Pope and Davis; 3, 4, Turtell; vhc, Edgell. NOR.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Pinnell; 3, c, Blewett; hc, Davis. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Pinnell; 2, 4, Young. 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CANTERBURY.

Held Dec. 10, in Lower Corn Exchange, a grand hall, with a splendid top light. The birds were staged at the upper end, in the warmest and coolest part of the building. The entry was in excess of last year, and quality far in advance of anything seen before at the Cathedral city. Norwich and Yorks. were a splendid lot, birds of very high merit being staged. There were also a couple of good classes of Borders, and some very nice hybrids and British birds. Mr. J. W. Sargeant once more had the management, and, consequently, everything was in the best of order. Our section is represented on the committee by Mr. H. W. Casemore, H. E. Taylor, and the Rev. C. Sales; the latter gentleman's eyes twinkled merrily when his buff Yorkshire won the special for best member's exhibit. It was a nine gallon cask of ale and a silver medal. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. (11): 1, 2, c, Taylor, grand buff, fine subs., neat full head, good back and wings, good tail carr., grand depth of col., full of qual.; 2nd, very fine yell., capital type and col., full, although rather long head, capital wings, grand qual. feather; 3, Roberts, very fine buff, hardly the bloom of winner; 4, Easton, beauty for type, short and thick set, neat head, wings, hardly braced as we like them, sound col.; vhc, Killo; he, Pilcher. TKD. OR VARIEG. (8): 1, Wickham, splendid neck tkd. buff, fine bold front, good full head, short tightly braced wings, full of qual.; 2, Greenaway, variег. yell., full bodied, good head and width of chest, smart wing carr., grand qual.; 3, Smithers, capital subs., good full neck and front, neat wings, good qual.; 1, vhc, c, Taylor, perfect type, grand subs., make a topping stock bird, rich col.; he, Woodcock. HEN (12): 1, 2, Taylor, lovely coppy buff, not the largest, but all there for type, good head, full neck and front, lovely qual.; 2nd, short thick set yell., grand qual. of feather, good head and wing; 3, Wickham, another good buff, similar to leader, but hardly so tight in feather; 4, vhc, Easton, bonny yell., fine size and type, capital cond.; he, Roberts; c, Pilcher. UNFLIG. (11): 1, c, Pilcher, bonny yell., capital size and type, beautifully rounded, neat wings and tail, sound col. and qual.; 2, vhc, he, Taylor, capital wing mkd. buff, good subs. and style, neat full head, inclined to cross wings; 3, Casemore, neck tkd. buff, grand type, beautifully rounded, not the largest head, tight wings, faultless cond.; 4, Kilby, good cl. yell., typical, hardly so tight. HEN (10): 1, Burgess, bold tkd. yell., grand type and style, full front, perfect wings, tight as wax, wins; 2, Roberts, good cl. buff, capital subs., good head and width of chest, A1 cond.; 3, Wickham, similar to 1st in build, hardly so tight in wing carr., lovely qual.; 4, Silk, good four-ptd. buff, splendid type, shade small, but all there for qual.; vhc, Pilcher; he, c, Taylor. YORKS, CK. (6): 1, Pink, grand yell., beautiful length and style, nicely drawn, fine qual. of feather; 2, Rev. Sales, charming buff, lovely pos., sweetly moulded, rich qual., in the pink; 3, Johnson, grand yell., very little behind winner, nicely filled in, good legs; 4, Veness, hardly so nicely moulded as winners, grand pos., and good qual.; vhc, Field; he, Copping. TKD. OR UNEVEN (7): 1, Ansten, capital tkd. buff, fine length and style, well filled in, grand back and wings, full of quals; 2, Raynor, very fine var. yell., nicely drawn, sweet head, good shoulders and wings, lovely qual.; 3, 4, Rev. Sales, very typical, nicely rounded, foll a wee bit in wings, good cond., 4th, fine cinn mkd. buff, good length, nice qual. of feather; vhc, Veness; he, Pink; c, Woodruff. UNFLIG. CK. (13): 1, vhc, Johnson, beautifully modelled, neat round head, good shoulders and wings, smart full, full of qual., nicely feathered; 2, Ansten, lengthy buff, good head, capital tightly braced wings, excellent pos., 3, Pink, fine yell., similar to winner, scarcely so good in head, but fine qual., 4, Rev. Sales, big buff, nice length, inclined to be frilly, but capital qual. of feather; he, Lockett; c, Olive. HEN (5): 1, Lockett, charming buff, nice size, sweetly moulded, tightly braced wings, A1 cond.; 2, Olive, good yell., fall down in col., but typical, good wings and tail, smart; 3, Johnson, tkd. yell., nice type, good front, clean cut, falls a bit in head, but good qual.; 4, Rayner, one of the best, wants a tubbing; vhc, Ansten. YORKS, HENS (1): 1, Rayner, grand yell., perfect type and style, beautifully rounded, fails in col., but wins; 2, 4, Rev. Sales, better col., but hardly so nicely rounded, full of qual.; 3, Olive, lengthy buff, inclined to be frilly, fine length and pos. BORD., 1913 (9): 1, 2, Burton Bros., nice size, grand type and style, nicely packed wings, good col. and qual.; 2nd, tail mkd., sweet type, stylish, best of qual. well shown; 3, vhc, Mr. Aitken, nice cl. buff, full size, good type, well packed, nice cond.; 4, c, Wood, capital variег. buff, stylish, nicely moulded, good wings and tail, fine feather; he, Rev. Soames. AGED (7): 1, Burton Bros., charming four-ptd. yell., sweet type, nicely filled all round, good style, in the pink; 3rd, lovely cl. buff, style, nicely rounded, stands well, fine qual.; 2, he, Wood, lovely green, grand rich col., full of polish, nicely pencilled, sound cond.; 4, vhc, Rev. Soames, bonny green, rich col., beautifully pencilled, sound qual. PAIRS (6): 1, Wickham, variег. yell. cock, fine size and type, to a grand buff hen, plenty of subs., very typical, both in fine cond.; 2, 3, 4, Taylor, splendid team, leaders, fine variег. buff cock and a typical yell. hen, beautifully matched, fine cond.; 3rd, buff ck. and tkd. yell. hen, hardly in such good cond., but a well-matched pair; vhc, Casemore; he, Gunnell. HYB. (8): 1, Gunnell, lovely three-ptd. yell. Goldie-Can., nice size, stylish, splendid col., capital feather; 2, Smith, very fine Siskin-Can., capital size, well packed, good sound col., in the best of cond.; 3, 4, Casemore, fine Dk. Greenie, big bold bird, good shape and qual.; 4th, nice buff Goldie, good col., nice feather; vhc, c, Mrs. Soames; he, Tilbury. GOLDF. (6): 1, Grant, bonny bird for col. and qual., not over large, but good full face, grand bars and buttons, rich tanuing; 2, Rayner, quite as good in blaze, but hardly so rich as winner, capital cond.; 3, vhc, Casemore, good size, shapely, nice spread of blaze, sound col. throughout, hardly the polish; 4, Smith, grand Finch, might have done better, but a bit soft when judged; he, Woodruff. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Wickham, nice size and style, richly coloured throughout, beautifully pencilled, lovely cond.; 2, Rayner, quite as good on points, but hardly so full of bloom; 3, Gunnell, full of qual., nice tone of col., good head, well put down; 4, Smith, wee shade smaller, but good bird, rich col., and nicely mkd., in fine order; vhc, he, Pankhurst; he, Casemore. A.O.V. (8): 1, Grant, bonny Hawfinch, grand size and shape, good bold head, neatly cut bib, sound rich col., in the pink; 2, 3, Taylor, lovely Greenie hen, wonderful size and qual., lovely col.; 3, bonny Chaffinch, lovely depth of col., good shape and qual.; 4, Gunnell, bold Hawfinch, grand size and shape, in the pink, beaten col.

FELINFOEL.

Sixth annual show held Dec. 13, at Public Hall—an admirably adapted place for a show, being very roomy, free from draughts, and well lighted. Unfortunately, although good classification was offered, entries did not come up to expectations, no less than 20 out of 25 classes standing at half prize money, and we are afraid this was partly due to rule 2, as it is rather too much to expect exhibitors to enter on the understanding that there must be nine entries in a class to obtain full prize money. Everything was carried out in a businesslike manner, the staging being neatly arranged, the wants of the birds well attended to, and judging started promptly. This was due to the valuable help given by a hard-working committee, including Messrs. T. J. Rees, chair, Edward Derrick, vice, Sam Jones, M. L. Morris, Sam Evans, J. Jenkins, G. Price, D. Aubrey, D. Morris, Jno. Thomas, Abel Thomas, W. J. Harry, D. Clement, D. Jenkins, Ivor Evans, W. J. Mason, and Richard Jenkins, who were well superintended by Mr. Dan Clement, the excellent show manager. Sec. Mr. Jno. Richards, and his assistant, Mr. T. J. Davies, carried out their duties in a very obliging manner. Unfortunately, owing to a rather serious accident, Mr. Jno. Hocking was unable to judge the Canary section, Mr. Tom Morris officiating in his place. Mr. D. Ray judged British.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Thomas, cl. yell., good size and shape, but rather browy and inclined to cross wings; 2, Harry, cl., nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, very shapely; 3, Edwards, cl., trifle smaller, but a topper for shape and quality, grand well braced wings, neat tail, our choice; 4, Bevan, cl., very shapely, grand col. and qual., might have been in the money; he, Davies; c, Bevan. BUFF (6): 1, Edwards, large cl. buff, lovely qual., trifle slack, when we saw him; 2, Davies, cl., nice size and shape, good col. and qual., fails trifle head properties; 3, Jenkins, cl., good size and shape, and qual., trifle slack at thighs; 4, Harry; vhc, Thomas; he, Harry. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Harry, cl., nice length, well braced wings, well on leg, trifle patchy in col.; 2, vhc, Bevan, cl., grand length, very nervy, had damaged one wing; 3, Owen, head mkd., lovely length, grand col. and qual., fine pos., might have gone up; 4, Webster, another good one, well on leg, nice col. and qual. BUFF (4): 1, Wooton, cl., well known, grand type and qual., lovely pos., full of nerve, wins; 2, Harry, good length and qual., nice leg, loses in col.; 3, Smith, cl., good col. and qual., not the length; 4, Webster. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 4, Harry, grand trio, heavily variег. buff leading, rare length and style, nice col. and qual., 2 eye and wing mkd. yell., full of nerve, nice pos. and qual., 4 variег. buff, good col. and qual., stands well; 3, Owen, eye and wing mkd. yell., correct type, nice col. and qual., good pos. HEN (6): 1, Webster, eye and thigh tkd., grand length, well on leg, good wings, neat tail; 2, vhc, Harry, thigh tkd., neat lady, good head and neck, neatly braced wings and tail, nice length; 3, A. Thomas, cl., good length, neat wings and tail, rather slim; 4, Smith. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Wooton, cl. buff, grand col. and qual., nice length, well up on leg, neat wings and tail; 2, 4, Harry, eye and wing mkd. buff leading, good length, but wants training; 3, Owen, cl. buff, good length and type, loses col. to leaders. BORD., YELL. (4): 1, 4, Jenkins, cl., grand shape and qual., very jaunty, faultless cond., 4 another real good one, in grand order, we liked; 2, 3, Harry, cl., nice type and col., fails qual. of feather, 3 nice col. and qual., fails trifle head. BUFF (5): 1, 3, vhc, Harry, cl., good col. and qual., not nicely moulded, we thought somewhat lucky, 3 neat exhibit, shade smaller, but lovely col. and qual.; 2, 4, Jenkins, cl., real topper, grand type and qual., our choice, latter another gem, well known, might have been higher. HEN (5): 1, 3, Jenkins, yell. and buff, well known, both real toppers, true Border type, exquisite feather, staged to perfection; 2, 4, vhc, Harry, buff leading, nice type and qual., neat exhibit, put down in perfect order, 4 yell., nice type and qual., hardly col. of leader. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Harry, variег. yell. leading, nice type and qual., 2 four-pointed buff, good shape and col.; 3, 4, Jenkins, yell. green leading, grand col. and qual., well shaped, 4 cinn. mkd., real gem. GOLDF. (7): 1, vhc, Jones, nice size, good shape, neat tans, bars, and buttons, neat blaze, but showing ring around eyes; 2, Saunders, nice size and shape, good tans, bars, and buttons, neat blaze, hardly in col. yet; 3, Jeffreys, grand blaze, good size, shape, col., and qual., neat tans, bars, and buttons; 4, Reynolds, nice size and shape, good square blaze; he, Rees; c, Edwards. GREYPATE (10): 1, 3, Lewis, leader grand exhibit, good, large, expansive blaze, neat tans, bars, and buttons, wins, 3 nice size and shape, loses in expanse of blaze; 2, Lloyd James, good square cut blaze, lovely tans, bars, and buttons, neat exhibit; 4, Rees, very neat, nice square blaze, good col., tans, bars, and buttons, close up; vhc, he, Jones; c, Harry. LINNET (8): 1, Bancroft, well known, wonderful col. and qual., grand lacing, in perfect order; 2, Jones, larger, good lacing, nice qual., fails col. to leader; 3, Jeffreys, Nor. type, well laced, nice qual., loses only in col.; 4, Gregory, shade smaller, trifle wild; vhc, Poyer; he, Sullivan; c, Lewis. F.M. (9): 1, Lewis, nice size, good shape, lovely col. and qual., well laced; 2, he, Sullivan, grand size and shape, neatly laced, trifle wild; 3, Poyer, good size, col., and shape, nicely mkd.; 4, Phillips, trifle smaller, rather open in front, nice rich col. and qual.; vhc, Gregory; c, Davies. BULLF. (11): 1, S. Jones, good size and shape, neat cap and wing bars, good breast, col., and qual.; 2, 4, Gregory, pair good ones, both good size, lovely type, and qual., hardly as rich col.; 3, Holborn, good col. and qual., nice cap and bars, trifle smaller than leaders; vhc, he, Jeffreys, lovely hen; c, Lloyd James. GREENF., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Bancroft, leader buff Greenie, lovely shape, col., and qual., well staged, latter Bramble, neatly spangled, good col. and qual.; 3, Holborn, buff Greenie, good size and shape, hardly polish of leader; vhc, c, Jeffreys; he, Lloyd James. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Heal, well-known Twite, grand col. and qual., wealth of lacing, in perfect order; 2, Edwards, we made Mealy Redpoll-Greenie Hybrid; 3, 4, S. Jones, nice Siskin, latter nice Twite, hardly col. of leader; vhc, he, Bancroft, latter we thought best Siskin in class. A.O.V. (8): 1, S. Jones, Waxwing, grand exhibit, staged in faultless cond.; 2, 3, Harry, Chough and Jay, two good exhibits, in fine order; 4, Mrs. Longdon, Fieldfare, well known, lovely qual. and col., staged to perfection; vhc, Jeffreys; he, c, Jones. HEN (8): 1, Heal, Corn Bunting, grand col. and qual., well laced; 2, Jeffreys, Yellow Bunting, lovely col. and qual., staged well; 3, Davies, neat Linnet, lovely col. and markings, nice cond.; 4, vhc, S. Jones, Corn Bunting, latter Bullfinch; 3 and vhc might have been shown in their respective classes, which were each for cock or hen. MEMB., CAN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, he, Harry. BRIT. (10): 1, 2, S. S. Jones; vhc, he, c, W. J. Harry.

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ABERDEEN.

58th annual show held Dec. 13 and 14 in the Ball Room Music Hall, which is fairly well lighted and free from draught. Almost 400 entries faced the judges, and this day being ideal, good light was obtained during judging. Aberdeen O.S. has the finest staging we have seen; it can be put up in half an hour, and taken down as quickly, and the exhibits are at a nice height so that they can be comfortably seen. The management was of the best, and every one from the president downward worked with a will. A word of praise is due to the stewards who kept the judges going for all they were worth. The patronage of the Cinnamon Club had been secured, and some rare exhibits were on view. The Rev. B. Nunne had up a grand team, worth going a long way to see, as also had Mr. Proctor and Mrs. Tweddle. Norwich were a fairly good lot. The members' challenge cup for best young Norwich going to Mr. W. Allison, with a grand buff cock, Mr. J. Sandiford was runner up. Challenge cup for most points in British was gained by Mr. R. J. Robertson, who was closely followed by Mr. John Sykes, who won the guinea challenge prize for best British with his well-known Hawfinch. Sandiford's medal for yellows went to Mr. J. Sandison, buffs Mr. W. Allison, Ramsden's medal Mr. S. Wilson, with a nicely fed Cinnamon; Wilson medal Mr. W. Rae. British ranie up fairly well, and both Mr. Sykes' and Mr. Robertson's teams were greatly admired. Mr. Greig is also to be complimented on his fine show of Belgians. Secretary Mr. John Bryson gets through a lot of work, apparently without trouble either to himself or committee. He was well backed up by a lot of hard-working fanciers, and everything went like clock work and without a hitch. The judges, Messrs. Dewar and McLay, got through their work in good time, and gave universal satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Murray, one of the best, fine bold head and neck, grand subs., lovely front and A1 col.; 2, 3, Sandison, 2nd best of col., not quite so bold in head, lovely qual. and cond., 3rd grand col., nice front and good wing carr.; 4, Ironside. BUFF (6): 1, Mitchell, a cl., good size, best of type and qual., a little pale in col.; 2, Hampton, tip-top col., nice shape, capital wings and tail; 3, Robb, good size and col.; 4, Ford; 5, Allison; 6, Mowzow. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Will, a beauty, true Norwich properties, good col. and cond.; 2, Yeats, very sweet qual., short flights and tail; 3, Forsyth, variег., A1 qual., in grand form; 4, Collie; 5, Ford; 6, Bryson. BUFF (6): 1, Mitchell, rare good shape, plenty sub., grand col. and qual.; 2, Hector, fails a little in front, best of col., teeming in qual.; 3, Allison, big bouncing bird, mkd. both eyes and wings, nice head and neck, hold front, rare good qual.; 4, Sandison; 5, Will; 6, Garden. HEN (3): 1, Sandison, best of type and qual, a true Norwich, fine wings and tail; 2, Yeats, good stamp, fails a little in neck; 3, Allison, nice shape and col. BUFF HEN (8): 1, Balneaves, best of type and qual., a grand hen, nicely frosted, wins; 2, 3, Craigen, both good qual., 2nd wins in shape; 4, Sandison; 5, Mouzon; 6, Will. VAR. HEN. YELL. (5): 1, Ironside, one of the best, great size, grizzle on head, rare sub. and cond.; 2, 3, Hampton, 2nd cap and wing mark, well turned out; we liked 3rd quite as well, better type and qual.; 4, Lawrie. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Yeats, well moulded, exquisite feather, smart exhibit and well turned out; 2, Mitchell, var., great qual. and typical; 3, Taylor, good size, in lovely bloom; 4, 6, Sandison; 5, Scott. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Hector, about as good a Norwich as in the show, stoutly built, best of col. and qual., wings neatly braced, in grand order; 2, Mitchell, tkd. on eye, sweet qual., good col. and sub.; 3, Allison, good size, neat head and neck, fine qual. of feather; 4, Robb; 5, Mouzon; 6, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, Allison, rare bodied bird, grand head and neck, well filled in, very cobby, best of col. and qual.; 2 Mitchell, tkd. eye and neck, not a bad one, fails only in wing carr.; 3, Wilson, A1 size and col.; 4, Rae; 5, Collie; 6, Campbell. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Allison, very stylish, good col., nice round front, best of wings and tail; 2, Reid, good type and qual.; 3, Ford, good size and tight in feather; 4, Robb. BUFF (8): 1, Yeats, we thought somewhat lucky, bit weak in head, good col. and qual.; 2, Ford, nice shape, good head and neck, A1 qual. and col; 3, Robb, a cl., not extra large, capital shape, good head and chest; 4, Black; 5, Hector; 6, Murray. NAT. COL. CL. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Mitchell, variег., great size, lovely feather, in nice bloom; 2, Ross and Duncan, very shapely, A1 qual. and cond.; 3, Ironside, rich col., good size, not quite so chubby as winner; 4, Black. BUFF (7): 1, Scott, cl., best of type, grand head and neck, well turned out, wins; 2, Gardner, cap and wings, good shape, and nice qual; 3, Taylor, not quite so stout in body, rare qual.; 4, Martin; 5, Fyfe; 6, Wilson. VAR. YELL. HEN: 1, Ross and Duncan, grand size, lovely head and front. BUFF (8): 1, Taylor, cl., good one, fine size, grand head and neck, finely moulded, well staged; 2, Ironside, cap mark, good shape and size, neat wings and tail; 3, McPherson, fails a little in sub.; 4, Ross and Duncan; 5, Garden; 6, Connon. GR. OR FOUL (9): 1, 4, Rev. B. Nunne, 1st great size, lovely front, rare head and neck, a grand bird; 2, Hector, yell., great col., in spanking order, good 2nd; 3, Rae, also well up in size and cond.; 5, Ross and Duncan; 6, Bryson; 7, Rae. NOV. (10): 1, Campbell, cl. yell., sweet exhibit, grand shape, best of col. and cond.; 2, Main, mkd. eye and wing, stylish good front, well carried wings and tail; 3, Stephen, grand col., sweet qual.; 4, Thomson; 5, Fleming; 6, Grant. HENS (8): 1, Grant, best of type, short cobby build, rare col., wings and tail carried to perfection; 2, Main, very shapely and stylish; 3, Campbell, A1 col., well turned out; 4, Fleming; 5, Grant; 6, Macdonald. CREST (7): 1, 3, Main, 1st Gr., massive build, good crest, coming well down, a little open in centre; 2, 4, 7, Mackie, 2nd a hen, grand body, fine crest, well centred, comes well over beak, plenty feather; 5, Smith; 6, Connor. C.B. (3): 1, Mackie, variег., good size, plenty subs., good skull and well lashed, A1 entrance; 2, Smith, another good one, bold skull, good entrance and well lashed; 3, Main, fails at entrance to winner. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, Connochie, cl., in fine bloom, lovely head and front, tip-top qual.; 2, Simpson, sweet shape, not so fine in head; 3, Falconer, just beaten in qual. BUFF (3): 1, Simpson, grand size, lovely head and front, as tight as wax; 2, Connochie, even mark, rare feather and fine stamp; 3, Falconer, not so fine in head, rare qual. and col. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Junor, very neat head, grand shoulders, rump and tail, very nervy and stylish, in lovely fettle; 2, 6, Sargeant, 2nd another stylish and shapely cl., neat wings and tail; 3, Junor, good length and style; 4, Shearer; 5, Dawson. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Junor, 1st best of length, straight as a rush, good wedge-shaped body, neat wings and tail, 3rd falls a little in length, rare qual. and cond.; 2, Sargeant, grand type, fine length, best of qual.; 4, Shearer; 5, Dawson; 6, Wilkinson; 7, Bisset. CINN. CK. YELL. (7): 1, Procter, great size and col., a topper; 2, 3, 5, Nunne, three very good ones, 2nd grand head and neck well filled in, grand front and lovely col.; 4, Wilson, fall only in size, tip-top col.; 6, Craigen; 7, Clubb. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Nunne, a team of 3, all good size, shape and col.; 4, 5, Proctor; 6, Mr. Tweddle; 7, Clubb. HEN (3): 1, 2, Proctor, 1st excels in col., best of type and qual.; 3, Mr. Tweddle, lovely rich col. and cond. UNFLIG. CK. 1, Clubb, we thought lucky, fails in col.; 2, Mr. Tweddle, 2nd A1 size best of col. and qual. our choice for 1st; 3, Proctor, another good one, fail in col., well up in size and nicely staged; 4, Nunne, 5, 6, Rae. NOV. (9): 1, 2, 5, Wagstaff, 1st and 2nd two very bonny birds, well up in size and col.; 3, 4, 7, Allardyce, 3rd a hot fed one, grand size, lovely qual. and typical. BUFF. (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Greig, grand team, 1st and 2nd both yell., nice size, grand shoulders and depth, good wings, neat shapely head, capital pose and full of nerve, 3rd best quick to pose, grand reach and rare moulder; A.O.V. (4): 1, Ross and Duncan, even mark, a fine one, honestly shown (we heard some say it could have been improved); 2, Simpson, nice Green Bord., nice size and type, well filled back, wings tightly braced, in the pink; 3, Hector, nice Cinn. variety, good size and col.; 4, Connochie. HYB.: 1, Cleaver, small and rather poor col. DARK CAN. HYB. (8): 1, Bird, Goldf.-Can., rich col., well up in size, in lovely bloom; 2, Duncan, Linnet-Can., nice size, grand col., well turned out; 3, Johnston, rich coloured Greenf.-Can., A1 size and cond.; 4, Chisholm; 5, Ifeudrie and Black; 6, Fyfe. GOLDF. (6): 1, Wallace, well up in size, grand col, rich blaze, good tan and markings; 2, Sykes, very nice cond., not quite so rich in tanning, a good 2nd; 3, 5, Junor, 3rd fair blaze, rich tanning, excellent cond.; 4, Cleaver; 6, Martin. BULLF. (6): 1, Wallace, good size, shape and cap, beautiful cobby body, grand back and wings, rich breast col., lovely bars and cond.; 2, Steele, shade slim in build, good breast col., and polish; 3, Sykes, well up in size, lovely qual. of feather, good breast col., lovely back and bars, we made our 2nd; 4, Robertson; 5, Junor; 6, Ross and Fraser. LINNET (11): 1, 6, Hird, 1st lovely bird, rare col. and size; 2, 3, Stewart and Milner, 2nd the right nutty col., grand head and chest, lovely polish; 4, 5, Campbell. SISKIN (9): 1, 6, Hendrie and Black, 1st a gem, col. fed, grand cap and bars; 2, 4, McAdam, 2nd very sweet nat. col., good cond., lovely cap and bib; 3, Sykes, good col., out of cond. a little; 5, Junor. GREENF. (6): 1, Sykes, wins, good size and col., in A1 cond.; 2, Steele, yell. nat. col., not quite so large, A1 feather and cond.; 3, Bain, good size and col.; 4, Hird; 5, Davidson; 6, Cleaver. REDPOLL OR TWITE (5): 1, Hendrie and Black, Twite, grand col. and cond., nice size and markings; 2, Junor, nice coloured 'Poll, in fine trim; 3, Sykes, another 'Poll, not quite so rich in markings; 4, Steele; 5, Craigen. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF. (6): 1, 2, Sykes, well-known Bramble and Chaffinch; 3, Allison, nice Ortolan Buntiug, in perfect plumage and cond.; 4, Junor; 5, Johnston; 6, Stewart and Sons. HEN BRIT. (9): 1, 5, 6, Robertson, 1st Grey Wagtail, in the pink, looking well; 2, Sykes, Greenf., great col. for a hen, very bold eye, in rare order; 3, Gentleman, Hawfinch, have seen it looking better; 4, Junor. BULLF. HEN (6): 1, Gentleman, in grand order, not a feather out of place, a grand hen, lovely cap and bars; 2, Junor, Bullie, not quite so large; 3, 4, 5, Robertson. SOFTBILL (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, c, Robertson, 1st Black Redstart, looking well, 2nd nice Lesser Whitethroat in best of feather and cond., 3rd Golden Crested Wren, had a bath, so was not looking its best. A.O. BRIT. (5): 1, Sykes, noted Hawfinch, a picture; 2, 3, 4, Robertson, 2nd nice Blackbird, a grand whistler. FOR. GODLF.: 1, Stewart and Sons good size, grand square cut blaze, A1 cond. MEMB., UNFLIG. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Allison; 2, Rae; 3, 5, 6, Sandison. BUFF (9): 1, cup, Allison; 2, Steele; 3, Sandison; 4, Campbell; 5, Saddler; 6, Will. VAR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Will; 2, 4, Sandison. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Sandison; 2, Forsyth; 3, Booth; 5, Saddler; 6, Will. HEN (7): 1, Allison; 2, 4, Sandison; 3, Campbell; 5, Rae; 6, Forsyth. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Sandison; 2, Ford; 3, 4, Forsyth; 5, Saddler; 6, Will. YELL. VAR. HEN (7): 1, Ford; 2, Steele; 3, 5, Sandison; 4, Forsyth; 6, Lawrie. BUFF (8): 1, 6, Sandison; 2, 4, Will; 5, Saddler. CINN. YELL. CK.: 1, Rae. BUFF: 1, Rae. HEN: 1, Rae. CREST. CK.: 1, Mackie. HEN: 1, Mackie. JUDGING COMPETITION (9): 1, Crow, 5 points; equal 2nd, Lyon and Forsyth, 4 each. GIFT: 1, Bryson; 2, 4, 5, Hector; 3, Balfour.

ROMFORD F.S.

Annual show held Nov. 27 at the Corn Exchange, the headquarters. The show was a great success. Mr. Chas. Ives and the able committee are to be congratulated on the results of their efforts. The cage bird section was not quite up to the standard of last year, exhibits only numbering about 40. Norwich and British being in the majority. Mr. F. V. Hasler won the cup for best bird (bred by exhibitor in current year) with a lovely Norwich cock, being in beautiful feather and well shown. Mr. Forse, Leyton, judged.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Hayman; 2, Britton. BUFF: 1, 3, Britton; 2, Hayman. A.O. COL.: 1, 2, sp., and res. for cup, Britton; 3, W. Mumford. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Hasler; 3, res, Sarling. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Sarling. GOLDF.: 1, sp., Hasler; 2, Sarling; 3, Hayman. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Britton; 2, Sarling; 3, Hasler.

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TREDEGAR.

Second annual show held in Town Hall, Dec 11. The hall is very roomy and is lighted chiefly from one side. The exhibits were staged in tiers around the room, it would be more advantageous if staging were placed in the centre of hall, in order to obviate the necessity of placing some of the exhibits so high up that they could not be examined properly, and also to prevent some of the cages being staged with their backs to the light. The management was all that could be desired, the wants of the exhibitors being well looked after by a capable band of workers, headed by Mr. Evan Powell, the genial show manager, and the Committee: Messrs. D. Davies, W. Woodall, G. Bennett, W. R. Lewis, J. Harding, R. F. Griffiths, G. Thomas, J. Llewellyn, W. Thomas, W. Turner, E. Hughes, W. Millard, T. Harris, and E. J. Bevan. The secretarial duties were very ably carried out by Mr. W. A. Watkins. Norwich were a fine collection, some really good teams being put down. Yorks. also made a fine show and averaged 10 per class. The novice sections in both Nor. and Yorks. were well supported, indeed, many of the exhibits could have held their own in open competition. British were disappointing in number, with the exception of Goldfinch class, and one wonders what has become of all the British exhibitors in Wales. The following were diploma winners: Ch Nor., D. H Tedstone; Nov. Nor., A. J. Rogers; Ch. Yorks, J. Dugmore; Nov., W. R. Lewis. Mr. R. Halliday judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL (12): 1, Collier, grizzle capped, lovely type and qual., neat full head and neck, grand col., well braced wings; 2, Tedstone, cl., close up, lovely qual. and col., neat wings and tail, nice head, well filled neck; 3, Davies, cl., good col. and qual., neat type, loses in subs.; 4, G. I. Jones, var., grand col. and qual., neat head and neck; vhc, Greaves and Richards, var., very shapely, nice col. and qual., some thought might have gone higher; hc, Edwards; c, Mortimer. BUFF (12): 1, dip., 2, Tedstone, both var., two grand birds, clean cut, nicely braced wings, sound col., beautifully mealed, staged in tip-top order; 3, Greaves and Richards, cl., shade smaller, lovely type and qual., good head and neck, nice col.; 4, Sunscott, var., good stamp, nicely moulded, neat head and neck, wings and tail; vhc, Hill; hc, c, Jones. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Capt. Collier, grizzle head nkd., a blaze of col., gem for type and size, capital wings and tail; 2, Davies, cl. grand col and qual., neat head and neck, good subs. and type; 3, Jones, cl., grand head and neck, well braced wings, lovely type and col.; 4, Tedstone, cl., beautiful col. and qual., good wings, nice type; vhc, Edwards; hc, Hill; c, Broome. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Tedstone, both cl., two grand birds of exquisite qual., but looking rather soft when we saw them, seem to want a rest, Mr. T.; 2, Muscott, cl., lovely type and qual., in perfect order, nearly subs. of leader; 3, Jones, tkd., full head, good wings and tail, capital rond.; vhc, Capt. Collier; hc, Greaves and Richards; c, Broome. UNFLIG. (8): 1, hc, Capt. Collier, heavily var. yell., grand type and qual., wonderful col., tight as wax, shown to perfection; 2, 4, Jones, var. buff leading, nice size and shape, well mealed, hardly qual. of leader, latter cl. yell., nice col., well proportioned; 3, James, cl., good col. and qual., hardly size of leaders; vhc, Broome; c, Muscott. HEN (4): 1, Capt. Collier, wing tkd. buff, plenty subs. for a youngster, grand col. and qual.; 2, 3, Powell, var. buff and cl. yell., neat exhibits, but lose subs. to leader; 4, no name, cl. buff. NOV. CK. (10): 1, Mortimer, heavily var. yell., wonderful col. and qual., grand head and neck, staged to perfection; 2, dip., Rogers, var. yell., close up, a blaze of col., neat head, neck, wings and tail, plenty of subs.; 3, Griffiths, cl. buff, good finck-set type, nicely cut away, good col. and cond.; 4, Morse, cl. yell., nice col. and qual., well braced wings, neat head and neck; vhc, Hammett; hc, Thomas and Durham; c, Chard. HEN (8): 1, Morse, cl. buff, good size and shape, neat wings and tail, 2nd, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice type and cond.; 3, Richards, cl. buff, neat type and qual., hardly subs. leaders; 4, Chard, cl. buff, very shapely, fine qual. and col., loses size; vhc, Thomas and Durham; hc, Mortimer; c, Rogers. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Phillips, var., grand length, good head and neck, nicely packed wings, lovely col. and qual.; 2, Mock, cl., close up, very typical, fine length and style, loses trifle in col.; 3, Dugmore, grizzle nkd., grand length, well braced wings, neat tail, handles well; 4, Weeks, hardly as clean cut, still a good one; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Richards; c, Pritchard. BUFF (13): 1, Phillips, grand length, nice col. and qual., well on leg, but crosses wings, rather nicky; 2, Weeks, var., splendid length, well drawn, nice col., qual. and pos.; 3, c, Richards, var., nice type and length, well on leg, good col. and qual.; 4, Griffiths, cl., nice col. and qual., very nervy; vhc, Dugmore, var., many thought as good as any, grand col. nd qual., full of nerve, well braced wings, capital length and pos.; hc, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Richards. YELL. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Mock, cl., nicely moulded, grand length, full of nerve, in A1 order; 2, Richards, cl., close up, lovely col. and qual., well braced wings, neat tail, good leg; 3, Weeks, cl., good length, nice straight back, well on leg, hardly qual. of leaders; 4, Hillman, cl., good col. and qual., very nervy, nice pos.; hc, Phillips; c, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Mock, grizzle head, lovely qual., shining like satin, very typical stands well; 2, Bevan, cl., nice length, good col., well up on leg, hardly qual. of leader; 3, Griffiths, cl., nice length, col. and qual., neat wings, full of nerve; 4, East, cl., good length, nicely moulded; vhc, Weeks; hc, Hillman; c, Dugmore. UNFLIG. CK. (16): grand class; 1, dip., Dugmore, grizzle nkd. yell., real topper, grand length and col., well up on leg, neatly braced wings and tail, wins; 2, Hillman, another head-nkd. yell., grand col. and qual., nice length, neat wings and tail, very nervy; 3, Richards, var. yell., good col. and qual., neat head, neck, wings and tail, stands well; 4, Wilkinson Bros., cl. yell., lovely length, nice col. and qual., handles well; hc, Mock; c, Bevan. HEN (8): 1, Hillman, cl. yell., grand length, well braced wings, good col. and qual., nice pos. and nerve; 2, vhc, Richards, var. buff, nice col. and qual., very nervy well on leg; 3, Phillips, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, good straight back and tail, nice length; 4, Weeks, wing tail. yell., nice type and qual., good leg; hc, c, Phillips. NOV. CK. (13): 1, hc, Gooding Bros., cl. yell., nice length, handles well, good type and qual., well up on leg; 2, dip., Lewis, tkd. yell., another topper, grand length, col. and qual., stands like a guardsman; 3, Hammond, cl. yell., lovely col. and qual., nice length, good wings and tail; 4, Morgans, cl. yell., good length, neat head and neck, nice nerve; vhc, Chisholm; c, Harding. HEN (8): 1, Thomas, yell., nice col. and qual., good legs, neat wings and tail, nice pos.; 2, Hammonds, buff, close up, neat head, neck, wings and tail, very nervy; 3, Harding, yell., good col. and qual., nice length, well on leg; vhc, Turner; hc, Milford. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Broome, cl. yell., nice col. and type, good leg, stands well; 2, Maidment, another cl. yell., nice length, good type, neat wings, tail, very nervy; 3, r, W. B. Watkins, var. buff, good type and qual., well filled back, stands well; 4, Gallop, cl. yell., nice length, col. and qual., good leg; vhc, Thomas; hc, Davies. HEN (8): 1, Clee, lovely col and qual., grand length, well braced wings and tail, good nerve and leg; 2, hc, Watkins, yell., nice size, good head and neck, stands well, 3, vhc, Morgan, yell., nicely drawn, grand length, col. and qual., well on leg; 4, Broome, good type and qual., nice length; c, James. BIRD. (3): 1, vhc, Jenkins, Cun. nkd., red topper, exquisite qual. and cond., tone, type, staged to perfection, wins; 2, Edwards, var. yell., lovely col. and qual., very shapely, feathered like boxwood; 3, Tedstone, cl. buff, nice type and qual., hardly cond. of leaders; 4, Cooper, cl. buff, nice type and qual., well staged; hc, Pearce; c, Davey. A.O.V. (8): 1, Muscott, green Crest, well known, often described; 2, Beard, vhc, Crest, hardly size of leader; 3, vhc, Bevan, Yorks. Green, lovely col. and qual., very shapely, feathered like boxwood; 3, Tedstone, cl. buff, nice type and qual., hardly cond. of leaders; 4, Cooper, cl. buff, nice type and qual., well staged; hc, Pearce; c, Davey. A.O.V. (8): 1, Muscott, green Crest, well known, often described; 2, Beard, vhc, Crest, hardly size of leader; 3, vhc, Bevan, Yorks. Green, lovely col. and qual., nice length, good pos.; 4 ,Edwards, vhc, Crest. PAIRS (7): 1, Edwards, Crest and C.B.; 2, Tedstone, Nor.; 3, Hill, Nor.; 4, Leavards; vhc, James; hc, Beatly; c, Coker. GODLF. (4): 1, c, Edwards, nice square good col. blaze, neat tans, bars and buttons, good size and qual.; 2, Maidment, good col. of blaze, trifle rounded at corner, neat tans, bars and buttons, hardly size leader; 3, Davies, smaller, fair blaze, poor tans, we thought both lucky to beat the 4th, Jones, good size, nice square blaze, grand tans, bars, buttons and qual.; vhc, Jeffreys, good Finch, might have been 3rd. BULLF. (5): 1, Jeffreys, F.M., fine size, good cap and bars, nice breast rol., many thought lucky; 2, Edwards, grand type and qual., lovely cap and bars, nice breast col., we made a good winner; 3, Bancroft, good cap and bars, poor breast rol., might have given way to 4, Coakham, very shapely, good qual. and col., nice bars and buttons; vhc, Harding. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Jenkins Bros., leader good nutty brown col., nicely pencilled; 3rd, good col. and qual., trifle open in front; 2, Jeffreys, grand size and shape, nicely laced, not the rich nutty col. so desired, or might have won; 4, Palmer; vhc, Lloyd James, close up; hc, No. 8; c, Turner. GREENF., ETC. (7): 1, Pearce, Chaffinch, good size and shape, nice col. and qual.; 2, 3, Lloyd James; 2nd, Greenf., very soft when we took notes; 3rd, Chaff., hardly as large, but better col. than leader; 4, Barcroft, Bramble, well known, in grand order, we made a winner here; vhc, Davies; hc, Coakham; c, Morris. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Edwards, Siskin, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., neat eye marks and lacing; 2, Lloyd James, fine Redpoll, very shapely, grand col. and qual., well laced; 3, Harding, non-fed Sisk, real topper, grandly nkd., staged to perfection; 4, hc, Davies; vhc, Moss; c, Morris. A.O. HARDBILL (3): 1st withheld; 2, Jeffreys, Meadow Bunting, well known, grand exhibit, in tip-top order; 3, Lloyd James, lovely Yellowhammer, good V, stageil to perfection; 4, Griffiths, Hawfinch, lovely col. and qual., trifle on small side. SOFTBILL (3): 1st withheld; 2, Jones, Woodpecker, grand exhibit, in lovely order; 2, Miss Tanner, Starling, had made his escape before we could see him; abs., Long. MULES (11): 1, Jeffreys, var, Goldie-Can., fair size, nice col. and qual., many thought lucky; 2, hc, Edwards, Greenf.-Bullf., again rather lucky, seems to drop tail under perch and hump his back; 3, J. H. Jones, Goldf.-Bullf., nice size and shape, in first class order; vhc, Edwards, Can.-Bullf., well known, in first class order, might have won; 4, E. J. Davies, Linnet-Bullie, charming exhibit, should have been 2nd; c, Longman. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, Muscott, Red-headed Goldian Finch, grand exhibit, in tip-top order; 2, Thomas, Green Budgerigars, rather lucky to beat 3, Wilks, pair Yell. Budgerigars, in first class order; 4, Bevan, good R.H. Cardinal. LARGE (3): 1st withheld; 2, Haycock, Grey Parrot, in good order; 3, Muscott, Rednaped Lory, in perfect cond., hard lines; 4, Black, Green Parrot. LOCAL (8): 1 ,Samuel, yell. Yorks.; 2, Watkins, Buff Yorks.; 3, Hares, Greens; 4, Penberthy; vhc, Hancock; hc, Watkins; c, Lynch. MEMB. (7): 1, hc, Bevan; 2, Watkins; 3, J. Griffiths; 4, Llewellyn; vhc, R. F. Griffiths; c, Millard. HEN (8): 1, Llewellyn; 2, R. F. Griffiths; 3, Bevan; 4, J. Griffiths; vhc, Davies; hc, c, Thomas. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Bevan; 2, Harding; 3, Thomas; 4, Llewellyn; vhc, Bennet; hc, Powell; c, Turner. NOV. MEMB. (12): 1, Bennett; 2, Lewis; 3, Davies; 4, Hughes; vhc, c, Llewellyn; hc, Thomas.

DOUGLAS (I. of Man) C.B.S.

We have received from Mr. O. D. Gell, hon. sec., a marked catalogue of the show held Nov. 27, from which we gather that the principal winners were: CRESTS: Turner. NOR.: Gell, Boddan, Curphey, Baldwin, Teare, Caley. YORKS.: Caley, Teare, Gawne, Crellin, Oualtrough, Younger. BRIT.: Crellin, Curphey, Boddan, Gawne, Turner, Gell. MULES: Curphey, Turner, Boddan. Mr. Gell won challenge cup best Nor.; Caley, cup best unflighted; Gawne, Ramsden's medal; and Gell, Sandiford's medal.

NARBERTH.

26th annual show, held Dec. 10, in Victoria Hall, a splendid place for a show, grand light, plenty of room, nice and warm. Entries came up very well. Mr. Owens judged, and his awards were well received. NOR. (6): 1, Davies, lovely col. yell., fine type, good head and neck; 2, Museott, real good body, nice silky feather; 3, Davies and Jones, very good stamp; res, Tallett. YORKS. (5): 1, Shears; 2, Andrews, the Pembroke awards reversed here; 3, Evans, real good, neatly clothed, and well braced wings; vhc, Tallett. MULE (6): 1, Davies and Jones, very neat dark, in nice feather; 2, Evans, another dark, larger, and better col.; 3, Andrews, grand bird, our choice, Pembroke winner; res, Smith; hc, Harris. GOLDF.: 1, 2, 4, Richards clinking trio, winner fine square cut blaze of beautiful lustre, scores in whites, bars, and tans; 2nd, well polished blaze, plenty of size; 3, vhc, Davies, also well up in face col. and size. SMALL BRIT.: 2, Richards, clinking Linnet; hc, Adams. Local: 1, Williams.

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1st annual open show held Dec. 12, 13, in the Assembly Room of the Y.M.C.A., and the Temperance Hall. Entries were scarcely up to expectation, especially in the Norwich section, and not too brisk in Yorks., seeing that the show was under the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C., but 240 birds must be accounted good considering it was a first open show, and how some fanciers value their specimens. Quality in both Norwich and Yorks. was of high merit, and some real good teams were staged. Novice Norwich and Yorks. came up well, averaging about 12 per class. British were low in numbers; considering it was a late show, it should have been better patronised, as there were plenty of classes. The management was splendid, and all the committee worked very hard. Mr. T. Price worked like a Trojan, ever ready to do anything that anyone asked him, so as to give satisfaction. Mr. J. A. Tonks, of Wednesbury, came along again and rendered splendid assistance in unparking and staging. Mr. R. K. Hyde, Wolverhampton, worked well as a steward the night before the show, and assisted the judge the day of show. The best of praise is due also to the intended Mrs. Price, in whom the hon. sec. will have a good partner indeed. He would have been in many a tight corner, had it not been for the excellent way she assisted him in his work. The society is possessed of another good organiser in Mr. J. H. Barrett, chairman, who made ends meet without any flurry or fluster. CAGE BIRDS cash special and championship diploma was won by A. J. Smith's champion yonng crested hen which really deserves the honour. Novice cash spl. and diploma won by J. Fossey. Messrs. Crundell and Rowley won diploma for best Norwich; G. Lawton, best Yorkshire; B. Wood, novice Yorks.; J. Gough, best Mule or Hybrid; J. A. Tonks, best Brit.; P. V. Williams, best softbill. Mr. T. G. Thompson had the management of the Rollers under his thumb and finger. Mr. Maclacquemin judged Rollers, and Mr. J. H. Roe the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Williams, massive short chubby bird, grand full front, lovely well filled back, good big head, on a splendid neck, nice col. and qual., real stormer; 2, Collier, fails a wee bit in head and neck, good hold front, hardly so cobby, beaten a little in col., yet a beauty and close up; 3, Aspinall, richly fed, silky in texture, nice head and neck, not the subs. of leaders. BUFF (3): 1, Crumleil and Rowley, West Bromwich and Birmingham winner, often described; 2, Williams, grand col., magnificent head, well filled neck, hardly so silky feather, a tight run; 3, Mason, nice shape, neat head, feather, and wing carr., hold front. MKD. (6): 1, Ford, head, wing mkd., good subs. and shape, richly fed, great in head and neck, fine qual.; 2, Weaver, eye and wing mkd. yell., lovely head and neck, nice col. and quality, neat carr.; 3, Crawshaw, head and wing nkd., blaze, superb feather, rattling quality. YELL. HEN: 1, McMillan, wonderful subs. and qual., good shape and col., stately in carr. BUFF (7): 1, Williams, smashing big cl., grand head and neck, true type, charming carr.; 2, Collier, dark tailed, grand shape, lovely head and neck, delightfully clothed; 3, Garfield, beautiful shape, clean cut, tight as a box, full head and neck, grand front, crosses wings occasionally. NOR., UNFLIG. (8): 1, Williams, gem of a cl., one of the best youngsters in the Midlands, truly a stormer right through; 2, Ford, nice size and subs., good bold head and front, capital wings, lovely col. and qual.; 3, Mason, grand size and subs., excellent head, neck, and wings, A1 col. and cond.; vhc, Crawshaw; hc, Drakeley; c, Crundell and Rowley. BUFF, UNFLIGHTED. (6): 1, Ford, wing mkd., rattling shape and size, grand col. and qual. of feather; 2, Crawshaw, grand size, full front, well across perch, excellent head and wing carr.; 3, c, Mason, tkd. head, nice size, col., and cond., full head and neck, bit loose at sides; vhc, Aspinall; hc, Cooper. HEN (6): 1, 3, Garfield, choice pair, 1st yell., delightfully shaped cl., tight as a box, neat head, neck, and wing carr.; 3, grand big buff, lovely shape, col., and cond., good head and neck, our choice for 2nd; 2, Roberts, nice size and shape, col., and cond., fails a bit in head; vhc, Cooper; hc, Mason; c, Weaver. NOV. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Bryant, cobby cl., nice subs. and carr., bold front, good in col. and feather; 2, Day, lovely shape, col., and cond., neat head and neck, well cleaned up, a tight run; 3, hc, Holmes Bros., capital col. and qual., bold head, neck, and chest, little longer in barrel; vhc, Hampton; c, Childs. BUFF (12): 1, spl, hc, Hamptou, round as a ball, superb col., grandly clothed, nice size and cond., well put down; 2, Smith, grand size, col., and quality., good head and neck, capital feather, hardly the subs. of leader; 3, Day, nice shape, neat in head and wings, lovely cond.; vhc, Sykes; c, Fossey. HEN (12): 1, Dean, well up in subs. and cond., smart shape and qual., capital col. and carr., a beauty; 2, 3, vhc, Gough and Loach, grand team, leader head and wing mkd. buff, smashing size and head, good front, fails a bit in col.; 3, marked, back, grand head and feather, lovely qual.; hc, Fossey; c, Hyde's spl., Burrows, Birmingham winner. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Hyde, griz. cap buff, excellent size and shape, capital col. and cond., lovely feather, clear win; 2, Jones, yell. mkd., nice shape, lovely round head, nice feather and colour; 3, vhc, Hampton, wing marked, good head and neck, capital colour, condition, and feather; hc, Gough and Loach; c, Smith. CREST (1): 1, Smith, massive variegd., abundance of feather, rare crest fine droop and even radiation. C.B. (2): 1, Smith, large nkd., first-class coml., close feather, nicely staged; 2, Barker, neck marked, topper for subs., fine lash, good entrance, must have pressed. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Elsmore, grand length, plenty of nerve, nice head and neck, sound col., stands like a guardsman, on good pair of legs, well braced wings and tail; 2, Wells and Clempson, hardly so nice in feather, fine length and style, capital wings and tail, shows well; 3, Williams, excellent pos. and col., grand head and neck, neat wings and tail; 4, Dykes, hot in col, lovely qual., very stylish, must have pressed; vhc, Beaumont; hc, c, Lane. BUFF (9): 1, Beaumont, wing mkd., rare length, grand pos., lovely wing and tail carr., full of qual; 2, vhc, Lane, full of qual., grand pos. and length, lovely style and feather; 3, Weedall, nice type and qual., rare length and style, neat feather and bark; 4, Dykes, true to type, grand col. and quality, wee bit shorter than leaders; vhc, Beaumont; hc, c, Williams. MKD. OR VARIEG. (6): 1, Dykes, head, wing mkd, rich col., rare length and type, grand pos. and quality, good wing carr. and piped tail; 2, 3, Wells and Clempson, variegd. nack, grand length and pos., lovely rol. and type, full of qual., 3rd head, wing mkd, grand col. and length, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, vhc, hc, Lane, leader head and wing mkd., grand length and col., clean cut away. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 4, Lane, grand team, leader yell., grand length, beautiful head, back, and wings, lovely col. and qual., put down to win, 2nd buff, rich level col., very stylish, grand wing carr., boxy feather, 4th wing tkd., grand col. and pos., capital feather and qual.; 3, Wells and Clempson, cap nkd., grand length, capital wings, tail, col., and cond.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Lawton; c, Weedall. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Wells and Clempson, Notts. and West Bromwich winner, well-known, often described; 2, Lane, grand head, well filled neck, beautiful qual., nice level col., A1 pos., well placed wings; 3, Dykes, wing tkd., rare length, very slim and stylish, grand qual. and cond.; 4, Williams, nice level col., well placed wings and tail, good head and shoulders; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Lawton; c, Weedall. BUFF (8): 1, Williams, grand nmllig., cl., excellent length and pos., rich level col., teeming with qual., grand wings and piped tail, clear win; 2, c, Wells and Clempson, nice type and qual., grand wing carr., piped tail, pos A1; 3, vhc, Lane, rare length and pos., good wing carr., nice piped tail, full of qual., our choice for 3rd; 4, Dykes, boxy feather, good head, wings, and tail, well up on leg; hc, Gibbons. NOV., YORKS. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Weekes Bros. (should have been in champion section, not eligible to compete), cl., grand length, neat and tapering, well up on leg, feathered like glass, lovely wing and tail carr.; 2, Wood, wing tkd., good length and pos., grand col. and cond., full of qual., plenty of nerve; 3, sp, Bate, head and wing nkd., great length, lovely col. and feather, excellent pos., fails only in head; 4, Helsby, cl., grand length, pos., rol., and qual., nice feather; vhc, Hall; hc, c, Salt. BUFF (9): 1, c, Helsby, cl., grand length and style, on a good pair of legs, rich col., lovely feather, well fitting wings and tail; 2, Ratcliffe, clear, grand shape and style, grand length and pos., lovely head and back, fine rond.; 3, 4, Hinton, beauties, rare length, col., and cond.; capital wings and tail; vhc, Wood; hc, Ratcliffe. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Weeks Bros., Stoke, West Bromwich and Birmingham winner, in wrong class, should win in champion section, fine throughout; 2, sp, no name, buff, wing tkd., grand length and pos., nice head, well filled neck, close fitting wings; 3, Burrows, cl. yell., rare length and pos., nice col. and cond.; 4, Harding, rl. buff, good length, nicely drawn, neat wings and tail. HEN (16): 1, Harding, cl. yell., wonderful length and pos., neat head and neck, nice braced wings and tail, cleaned up well; 2, Wood, buff, grand length, capital wings and tail, nice shape and style; 3, Weekes Bros., einn. nkd. yell., nice length and style, capital wings and tail; 4, Hall, cl. buff, on the stout side, nice length and style, good wing carr.; vhc, Salt; hc, Hinton; c, Walker. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, March, Scotch Fancies, capital drive, nice cond. and feather, neat shoulders. HYB. (3): 1, Hayter, Canary-Bullfie, grand size, col., and qual., lovely breast col. and cap, easy win; 2, Tonks, Lin.-Bullie, on small side, nice col. and cond.; 3, Redpoll-Goldie, grand col. and condition, takes perches nicely. CL. MULE: 1, Gough, neck nkd. Linnet. Mule, nice size and cond.; 2, Weaver, variegd. Goldie-Can., lovely col. and cond. 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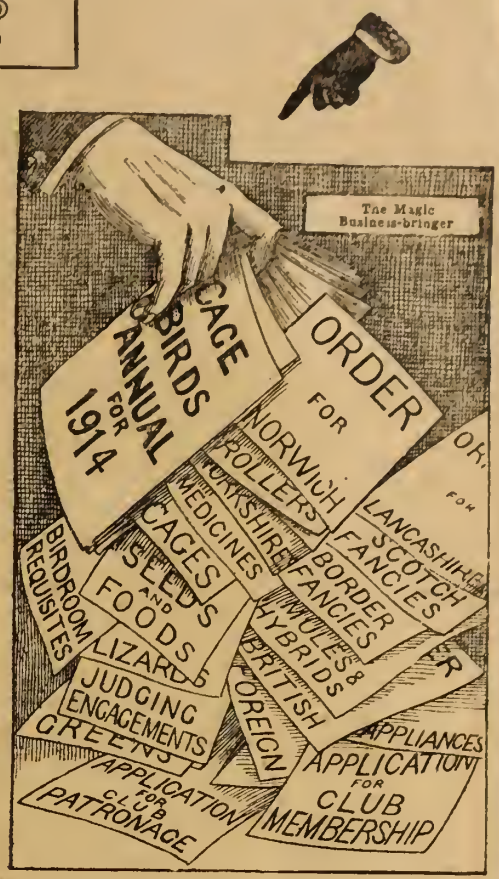
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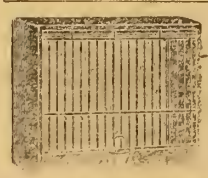
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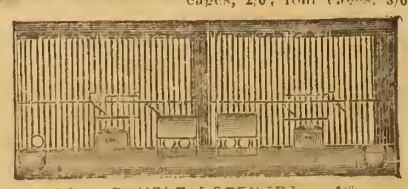
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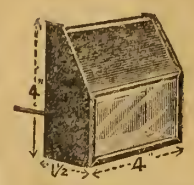
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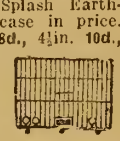
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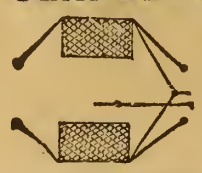
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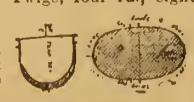


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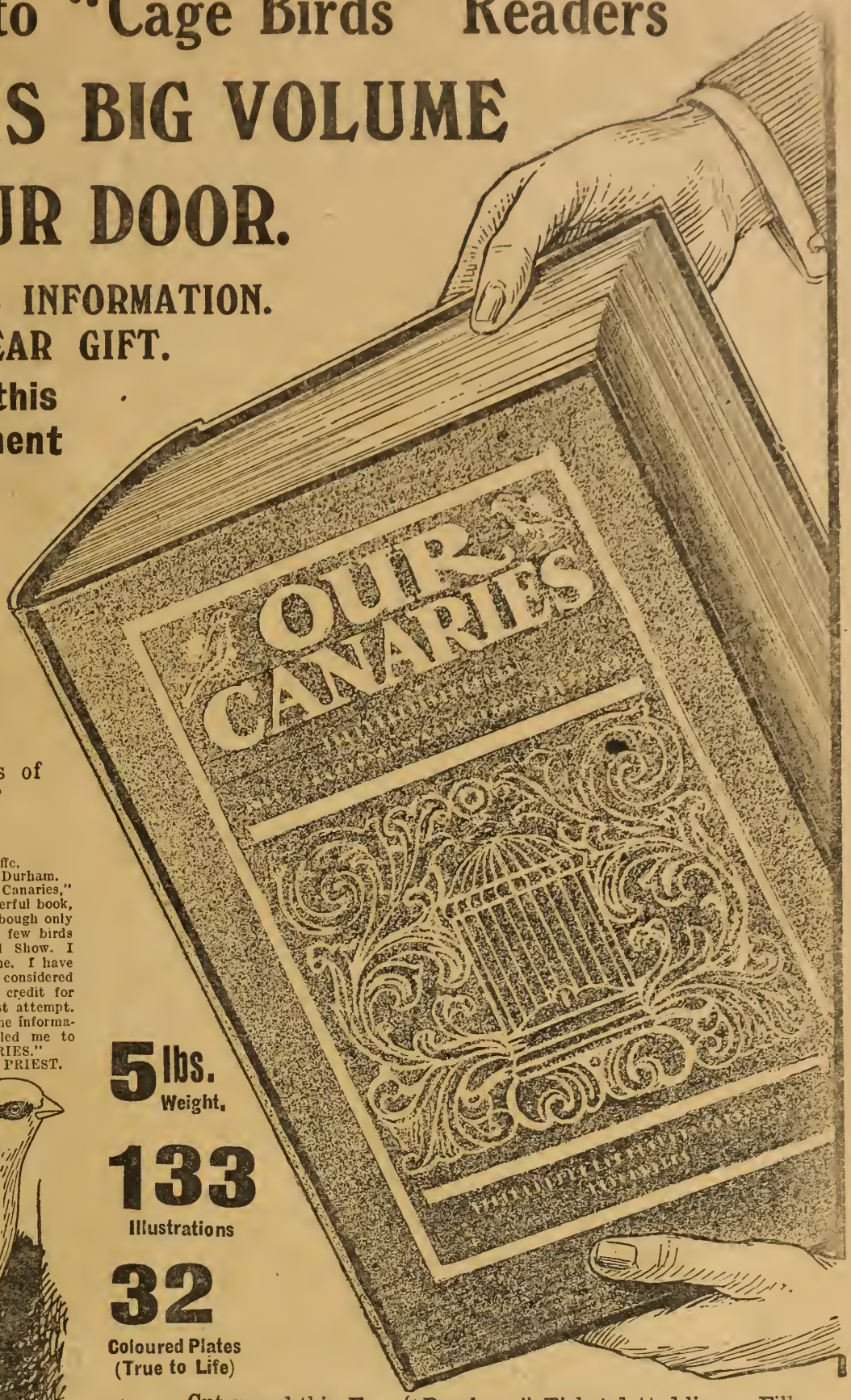
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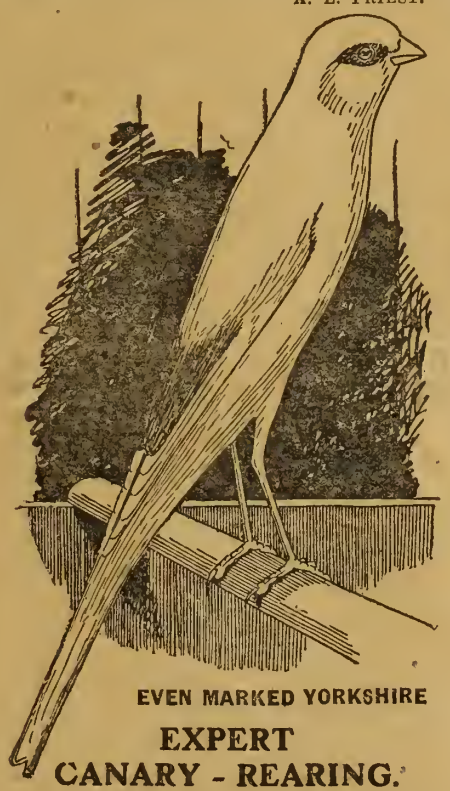
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WARRANTED cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each; a few extra good ones, 2/6 each; fit for showing; no waiting; plenty in aviary: G. Carlton, 39, New Hey-rd., Cheadle, Cheshire. (1141)

COCK Linnet, extra large, well pencilled, steady and a grand songster, 2/6; also a grand British Goldfinch, on full song, make good muler, 2/6, cash or deposit: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1142)

WINNING exhibition Yellow cock Siskin of exceptionally good colour, size, markings, and quality; won L.C.B.A., Luton, and Stratford; accept 15/-; great sacrifice: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone (1141)

LARGE Pear Tree cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/6 each; extra special birds, 3/6 each; cock Bullfinches, like paint, for exhibition, 2/6, 3/6 each; hens, for Hybrid-breeding, 1/6 each: Morris, 2, Lucas-st., Brinkaway, Stockport, Cheshire. (1143)

SIXTY genuine Hybrid pairs; big Welsh cock Goldfinch, two hen Bullfinches, 5/-; grand yellow cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, 3/-; cock Linnet and big hen Goldfinch, 3/-; hen Greenfinch (yellow or buff) and cock Goldfinch, 4/6; cock Bullfinches, 2/-; picked Welsh cock Linnets, 1/-; Redpolls, 6d.: W. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop. (1142)

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BRITISH MISCELLANEOUS.

PICKED birds for show; Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Corn Bunting, Yellowhammers, Linnet, Chaffinch, 1/- each; bright mixed seedeaters, 1/- dozen: E. Fenn, Coats Drove, Isleham, Cambs. (1142)

LINNETS, Twites, Goldfinches, warranted cock Linnets, 3/6 dozen; large picked birds, 4/- doz.; cock Twites, 4/- doz.; cock Goldfinches, 1/6 each, three 4/-: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton. (1141)

RED-BREASTED cock Linnets, three for 1/6, 4/6 dozen; Greenfinches, either sex, hen Linnets, 1/3 dozen; warranted cock Larks, 3/- dozen; half, 1/9; Blackbirds, Thrushes, cocks three for 2/6: J. Whiteley Boston-rd., Holbeach (1143)

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Larks, Larks, Larks. Warranted cock Linnets, 4/- doz, 5 doz. 17/6; hen Linnets, 1/6 doz.; warranted cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; no waiting: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st, Brighton. (1141)

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BRAMBLEFINCHES, picked cocks for show, 2/-; Corn Buntings, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls, selected cocks, 1/-, 3 for 2/6; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/6 each; Greenfinches, 1/- doz. (not all cocks), hen Linnets, 1/-; honest dealings only: G. Ashton, Catcher, 5, Mafeking-st., Gateshead. (1142)

BORDER FANCY.

A FEW good Borders for sale, buff or yellows, cocks 4/-, hens 2/- upwards: J. Bonnyman, 27, East Abbey-st., Arbroath. (1142)

PRIZE-BRED Green cocks, 5/-; hen, 2/6; pairs, 6/6; or offers; leaving: Barber, 10, Glascote-road, Wilnecote, Tamworth. (1141)

TWO clear buff cocks, 7/- each; uneven buff hen, 5/-; clear yellow hen, 5/-; bred as winners, claimed catalogue price, Glasgow City; approval: Service Castle Cottage, Duns. (1144)

HAVE some good show and stock birds for sale, all colours, good even-mark strain (see reports of Hamilton, Uddingston, Muirkirk, Dumbar, Cockermouth, and L.C.B.A. shows): Haddon, 100, Townhead-st., Hamilton. (1142)

CREST.

EXCHANGE gent's solid silver lever watch, perfect condition, value £3, for two good Crested hens: Govan, Overy, Melrose, N.B. (1141)

BARGAINS, massive feathery Crested cock, 1913, £1; ditto Crestbred, 15/-; approval; King's strain; parents cost £6: H. Teat, Ancaster, Grantham. (1134)

GREEN Crested hen, 7/6; variegated buff Crested hen, 5/-; green Crestbred hen, 5/-; wanted yellow Crestbred hen: Farms, 25, Windsor-cottages, Scotstoun, Glasgow. (1142)

CINNAMONS.

WANTED, yellow self cinnamons, cock or hen, Norwich, also Yorkshires, unflighted, colour-fed preferred: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1141)

GREENS.

WANTED, self yellow green, cock or hen, Norwich, also Yorkshires, unflighted, colour-fed preferred: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1141)

NORWICH.

THREE Norwich hens, yellow ticked Buff, Cinnamon marked, clear Yellow, 3/6 each: W. Parker, 6, Brynrhos, Glanamman. (1143)

PAIR Norwich Plainheads (greens), 1913, 7/6: Marshall, Bridgend, Duns. (1141)

NORWICH Breeders, please investigate this:—I can sell you better birds at the same price, single or pairs: W. Pepper, 5, Grock-st., Hull. (1143)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has decided to reduce his stock both in Norwich and Cinnamons owing to business pressure; some good stock birds cheap; stamp; approval. (1142)

ROLLERS.

HIGH-class Rollers, British Club rung, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6 and 5/-: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop.

1913 ST. Andrewsburg Roller cocks on full song, cold room, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6; 4/6 couple; approval: G. Edge, Warmingham Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire. (1143)

CHILLCOTT and Randall's strain, all deep hollow roll song, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks 8/6, 10/6 each; only four cocks and six hens left for sale; hens, 3/6 each; cash or deposit with Editor; seven days' approval willingly: Smith, 205, Boulevard, Hull. (1143)

YORKSHIRES.

CANARIES, four 1913 Yorkshires, three cocks, singing, lot 8/6: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1144)

THREE smart typical buff cocks, 9/- each, approval, or exchange Yorkshire show cages or cutlery to value: J. Jackson, Sanitary Inspector, Bingham, Cockermouth, Cumberland. (1142)

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GIVING up; 5 Scotch Fancy cocks, 7/6 each, lot 30/-; also feeders cheap: Farms, 25, Windsor-cottages, Scotstoun, Glasgow. (1142)

SCOTCH Fancy for sale; 1 yellow pied cock, 1 buff pied cock, 2 buff pied hens, all good stock birds; cheap to clear: Grahame, 1, Hermitage-terr., Leith. (1142)

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PARROTS, Blue-fronted Amazon talking Parrot, also Grey, best offers: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1141)

THREE Orange cheeks, 6/-; cock Orange Bishop, full colour, 6/-; all guaranteed fully acclimatised, outside present time; wanted pair green Avadavats: J. Goodchild, Clare, Suffolk. (1141)

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WANTED, cage moulted Linnets and Twites for cash: Palmer and Son, 168, Schater-st., Shoreditch, E. (68)

WANTED, two stout Norwich hens, or pair; exchange large green double Crested hen; approval: Beeclan, King-st., Dunstable. (1142)

WANTED few Yorkshire show cages, new or equal to new; cash or exchange British, or Canaries: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1141)

WANTED surplus stocks of Canaries, also hen Canaries, cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford. (1055)

WANTED, for prompt cash, Mules and Canaries, either sex, colour-fed preferred: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Beeson-st., New Cross, London. (1141)

WANTED, self-yellow Green and Cinnamon Norwich and Yorkshire cock or hen for cash; or exchange clears equal value: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1141)

WANTED following hens—Pennants, Rufficaudas, Long-tailed Grassfinches (or would take a pair), Hooded Siskin, Columbian Siskin, Diamond Dove: Dr. Keays, East Hoathly (Station Uckfield). (1141)

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WILL exchange typical colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires for good H.M. British or Mule: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1141)

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EXCHANGE CANARIES.

EXCHANGE 1 pair exhibition Norwich, for yellow Budgerigars, pairs: M. Sanderson, 83, Montague-st., Rothesay, Bute. (1141)

NOTICE, two exhibition giant cock Goldfinches, only 30/-, accept Norwich or Yorkshire cock songsters or cock Mules, songsters, required: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford. (1143)

EXCHANGE green crested cock, perfect, crest 1913; large green crestbred cock or variegated hen, 1912, Barnet strain, for large yellow crest or crestbred hen: Mrs. Dawson, 12, Grindley-st., Edinburgh. (1142)

EXCHANGE yellow-green Borders, cock winner, two hens, yellow and buff selfs, Lambie's strains, for pair self Cinnamons; approval both ways, yours first: Thos. Spence, 95, Denbeath, Methel, Fife. (1141)

EXCHANGE MISCELLANEOUS.

SALE or exchange for anything useful, good cycle, running order, £1: 15, Padley-st., Bulwell, Notts.

FOR sale, two pure-bred fox terrier bitch pups, smooth coated, 5/- each; cash only: Clarke, Yazor, Hereford. (1143)

CHOCOLATE Toy Pom. bitch, champion pedigree, sell 30/-; exchange birds: McLoughlin, Valley-rd., Liversedge, Yorks. (1142)

LARGE Great Dane and Staghound crossed bitch, £1, or exchange Canaries or Mules; stamp reply: Percival, Mexboro'. (1141)

WILL exchange few first-class, colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires, for anything useful: Hawkes, 26, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1141)

EXCHANGE, good oil painting, on canvas, Scotch scenery, with cattle, for Canaries: Hamer, 11, Commercial-rd., Nelson, Lancs. (1140)

COLLIE cross bitch, maiden, good guard, fond children, no convenience, 7s. 6d.; birds, anything: E., 22, Essex-rd., Wilkesden. (1142)

CHRISTMAS present, pretty sable Pom., 16 weeks, lovely coat, exchange ½ plate camera, yours first: Enoch, Speedwell-st., Oxford. (1142)

WHAT offers, Norwich, for champion fox terrier bitch pup, value £2; highest pedigree: Hugh Williams, High-st., Penrhyndeudraeth. (1141)

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives and six teaspoons, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield. (1142)

SABLE toy Pom bitch, champion pedigree, 50/-, or exchange good Crests or Norwich Plainheads: Gorton, 39, Rochdale-rd., Bury, Lancashire. (1143)

TRIO pure-bred Plymouth Rock Bantam pullets, laying, 7/6; brass hanging lamp, 5/6; or exchange: Jackson, Fruiterer, Ferry Bridge, Yorks. (1141)

THREE champion Welsh terrier puppies, splendid colour, highest pedigree, 30/- each, or offers: Owen Williams, School-st., Penrhyn, Deudraeth. (1144)

TYPICAL toy Pom., four months, touched with little white, make small adult, excellent pet; offers, Yorkshires, or sell 12/6: Hall, 9, Polly-st., Blackburn.

FOR sale, or exchange, good Yorkshire cock, 10/- (yellow); Norwich cocks, 5/- each; hen cockatiel, 6/6; Budgerigars, green, 6/- pair: A. Frankland, Rawdon, Leeds. (1141)

GENT.'S solid silver watch, perfect condition, aviaries, cages; exchange gramophone, Rollers, Schoolmaster, ½-plate camera: Govan, Overy, Melrose, N.B. (1142)

EXCHANGE for linoleum and oilcloth 4 Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each, and 4 Yorkshire cocks, 10/- each, or useful exchange: A. J. Wagstaff, 30, Queen-st., Middleton, near Manchester. (1141)

WANTED anything useful show cages, or British, exchange 36 double-sided new ten and eleven inch records, cost from 2/6 to 4/ each, also new nickel silver challenge cup or rose bowls, 20 each, or cash offers: Edgeley, 96, Pretoria-rd., Leytonstone. (1141)

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SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Seventeenth annual show, held Dec. 6, at the New Guildhall, Wandsworth Road. Entries were well up on former shows, and many of the exhibits were fit for any England competition. The details of the show were carried out under the supervision of Mr. H. A. Freeman, the Sec., assisted by a good committee of workers, and every attention was paid to the welfare of the exhibits, the comfort of visitors, who were far more numerous than could have been expected considering the weather. The show was in every respect quite a success. Mr. J. Robson judged. Several new comers gave their names for proposal as members for 1914.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Miles, very smart, fine subs., good shape and qual.; 2, 4, Campbell, good col. and size, fine feather, not quite so good in head; 3, Thomas, nice tag bird, loses a bit in subs. to the others. MKD. or VARIEG.: 1, Thomas, mkd. wing and tail, fine size and shape, nice feather, full of qual.; 2, Campbell, griz. mkd. tail, equal in size, shape, and cond., not quite so good in head; 3, Miles, fine size, shape, and col., not so well up in finish. CL. BUFF: 1, Thomas, fine big bird, good feather and qual.; 2, Miles, good one, not quite the subs. MKD. or VARIEG.: 1, Campbell, eye tkd., extra good size, fine contour, nice col.; 2, Miles, tkd. wing, lovely cond., fine col. and shape; 3, Thomas, good col., nice shape, might carry wings better. HEN: 1, vhc, Miles, cl. buff, fine large, shapely bird, nice mealing, good type; 2, 4, Campbell, cl., close up with winner, good shape, size, and type; 3, Thomas, yell. fine Nor. shape, but might be a bit stouter; hc Lilley. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, vhc, Thomas, varieg. yell., lovely shape and col., fine size, extra good qual., should make a good one; 2, Miles, buff, smaller, but very nice all round; 3, 4, Campbell, yell., lovely qual. and type, might be bigger. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Hawkins, both nice ones, fine, stand well up on leg, slim and smart; 2, 4, vhc, Slade, good feather, nice pos., fine shape. CL. BUFF: 1, sp, McLaughlin cl., beautiful polish, well up on leg, fine shape; 2, 4, Hawkins, nice col. and shape good pos.; 3, vhc, Slade, shapely and upstanding, fine col., well drawn. UNEVEN.: 1, Lilley, variegated, nice shape and taper, lovely col. and cond.; 2, Hawkins, variegated, extra good one, close up with winner; 3, Slade, eye tkd., shapely, tight feather, a good small one. HEN: 1, sp, 4, Hawkins, yell., lovely shape, fine length, very smart; 2, 3, McLaughlin buff and yell. lovely couple feathered like wax, perfect shape, vhc, sp, hc, c, Slade. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, 2, Hawkins, buffs, little between them, slim and smart, upstanding, fine col. and qual.; 3 4, McLaughlin, buffs, two more nice ones; vhc, hc, c, Slade. CREST: 1, 2, sp, 3, Lilley, 1st, Gr. Crest, fine, full crest, well radiated, nice droop; 2nd, grey well up with winner; 3rd, variegated, full, shapely crest, good radiation, loses a bit in centre; 4, vhc, hc, Slade. HEN: 1, sp best in show, Campbell, variegated, D.C., fine, full crest, well radiated, extra good one; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Slade, fine team, all good Crests, little choice between them. C.B., CK.: 1, 4, Lilley, 1st, gr., fine head, grand rise and width, well packed, plenty feather; 2, 3, sp, vhc, hc, Slade, leaders, variegated, good skulls, good entrance and lash, both close up with winner. HEN: 1 Lilley, variegated, lovely density of feather, good rise, wide skull; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Slade, 2nd, variegated, must have pressed hard, very little if anything behind winner; 3, Campbell, neck tkd., immense, well shaped head, tremendous feather, lovely texture. A.O.V.: 1, Lilley, yell. cinn., a good one, nice level col. NOV. NOR. CL.: 1, sp, 4, Goymer, fine shape and style, nice feather, rare chest, wings, and tail well finished; 2, 3, Broughton, yells., 2nd, nice col., shapely head, neat wings and tail, 3rd, well up with 2nd, lovely wings, better finish, might have changed places. HEN: 1, sp, 2, 3, Broughton, cl. buff., variegated, and cl., 1st, neat well rounded head grand shoulders and chest neat wings, and tail, bright level col., 2nd, neat and compact, nice col. and feather, typical.; 3, fine shape and qual., lovely feather, good as the others, all round; 4, Goymer. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, McNaughton, promising variegated. buff, nice head, short, thick set, nice col., lovely feather; 2, Goymer, wing and neck mkd., very close run, perhaps not so good in feather; 3, Broughton, variegated, neat, and shapely, lovely feather and condition. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Isaacs, cl., fine upstanding one, beautiful shape tapers to a nice pired tail; 2, Freeman, cl., bold and upstanding, shows well, close run; 3, 4, Gutteridge BUFF: 1, sp, Freeman, fine length, beautifully moulded and cut away, good shoulders, fine col. and qual.; 2, 3, Isaacs, shapely and typical lovely stand. TKD. or MKD.: 1, Freeman, mkd., long, smart, and stylish, beautiful feather fine body col.; 2, Lang, wing tkd., extra good one, fine shape and style, stands well up on good legs; 3, Cummins, variegated, not quite the length. HEN: 1, Arkill, variegated, fine type and style, well moulded, nice length of wing; 2, Isaacs, loses in nothing except perhaps length. UNFLIGH.: 1, sp, Freeman, variegated. buff., lovely shape, grand size and type, nice back, good wings, sound col. and qual.; 2, hc, Isaacs, variegated. yell., extra nice shape, beauty for type and qual.; 3, sp, Gutteridge, griz. cap., yell., nicely moulded and cut away; 4, c, Lang; vhc, Arkill. BORD. CK.: 1, sp, vhc, Rutter, yell., variegated., lovely type and style, a little beauty; 2, 4, Burgess, variegated. buff., very shapely, close up all round; 3, Palfrey, cl. buff, extra nice shape, lovely qual. of feather. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Burgess, 1st, cl. buff, a beauty, good front and head, rare style, lovely order; 3, gr. fine bloom, nice shape, lovely head and front; 2, Goymer. eye and wing tkd., fine qual. and shape, lovely cond., feathered like wax; 4, Palfry. MULE or HYB.: 1, Miles, very nice Goldf.-Can. GOLDF. or BULLF.: 1, sp sps., McLaughlin, Goldf., rare size and shape, beautiful shapely blaze of deep col., nice tanning and good moons; 2, Rutter, Goldf., very close up with 1st, shapely and well finished, good all round; 3, Cummins, Goldf., another nice one, good blaze, bars, and moons, fine cond. LINNET, ETC.: 1, vhc, Arkill, Linnet, lovely, rich body col., extra well mkd.; 2, McLaughlin, Lesser Redpoll, a beauty; 3, Rutter, Linnet, extra good one, but does not show well, bit unsteady; 4, Broughton. A.O HARDBILL: 1, McNaughton, Greenf., fine big bird, nice col., shapely, lovely cond.; 2, Broughton, nice Bramble; 3, McLaughlin, nice Greenf., many liked as well as 1st; 4, Lilley. HEN: 1, McNaughton, prettily mkd. Linnet, nice col. INSECT: 1, Palfry, Thrush, well spotted, lovely body col., steady, shows well.

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EXETER C.B.S.

Seventh annual show held in the Market Hall, Nov. 15. The show this year stands out as a distinct success in every respect. Especially conspicuous were the British birds, there being no less than 91 exhibits in this section, which constitutes a record; in fact, it is entitled to rank as one of the finest exhibitions of British birds that has been seen in the West for some time. A bird that attracted a great deal of attention was a Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid, not for competition. It is interesting to know that there are only three of its kind in the country. It is owned by Mrs. C. Middleton, of Exeter, and is in lovely condition. Norwich were a good level lot, especially the Non-flights, which were excellent. Yorks. were a little below previous years in numbers, but quality was up to the usual standard. In Crests, there were few entries, but nevertheless a grand lot. Pres. is the Mayor, Mr. Kendall King. The committee is composed of all good fanciers, who took a great interest in the welfare of the birds. Mr. R. H. Folley, the hon. sec., is very energetic, and had everything well in hand. His untiring efforts contributed very largely to the success of the show. The Canary section was judged by Mr. J. Dunmett, Tiverton, and the remainder by Mr. F. Collins, Camborne, and the awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL., CL. OR TKD. (6): 1, Martin, good type and qual., little flat on head; 2, Rowley, good chubby type, nice col. and cond.; 3, Martin, grizzled head and wing, nice col.; 4, Parker; vhc, Beck; hc, Tripe. BUFF (5): 1, Martin, bouncing buff, rare shape and head, lovely carr. and col., wins Sandiford's medal; 2, Parker, good size and qual., nicely mealed; 3, Beck, sweet buff, good carr.; 4, Moles; vhc, Casley. HEN (7): 1, Parker, tkd. wing, yell., good type and qual., nice col.; 2, Martin, cl. yell., good type; 3, Casley, good buff, nice wings and tail; 4, Moles; vhc, Tripe; hc, Middleton; c, Beck. NOR. NON-FED (12): 1, 4, Tripe, good qual. and type, nice feather, 4 very sweet, good wings; 2, vhc, Mitchell, good head, neck, and wings; 3, hc, Rowley, good col. and qual., rather long; c, Beck. UNFLIG. CK. (16): 1, 2, cup, Rowley, buff, tkd. head, good type, nice col., well mealed, 2 cl. yell., good type and qual.; 3, hc, Martin, yell., nice qual.; 4, c, Parker; vhc, Moles. HEN (9): 1, Moles, buff, lovely damsel, good type and qual., lovely mealing; 2, Parker, yell., good type and qual., nice wings; 3, Middleton, buff tkd., good wings and tail; 4, Martin; vhc, Rowley; hc, Casley; c, Tripe. YORKS. YELL., CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, Stiling, cl., well up on leg, nice wings and tail; 2, Elston, cl., nice type and style, nicely drawn; 3, Marshall, tkd. wing, full of style, lovely qual.; 4, Lakeman; vhc, German. BUFF (4): 1, Stiling, cl., nice length, well drawn; 2, Marshall, cl., nice type and style; 3, Lakeman; 4, German. HEN (2): 1, Stiling, buff, good quality, nice braced wiugs; 2, Lakeman, cinn. mkd., well up on leg. MKD. (3): 1, 2, Marshall, variegated. yells., 1 good col. and qual., full of nerve, 2 good qual., nice braced wing and tail; 3, German. NON-FED (5): 1, 4, Stokes, yell., good col., nice back and wings, 4 buff, lovely back and wings, straight as a line; 2, vhc, Lakeman, yell., nice wings and tail, good col.; 3, German, yell., full of style, nice wings and tail. UNFLIG. CK. (13): 1, vhc, cup, Lakeman, yell., rare length, nicely packed wings, and tail; 2, 3, Elston, buff, good col., nice length, well drawn yell., nice type and style, well on leg; 4, hc, Marshall, yell., nice col. and qual., good legs; c, German. HEN (7): 1, Elston, tkd. neck yell., good wings, nice cond.; 2, 3, Marshall, cl., buff, our choice, grand qual. and col. rare length and stand, gem; 4, vhc, c, Stiling; hc, Lakeman. CREST, CL. BODY (3): 1, Turner, cl. crest, good size and subs., good centre, well formed crest; 2, Moist, grizzle crest, good body, nice head; 3, Johnson, D.C., good formation and feather. CREST, A.O.V. (3): 1, Moist, variegated. D.C., well filled neck, good drooping crest; 2, Finch, even wings D.C., lovely quality, well radiated; 3, Johnson, even wings D.C., good feather, nice crest. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Ridgeway, variegated, grand skull, lovely entrance, good head feather; 2, 3, Moist, cl. yell., fine qual., good skull, nice length of feather, 3 good skull, nice lashing; 4, vhc, Finch; hc, Johnson. HEN (4): 1, Turner, gr., nice skull and body, lovely head feather, good entrance; 2, 4, Moist, greens, well lashed, good qual., nice size and subs.; 3, Johnson, buff, good subs., plenty of feather. CREST, 1913 (6): 1, 2, cup, Moist, even wing D.C., well formed, good centre, lovely feather, 2 even wings, mkd. tail, good centre, nice leafy feather; 3, 4, Johnson, grizzle crest, good body and head, nice feather, 4 variegated. D.C., good qual., well radiated; vhc, hc, Finch. C.B., 1913 (1): 1, Finch, green, good skull and lashing, nice feather. A.O.V. (5): 1, Franks, foul green Nor., nice type and qual.; 2, vhc, Edwards, yell. Bord., very sweet, nice carr., good wings and tail; 3, Mitchell, broken cap Gold Lizard, nice col. and spangling; 4, Webber. MULES, DARK (6): 1, 2, 3, Middleton, grand Linnet, yell., good size and col., well mkd., 2 nest brother, equal in all respects, 3 good size and col., little rough; 4, Webber, buff Goldic. LIGHT (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Middleton, grand team, yell. Goldie leading, mkd. eyes and wing, graud col., 2 Greenf., lovely col. and size, gone little in neck, 3 Linnet, well mkd., nice subs.; 4, Scribbins. MULE OR HYB., 1913: 1, cup, Evans, Greenf. Mule, good size, and col.; 2, hc, c, Franks, yell. Goldf., nice wings, good col.; 3, Stone, yell. Goldf., good size, splendid col., flights gone from one wing, or would have won; 4, Scribbins; vhc, Commins. HYB. (3): 1, 2, 3, Middleton, Goldie-Redpoll, nice qual., blaze, not quite up, 2 Goldie-Greenf., grand wing bars and blaze, 3 Greenf.-Siskin, good qual. and size, moulting on head. PAIR CRESTS (3): 1, Johnson, wing mkd. D.C., and variegated. C.B., well matched, nice feather and qual.; 2, Moist, variegated. D.C., and tkd. buff hen, good skull and lashing, nice feather; 3, Turner, D.C. and variegated. C.B., nice feather and cond. PAIR NOR. (2): 1, Mitchell, yell. tkd. cock and variegated. hen, good type and qual., nice heads and necks; 2, Tripe, buff cock and yell. hen, not the size, good col. GOLDF. (8): 1, Scribbins, good size, excels face and tans, steady and stylish; 2, Franks, good size, blaze, not quite up, nice bars and buttons; 3, Brown, nice col., blaze, rather small; 4, Woodgate Bros.; vhc, Commings; hc, Snell; c, Tripe. F.M. (9): 1, Snell, grand blaze and bars, good moons; 2, Martin, good col. and buttons, small; 3, Snell, grand chest, well tanned; 4, Tripe; vhc, Brown; hc, Commings; c, Woodgate Bros. GREENF. (8): 1, Evans, buff, nice size, very even col., good qual. and feather, nice cond.; 2, 4, vhc, Woodgate Bros., yell., good wings and col. very steady, 4 buff, largest in class, good wings, very unsteady; 3, Chudley, buff, small, nice col. and wings, good qual.; hc, Snell; c, Brown. BULLF. (6): 1, 2, Evans, grand size, good cap and wings, plenty of col., 2 fresh-caught, good col., nice cap and wing bars; 3, Brown, good size, cage moulted, good col., neat cap and wing bars; 4, Woodgate Bros., hen; vhc, Snell; hc, Martin. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (10): 1, sp., Evans, grand Hawfinch, lovely col. and markings, good size, nice bib, res. for cup claimed; 2, Chudley, Hawfinch, little smaller, grand bib and col., nice cond.; 3, Woodgate Bros., Bramble, good spangling on back and thighs; 4, vhc, c, Beavis; hc, Stone, grand class. LINNET (10): 1, Evans, grand size, col., and markings, easy win; 2, Scribbens, good col. and well mkd., shade smaller; 3, Brown, lovely lacing and col., stylish; 4, Chudley, nicely tkd. on chest, good col.; vhc, c, Snell; hc, Tripe. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Evans, Siskin, grand cap and bib, nice even col., lovely wings and tail; 2, 3, Woodgate Bros., Lesser 'Poll, good rich col., nicely mkd. body, 3 Twite, nice col. and markings; 4, Martin, Lesser 'Poll. nice col., small; vhc, Commings. A.O. BRIT. (3): 1, cup, Commings, yellow Wagtail, good col., nicely mkd., steady; 2, 3, Woodgate Bros., Blue Tit, well mkd., good col., 3 Oxeye Tit, nice colours, good bloom. FOR., LARGE: 1, Martin, Grey Parrot, nice col., in lovely cond.; 2, 3, Sloman, grand Eclectus Parrot, nice colours, out of cond., 3 Moustache Parrakeet, nicely mkd. SMALL (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Lee, lovely lot, 1 Gouldian Finch, in lovely bloom, well mkd., good colours, 2 yell. Budgerigars, well mkd., and good col., 3 Silver Bills; 4, Snell, White Java, pure white. NOV. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Ford, C.B., mkd. eyes and wing, buff, good skull and lashing, plenty of feather, wins; 2, Lakeman, yell. Yorks., good back, wings, and tail, well up on leg; 3, Ridgeway, Gr. Crest, good centre, not enough front; 4, Beck. STOCK (4): 1, 3, Folley; 2, 4, Brown. GIFT: 1, Webber

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COMING ?
LLANELLY
January 13, 1914
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Will the many readers who have so kindly sent us good wishes for Christmas and the New Year accept our thanks for their remembrance of us. We greatly value these expressions of goodwill, and reciprocate them to the full.

That the coming year may be crammed with good things for each and every reader of "Cage Birds" is our heartfelt wish.

Twitterings.

At Frome show, 1st in Border hens should be Jenkins, not Madagan, as reported.

Hartlepools C.B.S. have fixed on Nov. 7, 1914, for their next open show. Other societies please note.—Woodhead and Pyman (hon. secs.).

The Calendar is simply magnificent, and a credit to the artist, also the Xmas Number is grand and speaks for itself.—J. O. Williams (Bangor).

We hear that prize-money has been paid out in respect to Canterbury show. Anyone that may have been overlooked should apply to the sec.

I am simply charmed with the magnificent drawing, in last week's splendid issue, of my little Treecreeper, which your artist has sketched with such admirable accuracy in all details.—V. Wynn (London, W.).

Bradford West C.B.A. holds a members' show on Dec. 27, at headquarters, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington, writes Mr. A. Cooper. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. I hope all members will enter their birds and make the show the best of the season.

The Watford and Dist. C.B.S. has decided to hold an open show next year on Oct. 7 and 8, and has been successful in engaging the Kingham Memorial Hall for the purpose, writes Mr. W. Rackley, the hon. sec. Will other societies kindly note?

Will members of Rotherham C.B.S., writes Mr. B. Bailey, the sec., please note that the next meeting will be held at the St. George's Hall on Dec. 27, in the room we had before, as we cannot have the College Inn? Very important business.

The December price-list of that well-known dealer in birds, etc., Mr. John D. Handyn (221, St. George's St., London, E.) is rendered notable by a probably unique photograph of Nellie, a clever chimpanzee, trained by Mr. and Mrs. Hamlyn, using a typewriting machine!

At Blackwood (Mon.) show, on Jan. 6th, we are giving a big list of specials, as well as good prize-money. Will exhibitors kindly give us their entries early, because of holiday time, to give us a chance to get our work well in hand. Review of schedule appeared last week. Entries close Dec. 31, latest. We have a class for children under 14 years, entrance fee 6d.; prizes 6s., 4s., 2s., and 2s. 6d. special on class. I hope exhibitors will send us a big entry, writes Mr. W. H. Coleman, sec.

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"You may be interested to hear that in response to my Border advt. I received replies from Brighton, Cardiff, Ipswich, Stockport, Whitehaven, Warrington, and also from several London fanciers."—A. G. SNOOK (Streatham).

Tredegar show, Dec. 11, name omitted in novices clear yell. Norwich class, 2nd prize was Mr. H. Coker (Newport).

An error has appeared in the rules of Waunarlwydd schedule, that no one is admitted whilst judging, but everyone is admitted on paying sixpence extra, writes Mr. J. Walters, the sec. Entries very slow; fanciers hurry up.

I have received both cash special and Diploma, and can assure you that I feel proud of same. This is my first year of showing, and I have now won in 6 shows (members and open) 13 specials, 13 1sts, 6 2nd, 7 3rd, 5 4th, 2 vhc's, and 3 hc's, starting the season as a novice, and rising into the champion section.—A. F. Thorpe (Levenshulme).

Entries for the Scottish National.

Entries for this event will be accepted up to 1st post Monday, Dec. 29.—(See advt.)

"Bobbie's" Seaside Trip.

In a train arriving at Walton-on-the-Naze from Colchester the other day, a Robin was found to have been the only passenger in the compartment next to the engine.

White Robin in Kent.

A white Robin, with conspicuous red breast, has been seen in the garden of Mill farmhouse, Tenterden, and others have been observed in various parts of the Weald of Kent.

New Club for Porth.

Several fanciers are desirous of forming a cage-bird club for Porth and Dist. (i.e. Ynyshir, Dinas, and Hafod). We should be much obliged if you would invite those interested to communicate with R. Hallman (1, Woodfield Terrace, Porth).

Another 100-year-old Cockatoo.

A Cockatoo, one of several that occupy Heaton Park (Newcastle) aviary in summer and are housed in the premises at the rear in winter, is said to be over 100 years old. He was removed from St. John's Cemetery because he mimicked the clergymen reading the services!

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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, Scottish National.
Jan. 8 and 9, Bangor (Ireland).
Jan. 10, Doncaster.
Jan. 13, Llanelly.
Jan. 20 and 21, Boscombe (Bournemouth).

Schedules can be obtained from the respective secretaries (note the show adverts. this week on page 563).

One or two questions have arisen concerning the list of 10s. special winners published last week, and these are receiving attention.

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What Others Think of Our Diplomas.

Many thanks for Diploma won at Leyton; it is very good indeed.—Stubbs Bros. (Cheltenham).

We beg to thank you for Diploma. We are very pleased with it.—Smith Bros. (Hebden Bridge).

Many thanks for Diploma won at Sittingbourne. I am sure the Diploma is very neat, and I shall prize it greatly.—J. Hodder (London, E.C.).

Thank you so much for Diploma of Honour won at Frome show in the Yorkshire champion section. Being the first coupon I bought I feel very proud. It is beautifully finished and well worth competing for. I am more than pleased with it. I have sold the bird that won it for a good sum.—C. H. Hill (Wiveliscombe).

I received the fine Diploma safe. I think this scheme a grand idea for fanciers, especially the great competition at the coming Palace show.—W. Portman (Cardigan).

Many thanks for Diploma received, which I think very nice.—J. Wyatt (Canning Town).

Diploma is very neat and artistic, and does you great credit. I have had it framed, and it will have the best place in my bird room, which I have just erected.—A. E. Thorpe (Levenshulme).

Many thanks for Diploma won at Leicester show. It is beautifully finished.—W. Neal (Leicester).

Many thanks for the diploma won at Ramsgate show. I am proud to have won it, and it is a great encouragement to all exhibitors, particularly novices.—W. A. Woodcock (Chatham).

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All the exhibitor has to do is to stick one of CAGE BIRDS Coupons on his entry form and write "C.B." opposite each bird he wishes to compete; except if a novice, when he must write "C.B. Novice."

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NOTE CAREFULLY.—A coupon must be affixed to the entry form opposite every bird intended to compete in this Championship Competition. Any number of coupon birds may be entered by any exhibitor, either in one section or in several, as may be desired, so long as a coupon is used for each bird. For every coupon bird, of course, the usual entry fee must be paid to the show officials. Entries in CAGE BIRDS Championship Competition are accepted only on the understanding that the governing rules as published in CAGE BIRDS are to be absolutely final and legally binding.

The winner of any one of the foregoing diplomas will have the right to compete with not more than four birds, on payment to the Palace Show Authorities of the usual entry fee, in our final championship competition at the Crystal Palace Show of 1914.

The Grand Finale at the Palace.

By special arrangement with Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager, and the London and Provincial O.S., CAGE BIRDS offers the following handsome cash prizes, solely for Coupon birds, in each of the 12 sections mentioned above at the Palace Show (these prizes, of course, are in addition to, and quite apart from the ordinary prize-money, provided by the Palace Show authorities):—

FIRST PRIZE, £3;
SECOND PRIZE, £2;
THIRD PRIZE, £1.
FOURTH PRIZE, 10s.

The following cash prizes will also be offered for competition at the Crystal Palace Show:—£10 10s. for the best Coupon bird exhibited in the Champion classes in the above twelve sections; £10 10s. for the best Coupon bird shown by a novice other than the winner in the Champion Section. We shall also offer A TEN GUINEA CHALLENGE SHIELD, to be won three times in succession, for the best bird at the Crystal Palace Show entered in our Competition.

Important Points from the Rules.

1.—One coupon entitles one bird to compete at any one Diploma Show. Any number of coupon birds can be entered at the same show.

4.—The birds entered may be of any age, and either ring or not ring.

7.—No exhibitor may win more than one diploma in the season in any one section, and no exhibitor will be allowed to win more than two of the 10s. prizes offered at the Diploma Shows, each of which must be won with a different bird; but an exhibitor may (if able) win one diploma in each of the 12 sections.

9.—No exhibitor in the final will be allowed to win more than two prizes with his four entries.

10.—In all cases of dispute arising out of this competition the Editor's decision will be absolutely final and legally binding in every respect, and only upon this understanding will entries be accepted.

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XMAS COMPETITIONS

During Your Holiday Hours.

Particulars of these very interesting competitions appeared in last week's great 'Xmas Double Number. Useful cash prizes for the successful competitors.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE: For Full Particulars See Last Issue.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is either to sign the coupon herewith, and send the same, together with sevenpence, or to get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

THE BIRD LOVER'S PLEDGE.

I hereby promise to take every care of my feathered pets and to induce others to do the same

Signed .....

Address .....

Date 1913

Phonograph Records of the Songs of Birds:

How a Brave Attempt to Secure One went Down to Failure!

By W. E. Teschemaker, B.A (Teignmouth).

(Continued from page 559.)

How Gramophone Records are Made.

It will be inferred from the above remarks that any amateur can make a phonograph record and if necessary duplicate the record; but the case is very different with the gramophone. In the first place there are certain mechanical difficulties to be overcome in securing a perfectly even movement of the table, etc., which necessitates not only a very heavy and costly apparatus but the very finest mechanical work which human hands can turn out. Secondly, when an original record has been secured, a mould has to be made from the wax disc, and then a "matrix" of metal; the familiar vulcanite records are produced from this matrix by a process of stamping.

Of course, these various processes require skilled professional work, and are hopelessly beyond the reach of the amateur. This is unfortunate, because the tone of the gramophone is much more brilliant and powerful than that of the phonograph, and its records are much more easily stored and preserved.

Having obtained all the information that Mr. Poole could impart, I hired his machine for a very few shillings a week and made preparations for my first experiment. Just at that time I had a first-class Sprosser in full song in my sitting-room, and the bird was so steady that it would sing freely even when I sat within a few feet of its cage, or when visitors were talking in the room. The cage, which was of the Crystal Palace, three-compartment type, stood in the window. I borrowed the clothes-horse and some sheets from the kitchen, and rigged up a screen which would prevent the bird from seeing anyone in the room, and placed the machine behind the screen in such a way that the mouth of the horn projected through the sheets and was almost touching the side of the cage. Several visitors expressed the opinion that the apparatus did not improve the appearance of my sitting-room; and it was necessary to explain to them that its object was more or less scientific, and was not intended for airing the household sheets. I would here remark that an aviculturist should either be a bachelor or should marry an aviculturist; otherwise there is sure to be trouble.

Up in the Morning Early.

At six-thirty on the following morning I stole softly into the room, clad in dressing-gown and slippers, and settled myself comfortably in an arm-chair from which I could operate the machine. As I had passed through the hall I had heard the glorious notes of the Sprosser ringing through the house, so I hoped that I should not have very long to wait for my record. But the minutes passed and the Sprosser sang not; moreover, though it was a fine June morning, I began to feel uncomfortably chilly, and sincerely wished that I had put on something warmer. The Sprosser shuffled uneasily about in his cage and maintained an obstinate silence, the cause of which, as I presently guessed, was that he had ascertained that there was someone in the room and was all curiosity to know who the intruder was.

So I emerged from my concealment, fetched the mealworm box, and had a talk to him about the weather and other small matters, and, in next to no time, he was singing lustily once more. I pulled the lever; the cylinder began to revolve with a faint whirring sound, to which the Sprosser raised no objection, and then, with a tiny shower of powdered wax, the cutter got to work. The moment the scraping noise of the cutter was heard the singer came to a full stop, but after several false starts he finally gave a grand selection of his best tours, which covered the "blank" from end to end, the only possible defect in the whole performance being provided by the unmannerly interruption from my cuckoo clock, which had selected this inopportune occasion to announce the hour of seven.

Triumph—and Despair.

You may imagine the pleasurable anticipation with which I proceeded to test the record. If only the machine had done its duty I felt sure that the record would be a triumph. I pulled the lever, there was a faint scraping noise—but no sing. The moments passed; the needle pursued the even tenor of its way; but where were the glorious notes to which I had just listened? At last the phonograph spoke — it said: "Cuckoo! Cuckoo!" seven times! This was too much for my sense of humour; I sat down and had a good long laugh.

I was beginning to find out something about the idiosyncrasies of the phonograph, one of which is that it likes some sounds and will record them well, but that, if you wish it to record bird-song, you must have your singing bird not only exactly opposite the horn but almost in the latter. I was also beginning to see that taking records of bird songs was likely to prove as exciting and tantalizing a hobby as bird-photography.

Every bird-photographer knows the suppressed excitement with which, after waiting an hour or more in an excruciatingly uncomfortable position in a stuffy tent, he sees some shy warbler approach its nest. At last it perches on the edge of the latter; the long-looked for moment has arrived; he releases the shutter. Triumph! He hurries home, dives into his dark-room and plunges the plate into the developer. Most promising; detail commences coming out grandly. There is the bird, as large as life and twice as natural. Something queer about its head? Can't see clearly until the plate has been fixed; into the hypo with it; three minutes' suspense; hold it up to the light. Horror of horrors! The blessed bird has no head at all! Despair!!

I may mention incidentally (because it may amuse you) that this is the second time that my cuckoo clock has thrust itself into the lime light. The former occasion was on a certain Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. I happened to be looking out of the window, just as it was announcing the hour, and noticed that the local correspondent of a well-known west-country paper, who was passing by, paused and gazed intently at my house. Now, there is nothing whatever about my humble dwelling which would arrest the attention of any passer-by, so the incident remained a mystery until a few days later when the "Western Morning News" made the following interesting announcement: "We are informed that the cuckoo was distinctly heard in Shaldon last Sunday." It is still more interesting to note that this was not the merry month of May, nor yet the fickle month of April, nor even the gusty month of March—No, it was *February*!



A splendid specimen of that curious variety of the Canary, the Dutch Frill, owned by Mr. A. F. Fifield (Oxford) and 1st and special at Frome Show.

What Singing Into the Phonograph Feels Like.

With a view to surmounting the difficulty I removed all the perches from the Sprosser's cage, and fixed up a little stumpy one, just two inches long, on the side of the cage nearest to and exactly opposite the centre of the horn, then tried again. Result, that provoking bird took to singing on the floor of the cage. This made me ask myself what was the reason of the bird's objection to singing into the horn, and this led me to try the experiment myself. (You may, or may not, have noticed that an experimentalist is always very ready to try an experiment on other people, or on guinea pigs, mice, and rabbits, but it hardly ever occurs to him to try an experiment on himself.) So I placed the machine on a small table beside the piano, thumped the first few bars of the accompaniment as loudly as possible, shoved my head into the horn, and commenced to sing.

Instantly a weird and horrible feeling came over me, and my nerves simply went to pieces. I felt my voice getting flat, and I was certain that I should play a wrong chord or forget the words of the song. My voice became weaker and weaker, but I bucked up a little when, after what seemed an eternity, I reached the high note at the end, and I let it go at such high pressure that the horn fairly rattled! When the dreadful ordeal was over I mopped my brow and asked myself what it reminded me of, and there came back to me across the years the vivid recollection of a most unpleasant occasion when I thought I would vary the time-honoured method of tooth-extraction (the "grin and bear it" method) by trying an anæsthetic. It all come back to me in a flash—the dark and clammy gas-bag, the ancient fish-like smell of the gas and the injured air of the dentist when he remarked that I had as nearly as possible kicked a hole in his stained-glass window.

At last I understood why the Sprosser had objected to the experiment, and why singers of renown are paid such high fees for the apparently simple task of singing into a horn. Nor was I repaid for my trouble by the record, for the piano accompaniment was almost inaudible and the voice-notes not loud enough, with the exception of the above-mentioned high note, which the machine had faithfully reproduced and had made excruciating by adding to it the tinny rattle of the horn!

The Sprosser Applies the Closure.

But I was not going to allow the Sprosser to get the better of me. I hunted up a very small cage with a wooden back and sides; outside the latter, and with an inch space between, I fitted another back and sides, thus turning the cage into a sound box, and into this I turned the Sprosser. The cage was so small that it did not matter whether he elected to stand on the perch, on the floor, or on his head; he could not get out of focus, so to speak, of the horn. With this apparatus I obtained one moderately distinct, but decidedly faint, record before I ran up against my last and greatest difficulty of all—the Sprosser got so disgusted that he went off song altogether for the rest of the summer!

The attentive reader (if any) will find in the above narrative a frank confession that I have not succeeded, but I earnestly hope that he may succeed where I have failed, and that my attempts may at least suggest to him better methods. Perhaps I may have another try myself, some day!

Establishing the White Canary in New Zealand.

Related by Mrs. MAUD M. MARTIN, in "Knowledge."

(Continued from page 541.)

All my birds (and also Miss Lee's) are buff, being bred from buff cocks and buff hens, except the progeny from a jonque cinnamon hen, from which bird I have one jonque green hen, to be mated this year (with the other young of the cinnamon hen) with a white cock. This cinnamon I bought, and it is quite unrelated to my other stock. The clear buff hen in the cinnamon's first nest was extremely pale (quite white in patches) in its nest feathers, and has remained extremely pale, as have also the two young clear buff cocks in her second nest; they are quite as pale as any of my buff birds bred from clear buff hens and white cocks, and much paler than many of them. This is remarkable, as the basis of cinnamon colouring is green.

All my white birds have black eyes, not pink as one might imagine they would have, and they are very strong and hardy, being bred and reared out of doors and living in an open outdoor aviary all the year round. In their case their white plumage does not seem to make them delicate.

Altogether I think the experiment has been most successful, as I have established my race of white Canaries breeding true to colour, and apparently the colours yellow and white obey the Mendelian laws, producing dominants (or hybrids) and recessives.

Evidently the white blood must have been in Miss Lee's strain several years before the White Sport was hatched. No more whites have appeared in her aviary, but she has not tried for them systematically.

Table 78.

Results of Mating 4 Buff Hens, 1910-11, and White Cocks, 1910-11, all Second Generation from White Hen Sport Except the Hen in Pair IV.

Pair.	Buff Chicks.	White Chicks.	Remarks.
I.	0	3	Apparently these 4 hens were impure dominants, as they gave white chicks as well as buffs. The hen of the 4th pair was descended from the White Sport Hen on the father's side only, though related on the mother's.
3 broods.	3	2	
	2	2	
II.	3	0	
3 broods.	1	3	
	1	1	
III.	1	3	
3 broods.	2	2	
	1	2	
IV.	0	4	
3 broods.	1	2	
	1	3	
	16	27	3rd Generation. 1911-12.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—*Queries must not include or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who desire letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the* Editor, "Cage Birds," 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** Mules and Hybrids—**H. Norman.** British Birds—**H. J. Fulljames.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.,** Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SHOW REPORT (Tuck).—You will find a report of Harrogate show in our issue of October 25 last. The secretary, Mr. G. H. Barnwell, 20, College-road, Harrogate, might be able to supply you with a catalogue of the show, but failing this, you could only hope to get one now second-hand from some visitor or exhibitor at the show.

RED LUMPS ON CREST-BRED (J.A.G.).—The substances are undoubtedly blood feathers. Catch the bird, and if there is a kind of "neck" between the substance and the bird's skin tie a silk or thread ligature tightly around the base, keeping it as near the bird's skin as you can. Then return bird to cage with these ligatures still on, and you will find in the course of a few days, or a week or two at most, the substances have dropped off and disappeared. There is nothing wrong with your dietary, but it may help to prevent a possible recurrence if you give the bird a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, twice a week for a month, and on two other days add 20 drops of chemical food to its drinking water. In case the substances are so shaped that you cannot get ligatures to hold on, touch them with a drop of strong extract of wych hazel every second day.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

PRICE OF ROLLERS (Bosco, Watford).—(1) Your hybrid query should have been on a separate sheet of paper. It has been sent on to our Mr. Norman; please refer to his column for reply. (2) Sorry I cannot tell you off-hand the correct price to pay for a pair of Rollers. The price of any particular pair must, of course, depend very largely upon the quality of the birds in question, and, to a less extent, upon the vendor, or the supply in the market. To speak in a general way you could get a pair of moderate singers for about 10/6, or so, and beyond this you can go as high as 50/-, or even £5 if you like. If you are only just beginning I should say about 20/- would be sufficient to give for a pair of birds for a start, and for this amount you should get a pair the cock of which is a decent songster, and also birds of a good singing strain. A mixture of equal parts summer rape and good sound canary seed is the best staple diet for this class of Roller. In addition to this give a morsel of egg food or bread and milk, or any similar wholesome substitute once or twice a week, or one other day a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, with just a sprinkling of linseed, maw, and gold of pleasure seed. Every day in summer, and two or three times a week in winter, give a little of any seasonable green salading. But be careful in the winter season not to give anything that is frosted, or has rime about it. In wintry weather it is best to withhold green food for the time being, and give a morsel of any sweet fruit instead. For full details of management of Rollers you could not do better than send to our Manager for the Nutshell booklet No. 10, 2½d., post free.

THE BEST GREEN (T.A.T.).—I have referred to the plates in "Our Canaries," but I cannot even now tell to which you refer, as there are several plates of Greens, and you give no indication whatever as to which you had in mind. As far as colour is concerned, the ideal must surely be accounted the best, and this, according to standard requirements, should be a rich deep grass green, sound and level in ground colour throughout, particularly on the lower parts, around thighs, and under tail coverts, and the pencilling as dark and clearly defined in outline as possible. It occurs to me that your reference to light grass green and dark green may possibly mean the yellow and buff types. If this is so you will find this matter fully explained in Chapter XX. of "Our Canaries." As regards the popularity of the different types of Greens I should say it is a mere "toss" between the Yorkshire and the Border nowadays, but the Yorkshire, or, as it was formerly termed, Liverpool, Green is the original type bred as a distinct breed.

WE THREE (Andreasburg).—(1) This bird seems to have moulted very late, and as he has only so recently got through it, and is, moreover, not in his first youth, there is no importance to be attached to him not yet resuming song. I expect he will "open out" all right in a short time. You may treat him the same as advised to "I. A. F. J." in this issue for two or three weeks, which will, I think, set matters right. (2) See that this bird and all the others are quite free from exposure to cold draught, or heated fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Give the eucalyptus mixture as advised for No. 1 for a fortnight, and on the alternating days in first week add to water six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of opium, and give a morsel of bread and milk dusted over with carbonate of bismuth. (3) If late-bred, there is nothing very unusual in the cocks, assuming the sex is certain, not being in song. Cage them separately, and treat for a fortnight as advised for No. 1, which should be all that is needed.

THE TIME TO LOVE (I.A.F.J.).—The best time to put birds together for breeding is a long way off yet. The last week in March, or the first week in April is the best all round. Even then it is useless putting birds together until they are in good breeding condition, as your birds evidently are not. They should be in excellent health, and full of life and activity, and the cock in full song. If in good sound condition the cock should be in song now. Try the following treatment for a few weeks. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed. In addition to this give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of egg food, or a similar quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar once a week, and on one other day a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Two or three times a week give a scrap of watercress or a morsel of sweet apple or banana when the former is not fit to use. Also make a little of the paste advised to "Anxious, Rotherham," last week, and keep a little stuck in the wires of the cock's cage for three or four weeks. In the drinking water add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give instead 20 drops of whisky, and ten each of glycerine and lemon juice two days in every three for a fortnight. This should suffice to bring the cock into full song if there is nothing wrong with his health.

A CONSERVATORY (E. B.).—Unless you have made an error in giving the measurements of your conservatory, you are certainly expecting a great deal too much of it. The size you give, 26in. by 55in., gives a floor space of a little less than ten square feet, and in small spaces one square foot of floor space should be allowed each bird the size of a Norwich Canary. Therefore, you will see that with the birds flying loose, ten or twelve is the limit for you to keep. Then, to engage in breeding, you need to reduce this total by at least two-thirds. Result, one cock and three hens is all you should introduce to stand any chance of successful breeding. With these put up eight or ten nesting sites. Keeping other kinds of birds in it as well as the Canaries is, you will see, out of the question. You had better limit yourself to the above number if you wish to breed anything, but if you desire a greater number and variety, then make up a dozen cocks of different species which will agree together, and give up the idea of breeding. If there is much glass in the structure, you will need good top ventilation to keep it reasonably cool in summer. If the birds have been there continuously since last June, they will doubtless go on thriving all right there, so I see no reason to remove them. When using sawdust on the floor, you must keep a shallow box or pan filled with gritty sand accessible for the birds, and renew it from time to time as may be necessary. A few twiggy branches fixed up on the sides here and there are better than crowding in a lot of straight, staring, hackneyed perches.

MOULTING AND PANTING (R. Ruddock).—The bird is practically certain to be exposed to draughts or extremes of heat and cold, and these causes must be removed before you can hope to cure the bird. See that it is kept in a fairly comfortable, but not necessarily overheated place, quite free from cold draughts, extreme fluctuations, and heated impure air such as hanging near or over a burning light in the evenings or near the ceiling. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part of summer rape. In addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for three or four weeks, as may seem necessary. On the alternate days twice each week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats, and on each of the remaining alternate days give a morsel of banana or watercress. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and after this give twenty drops of the following mixture every second day for three weeks. Mixture:—Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of ipecac. wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Ask any chemist to mix you this.

Owing to the necessity of going to press two days earlier this week, many answers to questions cannot be published until our next issue.—EDITOR.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

GOLDFINCH FOR BREEDING (Boses, Watford).—You can either use a large English Goldfinch or a foreign bird. If your intention is only to breed Goldfinch-Canary Hybrids for song or for the pleasure of doing so, then I would advise you to get an English bird. Get him now as soon as you can, so as to have him docile before the breeding season commences. Respecting the Canary, it is usual to use a Norwich hen, although good Mules have been bred by a Yorkshire, but I understand from your letter that you particularly wish to produce light birds. Unless you can get a hen from a strain that has already bred light Hybrids, you can do nothing with any certainty, and even birds from the most highly prized strains will not always throw light Mules. Unless you know someone who will let you have one of these hens, I would advise you to get a good clear yellow, bred from clear parents if possible, and mate her up with the Finches. She may throw you birds with a few light feathers straight away. You will find plenty of Goldfinches advertised in our advertisement columns. You should be able to get a nice bird for about five to ten shillings.

AVIARY MATTERS (No Name).—If you feel that you can give up the whole of your aviary to the one pair, you had better remove all the birds but the cock Goldie and one of the hen Bullies. Just watch them for a time and see if either of the hens is particularly "chummy" with the Goldie; if so, leave that one in with him. Why not procure another Goldie, or Linnet, for the other hen, and try them in a large cage? Hybrid breeding is such a "gamble" that you may be more successful with the one you remove than the other. You have the hens, and it would seem wasteful not to make use of both of them. (2) Your Goldie is probably suffering from indigestion. You had better give him an aperient to start with.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3, "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11, "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Get some Glauber Salts and put as much as will cover a shilling in his drinking water. Give it to him over night, and let him have it all the next day; then miss two days and give him another dose. You give me no particulars about food, so I presume you are feeding as advised other readers. For a time put him on a diet of soaked teazle with just a pinch of rape added, and lessen his supply of dry seeds so that he eats a fair quantity of the soaked seeds every day. Offer him a piece of home-made sponge cake; and you should be able to supply him with a spray of seeding chickweed and groundsel. You had better follow up this treatment with a course of Chemical Food, a small teaspoonful fresh daily in his drinker; the water should be first boiled, or part of the food will sink to the bottom and be wasted. Use a glass or china drinker.

BIRDS FOR AN AVIARY (H. C. V.).—You could keep thirty birds in your aviary and flight, or even a few more, if you only wanted them for song and amusement. In the summer months you could turn a pair or two of Canaries out with them, or a cock bird and three or four hens; but you would not be successful in rearing many birds with all the Finches flying around. As regards Hybrids, you could not hope to get any between the British birds and the hen Canaries, with a cock Canary in with them. I would advise you to turn in the following Finches, all cock birds:—Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Greenfinch, Redpoll, and Twite. You could allow two Goldfinches in, but only one of the others, and with these could be one hen Bullfinch and six or eight hen Canaries. If you put in more than one Bullfinch hen, it is very probable you will have trouble, as they seldom agree during the breeding season. With this collection you stand a good chance of getting some young ones. If you would like to have another hen British bird, let it be a Siskin. Have plenty of nesting places, fix up wooden boxes, nest pans, old German travelling cages, half a cocoanut, small flower pots, or anything that a bird can build in, and place them so that the wind and rain do not drive in upon them. If you are interested in aviary breeding, you will find many useful tips in our books on "Aviaries," published by "Cage Birds."

SISKINS AND ROBINS (Amateur).—At liberty birds now feed upon seeds that have been soaked by the rain and moisture from the earth. You must treat your freshly caught birds in much the same manner. Put them in a quiet corner of the bird room, and disturb them as little as possible. Soak some rape and teazle by keeping it in cold water for twenty-four hours, rubbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before giving it to the birds. In addition to this, let them have a good supply of dry canary, rape, teazle, niger, maw, dandelion, thistle, gold of pleasure, and cracked hemp. Notice which of these they eat, and keep them supplied with it for a time. After you have had them a week or so, gradually knock off the soaked seeds, and only give it occasionally. When you have had them a fortnight, try to substitute cracked sunflower seed for the hemp, but do it gradually. When they have been caged a week, it is a good plan to give them an aperient. Put as much Glauber salts as you can heap on a sixpence in an ordinary drinker; give it to them overnight, and let them have it to drink all the following day. Repeat the dose in a week. After that you should have no trouble with them, excepting to be careful they do not get over-fat. Let them bathe freely, and keep in large cages. (2) Your food is fairly good for your Robins, but you are giving them no insects, and of course they should have some, for even in the winter they are able to procure some to vary their other food. When first caught, in a dish put some medium-sized mealworms and one or two large ones cut in two. When he has eaten these, replace them, sprinkling some good insectile food over them; if you put some finely mixed hard-boiled egg with this, so much the better. As he takes to the artificial food, gradually diminish the supply of mealworms. The Robin is not a difficult bird to "meat off," but he is naturally a big eater.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (Geo. Hills).—You do not give me any idea as to cause, and it is evidently quite out of condition. I should give it an aperient—say a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, repeating this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving quite freely. At the same time the voidings must not be continually watery loose. When not giving the aperient, put half-a-teaspoonful of Syrup of Phosphates in the drinking water. Keep seed mixture in the cage, but also offer some boiled maize daily. It must be prepared fresh daily. Also supply nuts, fruit, stale crusts, or pieces of biscuit. Keep cuttlebone and grit continually in the cage. Examine its mouth. If this is at all furred or slimy, put a little honey borax therein daily till it becomes quite clean. If you can handle the bird I should bathe its eyes with a rose-water and zinc eye solution daily, but do not let any of the solution get in its mouth. Keep the bird warm and out of draught, but yet in some well-ventilated and light position. Report progress about a fortnight hence or earlier if necessary, giving details as to previous treatment, and how long you've had it.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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POST MORTEMS.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. R. Barrett.—Yes, we think there will be in the near future.

Rape Seed.—Both samples are summer rape, but one of them (No. 2) is, as you say, far from being as clean as it should be. English rape is very large and black, while charlock is small, shiny in appearance, and tastes hot.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Accrington C.B.S.—Dec. 29, Crown Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for Members' Show.—D. Harwood.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Queen's Hotel, 7. Show bus. Members' entries.—Matt Archer.

Bingley O.S.—Dec. 27. Members' show, to be held at the Assembly Rooms. Birds staged 2.45. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves, Bradford.—H. Shaw.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Dec. 28, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Show bus. New members invited.—G. T. Lynn.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Dec. 29, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Payment of prize-money and election of office-bearers.—R. S. Spence.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Dec. 27, Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram St., 6.30. Paying over prizes.—J. MacGowan.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 26, Butchers' Arms, Gt. Horton, 11 a.m. Also members' show, birds staged at 11 a.m. Judge, Mr. A. Cooper, Bradford.—J. Holroyd.

Idle C.B.S.—Dec. 26, White Bear Inn, 10.30 a.m. Members' show, Judge, Mr. W. Morement. Entries before show. All fanciers invited; final of cup and shield compt.—C. E. Hylton.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 26, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary). Birds staged 9.30 a.m. Members' show, Judges, Messrs. J. Bailey and T. H. Inman. Show open 2 to 7 p.m. Admission 2d. Members free.—W. A. Wilson.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Jan. 3, "Globe," Maple St., Tottenham Court Rd., 8. Special meeting for novices in reference to silver cup.—G. G. Stubbs.

New Cross C.B.S.—Jan. 1, People's Hall, Tanners Hill, Deptford, 7.30. Elect officials and judges for 1914, revise rules, and other important business. Visitors invited.—Burton Bros.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Dec. 27, St. George's Hall, 8. Auditor's report. Members' prize money. Selection of new club house.—B. Bailey.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Liberal Club, 8. Arranging for last members' show, Jan. 10. Also a members' show on Boxing Day, birds staged 9.30.—F. Hampshire.

Windhill C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Final members' show, Judge, H. J. Chittenden. Entries taken Dec. 26 from 8 to 11 p.m., at headquarters.—Taylor and Ellis.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Dec. 30, Headquarters, 8.30. Committee meeting, please attend; important bus.—T. Callegari.

CLUB NOTICES Continued.

Burnhope C.B.S.—Dec. 27, 6.30 p.m., Colliery Inn. Show bus. J. W. Robson.

Bradford East O.S. Dec. 27, Park Chapel Schools. Members' show. Judges, Messrs. T. and L. Ogden, Bradford. Birds staged 2.30. H. Hill.

Bristol C.B.S.—Jan. 7, City Hotel, 8. To elect officers for ensuing year.—B. L. Pool.

East Stanley Workmen's Club.—Dec. 28, 7 p.m. Election of stewards for annual show, Jan. 17th and 18th. Members and affiliated members please attend. Schedules ready—Robinson and Gillgallon.

Hyde C.B.S.—Dec. 29, St. George's School, 8 p.m. To decide whether to hold a members' show. Prize-money for amalgamated show—T. Allsop.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Crown Inn, 7 p.m. Auditors meet at C.30. Election of officers, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Pontypridd F. & F.S.—Dec. 27, Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Important bus. A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8 p.m. Annual meeting; delegates' report of anal. show, etc.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Dec. 29, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting; general.—W. Bliucoe.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held "Woodman" Inn, Dec. 20, when there was some good singing. 14 birds entered. Three minutes' time singing: 1, 2, —Hinchcliffe; 3, T. Pugh. Dec. 21, open sing, 28 birds entered: 1, B. Nelson; 2, Hinchcliffe; 3, Clayton.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest held at Prince Albert Linnet Club, Newtown, 22 birds sang. Judges, P. Madden and C. Lorriman. 1, Binns; 2, Brabaner; 3, Chippendale.—R. Redyard, Sec.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-st., Dec. 20. 14 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Tillotson: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Sissens; 3, Wigfield. Judges: Lorriman, Naylor. Also Dec. 21, 18 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Wigfield; 2, P. Johnson; 3 shared by Sissons and Bott. Judges, Jennings and Mellia. Also a Roller contest, Dec. 21, 14 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Condliffe; 3, Wigfield. Judges, Hayes, Towers, Sellars.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Meeting held "White Swan," Dec. 16. Mr. Gibbins presided over a large attendance. Proposed and seconded that selection of judges for open show be left over until the general meeting, also proposed to guarantee the usual advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. A letter was read from Mr. Green tendering his resignation on account of his removal from Loughborough to Lowestoft, which was accepted with regret. Table show. Mr. J. Heighton judged. NOR. YELL. HEN (UNFLI.): 1, Freestone; 2, Hulse; 3, Moores; vhc, c, Day; hc, Hewitt. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Sturgess; 2, vhc, Moores; hc, Hulse; c, Freestone. NOV. YELL. HEN.: 1, Laundon and Start; 2, hc, Birch; 3, vhc, Rice; c, Jolly. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Henney; 3, Birch; vhc, Laundon and Start; hc, Brooks; c, Jolly. BULLF.: 1, hc, Kilsby; 2, Brooks; 3, c, Hayes; vhc, Laundon and Start.—A. Freestone, sec.

DYSART AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Since our show we have had three special meetings owing to the cup dispute. Mr. J. Hutchison and Mr. Wm. Gibson have equal number of points. Mr. Hutchison will not give up cup to the Society. We have endeavoured to the utmost to get it settled, but he will not deliver it up. He has since the first meeting claimed another exhibitor's prize, namely, 4th and spl. in Class 17, Border Fancy Section, which, of course, would make him above Mr. Gibson. Mr. Robt. Aitchison (Biggar) was 4th and spl. in that class; the catalogue and judge's slips bear that out beyond a doubt. At the last two special meetings it was decided to sue him for it. There was not one at these meetings dissented against suing him. Proof will be laid on Jan. 21, 1914. The members are determined to see it to a finish, lose or win. The action of the Society is bearing fruit already, as a few new members are ready to help us. —J. Logan and Wm. Russell, Hon. Secs.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

Social evening held Dec. 18, when about 50 members and their wives spent a very pleasant time with songs and recitations, also the distribution of cups, diplomas and prize money. The ladies provided a splendid assortment of light refreshments. The late secretary, Mr. Meades, made a short speech, in which he said that the Society had held several member shows, for which a small entrance fee had been charged, but as no prize money had been given the whole of the proceeds had gone to the purchasing of the cups. He congratulated the members on the way they had come forward and made these shows a success, also the annual show, which was a great success both in quality of exhibits and finance. Mr. Smith won cup for best novice Norwich bred by member; Mr. Lafbury, cup most points Brit. and Mules; Mr. Barnett, cup most points novice classes; Mr. Shires, cup most points champ.; Mr. Botell, gold-centre medal best fed bird on Easterling's food; Mr. Shires, gold-centre medal most points. Diplomas were then handed to Messrs. L. Taylor, J. Shires, W. Moore, S. Barnett, J. Juby, A. Howard, and P. Lafbury. A good programme was given by Mrs. Crutcher, Mrs. Botell, Messrs. Crutcher, Thorne, Shires, and Campbell, Pianists, Miss Summers (who has kindly given her services on several occasions, for which we are greatly indebted to her), Mrs. Fry, and Mr. Hartland. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies and all those who had kindly assisted in the arrangements. —F. Botell, Assist. Sec.

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HOLYWELL.

First annual show held Town Hall, Nov. 26. The cage birds classification was meagre compared with the other sections, but quality was well represented; no doubt the classification will be extended in the future. Mr. R. E. Hooley made a very capable sec. Mr. J. O. Williams won sp for best Canary, Messrs. Evans and Roberts best Brit., and Mr. H. A. Davies best Mule. Mr. R. Bowker, Nantwich, judged.

The Critiqu .

CAN., A.V. (20) A good class: 1, hc, J. O. Williams, cl. buff Yorkshire, grand length and style, rich col., boxy feather, handles well, in good form; 2, J. Williams, nice length and style, cl. yell. Yorks., slim and leggy, good pose and feather, nice col.; 3, H. Smith, Chin. Nor., medium size, good col. and feather, very fit; res, vhc, T. G. Roberts; vhc, Mrs. Redfern; hc, Blackwell; hc, D. Jones. BULLF. OR GOLDF. (9): 1, 2, Evans and Roberts, 1st Bullf., nice size, good cap and markings, good feather, 2nd good Goldie, nice tan and markings, rich blaze, in fine form; 3, Mrs. Redfern, Goldf., good blaze and col., beaten size; res, T. G. Roberts; vhc, H. Smith; hc, J. Williams; vhc, W. Jones. MULE (15): 1, H. A. Davies, good dark Lin. Mule, nice size, rich col., showing parentage well, in grand form; 2, D. Jones, another Linnet Mule, good size, fair col., good feather, unsteady yet; 3, Mrs. Redfern, Dark Goldie-Can., good size and col., nice blaze and polish; res, K. Pugh, variegated Goldie, good qual., small; vhc, H. Smith; hc, T. G. Roberts; hc, J. Williams.

ST. HELENS.

Eighth annual show held Nov. 29 in the Messrs. Pilkington Bros.' Glass Works Dining Hall, with a record entry. This is a society belonging to the works above for their employees, who number many thousands, and among these are some very good class cage bird fanciers and exhibitors. The heads of the firm contribute handsomely to the special prize list every year, and give real, sound encouragement to their employees in the pursuit of their hobbies, hence the keenness which seems to permeate all the fanciers. The Norwich section was a very fine one, and would do credit to most open shows so good was the standard of merit all through. Norwich Greens were very good, too. Borders were nice, though few. A very fine Crest (R. Hesketh) won special for best bird in show—a real good one all over. British came up especially strong, and high merit was the order, a capital Thrush (Abbott) winning spl. Yorks. spl., R. Little with a wing ticked yellow—a very fine bird, tight and round as a pencil to-day. A novice (E. McCully) won special for best Norwich, and special best novice Canary with a very handsome ticked buff cock—a real good one, and a rare good start for a novice. Crowds of people thronged the show all the time it was open, and most of the leading gentlemen of the firm viewed the show and were delighted with the fine display. Mr. Shufflebotham (the hon. sec.) and his capable staff of workers spared no efforts in making the show arrangements a complete success. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, McCully, tick nape, grand shape, size, colour, quality and cond.; 2, 3, Tom Lloyd, very good pair, former very thick-set bird, gets up very well, fine head and body, nice wing and tail carr., just a bit paler in colour; vhc, Lowe; hc, Helm and Ashall. BUFF (11): Very fine even lot; 1, two sps., McCully, grand bird; 2, hc, Enever, fine head, good chest, good col., carr., and feather; 3, c, Helm and Ashall, big, thick-set, cobby variegated, heavy feathered, fine bloom; vhc, Hesketh. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Hesketh, very pretty, typical all over; 2, vhc, hc, Helm and Ashall, useful trio, all good; 3, Lowe, cl., fine head and back, good carr., feather and cond.; c, Woods. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Helm and Ashall, fine Nor. type, best of feather; 2, 3, Lloyd, beauties, well up to first all round; hc, Enever; c, Hesketh. NOR. GREEN CK.: 1, Woods, foul, grand size, shape and rare sound col.; 2, Enever, almost equal all through; 3, Lloyd, bit smaller, very fine colour and cond. HEN: 1, 3, Woods, foul throat, and a self, both grand level col., shape and cond., good dark points; 2, Enever, foul throat, quite close up in all points; vhc, Rimmer; hc, Helm and Ashall; c, Lloyd. NOR. UNFL. (13): 1, c, Stott, medium size buff, lovely shape, clean cut, fine bloom and silky feather; 2, 3, Enever, variegated buff and a yell., former grand cobby type, A1 feather; vhc, hc, Hesketh. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Little, 1st takes sp. best Yorks., tkd. wing, real gem; 3, McCully, fine slim type, well up, very fine when not spreading tail. BUFF: 1, Enever; No. 118 Johnson, wrong classed, a yell.. HEN: 1, Leather, very smart all through; 2, Little, smaller, beaten by an old stable companion to-day. UNFL.: 1, 2, Little, gems, ought to make up into real cracks; 3, Stott, smaller, nice type, etc.; vhc, Heyes. NAT. COL. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Owen, 1st bouncing Norwich buff, immense Crested-bred head; 2, Stott, yell. green Yorks., good; 3, Johnson, nice buff unkd. Bord., could have scored in Border class; c, Enever. BORD., YELL.: 1, Hesketh, fine cl. yell., medium size, cut; 2, Helm and Ashall, pretty yell. gr., small. BUFF: 1, Helm and Ashall, typical gr., grand shape, carr., size and cond.; 2, Lloyd, mkd., pretty type and A1 carr., etc.; 3, Rimmer, foul tail green, well up to leader; vhc, Enever; hc, Little; c, Hesketh. A.O. CAN.: 1, 2, Hesketh, Crest and C.B., both fine, 1st takes special best in show; 3, Woods, good cinn. GOLDF.: 1, Enever, medium size, well balanced in blaze, tan, moons and bars, solid feather and condition; 2, McCully, deeper colours, nice blaze, good length, not quite so tight; 3, Helm and Ashall, wants time, nice Finch; vhc, Lowe; hc, Lloyd, good bird when steadier. LINNET (11): Very good class; 1, vhc, Leather, leader typical, good head, well coned body, nice col., markings, and cond.; 2, Heyes, shorter, more boat-shape, nice col., good markings and glossy feather; 3, Helm and Ashall, nicely balanced bird, quite close up for 2nd; hc, Johnson; c, Little, nice shape, col., and markings. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, hc, c, Lloyd, fine, well finished Mealy Redpoll, neat Siskin, and long slim Twite, all in good feather and cond.; 2, 3, vhc, Helm and Ashall, well mkd. Siskin, thick-set Twite and good, well made Lesser Redpoll, all in good trim, well shown. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Grice, lovely feathered Chaffinch, nice size, deep col., nice shape, very level cond.; 2, vhc, Enever, well mkd. Bramble, medium size, nice glossy feather; 3, c, Lloyd, nice Greenfinch, in good order; hc, Lowe. A.O. SEEDEATER: 1, Enever, Hawfinch, well up in colour, bloom and finish; 2, 3, Lloyd, lovely tight Bullf. hen, and a smart feathered Reed Bunting; vhc, Henderson. SOFTBILL: 1, sp. best Brit., Abbott, lovely Thrush, in pink of cond.; 2, 3, vhc, Lloyd, nice Starling, do with more prominent spangle, very fine Robin, A1 cond., and a remarkably fine Thrush, well spotted, soft in cond. or would have won; hc, Grice. HYB.: 1, 3, vhc, Helm and Ashall, very nice Yell.-Siskin-Can., slim, good conditioned Yell. Linnet-Can., and a deep coloured Yell. Greenf.-Can., latter beaten in tightness of feather; 2, Rimmer, nice buff unevea marked Goldf.-Can., in fine cond.; hc, Lloyd. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Rimmer,

LONG EATON.

Members' show held Dec. 6. Sec., Mr. G. T. Wall, backed by an able committee: Messrs. E. Wilcox, W. R. Hexter, A. J. Harwood, R. Barker, S. Bevan, A. Ball, and W. Beers, had all details well in hand, and everything passed off satisfactorily. Mr. W. Vardy judged to the general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Stafford nice cobby muffle., good qual. and col.; 2, Wilcox, large, good type, bit patchy in col., and a little lacking in qual.; 3, Brown. BUFF: 1, Wilcox, large, well up in qual. and col., wins; 2, Ball, beaten in size and type. HEN: 1, Wilcox, cl. yell., very cobby, good qual. and col.; 2, Stafford, cl. buff, close up; 3, Harwood, large, good head, but lacking in qual.; 4, Beers; vhc, Ball. VARIEG.: 1, Harwood, large, good bird, good head; 2, Wilcox, good qual. and col., beaten in subs.; 3, Beers, small. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Harwood, 1st nice cl., good qual. and col.; 2nd eye tick, not so good in type; 3 vhc, Ball, nice and cobby, beaten in size; 4, Hexter. BUFF: 1, cup, Smith, good tkd., very cobby, extra good qual., nice head and neck; 2, 3, c, Wilcox, nice hen, looks like making up well; 3rd another good hen; 4, hc, Harwood. A.O. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Harwood, extra good qual. and nice size; 2, 3, Wilcox; 2nd good in type and col.; 3rd, heavily variegated, extra good qual., beaten head; 4, Hexter; hc, c, Ball. YKS. YELL.: 1, Beers, good length, well up in qual. and col.; 2, 3, Wall, two good birds, close up; 4, vhc, Barber. BUFF: 1, Stafford, nice size, good qual. and col.; 2, 3, Wall 2nd close up, 3rd beaten in wing carr.; 4, Barber; vhc, F. Barber; hc, Bevan; c, Rogers. HEN: 1, Wall, yell., tkd., good length, nice head, well up in qual.; 2, Stafford, good yell., close up; 3, Beers, another good one; 4, Turner; vhc, Baker; c, Barnes. VARIEG.: 1, Barker, good buff, fine length; 2, Stafford. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, cup, Freebury, good cl., well up in qual and col, extra good head; 2, 3, Barker, 2nd good, but not so nice in head as winner; 3rd another good bird; 4, Beers; vhc, Beers; hc, c, Barber. BUFF: 1, 3, Freebury, 1st good but rather short; 3rd more length, not the qual.; 2, Housley, close up; 4, c, Wall; vhc, hc, Barber. VARIEG.: 1, Housley, good length, well up on leg; 2, Barker, another nice bird, well up in qual.; 3, c, Freebury; 4, vhc, Beers; hc, Wall. CREST COCK: 1, Barker; 2, Barber, both good Dark Crests. C.B.: 1, Barker, good gr., extra good in head feather; 2, Bancroft; 3, Barber. HEN: 1, 3, Sharp, 1st good well.; 2, Barker; 4, Barber. UNFLIG CREST: 1, cup, Barker, good D.C., nice qual. of crest and good size; 2, 4, Barber; 3, Turner. C.B.: 1, 2, cup, Barker, grand youngster. HEN: 1, 2, Nottingham; 3, Turner; 4, Barber. BORD., YELL.: 1, Turner; 2, 3, Bancroft; 4, Buckingham. BUFF: 1, 3, Bancroft; 2, Buckingham UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 4, cup, Buckingham, extra good qual. and finish; 2, 3, Turner, close up. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Buckingham, good team; 4, Turner MULE: 1, Wilcox, good Greenf. Mule; 2, Hexton, Redpoll Mule; 3, 4, vhc, Beers; hc, Baines. LINNET: 11, Hexter; 2, Beers; 3, Turner. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hexter, Twite; 2, 3, 4, Beers; vhc, Turner. BULLF. OR GOLDF.: 1, Hexter; 2, Turner; 3, vhc, Beers; 4, Stafford. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, Hexter; 2, Beers; 3, Stafford. SOFTBILL: 1, Beers; 2, Stafford FOR.: 1, Stafford. GIFT: 1, Barker; 2, Bevan; 3, Harwood; 4, Hexton; vhc, Barber.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

This old Liverpool Society again came out on top with its members' show, which is second to none in the district, and a first here is looked upon as a win in the open, so keen is the competition. Specialist judges are engaged, and no expense is spared in specials to draw entries. The show was well attended, but the number of visitors could be increased if the show were advertised. There are hundreds of fanciers in the district, who would flock round if they knew such a show was being held. Naturally, there was a great show of Greens; it being an open week in Green circles, all the cracks were on view. There was some hard-hitting, but all seemed to have had a fair share of the spoils. The novice classes were a sight, especially those under the wing of the G.C.A. Competition, is still very keen, about eight fanciers have got a finger in the cup. We noticed Mr. F. Handley, hon. sec. of G.C.A., giving good advice to the novice fanciers in the Green classes. Another silver cup for novices? More anon. Fred's receipt book is always open. Mr. John Abbott, the worthy chairman, was early on the scene, attending to the wants of visitors. Messrs. Eccleston and Lloyd are a brace of hard-working secretaries. Cards were up early, most points specials reckoned, sheeted, and paying out prize money was in full swing at 4 p.m. Mr. T. R. Jones, hon. treas., gave very useful help in cashing up. He informs us there will be a big balance in hand this year. Champion point specials: 1, J. W. Metcalfe (3rd year in succession); 2, A. Corbett; 3, W. Jones; 4, J. Lloyd; 5, F. Handley; 6, J. McDermott. Novice: 1, G. Skilling; 2, Tom Evans; 3, W. Bell; 4, F. Rothwell; 5, Tom Handley; 6, O. Fricker. Most points in clear Yorks., F. Rothwell. The judges, Messrs. Cowgill and Wellings, got through their work in good time, and gave great satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Alston; 2, 3, Corbett. BUFF: 1, Alston; 2, Morton; 3, Rawsthorne; vhc, Corbett. TKD. YELL.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Mealor. BUFF.: 1, 3, Algie; 2, Owens. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Corbett; 2, Owens. YELL. HEN: 1, Morton; 2, Corbett; 3, Metcalfe. BUFF: 1, Corbett; 2, Morton; 3, Abbott; vhc, Rawsthorne; hc, McMahon. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Greatrex; 2, Alston; 3, Algie; vhc, Rawsthorne; hc, Corbett. BUFF: 1, Alston; 2, Algie; 3, Rawsthorne. YORKS., GR., SELF. YELL.: 1, McDermott; 2, 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Handley; hc, Corbett. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Abbott. FOUL YELL.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Handley; 3, McDermott; vhc, Abbott; hc, Corbett. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, hc, Metcalfe; 3, Algie; vhc, Corbett; c, Abbott. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Metcalfe. BUFF: 1, McDermott; 2, Walker; 3, McDermott; vhc, Abbott; hc, Metcalfe. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, McDermott; 2, Handley; 3, W. Bell; vhc, Metcalfe; c, Walker. BUFF: 1, Algie; 2, Corbett; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Abbott. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Mealor; 2, Maxwell. YELL. HEN: 1, Mealor; 2, 3, McMahon. BUFF: 1, Mealor; 2, McMahon. NOR. GR. SELF YELL.: 1, Handley; 2, Walker. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, Metcalfe; 3, McMahon. YELL. HEN: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Walker; 3, T. R. Jones. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, McMahon. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Walker. BORD., BUFF HEN: 1, Collier; 2, Hart. GR. SELF YELL.: 1, 2, Hart; 3, Handley. BUFF: 1, Collier; 2, Walker. YELL. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, Handley. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Hart. YORKS., NAT. COL. YELL.: 1, Greatrex; 2, Fricker. BUFF: 1, Greatrex; 2, Fricker; 3, Corbett. YELL. HEN: 1, Handley; 2, 3, Fricker; vhc, hc, Corbett. BUFF: 1, Greatrex; 2, vhc, Fricker; 3, Corbett. YORKS. GR. G.C.A. NOV. CLASSES: YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, W. Jones; 2, 3, W. Bell; c, Cooper. BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Cooper; 2, c, Jones; 3, vhc, W. Bell. NOR. GR. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, c, Sam Woods; 2, 3, hc, Lomax. BUFF HEN: 1, Lomax; 2, 3, Andrews; vhc, hc, Woods. BORD. GR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, hc, Brotherton; 3, vhc, Howcroft. BUFF HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Brotherton; 2, 3, Howcroft. YORKS. NOV., YELL. CK.: 1, Tom Handley; 2, Huyton; 3, Rothwell; vhc, Skilling; hc, Evans; c, Maxwell. BUFF: 1, Rotnwell; 2, vhc, Skilling; 3, Tom Evans; hc, Southwood; c, T. Handley. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Rothwell; 2, T. Evans; 3, Southwood; vhc, T. Handley; c, Skilling. BUFF: 1, Huyton; 2, Rothwell; 3, c, T. Evans; vhc, T. Handley; hc, Skilling. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Skilling; 2, Rothwell; 3, Huyton; vhc, Owen; hc, T. Handley; c, Bush and Burns. BUFF: 1, Fricker; 2, Skilling; 3, vhc, hc, Rothwell. YORKS. GR. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, Bell; 2, 3, Skilling; vhc, Longmore; hc, T. Handley; c, Huyton. BUFF: 1, Skilling; 2, Evans; 3, T. Handley; vhc, Bell; hc, Vogel; c, Fricker. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Evans; 2, Bell; 3, Owens; vhc, hc, Skilling. BUFF: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, T. Handley; vhc, Evans. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, c, Evans; 2, Bell; 3, vhc, Skilling; hc, Eccleston. BUFF: 1, Longmore; 2, Evans; 3, Vogel; vhc, c, Skilling; hc, F. Handley. NOR. NOV. YELL. CK.: 1, sp., Vogel; 2, Maxwell; 3, Redpath; vhc, Longmore; hc, Vogel. BUFF: 1, Maxwell; 2, Bush and Burns; 3, hc, Redpath; vhc, Vogel. UNFLIG.: 1, Redpath; 2, Longmore; 3, Vogel. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Lloyd; 2, c, Jones; 3, Mrs. Hartley; vhc, Huyton; hc, Metcalfe. GOLDF.: 1, 2, vhc, W. Jones; 3, Lloyd; hc, Bell; c, Brindle. BULLF.: 1, 2, Lloyd; 3, McDermott; vhc, Alston; hc, Handley. LINNET: 1, Lloyd; 2, Abbott; 3, J. Handley; vhc, Bell; hc, Brindle; c, Jones. CHAFF.: 1, Pullman; 2, Alston. GREENF.: 1, Mrs. Hartley; 2, Lloyd; 3, Handley; vhc, Pullman. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Abbott; 2, c, Handley; 3, Redpath; vhc, Bell; hc, Lloyd. BRIT. HEN: 1, Lloyd; 2, Southwood; 3, Jones. GIFT: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Lloyd; 3, Handley. CHILDREN'S BRIT.: 1, Phoebe Jones; 2, Rosie Jones; 3, J. Lloyd; vhc, Amy Pullman; hc, Doris Hart. CAN.: 1, Tiny Southwood; 2, Jean Pullman; 3, vhc, Willie Hart; hc Tiny Evans; c, Miss Jones.

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Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.** (G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 20-21.—**Boscombe C.B.A.** (M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10. **Great National (Crystal Palace).** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Oct. 7, 8. **Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 21-22. **L. and P.O.S.** (C. W. Law, Brimley Ho., Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).

Oct. 27-29. **Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Dec. 5. **Cramlington C.B.S.** (J. R. Chedney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Dec. 20.—**Newtongrange C.B.S.** (Wm. Bryson, 42, Fifth Street.) A.F., J.S., J.A.

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Jan. 1.—**Wishaw.** (J. Watson, 16, Young St.) A.C., G.M., T.R.

Nov. 7. **Bo'ness.** (T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 14. **Hamilton Cadzow Oak.** (W. Hamilton.)

Wales.

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

Ireland.

Jan. 8-9. **Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.**—W. J. McConaghie, 102, Abbey St.).

Jan. 15.—**Derry C.B.S.**—(M. Kerr, 99, Foyle St., Londonderry.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Waunarlwydd (S. Wales). Shepard's Hall, Jan 1. Judge, C. A. House. 13 classes. Nor. 1, Yorks 1, Bord. 1, Brit. 8, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 25 to J. Walters, Sunday bank, Westfield Road.

Newcastle (Northumb.) Northern C.C.—Bird Market, Clayton Street, Jan. 1. Judges, J. Brotherton, T. Dixon. 17 open classes: Crests 8 (3 young, 1 nov.), C.B. 5 (1 young, 1 nov.), Pairs 1, Sell. 2 Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 27 to J. G. Hutchinson, 2, Hannington street.

Annfield Plain (Durham) Co-operative Hall, Jan. 3. Judges, T. Dixon, J. Stanger. 31 classes: Yorks 6, Nor. 6, Bord. 6, Mule 1, Brit. 8, For. 1, Sell 2, Gift 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 27 to M. Archer 25, William Street, Craghead, S.O., Durham.

Dalbeattie (Scot.).—Town Hall, Jan. 1 (combined). Judge, J. Martin, 16 classes: Bord 2, Nor. 3, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 8/- 4/- 2/-. Fee 1/3. Ent. close Dec. 25 to J. B. H. Dalbeattie.

Correspondence.

Should Hen Mules and Hybrids Have a Class to Themselves?

SIR,—Is not the time arrived now, when many Mules and Hybrids are being bred by nearly everyone, that classes at our large shows should be regularly provided for hens? What chance do most of them stand against cocks? This would be one more way of encouraging the Hybrid hobby, and give young beginners a chance to obtain a prize or two. There are many hen Mules and Hybrids bred which are good birds and well worth encouraging. I should like to see what others think of this suggestion. Secretaries might note the matter and bring it before their committees.

HYBRID.

What's Wrong with Members of the Southern Norwich P.C.?

SIR,—In order that members may have the opportunity of discussing the matter at the annual general meeting, I have given Mr. Matthes notice of the following proposed alteration in rules:—1, That no judge be allowed to officiate at more than one Club show in a season; 2, that the committee be empowered to make the best terms possible with societies that cannot see their way clear to give the Club's classification—either in giving a part guarantee, or in accepting a modified classification.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

SIR,—Why is there so much grumbling and dissatisfaction over cups? Because it is too one-sided. Either have two cups (breeders) one for champion and one for novice, or none at all; and to solve the difficulty, competing birds should be rung, although I do not believe in ringing birds at all, as it is too dangerous. My suggestion is, do away with cups and give a good special for best bred bird in each section. Why not have a rule that members nominate their competing bird two months before a club show, committeemen to be appointed to visit the said fanciers' birds?

C. G. MARTIN.

The Radius of Luton C.B.S.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Watts re above. My opinion, from a common-sense point of view, is that the club should allow the old members to remain, and should apply the new radius rule only to new members.

C. G. MARTIN.

SIR,—I think all your readers who are members of societies must feel that Mr. R. J. Watts has been treated very unfairly by the society of which he was, and still has the right to call himself, a member, for he cannot be legally excluded from membership in the high-handed manner the officials seem to imagine. In the first place, the resolution altering the radius is bad, Mr. Watts, as a member, not having been given a notice convening the meeting. In the second place the Society could not reduce its radius to operate against a member who had once or twice won the cup in question, and the win this year is undoubtedly bad, and could not be upheld against Mr. Watts, as he was not allowed to compete. The Society could possibly pass a resolution at the annual general meeting giving a proper written notice convening the meeting to *all* members to reduce the radius to *new* members, but not to existing members. My advice to Mr. Watts is to retain the cup in his actual possession until the Society have obtained, if they can, an order from the Court ordering him to return the cup, and Mr. W. should contest any proceedings the Society may be advised to take. I think the Society might do much worse than declare the win this year "off," and rescind the resolution at the next annual general meeting; then, if they think it in the interest of the Society, reduce the radius as against new members. I am not in any way interested in the matter, but as Mr. Watts invited "opinions and suggestions," I felt tempted to offer the above for his and the Society's consideration. S. A. SANDY.

SIR,—As an old member of the Luton Society, I have read with interest the letters of Messrs. Buckingham and Watts. I feel satisfied the Luton committee are wrong, having practically expelled old members who are cup winners, and if carried to the law courts, they would lose the day. Further, is it not a case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire? The secretary informed me that if the 20 mile limit was retained they would lose several members, but he did not inform me how many they had lost through the changing. Anyhow, they must confess that the recent show, so far as the local classes were concerned, was an absolute failure, and no one regrets this more than myself.

J. C. WILMOT.

SIR,—Now our show is over, perhaps a few facts about ourselves will satisfy that we had no other alternative than to close our radius. When, three or four years ago, we opened our membership to 20 miles, we had something like 21 or 22 members from Watford and Bedford. During my term as secretary we have 5 members from Bedford and 2 from Watford. This alone will justify us closing to 10 miles. At our annual meeting the matter was ruled out of order, as it required 7 days' notice, which I had handed to me before the close of the meeting. At the adjourned meeting the following week two voted against the proposition, meaning if our radius continued to be 20 miles we should have been left with four resident members. Could we run a society on a resident membership of four? The next thing brought forward was that Mr. Watts and Mr. Keech be allowed to compete for the cups they were concerned in; this was lost. To-day we are without a Foreign Bird cup, and Mr. Watts says in his letter that it has placed him in an awkward position. I should like to help Mr. W. out, therefore I am going to suggest to him that he returns the cup to us, as we shall come up smiling again next year. It would not look so bad in our schedule, "Foreign Bird Cup, presented by Mr. R. J. Watts, of Watford." If he does not choose to do this, well, he must keep it, and we shall get another. I think every fancier will see we had no alternative but to close our radius, as we could not lose three or four-and-twenty members for seven.

E. BLOOMFIELD,
Hon. Sec. Luton C.B.S.

How to Make Shows Attractive.

What Exhibitors Want.

SIR,—I now have the pleasure of announcing that arrangements have been completed for my autumn show to be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 27, 28, 29, 1914. As outlined in my letter that appeared in your issue of Nov. 1st, the special features of the show will be:—Full prize money guaranteed (no half prize money rule), 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., for entry fee of 1s. 6d.; open sections for champions, amateurs and novices; also £5 limit classes; specialist judges for each section, with a guarantee to exhibitors that each judge will have plenty of time to give fair consideration to each bird, and finish judging before the light fails. To prevent this show interfering with any week end fixture, the show will close at 4 or 5 o'clock on the Thursday, and all birds be returned to their owners by early trains on the Thursday evening. Or, if desired, birds can be re-labelled and dispatched direct to any other show. From an analysis of the letters received it seems that the most favoured definition of an amateur is "An exhibitor shall be considered an amateur provided he has not won more than three first prizes in open competition at an open show." The novice definition remains as usually accepted. As before stated, I am running this show chiefly from the desire to cater fairly for novices and amateurs, and so keep as many fanciers in the Fancy as possible. Correspondence invited. All suggestions will receive careful consideration.

J. W. RAMSDEN.
11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton.

Pentrebach and Pontypridd Shows.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. McLucas, none of my letters was written in bad blood. I only ask for fair play, which I maintain Pentrebach did not get. Why were you allowed to overrule the decision arrived at, at the Federation meeting held at Pontypridd, that all affiliated societies should send their dates in at the annual general meeting to be held at Swansea? But prior to this meeting you changed your date and guaranteed your adverts. Now if this is a right thing for you, as secretary, to do, then I must say I do not see what good can be obtained by attending any meetings of the Federation. You ask why I did not assist in the matter of transferring exhibits from your show to ours, by publishing same in our schedules in the Fancy Press. Now, Mr. McLucas, you know that I act as Sec. for another club, and you know what they had to do for one of its members last year, owing to a blunder at your 1912 show. I am glad you admit there were errors on your society's part in sending the exhibits to our show, and I can assure you that I am not painting things blacker than they really were. In almost every case our labels were not attached, and the Pontypridd stationmaster is bound to say that all hampers, etc., were properly addressed; why, because you simply wrote across your own labels "to the Show Sec., Pentrebach." If the station carrier marked the labels "carriage paid" or "carriage forward," why does a certain exhibitor complain? I may say that I do not intend to continue this correspondence, and that this is my last upon the matter.

A. E. BROWN, Hon. Sec., Pentrebach.

SIR—I was very much surprised to see Mr. A. E. Brown, the Pentrebach secretary, make such a personal attack on the Pontypridd secretary. I may say I visited Pontypridd show and was an exhibitor there, and everything was done for the comfort of our section. Further than this, I also noticed a great many cages which had the Pentrebach labels affixed underneath those of Pontypridd. I may also add that my birds arrived home in good order the following morning, as did some belonging to a friend of mine. That the clashing of shows in Wales should, if possible, be avoided, I most certainly agree, but to say that the lack of entries at Pentrebach was due to Pontypridd show, is hardly fair, seeing that last year the former show did not command a great many entries, half prize money being paid in quite a number of classes. Where were the schedules of your show, Mr. B? I can give you the names of half a dozen, at least, well-known exhibitors, who never received one. You can hardly expect known fanciers to apply for schedules to you. I also notice Mr. B. says certain baskets were sent to his show in error, which he refused, and the railway company took them back unopened. Personally, I think the Pentrebach Society would have earned the gratitude of all true fanciers had they at least have opened them and given the occupants food and water (especially if they were cage-birds). I am afraid, Mr. B., you will not do yourself or the Pentrebach Society much good by exposing the errors of another society. We all know, some of us to our cost, that mistakes do occur in the best regulated shows.

"ONE OF THE OLD SCHOOL."

Taking Time by the Forelock!

SIR,—It may interest your readers to know that a pair of Jackdaws were seen feeding their young on a lawn at Chesterton, Cambridge, on Sunday, Dec. 7. A pair of Tits were building a nest in a coco-nut shell in the same garden.

J. H. POPE.

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THE HYBRID SENSATION OF THE YEAR.

SIR,—Respecting the Hybrid at Preston, when a rare and good Hybrid is shown for the first time, if there is any doubt about it, surely the bird should have the benefit. Wouldn't it be as well to give the breeder's name on entry form, so it could appear in catalogue, so as to get at the bottom of any bird at once, instead of letting it go on from show to show before the matter is settled? The owner might go one better and acquaint the N.B.B. and Mule Club of its advent, and send it up for inspection before it is shown, and so get their ruling. This would save a lot of unpleasantness, etc.

HYBRID.

How Even the Experts Differ.

SIR,—I see the sensational Hybrid has won again, this time at Gateshead. With the letter from Mr. Vardy, who claims to have seen it in the nest, its recognition as a Hybrid is now beyond dispute. In the face of such overwhelming evidence one is bound to admit its parentage; but I don't retract anything I wrote in my first letter as to its characteristics. In support of my contention, and those others who maintained that it had too many traits of the Bullie, I would like to quote the opinions of two experts who reported for CAGE BIRDS at Gateshead. Both were given in the introductory remarks, and they emphasise the differences of opinion that are manifest amongst fanciers who have seen the bird. The two opinions are as follows: "The outstanding bird was undoubtedly Mr. Parlett's Canary-Bullfinch. I am fully convinced that the bird is just what it is claimed to be, a Canary-Bullie Hybrid, the Canary cross being easily discernible. This opinion was fully shared by the large number of fanciers who examined the bird at Preston. The bird has been recognised and accepted as a Canary Bullie by such experts as Mr. Maddison and Mr. Robson."

Now I will quote the other opinion from the same report:—"The sensational Canary Bullfinch was on view, and commanded more attention than any bird in the show. Here it found favour with yet another judge, who placed it on top of class, but in spite of that there were many fanciers who refused to accept it as a Hybrid, declaring that, apart from its colour, it is a better Bullfinch than any bird in the Bullfinch class. It certainly is of great size and substance, and if it had been all dark instead of splashed, it would have made the Canary-Mules, and even the Greenie-Bullies, look quite insignificant." When two experts reporting a show give us such conflicting opinions, is there any wonder at the "man in the street" having a doubt? It is easy enough for a fancier with inside knowledge of its breeding to say that it shows many charactristics of a Canary; but I ask anyone to get the best Canary-Bullie in the Kingdom (other than the one in dispute) and compare them, and if they can say honestly that they can find any resemblance, I, and those many fanciers who were quoted by the second reporter at Gateshead, must admit that we don't know a Hybrid.

T. JOHNSON.

Is it a Good Bird Spoiled?

Sir,—Some of the writers declare the bird to be a genuine Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid, and the greatest wonder that has ever been on the show bench; on the other side there are those who declare that, except for the light feathers, it is all Bullfinch. In your issue of Nov. 29 Mr. T. Johnson gives a very emphatic opinion that it is simply an albino Bullfinch, then in the Dec. 20th issue he is asking why it was not placed first, instead of third, at the Bradford National. In my opinion it is fortunate that all of our judges are not such extremists as Mr. Johnson appears to be. Having examined this bird on more than one occasion, I am of the opinion that it would have been a better bird without the light feathers. As a dark, it would have taken some beating, whether a Canary-Bullie or a Greenie-Bullie. But is it a good light Hybrid? I find it has been exhibited under three specialist judges. Mr. G. E. Weston "wrong-classed" it for being entered in dark Mule class. Then at Nottingham, November 14, it was entered in the light Mule class (four entries) and was awarded second prize. The judge, Mr. Houlton, gave a very emphatic opinion of its merits as a light Mule by placing a four-pointed buff Goldfinch Mule in front of it. Rarity did not count here, as there are scores of four-pointed Goldfinch Mules, and I don't think even Mr. Johnson will question Mr. Houlton's knowledge of a Hybrid. Then it was exhibited at the Bradford National. Mr. Maddison judged on this occasion. It was in a class for all varieties of Bullfinch Hybrids, and was placed third, a Redpoll-Bullie first, and a dark yellow Canary-Bullie second. Evidently this judge, like many others, considers that a good dark yellow is better than a heavily variegated buff. Having been defeated in their condemnation of the bird, one or two are now trying to condemn the judge for daring to have an opinion contrary to their own. Mr. Vardy, in giving the history of this bird, incidentally states that the party who bred it also bred a very big Greenfinch-Bullfinch from the same hen Bullie. To my mind this is a very significant statement, and makes one wonder whether this bird also would have been a Canary-Bullfinch if it had been sufficiently variegated, to hide a few traces of its Greenfinch parentage. I know for a fact that a much lighter genuine Canary-Bullfinch than this sensation has been bred, but unfortunately it never reached the show bench, but lived sufficiently long (eight weeks) to prove its parentage beyond a doubt. I feel confident that if breeders would use cock Canaries bred from a light Muling strain, we would soon see Canary-Bullies worthy of the name of light Mules, and not merely heavily variegated, like hundreds of other Mules of the various crosses, which are considered of little value, no matter how monstrous in size, as they are only good dark Mules spoilt. In conclusion, a word of advice to whom it may concern. If you are lucky enough to breed a fairly light Bullfinch Hybrid from a cock Canary, don't throw away that cock Canary and put a Greenfinch in its place.

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NEWTONGRANGE.

Held in Lothian Hall, Dec. 20. The large classification allocated to British failed to meet with the response deserved, though entries were in advance of many other of this season's shows. We hope to see British exhibitors recognise the value of such extension next year, as it is only by supporting such shows that a full classification can be maintained. Mr. J. Callander, in opening the show, expressed his appreciation of the hobby and wished the manage ment that success which their efforts merited. Mr. Gardiner, the Hon. President, afterwards presented him with a very nice Norwich Canary, whose powers of song were beyond question. The show was managed in a manner most creditable to the officials, who are all experienced fanciers, and the event went off without the slightest hitch. The proximity to station is a valuable asset, and the hall has fine capacity and freedom from the slightest draught. We hope to see the former tested next year.

Norwich classes were not very well filled, but contained some real beauties. Mr. Wm. Aitchison, of Edinburgh, having forward a good team and scoring fairly well. Mr. Mcx. Fleming, Musselburgh, judged, and seemed to give complete satisfaction. Borders were the backbone of the show, every class being well filled with many well-known winners. The yellow or buff variegated cock class was one of the best seen this season. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by Mr. James Hamilton, Eskbank, with a charming buff cock, put down in grand order. The Green classes contained some real gems, Messrs. Thomson winning in both classes with birds of the first water. Mr. Jas. Smillie, Riccarton, handled this section, and his awards seemed to satisfy everybody. In the British section Mr. J. Sykes had a field day, his well-known team being forward. The special for best bird in hall went to his champion Bramble, in addition to CAGE BIRDS diploma. A protest was lodged against the second prize Yellow Bunting, which some thought very like the Glasgow disqualified specimen in new hands, and after a careful examination the committee sustained the protest and disqualified the bird. Mr. J. Allan, Leith, made his debut as judge of British, Mules and Foreign, and his awards left no room for cavilling.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (1): 1, sp. Aitchison grand shaped cl., beautiful head and frontal, good wing carr. and col.; 2, Cameron, beaten head, well up in size, teeming with qual., good second; 3, Gardiner, capital head, fine short wings; 4, Watt. BUFF (6): 1, Aitchison, a gem, fine full head and front, great subs. and col.; 2, Houston, neat shape, good one for col. and qual., At wings and tail; 3, Moffat, good size and subs., rare head and front, close up; 4, spl, A. Moffat; 5, Barrie; 6, spl, Gardiner. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Moffat, good one for type and qual., rare head, fine deep front, wins; 2, Gardiner, beaten size, rich qual. and col., well laid-on wings; 3, Dickson, another taking one, neat head and front, well placed. BUFF (6): 1, Cameron, grand head and neck, cobby shape, gem for col. and qual., lovely wing carr.; 2, Moffat, lighter made, but still a nice one, nicely mealed; 3, Gardiner, lovely size and shape, grand head and front, nice silky feather; 4, D. Moffat; 5, spl, Gardiner; 6, spl, Noble. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, spl, Smeaton, Musselburgh winner, great subs. and qual., well rounded frontal, wins and no mistake; 2, Moffat, charming buff, mkd. right wing, beauty for shape, fine bold head and neck; 3, spl, 5, Aitchison, mkd. left eye and wings, sweetly shaped yell., good wings and tail, must have pressed; 4, spl, 6, spl, Gardiner. HEN (7): 1, Gardiner, grand head, neck and front, teeming with col., capital wings; 2, 6, Noble, fails head to winner, nice cobby body, clean cut away, good front; 3, Moffat, head and wing mkd., beauty for size and subs., best of wings; 4, Watt; 5, Proctor. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, 3, Noble, capital brace, leader excels head and shape, beautiful colour and qual.; 2nd wing variegated, rich in col. and qual., finely shaped body; 2, Moffat, all there for type and qual., sweet head and neck, grand frontal; 4, Dickson; 5, spl, Smeaton; 6, spl, Gardiner. HEN (7): 1, spl, Smeaton, rare size and subs., neatly rounded head, gem for shape and qual.; 2, Gardiner, good sized head and neck, grand front, fine short flights and tail; 3, Noble, rare qual. and cond., grand type, good wing and tail carr.; 4, spl, Aitchison; 5, Gardiner; 6, Barrie. NON-FED (5): 1, Smeaton, well-known winner, looking grand, cl. yell., lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Winter, eye, neck and wing mkd. buff, good head, finely shaped body, nice qual.; 3, Proctor, capital type and qual., rare head and front, fails wing carr.; 4, spl, Moffat; 5, Weir. A.O. CAN. (7): 1, Robertson, good-looking Gold Lizard, hot col., nice markings, shade soft; 2, 5, Smith, grand crest, nearly green, beautiful radiation, nice leafy feather, might have won; 3, Moffat, we thought lucky not to be wrong classed, more of a Norwich P.H. than anything else; 4, spl, Bishop; 6, Laird and Matthew. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, H. Bennet, sweet head and shape, nicely rounded front, fails a little in taper, lovely wing carr.; 2, Robertson, fine weight, neat head and front, well filled back, nice taper; 3, Smart, grandly rounded body, good head and neck, lovely qual. and cond.; 4, G. Bennet; 5, Marshall; 6, Deacon. BUFF (15): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Hamilton, gem for type and qual., excels head and wing carr., beautifully tapered; 2, H. Bennet, another little clinker, nice qual., rare taper and long wing carr., good record; 3, Halliday, close up, sweet head and neck, finely rounded front and back, fine wings; 4, Wood; 5, Schooler and Briggs; 6, Duncan. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (12): 1, H. Bennet, a little beauty, well-known wing tick, grandly shaped body, faultless order; 2, Halliday, heavier stamp, well-rounded front, nice qual feather, A1 taper; 3, G. Bennet, nice type and qual., good weight, neat head, well braced wings; 4, Schooler and Briggs; 5, Harper; 6, Fisher. BUFF (14): 1, G. Bennet, lovely size and weight, capital head and neck, gem for wing carr. and taper; 2, Halliday, foul on neck, grandly rounded body, rare wing and tail carr., beautiful qual. of feather, close up; 3, Voy, finely drawn body, well balanced wings, good head and front, nice pipe tail; 4, H. Bennet; 5, Harper; 6, Wood. VARIEG. CK. (18): 1, Cubby, mkd. both eyes and left wing, buff, correct size and weight, sweet qual., grand all over; 2, Halliday, mkd. eyes and right wing, beauty for type and qual., capital wing and tail carr.; 3, 5, Schooler and Briggs, finely moulded body, mkd. eye and wing and rump, grand stamp, in rare bloom, nicely staged; 4, Smart; 6, Duncan. Best class in section. HEN (17): 1, Johnston, good shape, sweet head and neck, mkd. both eyes, head and wings, extra good qual., finely tapered; 2, Duncan, nicely mkd. yell., grand head and front, well balanced wings, lovely bloom; 3, Cubby, mkd. both eyes and left wing, sweet size and shape, fine texture of feather, close up; 4, Wood; 5, Esplr; 6, Pearson. YELL. GR. OR CINN. (20): 1, 2, 3, A. and W. Thomson, trio of beauties, leader wonderful col. and markings, sweet head, wins in a strong class; 2nd grand yell. gr. hen, lovely qual. of feather, grand pencilling; 3rd close up on leaders, shade heavy in back markings, well placed; 4, Smith; 5, Lamble; 6, Cubby. BUFF (13): 1, 3, 5, A. and W. Thomson, charming buff gr. ck. leading, grand type and lacings, nice ground col., 3rd equal in type and pencilling, inclined to run a shade light below; 2, 4, Greenwell, grand hen, sweet size and type, capital pencilling; 6, Lamble. LVEN MKD. (3): 1, Hamilton, well-known champion, grandly balanced markings, gem for type and qual.; 2, Johnston, yell., shade heavy on left eye, sweet wings, in rare bloom; 3, Schooler and Briggs, fails eye markings, fine balanced wings, nice type and qual. SCOTCH FCY. CK. (3): 1, Purvis, grand sized gr., good top end and drive, fine lengthy side; 2, Gordon, buff toni cock, grand subs., capital shoulders, neat head and drive; 3, Gilchrist, fair size, nice head and neck, fine style. HEN (5): 1, 2, Gordon, grand stylish hen, finely rounded shoulders, splendid drive, 2nd buff pied, capital all-round bird, very quick in action; 3, Steel, nice yell. pied, slimmer in build, nice length of wings; 4, Noble; 5, Purkiss. YORKS. CK (4): 1, 2, Kinnear, capital toni yell. leading, well rounded head and body, nice wings, 2nd good cl., shade longer in body, fine col., rare taper; 3, Holmes, well drawn, neat head, good front, nicely braced wings. HEN (2): 1, Holmes, wing tkd. buff, finely moulded body, takes nice pos.; 2, Shillinglaw, cinn. mkd. head and wings, shade stronger in body than winner, capital qual. LIGHT MULE OR BVB. (4): 1, Wallace, Greenfi.-Bullfi., well known, a grand one, well placed; 2, 4, Jamieson, Linnet-Bullie, very shapely, grand tone of col., in the pink; 4th lightly mkd. Goldfi.-Can., good col., rather rakish, fails subs. and feather; 3, McLean, Goldie-Bullie, well-known winner, some preferred for 2nd, not looking his best today, grand one. DARK GOLDF. OR LINNET MULE (6): 1, 4, 5, Jamieson, big Goldfi. leading, rare flush and size, excels sheen; 4th Linnet, nice one, runs rather light under; 2, Bell, Linnet, often described, looking his best here, better shape than leader, some preferred; 3, 6, Steven, Goldfi., nice one, but overshadowed here, well put down; 5th, no name. A.O.V. MULE (7): 1, Craig, Greenfi., well known, hot one, rare bloom, wins; 2, 4, Bell, light variegated, jonquin Goldfi., fails subs., excels col.; 4th buff variegated, Goldfi., nice feather, loses in size and col.; 3, Jamieson, Greenfi., even larger than leader, fails cond. and col. to such a topper; 5, Mrs. Holme. GOLDF. (10): 1, 3, Sykes, grand blaze, good size, rather behind in cap, wins in good company; 3rd another nice one, rather frayed, fails wings, seems to have been upset; 2, R. Watson, better col. blaze than leader, but nasty break on left side, excels tans, hardly up to subs., well placed; 4, G. Brown, nice blaze and tans, peculiar unevenness of moons, looking soft at close of show; 5, McIntosh; 6, W. Brown. BULLF. (8): 1, 2, Sykes, leader well-known winner, grand cap and depth of tone, looking fit; 2nd hardly up to size, but wins in tone and cond., nice front, clean cut; 3, Mackie, best wings, fails shape of breast, excels bloom; 4, Gordon, better shape, quite equal col., just fails weight and skull; 5, J. Elliot; 6, Mrs. Elliot. GREENF. (7): 1, Stuart and Dalling, cobby one, hardly shape of head, but excels col. and cond., well placed; 2, 3, Sykes, unfed, better head, fails subs. and shape to leader; 3rd nice one, rather frayed over bill; 4, Messer, we preferred, best cond., excels wings, fails head; 5, Gentleman; 6, McKigen. LINNET, H.M. (9): 1, Stuart and Dalling, grand tone and breast-work, profuse and well-defined, excels bloom; 2, McLean, better size and shape, heavier pencilling, scarcely so well closed up; 3, R. Watson, nice tone, fails subs. and head, well put down; 4, A. Watson, best shape in class, nice tone, fails breast-work; 5, Bell; 6, Laird and Matthew. F.-M. (7): 1, King, grand breast-work, steady, shown in grand order, wins; 2, A. Watson, better size, nice peg-top shape, heavy pencilled, close up; 3, Strachan, nice one, beaten here in subs. and front; 4, 5, Lambie, some preferred, very shapely, nice tone, fails front; 6, Hoyle. REDPOLL (6): 1, Sykes, Lesser, often described, wins here; 2, Johnston, Mealy, nice size, fails flanks, nice bib and bars; 3, Messer, Lesser, nice one, inclined to droop, excels flanks and cap; 4, McIntosh, F.-M. Mealy, nice size, good bib, just beaten by a moult; 5, R. Watson; 6, Laird and Matthew. SISKIN OR TWITE (4): 1, Stuart and Dalling, Siskin nicely fed, good flanks and cap, well put down, wins in rather weak company; 2, Sykes, Siskin, hardly up to leader in size, good cond., we preferred the 3rd, Laird and Matthew, Twite, nice tone, fails in pencilling a little, yet might have split the leaders; 4, Hoyle, Siskin, unfed, nice one, too tame, better cap and bib than leaders. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFINCH (5): 1, 2, 3, Sykes, the insparables, need no description; 4, Steven, Chaffi., nice size, rather wild, should make good one; 5, Igildie. BUNTING (6): 1, Richardson, Corn, not the largest, but excels tone and breast-work, steady as a rock; 2, Adams, Yellow, afterwards disqualified; 3, A. Watson, Black-headed, in grand order, old stager, often described; 4, Strachan, Reed, fails head and purity of collar; 6, Sinclair. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, A. Watson, Redstart, nice one, well known, wins easy here; 2, McLean, Bearded Reedling Continental-looking, grand acrobat; 3, 4, Smith Bros., Yellow Wag and Pipit, former gets medal for best local British LARGE (2): 1, Sykes, well-known Chough, bit of a joiner this; 2, A. Watson, Waxwing. A.O.S. (7): All Hawfinches: 1, 2, 3, 5, Sykes, description needless; 4, Steel, Edinburgh and Leith winner, quite beaten here; 6, Gentleman. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (4): 1, 3, Ferguson, Bullfi. hen leading, grand size and cap, excels bars, fails shape of breast; 3rd Goldfi., better shape than 2nd, fails blaze, rather wild; 2, McKigen, Goldfi., nice col. and shape of blaze, fails expanse and subs.; 4, King, appeared to be a nice one, soft. BRIT. BREEDING HEN (10): 1, Sykes, well-known Greenfi., often described, looking her best, well placed; 2, 3, Gentleman, Bullf. and Yellow Bunting, we should have reversed; latter well-known winner, in grand order; 4, Mackie, Bullf., best of its kind in class, another big winner; 5, Jamieson; 6, Smith Bros. SMALL FOR. (4): 1, 3, Winter, nice Crimson Finch leading, shown in grand order; 4th pair Budgies, in good trim, excel size, we liked for 3rd; 2, Hoyle, Diamond Sparrows, well-known locals, in grand order. LARGE: 1, Sykes, Glossy Starling.

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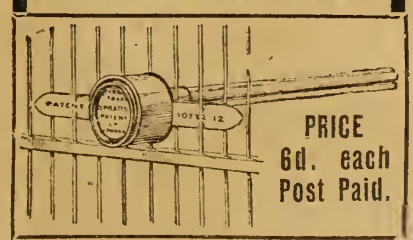
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Fifty-second annual show, held in Greenfi. Pavilion, Dec. 20. Our section was staged across the far end of the hall, so the birds were well clear of any draught. The hall is very lofty and spacious but just a shade cold; light was none too good during judging, but brightened up considerably about mid-day. The executive put out a splendid schedule, and do everything possible for the comfort and convenience of exhibitors, and it is strange that a bigger entry is not obtained. Mr. Mackie is a most popular sec., and a hard worker, and he has the whole routine of show management at his finger ends. The officials, Pres. A. Andrew, vice-pres. P. Mackie, and committee, Messrs. Kerr, Jackson, Fyper, Conkie, Milne, Thompson, Loudon, Paterson and Reid, all worked hard to make the show a success. Entries were on a par with last year, and though numbers were not large, the usual Land o' Burns quality was all there. The judges, Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow (Canaries), and Mr. C. C. Irvine, Ayr (Mules, Brit. and For.) had the cards up in good time, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (5): 1, 3, Devoy, leader cl. buff of great size and subs., grand breadth of chest, very full head; 3rd, cl. yell., blaze of col., in spanking order; 2, Murray, grand yell., fine depth of front, splendid col., wins on type; 4, Hamilton; 5, Galloway. HEN (3): 1, Murray, wins members' cup, cl. buff, monster for size, great thickness, shows fine meal, worthy of better competition; 2, Devoy, another cl., fails type, staged in lovely bloom; 3, Hamilton, var., nice type, scarcely size of 2nd, good rich col. UNFLIG. CK. (5): 1, Scobbie, cl. yell., nice and chubby, grand level col., fine full head; 2, Alexander, bnu, correct type, grand short feather, finely mealed, staged in winning form; 3, Hamilton, cl., shade long behind, otherwise good; 4, Devoy; 5, Galloway. HEN (3): 1, Devoy, variegated, rather too slim built, shade narrow on head, but grand hot col.; 2, Linton, extra thick set, fine type and cond.; 3, Galloway, cl., fails in type, wants a tubbing. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, 2, McCready, tkd. wing, grand yell., straight as an arrow, fine length of leg, neat head and wings; 2nd, buff, in grand form, excellent pos.; 3, Cameron, yell., great length, fine pos., bit patchy in colour; 4, Findlay; 5, Murray; 6, Greig. BORD. CL. or TKD. (12): 1, Findlay, cl. yell., model for type, correct size, in grand order; 2, 5, Taylor, buff, splendid type, very jaunty carr., neat head and wings; 3, Mossie, yell., lovely bloom, grand size and subs.; 4, Campbell; 6, Hunter; 7, Aitken. HEN (8): 1, Campbell, grand carr. and cond., splendid col. and type, on the large side; 2, 3, Mossie, cl. buff, ideal size and type, nice condition; 3rd, yell., grizzled wing, very rich col., nice shape; 4, Findlay; 5, Taylor; 6, Aitken; 7, Hume. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, 5, Findlay, very smart, lovely feather, neat head and wings, full of style; 2, Linton, nearly even, wonderful style and qual., correct size; 3, Gibson, not far behind, just a shade large, grand carr., well staged; 4, Hume. HEN (4): 1, Campbell, very compact feather, splendid size; 2, Aitken, smart little hen, staged in fine form, correct size and carr.; 3, 4, Gibson, little between them, in grand cond. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, McQuistou and Paterson, both well-known winners, adding to their long list, staged to perfection; 3rd, Mitchell Bros., in good form, shade light on cheeks. DARK (8): 1, 3, McQuiston and Paterson, leader Linnet, great col. and markings, splendid size, grand glossy feather; 3rd, Greenie, hard to beat, excels size and col., very full head; 2, Lyall, Siskin, grand size, nice rich colour, fine chubby type, well placed; 4, Scobbie; 5, Robertson. GOLDF. (10): 1, Wallace, true Britisher, fine face, grand face col., good tans and buttons, wins; 2, Conkie and Loudon, similar to leader, fails expanse of under blaze; 3, Cowan, as large in face as any, shade brassy in colour, spoiled by colour feeding; 4, Davidson; 5, Camerou; 6, Donald; 7, McNaught. BULLF. (11): 1, Rae, not a large one, very hot col., grand broad-set cap, fine distinct bars; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, equal to leader, only fails purity of breast col., H.M.; 3, Wallace, little behind in size and col., nice cap and bars, very clean back; 4, Cowan; 5, Bell; 6, Davidson; 7, Alexander. GREENF. (6): 1, Linton, non-fed, grand size, very bold head, thick neck, shown in too small a cage; 2, Cowan, fed., very level col., grand type, fine front; 3, Thomson, good col. and cond., beaten size; 4, Donald; 5, Roxburgh; 6, Robertson. LINNET, H.M. (6): 1, 2, McQuiston and Paterson, often described, leader excels size, markings and type; 3, Davidson, fails size, nicely pen., shows grand whites, in good order; 4, Thomson; 5, McKenna; 6, Wilson. F.M. (4): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, splendid chubby type, great pencilling in front, grand col., steady; 2nd, Waitt, not far behind, shade heavy marking, grand col.; 3, Davidson, lacks size to leaders, nicely marked front; 4, Mitchell Bros. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, famous Twite, great size and colour, mass of work in front, London winner, nearly perfection; 2, Alexander, Siskin, very pure col., great cap, very slight bib, well laced on flanks; 3, Davidson, Mealy, nice clear front, distinct bib, not over large; 4, Mitchell Bros.; 5, Roxburgh; 6, Wason. LESSER 'POLL (3): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, clear away for size, colour and work.

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39th annual exhibition held Nov. 15, in the Dunlop Street Hall. In every respect the show was one of the most successful held by the Society. Entries were fifty in advance of last year, the number being 350, while in the afternoon there was a large attendance of spectators. The judges, whose awards gave every satisfaction, were—Scotch Fancy and Norwich and Crests, Mr. Allan Chambers, Kirkintilloch; Border Fancy, Mr. Robert Lambie, Whitburn; Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. Peter M'Quiston, Ayr. The pres., Mr. William Muir, and the energetic sec., Mr. R. M'Caw, 6, Wards Place, along with the committee and stewards, are to be congratulated on the satisfactory manner in which the arrangements were carried through. The Club desire to take this opportunity to thank all donors of prizes, medals, and special prizes. Cup and medal winners were:—Scotch Fancy cup, J. Allan, Crest., J. Noble; Nor., R. Picken; Bord., J. Smillie; Mule, J. Dunsmuir; Brit. and For., W. Crosbie; James Johnston cup, J. Noble; Baillie Munro's medal for most points, R. Picken; Sandiford medal, R. Picken.

The Awards.

CL. OR FOUL CK.: 1, 3, sp, Allan; 2, sp, Templeton. PIEBALD OR DK.: 1, 3, Allan; 2, 4, Templeton. CLEAN OR FOUL HEN: 1, 2, sp, Allan. PIEBALD OR DARK: 1, 2, Templeton. CREST CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, two spls., Noble. HEN: 1, 2, 3, sp, Noble; 4, Johnstone. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Noble; 4, 5, 6, three spls., Adamson. C.B. HEN: 1, 3, Noble; 2, sp, Johnstone. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Candlish; 2, Watson; 3, 4, 5, Picken. VARIEG.: 1, 3, 4, two spls., Picken; 2, sp, M'Call; 5, A. Watson; 6, W. Muir. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, Armour; 2, 5, Picken; 3, 4, Candlish; 6, Muir. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, 3, Watson; 2, Picken; 4, sp, Jones; 5, Guthrie; 6, Muir. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Candlish; 2, 3, Watson; 4, 6, Picken; 5, Muir. VARIEG.: 1, Watson; 2, 4, 5, Picken; 3, M'Call; 6, Jones. CL. BUFF: 1, 6, sp, Armour; 2, sp, Watson; 3, sp, Jones; 4, 5, sp, Picken. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, 6, Watson; 2, Picken; 3, M'Tall; 4, Candlish; 5, Muir. NON-FED CK.: 1, Muir; 2, 3, M'Bride. HEN: 1, Watson; 2, Stevenson; 3, Muir; 4, 5, sp, M'Bride. CINN. OR GR.: 1, 2, Picken; 3, Muir. CL. YELL. BORD.: 1, Smillie; 2, sp, Cranie; 3, Robertson; 4, 5, Willison; 6, Cree. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 3, Robertson; 2, Cranie; 4, Smillie; 5, Jones; 6, Rae. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, Rae; 2, Smillie; 3, sp, Crosbie; 4, Gibson; 5, Boyd; 6, Cranie. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Smillie; 2, 3, Willison; 4, Rae; 5, Cree; 6, Robertson. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Smillie; 2, sp, Cranie; 3, Willison; 4, Crosbie; 5, 6, Robertson. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Smillie; 3, 4, Willison; 5, Cree; 6, Crosbie. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Smillie; 3, Gibson; 4, Reid; 5, Cranie; 6, Boyd. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Smillie; 2, Cree; 3, 4, Willison; 5, Gibson; 6, Robertson. CINN. OR GREEN CK.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Robertson; 4, Cree. HEN: 1, sp, Cree; 2, 4, 6, Robertson; 3, sp, Rae; 5, Crosbie. LIGHT MULE: 1, sp, Miller; 2, sp, Jones. DARK GOLDF. MULE: 1, 5, Paton; 2, 4, Dove; 3, Dunsmuir; 6, Jones. DARK LINNET OR GREENF.: 1, 3, sp, Ireland; 2, 4, 5, Dunsmuir; 6, Miller. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Dunsmuir. GOLF., BRIT.: 1, 3, two spls., Crosbie; 2, 5, Metcalfe; 4, sp, Paton; 6, Jardine. BULLF.: 1, Rae; 2, 3, sp, Dale; 4, Cree; 5, Paton; 6, Brown. LINNET: 1, Crosbie; 2, Jardine; 3, Dunsmuir; 4, 5, Gardner; 6, Brown. GREENF., NON-FED.: 1, 5, Crosbie; 2, Jardine; 3, Dale; 4, Cree; 6, Brown. GREENF., COL.-FED: 1, Jardine; 2, Dale. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Ireland; 2, Crosbie; 4, Jardine; 5, Metcalfe; 6, Dale. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Dale; 2, Jardine; 3, 6, Crosbie; 4, 5, Metcalfe. BULLF. HEN: 1, 2, sp, Jardine; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Paton; 5, Crosbie. A.O. BRIT. HEN: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Dale; 3, Rae; 4, Jardine; 5, 6, Crosbie. REDPOLL: 1, sp, Dale; 2, Crosbie; 3, 4, Metcalfe; 5, Jardine; 6 Paton. FOR. GOLDF.: 1 sp, Dale; 2, Stevenson; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Gardner; 5, Jones. FOR.: 1, Paton; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Crosbie. NOV. SCOTCH FANCY OR MULE: 1, 2, 3, Ireland. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, sp, Richmond; 3, 5, Paton; 4, 6, Richmond. NOV. BORD.: 1, Reid. GIFT: 1, sp, M'Call; 2, Muir; 3, Candlish; 4, Robertson; 5, Adamson.—R. McCaw, Hon. Sec.

WOMBWELL B.F.S.

Annual show held Wesleyan Schoolroom, Park St., Dec. 13, when a splendid entry of 92 exhibits faced the judges, Messrs. J. Warrender and T. Whitingham, whose awards were well received. Special prize winners were: C. Humphreys Brit. and Yorks., A. H. Waters Nor. and Sandiford's medal for best colour fed bird; and M. E. Hinchcliffe A.O.V. and Mule. C. Humphreys won cup and 5s. for most points in show. Altogether there were 15 specials.

YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, Evans; vhc, Malpass; hc, Hill. BUFF: 1, vhc, Humphreys; 2, Evans; 3, Carby. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Dean; 2, hc, Humphreys; 3, vhc, Hill; c, Carby. BUFF: 1, Dean; 2, hc, Humphreys; 3, c, Hill; vhc, Evans. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Humphreys; 2, Evans; 3, Carby; vhc, c, Hill; hc, Dean. BUFF: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, Carby; vhc, Malpass; hc, Dean; c, Hill. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Hinchcliffe. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, hc, Hinchcliffe; c, Dean. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Malpass; hc, c, Hinchliffe. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, hc, c Hinchliffe. VELL. UNFLIG.: 1 2, 3, Waters; vhc, hc, Hinchliffe. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, hc, Hinchliffe; c, Malpass. A.O.V.: 1, Hinchliffe; 2, 3, Hill. LINNET: 1, Deans; 2, 3, vhc, Humphreys. GOLD. OR BULLF.: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, Hill. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hinchliffe; 2, Humphreys. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, 3, vhc, Humphreys; 2, Dean. SOFTBILL: 1, Dean. HYB.: 1, Hinchcliffe. Mr. A. H. Waters exhibited a splendid team of 17 Nor. scoring 86 points out of a possible 86. New members heartily invited. This was one of the best shows we have had; 92 exhibits from 8 members. The show room was thronged up to the close.—J. W. Dean, sec.

FAULDHOUSE.

First show held in the Drill Hall, Dec. 13. Cage birds numbered about 150, and there is little doubt that with a little more advertisement of the fixture, the entry might have been largely increased. Many fanciers in the district were not aware such a event was taking place. The exhibits were nicely staged in a spacious hall. The management consisted of gentlemen fanciers, the cage birds section being ably looked after by Messrs. R. Lambie and Calder, Whitburn, together with the worthy sec., Mr. Boyd. Judges were: Nor. and Bord., Mr. W. Laidlow Hamilton; Brit. and Mules, Mr. C. Small, Motherwell, and their awards seemed to be well received, as we heard very little grumbling.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (1): 1, no name, nicely fed, good full coat, fine shape, good wings and tail; 2, Harper, large bull, good head and neck, and body, good col., fine round.; 3, ——, good head, a little soft when we saw it; 1, Campbell. HEN (3): 1 Campbell, large variegated, good shape, fine wing carr., nice mark. on feather; 2, Scobbie, scarcely the subs. of inner, but nice type, rich colour, a little soft; 3, Calder. NON FED (5): 1, Haston, large buff, neck mkd., some thought lucky, not the best of carr. either; 2, Campbell, variegated, cut choice, grand exhibit, in tip-top cond., and well staged; 3, Harper, grand head and neck, good body, fine qual. of feather; 4, Calder, shade smaller; 5, Reid; 6, 7, Cosgrove. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, H. Bennett, wing mkd., typical, nice head and neck, lovely body and shape, neat wing carriage; 2, G. Bennet, longer in body, but lovely qual., fine wings and tail, in grand order; 3, Easton, nice shape, fine head, in nice condition; 4, Lambie; 5, Aitchison. BUFF (8): 1, G. Bennett, stylish, nice col., full of qual., grand wings and tail, wins; 2, Patterson, grand shape and style, nicely balanced, very tight in feather, close up on winner; 3, A. Johnston, head mkd., stands well on legs, very shapely, neat wings, a rough in feather; 4, H. Bennett, grizzled head marks., grand silky feather, a beauty; 5, Gentleman; 6, no name; 7, R. Lambie. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, G. Bennett, lovely col., full of qual., very neat head, grand thighs, in tip-top cond.; 2, R. Lambie, fails in head to winner, and not quite so smooth in feather; 3, no name, bit rough in neck, still a nice typical exhibit, neat wings and tail; 4, Patterson; 5, Gentleman; 6, Aitchison; 7, Haston. BUFF (5): 1, H. Bennett, magnificent body and style, grandly balanced wings and tail, nice even col., perfect cond.; 2, R. Lambie, shapely, neat head and wing carr., fails in polish to winner; 3, G. Bennett, nice qual., grand shape, very stylish, and nice deep chest, dirty on head; 4, Hamilton, neat, smart, stylish bird, we liked much; 5, Timmins. CINN. (4): 1, R. Lambie, grand qual., lovely col., nice head and shoulders, very close in feather; 2, H. Bennett, sweet exhibit, nice level col., rare head, wings, and tail, in the pink; 3, W. Lambie, another good one, firm, silky feather, stands well on perch, close up here on winners; 4, Whitelaw. GREEN (5): 1, sp., 1, R. Lambie, 1 typical, nicely finished in feather, in grand order; 2, 5, W. Lambie, 2 very neat head, sweet moulded body, lovely col. of feather, neat wing carr., a good one; 3, Whitelaw, nice shape and style, shown in good order. A.O.V. (2): 1, R. Lambie, cinn. mkd., put down in grand fettle, easy win; 2, Johnston, wing mkd., neat exhibit, not the polish of winner. HEN (4): 1, Hamilton, yell. wing and eye mkd., sweet head and neck, nicely tapered body, nice qual.; 2, H. Bennett, buff, wing and eye mkd., sweet moilel, not so well rounded; 3, R. Lambie, head mkd., hardly so good in body taper; 4, Spittal. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (6): 1, Calder, nice Goldie, little pinched in head, nice blaze, and well tanned; 2, Campbell, Bullie, shapely exhibit, nicely full front, grand cap and bib, in grand cond.; 3, Gentleman, Goldie, nice blaze, hardly so rich in col. as winners; 4, Cosgrove; 3, 4, wrong classed as foreign. LINNET OR GREENF. (2): 1, sp., Thomson, Linnet, a grand one, nicely laced, great size, sweet head, lovely cond.; 2, Crane, Linnet. REDPOLL OR TWITE (7): 1, Johnston, Mealy 'Poll, a real good one, grand shape, nicely laced, bold head and nicely staged; 2, 3, Calder, 2 Twite, nice size and shape, nicely pencilled, bit dry in feather, 3 Mealy, nice size and shape, grand cond., beaten here to-day; 4, Timmins; 5, Crane; 6, Dewar; 7, Simpson. SISKIN (7): 1, sp., 2, R. Calder, leader, Whitburn, etc., winner, great size, nice cap and bib, beautifully laced, in the pink, 2 nice cond., good cap and bib; 3, Whyte, good size; 4, Crane; 5, Timmins; 6, 7, no name. BUNT. (2): 1, Adam, grand Yellowhammer, nice size and marking, in beautiful cond. DARK MULE (4): 1, Scobbie Whitburn, winner good size, nice col., bit narrow in head and neck; 2, 4, Peden and Ashcroft; leader Goldie Mule, fails size and cond. to winner, 4 Siskin; 3, Timmins, Goldie Mule, in nice condition, smaller. LIGHT: 1, Thomson, Goldie Mule, nice size, in lovely order.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Second annual members' show, held Bethesda Lecture Hall, Nov. 22, a very suitable room for a show. By dint of great perseverance Mr. E. Rone, the hon. sec., brought together a very fine lot of entries, going on for 150 in all. Quality in Yorks was really good, and competition keen. In novice Yorks were some tip-top birds. In Norwich the classes were well filled, and keen competition resulted. Nov. Nor. were smart, though Messrs. Gun, sen. and jun., put down their noted Crests and C.B. Nor., and the son managed to beat the father. He must have taken his lessons well. Greens were good, and special for best was won by a fine big buff, of fine col. and type (Tomlinson), a good all round Nor. Green. The officers are Mr. J. Guy, chairm.; vice, J. Sutton; treas., Mr. Boote; sec., Mr. E. Rone; committee, Messrs. Jos. Guy, Hayes, Jones, Norton, Whyte, Walker, Poole, Faulkner, Bate, Bostock, Tomlinson, Ingleficld, Fearnett, Ratcliffe, Booth, Rogerson. Mr. Chas. Boulton judged. The sec. had all in perfect order, and cages with prize cards on as fast as judged, and the members will do well to give him every support.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Boote, very stylish and typical, well up on leg, nicely rounded, good qual.; 2, Jones, fine allround bird; 3, vhc, Sutton, not much behind; 4, Rone, shade smaller, nice type. BUFF. (4): 1, Sutton, capital allround bird, stylish all through; 2, Rone, larger, grand bird when at his best; 3, Boote; 4, Jones. YELL. HENS (3): 1, Boote; 2, Sutton; 3, Rone, much alike, first slightly more length. BUFF HENS (4): 1, 2, Boote, pretty cinn. mark, and a neat cl.; 3, Rone; 4, Sutton. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Boote, well drawn out, stylish; 2, Tomlinson, shorter; 3, Sutton; 4, Jones; vhc, Guy. BUFFS (5): 1, 3, Sutton, very smart pair; 2, Boote, fine big buff, cl.; 4, Guy, vhc, Tomlinson. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Walker, fine bold thick-set bird, rare head, good carr. 2, 4, Guy, good pair; 3, Hayes. BUFFS (8): 1, 3, 4, Guy, fine bouncing variegs, leading, other two clears, both rare shape and quality; 2, vhc, hc, Tomlinson, good trio; c, Walker. YELL. HENS (9), good strong class: 1, 3, Tomlinson, grand cobby shape variegs, and good clear, beaten in head, both fine col., feather, and cond.; 2, c, Guy cobby dark saddle, fine silky feather, good col. and carr.; 4, vhc, Jones; hc, Walker. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Tomlinson, cl., fine head, typical body, nice bloom and qual.; 2, Hayes, thick set, variegs, rare bloom and mealy, very silky feather; 3, hr, c, Walker, good trio; 4, Guy. YELL. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Jones, pretty variegs, type, feather, etc., all there; 2, Walker, rare shape and col.; 3, Hayes; 4, Tomlinson. BUFFS (4): 1, 3, Tomlinson, fine variegs., still another good one here, in fine trim; 2, Walker, cl., smaller, grand qual., etc.; 4, Guy. NOR. GR. (5): 1, 2, 4, Tomlin on, good trio, leader fine foul yellow, good col. and type; 3, Guy; vhc, Jones. UNFLIG. GR. (8), stiff class: 1, c, Tomlinson, immense foul buff, grand size, col., feather, dark points and cond., wins special best Nor. Gr.; 2, 4, vhc, Guy, good trio, fine type, good sound col., nice cond.; 3, hc, Hayes, smaller, nice shape and soft tone of level col. CRESTS (5): 1, 2, 4, Jos. Guy, a trio of well-known Crests; 3, vhc, J. Guy, gives way to son to-day C.B. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Guy, jun., wealth of feather; 3, 4, Guy, sen. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Jones; all Cinn. Nor. type. NOV. YELL. YORKS: 1, Bate. BUFF: 1, Poole; 2, Ratcliffe. YELL. HEN.: 1, Ratcliffe. BUFF: 1, 4, Ratcliffe; 2, Poole; 3, Bate. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Poole. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Poole. NOR. YELL.: 1, Rodgerson; 2, Bate. BUFF: 1, Faulkner. YELL. HEN: 1, Bate; 2, Faulkner. BUFF: 1, 4, Rogerson; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Faulkner. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Faulkner; 3, Bate. BUFF: 1, Faulkner. NOR. GR.: 1, 3, Faulkner; 2, Bate. MULE: 1, Guy. HARDBILL: 1, Walker; 2, Poole.

HEBDEN BRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual show, held Neptune Hall, Nov. 22, when upwards of 150 birds faced Mr. James Bailey, of Bradford. The society is in a very flourishing condition, having two splendid silver cups, one for Yorkshire and one for Norwich. Maiden and Spencer won the Yorks. cup with a beautiful buff cock, and Mr. W. Coad the Norwich with a grand buff cock.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YKS. (10): 1, sp., King, good head, finely drawn, well-braced wings, good legs, cond.; 2, vhc, Maiden and Spencer, tkd. neck, long barrel, fine wing carr., nicely put down; 3, Roberts, good col., clear; hc, Harrison; c, T. Judson. BUFF (11): 1, cup, Maiden and Spencer, long raking cl., splendid type, good wings and tail; 2, Simpson and Son, cl., rather paler in col., beaten in length; 3, King; vhc, Maiden and Spencer; hc, Simpson and Son; c, Greenwood. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, res. for Yorks. cup, Maiden and Spencer, grand nnflig. cl., rattling col., type, and qual.; 2, King, eye tkd., straight as a rush, nice silky feather; 3, Sellers; vhc, hc, c, Greenwood. BUFF.: 1, sp., Beven, tkd. neck, good length, close in feather, beautiful cond.; 2, King, tkd., very nice slim bird, beaten in length; 3, Maiden and Spencer; vhc, Greenwood; hc, King; c, Boar. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN: 1, sp., Beven, cl., grand lady, beautiful feather, grand head, lovely wings and tail; 2, Greenwood, var., good feather, nice wings and tail, rather unsteady; 3, Maiden and Spencer; vhc, S. King; hc, W. King; c, Ismay. BUFF: 1, sp., W. King, wing mkd., smooth as a bottle, good head, splendid wing carr., 2, 3, Maiden and Spencer, cl., grandly drawn, splendid feather, well-braced wings, neat tail, beaten in length; 3rd, nice head, good wings and tail; vhc, Sellers; hc, Judson; c, Ismay. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, sp., Maiden and Spencer, cl., long drawn, good col., good legs, full of breed, wins; 2nd, tkd. neck, rather stouter in build; 3, Beven; vhc, Simpson and Son; hc, Sellers; c, Roberts. BUFF: 1, sp., Beven, grand cl., straight as a gun barrel, grand qual. of feather, full of nerve, must have gone close for best hen in show; 2, Harrison, cl., feather like wax, good long wings, nice head; 3, Maiden and Spencer; vhc, Sellers; hc, Simpson and Son; c, Maiden and Spencer. CINN. MKD.: 1, sp., Maiden and Spencer, wing mkd. yell., long and typical, blaze of col., long flights and tail; 2, E. King, var., rather stouter, nice pos., pressed hard; 3, Maiden and Spencer; vhc, Ismay; hc, Judson; c, Greenwood. SELF OR FOUL GR.: 1, sp., W. King, good grass-green yell., long bird, carries rather too much feather; 2, Simpson and Son, foul cinn., grand col., good pos., splendid feather, our choice; 3, E. King. VARIEG.: 1, sp., Beven, grand unflig., beautiful col., good length, grand wing carr.; 2, Maiden and Spencer, buff, long body, full of nerve, beaten in style; 3, Coad; vhc, W. King; hc, E. King; c, Ismay. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, sp., cl. yell., grand col., good head, nice short wings and tail, fine cond.; 2, Bowe, cl., bigger than winner, nice col., if bit too long; 3, Maiden and Spencer; vhc, Sellers. BUFF: 1, cup, sp., Coad, good col. buff, lovely feather, champion type and qual.; 2, Maiden and Spencer, good broad head, very cobby, short wings and tail; 3, Ismay; vhc, hc, Sellers; c, Ackroyd. HEN: 1, sp., King, neat lady, very cobby, good col., short wing and tail; 2, Sellers. BUFF: 1, sp., res. for cup, Maiden and Spencer, lovely col., grand feather, short flights and tail, Shipley 3rd; 2, Sellers, var., good broad head, nice wing carr., shade too long; 3, Coad. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, sp., Harrison, big-boned bird, nice head, good col., will make a good stock bird; 2, Maiden and Spencer, var., good qual. of feather, nice sheen, trille long in tail; 3, Ackroyd; vhc, Ismay. BUFF: 1, sp., King, tkd., good broad head, lovely feather, stands well across the perch; 2, Harrison, good col., rather inclined to cross wings; 3, Maiden and Spencer. YELL. HEN: 1, sp., Maiden and Spencer, very full in head, short body, wings, and tail; 2, Aekroyd, nice col., very cobby, short flights and tail; 3, Harrison. BUFF: 1, sp., King, very close feather, full chest, short legs and tail, good cond.; 2, Harrison, wing mkd., good broad head, short body, good stock hen; 3, Greenwood. VARIEG.: 1, sp., King, nice full good col., short wings and tail, wins; 2, Maiden and Spencer, nice col., stands well across the perch; 3, Ackroyd; vhc, Sellers; hc, Greenwood; c, Maiden and Spencer. SELL: 1, sp., Greenwood; 2, King; 3, Coad; vhc, Maiden and Spencer. BRIT.: 1, sp., Maiden and Spencer, Siskin, bonny little chap, good col., nicely pencilled; 2, Harrison, Song Thrush, grandly spotted, steady; 3, Bowe, nice Yellowhammer.

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MANNINGHAM.

Annual show held Dec. 20 in the Drummond Road Council School; 233 was the total number of entries—a somewhat poor entry for a Union show. The quality of the exhibits was quite up to the standard, many noted winners being amongst them. The school is an ideal place for a show, plenty of light and space, with freedom from draughts. Only one class paid its own prize money, and that was a selling class. Six classes were cancelled, and three had half prize money. Members' specials winners were:—1, J. Lunn; 2, J. Powell; 3, F. Grange; 4, E. Neeson; 5th, A. Haddlestone. H. Grange won cup for best Cinn. mkd. in nov. members'. The management was excellent. The secretary, Mr. H. Grange, got through his work in a most businesslike manner, and he was ably assisted by his assistant, F. Grange. The show stewards were J. Powell and F. Derwent; gatemen, J. Dyer and T. Robinson, and they, along with other members of the committee, got through their duties in the best possible manner. The packing and sending off was done in quick time. Mr. P. Mason, the judge, seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique.

CHAMP. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS (10): 1, Dykes, cl., grand length, very fine and tapering, level col., nice silky feather, stands correct on the best of legs, staged in best of condition; 2, Radley, cl., plenty of length, very slim and stylish, wings and tail well carried close up; 3, hc, Snead, tkd. head and neck, rare length, very slim, nicely feathered, fails in col.; 4, Midgley; vhc, Dewhirst; c, Bailey. BUFF (11): 1, c, Ogden Bros., cl., rare length and style, hot col, boxy feather, grand head and neck, well filled, well braced wings and tail pos., A1; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cl., grand shape, nice level col., silky feather, rather on stout side; 3, Bennett, wing tkd., lovely qual., grand head, well filled neck, wings and tail well carried; 4, hc, Dyson; vhc, Lunn. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Bennett, cl., plenty of length, fine silky feather, sound col., very slim and stylish, stands on good legs and feet, in grand cond.; 2, Thomas, slightly grizzled on head, grand length and style, wings and tail correct, shade stouter; 3, Lister, cl., very slim and stylish, nicely feathered, neat wings and tail, fails in length; 4, Radley; vhc, Dyson; hc, Bedforth; c, Dykes. BUFF (6): 1, Ogden Bros., tkd. on neck, rare length and style, feathered like glass, stands well up on best of legs, wings and tail placed correct, wins; 2, Tidswell, mkd. on head, grand head and neck, well moulded, fails in length; 3, Brown and Son, mkd. on head and wing slightly, lovely qual., grand shape and style, shows well; 4, hc, Clegg; vhc, Shackleton. GR. MKD. (14): 1, Binns, yell., mkd. eyes and wing, hot colour, grand length, well placed wings and tail, feathered to perfection, stands well on good legs and feet, well benched; 2, Dyson, buff, mkd. eye and wing, silky feather, position A1, wings and tail well carried; 3, Dykes, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, wonderful length, hot col., grand wing carr., shows well; 4, vhc, Morrison; hc, Hall; c, Towers. HEN (7): 1, Thomas, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, good head and shoulders, well filled neck, wings and tail correct, level col., stands on best of legs, well shown; 2, Dykes, yell., mkd. eyes, neck and wings, beautiful qual., sound col., very stylish, fails in length; 3, Ogden Bros., buff, mkd. head and wings, nice length and style, boxy feather, fails in wing carr.; 4, Snead; vhc, Tidswell; hc, Dewhirst. CINN. MKD. (8): 1, hc Towers, yell., mkd. on wings, plenty of length, rich silky feather, grand shape and style, wings and tail well carried, pos. correct; 2, 3, Morrison, buff, mkd. eyes, neck and wings, rather longer, best of feather, grand back and wings, not so good in pos.; 3rd buff, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape and style, feathered like silk, hardly as good in head, stands well; 4, Dykes; vhc, Thomas; c, Binns. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 4, Shackleton, buff cl., rare length and style, boxy feather, sound colr., good head and back, well fitting wings and tail, staged well; 4th hot in colour, lovely feather, good wing carr., not as well drawn out; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, cl. yell., grand shape and style, silky feather, only fails in length; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., cl. buff, wonderful length, hot col., good wings and tail, not as well up; hc, Dykes; c, Dyson. HEN (9): 1, Shackleton, cl. yell., plenty of length, grand head and neck, well placed wings and tail, sound col., stands correct on best of legs, wins; 2, Thomas, cl. buff, beautiful shape and style, feather like silk, stands well up; 3, Brown and Son, cl. yell., very slim and stylish, beautiful qual.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, hc, Dykes; c, Hall. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (13): 1, hc, Hutchinson, cl., rare length and style, very fine and tapering, sound col., nicely feathered, good wing carr., piped tail, grand condition; 2, Chew, neck tkd., grand shape and qual., nice position, stands well, fails in col.; 3, Hudson, cl., best of feather, stands correct, rather stout for the length; 4, Fisher and Dyson; vhc, Powell; c, Firth. BUFF. (11): 1, Cawtheray and Son, cl., grand length, good head, nicely filled neck, wings, and tail, well carr., boxy feather, pos. correct, put down in fine style; 2, Hainsworth, cl., nice length, feathered like glass, position A1., close up; 3, Butterworth and Hardy, cl., grand position, best of feather, fails in length; 4, Crowther; vhc, Radley; hc, Sheard; c, Hutchinson. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Fisher and Dyson, cl., very hot col. lor hen, feathered like glass, good head, well filled neck, nice back and wings, pipe tail, stands well up, staged in grand condition; 2, Powell, cl., grand shape and style, lovely feather, very slim, fails in length; 3, Bower, cl., grand length, neat wings and tail, stands well up, rather chesty; 4, Farnish; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Greenwood; c, Radley. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Holroyd, cl., hot col., grand length, very slim and stylish, wings and tail well braced, stands correct on best of legs and feet, well shown; 2, Neesom, cl., pale in col., not as good position, grand length, neat wings and tail; 3, Nichols, cl., nice length, plenty of nerve, stands well, not as well tightened; 4, Chew; vhc, Bnshby; hc, c, Hutchinson. BUFF (14): 1, Radley, cl., wonderful length, silky feather, grand head and shoulders, wings and tail well carr., sound col., correct position, gem; 2, Farnish, cl., grand shape and style, hardly as nicely drawn out, lovely qual.; 3, Hutchinson, cl., rare qual. and shape, wings and tail perfect, only fails in length; 4, Hudson; vhc, Ramsbottom; hc, Sandford; c, Taylor. HEN (14): 1, Greenwood, cl. buff, nice length, rich level col., silky feather, A1 position, well placed wings and tail, in best cond., wins; 2, Bower, cl. buff, grand qual. hen, very stylish, not so long; 3, Taylor, buff mkd. head, nice shape and style, lovely feather, fails in length; 4, Ward; vhc, Fisher and Dyson; hc, Terry; c, Hutchinson. GR. MKD. (10): 1, 2, Hirst, buff mkd. eyes, neck, and wing, rare length, fine silky feather, well-fitting wings and tail, rich level col., stands on best of legs and feet; 2nd buff mkd. on head and wings, grand qual., nice shape and style, hardly as long as 1st; 3, Sheard, yell. mkd. eyes and wing, nice col., beautifully feathered; 4, Hudson; vhc, c, Grange; hc, Chew. HENS (12): 1, Bower, buff mkd. eye and wing, and splash on breast, grand shape and style, feathered to perfection, stands well up on best of legs and feet, a beauty; 2, Sheard, yell. mkd. eyes and wings, shade longer, grand head, well filled neck, wings and tail nicely carried position correct, berrihed in fine condition, close up; 3, Greenwood, yell. mkd. eyes and wing, very slim and stylish, nicely placed wings and tail; 4, Hersey; vhc, Hirst; hc, Graham; c, Crowther. CINN. MKD. (12): 1, Hirst, yell, mkd. eye and wings, wonderful length, hot in col., nicely drawn, slim and stylish, wings and tail well carried, well shown; 2, Sheard, buff mkd. on wings, beautifully feathered, neat wings and tail, not as long; 3, 4, Bushby, yell. mkd. eyes, level col., rare length, well braced wings and tail, not as tight in feather; 4th buff mkd. cheeks and wing, lovely pos. and style, fails in length; vhc, Rhodes; hc, c, McLaughlin. HEN (14): 1, Collins Bros., yell mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, sound col., fine silky feather, wings and tail perfect, stands well up on good legs, gem; 2, Grange, buff mkd. eyes, neck, and wings, lovely feather, neat wings, tail; 3, McLaughlin, yell. mkd. on head and wings, grand length, very stylish; 4, Chew; vhc, Grange; hc, Neesom; c, Hudson.

AMBLE AND STRICT C.B.S.

Held 6th annual members' show Nov. 8 in Council Hall, Amble. It was a great sucess, quality of birds being better than previous years. Spl. best Nor. was won by Smailes and Son; 2nd spl., Crackett and Hume; Sandiford's medal for hottest fed bird, Smailes and Son. Judge, Mr. A. Brown, who gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, 3, vhc, hc, Smailes and Son; 2, sp, c, Crackett and Hume. BUFF: 1, sp, Penrose; 2, Morgan; 3, vhc, Lightly Bros.; hc, Inglis; c, Smailes and Son. HEN, YELL.: 1, sp, Smailes and Son; 2, Richardson; 3, Crackett and Hume; vhc, Penrose; hc, c, Morgan. BUFF: 1, sp, c, Crackett and Hume; 2, 3, Smailes and Son; vhc, Inglis; hc, Morgan. VARIEG: 1, sp, Richardson; 2, Crackett and Hume; 3, Whittle; vhc, c, Cockburn; hc, Morgan. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, sp, Morgan; 2, Lightly Bros.; 3, Inglis; vhc, hc, Whittle; c, Smailes and Son. BUFF: 1, sp, Crackett and Hume; 2, 3, hc, Cockburn; vhc, Smailes and Son; c, Badmin. HEN, UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, vhc, Smailes and Son; 2, 3, Whittle; hc, Richardson; c, Inglis. BUFF: 1, sp, Inglis; 2, 3, Smailes and Son; vhc, Crackett and Hume; hc, Morgan; c, Cockburn. UNFLIG. VARIEG.: 1, sp, Richardson; 2, Crackett and Hume; 3, Penrose; vhc, Cockburn; hc, c, Inglis. YORKS.: 1, sp, vhc, Darling; 2, 3, Moffitt; hc, c, Lightly Bros. BORD. YELL.: 1, sp, Douglas and Lee; 2, vhc, hc, Aston; 3, Smailes and Son; c, T. Darling. BUFF: 1, sp, Lightly Bros.; 2, Darling; 3, Smailes and Son; vhc, Douglas and Lee; hc, Morgan; c, John Aston. HEN, YELL.: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Aston; hc, Lightly Bros.; c, Douglas and Lee. BUFF: 1, sp, hc, Aston; 2, vhc, Glass; 3, Douglas and Lee; c, Morgan. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 2, Smailes and Son. HYB.: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Robson; 3, hc, Cockburn. LINNET: 1, sp, 2, Aston; 3, Glass; vhc, Morgan; hc, Lightly; c, Richardson. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, sp, vhc, Aston; 2, Morgan; 3, Lightly Bros.; hc, c, Douglas and Lee.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER DIST. C.B.A.

Fifth annual show held Nov. 22, at St. Thomas School, Ardwick, a grand room. There was a slight increase in entries, total 240, and some grand birds were on view, especially in Norwich—always the strongest feature in this society. Amateur classes would have done credit to an open show, competition being very keen, sixty-seven birds in seven classes. Yorkshires did not come up to expectation, and we intend in the near future to strengthen this variety. Borders are on the increase, and there was a good display of British. The society offered thirty-eight special prizes, including money specials, gold and silver medals, etc. The president's silver challenge cup was won by J. A. Vint, second year in succession, also gold and silver medal and most points in show; A. E. Thorpe, 2nd most points (silver medal); S. T. Oldham, 3rd, and silver medal; Rev. J. W. Wragg, Sandiford's medal; J. A. Viut, best Nor. and best unflighted Nor. in show; A. Taylor, best Yorks.; A. E. Hope, best Brit.; A. E. Williamson, best novice Yorks.; A. E. Thorpe, best novice Nor.; W. H. Bennett, best novice Bord. There was a good attendance, and everything points to a financial success. T. Harrison (Altrincham) judged.

The Critique.

AMAT., YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, A. Taylor; 3, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, J. T. Brown; 2, Taylor, 3, Simpson. HEN, YELL.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Brown. UNFLIG., YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, Taylor; 3, Simpson. HEN: 1, Brown; 2, Gilbert; 3, Taylor. NOR. YELL.: 1, Vint; 2, c, Rev. Wragg; 3, Rev. Gane; 4, Booth; vhc, hc, Henson. BUFF: 1, Buckley; 2, Wragg; 3, Garbutt; 4, Henson; vhc, Spencer; hc, Chilton; c, Vint. HEN, YELL.: 1, Rev. Wragg; 2, Smith; 3, Buckley; 4, Vint; vhc, Chilton; hc, Garbutt; c, Holland. BUFF: 1, c, Vint; 2, Spencer; 3, hc, Rev. Gaul; 4, Henson; vhc, Garbutt. BRED 1913: 1, 3, Vint; 2, c, Smith; 4, Garbutt; vhc, Rev. Wragg; hc, Spencer. YELL.: 1, Rev. Gaul; 2, Vint; 3, Chilton; 4, Rev. Wragg; vhc, Henson; hc, Booth; c, Spencer. BUFF: 1, 2, Vint; 3, hc, Rev. Wragg; 4, Henson; vhc, Rev. Gane; c, Spencer. NAT. COL.: 1, Bardsley; 2, Henson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Dr. Twigg; 3, Garbutt; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Holland. NOVICE YORKS., YELL.: 1, Williamson; 2, Walshaw; 3, Thorpe; 4, Fletcher. BUFF: 1, Williamson. HEN, YELL.: 1, Williamson; 2, Blinston. BUFF: 1, 4, Thorpe; 2, Fletcher; 3, Williamson; vhc, Dean. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Fletcher. BUFF: 1, Fletcher; 2, Blinston; 3, Williamson; 4, Walshaw; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Dean. HEN: 1, Williamson; 2, Thorpe. YORK., NAT. COL.: 1, 3, Redfern; 2, 4, Moss. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Thorpe; 3, Howarth; 4, Blinston; vhc, Kilbourne. BUFF: 1, hc, Wareing; 2, Howarth; 3, Thorpe; 4, Hampson; vhc, Wolstencroft; c, Marsden. HEN, YELL.: 1, Wareing; 2, Thorpe; 3, Salthouse; 4, Thomas. BUFF: 1, Howarth; 2, 3, Kilbourne; 4, Thorpe; vhc, Thomas. BRED 1913: 1, Salthouse; 2, Wolstencroft; 3, 4, Thorpe; vhc, Paris; hc, Hampson; c, Wareing. YELL.: 1, Wolstencroft; 2, Parish; 3, Masheder. BUFF: 1, 4, Thorpe; 2, Howarth; 3, vhc, Salthouse. A.V. CAN.: 1, Kilbourne; 2, 4, Blinston; 4, Thorpe. BORD., YELL.: 1, Dr. Kindon. BUFF: 1, A. E. Long. GREEN: 1, A. E. Long; 2, 3, Bennett; 4, vhc, hc, Brookes. HEN: 1, 2, A. E. Long; 3, vhc, Bennett; 4, Dr. Kindon; hc, Brooks. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Dr. Twigg; 2, Garbutt; 3, Booth. LINNET: 1, Oldham; 2, Redfern; 3, Buckley. F.M.: 1, Chilton; 2, 3, vhc, Buckley; 4, Hope. LESSER REDP.: 1, hc, Hope; 2, Chilton; 3, Robinson; 4, Oldham; vhc, Buckley. TWITE, ETC.: 1, Oldham; 2, Hill. GOLDF.: 1, 4, Hope; 2, Oldham; 3, vhc, Holland; hc Garbutt. BULLF.: 1, Robinson; 2, Hope. GREENF.: 1, 2, Buckley; 3, Oldham; 4, Hill. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLEF.: 1, Oldham; 2, Buckley; 3, Redfern; 4, Hope. A.V. HARDBILL: 1, Redfern; 2, Moss. HEN: 1, Chilton; 2, Holland; 3, Holland. SOFT.: 1, Robinson. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Oldham; 4, Buckley; vhc, Chilton; hc, Moss; c, Holland.

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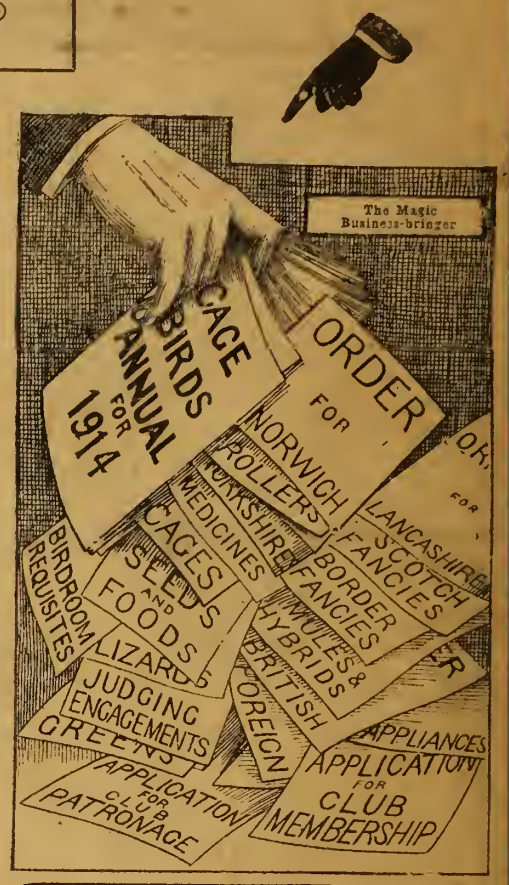
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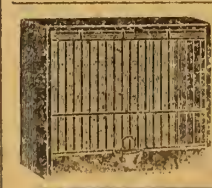
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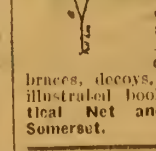
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LOOK, LOOK, LOOK.—I have the finest stock of Linnets in the south, warranted cocks, well on seed, 1/- dozen; cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; cock Greenlinches, 1/6 dozen; dealers supplied any quantity weekly; bird nets and call birds of all description: Chris. Hatton, 31, Richmond-st., Brighton. (1150)

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F. STOWE

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HIGH-CLASS Borders, yell. hen, 1st Forres, 5/-; buff, 3/-; or exchange cock.—Campbell, 129, High-st., Forres. (1157)

TYPICAL green 1912 Border hen, 3/- (cold room); cages cheap to clear: A.P., 36, Branksome-rd., Brixton, London. (1147)

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NOTICE; grand lot Border Fancies, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

BORDERS for sale, even-marked strain, related to my winners; cocks from 8/6; hens from 5/- upwards: R. W. Willis, Whorlton Hall, Westerhope. (1148)

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Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST-bred variegated cock, 10/6; Crested hens, 7/6, 5/6; given away; fine type: Uttley, Hope-pl., Liverpool. (1155)

CREST, Crest-breds, from best prize strains, from 5/6; healthy; cold-room; approval: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter. (1151)

LARGE green 1913 Crested cock, fine bird, many worse sold at 30/-; price 17/6; approval.—Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead. (1152)

CRESTS or Crestbreds, 10/- to £5 each; best show blood, like Manchester winner: Lathwaite, Rigbylane, Bradshaw, Bolton. (1134)

HIGH class Crests and Crestbreds for sale, a grand selection; price reasonable; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1149)

CRESTS and Crestbreds, the best strain that money can buy, from 20/- up, show or stock: approval: Clyne, Moray-st., Wick. (1147)

EVANS BROTHERS.—A few good stock birds for sale, bred the same as our winners; cheap to clear; approval: 259, High-st., Exeter. (1151)

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland-rd., Wellingborough, has few fine Crests and Crestbreds for disposal; cocks and hens; cheap. (1145)

THREE unflighted Crestbred cocks, same strain as Bradford National winners, 15/- each: Cheetham, Oak-st., Smithy Bridge, Rochdale. (1145)

WING marked dark Crest hen, 10/-; ditto, cock, 20/-; variegated Crest hen, perfect crest, 15/: Noble, 12, Fenwick-st., Boldon Colliery. (1150)

SEVERAL Crests and Crestbred cocks, working man's breed, large birds, 1913; stamp, particulars: 6, Lambert-terr., Aberdare, Wales. (1150)

GRAND young Crested hen, winner, 50/; Grey Crested hen 20/-; worth double: John Simms, 90, Chatsworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. (1151)

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, best blood, massive birds, grand feather, cocks or hens; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fyld. (1146)

CREST and Crestbreds, from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Padmore, 17, Charldewood Avenue, Plymouth.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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BREED from Crest and Crestbred, single or pairs, or songsters, for New Year present, cinnamon, not coloured, stamps, reply: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London. (1147)

DARK variegated Crest bred cock, 20/; clear buff grizzle Crest cock, 15/6, yellow Border cock, 10/; Yorkshire hens, 5/; approval, deposit: Joseph Maddocks, Cowley Manor, Gardens, Cheltenham. (1152)

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BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give; on approval: G. Williams, 50a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1033)

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MASSIVE feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6, grand large dark crested cock, lovely neat crest, only 12/6; monster Crestbred cock, large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice dark crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 10/6; also several other real good, massive, feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and 21/- each; all strong, healthy, cold-room bred; Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Aylsham-rd., Norwich. (1156)

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS

Several really good Crest and Crestbred cocks, winners and can win, also matched pairs; no spare hens; no better blood; to be sold cheap, as must clear; also show and breeding cages; full particulars: J. Shearman, 156, King-st., Great Yarmouth. (1156)

Lizards.

LIZARDS, wanted few pairs of Lizard Canaries, young birds: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Coweaddens-st., Glasgow. (1141)

W. P. BARNES, breeder champion Lizards, winner of championship diplomas, Longton, Newcastle, Preston, best bird L.C.B.A., Bradford National best Lizard. Properly matched pairs from 17/6: cocks from 10/6; hens from 6/6; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham. (1154)

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MUST sell large Buff coppy cock, winner, 20/-; Plainhead hen, 10/-; large Buff Plainhead cock, 12/6; Buff coppy hen, 7/6; two Buff coppy cocks, 10/- each; two Yellow Plainhead cocks, 10/- each; approval: Minty, Stony-st., Frome. (1157)

Cinnamons.

TWO yellow Cinnamon cocks, Norwich type, good birds, 15/- each; one fine buff, 2nd Chichester, fine stock bird, 30/-: Silk, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. (1148)

LARGE typical Yellow Cinnamon cock, rare head, chest, colour, price 12/6; foul Yellow Cinnamon cock, good size, type, colour, only 10/6; Buff Cinnamon cock, beauty, 10/6; Buff Cinnamon hen, good bird, 7/6; Yellow Cinnamon hen, 8/6; ticked Buff hen, Cinnamon bred, large head, chest, big one, price 10/6; all 1913 bred, colour fed, from champion prize winners; first orders get them; real good bargains: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1153)

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FOR sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

CHAMPION Belgians, twenty grand birds for sale, cheap to clear; approval, deposit: Horrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1151)

Greens.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH and Yorkshire Greens, of type and quality; how to breed these, see "Nutshell No. 24," "The Green Canary," 2½d., post free, from: "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London E.C. (Call on our agents and get it for 2d.; see list on another page).

Norwich.

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SEVERAL Norwich cocks, on song, 4/- each: Watson, Central Avenue, Nuneaton. (1152)

SEVERAL prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, reasonable prices; on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1152)

T. IRONS has some good Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, from 10/6; approval: Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1152)

FINE pair Norwich Canaries, rich buffs, prize winners, 42/-, or offer: Mrs. Evans, 15, First-ave., Hove, Sussex. (1154)

THREE Norwich cocks, cross, Thomas strain, 1913 bred, 15/-, 12/6 each: Watson, Manual House, Ashby, Doncaster. (1118)

WANTED, Plainhead or Crested Norwich; exchange Cocker dog (see under Kennel): J. Nicholson, Flimby. (1144)

H. CATLOW.—I have some grand birds to dispose of; inspection invited; approval; stamp: 9, Murray-st., Burnley. (1119)

GRAND Norwich, related to Crystal Palace winners cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/6: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole. (1151)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, full song, 6/-; unflighted hens, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton-st., Stockport. (1153)

EXHIBITORS.—Big ticked buff Norwich cock, 2nd Ryde, 15/-; ditto clear buff, vhc Newport, 12/6: Morris, Fancier, Ryde. (1150)

CAN spare Norwich cocks, Crested and Crestbreds, all 1913 bred, no fancy prices; approval: A. Edwards, 54, Reigate-hill, Reigate. (1153)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, colour-fed, healthy cocks 4/6, 5/-, hens 2/6, 3/-; approval, deposit: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton. (1152)

TWO unflighted yellow hens, buff cock, perfect type, genuine bargains, 10/- each: Geo. Baxter, Highfield, Fochabers, N.B. (1151)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, 12, Hazlewood lane, Palmer's Green, London, N., has a few good Norwich for disposal; pairs from 10/6. (1156)

SEVERAL pairs unflighted Norwich, cold-room bred, C.F., 8/- pair, good birds: Simpson, 27, Cawder-st., Bentley, Doncaster (1153)

VALUE in Norwich; cocks from 7/-, full song guaranteed; approval, deposit: H. Clemence, 21, Hurst green, Brightlingsea, Essex. (1157)

FOR sale, two yellow cocks, 8/6 each; one buff, 7/6; all Norwich; fine songsters; particulars: Dymock, Prestfeld, Shrewsbury. (1151)

1913 Clear buff cock, 8/6; 1913 var. buff cock, 8/6; 1913 clear yellow cock, 10/6; all col. fed; approval: Butler, Rhosymedre, Ruabon. (1154)

CHAMPION Norwich, cold-room, cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; 10/6 pair; approval, cash or deposit: Smith, 29, Vernon-st., Newark, Notts. (1151)

LARGE Crests, Crested-breds, large Plainhead Norwich; reasonable prices; approval; stamp for reply: Mary Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks. (1150)

LARGE, handsome, rich yellow and variegated Norwich cocks, splendid songsters, 3/3, two 6/-: Harris, Mill Bridge, West Drayton. (1152)

NOTICE; grand lot Norwich, for show or song; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich, best blood, Bullfinch type, large round heads, grand feather, reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

CHAMPION Norwich, cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6; clear yellows and buffs, 3/-, 4/-; seven days' approval: Gater, Jones-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1151)

MR. C. W. SILK has a few good yellow Norwich hens from his noted winners, see show reports; prices, 15/- to 30/-; approval: Glenrosa, Emsworth. (1152)

CLEAR buff cock, 21/-; yellow variegated hen, 15/-; 33/- the pair; heavily marked yellow cock, grand quality, with buff hen, 30/-; Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton. (1154)

FIFTY fine young Norwich hens, yellows, buffs, variegated, in large aviary, splendid condition: satisfaction guaranteed, 2/6 each, four 9/-: H. Smith, Portland-rd., Hove. (1151)

R. HANFORD, Derby, offers splendid collection Norwich and Yorkshires; simply state requirements; prices to suit all; list, particulars, free; ten years advertiser and judge. (1158)

WANTED, good Norwich; exchange pair Indian Game Bantams, winners, pair Spangles, Scotch Greys, cockerels, also Silver Hamburgh; approval; Hingley, Central, Quarry Bank. (1155)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has decided to reduce his stock both in Norwich and Cinnamons owing to business pressure; some good stock birds cheap; stamp; approval. (1142)

TYPICAL Norwich, unflighted, yellows and buffs, cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-, pairs 15/-; few pairs stock birds, good breeders, 13/6 pair; approval, cash or deposit: Dowell, 4, Beer-st., Yeovil. (1153)

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, has some grand birds to choose from, healthy and guaranteed from the best blood only; all own rearing; reasonable prices; satisfaction guaranteed. (1152)

CAN spare clear yellow cock, 12/6; variegated buff hen, 8/6; ticked buff cock, 12/6; clear yellow hen, 8/6; all the above are really good typical birds: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire. (1152)

MASSIVE buff Norwich cock, big winner, and ticked yellow hen, also yellow cock, winner, and several others cheap; approval willingly; particulars: Muscott, Mount Pleasant, Llandrindod Wells. (1157)

LARGE Norwich Crestbred hen (buff), 1912, 5/-; two prize-bred Norwich cocks, fed, 1913, full song, 10/- each; few hens, 1913, 3/- each; exchange Goldfinches: Cooper, 165, Princess-st., Manchester. (1148)

WINNER (5) 1st and cup Ramsgate, (2) 1st Canterbury; have some grand unflighted birds, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- and 20/- each, own breeding only, approval: Burgess, Hairdresser, Arcade, Ramsgate. (1152)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **Norwich**

UNFLIGHTED large healthy typical Norwich hens, buffs and yellows, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; cold room bred; seven days' approval; state requirements; cash or deposit system: Brown, 41, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (1140)

APPROVAL, deposit.—E. Baker has following to spare, all own strain: yellow cock, winner 1st Ipswich, £1; another, 15/-; ticked buff cock, 1st Ipswich, 15/-; buff hen, winner 3rd, 10/-; variegated ditto, 10/-: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich (1151)

FANCIERS requiring something extra good in Norwich for stock or exhibiting should not hesitate in stating their requirements and have them on approval from Mr. A. L. Hawkes; see last week's advertisements; inspection specially invited. (1154)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, Roberts' noted strain, from 10/6; massive cocks from 15/6; matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6 to £5; show birds reasonable; approval: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1146)

W. SMALES, Radcliffe, Acklington, has a few Norwich for sale; pairs from 15/-; would exchange a large Cinnamon hen for a Yellow or Green Crest-bred hen; also a good unflighted Buff Cinnamon cock and a few good Yellow Norwich cocks from 15/-. (1149)

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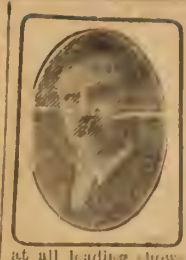
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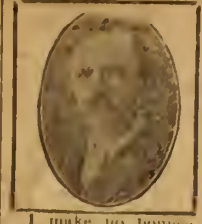
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The above are large, massive, feathery birds, and will suit anywhere.

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LARGE Linnet Mule, C.F., full Linnet song, 1912 bred, 12/6; offers exchange: T. Handley, 8, Hawarden Grove, Seaforth. (1158)

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EXCHANGE Roller cock and hen for green Yorkshire hen and Norwich hen; yours first: Dracup, 2, Welbeck-st., Notts. (1157)

PAIR Rollers, 7/6, 2 Green Border hens, 7/-, 6/6, couple very smart birds; approv., deposit: Houghton, Florist, Morecambe. (1154)

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EXCHANGE large Crested hen for 3 Norwich hens or cock, dozen travelling cages for 2 hens: Miles, Alfreton-rd., Nottingham. (1150)

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EXCHANGE two fine young Norwich hens for H.M. cock Goldfinch, no rubbish: G. Finch, 9, Fetherston-rd., Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. (1154)

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Annual general meeting held Dec. 20, Mr. J. Stenhouse (pres.) in chair. Balance sheet was read and met with approval. It showed a substantial balance in hand. Office-bearers for ensuing year appointed: Pres., Jas. Stenhouse; vice, Thos. Barclay; treas., D. McConville; assist. sec., G. Malcolm,; sec., A. Dickson, 37, Adams' Terrace. P.C. read from Lochgelly C.B.S. stating they had appointed the following to judge our club show, Jan. 17: Jas. Sneddon, P. McCue, A. Muir, and J. Adamson. On their asking us to return the compliment we appointed the following to judge their club show, Jan. 31: A. Cowan, T. Barclay, A. Anderson, and J. Anderson. Agreed not to have any prizes or spls. at club show. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a good meeting to a close. Next meeting Jan. 13.—A. Dickson, sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B,

Meeting held at Church Institute, Paddington St., Marylebone, Dec. 22. Mr. W. A. Shepherd chair, Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., and about 20 members present. Various correspondence was dealt with. Hon. Sec. announced result of judging competition: Border Fancy, Mrs. L. M. Thynne taking the gold medal with 42 points; W. Lathbury, silver medal, 40; A. H. Hobden and T. L. Sayer tied with 39; the result of draw was in favour of Mr. T. L. Sayer, who took the bronze medal; 23 competed. Pair show schedule was adopted similar to last year, with additions to foreign bird classes. Chairman reported that the Council had decided to hand over the "Mayfair" Cup to Mr. J. Marley. Mr. Gardner then gave a lecture entitled, "A Retrospect of 1913," and kept members thoroughly interested whilst describing the various types of Canaries seen on the show bench during the past year, interspersed with some of his humorous anecdotes. Vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Gardner for his attendance, and on the hat being passed round a sum of 10s. 6d. was collected for his coal fund for the poor. The remainder of the meeting was occupied in balloting for judges for young bird, annual, and pair shows. Vote of thanks to chairman closed the meeting.—Fred Thynne, assist. hon. sec.

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WAKEFIELD O.S.

Final members' show of season held on Dec. 26, when entries were very satisfactory, British especially being a fine lot. Mr. Chittenden (Manningham) judged, and gave every satisfaction. This show decided the points for the cup and specials, also the club's prize money and specials; great interest was taken owing to several members running very close with points scored. Mr. Holroyd was cup winner for the first time, also sp which runs with cup. Winners of club prizes and specials: H. Taylor, J. Isherwood, A. Rollings, P. Parker, T. Talbot, T. Midgley. CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, hc, Holroyd; 3, Parker; 4, c, A. Rollings. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Parker. UNFLIG.: 1, c, Holroyd; 2, 3, vhc, Rollings; 4, Taylor. GOLDF.: 1, 4, Midgley; 2, 3, Isherwood. LINNET: 1, Isherwood; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Holroyd; vhc, c, Midgley; hc, Parker (a good class). A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Isherwood; 3, 4, Midgley.

After the judging was over and all put in order at the show, the members and their wives adjourned to the secretary's residence, at the invitation of Mrs. Isherwood, where a good substantial tea was prepared, and after doing justice to same, all present expressed their thanks to the hostess for the excellent things provided. Returning to the club room, the cup was presented to the winner, who holds it for the coming year. Mr. Holroyd expressed himself in a short speech, and said he was greatly pleased at winning it for the first time and intended being a good trier in coming seasons. Music and singing followed, humorous songs being given by Mr Bedford and others, and after the usual thanks were voted, the meeting was brought to a close, all having greatly enjoyed a most pleasant evening. The ladies especially added greatly to the very smooth working of the arrangements.—J. Isherwood.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Members' show, held Dec. 26, in Band Room, Lowther Arcade, with 64 entries. Mr. W. H. Hamlyn staged a very fine team which accounted for a good share of the prizes, taking spls. for best cock, best hen; Mr. Walker spl. 2nd best cock; Mr. W Brown, hen. Mr. J. W. Dewhurst, Bradford, judged.

CL. or TKD. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Walker; 2, Brown; 3, Cottam; 4, Hamlyn; vhc, Gill; hc, Ireland; c, Hamlyn. BUFF (9): 1, Cottam; 2, Leahman; 3, Head; 4, Brown; vhc, Ireland; hc, Hamlyn; c, Gill. MKD. or VAR. (8): 1, sp, 3, 4, hc, Hamlyn; 2, Fergusson; vhc, Ireland; c, Brown. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hamlyn; vhc, Ireland; hc, Head; c, Brown. YELL HEN (15): 1, sp, 4, Handyn; 2, Leahman; 3, Blackburn; vhc, Fergusson; hc, Cottam; c, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Brown; 2, Leahman; 3, Walker; 4, Ireland; vhc, Hamlyn; hc, Cottam; c, Gill. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc Wilson; hc, Hamlyn.—G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec.

BURNHOPE C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 13 at club room, Mr. W. Rushton chair. Decided to give 21 classes for first show: 10 Canary, 8 Brit., 1 Mule, 1 For., 1 Gift. Mr. J. Richardson, Sunderland, judge.—J. W. Robson.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held at Kelvedon Hall, Walham Green, Dec. 18, Mr. Walker chair, and a good attendance. Sec. gave report of annual show which was a complete success, there being about 30s. profit. Books will be audited first week in Jan., and annual general meeting held Jan. 15. Members wishing to make suggestions or alterations in rules must send notice of same in writing to sec. Officers nominated for 1914. Date of pair show fixed for Feb. 14, judge nominated. Letter read from Mrs. L. Thynne offering three money specials to be competed for during 1914. Other specials: 5s. each show during year, Mr. W. D. Hall; tea service for lady exhibitor, and cruet for members in Foreign section; £3 3s. cup to be won three times, all sections. Four new members were elected. Will members who have not yet paid their subscriptions, or who have ticket money, please send along at once with unsold tickets to enable books to be prepared for auditors.—F. Moore, hon. sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C

Meeting and table show held Dec. 17, Mr. Crawhall presided over a good attendance. The members congratulated Mr. Wigglesworth on winning the challenge cup, and Mr. Thurston on his meritorious win of Ramsden's cup. An interesting discussion arose on how best to create more interest in our table shows. After several suggestions were put forward, it was decided that in future only highest bird of each member in the class should count for points, the idea being to give the member with only a small team an equal chance with those who are fortunate enough to possess a larger number of exhibition birds. The secretary's cup, which was originally intended for this year's competition, but was withdrawn owing to entries falling short of the stipulated number, was handed over to the club for next year's competition. Decided to ask the other Northern specialist clubs to join us in holding a smoking concert, Messrs. Cattell and Mirley to act as delegates in connection with same. Table show awards: CHAMP. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Crawhall; 2, 3, Cattell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Crawhall; 4, Cattell. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Crawhall; 3, Cattell. NOV. SECTION. CK.: 1, Hedley; 2, hc, Smith; 3, c, Mirley; 4, Scott; vhc, Witherhv. HEN: 1, Hedley; 2, Mirley; 3, Smith; 4, Witherby.—R. Tindale, hon. sec.

SOUTHERN BORDER F.C.

Meeting held at Guildhall, Wandsworth Road, Dec. 17, Mr. H. Norman chair. Sec. reported that he had placed order for spoons with Mr. A. J. Pratt, and had forwarded two plates of Borders which were very kindly given by CAGE BIRDS as a model for the spoons. Statement of financial affairs of the club was given, which is very satisfactory, but there are several unpaid members, and it will greatly help if these members will send same before the audit in New Year week. Annual general meeting at Palace on the Sat; it is hoped all provincial members will attend. Ballot papers will be sent out as early as possible; members having any suggestion as to alteration of rules, etc., must send same in writing to sec. seven days before annual meeting. Diplomas, cups, money, and other specials will be presented at the Palace. Members and others who have kindly promised donations to cup fund or anyone wishing to subscribe kindly let me have same at once, as the committee are now deciding upon its purchase. Mr. Snook, Mrs. Last, and Mr. Mugford were elected members. A list of points gained during season will be given as soon as counted.—F. Moore, hon, sec.

RAWTENSTALL F.S.

Next show and meeting will be held in the Mission Room, Hall-st., Rawtenstall, Jan. 6, at 7.30. Two classes, A.V. cock, ditto hen. Mr. William Bacon, judge. Annual general meeting will take place Jan. 13, at 8. All fanciers cordially invited.—H. Kershaw, Sec.

WHITBURN C.B.S

Meeting held Baillie Institute, Dec. 29. The Sec. reported a balance in hand of £7 9s. 1d., which was considered very satisfactory seeing there are only eight members of committee and that two years ago the society had only £1 8s. 4d. to its credit. Committee for next year:—Pres., Mr. L. Laing; sec. and treas., R. Lambie, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. Committee—Messrs. R. Calder, A. Johnstone, A. McLaren, A. Forrest, R. Allan, and R. Whiteford.—Robert Lambie, Sec.

YORKS C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Nomination meeting held in Neilson's Hotel, Dec. 23. Mr. Bowman presided over a poor attendance. Following were nominated for election as officers:—Pres., Messrs. Heggie, Gibb, and Anderson; vice-pres., Messrs. Park, Anderson, Penman, Sinclair, and McKnight; sec., Messrs. Priest, Penman, Heggie, and Sinclair.—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held at Spencer Hall, Dec. 14. Judging competition for members, 13 competing for the silver medal given by the society, which was won by Mr. G. Street, with 19 points. Messrs. T. Bush, and W. Large runners up 14. Final judge Mr. G. E. Weston, whose remarks on the merits of the birds on view were much appreciated. Three new members joined, Messrs. J. Allen, S. Cooper, and R. J. Pretty. A vote of thanks to Mr. Weston for officiating was passed unanimously.—J. Hyde, hon. sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD.

Meeting held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Bradford, Dec. 20. A moderate number of members attending, Mr. Geo. Hunter, chair. Balance sheet for open show for 1913 was read. Officers nominated for 1914, stewards elected for Boxing Day members' show, etc. This being the last meeting of the year the society earnestly appeals to its members in general who are not straight on the books as regards subscriptions to please come forward at the next meeting and clear their arrears, in order to save the officials the unpleasantness of having to write them personally.—P. N. Jenkinson, assist. sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S

Meeting held Dec. 18 at headquarters, the Duke of York, when Mr. F. J. Weaver presided over a good attendance. The chief item on the agenda was the balance sheet of the open show which has unfortunately turned out the loss which (after the show) was expected, as we lost considerably on the classes, and two exhibitors sent in their entries wrongly and caused further loss, as we had to pay full prize money on the classes. The society is very much obliged to those two sportsmanlike fanciers, Mr. G. A. Smith, Birmingham, and Mr. T. Walker, Wolstanton, who allowed the society part of their prize money. Annual members' show fixed for Jan. 30: 7 Nor., 5 Yorks., 1 Nat. Col., 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule, and 6 Brit. Mr. G. Baker, Birmingham, judge. As this is the final cup show I hope all members will send along good teams as every member of the club has a chance of winning it.—J. Gibbons, hon. sec.

CLYDEBANK C.B.C.

Annual meeting held Dec. 18, Mr. McGown presiding. Treasurer submitted the balance sheet which was considered very satisfactory, as it shows a balance of £8. Office-bearers elected for ensuing year: Pres., G. McGown; vice-pres., J. Morton; sec., W. Kane; treas., Mr. Chambers; com.: Messrs. McArdle, Laing, Tawse, Robb, McBride, Easton, and Hutchison; auditors, Messrs. Miller and McArdle. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—Wm. Kane, sec.

DARVEL C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held Dec. 19, pres. took the chair before a good turn-out of members. He intimated the receipt of 10s. from Mr. H. R. Cayner, Lanfine, as a donation towards club show. Also that Mr. McNair, who had procured the wood and made the staging used at our recent club show had given same as a donation to the club. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. McNair for the generous gift. Mr. G. Alston judged birds entered for table show. GOLDF.: 1, Murdoch; 2, Beaton and Campbell; 3 Bennet. BULLF.: 1, Beaton and Campbell; 2, Murdoch; 3, Bennet. LINN.: 1, Robertson; 2, Beaton and Campbell; 3, Morton. GREENF.: 1, Hopkins; 2, Robertson; 3, Morton. REDPOLL: 1, 2, 3, Hopkins. SISKIN: 1, Hopkins; 2, Taylor; 3, Richmond. After judging, and general discussion on the merits and demerits of birds on view Mr. Alston was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. Annual general meeting arranged for Jan. 13. Treasurer's financial report will be read and election of office-bearers for 1914, etc., take place at this meeting. Table show of Canaries will be held same evening. Classes: Buff Bord., Yell Bord., Nor. ck., Nor. hen, Scotch Fancy cock, Scotch Fancy hen, Juvenile Members' Canary. Messrs. A. Beaton and H. Allan were appointed auditors of club books for 1913.—J. Robertson, junr., sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Financial meeting held Dec. 16th in Cairns Memorial Hall, president, Mr. A. W. Watson, in the chair, and a large turn-out of members present. Secretary submitted balance sheet for the year, the total income being £23 8s. 4d., against an expenditure of £21 1s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 7s. 3d. The auditor's report was received with satisfaction, and balance sheet was adopted. The president then moved, seconded by Mr. Rodger, that sec. write one of our members to refund all specials won by him at our late show, owing to his showing old birds in young bird classes; the same member having done this also in 1912. Mr. Staines moved a hearty vote of thanks to retiring office-bearers. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Mr. A. W. Watson; vice Mr. Gen. Staines; sec. and treas., Mr. J. C. Charlton; auditors, Messrs. R. Craig and J. Rodger; committee, Messrs. J. Stormont, W. Fergusson, W. Thomson, T. Russell, T. Sibbald, W. B. Adam, J. Illick, P. Hay, and Geo. Brown. Agreed to again have a smoking concert on Jan. 24 in Union Hotel, Lothian Road, the committee for smoker being Messrs. Lacey, Stormont, Dick, Watson, and Charlton. Decided to hold annual show last Saturday of Nov.; will other secs please note. Decided to elect judges at March meeting, also classification to come up for discussion same time. It was left in sec's. hands to draw up syllabus for ensuing year. Chair at smoking concert will be taken at 7 p.m., tickets 6d. each.—J. C. Charlton, hon. sec.

MALTON, NORTON.

Eighteenth annual open show held on Dec. 26. Cage Birds had 11 classes, and had the patronage of the Yorks. and Lancs. B.B. and M. Club. Entries totalled 141, averaging 10 per class, not bad for holiday fixture. Yorks. led the way, and Messrs. Dykes, J. Thomas and Wilkinson Bros. staged good teams. Norwich were a grand lot, the chief winners being J. Thomas, F. Bielby, J. Wilson, G. Harland, R. D. Parlett and Clayton and Smith. J. Thomas won spl. best Canary with his midnighted buff Nor. (This bird was bred by a member of Malton P.S.) Mules and Brit. were a grand show, splendid specimens being shown by Dr. M. A. Wilson, R. D. Parlett, J. Milne, T. H. Inman, L. Fanding, and others. The now noted Canary-Bullio came in for a lot of attention. Malton possesses a few who have successfully reared hybrids, and many opinions were heard. More than one expressed it a Greenfinch-Bullfinch, as it shows a yellow tinge on outer flights not generally seen in a Canary-Bullio. There was a good attendance. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., CK. (11): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., grand bird, great length, m line cond.; 2, Wilkinson Bros., tkd. buff, grand qual., close up; 3, 4, J. Thomas, cl. buff, grand feather and style; vhc, Dykes; hc, c, Campbug HEN (13) good class: 1, 2, J. Thomas, grand yell. leading, 2nd nice buff; 3, hc, A. Watts, tk. yell., nice style and type, beaten length; 4, Gill; vhc, Dykes; c, Wilkinson Bros. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., great length, well up on legs, nice style and qual., wins; 2, 4, J. Thomas, cl. buff, nice bird for qual., beaten length; 3, Wilkinson Bros., yell., good type and qual., close up; vhc, Watts; c, Campling. YELL., CK. (10): 1, Bielby, cl. yell., good col., nice qual. of feather, good size; 2, J. Wilson, cl. yell., nice type and qual., short and thick, only beaten size; 3, J. Thomas, cl., good size and qual., rather too long; 4, D. Hunter; vhc, J. Wilson; hc, Harland; c, Axe. BUFF (10): 1, G. Harland, grand cl., rare size, good head, well shown, wins; 2, J. Thomas, cl., nice size and type, beaten subs.; 3, Clayton and Smith, cl., nice type and qual., smaller than winners; 4, Hunter, rare good stock bird; vhc, Bielby; hc, Gill; c, Mallinson. HEN (7) a grand lot: 1, 2, J. Thomas, splendid cl. yell. leading, rare size for a hen, grand feather, 2nd cl. buff, nice qual., not size of leader; 3, Parlett, cl. buff, good type and qual., beaten size; 4, Harland; vhc, Mallinson; hc, Hunter; c, Middleton. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, J. Thomas, cl. buff leading, wonderful size and qual., well put down, wins spl. best in show, 2nd smart yell., but beaten here; 3, Clayton and Smith, nice youngster, nice type and good qual.; 4, vhc, Hunter; hc, Parlett; c, Mallinson. GOLDF. (12): 1, Dr. Wilson, grand little Finch, well up in col. and cond., nice blaze; 2, Inman, another nice bird, well staged, a close thing; 3, 4, Parlett, beaten qual. by leaders; vhc, Henderson; hc, Raper; c, Anderson. BULLF. (8): 1, Dr. M. A. Wilson (the Bradford National winner in fresh hands), a topper, rare cap and body, shines like silk, a real Britisher, splendid col., steady; 2, Parlett, good Bullie, only beaten subs.; 3, Inman, nice size and qual., lacks the condition and polish of leaders; 4, Watson; vhc, J. Wilson; hc, Roper; c, Schofield. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Parlett, two nice coloured ones, nicely pencilled and good size; 2, Harland, similar to winner, not so well mkd.; 4, Inman, grand one for size, well mkd., we thought might have been 2nd; vhc, Milne; hc, Kilpatrick; c, Gill. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 3, Parlett, the now noted Canary-Bullie, needs no further comment, in better cun. than we have seen him; 3rd grand jonque Goldie-Can., good condition, can win in his own class; 2, vhc, Dr. Wilson, Canary-Bullie, a contrast to winner, but a really nice exhibit, worth its place; 4, Inman, Goldie-Bullie, big one, might have been 3rd; hc, B. H. Wilson; c, Carter. A.O. HARDBILL (15), best class in show, no less than six Hawfinches, a hard class to judge: 1, Milne, grand Hawfinch, not a large one, shines like silk, splendid condition, wins; 2, Dr. M. A. Wilson, lovely Meadow Bunting, in faultless trim, an attractive exhibit; 3, Parlett, well spangled Bramble, nice size and qual., steady; 4, Axe, good Hawfinch, equal to winner in all but condition; vhc, Inman; hc, c, M. A. Wilson. SOFTBILL (6): 1, spl, best Brit., Milne, lovely Nightingale, well put down, steady as a rock; 2, hc, Fulding, grand Cornish Chough, not so large as we have seen them, caused quite an attraction, the first we believe exhibited at Malton; 3, 4, Parnaly, Redwing and Missel Thrush, two grand birds, well shown; vhc, Parlett.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARDS C.B.S

Annual Prize Distribution.

Annual prize distribution of the Hastings and St. Leonards United Cage Birds Society held at the Royal Oak Hotel, December 24. There was a record attendance, over 100 being present, and many unable to find room. Mr. W. Ruskin Butterfield presided, and others present included: The hon. Secretary (Miss Kirk-Bullock), Dr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw, the President (Rev. J. M. Paterson), Mr. and Mrs. Dann, Mrs. C. W. Tagg, Miss M. Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Swaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Greengrass, Mr. and Miss Penuells, Mr. Dawson and Miss O. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Morris, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Goddon, Mr. W. Ellis, Mr. T. Veness, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Cramp, Mrs. and Miss Stubberfield, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. T. G. Coombs, and Mr. Stoakes. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Frank Shaw, a lady well known throughout Hastings and St. Leonards. The Chairman, in a neat speech, attributed the success of the society to the fact that it possessed a lady sec., the only society, he believed, with such a distinction. In accepting from Miss Kirk-Bullock a souvenir presented by the society, the Pres. said that the keeping of birds was a thorough education to every man, woman, and child. Every inhabitant of Hastings and St. Leonards should have a pet of some kind in the house. He sincerely hoped that as long as he remained in Hastings he would be in close connection with the society. A fountain pen was presented to Miss Kirk-Bullock, who, in responding, said that for some years the society had a deficiency at the end of the year. This year they had started with about 15s. in hand, and at the end they would have nearly £5. A warm vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Ellis to Miss Kirk-Bullock for her generous contribution to the special prizes, especially the Kirk-Bullock trophy which he had the pleasure of winning. Mr. Greengrass seconded. Other votes of thanks were to Mrs. Shaw for distributing the prizes, the Pres., donors of specials, the hon. sec., the judges, and the chairman. During the evening an excellent musical programme was carried out, among those contributing being Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Horsey, and Messrs. Jones, Veness, Stevens, and Greengrass. Miss Alice Etheridge accompanied, and gave some much appreciated pianoforte solos.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

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GUILDFORD

JAN. 13 and 14.

Judge, J. Robson, Esq. 28 classes Cage Birds, including 6 novice classes and 3 classes Hybrids (guaranteed). Schedules—E. Stevens, 7, Manor Rd., Guildford.

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Judge—Canaries, H. W. BATTYE.

Affiliated South Wales and Mon. Federation. The Great One-Day International Show of Wales. Last Cage Bird Coupon Show in Wales. Market Hall, Llanelly, Tues., Jan. 13, 1914. Entries close Jan. 8. Schedules—D. John and H. Webster, 9, Pottery Place.

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FOLKESTONE

SHOW.

Jan. 15th and 16th. Judge, Mr. H. Abbott. Entry fee, 1/9. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Class 55, Nor., A.V., C., Y. or B., C; 56, ditto, ditto, H.; 57, Nor. Pl.-head, 1913; 58, Yorks., A.V., C.; 59, Yorks., A.V., H.; 60, Yorks., 1913; 61, Border Fancy, non-fed; 62, ditto, 1913; 63, Canary, A.O.V.; 64, Selling, 15/-; 65, Bullf. or Goldf.; 66, Greenf. Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 67, Brit., A.O.V. Usual Folkestone show rules. No schedules; enter from this before Jan. 9th, to—J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton-rd., Folkestone.

SUNDERLAND

JAN. 16 & 17.

Judges: W. A. Cowgill, J. Johnston, G. Wilson. Cash and other Specials in each of 81 Classes, and extra Specials. Entries close Monday, Jan. 12. Schedules from—John Peacock, 6, Whitburn Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland.

BELPER 24th Ann. Show (Open).

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Show of Cage Birds, Etc., Wed. and Thurs., Jan. 28 29. Judge, J. H. Roe. £3 Limit. £80 offered in prizes. Warm room; separate staging. Schedules—E. Goodhead, Hon. Sec., 18, Horninglow St.

TIMELY HINTS.

Two prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the two best Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POSTCARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot.*

How to Stop the Wheezing.

[Winner of Half-Crown Prize.]

Fanciers during this and the ensuing month may go into the bird-room and hear a little wheezing (or a lot). This is a grand cure: Go to the butcher and get one pennyworth of mutton suet. Put it in a saucepan with milk and let this boil gently for ten minutes. Have ready a piece of stale bread, sufficient for the birds you are treating. I give it to all mine. Scald the bread with the boiled milk and suet, and you will soon find the wheezing stop. You can sweeten with a little sugar.—W. Pain (Thornton Heath).

Sendpaper for Toe-Nails.

A useful idea to keep birds' nails in trim is to cut a strip of fine glass paper the length of the perch, and a little narrower. Glue this to the perch, on the under side. Every time birds hop on this perch the nails will be kept short. This should be fixed to only one perch.—W. Bibb (Camden Town).

A Home-made Varnish.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

It may interest readers who are thinking of varnishing their cages when cleaning up prior to the breeding season (or even their furniture) to try the following for making their own varnish. I use it myself, and find it give a splendid finish to all woodwork: Get ½ worth methylated spirit of wine and put in a pint bottle. Then get 1d. worth of camphor ice and 1d. worth of resin. Grind camphor and resin together, and put into bottle. Set on top of oven (not too hot or too near fire) until all is melted. Do not cork until cool, when it is ready for use. Apply with soft brush, when it will dry almost immediately, leaving no smell.—A. B. Allardyce (Aberdeen).

The Cleanly Oilcloth.

One of our prominent Roller fanciers was inspecting my stock, and said to me, with a pleased smile: "Now I have learned something; all your cage floors are covered with oilcloth, so that you can scrape, scrub, sand, and return in a few minutes, sweet and clean."—A. Atherton (Preston).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. Please note that we only insert those that guarantee, so our list is a *bona-fide* one.

England.

Jan. 3.—**Huddersfield O.S.**—(A. Lawford, 14, Poplar Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.)

Jan. 10.—**Doncaster C.B.S.**—(G. Hunt, 19, The Crescent, Balby Rd.) H.W.B., J.M.

Jan. 20-21.—**Boscombe C.B.A.**—(M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Rd., Bournemouth W.), J.R.

Feb. 6, 7, 9, 10.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.).

Oct. 7, 8.—**Watford C.B.S.** (W. Rackley, 9, Holywell Road.)

Oct. 21-22.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley Ho. Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).

Oct. 27-29.—**Crystal Palace Autumn Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.)

Dec. 3.—**Cramlington C.B.S.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cott.)

Scotland.

Nov. 7.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Bo'ness.)

Nov. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(W. Hamilton.)

Wales.

Jan. 13.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.W.B. and C.H.

Ireland.

Jan. 8-9.—**Bangor (Co. Down) C.B.S.**—W. J. M. Conaghie, 102, Abbey St.).

Jan. 15.—**Derry C.B.S.**—(M. Kerr, 99, Foyle St., Londonderry.)

The Golden Harvest at the Palace!

EXHIBITORS, BE IN TIME, AND REAP YOUR REWARD.

THERE are now three coupon fixtures before the grand finale of our Championship Competition at the Crystal Palace show, and as the classification thereat is liberal, competitors desirous of sharing in the golden harvest of cash specials at the Palace have still excellent opportunities, and should make their entries. The trio of forthcoming Diploma shows comprises:—

Jan. 10, Doncaster.
Jan. 13, Llanelly
Jan. 20 and 21, Boscombe (Bournemouth).

Schedules can be obtained from the respective secretaries (note the show adverts. this week on page 583). Entries can be made on the terms specified in the paragraphs, published last week, headed "How Exhibitors Can Enter."

It costs but 6d. for each bird you enter to compete for CAGE BIRDS Diplomas, in themselves artistic, and most desirable prizes, and which, moreover, carry the right to the winner to enter for the splendid specials in the finale of our Championship Competition at the Crystal Palace.

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£78 in cash specials, divided into 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes in the 12 sections specified below.

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THE NEW YEAR.

A Call to Cage Bird Fanciers.

WHAT will 1914 mean to the cage bird hobby? That depends upon you, reader, and the help you give to it. Every cage bird enthusiast must be an optimist. Do you know what an optimist is? A man who always tries to see the bright side of life, and to take a hopeful view of circumstances. Be an optimist. Don't preach hard times or hard times will surely follow. We require new blood—and more enthusiasm—and you reader can supply both.

I met a man the other day—he had a very long face. "The cage bird cult is rapidly going down," he ejaculated. "Business is bad." "Nonsense." I replied. "It is not the hobby that is declining—it is your energy—your vitality. Put a little more 'jip' into things. Be cheerful; work hard, and don't be afraid. Fear is always the herald of disaster."

When I first founded Cage Birds the outlook was as black as it possibly could be. Under the fostering influence of an "organ," the fancy grew with tremendous strides. Why? because of the enthusiasm and good fellowship and the spirit of energy created by this journal. Now, brother hobbyists, let your watchword for 1914 be "Energy and Hope." Don't spend all your time studying how to save three-halfpence on your advertisement, twopence on your seed bill, and threepence on the price of a bird. Get out and create other fanciers. Talk to strangers about birds. Leave your copies of this paper in trains, barbers' shops, and wherever people congregate. Wear your League Badge. Don't be afraid of being known as a Birdy Crank. Birds are wonderful and beautiful things, and it is your mission to spread the study of their welfare.

We extend to every one of our old and new friends the New Year greeting and heartiest wishes for bumping prosperity. Such shortcomings of ours as you have found occasion to grumble at we shall endeavour to make things of the past. But we beg your continued co-operation for the bird fanciers' guide and helpmate. Read it regularly; advertise in it; support all its special issues, and don't hesitate to blame us when we are not pleasing you.

So shall we continue to be of some small service to the cage bird fraternity and to you.

BE KIND TO THE WILD BIRDS IN WINTER'S GRIP.

NOW that our little feathered friends out in the open are experiencing the full terrors of Nature's wintry forces—most bitter of all foes—it once again devolves upon bird-lovers to help them to the utmost to survive their time of trial. Simple means—as our old readers will well know—can achieve much. Stale bread, preferably soaked in warm water, will be relished by all the wild birds—indeed, under stress of weather all kinds of table scraps become acceptable and good provender, pieces of fat meat or suet especially so. Do not waste anything of this kind; just place it where the birds can feast without danger of being pounced upon by prowling cats. Above all, don't forget a pan of water, frequently replenished in times of hard frost.—Editor, "C.B."

Twitterings.

Mr. J. Nicholson has removed to 3, Ellenborough-place, Grasslot, Maryport.

Will members of the Bootle C.B.S. please return all unsold tickets and moneys to the secretary as early as possible?

We hear that the open show of Brandon Colliery C.B.S. is fixed for Feb. 14. Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland, will judge.

Mr. H. W. Battye has been engaged to judge at the Coventry Godiva C.B.S. show on Oct. 24, writes Mr. H. Saunders, hon. sec.

I have received a letter, with the postmark "Portsmouth," from a Mr. J. Fairplay, enquiring about some Rollers, but he omitted to send his address.—E. E. Wilson (London, N.)

We hear that Mr. MacFadyen, of Lanark, the well-known breeder of Crests, and Plainheads, has removed to Dr. Davidson's house, 150, Main-street, Barrhead.

Buckhaven and District C.B.S. have changed their open show date from Nov. 22 to Nov. 7. The society is in a flourishing condition both with members and funds.—Wm. Foster, sec.

Palace Show, Feb. 6 to 10. Schedules will be posted to all exhibitors at last Palace, Horticultural Hall, Sheffield, Manchester, Bradford National, and Scottish National shows on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Mr. J. Bryson, sec. Aberdeen O.S., asks us to correct mistakes in catalogue as follows: Class 10, 3rd Wm. Reid, Stonehaven, instead of Wilson. Class 75, 1st Scott, 2nd Wilson, 3rd Lawrie, 4th Fyfe, 5th Reid, 6th Davidson.

Notices of meetings of the following societies were received after we had gone to press with our last issue, and the meetings will have been held before the present issue is published: Huddersfield O.S., Stanley Viet, Craghead C.B.S., West Stanley C.B.S., Provincial Roller C.C., Falkirk Good Intent.

We are asked to say that the 5s. specials stated in the schedule of the Blackwood Show Jan. 6, as being for best in classes 53 to 55 and 59 to 61 are for most points throughout the three classes in each case, not for best birds. We hear that all birds will be returned on the night of the show.

Four Waxwings were seen in Chapel-en-le-Frith last week. They were feeding on hips, the fruit of the wild rose, a favourite winter food of the bird. Formerly the Waxwing was known as the Bohemian chatterer, but we must look upon the word Bohemian as referring to its nomadic habits and not to its place of origin.

Will all our members kindly note I. have received a letter from the secretary of Doncaster C.B.S. to say that one of their members is giving a cup, value 30s., for most points gained by a member of the Y. and L.B.B. and M.C., or any of the other specialist clubs, making not less than six entries. Give Doncaster a bumping entry.—T. H. Inman, hon. sec. Yorks and Lancs B.B. and M.C.

Fine Entry at Scottish National.

Scottish National C.B.S. closed with 2,000 entries. Borders, Mule and British sections are best; 63 champion and 11 novice Cage Birds Coupon competitors.—Pro. I. R. Meikle, D.M.

"C.B.'s" Christmas Number.

What a magnificent 'Xmas number you gave us for 1913, with a real good "Calendar," which is a great credit to the artist! Every success for the coming year.—J. Little, Oxford Street, W.C.

L. and P.O.S. Dinner.

The L. and P.O.S. Committee warmly invite any friends from other societies to be present with them on Thursday next, Jan. 8, at the Holborn Restaurant. Splendid musical programme. Ladies specially invited. Tickets 4s. each, from C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse-rd., N. Finchley.

Attractive Staging at Sunderland.

In sending us the schedule of Sunderland open show, to be held on Jan. 16 and 17, the hon. sec. writes: I might add that "A friend" has guaranteed cash special in each of British classes, and Mr. F. W. Goldstone, M.P., has presented a valuable special for best bird shown in members' classes, neither of which are recorded in schedule. Mr. G. Wilson gives a medal for best bird in British section, and there are numerous other specials in cash, etc., from other sources. This year we have arranged for almost double the quantity of staging on the three tier system and a local nurseryman has offered to send us a stock of plants, etc., for decoration, which, we hope, will prove an attraction to visitors, and also produce a good effect on the staging of exhibits. I have sent out over 1,400 schedules, but any fancier overlooked can have a copy on application to me.—John Peacock, 6, Whitburn terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland.

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Advertisements Close January 16th next, certain.

I am anxious to see all my old friends represented in this year's Annual, for their own sake as well as my own, and I will gladly welcome all the new faces. No matter how short your career as a cage bird breeder and exhibitor, you will be welcome. The sooner you begin advertising the sooner you will make your name known and your surplus stock saleable. Try a Breeder's Card in **CAGE BIRDS** and **CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL** combined for one year for Twenty-Five Shillings. In any event be represented.

F. CARL, 154 FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

Will secretaries and exhibitors note that Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S. have fixed their annual show for Oct. 23 and 24?—J. W. Reed, sec.

Protection of Wild Birds.

The Home Secretary has appointed Mr. William Eagle Clarke, F.R.S.E., Keeper of the Natural History Department, Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, to be a member of the Departmental Committee recently appointed to inquire into the working of the Wild Birds' Protection Acts.

Mr. Woodcock Retiring.

Mr. Geo. S. Woodcock (Plaistow) writes: I have unfortunately been unwell for some time and what with business pressure I am afraid I shall have to dispose of my collection (Foreign, British Soft and Hardbill) shortly, and will be sending an advt. along. My British Softbills include a Sandpiper which I have succeeded in making fairly steady, taking mealworms from myself, but it dislikes strangers very much.

A Cry from Doncaster.

G. Hunt, hon. sec. Doncaster and District C.B.S., writes:—"An error has occurred in our schedule, viz., Classes 14 to 17 are open novice, not confined to the Cinnamon marked Y.C.C. members. We must extend date of closing to Wednesday, first post, January 7. Entries to date are only four. Exhibitors! give us your support; we have one of the best rooms in England, heated by hot water and lighted by electricity at night, two popular judges, and the best railway centre in the British Isles, there being seven different companies running into Doncaster.

The Lilford Aviaries.

Lord Lilford has recently added several new and rare birds to his aviaries at Lilford Hall, which is near Oundle, in Northamptonshire. The collection was started by the late Lord Lilford, father of the present peer, and is certainly the most wonderful private collection of birds in this kingdom. Here are to be seen every variety of the Stork, and Waterfowl of all kinds. Both Lord and Lady Lilford are devoted to their pets, and some of the smaller birds will feed freely from their hands.

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"CAGE BIRDS"

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BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

See Next Week's C.B. for further details.

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

CASTLEFORD.

Annual open Linnet contest for time held Dec. 26; 20 birds entered for three prizes. W. Nelson won all prizes. Dec. 27, 15 entered; 1, Smith; 2, 3, Nelson.—J. Brindley, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, Dec. 27; 19 entered for three prizes, and some good singing was done: 1, Williams; 2, Proctor; 3, Hinchcliffe. Dec. 28, open sing; 27 entered for three prizes: 1, Nelson; 2, Hartley; 3, Pugh.—S. Pugh, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality Linnet singing held at Old Bird House, King's Head Shannon Street, Dec. 25; 19 sang for three prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Sissons; 3, Wigfield. Judges, D. Madden, C. Cooper. Also a grand Canary contest, when 14 birds sang for three good prizes: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Gomersall; 3, Smith. Judges, T. Johnson and H. Hayes. Open contest for quality Linnet singing held Dec. 26; 18 birds sang for three prizes: 1, Joseph Dobson, Pres. of Blackburn Linnet Club, the best Linnet heard in Leeds for many years; 2, Howarth; 3, Wood. Judges, Mellia, Cooper and Towers. Dec. 27, 16 sang for three prizes: 1, Wigfield; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Wood. Judges, W. Sissons and G. Towers. Dec. 28, 19 sang for three prizes: 1, P. Johnson; 2, Wigfield; 3, shared by Wood and Hardcastle. Judges, Mellia, Jennings, and Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Quality Linnet singing contests held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Dec. 25; 19 sang: 1, Ward; 2, King; 3, Ward. Also grand Roller contest: 1, Lipman; 2, Ward; 3, Binns. On Boxing Day we had a grand Linnet contest. Our host, Mr. Pickles, added a copper kettle to prizes, and we had friends from far and near to hear some good singing: 1, Ward; 2, Peace; 3, Binns. Dec. 27, 14 sang: 1, Ward; 2, King; 3, Appleyard. Dec. 28, 19 sang well: 1, Ward; 2, King; 3, Peace. Judges, C. Clayton and J. Granger.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

First singing contest for 1914 season held Dec. 26 with just a moderate entry, and a nice company present; only two prizes were given, but there was some splendid singing. J. Liversidge won both prizes. Timekeepers, R. Plows and T. Hall. Tappers, O. Potter and W. Perkin. Members' sing. Jan. 2: first birds hung at 3. The headquarters are under new management, and all fanciers will be welcome to the singing contests.—A. Tomlin, Sec.

Mr. Dickson, sec., writes that the annual open show of Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. will be held Nov. 7.

With the schedule of the show of the Llanelly, C.B.S., which is reviewed in another column, is included a balance-sheet of the society. This shows receipts for the year amounting to £53 15s. 7d., and an expenditure of £53 8s. The balance in hand is increased from £5 19s. 1d., brought forward, to £6 6s. 8d. As will be seen from the review of schedule, a liberal classification is again provided, and the enterprise should meet with a deserved success.

THE MASTER SINGER OF THE CANARY TRIBE

By J. TOMLINSON.

(Continued from page 422.)

How to keep the Roller Canary in health, to breed for pleasure and profit, and train for exhibition.

ALL those methods have now practically given way to the use of a closed numbered ring, which is placed on the leg of the bird when it is young. A celluloid ring in various colours is also now being used by numerous Roller fanciers as a mark of identification (for their own purposes only), as by its use the parentage of any given bird can be ascertained without having first to catch the bird and inspect the number stamped on the ring. Another metal marking ring is called the open ring; this is made on the same principle as the above celluloid rings, to open and close, so that it can be placed at any time on the bird's leg; but these open rings are not used by Roller fanciers.

The closed ring was adopted by the British Roller Canary Club, as a mark to distinguish the young birds bred by English fanciers from those which are imported from Germany. A large number are now being used yearly. A member of any recognised Roller Canary Society, can obtain (and use) these rings through the Secretary of his own Club, without actually being a member of the B.R.C.C. Prizes are given at the shows to certain birds wearing these rings, but at present the medals are given only to the ring birds which are owned by members of the B.R.C.C.; but, as I have just intimated, it is possible for non-members using them to win other prizes given by the Society. I think I have made it perfectly clear that they are not supplied to a fancier who is not a member of any recognised Roller Canary Society.

The Trouble of Ringing.

It is by request that I give this short history of the closed ring; also a few hints on how and when to ring the young birds. Of course, it will be understood that it is unnatural for a Canary to wear a ring on its leg; and a certain amount of trouble has been experienced in consequence of the old hens objecting to their youngsters wearing the rings. The fancier has to keep a watch over the nests, and replace any of the youngsters that the hen may have dragged out. This led to many little "inventions" to render the ring less conspicuous; some used a dye made from permanganate of potash, others would darken them with ink. Brown paper also has been used for a covering, and the ordinary cycle valve tubing, too, has given satisfaction.

There are some birds, of both sexes, that never become reconciled to wearing a ring, and instances have been recorded where a bird preferred to play with its ring rather than to sing for the judge. Since the use of the rings became general, the trouble to a great extent has abated. I would not say that it is likely to become extinct, however, because cases will always be cropping up with those birds which never seem to become reconciled to wearing the ring. It is amusing to see this class of bird take the ring in its beak and pull with all its puny strength, trying to get it off the leg. There are some unrung hens that will not interfere with the young birds wearing the ring. But, of course, this cannot be ascertained until the hen has been tested; and the best course is to place an open ring on her leg in the autumn. This should allow plenty of time for her to become accustomed to it before the breeding commences. If she proves to be an objector, then the cleanest and most convenient device is to cover the ring with cycle valve tubing. It is not intentionally that the youngsters get pulled out of the nest, but the hen, in trying to remove the conspicuous looking ring from the nest, drags out the young bird as well.

When to Ring.

A precise age when to ring the young birds cannot be given, but an approximate one would be at four or five days' old. Much will depend upon the peculiar bodily formation of some youngsters. Some will possess a large body, yet only a thin leg and a small foot, while the reverse will be found in other nests. The difference in the sizes of the youngsters in various nests is also against a definite age being given; in nests of this description I have on numerous occasions ringed two at four days' old, another at five days, and the remaining one at six days. Instances of the varying sizes of the youngsters will often crop up, and my experience has been that the last youngster has in some nests been forgotten until too late to ring. Many can be conveniently ringed at four days old, whereas six to eight days will not be too late for others.

As a guide, the first attempt can be made with well-nourished youngsters at four days' old, afterwards testing each one to ascertain whether the ring is liable to slip off over the foot. Should this occur, a trial should be made again the following day, or the ring is liable to get lost in the nest.

Should an instance occur where ringing has been delayed, it is better to allow them to remain unrung, rather than to force the ring over a large foot, as it would cut away the skin, and cause the foot to bleed—a painful and far from humane operation which sometimes leaves the bird with deformed toes.

I first take the required number of rings and book their numbers against the parents of the young birds. Afterwards I place the rings in my mouth; this will assist them to slip easily over the foot, and the method is a little cleaner than smearing them over with soap, as some are in the habit of doing. I take the youngster in the left hand, laying it on its right side across the second joint of the fingers, with the head pointing towards the little finger. By turning the second and third fingers over its body, it keeps it steady, and forms for it a comfortable resting place in the hollow of the fingers. Then take the right foot between the thumb and first finger, grouping the three front toes, and allow them to project about one eighth of an inch, over thumb and finger tips. Slide the ring over these toes. Then hold them firmly, yet gently, with the thumb and first finger of the right hand.

How to Ring.

With the tip of the thumb and first finger of the left hand, gradually draw the ring over the foot, and well up the shank of the leg. Take hold of the ring with thumb and first finger of the left hand to hold the leg steady, and with the other thumb and finger draw the hind toe out from beneath the ring.

This may seem a complicated operation from the reading of the instructions, but with a little experience it will be found to be a very simple and a quick way of ringing, for a nest of youngsters can be ringed in far less time than it occupied in writing the instructions.

A short time ago the question was raised, "When purchasing our birds, shall we pay for the bird's singing abilities, or its pedigree?" If memory serves me correctly it was asked by a novice. I believe he said that he had bought stock bred from birds that were prize winners, and the fact that he had not been among the prizes with his own birds, had raised the doubt in his mind whether he had been fairly dealt with.

(To be continued.)



A little friend of Mr. E. Taylor, of Chatteris, who has a very tame pet Canary, which flies about the house.

The Delights of an Outdoor Aviary

By Miss A. B. Ellis (Chertsey).

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THE soft little trill, however, which serves them for a song is really quite pretty. Mine seem to be perfectly hardy, and they are always spick and span, never a feather out of place, and never dirty. How they manage to keep so clean during wet weather—the floor of the outside flight is plain earth, and gets rather muddy after a rainy spell—I cannot imagine, but there they are, always spotless and an object of admiration to all who come to look at the aviary.

I do not know if it is the same with most White Javas, but this particular pair have always shown a great desire to nest. When I first put them out of doors, I kept them in the cage they had been living in, in order that I might cover them up at night, as it was still rather cold. It was a single breeding cage, about twenty inches long, with a small all-wire travelling cage tied on one end for a sleeping place. In this they had built a circular domed nest of hay, and very soon after they were put out, the hen laid five eggs.

The cock and the hen shared the duty of incubation, and I left the door of the cage open so that whichever one was off the nest might fly about the aviary and get plenty of exercise. Only three of the eggs hatched, and the babies were not reared, but that, I think, was not entirely the parents' fault; I am afraid I looked at them too much and disturbed them. However, when I cleared out the unhatched eggs and the little dead bodies, they promptly set to work again, and successfully reared two nice birds.

The Saffron Finch is another handsome bird. My cock was given to me by a friend about two years ago, and this summer I bought him a wife. He was very keen on nesting, but she would have none of it, as she had hardly had time to get accustomed to her surroundings. The cock, however, still persisted in carrying bits of grass about in his beak, and started to refine an old Thrush's nest which I had put up in a box in a corner. Just as the hen was beginning to display some interest in his work, and I was hoping for a nest after all, I went away for the summer holidays, and was obliged to leave them to the care of some one else, and this seemed to upset them, for they got no further.

A hen Goldfinch which I left sitting on four eggs seems to have deserted her nest too, for I found it quite intact when I returned, with the eggs nearly ready to hatch out. I was not very surprised, as I only obtained her about May, and she was very shy. Still, I hope to have better luck next year, both with Saffron Finches and the Goldfinches.

About the same time as I had the hen Goldfinch, I bought a cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, and a so-called hen Redpoll, as I had a hen Greenfinch and cocks of the other two. The Redpoll turned out to be a cock, rather to my disgust, as I was anxious to try and breed these birds. About a week after I received the hen Bullfinch the pair started to build a nest, and I lived in great hopes of a family of baby Bullfinches, but, unfortunately, the hen died before she laid any eggs.

The Greenfinches showed no disposition to take upon themselves the cares of a family until the beginning of July, when I found the hen on a lovely nest of moss and dried grass. She hatched her four eggs, but only succeeded in rearing two of the babies, the other two getting dragged out of the nest.

Last summer I tried a few experiments in rearing young Canaries with and without soft food. I had a hen sitting on four eggs in the outside flight of the aviary. As soon as they were hatched, I took two of the young birds and gave them to a hen I had in a cage and whose own eggs were clear. These two were reared in the usual way with egg and bread, while those in the aviary had nothing but seed and green food, with the result that they grew up bigger and stronger birds, and left the nest a day or two before the others in the cage. I thought perhaps the mother being loose in the aviary, and able to get all kinds of seed and green food, with perhaps a few insects, might have had something to do with it. I therefore tried the next family I had in a cage without any soft food, and they were all reared quite satisfactorily. I do not know if this method of rearing only on seed and greenstuff would succeed with highly-bred birds, as my experiments were all carried out with common Canaries, most of which had been hatched in an aviary, and that may perhaps make a difference. I might here mention that I use a great deal of seeding grass, as I find it one of the most useful forms of green food for Canaries with young ones.

For anyone who is fond of birds I can recommend no more delightful hobby than a well stocked outdoor aviary. It does not take a quarter the time to attend to that several cages do, and the birds are healthier and better in plumage, and display themselves to much greater advantage. Those who keep well-bred birds might cage them up for breeding at the beginning of the year, and let them fly loose in the aviary at the end of the season, for I always find the birds' health is much improved by plenty of exercise in the open air after the strain of breeding and during the moult. With regard to British birds, I think they moult better out-of-doors than in, and if a bird is required for show, I have generally found that once it has been thoroughly steadied, even after some months in the aviary, it very quickly settles down to cage life again.

Why Hybrids are Usually Unfertile:

Instructive views advanced by that eminent scientist Sir Ray Lankester, K.C.B., F.R.S.

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THE consideration of this case throws some light on the significance of the non-occurrence of natural hybrids and on the remarkable and curious fact that hybrids are usually sterile. The questions to be answered are: (1) What advantage to a species is it not to be able to hybridise with other species and (2) how—that is to say, by what structure or by what subtle chemical differences or other features in their make-up and habit—are they prevented from so hybridising?

Then we come on further, to the question: Why should a hybrid, once produced, fail to bear healthy eggs, or sperms, according to its sex, although it grows up to full size and is to all appearance mature? And why should hybrids between parents of origin locally remote from one another not show this failure, but behave like ordinary healthy organisms?

Important Secrets Yet to be Revealed.

In the full solution of these inquiries we should get very near to some of the most important secrets of the living body which have still to be searched out. But a reply to these questions which is probably in large measure true, and serves to help us in the further collection and examination of facts, is as follows: First, the production and maintenance of "species" of plants and of animals by survival of favourable variations in the struggle for existence (Darwin's and Wallace's theory of the origin of species) necessitates the maintenance of the purity of the favourable stock which survives in the struggle. If it were continually liable to hybridisation by other species it would lose its own distinctive features. Thus the breeder, when he has selected a stock for propagation which approaches the standard at which he is aiming, keeps it apart, and does not allow it to be "crossed" by other stock.

This power of resistance or immunity to fertilisation by other species may be attained by several different methods. Amongst these are (1) a difference in the season of breeding or sexual ripening; (2) the production of secretions (whether by plant or animal) which poison or paralyse the fertilising sperms of neighbouring species, but are harmless to those of the secreting species; (3) the mechanical differences of size, etc., which prevent the fertilising material of a strange species from gaining access to the egg cells; (4) psychical activities (antipathies) in the case of animals, or mere attraction and repulsion by odoriferous substances, which serve to repel a strange species, but are attractive to individuals of the same species; (5) finally, a chemical and physiological incompatability between the sperms of one species and the germs of another (as distinct from the attraction or repulsion of the entire living individual), which, even when all other difficulties are absent or have been overcome, may be, and frequently is, present, so that the spermatozoon cannot penetrate the egg-cell even when resting upon it, but may be paralysed or repelled, and in any case is not guided and drawn into the aperture of the egg-covering (called the micropyle, or "little entry") so as to fuse with and fertilise the egg.

A Field But Little Explored.

The operations of these hindrances to hybrid fertilisation and breeding have been ascertained in several different instances. It is not always possible, and certainly not easy to ascertain, which is at work in any and every case. But we can well conceive that one or other of these agencies has been developed and accentuated, by survival of the fittest, so as to protect a species against fertilisation by a neighbouring species, and thus to enable it to maintain its own "bundle of characteristics." It is also thus intelligible that an allied species from a distant land against which our native species—struggling for purity of race—has had no occasion or opportunity to develop a repelling protection, will have no such difficulty in effecting the fertilisation of the native species as have those adjacent species against whose intrusions it (the native species) is trained and selected by long generations of severe natural selection.

The failure of hybrids generally to ripen their ova and sperms so as to reproduce themselves is a subject upon which, considering its enormous importance and significance, singularly little has been done in the way of investigation. Forty years ago it was usually taught that the mule between the horse and the ass, so largely produced under human superintendence, was unable to breed owing to some deformity in the reproductive passages. Even now no adequate study of the subject has been made, but it appears that whilst a female mule can be, and sometimes is, successfully mated to a horse or an ass, giving birth to a foal, the male does not produce fully-formed spermatozoa. What precisely is the nature of this failure, what the ultimate microscopic condition of the sperm cells in infertile male mules, or in any other infertile male hybrids, has never yet been properly worked out by modern methods. It would be a matter of vast interest to determine what is the difference in the structure of the sperm-cells of a fertile and of an infertile male hybrid. At present, so far as I know, this has not been done.

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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

INJURED LEG (Innocent Anxious).—It is quite possible that the bird may have broken the leg, but it is also probable that it may be less serious, and the injury may consist of nothing more serious than the tearing of the scale from the ligaments. There are certainly not two bones in the part of the leg indicated in your sketch so your remark that there seems to be two bones in this part would appear to indicate that a fracture has really taken place. Even if this is so, there is not the remotest chance of you succeeding in setting the part properly, and as you suggest that it has already become fixed or rigid, it would be sheer cruelty to attempt any manipulation of the part now. Keep the bird in a moderate sized cage with the perches placed conveniently for it, and let it remain as quiet as possible until the leg becomes quite sound, but you must not expect it to become perfectly normal again. In all probability it will be permanently deformed, though it may be quite useful. In case the scale only is torn loose, catch the bird carefully and gently anoint the place with Lanocyllin once a day until it is healed. On the other hand, if the place begins to suppurate and the foot gets swollen and inflamed, the only hope of saving the bird will be to get a veterinary or your medical man to amputate the foot.

CEASED SINGING (J. S. C.).—You have certainly been rather liberal in dosing the bird, perhaps too much so. The cessation of song may have been quite temporary and perhaps due to some slight change in diet or management consequent upon its change of ownership. See that it is not exposed to cold draughts or impure air, and do not hang it near or over a burning light in the evenings. A box cage is best, and it should be kept in a bright and healthful position, and the floor strewn regularly with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition to this, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed daily for a week. Every second day give also a morsel of banana or a small spray of watercress, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle. In the drinking water you may add a small pinch of sulphate of soda for two consecutive days, and follow this with 20 drops of whisky, and ten each of glycerine and lemon juice for three or four days. This should suffice to bring the bird back into song, but if it does not, give it a little of the paste advised to "Anxious, Rotherham," on December 20th, to peck at for a week or two.

MOULTING AND SORE FEET (H. D.).—(1) To stop the moulting you must first of all see that the bird is kept in healthful surroundings, and free from damp and cold draughts. Also see that it is not exposed to impure heated air or rapid and sudden extremes of heat and cold. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition give separately half a teaspoouful of summer rape every second day, and a morsel of banana every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle, and a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it, and maw sprinkled over it. In the water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and after this give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tinct. of steel every second day for a fortnight, if necessary. (2) In addition to making the perches with soft wood you must also see that they are of suitable size and shape. They should be just a little thicker than the bird can encircle with its claws. Make them round in shape, and then shave off the top to a flattened oval. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible and the floor strewn with gritty sand. Bathe the feet with a warm solution of boracic acid daily until well, and after bathing dry gently and anoint with Lanocyllin. Use the latter sparingly, and do not leave on any surplus to gather sand or dirt. A small teaspoonful of the acid dissolved in a saucerful of warm water is about the proper strength to use.

BREEDING QUERIES. (H. R. S.).—The plan you propose for running two hens with each cock will answer very well in all ordinary and normal cases. It is not essential to remove the cocks from the room when you take them away from the hens at the commencement of incubation, though there are certainly cases when it is advisable, as is the case with hens which will not sit properly when the cock is taken away and remains in the same room in sight of the hen, or even at times is within earshot, or with cocks which will not pair up with a second hen as long as he can see or hear his first mate. But these are all exceptional cases. When mating time comes if one of the hens for any particular cock is more forward than the other run the cock with that hen solely until she has gone to nest and commenced to sit, then remove him and mate him with the second hen. But in cases where both hens seem to be equally forward and anxious to get to nest you should run him with both hens concurrently, say, for half a day at a time with each hen. To save a double change every day allow the cock to run with one hen from midday one day until midday the next day, then with the second hen for the same period, and so on, thus moving him once each day instead of twice daily. If your Germans are of a good and reliable feeding strain you should have no trouble whatever in rearing any of the more valuable breeds that may be hatched. Your best plan will be to mate the Germans at the same time as the Crests and Belgians in order to get them nesting at or about the same time. Then when you are putting hens to sit give complete clutches or four or five of the eggs of the better breeds to the Germans to hatch and rear, and the commoner eggs place under the Crests or Belgians as the case may be, leaving them to hatch and rear them, or make a hash of the business according to their capabilities. In either case it will give the valuable hens the necessary rest between the laying of clutches of eggs. When a hen is left to hatch and rear the brood alone it is not absolutely necessary to remove the cock from the room. The same remark applies here as above. ?

RED MITES AND MOULTING (T. F. W.).—(1) It is labour lost to endeavour to exterminate red mites by devoting attention to the bird. It is the cage and its surroundings that require attention. Place the bird temporarily in a clean spare cage for a few days, and whilst there offer it a bath daily in which you have mixed a few drops of quassia extract. Then take the other cage and thoroughly saturate it with a mixture of camphor in methylated spirit—an ounce of the former to a half pint of spirit. Apply it liberally with a small paint brush working it well into the joints and any cracks, or small holes or crevices both inside and outside the cage. Destroy the mites you will soon see escaping and place the cage away until next day, then repeat the operation, and again on the succeeding day. Then repaint or distemper the inside, and re-stain and varnish the outside, if necessary, as the solution will spoil any spirit varnish that may be on the cage. When quite dry the bird may be returned. Do not omit applying the camphor solution to the nail or hook on which the cage has hung and to well rub down the wall. If wall is papered and the paper creased or torn it would be better to soak off the patch where cage has hung with the spirit, and recover with new. (2) For the moulting treat as advised in first part of reply to "H. D." in this issue for two or three weeks. You may also with advantage give a mealworm each day for a week or two if you have any available. Thanks for good wishes which are heartily reciprocated.

TOE TURNED UNDER (Nemo).—This is a rather common defect, and is more disfiguring than serious. If the toe is quite supple so that it can be brought to its proper position without any strain being put upon it, you can place it alongside the middle toe and whilst holding it in that position get someone to tie a single strand of very fine mending wool—lace wool is suitable—around the centre of the toes, and another similar tie at the end near the claws, thus binding the outer toe permanently to the centre one. Touch the knots, which should be under the toes with a little gum or liquid glue to prevent the knots coming unfastened. This will remove the eyesore, but that is all. If you leave it quite alone it will not make the least difference to the success or otherwise of the bird breeding, so that upon the whole, as the defect is so little noticeable and is so little detriment to the bird it is as well to leave such things severely alone.

BEATING TIME (Paddy).—I do not think there is much wrong with this hen. Possibly she has not quite thrown off the effect of the moult yet. If the room is quite free from draughts it is not advisable to cover over the cage at night, especially as you say the room is fairly warm, and I should gradually break off this habit by using only a very flimsy cover during very cold weather, and finally none at all. Treat as follows for a fortnight, and if she is not well in that time write again, and I will advise you further. In addition to the usual seed diet give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and, if you have any available, a mealworm each during the same time would be very beneficial. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a [illegible] cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a [illegible] of iron half as big in the drinking water and then add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this two days in every three in the second week At present I see no reason for not breeding with the bird.

AILING NORWICH (A. T., Willesden Green).—You make a big mistake in covering your cages closely and leaving windows wide open through the night at this season. It might answer in the summer but it is most injudicious now. It would be very much more healthful, assuming the room is free from draughts, to leave the cages uncovered and close the windows at or soon after sunset during the winter and spring. Do this now, and treat the birds as follows for two or three weeks. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days twice each week give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle; once a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, and twice a week a spray of watercress or other green salad as long as it is in a fit condition to use At other times substitute a little sweet apple or banana. For the next fortnight vary this regimen by giving half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it every second day. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tinct. of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. If birds are not well in that time, write again, and I will advise you further.

WHEEZING AND MOULTING (A Constant Reader).—(1) I assume you have carried out my previous instructions as to removing the exciting causes of this trouble, and have also been giving a little of the paste advised in last reply. If so you may continue the same general treatment for a few weeks longer, except that you should give the sponge cake only twice a week now. If you have any mealworms available give the bird one each day for a time. If it refuses to eat them mince two or three and mix with the sponge cake each time you give it, instead of the oil, etc. In the drinking water give 20 drops of the following mixture every second day for three or four weeks. Mixture: Two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium Any chemist will mix this for you. I certainly do not advise you to breed with this bird. It would be most inadvisable to do so. (2) To stop the moulting of this bird treat it the same as advised to "H. D. (1)" in this issue, but instead of the gentian and steel in the water dissolve half a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the feathers cease dropping. The bird will doubtless resume its song very soon after the moult is stopped.

CANARY QUERISTS

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TAIL WAGGING (A. E. A.).—(1) Thanks for report. Am very glad to know that you have quite got over the sore feet trouble since altering your perches and putting in some made out of soft wood. It is not remarkable that none of the older birds were affected, whilst so many of the young ones suffered so badly, as the feet of the young were, of course, so much more delicate and susceptible to injury of this kind. (2) Keep this bird in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated, but still quite away from the cold chilly side. Give a diet of plain canary seed only as staple. In addition give a little green salad daily as long as you can get it in a condition fit to use. At other times give a morsel of banana. Twice a week give a half teaspoonful of scalded summer rape. Limit the diet to this for a month. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, in two tablespoonsful of water, add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and give this in place of plain water for drinking water two days in every three for a fortnight. If bird is not considerably better in this time discontinue the above mixture and give instead the chlorodyne mixture advised to "Paddy" in this issue for a fortnight or three weeks.

HOW TO START (J. W. W.).—As you appear to have yet to mount the bottom rung of the ladder, the best advice I can give you is to invest in a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager would send you for 7d., post free, and be guided entirely by the advice you will find therein. It is not possible in these replies to go into all the details, and point out all the pitfalls into which you may fall, whereas, by following implicitly the instructions in this little handbook, and taking due care to get only strong healthy birds to begin with, you will easily steer clear of all the little rocks and shoals which lead to failure, and meet with a fair measure of success from the beginning. You ask what you should get to start breeding Norwich Canaries, which is really a trifle vague, as it is not clear whether you mean in birds only, or whether you desire a full list of appliances, etc., required. In either case the book referred to will give you the fullest information. As regards birds, I would advise you to get one or two pairs, or a trio, of Norwich Plainheads from some reliable dealer or breeder, and have them properly matched for breeding. I would also recommend a quite ordinary type of bird for you to try your hand upon for the first year, and then you can go on to a better class of bird as soon as you have acquired a little useful practical knowledge and experience in breeding the commoner birds. If, however, you prefer to choose your own stock birds, get for a trio, a clear yellow cock, and a lightly ticked, and a marked or variegated buff hens, or for a single pair have a clear yellow cock and a ticked buff hen, or vice versa. See that both birds are in the prime of health and condition. The best time to mate them is the last week in March or the first week in April. You would make a big mistake to mate them for March breeding, as you put it.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

YELLOW BUNTING AND CANARY (A. Ward).—No authentic Bunting-Canary Hybrid has yet appeared upon the show bench, and it never will unless some enthusiast like yourself is continually trying for it. Several crosses which are now almost common were at one time thought to be impossible, so you need not fear that I shall smile at your attempt. I am quite in sympathy with you, and wish you success. The tameness of your Bunting leads one to think he must be a young bird, which is, of course, somewhat in your favour. Keep him as steady as you can. His stock food should be Canary seed, but let him have the wild seed you mention, also a little cracked hemp and maw; he will not eat much of them, but every little makes a change. Get a few of the very best ants' eggs and

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soak them in warm milk. Turn them out on a cloth to drain, and give him a spoonful occasionally. When he will take them, mix them in with a little good insectile food, as given to warblers. He should also have a few mealworms, beetles, or any insects you can procure; this will be a good training for him, and then when the spring comes try to get a few live ants' eggs, and all the insects you can lay your hands on. I am convinced that it is only by feeding these shy breeders as near to Nature as possible that one is likely to get fertile eggs. Respecting the hen Canary, a Norwich or stout Yorkshire will do equally as well. Let her be a young bird, yellow in colour if possible, and perfectly healthy. Feed her in the usual way—that is, canary as staple food, with a little mixed seed twice a week, and instead of giving her egg-food, gradually get her to eat the same insectile food that you give the Bunting, as this is much better than the ordinary egg food mixture for rearing Hybrids on. I would advise you to put them together as soon as you can, and let them fly together, or be in each other's company the remainder of the winter. Use the double breeder—you will find it much more convenient for future operations. Introduce them to each other gently, by placing one in each compartment for a few days before drawing the slide, as they may be a little bit shy of each other at first.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T PAGE, F.Z.S

CHINESE QUAIL AND WHYDAHS (M.M.P.).—(1) The clutch is variable, anything from 12 to 18. The incubation period (average), 21 days. As regards food, I have had them reared on seed and green-food alone, but it is certainly best to supply live ants' eggs and gentles, also insectile mixture, freely for the first seven days, then gradually decrease it as they take heartily of the ordinary aviary menu. (2) In my aviary no special food has been supplied, the parent birds living mostly upon canary and millet seed, and rearing their progeny upon the same. I have had six pairs of young birds fully reared from a single pair in the one season. (3) Usually about July, dropping their plumes from December to February—the period varies a little each way.

THANKS (J. R. B.).—Many thanks for your letter and appreciative remarks, which we highly esteem, and thank you for expressing same.—W. T. P.

RED-BELLIED WAXBILLS (A. J.).—Your birds are either Grey or St. Helena Waxbills, and their value 3/6 to 4/6. Both species have been bred in captivity, but the former are shy breeders, and there are but two or three cases of successful breeding; while the latter is a fairly free breeder in a garden aviary, where, of course, they capture many small insects, which materially assists in the upbringing of the young.

BANDED PARRAKEETS (J. R. B.).—Moustache and Banded Parrakeets are two names covering the same species, but both names are somewhat loosely applied to other species; for instance, I have had the Javan Parrakeet offered to me under both names. The following is a sketchy description: Beak, red; upper parts, yellowish olive-green; forehead, loral, moustacial and cheek stripes, black;

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sides of face, greyish-yellow; hind neck and nape grass-green; throat to abdomen, pale rose-red; remainder of underparts, yellowish-green. A seed mixture of: quart each canary and white millet seeds, pint oats, and half a pint each of paddy rice, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep supply in cage; also supply fruit, nuts, and dry biscuits, or stale crusts and green-food, not forgetting grit, cuttlebone, and water. Hardy when once acclimatised.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (T. H. J.).—You ought not to keep more than thirty small birds in your aviary, and only half that number if you desire many of them to breed. You must not put birds out now, but turned out in the spring, those given below could be left out all the year round, and would agree with the Linnets and Redpolls. Zebra, Ribbon, and Alario Finches; Avadavats, Silverbills, Bengalese, Bronze and Black-headed Mannikins, and Gold-breasted Waxbills. For these a dietary of canary, white, millet, spray millet, a little wild Finch mixture, and green-food, would suffice; of course, you must supply grit, cuttlebone, and water regularly. For several nights it would be well to hang a covering over the wire netting at front and end.

A FEATHER PLUCKER (Staff-Sergeant).—Most probably it is the diet that has set up the trouble; stop the "kitchen scraps" and treat as under: add oats, hemp, and Canary seed to your seed mixture; it is not good for it to subsist on sunflower seed only. Also supply ripe fruit (most Parrots are very fond of sweet apple), nuts, plain crusts of household bread, or plain biscuit. Keep pieces of wood in the cage for the bird to cut up and play with, also keep up continuous supplies of grit, cuttlebone, and water. It will be best for the next two months to put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water twice a week to keep the bird's bowels moving quite freely, but if the voidings become watery-loose, then only give the magnesia once a week, on other days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water, letting it have clear water once a week. If it will take it, a piece of biscuit or crust lightly moistened in tepid water and then dusted with flowers of sulphur will be of benefit, this latter could be given daily. Keep the bird in some light, warm, well ventilated, but not draughty position. Spray it once or twice weekly with a tepid quassia solution, but keep carefully out of draught or a chill atmosphere till it is dry again. Report progress a few weeks hence.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Miss M. Howman.—Death resulted from apoplexy, due to the rupture of a small vessel on the meninges or membranes covering the brain. The symptoms you allude to are all referable to nervous distrubance, indicating pressure upon important motor nerve centres.

T. I. M.—Tubercular Enteritis.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. H. Butler.—There are two societies in your town, Coventry, Coventry Godiva C.B.S. (hon. sec., H. Saunders, 31, Vernon-st.), and Coventry O.S. (hon. sec., A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven St.).

Diplomas (J. Ellwood, R. W. Willis, Jas. C. Johnston, Frost and Rogers, and many others).—Thanks for appreciation of our diplomas.

Lark Cured (William Scott).—So glad to hear that the instructious given you proved successful, and that the bird has since proved himself such a prize winner.

Swindler Caught (Carnell and Bedwell).—We have forwarded you 5s. from the funds of the Cage Birds League.

G. Havver.—The latest address we have of the gentleman named is 9, Stoneleigh Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

R. McDonald.—Your inquiry has been forwarded to Mr. St. John, our Canary expert, who will reply in our next issue. Queries received after first post Monday cannot be answered in the same week.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE NOTICE of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester O.B.A.—January 6, St. Thomas' Schools, 8. Nomination of officers for 1914. Ticket money for annual and amalgamated show to be sent in.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Jan. 6, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion St., 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers; payment of amalgamated show prize money, etc.—J. Whitehead.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Washing competition for novices.—W. Hallstone.

Barnet F. and F.S.—Jan. 3, 36, Wood St., Barnet, 8.30. Secretary's and treasurer's report; presentation of cups; election of officers and making and amending rules.—W. J. Cartwright.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers; cash specials; syllabus for 1914.—F. O. Sims.

Birmingham South O.S.—Jan. 3, Marlboro' Hotel, 2. Members' show; please have birds at room by 10 a.m.—J. Sheppard.

Blaydon O.B.S.—Jan. 10, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—Geo. Haver.

Boldon Colliery F. & F.S.—Jan. 3, Workmen's Institute, 6.30. Sec.'s report on open show. Election of officers, and other important business.—J. Stephenson.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 6, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. R. Rushworth; arrangements for annual prize distribution, and other important business.—H. Hill.

Brandon Colliery C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Miners' Institute, 7. Open show and other important business.—Geo. Reed.

Bromley and West Kent F.A.—Jan. 6, Co-operative Hall, Part St., 8. General annual meeting; balance sheet.—W. J. Bellinger.

Burton-on-Trent.—Jan. 6, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Table show; buff cocks and yellow hens.—A. Wood.

Bury C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Textile Hall, 8. Delegates' report from amalgamated meeting; balance sheet for 1913, and election of officers for 1914.—H. Jameson.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Members' judging competition; final judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden; 4 classes; entries day of show.—H. Bryant.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Business most important.—A. Smith.

Camborne F. & H.S.—Jan. 9, Tehidy Working Men's Club, 7.30. Annual general meeting; secretary's report and balance sheet; election of officers.—A. Scoble.

Chester C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Boot Inn, 8.30. Annual meeting.—R. L. G. Simpson.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Annual meeting and election of officers.—J. H. Jones.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 3, Flying Dutchman, 6. Election of officers for 1914; arranging for distribution of members' specials for 1913.—W. Helliwell.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Election of officers.—J. Southworth.

Coventry O.S.—Jan. 7, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. General business.—A. J. Barratt.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Masonic Rooms, 7. Balance sheet, etc.—J. W. Holms.

Darlington C.B.S. Jan. 7, George Hotel, 7.30. Elect officers and other business.—T. Walker.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. January show business.—T. Barker.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 3, Fountain Inn, 8. New members to make, and very urgent business. Subs. due for 1913.—S. Wilcock.

Grantham C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Brewers' Arms, 8. Members take this notice as a summons to attend the general meeting and election of officers. Local fanciers welcomed.—H. Lowther.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Weir's Room, 7. Final arrangements for show.—Wm. Wraker.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 3, Plummet Line Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting; lecture by Mr. J. Pilling on "Mimicry in Bird Plumage." Meeting will commence promptly. Friends invited.—H. Clegg.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Cricket Players, 8. Annual general meeting; all subscriptions for 1913 now due.—Wm Cottingham.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Jan. 4, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Islington F.A.—Jan. 5, Headquarters, Congregational Schoolroom, Holloway, N., 8.30. Very important business; year's reports, etc. Members come along in great numbers and make the coming year a greater success.—H. A. Browne.

Idle C.B.S.—Jan. 7, White Bear Inn, 8. General meeting; election of officers for 1914 and other important business.—C. E. Hylton.

Laisterdyke B.F.A. Jan. 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Balance sheet; election of officers; prizes and distribution date; Union ballot paper items.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Jan 4, Old Mosley Arms Hotel, Shirdill, Manchester, 6. Members' show; date of classification; judge.—A. Martin.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 3, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers for 1914.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 6, White Swan, 6.30. Election of officers.—A. Freestone.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Coffee House, 8. Balance sheet for 1913; arrangement for dinner; presentation and whist drive.—H. Woodhead.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Show matter; hope all members will attend.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Jan. 10 (not 3rd), Council Schools, Sawley Road, 7.30. Annual general meeting to receive sec.'s report; election of officers and alteration of rule 5.—G. T. Wall.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Annual general meeting; nomination of officers; election of secretary; alteration of rules, etc.—W. H. Tansey.

Nelson, Colne C. & C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Mr. Fulton's Shop, 7.30. Balance sheet for 1913, and election of officers.—J. Speak.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Jan. 8, 65, Grainger St., 7.30. Nominations for judges for open show, October 23 and 24.—J. W. Reed.

North Shields C.B.C.—Jan. 7, Howden Rd., 7.30. Annual meeting; total of year's work dne; election of officers, etc.—R. P. Fox.

Oldham C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting; tea party business, which is important.—J. Cope.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Church House, 8. Annual meeting and resignation of sec.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Fleece Hotel, 8. Election of officers; fixing night for presentation of prizes, and other important business.—H. Raistrick.

Partick C.B.C.—Jan. 9, Foresters' Hall, 8. Submitting balance sheet, etc.—Wm. Priest.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Granby Hotel, 7.45. Election of officers, and arrangements for members' shows, 1914.—H. Myers.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Liberal Club, Waterfoot, 7.30. Monthly meeting and Roller contest business.—H. Wantling.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Election of officers.—G. Lord.

Reading C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Palmer Hall, 8. Annual meeting; arrange series of lectures, etc., for ensuing year.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Amal. C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, Rochdale, 6.30. Delegates meeting; all printing ready. New societies heartily welcomed; show business, etc.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 5, Club Rooms, 8.30. Annual balance sheet; election of officers; members' show, final arrangements.—R. Bilucoe.

Sale C.B.S.—Jan. 5. Balance sheet; election of officers, etc; all turn up.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Jan. 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members specially requested to attend.—P. Drake.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 6, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Very urgent business; also syllabus, 1914.—E. C. Job

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Jan. 6. Monthly table show. Birds staged, 6.45; judging, 7.—W. Broadbridge.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Headquarters, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Garside St., 7.30. Yearly report; election of officers for 1914.—J. T. Cheetham

South London Col. and F.A.—Jan. 8, Headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers for 1914; balance sheet for 1913.—G. F. Crawford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 3, Central Cafe, 7.30. Show business; election of stewards; carriers, etc.—J. Peacock.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Jan. 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Election of officials for 1914; show business.—H. Cuttler.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Jan. 5, Elephant and Castle Inn, 7.30. General meeting; election of officers.—H. Roebuck.

Walkley C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Doncaster St. Friends' Rooms, 6. Tea, concert, and distribution of prizes. Tickets 8ecs. are Messrs. T. Ridal and J. Woolhouse.—A Lawton.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—Ed. Ball.

Windhill C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. General meeting; election of officers for 1914; yearly balance sheet, etc. Members are requested to pay 1913 subs. at this meeting.—Taylor and Ellis.

Windsor C.B.A.—Jan. 8, Headquarters, 8.15. General annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—E. A. Stickland.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Important business.—H. C. Crossley.

Walsall C.B.S.—Jan. 7, White Hart Hotel, 8.30. Settling for tickets; paying prize money (members).—F. Price.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Jan. 5, 6, The Broadway, 8. Pairing competition. Final judge, Mr. H. Norman.—H. Smith.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Very successful judging competition of Borders and Mules held Dec. 27 in Y.M.C.A. Halls, Mr. Jas. Pollock judged. 1, R. McEwan; 2, Allan Thomson; 3, Jas. Graham. Table show, Jan. 10, F.M. Siskin, F.M. Redpoll, Judge, Mr. Claud Nelson (Hamilton).—Allan Thomson, Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Meeting held Dec. 27, T. Wildridge presiding. Agreed that classification for club show be yell. cock, do. hen, buff cock, do. hen, unflig. yell. cock, do. hen, unflig. buff cock, do hen, non-fed cock, do. hen, nov. cock, do hen. The show is to be held in conjunction with annual meeting, Jan. 10, judging at 4 o'clock. Entry, 6d. Prize money after expenses are paid. W. Spence gives 6s. for best Brit.; W. Grewar, medal for best team of four unflig. shown and bred by exhibitor (team to be marked against birds entered for medal). On the sec. reading over points for season it was agreed that his reading of two ties be accepted. W. Grewar claimed 3 more points, which makes him 37; D. McConville claims 1 point, which the sec. has to inquire into. Agreed to revise the rules at next meeting. All fanciers will be welcome to club show.—A. Dickson, Sec.

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The particulars below. We want them for **CAGE BIRDS 1914 ANNUAL,** which is now being prepared for press.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

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Correspondence.

The Winning Hybrid at Preston Show.

Sir, I see Mr. Wellings, too, has seen the black rim of feathers round the eyes, and says that the latter are certainly not bigger than either those of a Canary or a Bullie. We expect them to be between the two, and they are not; but they are certainly not bigger than a Bullie's. I never said they were; but they are exactly the same size—that is my argument. Mr. Wellings also says that I may have got some of my information from the remarks he made whilst at the show. I never saw him there; and let me tell him that when I form an opinion of a bird, no information that he can give will influence me. I have reared too many Hybrids not to know what a Hybrid *ought* to be. Did he, after judging Preston show, remark to a well known Norwich fancier and judge, and also another fancier, that, although he had given the bird the prize, he believed it to be nothing but a rare feathered Bullie? And, as he is in the way of being a British expert, I would like his opinion on the following:—If a Waxwing were exhibited in a class for hardbills, would he give it a prize? We can't get away from the fact that, in spite of the apparent bonafides of the bird, many fanciers who see it can see little resemblance—except in colour—to a Canary; and, curious to say, most fanciers who think it genuine are Canary breeders only, and never bred a Hybrid in their lives.

T. Johnson.

The Infertility of Hybrids.

Also Some Notes on the Number of Eggs Laid by the Skylark.

Sir,—I was much interested in your splendid Christmas Double Number, especially in Professor Ray Lankester's article on the infertility of Hybrids. I admired the way he treated his subject. I see that Mrs. E. M. Sargeant's Skylark, which is seven years old, built twice this year, and laid three eggs each time. This goes to prove the correctness of my statement that three is a common clutch. Dr. Butler stated that three was too small a clutch for the Skylark, but the evidence was overwhelming; he then tried to get out of the difficulty by saying, "I believe most of the threes are imperfect clutches." That is the way error is perpetuated. The vast number of threes cannot be satisfactorily explained on the ground of imperfect clutches. No bird nester of the present day with a large experience would ever believe such a dogma. I know an experienced bird nester of the present day who has seen more threes than fours. My own experience is there are rather more fours than threes. I have seen several clutches of five, but five is unusual.

John Craig.

Bath.

My Impressions of Bradford's Great Charity Show.

Sir,—My first visit to Bradford will remain as a landmark in my memory of bird shows. On entering the hall, I was absolutely struck dumb with astonishment at the number of birds on view. It was borne upon my mind very forcibly that this show was certainly the best all round one ever seen in the provinces, and undoubtedly *the* best from a Yorkshire Canary point of view. Never have I seen such numbers and such quality. Closer acquaintance with the exhibits revealed the fact that the winners in this section were only separated one from another by a breath, as it were, which shows the healthiness and the keenness of the competition in this variety. The society were fortunate in having the Lady Kathleen Pilkington to open the event on the second day, who very caustically alluded to the insidious efforts of the faddists who are trying to put a stop to the keeping of birds in cages. It would have done some of those anæmic-minded gentry good, and maybe have altered their arbitrary opinions to have seen Lady Pilkington attending to the needs of the birds in the insectivorous foreign section, and the extraordinary condition they were in. Another feature of the opening ceremony was the able oratory of the officials of the society—Messrs. Towers, Hill and Archer. Their rhetoric was equal to that of any Socialist who ever stood in Trafalgar Square! I did hear (though I can't vouch for the accuracy of the information, because I heard it in the vicinity of the bar) that these three gentlemen had a bet of a packet of "Woodbines" as to which made the best speech. I called it a dead heat! I noticed Mr. Archer piloting Capt. Boyd Carpenter round the Hybrid classes, and priming him in the intricacies of Hybrid breeding. The Captain thought it a curious anomaly that Hybrids couldn't reproduce their kind, seeing that if two breeds of dogs were crossed they would breed again. "Ah! but then," was the answer, "in that case both parents were dogs." I heard many fanciers inquiring who the City Alderman was, who was accompanied by a gentleman apparently his private secretary. I didn't wonder at them not being able to place him, but it turned out to be Mr. Joe Thomas, and the alteration in his countenance was due to him wearing a broader smile than usual, in honour of winning the N.P.C. trophy. Competition was very keen in the Norwich classes, it being about the best show we have seen this season. Mr. Thomas gained the award of merit with his now well-known neck-marked yellow unflighted, winner at L.C.B.A., Preston, Leeds, and Manchester. The first four birds were toppers, Mr. Thomas just getting home in quality and general showiness. By the way, the catalogue credited Mr. Turner with winning 2nd and 3rd, but the 3rd bird and the 4th were Mr. Cook's. We congratulate the judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, on his consistency in finding the winners. I congratulate the management on a grand show.

Sub Rosa.

Should Exhibitors Purchase Winners or Breed Them?

With a few Words about Some Southern Norwich Matters.

Sir,—I cannot help thinking that if some of the members of the S.N.P.C. were a little more reasonable, and a little more reflective, many of the complaints with which your columns are now being filled would never be penned.

Some of the suggestions made by your writers are excellent, such as, for instance, that there should be a fresh judge if possible at each club show—but have these ideas been previously officially brought forward by them? I have no recollection of it.

Many of your correspondents' grievances appear to be that time-honoured and perennial one, that some exhibiting members buy certain of their winners, and they seem to think that if exhibitors were compelled to breed their own, the "golden ago" from the members' point of view would immediately set in! Would it? Let us see. We are confronted incessantly in every text book, in every lecture, in every Fancy paper, in all advice upon the breeding of our birds, with the axiom "Buy the best." Why grumble when the advice is followed?

Is not this grumbling rather a proof that many of the writers are giving way to a spirit of jealousy and discontent, which is likely to wreck any club, whether the S.N.P.C. or any other in which it makes its appearance?

Is not one of the objects of the club to improve and advance the variety, and is not the way to do this, to introduce if possible better birds than one already has? If an exhibitor can breed his own winners, so much the better, and the more credit to him, but surely every one at some time or the other needs to buy a good bird or two, and to get the best return from them he can, on the show bench or elsewhere? Why not, and why prevent him?

And isn't it born of this self-same narrow view that members are so keen about exhibitors being the breeders and compelling them only to place in competition birds their stock have produced and to hall-mark them in just one certain way? Let it be insisted, say they, that all birds competing for the cups and trophies be bred by the members and be marked with closed rings. Why should they be so marked? Why should any member be compelled to use closed rings, if he prefer the open ring, or no ring at all? And what does it matter to us a specialist club whether the birds wear closed rings, open rings, or no rings at all? And here is just where it seems to me that the farce of the breeders' cup comes in. And even if closed rings were insisted on, is there still not room for fraudulent practices? I think so.

I think, with others, that our challenge cup is not an unmixed blessing, and am quite willing that when it has been won outright no other shall be put in competition, and I agree with all that is possible being done for the novice (other interests not being neglected), but may I suggest to our members that they be not so ready to see "the writing on the wall," but that they concert for the common interest in a more reasonable spirit, believing that by so doing and by sinking some little difference of opinion, and with less acrimonious discussion in the columns of the papers, the influence and welfare of the club will best be extended.

Yet Another Member.

[We greatly regret that the length of the original of the above letter prevented us from publishing it in full.—Editor, C.B.]

That Disqualified Yorkshire—

A Sensational Development.

Halifax Society resigns from the Yorkshire Union.

Sir,—At a special meeting of the Halifax O.S., held Dec. 20, 1913, at the Plummet Line Hotel, which was presided over by our president, Mr. J. J. Dunn, it was decided that we should resign our membership of the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies at the end of the present season.

H. Clegg, Sec.

Sir,—I feel sorely tempted to answer Mr. Walsh's long letter in the manner it deserves, but did I do so the matter would become a personal one between myself and the President of the Yorkshire Union. I have studiously avoided personalities thus far, and shall continue to do so.

At Halifax, in the exercise of my functions as judge appointed by the Yorkshire Council, I disqualified a certain exhibit. At the subsequent investigation before the Council I said the exhibit had been changed between the time of judging and the meeting. I stand by that statement, even as I stand by my action as judge. Thus far nothing has transpired to alter my opinion. The Yorkshire Union Council has dealt with the matter in a manner which I say is altogether wrong. The rules of the Union have not been observed. Therefore the decisions of the Council are not binding. To the Fancy this is more important than the disqualification, and subsequent changing of the exhibit. The question every member of the Union should ask himself is: Are the rules to be broken by the Council, who should see that they are upheld? This is the all-important question.

C. A. House.

Sir,—As an ex-Yorkshire Union member I should like to give my opinion on the above after reading reports of evidence. Mr. House did quite right in doing what he did at Halifax Show. The Y.U. Council did a sad wrong thing in undoing his decision and breaking their own show rules. I should not have written to your paper but when I read Mr. Walsh's letter in your edition of Dec. 20 I could not resist. I see that Mr. Walsh says he thinks Mr. House has an abnormal bump of self-estimation, as he seems to think it impossible for him to make a mistake. Now, in my opinion, Mr. Walsh ought to have been the last person to have made such a remark for he as President of the Y.U. must have an extra abnormal bump of self-estimation in ever allowing the Council meeting to have gone on at Halifax Show. He ought to have ruled it out of order at once and let it take its proper course with the Halifax Show Committee, according to rule, and perhaps have saved a lot of mischief. This has been my idea from the first. He also advises Mr. House not to press for further evidence, as it may be detrimental to his cause. For why? Is it not a well-known fact that if the proper and whole evidence was given in his support that it would lead to great complication of matters that would not do to be disclosed. Therefore, an innocent man must keep quiet and suffer to cover the wrong doings of a many. Wishing Mr. House the confidence and future support of all true fanciers.

H. H. Mitchell.

Ovenden.



This very stylish and grandly marked Chaffinch, secured 1st and special prizes, at Brighton Show, for its proud owner, Mr. H. James.

The Hybrid Sensation of the Year.

Sir,—I can't quite see what "Interested" wants. The opinion I gave in your Nov. 29 issue was that "failing satisfactory evidence of its parentage, I should believe with many other fanciers, that it is nothing but a rare feathered Bullie." There is nothing emphatic about that. I said failing satisfactory proof. Mr. Vardy has said that he had seen it in the nest, and so far as I am concerned that is satisfactory evidence. Does he want me to stand with my back to the wall, as it were, and keep on asserting that it is a rare feathered Bullie, which would be as good as giving the lie direct to Mr. Vardy? Mustn't I be allowed to say that I believe these gentlemen are honest? Must my own conscience be as inelastic as we are told the laws of the Medes and Persians were? No, no, my friend, I am no "last ditcher." I said that if the bird was a Hybrid, it was a glorious one; and it hasn't its compeer as a Canary-Bullie, its light feathers notwithstanding. Compare the bird with the two well-known clear Greenie Canaries for size. He is as big as both; and mind you, bred from a Sib-bred Canary cock and a British Bullfinch hen. That is why—if the bird is a Hybrid—he must win, and that is why so many fanciers are doubtful of its parentage. It is so rare for a young Hybrid to be bigger than either or both of its parents. "Interested" likens the bird to a Greenie Bullie, and says that the light feathers hide traces of its Greenfinch parentage. Has he too a doubt? Have a mince pie, my friend, and read the two Gateshead reporters' opinions.

Southport. T. Johnson.

More Limit Classes Wanted.

Sir,—I note Mr. Ramsden intends a £5 limit class. This class should fill if he means Norwich or Yorkshire. I think it a step in the right direction. In such classes champions, amateurs, and novices can compete in fair competition. I think if show officials gave a little thought in the limit direction it would pay them. If classes like these are provided we can hold some of the birds we are at present compelled to discard as we have no use for them. Take, for instance, the number of birds bred that are good but not up to champion form. We would like to give some of these a run, but not against £20 birds. Take a Mule class, do we not know after the first show where we are? We have practically seen the winners for the season. Now, what are we going to do with the two or three very good ones we have bred? You say perhaps, show them at your members' shows. Quite so, only we would like perhaps to give them a run in the open if we had a sporting chance. It is just the same in the British. You perhaps moult a dozen likely ones and find you have two or three good ones, but could mention the names of two or three exhibitors who will have the beating of them at every show. As you are past the novice stage what are you going to do with these? I have never been quite able to understand a novice British class. I think a fair limit, say of £2, would cover all. With birds that we breed, of course, it is different, but competition in the British supply amounts to a few having a longer pocket or better opportunities of selecting.

The Limit.

(See page 596.)

Wigs on the Green in Wales.

Pentrebach and Pontypridd Show.

Sir,—I notice another letter from Mr. Brown (Pentrebach) in which he states "None of my letters were written in bad blood." Again, Mr. Brown, I honestly say I cannot believe you, for the simple reason that you refer to something that happened at our 1912 show, that is not necessary in this correspondence. Moreover, you still bear on the Federation matter, though I think to any unbiased mind my explanation was surely satisfactory; and further, you simply ignore my referring to the Pontypridd stationmaster to uphold my contention that labels were properly fixed. With regard to alteration of date and Federation, I distinctly stated in my last letter that it was thoroughly understood that if the Federation at their annual meeting considered we were violating any rule by clashing in our alteration of date, my Society was prepared to abide by the decision at that meeting. This is, I believe, quite clear and acceptable to anyone, with the exception of perhaps Mr. Brown. It is evident to me and to many more that Mr. Brown would be extremely pleased to see the Federation drop; whether it is because I am secretary, or not, I am not in a position to say. But I am satisfied the Federation has come to stay, and has done a large amount of good; and if it would be satisfactory to Mr. Brown and Pentrebach Society, I am quite prepared to relinquish that honour at our next annual meeting. Mr. Brown mentions he is secretary of another body (you may as well state Mr. Brown, the Welsh Cage Bird Club); and you refer to a blunder made in 1912 at our show held that year. I wish to draw your attention to this side stab in the dark again, Mr. Editor, and Mr. Brown's letters are supposed to be written *not* in bad blood. Why do you not state the case, Mr. Brown? Well, I will, instead of you. It is the case in which a Norwich Plainhead was alleged to be lost by Mr. George, of Swansea, at our 1912 show. You asked me for full particulars, Mr. Brown, as secretary of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, and I gave them you; and I maintain now, as I maintained then, that the bird was not lost at our show, but if lost, it was lost in transit from our show to Mr. George's house at Swansea. Are you anxious to reopen this matter, Mr. Brown? If so, we in Pontypridd are quite prepared to do so. I hold your letters to me on that question (I always keep correspondence), and also letters from you complimenting us very highly on certain matters in connection with that show of 1912. They would look well published by the side of your own in this present controversy. I have met Mr. George on several occasions at different meetings of the Federation, and he has not even referred to this loss of his; taking for granted, perhaps, that the bird had gone astray, as they do in many cases. I did all I could at the time to trace the bird, but failed. But you, in your bad blood, have thought fit to bring this matter up again. You seem to repudiate my referring you to the stationmaster at Pontypridd. I leave this for others to think over. You say later on, to uphold your charge of labels not properly fixed, "Why does a certain exhibitor complain?" Why not mention the name, Mr. Brown? I will do so for you, and give you an explanation. I see you have narrowed down the complaints to *one* exhibitor. This exhibitor, Mr. Brown, is Mr. Bown, of Brecon, and that gentleman knows, as well as I do, that the mistake was made by the railway company. The facts are as follows:—I received a letter from Mr. Bown, of Brecon, stating that his birds had arrived home, instead of being sent to Pentrebach. Knowing that all exhibits to be sent to Pentrebach were marked by carrier, "Carriage Paid" or "Carriage Forward," I wrote Mr. Bown, and asked him if he would kindly send me back the label, so that I could examine same, and pointing out to him that if the word "Paid" was written on the same side of the label as the address of the secretary of Pentrebach, that in itself was a clear proof that the basket, when handed over to the railway carrier, had the label properly fixed. Mr. Bown sent me back the label, and stated in his letter that the word "Paid" was on the proper side, and bore out my remarks. The same occurred to an exhibit of Messrs. Morgan Bros., Penybank, and in this case also the word "Paid" was on the proper side, and the fault was on the railway company. I wrote the stationmaster on this matter, and advised the aforesaid to claim their Pentrebach entry fees and carriage from the railway company. Again, therefore, Mr. Brown, you have failed in trying to place another black spot on Mr. Lucas and his Society.

A. A. GORDON MCLUCAS
(Sec., Pontypridd F. and F.S.).

[This seems to us to be purely a local dispute, and no further letters on the subject can be entertained.—Editor, "C.B."]

The Cage Bird Keeper on His Defence.

REMARKABLE ATTACK BY MR. THOS. HARDY.
TRENCHANT REPLY BY MR. FULLJAMES OF C.B. LEAGUE.

The following extracts from a correspondence that has taken place in "The Times" will be read with interest.

Mr. Thos. Hardy, the well known novelist, after dealing with the question of performing animals, went on to remark:

There are cruelties of a more insidious kind produced by drugs. As to the caging of birds, the assertion that a caged skylark experiences none of the misery of a caged man makes demand upon our credulity. Anyhow, a caged skylark usually dies soon, while an imprisoned man will live out his natural years. There is, or was when I was young, a practice among boys of putting a nearly-fledged brood of young birds, with the nest, into a cage, and hanging the cage in the tree or bush where the nest was made. The parents came regularly to feed their young ones through the bars, and there seems no reason why they should not be successfully bred; but usually the young birds die. It used to be the tradition of schoolboys that the old birds poisoned their young at finding them imprisoned. However that may be, die they did.

It seems marvellous that the 20th century, with all its rhetoric on morality, should tolerate such useless inflictions, as making animals do what is unnatural to them or drag out an unnatural life in a wired cell. I would also include the keeping of tame rabbits in hutches among the prohibited cruelties in this kind.

THOMAS HARDY.

Max Gate, Dorchester.

This letter was replied to by our Mr. Fulljames, as follows:—

Mr. Hardy goes hopelessly wrong in the birdy portion of his letter.

It is distinctly not the case that "a caged skylark usually dies young." A caged skylark usually lives to a much greater age than one which spends a "natural" life. I am stating a fact which admits of indisputable proof when I say that skylarks live in captivity for any period up to 20 years, and I could quote very many instances of skylarks which have been kept in health and contentment to the age of 10 or 12 years. Do they live to anything approaching this age in a state of Nature? The answer obviously is in the negative. Let us take the very low estimate of four years as being the average duration of life in caged skylarks, and see what would happen if the natural average equalled this.

A hen skylark lays from three to five eggs in a clutch, and usually has two nests a year; it is reasonable, therefore, to take eight as the average number of young each year from each pair of birds. These young, if they live, are themselves able to reproduce their kind in the following spring. It is obvious, therefore, that the number of skylarks increases, or would increase, in geometrical progression with five as the ratio, and it is a matter of simple calculation to discover that in the fourth year the world's population of skylarks would be multiplied 625 times. It is perfectly obvious that they do not so increase; roughly, they do not increase at all, and the actual fact, therefore, is that the yearly mortality is equal to the yearly production—i.e., eight out of every ten, old or young, die annually.

Mr. Hardy is equally at sea when he, by imputation, accepts "the tradition of schoolboys that old birds poison their young at finding them imprisoned." The actual fact is that adult birds feed their young up to a certain point, and then leave them to fend for themselves, and they will do this, and no more, if the cage containing the young is hung in the tree or bush in which the nest was made. Afterwards, the young birds are not poisoned by their parents; they simply die of starvation if they are not taken in hand by their captors. In this 20th century very few, even among schoolboys, believe that "old birds poison their young at finding them imprisoned."

If Mr. Hardy will pardon me the use of his own expression, I would say that "it seems marvellous that the 20th century should tolerate" the idea that birds in cages experience the same sensations as a human being condemned to life-long imprisonment. It is only those who allow sentiment to obscure their observation who would express such a view. Many thousands of caged birds are kept in this and other countries in conditions of perfect health and happiness, and their keeping affords an innocent and harmless hobby to their owners. It is only a bare fact to say that a bird taken from its natural freedom, and properly treated, will improve in beauty of plumage from year to year, will sing better, and for a longer season, in a cage than in a state of Nature, and will live many times as long. This being so, it savours of absurdity to contend that the keeping of birds in cages entails the cruelty which is laid at the doors of bird-keepers by those who are obsessed with the idea that "the keeping of any kind of bird in any kind of cage is an acted blasphemy." These words are the actual ones used by one of the humanitarian writers, and express the doctrine of the whole of them. Arguments will not convince them; they do not wish to think otherwise, and they wilfully close their eyes to what they could see for themselves if they chose.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES, Secretary.
Cage Birds League, 154, Fleet-street, E.C.

A very able reply to Mr. Hardy also appeared in "The Express" from the pen of Mr. H. D. Astley, who said:—

Mr. Thomas Hardy quite evidently does not know his subject when he asserts that it is cruel to keep birds in cages. Because they are sometimes not properly treated, that is no reason why they should not be happy when well looked after.

I have kept birds of every description all my life, and can give Mr. Hardy and others who deal in false theories and sentiment many instances of birds which quite evidently treat their cages as humans do their houses.

On one occasion in Italy a blue rock thrush of mine flew into the garden of my villa, where it was frightened by some children in the road below. The bird took refuge on the roof of a small house and crouched in a gutter. On my climbing up to it with its cage, it hopped in with most evident joy, and sang happily to me as I carried it home again.

In my bird-room, which is a large one, where I keep about twenty rare foreign birds in separate cages, I let one or two at a time fly out for exercise, and almost invariably after they have had their baths and exercised themselves they return of their own accord into their cages.

At this moment a pair of blue budgerigars (a blue variety of the little green Australian parrakeet), which are in quite a small cage, have a clutch of eggs on the flooring of sawdust, and while the female incubates, the male sits by her warbling merrily. This looks like misery, does it not?

I have one of the finest collections of birds in England, and I can claim to know what I am writing about. My birds live well, and are most undoubtedly happy, besides being a great joy to me and a pleasure to many who see them. Why should Mr. Hardy take upon himself to belittle other people's joys, and, what is worse, belittle himself by writing nonsense?

HUBERT DELAVAL ASTLEY,
F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.
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Brinsop Court, Hereford.

Mr. Hardy and Cage Birds.

Sir,—What a thrust Mr. Hardy has given in the "Times" to all lovers of caged birds. Long ago I remember with what a strango delight I ministered to a Goldfinch, which I had given mo when a child. The feelings I had then run through mo now, on recollections I had, when young in London, and every night I would take the "little man" up to my bedroom, and at the first glimmer of daylight would awake to its twitter. The rising sun would enliven him as it shone into the room. Birds and flowers, they say, at least the love of them, and the seeing to them, humanises us. I have found this true amongst the most humble. Often, too, in a bird-shop I have conversed with the owner, and found him no unworthy a follower of Robert, Dick, and Thomas Edward, and surely with respect to flowers any reader of Dean Hole's "Book on Roses," will agree with me. But it is not about flowers that Mr. Hardy inveighs, and their lovers. It is the keeping of caged birds. It is fit to record this amongst the little anecdotes I know. It concerns a Skylark, which from its open cage-door would come and perch on the head of its mistress and burst into song, such a song as awakened in Shelley all the finer chords of the poet. There is a pathos in this remembrance, for soon after the lady died. Was it, I sometimes think, an anthem of the bird, introductory to that great swell of music which shall welcome those whose hearts are full of love, the love of which Coleridge was full when he wrote:—

"He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

OVER SEVENTY.

The Radius of Luton Society.

Sir,—The secretary of the above society states he has only five members from Bedford and two from Watford. I should like to ask him how many entries those five members made from Bedford at the annual show of 1912. I should like also to remind him that I myself made twenty entries, and Mr. Watts nine or ten at that show, which made about 30 entries from Watford. This, I consider, is equal to a dozen local members. Mr. Watts and mysolf have always taken great interest in their society, not because we have made a lot out of it, as all fanciers will know you are lucky to clear expenses when sending out a large team after railway and entries expenses, even if you win; but we have always looked forward to an enjoyable day's outing and to meet our brother fanciers. I am sure no one regrets more than I do, and had we have been informed of the meeting I should have made every effort to have attended the same. I consider, under the circumstances, it was quite out of order. I am sorry to see their show was a failure, especially the local classes, but the society have only themselves to blame. I trust, however, that, as the secretary remarks, they will come up smiling again next year, and that they may get seven good sportsmen in the place of seven outsiders is the wish of

Watford. W. BUCKINGHAM.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Spalding and District.

Sir,—We, in the Metropolis of the Fens, now think it quite time that a cage-bird society should be formed in Spalding, to take in a radius of twenty miles or under, as a majority may deem fit. If open to a twenty mile radius, we should then be central for Peterboro' on the one side, and Boston on the other. We should be pleased if you would invite any fanciers who may be interested, to make any suggestions through your paper or communicate with either of the undermentioned:

W. R. MURRELL, Station St., Spalding.
A. J. ASTEN, 5, St. Thomas' Rd., Spalding.

How to Make Shows Attractive

Sir,—Mr. Ramsbottom should [illegible] ago of the whole fancy to [illegible] wish him every success. There [illegible] do the half prize money rule [illegible] the Fancy and should be done away. A society has the chance of amal[illegible] and where a class is not full they [illegible] either do this or cut the class out [illegible] sider if they make only half prize [illegible] they should only charge half entry [illegible] Look at the treatment I received at L[illegible] There was a special for most points [illegible] Norwich classes, my birds won 1st, 2nd [illegible] points; Mr. Goodman's birds won [illegible] and c, 13 points. Now, the rule states [illegible] most money wins. My birds won 1[illegible] win 10s., yet he gets the special [illegible] they say mine were not full classes, and [illegible] 7s. 6d. for 15s. Now, do they mean to say, Mr. Editor, this is fair to exhibitors? I say the Fancy is going down as fast [illegible] can with no other cause than what I have mentioned.

Emsworth. C. E. SUTT.

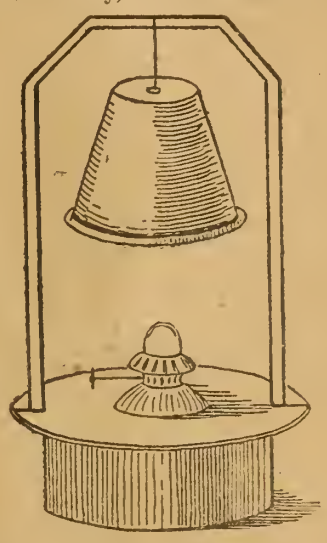
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 633.
A Safe Heating Lamp.

Sent by G. W. Cripps, 5 and 7, Albert Road, Richmond, Surrey.

I have read with regret of many fanciers dosing their birds through artificial heat. A lamp I have used with great success is one that is used in chicken rearers, called a Brooder lamp. It has a patent burner, requires no chimney, and costs 3s. 6d. It is

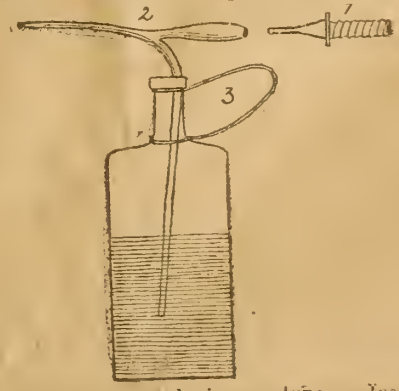


sold with a perforated sliding guard. I take off the guard and hang a large flower pot from the uprights with wire, so as to hang over four inches from the top of the burner (see sketch). It gives a good steady light, with no smell. You only require about an inch flare on the lamp. The flower pot gets very hot, and gives off a nice heat. A pint of oil lasts all night and day, and costs a penny. I scald the burner out once a fortnight. I trust this will help those who wish for a safe lamp.

No. 634.
A New Form of Spray.

Sent by J. Paterson, 84, Prescot Street, Darlington.

I found I was continually wanting new rubber pipes and balls to my bird sprays, and thought of the idea illustrated. No. 2 represents a bottle and spray, and No. 1 a



valve one of a cycle inner tube. Insert No. 1 inside No 2, and solder them together, being careful not to have the soldering iron too hot. Then get a cycle pump and connect, and you will have a spray that will last. No. 3 is a strong wire handle to hold the bottle whilst spraying the birds.

ANNFIELD PLAIN'S BIG SUCCESS

Sixth annual show, held Dec. 20, the best show ever held by the society. The venue was again the Co-operative Hall, which, with the exception of being rather badly lighted, is in other respects an ideal place for holding a show, having plenty of size, free from draughts, and kept at a nice temperature. Entries came up splendidly, totalling exactly 260, this beating last year's record, and making the best number of show held in the district this season. Quality all through was exceedingly good. Norwich and Borders especially containing many birds true to type and teeming with colour and quality. The open Linnet class proved a great attraction, and despite not being advertised, brought forth an entry of eighteen toppers, the winner being a grandly pencilled specimen. The hon. sec., Mr. R. Peart, had everything in grand order, and evidently understands the work from end to end. He is grandly supported by a fine body of fanciers, all keen workers, but a special word of praise must be given to the stewards, Messrs. J. Armstrong, R. Goodchild, W. Thompson, J. L. Reed and partner, and several others whose names we do not remember, these getting through a good day's work with every credit. Silver cup for most points with five nominated birds was won by Mr. R. Peart. Mr. G. Bates won silver cup for young birds, with a very nice team of Borders. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Armstrong, tkd. head, grand size and subs., lovely col. and qual., neat head, nice carr.; 2, Teasdale, lovely shape, deep full front, nice head, good qual., well carr. wings and tail; 3, Thompson, griz. neck, nice size, shape, good col.; 4, Forster; vhc, Goodchild; hc, Hunter; c, Christon. BUFF (5): 1, Williams, head tkd., fine size and subs., rich col., nice qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Forster, cl., not so massive but lovely shape, nice col. and qual., had been washing when judged; 3, Armstrong, varieg., plenty of size, nice shape, not the col. of leaders; 4, Goodchild; vhc, Humphrey. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Peart, neck tkd., medium size, lovely shape, short and thick set, grand col. and quality, short wings and tail; 2, Armstrong, bigger, but not so short and cobby, nice col., good wing carr.; 3, Forster, nice shape, good qual., neat wing and tail; 4, no name. BUFF (6): 1, Thompson, nice cl., fine subs., grand shape, nice back and chest, good col. and lovely qual.; 2, Armstrong, not so bold in head as leader, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 3, Humphrey, not quite the col. nice type, good qual. and carr.; 4, Williams; vhc, Goodchild; hc, Teasdale. YELL. CK., 1913 (11): 1, Williams, wing tkd., fine size, grand shape, lovely col. and qual., neat head and neck, grandly carried wings and tail, well cleaned out; 2, Hunter, cl., red hot col., fine shape, not quite so cobby, nice qual., neat head, grand wing carr.; 3, Elliott, nice shape and size, shade longer in body, good col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Yetts; hc, Peart; c, Goodchild. BUFF (10): 1, Thompson, lightly mkd., lovely shape, short and thick set, grand back and chest, good head, lovely col. and qual.; 2, vhc, hc, Williams, nice team, leader, not so stout and cobby as winner, but a good one for shape and size, lovely col. and qual., neat head, beautifully carried wings and tail; 3, Armstrong, similar to 2nd in shape, scarcely so big, neat head, nice col. and qual., lovely wing carr.; 4, Goodchild; c, Foster. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Armstrong, cl., nice size, short and stout, neat head, back and chest, good col. and qual., neatly carried wings and tail; 2, Yetts, cl., not so cobbily built, yet nice shape, good col., nice qual., neat head and wing carr.; 3, Williams, tkd. head, bit slimmer in build, good col. and qual., nice wing carriage; 4, Goodchild; vhc, Christon. BUFF (7): 1, Williams, head tkd., nice one, fine size, lovely shape, nice back and chest, good col. and qual., short, neatly carried wings and tail; 2, Armstrong, cl. short and thick set, nice head, good col., nice carr.; 3, Yetts, better col., but bit longer in body and flights, nice head, good qual. and carr.; 4, Goodchild; vhc, Bentinct; hc, Christon; c, Hunter. NAT. COL. CK. (5): 1, Williams, cl. yell., nice size and shape, lovely col., qual. of the best, nice head, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Humphrey, buff, nice shape and substance, neat head, good col. and qual., nice wing carr., a bit unsteady; 3, Peart, yell., not quite the size, nice shape and col., good qual. and carr.; 4, Teasdale; vhc, no name. HEN (5): 1, Peart, cl. buff, fine shape, nice size and subs., neat head, good col. and qual., nicely carried wings and tail; 2, Humphrey, neck tkd., yell., nice size and shape, lovely col., grand qual., neat head and neck; 3, Hunter, wing mkd. buff, nice shape, good col. and qual.; 4, Robinson; vhc, Goodchild. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Lane, griz. wing, nice length, well up, neat head and neck, nice shoulders and waist, well braced wings and tail; 2, Reed, nice length, good pos., neatly tapered, nice head, well carried wings, better col. than leader, but lacks the finish; 3, Oxley, nice length and pos., well up, neat head, nicely drawn; 4, Robinson; vhc, Oxley; hc, Reed; c, Hutchinson. BUFF (4): 1, Bentinct, stimly built, very stylish, neat head nicely rounded body, nice col. and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, Lane, nice length, good pos., well drawn, good head and neck, well braced wings and tail, shade open in feather, otherwise a nice one; 3, Oxley, similar to 2nd; 4, Reed. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Creswell, cl., nice length, well up on good legs, neat head and neck, nice shoulders, well tapered body, nicely braced wings and tail; 2, Reed, cl., nice length and pos., neat head, well drawn, nice wing carr., loses a bit in col. and feather; 3, Robinson, nice length, good pos., slim and well drawn, neat head and wing carr.; 4, Oxley; vhc, Thompson; hc, Lane; c, Foster. BUFF (6): 1, Robinson, cl., shade thick perhaps, but lovely pos., nice col., qual. of the very best, well rounded body, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Lane, varieg., nice one for length, very erect, nice shoulders and waist, good wing carr., wee shade open in feather; 3, Reed, cl., nice length, good pos., slim and well drawn neat head nice col. and qual.; 4, Oxley; vhc, Foster; hc, Hutchinson. YELL. CK., 1913 (6): 1, Oxley, cl., nice length, straight as a rush, nice head and neck, good col. and qual., well drawn, lovely wings and tail, nice col. and qual.; 2, Collins, bit shorter and not quite so good in col., grand pos., neat head, nice shoulders and waist, well tapered, neat wings and tail; 3, Reed, varieg., very neat, nice head, well rounded shoulders, lovely wings and tail, nice col. and qual.; 4, Bentinct; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Creswell. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Robinson, brace of nice ones, leader cl. fine length straight as a rush, nicely rounded shoulders well drawn, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Reed, not the length of leader, nice pos., grand col. and qual., neat head well tapered body, nicely braced wings and tail; 3, Oxley, nice length, well up, neat head, nice wing carr., good col., qual.; vhc, Collins. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Collins, nice one all over, good col. and qual., nice length, well up, well tapered and nice wing carr.; 2, Oxley, better col., but open in breast feather, nice length, good pos., well carried wings and tail; 3, Bentinct. BUFF (6): 1, Lane, cl., nice one all over, fine length well up on good legs, nice col. and qual., well braced wings and tail, 2, vhc, Robinson, 2, close up with winner, nice length and pos., good col. and qual., neat head, nice wing carr.; 3, Oxley, fine length, well up, nicely tapered body, neat head, not so good in col.; 4, Reed; hc, Hutchinson. NAT. COL. CK. (4): 1, Hutchinson, cl. yell., nice one, good length and pos., nice col. and qual., well braced wings and tail; 2, Robinson, tkd. buff, trille thicker in build, nice length, well up, good col., well carried wings; 3, Foster, varieg., nice length, good pos., neat head and neck; 4 Oxley. HEN (2): 1, Croswell, nice cl., slim and stylish, nice col. and qual. well braced wings and tail; 2, Thompson, not so slim, nice length, neat head and wing carr. CREST (1): 1, Bentinct, wing mkd. D.C., nice size crest, good shape, neat centre and droop. BORD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, Bates, wing tkd., nice shape, grandly rounded neat head, lovely col. and qual., grand wings and tail, ord lovely shape, grand col. and qual., neat head and neck; 2, Elliott (J. H.), bit slimmer build, nice col., lovely feather, neat head, well rounded, nicely balanced wings and tail; 4, Dawson; vhc, J. H. Elliott. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Bates, brace of gems, leader beautifully rounded, sweet head, lovely col. and qual., grandly carried wings and tail; 2, shade heavier build, well rounded body, nice col. and qual., neat head, neat wing and tail carr., grandly cut away; 3, vhc, J. H. Elliott, lovely shape, well rounded, sweet head, well braced wings and tail, nice qual., not quite so rich in col.; 4 Dawson; hc, c, Bowes. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Peart, fine shape, well rounded body, sweet head, lovely col. and qual., nicely braced wings and tail; 2, 4, J. H. Elliott, nice pair, leader lovely shape, sweet head, grand col. and qual.; 3, vhc, Bates, nice pair leader not the deep col. of winners, yet a good one for shape, neat head, nicely rounded body, well carried wings and tail; hc, Dawson; c, Lane. BUFF (10): 1, c, J. H. Elliott, gem for shape, beautifully rounded, sweet head and neck, nice col. and qual., well balanced all over, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Dawson, lovely shape, well rounded body, neat head, well braced wings and tail, loses in col. and qual.; 3, 4, Bates, brace of nice ones, leader bit on small side, but beautiful shape, grandly rounded, sweet head, lovely wings and tail; vhc, Yetts; hc, Bowes. GR. OR CINN. BORD. (5): 1, 3, J. H. Elliott, leader yell., good one for col. and qual., level all through, nice shape, well rounded, neat head, grand wings and tail, 3rd buff, nice shape, nicely rounded, neat head, neat wing carriage; 2, 4, Peart, yell., nice shape, neat head, well rounded body, not so rich or level in col. as leader; vhc, Dawson. MKD. BORD. (6): 1, 3, Bates, two nice ones, leader buff, fine shape, well rounded, neat markings, sweet head and neck, nice col. and qual., sweet wings and tail, 3rd varieg. buff, good shape, nice head, good col. and qual., well braced wings, not the finish of leader; 2, Dawson, yell., nicely mkd., well rounded, good col. and qual., neatly carried wings and tail, well cleaned under; 4, Bowes; vhc, hc, J. H. Elliott. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Calvert and Robinson, nice team of cinnamons, leader yell., nice shape and col., level all through, 2nd buff, good shape, short and cobby, nice col. and qual., well finished, 3rd yell., good shape, equal to leader in all but col.; vhc, no name. MULE, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Peart, leader Goldie-Greenie, nice size and shape, good col., nice polish and cond., 2nd lightly varieg. Goldie-Can., nice face, lovely wings, good col. and cond.; 3, Lane, dark Goldie-Can., grand size, lovely col., fine flushed face, grand col. and cond; 4, Humphrey; vhc, Robinson; hc, Collins. GOLDF. (8): 1, Robinson, not a big one, but lovely blaze col., pure in tone, nicely tanned body, lovely wings and buttons, grand condition; 2, Gowland, bigger blaze, but not the rich col., nice size and shape, neatly tanned, nice cond.; 3, Collins, nice one for size and shape, good blaze, not so rich in colour as leader, nice tans, bit unsteady; 4, Elliott; vhc, Thompson; hc, Armstrong; c, Humphrey. BULLF. (6): 1, Williams, lovely size and shape, grand shaped cap, pure and dense in col., nice body col., carried well under, lovely back and bars; 2, Lane, not the size of leader, grand breast col., lovely cap, dense and pure in col., nice back, but lacks the wing bars, nice condition; 3, Gowland, nice size and shape, good shaped cap, nice body col., good col., lacks the finish of leaders; 4, Collins; vhc, Goodchild; hc, Williams. A.O. HARDBILL (8): 1, c, Lane, Chaffie, not a big one, but lovely col. and cond., grand whites, lovely cap, nice breast col., not a feather out of place; 2, Humphrey, Twite, fine size and shape, lovely col., grandly pencilled, nice feather and cond., steady; 3, Bentinct, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape, good col and cond.; 4 Peart; vhc, W. Elliott; hc, Creswell; c, Lane. LINNET, F.M. (8): 1, 2, Calvert and Robinson, fine size and shape, lovely col., fine pencilling, clear all over, nice cond., 2nd nice size and shape, well pencilled, not so level in backwork, nice col. and cond.; 3 Collins, good one, but smaller, nicely pencilled, good col., nice feather and cond.; 4, c, Gowland; vhc, Thompson; hc, Creswell. H.M. (3): 1, Bentinct, plenty of size, fine shape, grandly pencilled, clean and distinct, rich col. and nice cond.; 2, Humphrey, nice size and shape not the col. of leader, nice pencilling, very profuse; 3, Peart, shapely, nice feather, rather unsteady. SOFTBILL (1): 1, W. Elliott, Song Thrush, good size and shape, well mkd., nice col. and cond. REDPOLL (9): 1, Calvert and Robinson, Lesser, grand size, nice col., grandly tanned, nice col. and lacing, neat bib, lovely cond. and polish; 2, Thompson, not the size of winner, lovely col., well tanned body, lovely bib, grand feather and condition; 3, Creswell, fine size and shape, good lacing, nice back and wings; 4, Dawson; vhc, Lane; hc, Humphrey; c, Goodchild. GREEN. (7): 1, Creswell, fine size, short and cobby, bold head and chest, grand col., nice wings, grand condition; 2, Collins, not the size of leader, nice shape, neat head, but not so bold as leader, lovely col. and cond.; 3, Peart, plenty of size, short and thick set, big bold head nice col., lacks the grand finish of leaders; 4, W. Elliott; vhc, Bentinct; hc, Gowland; c, Humphrey. FOR. (6): 1, 3, hc, W. Elliott, leaders Nutmeg Finches, lovely feather, grand cond., 3rd Waxbills, nice col., fine feather and cond.; 2, vhc, Creswell, pair yell. Budgerigars, lovely feather, nice col and cond.; 4, Dawson, Green Budgerigars. OPEN LINNET (18): 1, 4, W. Hunter, leader gem all over, fine size and shape, grand head and back, fine cond; 2, Jamieson and Johnson medium size, lovely col.; 3, Davidson, grand size, lovely shape, plenty of good pencilling; vhc, c, Boyd; hc, Thompson; a grand class.

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SCUNTHORPE C.B.A.

Show held Dec. 26. YORKS.: Firth, 1913: 1, Firth; 2, Stainton; 3, Lings. NOR.: 1, 2, Fox. 1913: 1, 2, Stainton; 3, Humphreys. A.O.V.: Lings. GOLD.: 1, Humphreys; 2, Swindells. LINNET: 1, Humphreys; 2, 3, Fawcett. MULE: 1, Lings; 2, Firth; 3, Fox.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Monthly Table Show, held Headquarters, Dec. 22, judge, Mr. J. Moorhouse, Melsham. 66 birds were staged. YORKS., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Lawford and Son; 2, W. Sykes; 3, Rhodes; vhc, F. Sykes; hc, c, Cawtheray and Son. BUFF (16): 1, Radley; 2, W. Sykes; 3, Cawtheray and Son; vhc, hc, Townend; c, Gee. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 3, Cawtheray and Son; 2, W. Sykes; vhc, Townend; hc, Rhodes; c, Lawford and Son. BUFF (12): 1, Haigh; 2, Radley; 3, W. Sykes; vhc, F. Sykes; hc, Cawtheray and Son; c, Gledhill. CINN. MKD. CK. (3): 1, 2, Rhodes; 3, Lawford and Son. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Jackson; 2, Morris; 3, Taylor. BUFF (3): 1, Jackson; 2, Cawtheray and Son; 3, Morris. HEN (5): 1, Jackson; 2, vhc, Morris; 3, hc, Taylor.—A. Lawford, Sec.

DEWSBURY C.B.S.

Show held Dec. 26. 77 birds of good quality faced the judge, Mr. H. H. Clarke, Bradford, and his awards met with general approval.

CL. or TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, M. Fisher; 2, Rayner; 3, c, Clough; vhc, Tolson; hc, Broadbent. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Clegg; 3, Rayner; vhc, Clough; hc, Tolson; c, Fisher. UNEVEN. YELL. CK.: 1, W. Wisher; 2, Shaw; 3, c, Taylor; vhc, nc, Hirst. BUFF: 1, hc, Hirst; 2, W. Fisher; 3, J. Hutchinson; vhc, Rayner; c, Barker. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Clegg; 2, W. Fisher; vhc, Clough; hc, Shaw; c, Barker. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, Hirst; 3, c, W. Fisher; hc, Rayner; hc, Barker. UNEVEN. YELL. HEN: 1, W. Fisher; 2, Hirst; 3, Barker; vhc, Rayner; hc, Tolson; c, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Clough; 2, Hirst; 3, W. Fisher; vhc, Tolson. HEAVILY VARIEG. CK.: 1, vhc, Broadbent; 2, Taylor; 3, Lee; hc, Milness; c, Hutchinson. BRIT.: 1, Taylor; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Tolson; vhc, hc, Barker; c, Hutchinson.—L. Barker.

RHAYADER

Ninth annual show, held Nov. 22 and 23, in the Drill Hall. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the Hon. Sec., Mr. Jas. Hamer, who had everything in first class order. He was ably assisted by the stewards and show committee. The hall is large, well lighted, and is an ideal place for a show. Quality was really splendid. Mr. R. Bowker, Nantwich, judged, and his awards seemed to please all.

CAN (10): 1, Muscott, green Crest, good radiation and droop, in fine form; 2, Smith, Nor., grand stamp, good col. and qual., in grand order; 3, Beard, varieg. Crest, not the size of winner, still a good one; res, Walters; vhc, Davies; hc, Evans; c, Davies. GOLD. (7): 1, Evans, nice bird, medium size, good col., rich blaze; 2, Muscott, larger, well tanned Crest, moons clear and distinct, not quite so rich in blaze; 3, Evans, another good one, beaten a bit in size and col.; res, Pugh; vhc, Evans; hc, Morris. A.O.V. (7): 1, Muscott, red-beaded Gouldian Finch, a taking exhibit, lovely colours, well shown; 2, Evans, var. Goldie Mule, ratber wild, nice exhibit; 3, res, vhc, Smitb, Orange Bishop, very smart, well shown; hc, Evans.

ASTWOOD BANK.

Show held Dec. 26. The entry was fairly good and the exhibits were of nice quality. Messrs. R. Warwood and A. W. Austin made a capital brace of secretaries, being most courteous and energetic, whilst the committee composed of the following enthusiastic fanciers, did their work well. Messrs. H. Warwood (chair), A. R. Linley, J. Court, W. Wheeler, F. Ralph, H. Hunt, F. Robinson, F. Johnson, W. H. Kirkham, T. Mills, jun., A. Perkins, H. Blick, and H. Turner. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. (12): 1, sp, cup, 2, res, vhc, hc, c, Austin, very smart, stylish, well feathered, mkd. yell.; 2, cinn.-mkd. buff, nice style and feather, not quite so slim; 3, Parker, good showy yell., nice col. and feather. A.O.V. (7): 1, sp, Austin, lovely coloured, neat capped, well feathered Bullie; 2, Mills, charming Siskin, rare col. feather and markings; 3, res, c, Turner, capital Budgerigar, well mkd., rich col.; vhc, Mills.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Last show of season held Dec. 20, at Victoria Hotel, with an entry of 60. Mr. J. Bailey judged, and his awards were well received. The Society's silver cup was won by Mr. W. Goodwin with Mr. E. Shepherd a close runner up. Sp. for best yellow was won by Mr. H. Oldrieve; best buff, Mr. E. Shepherd. Complete list of points for season: Champ.: Goodwin, 104; Shepherd, 99; Boocock, 94. Nov.: Bloomfield, 80; Bryant, 77; Ellis, 59; Fretwell, 56; Oldrieve, 56. CL. or TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Goodwin; 2, Boocock; 3, Shepherd; 4, Hall; vhc, Fretwell; hc, Cotterill; c, Oldrieve. BUFF (7): 1, sp, vhc, Shepherd; 2, Boocock; 3, Hall; 4, Ellis; hc, Oldrieve; c, Fretwell. MKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Goodwin; 2, Bryant; 4, Alred; vhc, c, Cotterill; hc, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, 3, Goodwin; 2, Boocock; 4, Shepherd; vhc Hall. UNFLIG. (9): 1, sp, 3, Oldrieve; 2, Bloomfield; 4, c, Shepherd; vhc, Goodwin; hc, Bryant. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Bryant; 3, c, Fretwell; 4, Bloomfield; vhc, Hall; hc, Cotterill. BUFF (5): 1, Oldrieve; 2, Boocock; 3, Hall; 4, Bloomfield; vhc, Ellis. MKD. HEN (10): 1, Ellis; 2, Cotterill; 3, Goodwin; 4, Hall; vhc, Alred; hc, Bloomfield; c, Bryant.—H. Bryant, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER, SALFORD, AND DISTRICT (Amalgamated)

Third annual show, St. Mark's Institute, Cheetham Hill, Dec. 20. 75 classes were put on, out of which 29 had to be cancelled. Three specials were given in each of the nine sections for most points, and special for best in section. Best Open YORKS., Bain. NOR.: Cook, Caldbeck. BRIT., Oldham. MULES: Oldham. AMAT. YORKS.: Musgrave. NOR.: Rev. Wragg. NOV. YORKS.: Cooper. NOR.: Salthouse. BRIT.: Hope. Most points open BORD., 1, sp, best bird, Long; 2, Colley; 3, Riley. BRIT.: 1, Oldham; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Downing. YORKS.: 1 Bain. Nor.: 1, Cook; 2, Caldbeck. AMAT. YORKS.: 1, Evans; 2, Taylor; 3, Musgrave. NOR.: 1, Rev. Wragg; 2, McKail; 3, Rev. Gaul. NOV. YORKS.: 1, Cooper; 2, Butler; 3, Riley. NOR.: 1, Colley; 2, Robinson; 3, Salthouse. BRIT.: 1, Hope; 2, Shaw; 3, Hill. The show was a very poor one considering four societies were showing together: Manchester and N.C.O.S., Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., North Manchester C.B.S., and the Pendleton and Salford O.S. The total entry being only 147. Mr. E. Darley judged Yorks., Bord., and Brit., and Mr. W. N. Turner the remainder.—H. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

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Fourth annual show held Corn Market Hall, Dec. 25. The hall is of good size, well lighted from the top, and very suitable for a show. The exhibits were well staged and well looked after. Entries showed an increase of nearly 100 on last year's total, and quality was far ahead of former years. Borders were a grand lot, 42 for three classes some outstanding exhibits amongst them. We think it would be advisable to add a few more classes next year, as they have been increasing in favour. In Nor. there were some grand classes, and some very hot ones for the judge to handle—many withm' tarkets. There were 34 for the two classes. Brit. and Mules were well supported. Silver cup for best Canary was won by Wm. Allison, silver cup best Hyb. or British, F Stanford; silver cup most points, J. D. Hird; silver centrepiece best unflig. Nor., A. W. McArthur; silver cup best Bord., R. Gentleman, also silver medal for second best Canary. Silver medals: Best Brit., J. D. Hird, also 2nd best Hyb. or Brit.; 2nd most points, Wm. Allison; most entries, G. Baxter, jun.; runner-up for centrepiece, W. Campbell; 2nd best Bord., J Craig. Hyde's sp. was won by Wm. Bremner; sp. most points local, Garden and Junner. The courteous and untiring sec., Mr. Jas. Lumsden, along with his committee, are to be complimented on the splendid success of the exhibition. The show was well patronised all day, and there were a good few exhibitors present from a distance. Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) judged, and his awards were well received all over.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp, Allison, grand col. and size, rare head and neck, good body and shape well fed, nice flights and tail, grand cond.; 2, Hird, good body and size, rare col. and qual. nice neck and flights; 3, vhc, sp, Baxter, jun., nice type, flights and tail, good body and head, fine size and neck; he, Garden and Junner; c Smith. HEN (6): 1, sp, cup, Allison, best Canary in show, rare type, body and size, good head and neck, nice flights and tail, fine even col. and qual., well shown, fit; 2, Baxter, jun., good body and size, rare col. and qual., nice neck and wings, loses in head; 3, sp, Mackie, good col. and qual., nice head and neck, well shown; vhc, Shearer; he, Garden and Junner; c, Wattie. CL. OR TKD. BUFF CK. (9): 1, sp, Garden and Junner, grand size and body, good col. and qual., rare head and neck, well fed, nice wing carr., well staged; 2, Allison, rare col. and qual., good body and size, nice neck, pinched in face a little; 3, Donaldson, good head and neck, fine col. and qual., nice wings, fails size to winners; vhc, sp, Goodall; he, Wattie; c, Shearer. HEN (11): 1, sp, Allison, rare head and neck, good body and size, fine type, col., and qual., rare bloom; 2, Smith, well fed Buff, good size, col., and qual., nice body and neck, fine wings, fails head, otherwise presses hard; 3, Craigen, good body and size, rare col. and qual., well shown, not much between them; vhc, sp, Mackie; he, Ross; c, Garden and Junner. VARIEG. CK. (7): 1, sp, Allison, Buff, rare body and size, grand col. and qual., good head and neck. mkd eyes and wings, well shown; 2, vhc, Garden and Junner, dark yell., good body col. and qual., fine size and neck, nice wing carr., fails head to winner; 3, sp, Donaldson, yell., rare col. and qual., nice head and neck, loses in body and wing carr.; he, Baxter, jun.; c, Stewart and Sons. HEN (5): 1, sp, Garden and Junner, buff, rare body, size and type, good col. and qual., nicely mkd., rare head and neck, in nice bloom; 2, Donaldson, grand col. and qual., nice body, head and neck, fine wings; 3, sp, Maclean, eye mkd. yell., grand body and type, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, fine wing carr., wet when being judged, or might have changed tickets; vhc, Goodall; he, Shearer. PAIRS (7): 1, sp Goodall, yell. mkd. head and cl. buff colour-fed, rare heads and bodies, good size, col., and qual., fine wings, nicely matched, well shown; 2, vhc, Shearer, large cl. yell. fed, fine even col., good body and qual., loses in head, buff, good body and neck, fails col. and size; 3, sp, McArthur, cl. yell. and buff variegated, natural, nice col. and qual., lose in heads, good size and type, yellow deficient in nails; he, Fraser and Ross; c, Brenner. UNFLIG. (18), grand class: 1, sp, Garden and Juuner, yell. variegated, grand head and neck, good col. and qual., well mkd., fine wing carr., well put down; 2, vhc, sp, c, Allison, cl. buff fed, rare head and neck, good body, size and shape, nice qual., a bit broken in col.; vhc, cl. yell. fed, rare col. and qual., nice body and shape, loses in head, close up; 3, Campbell, medal runner-up for Mackie's sp, yell. variegated, grand head and neck, rare col. and qual., good body and size, well shown; he, Mackie, some good birds necessarily standing cardless. HEN (16), another good class: 1, sp, medal, 2, c, Allison, fed yell. mkd. wings, rare type, col., and qual., good head and neck, well shown, wins; 2nd cl. buff fed, rare col. and qual., good size, body and neck, loses in head and tail; 3, Macdonald, nat. cl. yell., nice type, col. and qual., good head and neck, fails wing carr., presses winner hard; vhc, sp, Baxter, jun.; he, Chalmers. There might be four classes for unflig. birds—two clears and two variegated—as there were some grand birds in both classes standing without a ticket. NAT. COL. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, sp, medal, Mackie's sp, McArthur, rare body and size, grand head and neck, fine wings and tail, nice col. and qual., well shown; 2, Mackie, grizzle cap, nice size and body, good head and neck, loses in wings and col.; 3, Campbell, good col., head and neck, nice size, rather slim; vhc, sp, George; he, Fraser; c, Fraser and Ross. HEN (7): 1, sp, Ross and Duncan, rare type, col. and qual., nice head and neck, fine wing carr., good body, well staged; 2, Hird, large, good body and neck, rare col. and qual., loses in head; 3, sp, McBean, nice type, body and size, good col. and qual.; vhc, Allan; he, Maclean; c, George. BUFF CK. (9): 1, sp, Garden and Junner, rare size, body and shape, grand head and neck, good flights and tail, nice col. and qual., wins; 2, Ross, good size, head and neck, fine col. and qual., loses in body only; 3, Macdonald, nice type, col. and qual., good body and size; vhc, sp, Murray; he, McArthur; c, Grigor. HEN (9): 1, sp, 3, Garden and Junner, grand size, shape and body, good head and neck, fine wing carr., nice col. and qual.; 3rd nice type and body, good col. and neck, loses in head; 2, Maclean, sweet exhibit, rare col. and qual., grand type, head and neck, fails size, otherwise presses winner hard; vhc, sp, Glass; he, Goodall; c, Shearer. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, sp, Ross and Duncan, dark yell., rare col. and qual., good body and size, nice head and neck, well shown; 2, Alexander, yell., good body and size, nice flights and col., fine head and neck, not so well finished; 3, sp, Chalmers, heavy variegated, grand col. and qual., nice head and neck, rather slim; vhc, Maclean; he, Fraser. HEN (13): 1, sp, Goodall, yell., nice type, good body and size, rare col. and qual., well shown; 2, McArthur, dark yell., good head and neck, fine col. and qual., nice wings, fails type; 3, Murray, rare col. and qual., nice size and shape, a bit fine; vhc, sp, Fraser; he, Grigor; c, Chalmers. GR. OR FOIL GR. (6): 1, sp, 2, Allan, yell., rare col. and qual., good head and neck, well mkd., 2, buff, nice head and neck, rare size, good col. and qual.; 3, sp, Ross and Duncan, buff, good size, body and col., loses in head and flights; vhc, Wattie; he, Grant; c, George. CREST (2). 1, sp, 2, Craigen, variegated, D.C., good body and size nice col. and qual., fine made crest, well shown, 2nd Gr., rare size and col., good feather and crest. C.B. (2): 1, sp, 2, Craigen, variegated, rare body and size, plenty of feather, nice col. and qual., wins; 2nd nice variegated, loses in body and head. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (14), grand class: 1, two sps, cup, medal, second best in show, Gentleman, typical yell., rare col. and qual., good wing carr., fine head and neck, nice body, shown in tip-top order, 2, 3, Craig, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, 3rd good type, col., and qual., fine flights and tail, close up; vhc, sp, Commeline; he, Simpson; c, George. BUFF (10): 1, sp, medal, second best Bord., Craig, rare type, col., and qual., good head and neck, fine wings and tail, well shown, fit; 2, Simpson, good one, close up, loses in type only; 3, Commeline, rare col. and qual., nice type; vhc, sp, Gentleman; he, Smith; c, Blackie. A.O.C. (13): 1, sp, Gentleman, Cinn., nice type, col., and qual., good head and neck, in nice bloom, 2, vhc, sp, c, Blackie, yell. gr., loses in type, otherwise presses winner hard; 3, Craig, buff variegated, good colour, head and neck, fine wings, carr., and cond., close up; he, Simpson. A.O.V. (13): 1, sp, Ross, fed cl. yell. Yorks, grand col. and qual., good head and neck, fine reach and shape, well shown; 2, Craigen, yell. Cinn., good head and neck, nice col. and qual., well mkd.; 3, vhc, sp, c, Rhind, fed yell. var. Yorks, grand col. and reach, nice body and shape, fine head and neck; he, Junor. NOV. NOR. (10): 1, sp, Cowie, cl. buff fed, good body and size, rare head and neck, nice flights and tail; 2, Bremner, yell variegated rare type and body, good head and neck, loses in col. and tail; 3, McKay, cl. yell. natural, rare head and neck, nice body and size, fails cond.; vhc, sp, Gordon; he, Geddes; he, McArthur; c, Miss Anderson; c, Norman. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, sp, cup, Stamford, light Goldie Mule, rare size, col. and qual., nice shape, well mkd., tip-top order, wins; 2, he, Junor, smart Hybrid, good size and col., well mkd., close up; 3, sp, Hird, variegated Goldie Mule, heavily mkd. on wings, nice face mark, good size and col.; vhc, Baxter, jun.; c, Watt. DARK (7): 1, sp, Hird, Goldie, rare size, col., and qual. well mkd., not fed, well shown, 2, Watt, Grecnie Mule, smart exhibit, close up; 3, sp Gordon, Linnet Mule, nat. col., nicely mkd., loses in size; vhc, he, c, Reid. GOLDF. (6): 1, sp, Stamford, grand col. and size, fine rich blaze well mkd., very steady, in fine trim; 2, vhc, Junor, nice one, not so rich in blaze; 3, sp, Fraser and Ross, good size and col., nice blaze, fails markings, well shown; he, Walker; c, Stewart and Sons, BULLF. CK. (6): 1, sp, Baxter, jun., rare size and col., good head, cap, and bars, a bit rough; 2, Grant good one, not so big, otherwise might have changed; 3, sp, Junor, good size, head and cap, nice bars, loses in breast col. a little; vhc, Geddes; he, c, Fraser and Ross. HEN (6): 1, sp, Law, rare head and cap, nice body and bars; 2, Gentleman, rare col. and qual., good body, head and bars, smaller, but our choice; 3, sp, Bain Bros., large hen, loses in colour to winners; vhc, McArthur; he, Geddes; c, Junor. GREENF. (10): 1, sp, Gentleman, grand size, body and shape, rare col. and qual., nicely mkd., well shown; 2, Grant, another good one, loses in col. to winner; 3, Donaldson, grand col. and qual., well mkd.; vhc, sp, Baxter, jun.; he, G. McArthur; c, A. McArthur. LINNET OR TWITE (7): 1, sp, two medals, 2, Hird, 1st best Brit., Linnet, grand size and col., well laced, fine whites, very steady, well shown; 2nd nice Linnet, Roses in breast markings; 3, sp, Baxter, jun., good size, well laced, not so steady; vhc, Grant; he, c, Fraser and Ross. SISKIN OR REDPOLL (12): 1, sp, he, McAdam, Siskin, grand bib and cap, rare col. and markings, good size, well shown, wins; 2, Gentleman, another nice one, not so well laced as winner; 3, Junor, Siskin, good size and col., well mkd., fails bib, close up; vhc, sp, Cowie; c, McArthur. A.O.V. SMALL (7): 1, sp, 3, sp, vhc, Robertson, Black Redstart, good col. and size, well mkd., very steady, well shown; 3, Bearded Tit, good col. and markings, close up; 2, Stamford, grand coloured Chaffinch, rare size and shape, well mkd., pressed hard; he, Junor; c, Fraser and Ross. LARGE (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, sp, Thomson, Waxwing, grand col. and qual., good size, nicely mkd. and well staged; 2nd Missel Thrush, rare col. and size, well mkd. breast, close up; 3rd Blackbird, good col. and shape, nice size, loses in beak; vhc, Gentleman. PAIR FOR HYB. BREEDING (4): 1, sp, vhc, Campbell, pied Linnet and Bullf. hen, well matched, shown in tip-top order; 2, Anderson, Goldie and Greenie, very nice pair, not so well shown; 3, sp, Fraser and Ross, Mealy Redpoll and Siskin, good size, well mkd. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, Alexander, pair Green Budgerigars, rare size and col., nicely mkd., well shown; 2, c, McArthur, pair Yell. Budgerigars, nice col. and marking, not so showy; 3, Robertson, Orange Bishop, good size and col., well shown, might have changed; vhc, Stewart and Sons; he, Fraser and Ross. GIFT (9): 1, Shearer; 2, Watt; 3, Baxter, jun.; vhc, Hird; he, Allan; c, Macdonald. JUVENILE A.V. CAN. (12): 1, sp, Ross, fed yell. variegated, good col., size and shape, nice head and neck, wins; 2, Murray, nat. cl., large, good body, head and neck, nice col., close up; 3, Allan, yell. grizzle Can., rare col. and size, good head and qual., fails body; vhc, sp, Reid; he, Murray; c, Grant.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Grange-over-Sands (Lancs.).—Victoria Hall, Jan. 8. Judge, R. J. Metcalfe. 14 open cl., Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, Sell 1, For. 2. Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., if 9 entries. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 5 to J. C. Mossop, Grange-over-Sands.

Belper (Derby).—Public Hall, Jan. 17, Judge, J. Adsitt. 8 cl., Nor. 2, Yorks. 3, Sell 1, Nov. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Jan. 10 to Stillman and Holden, Belper.

Llanelly (Wales).—Market Hall, Jan. 13. Judges, H. W. Battye, C. Houlton. 57 cl., Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Sell 4, Local 5, Mules 5, Brit. 19, For 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 13 to D. John, 9, Pottery Place.

Sunderland (Durham).—Miners' Hall, Roger Avenue, Jan. 16 17. Judges, W. A. Cowgill, J. Johnston, G. Wilson. 47 open cl., Nor. 8, Crest 4, Yorks. 8, Bord. 9, Liz. 2, Sell 3, Mules 2, Brit 8, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., if 8 entries. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 12 to J. Peacock, 6, Whitburn Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland.

Burton-on-Trent (Staffs.).—Old Drill Hall, Trent Bridge, Jan. 28 29. Judge, J. H. Roe. 12 cl., Nor. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, Sell 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 22 to E. Goodhead, 18, Horninglow Street.

LONGTON (Lancs.)

A nice open show of Norwich was run by the Longton F.S., in the National School, Dec. 27. Mr. Bob Johnson and his poultry confreres are to be congratulated on a nice little show, and we hope they will come out on the right side. Mr. T. S Howarth proved an efficient and courteous manager, and the thanks of cage bird fanciers are due to him for getting the classes put on. Mr. Bob Johnson was one of the secretaries, and especially looked after the cage bird section. Entries did not come up as well as they should have done. Four money prizes, with a cash special in each class ought to have brought forth more than 80 in eleven classes. Perhaps the festive season had something to do with it. The birds were packed and at the station by 6.30, and fanciers will do well to remember this next year when the Longton schedule comes round. Mr. Joe Thomas won gold medal for best Norwich. Mr. J. McAndrew medal best novice Norwich. Another outstanding bird was the winning unlighted buff belonging to Mr. Barnes, the popular president of the N.P.C. Mr. Tom Dent made the awards, and little fault could be found with his placings. In the afternoon the show was visited by quite a lot of the gentry from the immediate neighbourhood, and the cage birds seemed to have no little attraction for them.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Marsh, well known cap mark, extra size, rare type and feather, down in col., good cond.; 2, c, Lingard, ch., nice col. and qual. of feather, trifle longer in barrel; 3, T. Johnson, big cl., loses in quality of feather; 4, Barnes; vhc, Hirst; he, Cottam. BUFF (6): 1, Thomas, monster, tremendous head, deep chest, wide back, grand wing and tail carr., lovely qual. feather and clean under, wins easy; 2, Hirst, well known variegated, neat head and neck, nice qual. feather, good shape, down in col.; 3, T. Johnson, rump mkd., nice qual. and col.; 4, Crawshaw, beaten size only; vhc, Johnson; he, Granger. HENS (10): 1, Granger, well known cl. buff, neat in head, good qual. feather, nice deep chest; 2, Joe Thomas, cl. yell., nice type and qual., rare col. for a hen, beaten head properties; 3, Crawshaw, black tail, yell., lovely qual. and type; 4, c, Lingard, big cl. buff; vhc, T. Johnson; he, Cottam. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Granger, cl., lovely type and silky feather, nice short body, and well scooped out; 2, Crawshaw, Liverpool and Burnley winner, nice col., good qual., wants a bit more subs.; 3, Thomas, nice wing and tail carr., good shape, with more size would be a good 'un; 4, Issott, nice type, loses a little in col.; he, Marsh; c, Hirst. BUFF (8): 1, Barnes, cl., nice size, lovely silky feather, very good head and neck, nice bold eye, and deep chest, stands like a Boniface, wins; 2, Thomas, well known grizzle back, little wider in head and better col., but beaten in general outline, and all round excellence; 3, Hirst, cl., nice col., silky texture of feather, not the body nor the head properties of first two; 4, Crawshaw, nice shape and col; vhc, R. Johnson; he, Marsh; c, T. Johnson. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Thomas, well known var. yell., good wide head and shoulders; 2, Sunderland and Thornton, nearly gr. yell., beaten head properties, trifle too slim; 3, R. Johnson, big cl. buff, nice col., just a trifle too much feather; 4, T. N. Howarth; vhc, Fish. NOV. YELL. (8): 1, Kelsall, cl., rare col., nice qual. feather, neat head and neck, trifle lively; 2, McAndrew, eyes and wings mkd., red as Harry Marsh's heel, wins Sandiford's special; 3, Catterall, cl., nice col., rich feather, trifle long in barrel, nice wings; 4, Howarth, only beaten size; vhc, Spencer; he, Sunderland and Thornton; c, Nickson. BUFF (6): 1, McAndrew, big variegated, wide head and shoulders, grand stock bird, wins novice medal; 2, Kelsall, cl., extra size, rare deep chest, beaten wing carr.; 3, Irving, variegated, grand qual., neat head and neck, wide chest, trifle too fat; 4, Lambert; vhc, Nickson; he, Howarth. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Lambert, nice shape, good qual., rare deep chest, neat head; 2, Howarth, wing and neck mkd., extra qual. feather and col., just loses in head; 3, Irving, bigger, cl., neat head and neck, trifle long; 4, Spencer; vhc, Catterall. BUFF (7): 1, McAndrew, nice cl., rare col. and qual., nice full chest and neck; 2, Spencer, good wide back and front, beaten head and tail carr.; 3, Sunderland and Thornton, neat head and neck, good qual., trifle slim; 4, vhc, Nickols, big, cl., better head, good deep chest and type, we liked; he, Howarth; c, Nickson. HENS (8): 1, Nickson, good deep chested yell., rare head, full neck and shoulders, but a bit soiled; 2, McAndrew, cl. yell., nice size, rare col., bit longer in tail, neat head and neck; 3, Howarth, cl. buff, big bird, good bold head and thick body, nice qual., good cond.; 4, Spencer; vhc, he, Kelsall; c, Nicholls.

SOUTHPORT C.B.S.

Show held Phœnix Hall Nov. 29. Mr. E. Sutton won Paton. cup for most points throughout the year, and tied with Mr. J. Tinaker for the society's cup. Mr. P. Waring, Preston, judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, c, Johnson; 2, 3, he, Sutton, two clears, nice type and qual., neat heads and wing carriage, rare colour; vhc, Fawcett. BUFF (10): 1, Johnson; 2, c, Sutton, variegated, big bird, nice feather and type, grand col.; 3, Fawcett, var., neat head and neck, grand body; vhc, Whitehead; he, Cookson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Johnson; 2, Fawcett, cl. yell., rare size and col., good head and neck, neat tail; 3, he, c, Sutton, grizzle head, grand feather and type, unflig.; vhc, Cookson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Sutton, two clears, alike as two peas, nice qual., winner best head; 3, vhc, Cookson, both var., grand type and qual. YORKS. YELL: 1, 3, vhc, Tinaker, wing mkd., unflig., rare length and posi., feather like silk; 2, he, Nixon, mark wing and forehead, lengthy bird, beaten qual. feather; c, Wright. BUFF: 1, c, Wright, nice feather and type, neat head, well rounded body, bit low on leg; 2, vhc, he, Nixon, bigger and straighter up, nice qual., beaten in wings and tail; 3, Tinaker, cl., long, slim bird, well rounded head and neck. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Tinaker, clears, long, slim birds, grand qual., wings, and tail; 3, c, Wright, trifle weak in neck, neat head and qual.; vhc, he, Nixon. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Nixon, long and slim, neat head and neck, nice pos.; 2, trifle stout; 3, Tinaker, big one, grand qual. feather, grand legs.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Results of members' competition. 1913:—OPEN YORKS—W. Helliwell, 118 points; F. Ludbrook, 108; T. Elsegood, 87; H. Birbeck, 48 NOV.—T. Smith, 129; E. Riley, 124; S. Bower, 89; H. McEwen, 69. OPEN NOR.—T. Fortman, 117; J. Roe, 110; W. Plowright, 109; J. Horsfield, 44. NOV.—B. Airton, 59; G. Hunter, 45; J. Lythell, 30; J. W. Kaberry, 21. A.O.V.—J. Clark, 7. T. Smith won cup for most points in Yorks; T. Fortman cup most points in Nor.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

TRURO.

Annual show held Dec 26, in the Public Baths, Norwich and York were a prohibited lot, birds of very high merit being staged, a new feature this year was a class for Buffs, which seem to be coming to the front in Cornwall. The Goldie class was champion, and two sets of winners could be found, the winner being claimed by many. Sec. Mr. C. H. Joy, got through his work without trouble either to himself or committee. He was well backed up by a lot of hard-working fanciers, and everything went off like clock work. The judges, Mr. E. Webb (Yorks), and Mr. E. White (the remainder), got through their work in good time.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (7): J. Sherman, good size and shape, nice col. and qual., good head and neck; 2, Kemp, neat head and neck, good qual.; 3, Rowe and Richards, nice col. and qual., neat head and neck; vhc, Comins; he Andrew, c, Hosken Bros. BUFF (6): 1, spl. Comins, short, thick set, very hot col., good bold head, short wings and tail, nice qual.; 2, 3, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, nice size and shape, good col. and qual., fails little head properties, 3rd nice shape and style, good placed wings, full of quality; he, Andrew; c, Green. IMP. OR VARIEG. (6): 1, Sherman, variegated, nice col. and qual., good head and neck, nice wings; 2, Perrin, variegated, yell., hot colour, good head and chest, smart wing carr., grand qual.; 3, Hill, thigh tkd. buff, capital subs., good full neck and front, neat wings, good qual.; res, Stephens and Gaved; vhc, Martin; he, c, Andrew. NON-FLIGHTED (13): 1, spl, Comins, yell., capital size and type, beautifully rounded, nice wings, good col. and qual., 2, Pascoe, good buff, good subs. and style, neat full head, nice col., 3, Stephens and Gaved, buff, good back and wings, nice feather; res, Hill; vhc, Curnow; he, c, Stephens. HEN (11): 1, 3, Martin, yell. leading, grand type and style, full front, nice wings and tail, good col., 3rd buff, very short and chubby, lovely col., full of qual.; 2, Hill, mkd. wing buff, good type and qual., nice col.; res, Kemp; vhc, he, Stephens and Gaved; c, Coad. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, spl, 2, Boundy, good length and style, nice wings and tail, 2nd good shoulders, nice shaped head, bit patchy in col.; 3, Andrew, good head, shoulders, and back, nice wings; res, Julian; vhc, Hosken Bros.; c, Peters. BUFF (10): 1, Andrew, good type and style, nice head, back, and wings; 2, Richards, full of qual., good head, shoulders, and wings; 3, vhc, Julian, close up, nicely moulded, capital wings and tail; res, Boundy; he, Allen; c, Peters. NON-FLIGHTED (18): 1, Boundy, fine bold bird, grand length and style, nicely drawn; 2, Peters, close up, good buff, fine length, nicely moulded, good wings and tail; 3, res, Nicholls, very fine buff, grand length, nicely filled in, nice col.; vhc, Richards; he, Eddy; c, Ellis. HEN (18): 1, Boundy, charming buff, nice size and type, grand back and wings; 2, vhc, Peters, buff, splendidly moulded and rounded, nicely cut away, tight as wax; 3, he, Allen, buff, lovely size and type, grand back and wings; res, Nicholls; c, Ellis. BORD. (12): 1, 3, res, Dunstan, very typical yell., tight as wax, lovely wings and tail, good col., 3rd buff, teeming with qual., sweetly moulded, both in the pink; 2, Urwin, cinn. mkd. yell., lovely type and style, good cond.; vhc, Andrew; he, Dunstan; c, Doidge. NAT. COL. (13): 1, spl, vhc, Hawken, yell. Nor., nice col., good type wings and tail; 2, res, c, Stephens and Gaved, tkd. neck and wing, good size and type, well braced wings; 3 Andrew, Scotch, loses type. MULE (5): 1, sp, he, Stephens and Gaved, buff Goldie, good size, nice wings, some thought might have given way to 2, 3, vhc, Collins, fine variegated. Greenie, wonderful size, good bold head, grand col. and qual., 3rd Goldie-Greenie, grand shape and qual., gem for richness of col. GOLDF. (11): 1, spl, Michael, nice size and shape, grand wing bars, fine depth of tanning, stands alone for richness of col. and polish (claimed); 2, vhc, Polkinghorne, two good birds, leader beautifully proportioned, nice broad blaze, richly tanned, lovely qual.; 3, Stephens and Gaved, lovely square cut blaze, nice wing bars and good depth of tanning; res, Rowe and Richards; he, Roberts; c, Hellen. A.O. FINCH OR BUNTING (10): 1, spl, 2, Rowe and Richards, Cirl Bunting leading, good col. and well mkd., 2nd Bullie, good depth of col., nice cap and bib; 3, res, Collins, Bramble, well spangled, grand col., steady; vhc, c, Winn; he, Stephens and Gaved. LARGE BRIT. (5): 1, spl, 2, Stephens and Gaved, fine bold Waxwing, good col., nice wax, 2nd Chough, grand sheen, lovely legs and beak, well shown; 3, Collins, Hawfinch, good size and shape, good bold head, nice bib, rich tone of col., tight as wax; absent 2, Herring. FOR., SMALL (13): 1, Rowe and Richards, Silky Cowbird, lovely cond.; 2, res, Dunstan, Pekin Nightingale, good colours; 3, Stephens and Gaved, Lovebirds; vhc, Megor; he, Nelson; c, Oates. LARGE (5): 1, spl, Dunstan, Pennant, lovely colours and cond., easy win; 2, Stephens and Gaved, Ringneck Parrakeet, well shown, lovely form; 3, Transkis Grey Parrot; res, Grenfell; vhc, Meagor. MEMBERS—NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Winn; 2, 3, res, Roberts. YORKS. (2): 1, spl, Boundy; 2, Nicholls. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Winn; 2 Odgers; res, Dunstan.



STANLEY VICTORIA

Second annual show, held Dec. 6th, in the Club Hall, a really grand place for a show, large and roomy, plenty of light, both night and day, and provided with everything appertaining to the comfort of exhibits and visitors. Entries came up well, totalling 170, and quality all through was of a high standard. Mr. R. Peart is a grand secretary, and a keener fancier to work he would be hard to find. Everything he takes in hand is done with methodical precision, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch. He is secretary of three societies, yet even with his hands so full he never gets flurried, but is always the same genial, good-tempered fancier, willing at all times to oblige everybody. On the present occasion he was ably supported by a grand body of fanciers, chair., Mr. T. Curry; Mr. G. Lane, vice chair; Mr. J. Armitage, treas.; and Messrs. Goodchild, Gowland, Robinson, Emmerson, Keskey, and Metcalfe, committee, all doing their best for the welfare of the show. A splendid combined breeding and flight cage for most points with 4 nominated birds was won by Mr. R. Peart with a grand team, Mr. G. Lane being runner up. Other special winners were: Best Nor., P. Clark; 2nd best, R. Peart; Bord., P. Clark; 2nd, Jos. Teasdale; Brit., G. Lane. The "gate" was very good, and there is no doubt the show will be a financial success. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

The Critique.

NOR YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, hc, Hunter, leader cl., not a big one, but nice type, lovely hot col., level in tone, capital wings and tail; 3rd, also cl. good shape and size, nice col. and qual., not so well cleaned behind; 2, Teasdale, cl., fine size, lovely shape, neat head, good back and chest, lovely wing carr., uneven in col., or would have won; 4, Goodchild; vhc, Gowland; c, Wilkinson. HEN (6): 1, Peart, tkd. neck, med. size, lovely shape, sweet head, grand full chest, lovely col. and qual., neat wing carr.; 2, Lane and Teasdale, cl., fine size, good shape, neat head, nice qual., not the rich col. of leader, or quite so cobby; 3, Gowland, lightly variegd., bit longer in barrel, nice size, neat head, good col. and qual., nice carr.; 4, Goodchild. BUFF CK. (11): 1, c, Clark, cl., medium size, grand shape, neat head, nice back and chest, lovely short wings and tail, capital col., exquisite qual., takes sp. best Nor.; 2, Emmerson, more subs. than leader, but not so thick set, nice head, good chest, nice col. and qual., gets wings over a bit; 3, Wilkinson, plenty of size, nice shape, hot col., fine qual., loses in wing carr.; 4, Goodchild; vhc, Peart; hc, Hunter. HEN (5): 1, 3, Goodchild, leader cl., nice one, good size and shape, lovely feather, nice col., neat head and wing car.; 3, cl., does not take the perches, nice shape, good colour and quality, wants steadying; 2, Lane and Teasdale, clear, fine shape, and size, nice head, good back and wings, well cleaned cut, loses only in colour; 4, Gowland; vhc, Hunter. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Lane and Teasdale, leader, clear, medium length, lovely position, grandly rounded, sweet head, nice colour, lovely boxy feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Lane, ticked yellow, nice length, good colour and qual., well rounded, well braced wings and tail; 3, Goodchild, nice length, slim and stylish, nicely drawn, well up, neat wings and tail, not quite the rich col. of leaders. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Lane and Teasdale, nice stylish one leading, well drawn and full of swank; 2, good length and pos., nice col., lacks grand finish of leader. BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Clark, cl., lovely shape, grand col. and qual., sweet head and neck, lovely back and wing carr.; 2, vhc, Curry, cl., fine shape, hardly the grand sweep of leader, sweet head, nicely rounded body, good col. and qual.; 2, Pervis, variegd., nice shape, good head, nice back and wings, good col. and qual., not so well finished behind; 4, Hopper; hc, Peart. HEN (5): 1, Teasdale, cl., grand shape, well rounded, sweet head, nice col. and qual., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, 4, Peart, 2nd tkd. behind head, slightly more erect, nice shape, good col. and qual., sweet head and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, Curry, nice variegd., neat shape, nice head, good carr., nice col. and qual., lacks finish of leaders. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Peart, leader cl., grand shape, well rounded back, nice head and neck, good col. and qual.; 2, Purvis, cl., not the rich col. of winner, yet a nice one for shape, capital back nice head, well balanced wings and tail; 3, Curry, again lacking in col., nice shape, well balanced, nice wings, neat head, clean under; vhc, Teasdale. HEN (5): 1, Clark, lovely col., beautiful shape, close, tight-fitting feather of exquisite qual., grand back, lovely wings and tail, takes special best Bord.; 2, Curry, shade heavier in build, fine shape, good col. and qual., neat head, nice wing and tail carr.; 3, Purvis, cl., not the col. of leaders, nice shape, neat head, nice back and wings, well cleaned under; 4, vhc, Hopper. NOR., NAT. COL. CK. (10): 1, Piper, variegd., big bold bird, massive frame, nice head, deep, full chest, good col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, 4, Hall, 2nd, cl. buff, fine shape, neat head, nice back and chest, good col., neat wings and tail; 3, Gowland, variegd., plenty of subs., nice shape, good back and chest, nice col., fails wing carr.; vhc, Burdon; hc, Peart; c, Hunter. HEN (10): 1, Peart, cl., grand size, correct shape, short and thick set, nice head and neck, full chest, good col. and qual., nice carr.; 2, Piper, variegd., lovely feather, fine size and shape, good col. and qual., nice wings, beaten a little in head; 3, hc, c, Hunter, grizz. wing, nice shape and size good col. and qual., neat head, nice wings, beaten in finish; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Clark. A.O.V CK. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Robinson, leader buff cin., nice size, grand shape, lovely rich col., level all through, nice head, lovely qual. and finish; 3, yell. cinn., nice size and shape, good col., pure and level in tone, nice polish; 2, Peart, yell. green Bord., nice stamp, well rounded, sound col., level throughout, neat head, well cleaned out; 4, Goodchild. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Robinson, grand team of cinnamons, yell. leading, grand col., very level in tone, nice size and shape; 2, also yell., similar size and shape, good col., but not quite so level throughout; 3, buff cinn., nice size and shape, good col., but lacks the nice finish of leaders; 4, Peart; vhc, Goodchild. LINNET (9): 1, Herron, H.M., nice size and shape, lovely nut-brown, nicely laced, carried well down flank, steady, grand cond.; 2, Gowland, F.M., nice size, fine shape, lovely pencilling, clear and distinct, lacks the rich col. of leader; 3, 4, Robinson, 3rd grand size, again lacks the grand col. of leader, nice pencilling, carried well down, but runs a shade light in front; vhc, Curry; hc, Davison; c, Robson. REDPOLL (10): 1, Robinson, Lesser, not a big one, but beauty for shape, lovely col., grandly pencilled, lovely cond.; 2, Herron, H.M. Lesser, lovely shape and size, nice bib, good col. and pencilling, not so profuse as leader, nice cond.; 3, Lane and Teasdale, mealy, not a big one, but nice shape, good col., nicely laced, steady, fine cond.; 4, Emmerson; vhc, Hall; hc, Goodchild; c, Wilkinson. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, Peart, lovely Goldie-Greenie leading, nice size, shows cross distinctly, nice face, lovely col. and polish, in best possible cond.; 2, lightly variegd. Goldie-Can., lovely feather, nice finished face, grand wings, grand col. and cond.; 3, Teasdale, dark Goldie-Can., grand size, good face, nicely finished, good wing bars, lovely col. and condition; 4, Robinson; vhc, Purvis; hc, Hunter; c, Hall; a grand class. GOLDF. (5): 1, Curry, nice size, grand blaze, clean cut and rich in col., nice tuftings, good wings and buttons, grand cond.; 2, Elliott, equal size and shape, nice blaze, rich and pure, but not carried so far down as leader, nicely tanned, good col. and cond.; 3, Hall, smaller blaze, good pure col., nice body col., good wings, nice feather; 4, Coulson; vhc, Purvis. BULLF. (9), a fine lot: 1, 3, Herron, leader medium size, fine shape, short and thick, lovely breast col., pure in tone and carried well down, grand clean-cut cap, very dense and glossy, nice back and wing bars; 3rd bigger, nice col., but not so level all through, nice cap, good back and wings; 2, Gowland, fine shape and size, not the rich breast col. of leader, but beautifully level in tone, good shaped cap, nice back and wings, lovely cond.; 4, Hall; vhc, Emmerson; hc, Purvis; c, Curry. GREENF. (8): 1, Gowland, short, thick-set bird, nice size, lovely col., bold head, good broad chest, nice wings, in grand feather and condition; 2, Purvis, smaller, and not so bold in head, lovely feather, nice col., level in tone, good wings, extra cond.; 3, hc, Elliott, nice size and shape, good col., neat wings, inclined to be a trifle rough on head; 4, Curry; vhc, Robinson; c, Peart. A.O. HARDBILL (9): 1, Lane, Chalice, not a big one, but lovely col., grand head, breast col., carried well down, lovely whites, in the pink, steady as a rock, takes best British; 2, Emmerson, Bramble, good size and shape, nicely spangled back, good head, nice col., grand feather and cond.; 3, Peart, sweet Siskin, nice size, good col. and qual., nice shaped cap, well laced, fine cond.; 4, Herron; vhc, hc, Elliott; c, Purvis. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Elliott, Bearded Tit, nice size, good col., nice moustachios, in lovely feather and cond.; 2, Herron, Missel Thrush, good size, fine shape, grand body col., well spotted, steady, and in fine feather; 3, Elliott, Song Thrush, nice one, good col., nice size and shape, good spots, nice condition; 4, Finnigan. FOR. (6): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Elliott, grand team, all in grand condition; 2, 3, Herron, good exhibits, but lacking the grand feather and condition.

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BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

11th annual show held at the Co-operative Hall, Nov. 22. The room is acknowledged to be the finest in the district for the purpose, being spacious, well ventilated, good heating arrangements, and well lighted, both by day and night. The show proved a great success, 285 entries, a record for the society. In Yorks. Messrs. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), Benson and Young, Morton, Greatrex, Adams, Stott, Darlington, Alston, and Shaw staged some grand birds, many of which have won in open competition. Norwich were more numerous than we have had for years, Messrs. Burns, Howlett, Mealor, Caine, and Cave being the principal winners with real good birds. Borders were good, Miss K. Cooper, Mr. T. Edwards, and Mr. McElroy carrying off the principal honours. British came up grand, Mr. Redgate winning in the Softbill class with a perfect conditioned Redstart, a good Wheatear being second. Messrs. Barker, Walton, and Mealor were the leading winners in the Cardbills, with some real good Finches. The gate was good, many of the Liverpool fanciers visiting us. Much of the success of the show is due to the good specials for best birds presented by Messrs. T. Edwards, E. Radcliffe, Gaylard, and Norman Jones. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Alston; 2, Stott; 3, Darlington; vhc, hc, Morton. BUFF: 1, Alston; 2, Morton; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Morton; hc, Greatrex; c, Shaw. TICK. YELL.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Mealor; 3, Adams; vhc, Morton; hc, Edwards; c, Benson and Young. BUFF: 1, Benson and Young; 2, Cooper; 3, Adams. YELL. HENS: 1, Morton; 2, c, Benson and Young; 3, Edwards; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Greatrex. BUFF: 1, Edwards; 2, c, Morton; 3, vhc, Benson; hc, Adams. YELL. 1913: 1, Stott; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Benson; vhc, c, Morton; hc, Alston. BUFF: 1, Aslton; 2, Benson; 3, Morton; vhc, Stott; hc, Adams; c, Darlington. CINN. HEN: 1, Benson; 2, Stott. COCK: 1, Stott; 2, Metcalfe; 3, hc, Darliugton. NAT. COL. YELL. CK.: 1, Stott; 2, Darlington; 3, Adams. BUFF: 1, Stott; 2, Harding; 3, Darlington. HEN: 1, Cooper; 2, Greatrex; 3, Darlington; vhc, hc, Morton. SELF YELL. GR.: 1, Benson and Young; 2, Metcalf; 3, Darlington; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Shaw. BUFF: 1, 3, Benson; 2, Harding; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Darlington; c, Shaw. FOUL YELL.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Stott; vhc, hc, c, Benson and Young. BUFF: 1, Metcalf; 2, 3, Benson and Young; vhc, hc, Lloyd; c, Stott. GR. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Metcalf; 3, vhc, Benson; hc, c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, 2, Benson; 3, Shaw. YELL. 1913: 1, Benson; 2, Metcalfe; 3, hc, Shaw; c, Harding. BUFF: 1, 3, Benson and Young; 2, Cooper; vhc, Darlington; hc, Shaw. NOR. YELL.: 1, Howlett; 2, vhc, Burns; 3, c, Stott; hc, Mealor. BUFF: 1, vhc, Stott; 2, Burns; 3, Howlett; hc, Cave. YELL. HEN: 1, Burns; 2, Mealor; 3, Stott. BUFF: 1, Stott; 2, Mealor; 3, Caine; vhc, Burns; hc, c, Lloyd. YELL. 1913: 1, Burns; 2, 3, Caine. BUFF: 1, 2, Burns; 3, Howlett; vhc, Caine; hc, Stott. NAT. COL.: 1, Shaw; 2, Lloyd. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Cooper; 2, Edwards; 3, McElroy. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, vhc, McElroy; 3, Edwards. YELL. Hen: 1, Edwards; 2, McElroy; 3, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Edwards. CRESTS: 1, Darlington; 2, Shaw. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Stott; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Darlington. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Metcalf; 2, Darlington; vhc, Shaw; hc, Mealor. GOLDF.: 1, 2, Mealor; 3, Walton; vhc, Morton; hc, c, Shaw. BULLF.: 1, Walton; 2, Darlington; 3, Alston. BULL. LINNET: 1, Shaw; 2, Barker. F.M.: 1, Edwards; 2, Barker. GREENF.: 1, 3, Barker; 2, Walton; vhc, Morton; hc, Darlington; c, Edwards. BRAMBLE: 1, Edwards; 2 hc, Barker; vhc, Redgate; 3, Alston. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Barker; vhc, hc, Walton; c, Morton. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Barker; vhc, hc, c, Redgate. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Redgate; 3, Walton. NOV. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Browse; 2, 3, hc, Walton; vhc, Carron; c, Jones. BUFF: 1, vhc, Browse; 2, c, Davies; 3, hc, Walton. HEN: 1, Browse; 2, 3, c, Walton; vhc, hc, Carron. NOV. YELL. GR.: 1, 2, hc, Browse; 3, Carron; vhc, Walton. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Browse; vhc, c, Walton; hc, Carron. NOR. YELL.: 1, Jones; 2, Gayland. BUFF: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Walton; vhc, Gayland; hc, c, Grundy. HEN: 1, 2, Gayland; 3, Walton; vhc, hc, Jones; c, Grundy.—C. Morton, sec.

PETERHEAD C.B.A.

Sixth annual open show held in the Lower Music Hall, Peterhead, Dec. 19 and 20, under the patronage of the Provost Magistrates, and Town Council, Fenars' Managers, and Mr. John E. Sutherland, M.P. Entries were down from last year, numbering close on 200. The decrease was chiefly in the cage bird section. In the Canary classes, quality was good, and in some cases the judge found it difficult to select the winners. Mr. Jas. Wilson, Peterhead, won silver cup presented by the Town Council for most points, also silver medal. The arrangements were carried out by a committee consisting of Messrs. Berry, Coull, Cowie, G. Grant, J. Grant, Lillie, Milne, Park, Summers, Thomson, Wilson, Winter, Dalziel Bros., Morrice, Strachan, Cameron, Milne Bros., Reid, Urquhart, Ross, sen., Ross, jun., along with the Pres., Mr. A. Clark; vice pres., Mr. Jas. McIntosh, and the energetic sec., Mr. C. Cross, to all of whom thanks are due for the able manner in which the duties were carried out. Mr. J. Smeaton judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (3): 1, Ironside, cl., good size, grand qual., best of col.; 2, Sandison, tip-top col. and qual.; 3, Wilson, cl., teeming in qual. BUFF (4): 1, Yeats, tkd. wing, lovely type, hot col., A1 qual. and cond.; 2, Thomson, cl., grand bold bird, stands well across perch, good subs. and qual.; 3, Geddes, lovely col., nice soft silky feather; 4, Morrice. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 6, Morrice, 1st head and wing mkd., good size, nice col. and qual.; 2, Wilson, almost gr., grand type, good head and neck, well rounded chest, A1 wing carr.; 3, 4, Clark, 3rd good qual. and col.; 5, Ironside. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Thomson, two lovely shaped Nor., nice size and shape, closely followed by 3, Wilson, sweet model, good head and neck, well over perch, excellent cond.; 4, Sandison; 5, Black; 6, Morrice. HEN (5): 1, Sandison, nice size and shape, good head, short neck, broad back and chest, short on leg, well over perch, in grand trim; 2, Ironside, fails only in polish; 3, Thomson, good size, nice even col., A1 qual. and cond.; 4, Wilson; 5, Geddes. HEN (4): 1, 2, Clark, just on the small side, extra col. and qual.; 3, Morrice, typical, lovely qual.; 4, Wilson. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Ironside, Aberdeen winner, grand size and qual.; 2, Yeats, fails in subs. to 1st. BUFF (5): 1, Sandison, often described, looking well; 2, Wilson, not far behind, grand stamp, A1 qual. and col.; 3, Morrice, good shape and size, nice head and neck, in the pink; 4, 5, Henry. PAIRS (4): 1, Morrice, well matched, both nice shape and qual.; 2, 3, 4, Wilson, make good stock birds. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 6, Ross, 1st best of shape and size, good body, short flights and tail; 2, 4, 5, Wilson, 2nd sound in col., best of type, and shape, well over perch; 3, Ironside, tick on neck, a useful bird, in the best possible condition. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Ironside, well up in size, good body, nice type and qual.; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd fine stout bird, with true Norwich properties, excels in qual., A1 condition, 3rd cl., not quite so well filled in at neck, well staged; 4, Morrice; 5, Park; 6, Cameron. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Sandison, gem of the first water, short and cobby, good shape and size; 2, Morrice, similar shape, nice qual. of feather; 3, 6, Park, 3rd good type and qual.; 4, 5, Wilson. BUFF (9): 1, 5, Ross, 1st mkd. head, good shape and type, grand qual. of feather, clean cut away; 2, Thomson, Bullie type, short wings and tail; 3, Ironside, neat head and body, rich col., shown to perfection; 4, Milne Bros.; 6, Wintou. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, 5, Wilson, 1st best of type, good col. and qual. of feather; 2, Morrice, yell. gr., nice shape and size, best of col. and cond.; 3, Ironside, good type, nice wing carr., lovely texture of feather; 4, Henry. CREST.: 1, Clark, grand sub., and cond. BORD. (13): 1, 4, J. Cross, wins in strong class, showy, good style and action; 2, 3, C. Cross, both grand type, lovely heads and fronts, wings and tails carried to perfection; 6, Collie. A.O.V.: 1, Wilson. MULE (4): 1. Will, grand col., nicely staged; 2, Ross, fails in size to winner; 3, Cowie, poor cond.; 4, Park. FINCH: 1, Cowie, nicely marked, A1 feather; 2, Grant. LINNET: 1, Gall, good col. and pencilling. 1913 YELL. CK. (6): 1, Ironside, variegd., well up in size and col.; 2, Thomson, variegd., not quite so chubby as 1st; 3, Henry, well placed; 4, 5, Wilson. BUFF (6): 1, Ironside, cl., short cobby bird, fine qual.; 2, Sandison, variegd., similar build, grand col. and qual.; 3, Cowie, loses in neck to the others; 4, 6, Clark; 5, Wilson. VAR. YELL. HENS (6): 1, Henry, right type; 2, 3, 4, Wilson, not much behind, three good birds; 5, 6, Thomson. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Yeats, 1st nice shape, best of qual. and col.; 2, Clark, cl., nice short thick hen; 3, Wilson, similar, fine short wings and tail. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, 6, Ross, three nice ones, although all could do with more front; 3, Park, loses only in head and neck; 4, 5, Wilson. BUFF (5): 1, Cameron, typical, just a bit pinched in head; 2, 3, Ross, typical, good qual.; 4, 5, Wilson. YELL. HEN. (8): 1, 3, Ross, st cl., slightly open in feather; 2, 4, 5, 6, Wilson, 2nd better type and qual., our choice to win. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 6, Wilson, 1st mkd. head, cobby, good head and neck, well rounded chest, stands well across perch, nicely braced wings and tail; 2, 5, Ross, 2nd fine texture of feather, grand qual. and cond. NOV.: 1, Stephen, lovely sheen, rare cond. BUFF: 1, 2, Wilson.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Annual show, held Dec. 6. Mr. J. Thornton, Liscard, judged, and gave satisfaction all round. Mr. F. Rothwell won the A. H. Tate, Esq., Challenge Cup, and Mr T. H. Mullock points special.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Rothwell, stands well on legs; 2, 3, Mullock, grand pair, plenty of leg, stands well, hard to part; vhc, Hilton; hc, Lowe. BUFF: 1, Rothwell, another of the right sort, put down in the pink; 2, Still, a grand one, nice feather; 3, T. Mullock, rather wild, will come again later; vhc, Lowe. CL. OR UNEVEN BUFF: 1, Still, plenty of size, and steady; 2, Lowe, a grand one, very steady; 3, Jones. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Rothwell, another of the right sort, grand feather, and steady; 2, Lowe, lovely feather; 3, T. Mullock, on lovely legs, plenty of size, but rather wild; vhc, Lowe; hc, Griffith. BUFF: 1, vhc, Rothwell, fine bird; 2, T. Lowe, steady; 3, T. Mullock, fine feather; hc, Ireland; c, Jones. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Ireland; 2, A. Mullock, grand feather, rather small. GR SELF BUFF: 1, Ireland; 2, T. Mullock, plenty of size and grand feather. FOUL: 1, Still; 2, Ireland. YELL.: 1, Griffith, good bird, steady; 2, Still, another of the right sort; 3, Ireland, plenty of size; vhc, Jones. SELF. YELL.: 1, 3, Griffith, grand pair; 2, F. Still, nice feather, and stands well. BUFF: 1, T. Mullock, plenty of size, stands well; 2, Griffith. NOR. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, Mullock, grand feather, shows plenty of meal; 2, Mercer, grand col.; 3, hc, Griffith; vhc, Lowe. HEN: 1, Mercer, stands well; 2, vhc, Griffith; 3, T. Mullock. MULE OR HYB.: 1, T. Mullock, bit rough; 2, 3, A. Mullock, 2nd, grand feather, but small; 3rd, fine col. and feather, a little wild; vhc, Bryant. GOLDF.: 1, T. Mullock; 2, hc, Bryant; 3, Carlisle; vhc, A. Mullock; c, Lonsdale. LINNET. 1, Lonsdale, plenty of size; 2, 3, Jones, rather wild; vhc, Hilton; hc, c, Carlisle. GREENF.: 1, Jones; 2, 3, T. Mullock; vhc, Lonsdale; hc, A. Mullock; c, Hilton. SISKIN ETC.: 1, Ireland; 2, T. Mullock; 3, vhc, Jones; hc, Hilton. BULLF., ETC.: 1, vhc, T. Mullock, grand Chaffinch, steady; 2, Still, Bramble, fine feather; 3, Jones; hc, Lonsdale; c, Lowe. CL. ETC., YORKS., YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, hc, c, Rothwell; 3, T. Mullock; vhc, Still. BUFF: 1, vhc, Lowe, steady; 2, hc, c, Rothwell, plenty of size; 3, T. Mullock, stands well, a bit wild. CIFT: 1, Rothwell; 2, Griffith; 3, Lowe; vhc, Still; hc, Lonsdale; c, Hilton. The committee wish to thank all those who gave donations and specials. If there are any who wish to join, will they drop me a postcard? I will send them full particulars as to meetings, etc.—A. T. Mullock, Hon. Sec., 26, Gladeville Road, Algburth, Liverpool.

WINCHBURGH C.B.C.

Annual show held in the Public School, Nov. 22. 240 birds were staged in 36 classes—not bad for a club show. James Gentleman, Avonbridge, judged, and he had his work cut out for him, but he got through in masterful style, and gave entire satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY, 1913, YELL. CK.: 1, T. Aitken, fine bird, good depth, prominent shoulders; 2, 3, A. Bishop, fine reach, good top, fails size to winner; vhc, R. Binnie; hc, P. Duncan. HEN: 1, sp., Aitken, clinker, capital size and reach, nice mover; 2, R. Duncan, good bird, close up, fails a little in size to winner; 3, Bishop, nice one for shape and style, capital top and reach; vhc, Binnie; hc, Duncan. BUFF CK.: 1, Aitken, grand bird, fine big one, grand depth and drive; 2, sp., R. Duncan, another good one, nice top and drive, presses hard; 3, Bishop, nice one, could do with a little more size, gets hard up; vhc, Duncan; hc, R. Duncan. HEN: 1, 3, Bishop, capital pair, fine reach and drive, stylish workers; 2, R. Duncan, grand one for type and size, good reach; vhc, Duncan; hc, Binnie. OLD CK.: 1, Aitken, massive build, fine depth through; 2, sp., J. Russell, very stylish, free worker, presses hard, gets head well down; 3, hc, W. Wilson, close up cu 2nd, good reach; vhc, sp., R. Duncan; c, Duncan. HEN: 1, sp., Russell, massive hen, plenty of size and subs., fine bloom; 2, Aitken, one of the right sort, grand reach and top, free worker; 3, R. Duncan, nice size, grand top end, must have pressed; vhc, Duncan; hc, Bishop. CRESTS, 1913, CK.: 1, 3, vhc, sp., Bishop, 1 good subs., leafy texture, well groomed, 3 a nice one, fails in droop to winner; 2, J. Thomson, rare size, good droop, presses; hc, Fenney. HEN: 1, Thomson, rare size, good droop, wins; 2, 3, hc, Bishop, pair real good ones, crests of the right sort; vhc, Fenney. C.B.: 1, 2, 2 sps., Bishop, pair good ones, good entrance, well lashed; 3, vhc, Thomson, 3 good bird, fails in length of feather to winners; hc, Duncan; c, Paterson. OLD CREST: 1, 2, Bishop, big bouncing birds, crests of the right sort, well laid on; 3, c, Thomson, fails in spread of crest to winners; vhc, Fenney; hc, Paterson. OLD C.B.: 1, sp., Thomson, good one, well placed; 2, 3, sp., Bishop, pair good ones, fail in size to winner; vhc, sp., Fenney. P.H., 1913, COL.-FED: 1, sp., Begbie, fine order, good head and neck, well fed; 2, c, sp., C. W. Frame, good one, fine shape, a bit rough; 3, Bishop, loses in size, good col. and qual.; vhc, hc, Robb. NON-FED: 1, 3, hc, Robb, good ones, in nice order, well staged; 2, Frame, big, fine type and qual., presses hard; vhc, Fenney; c, Turnbull. OLD: 1, 2, sp., Robb, pair good birds, nice bloom, good order; 3, Fenney, good all-round bird, we fancied value for first; vhc, Sinclair; hc, Bishop; c, Begbie. A.O.V.: 1, 2, sp., Robb, pair nice birds, bit racy; 3, Fenny, clinker, and no mistake, unlucky to-day; vhc, Duncan; hc, Aitken. BORD., CL. OR TKD. CK.: 1, 3, Murray, good ones, fine col., nice heads and texture, well staged; 2, Boag, scarcely weight of leader; vhc, Williams; hc, Russell; c, Pudney. HEN: 1, Boag, real good one, good qual. of feather, wins; 2, sp., vhc, Murray, similar type, very little between; 3, Williams, nice Bord., well packed wings and piped tail; hc, Russell; c, Watters. CL. BUFF: 1, Boag, grand col. and texture, good in every respect; 2, 3, Murray, pair of models, press hard; vhc, Watters; hc, Duncan; c, Russell. HEN: 1, Williams, very jaunty, gem all over; 2, vhc, Murray, another front ranker, hardly col. of leader; 3, Simmins, rare qual. of feather, lacks front; hc, Boag; c, Wilson. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Boag, good Berders, nice wings, excel qual. feather; 2, Murray, rare model, good pose, very jaunty; vhc, Williams; hc, Watters; c, Pudney. BUFF: 1, vhc, Murray, nicely rounded back, good texture and head; 2, 3, Boag, leader nice head and pose, feather like satin; hc, Wilson; c, Binnie. EVEN MKD.: 1, 2, 3, sp., Williams, grand team, nice eyes and wings, good qual.; vhc, Sinclair. GR.: 1, 2, Boag, nice grassy col., nicely pencilled, type all over; 3, vhc, Aitken, nice texture, very jaunty, not up to leader; hc, Begbie; c, Sinclair. CINN.: 1, 2, Aitken, nice birds, good style and col. OLD. CK.: 1, Boag, yell., nice bird, hardly finished; 2, Wilson, buff variegd., good all round bird; 3, Watters, a real Bord., we fancied, value for first place; vhc, Duncan; hc, Timmins; c, Waters. HEN: 1, sp., Williams, a gem, no mistake, wins easy; 2, sp., Russell, good type, very jaunty; 3, Sinclair, nice bird, falls in qual. in type to leaders; vhc, McDougal; hc, Bishop; c, Sinclair. MULES: 1, c, Turnbull, Goldie Mule, lightly variegd., a right good one, fine shape and size, could be improved with col.; 2, vhc, Russell, Gregnie Mules, good big Mule; 3, Aitken, variegd. Goldie Mule, nice exhibit, well placed; hc, Timmins; c, Turnbull. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Timmins, nice exhibits, leader unsteady; 3, Aitken, will make a good one; vhc, c, Bishop; hc, Fenney. LINNET: 1, Bishop, extra big and chubby, well pencilled, could win in better company; 2, vhc, sp., Sinclair, pair of nice Linnets, lose in size and shape to leader; 3, Wilson, real nice one, might have been further up. GREENF.: 1, 2, sp., Aitken, grand birds, we liked 2nd better of the two; 3, Turnbull, lacking a bit in col.; vhc, McDougal; hc, Paterson; c, Sinclair. YELLOWHAMMER: 1, Sinclair. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE: 1, Timmins, Bramble, well spangled; 2, T. Paterson, Chaffinch, nice bird, little dull in bloom. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, sp., vhc, Fenney, Bullie, first gem of the first water, one of the best we have seen for a time, wins easy; 2, Aitken, Goldie, a real stormer, Cowdenbeath and Bo'ness winner, a gem, beaten to-day; 3, Paterson, Goldie, nice bird, not equal of winners; hc, Begbie. FOR.: 1, sp., Aitken, Goldie, expansive blaze, fine moons and buttons, wins; 2, Fenney, Goldie, very similar to leader, soft when judging. A. Bishop, Hon. Sec.

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The twelfth annual show of the premier society of Scotland was held in the Corn Exchange, Glasgow, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1. Never before has the Grand Hall looked quite as well; it has been lavishly redecorated and cleaned and finely lit by arc lamps suspended from the roof. When we peeped in on the evening preceding the opening day to see how the preparations were going forward, we found Mr. Kinlayside, with a select staff, putting the finishing touches to some beautifully erected staging. The draped staging upon the outside was this year placed rather nearer the boundary wall, so as to allow rather more room for the huge crowd that generally visits this popular fixture. The birds of position are mostly located upon this draped staging, which makes a splendid background to show off the exhibits to perfection. A strong staff of working commissionermen were busy making the leadership of Mr. Craig dealing with the birds as soon as they arrived.

THE BRITISH BIRDS.

Mr. Sykes's Classes.

GOLDF. (39): 1, Pringle, marvel for depth and col. of blaze, rare moons and tans, leads easy in a very strong class, grand bloom; 2, Conkie and Louden, better weight than leader, but far behind in col. and expanse of blaze, yet a good Finch, excels moons and tans, very distinct in buttons; 3, Jeffreys, grand face, better col. and expanse than 2nd, but fails a little at thighs and hardly up to weight, just on dark side; 4, Fairhurst, good col. and expanse, excels condition and bloom, hardly clean cut; 5, Nicolson and Son; 6, 7, Brooks; 8, Messer. BULLF. (19): 1, Martin and Archer, grand breast col., expansive, and clean cut cap and bib, not largest but a grand shape, excels wings, put down by a master-hand; 2, Wilson, larger than leader, hardly so deep in tone of breast, but even better in head, fails under coverts, best shape in class; 3, Roy, F.M., real good Bullie in every respect except size, excels wings; 4, Woods, good size and shape, hardly depth of tone or solidity; 5, Nicolson and Son, better breast, quite equal in cap and wings, just a little slack at thighs; 6, Barkiss; 7, Palmer; 8, Brown. LINNET (33): 1, 3, McQuiston and Paterson, well-known winner, holds his own easily here, rare size, shape and breast work, looking his best to-day; 3rd, scarcely the desirable shape, but a gem for tone and pencilling, excels in bloom, best whites in class; 2, Parlett, even more defined in breast work, excels shape, just a little on dark side, beaten bloom; 4, Inman, we preferred, grand shape, nice tone and pencilling, might be better staged; 5, Oldham, nice one, just on dark side, and rather open in front; 6, Watt; 7, Stewart and Milne; 8, Jeffreys. F.M. (29): 1, Parlett, a gem, rare tone, excels all points, steady, wins well; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, well-known winner eclipsed here, no disgrace, not looking so well; 3, Stewart and Milne, nice breast, fails weight to leaders, steady, and in best of condition, well placed; 4, Conkie and Louden, grand shape and bloom, heavy pencils, just a little too dark in tone and fails to close up; 5, 8, Allan; 6, Breeder; 7, Barrie. BRAMBLE (10): 1, Reid, grand size and spangle, well defined flanks, scarcely depth of breast colour, yet wins well here; 2, Brotherhood, hardly up to subs., but better col. than leader, in grand order, and despite lack of weight must have pressed; 3, Conkie and Louden, nice cut of mantle, smokey a little in spangle, excels flanks, fails breast and subs.; 4, Fairhurst, good one, looking soft to-day; 4, McQuiston and Paterson; 6, Allan; 7, Pitchford. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Nicolson and Son, grand size and shape, fine tone of breast, excels wings, fails a little in head, shines like glass; 2, Jeffreys, another nice one, better cap, but fails subs. and tone of breast to leader, well placed; 3, Lloyd James, well known winner, just a little pinched in front, rare col. and bloom; 4, Dr. Wilson, larger than leaders, good tone, loses in cond.; 5, Allan, bit too dark, grand bloom; 6, Watson; 7, Watt; 8, Mainland. GREENF., FED (11): 1, Stuart and Dalling, grand size, nice cobby shape, rather flat on skull, but a gem in all other points, wins; 2, McLean, hardly subs. of leader, but grand shape of head, judiciously fed, a good 2nd, put down to win; 4, Law, cobby shape, nice size, fails head, excels wings, in grand order; 5, McGregor Boyd, nice one, fails skull and rather loose in upper coverts; 6, McGavin; 7, Finnie; 8, Moreland. NON-FED. (13): 1, Bancroft, good size and subs., rare wings, fair skull, excels col. and bloom, wins; 2, Allan, hardly so cobby as leader, but equal condition, good wings, well placed; 3, Nicolson, similar stamp, but hardly so massive in head, excels wings, in good order; 4, Webster, good size and shape, fails tone, will make a good one; 5, Conkie and Louden, better head, fails front and tone; 6, Messer; 7, Gibbs; 8, Dunn. SISKIN, FED (16): 1, Stuart and Dalling, good size and shape, dense and expansive cap, faint bib, excels flanks, wins nicely, put down in grand order; 2, Hope, good col., but behind in subs. to leader, better bib, rare wings and sides, nasty break in breast feather, but still well placed here; 3, Edwards, not large, but nice col., rather pinched in head, no bib, well laced, good shape; 4, McDougal, even better col. and flanks, nice bib, hangs wing or would probably have gone up; 5, Conkie and Louden; 6, Wood; 7, Black and Hendrie; 8, Robertson. NON-FED (27): 1, Calder, C.M., good size, very cobby, dense cap, excels streak, faint bib, rare tone and flanks, good one, yet we preferred 2, Nicolson, even better size, more distinct bib, hardly so profuse in flanks, but very distinct, in grand order; 3, McDonald, F.M., good cap, excels bib, nicely pencilled, very steady; 4, Gentleman, very dense cap, nicely cut, best bib in class, fails tone and flanks to 2nd; 5, McGregor and Boyd, good size, no bib, fails tone and flanks; 6, Craig; 7, Bagg; 8, Cameron. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (15): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, well-known topper, holds the field here, good all points and looking his best; 2, 7, Heal, another good Twite, but hardly up to champion in breast work, even better weight, marvel in that respect, a good second; 3, Johnstone, 'Poll, big one, good cap, fails bib excels flanks; 4, Nicholson, nice Twite, fine bloom and tone; good size, fails pencilling, well placed; 5, Messer, 'Poll, better bib and cap than 3, but beaten tone and flanks, rather wild; 6, Muir and Heenan; 8, Jeffreys. MEALY REDPOLL, F.M. (18): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, giant size, good cap and bars, well laced, rather wild; 2, McGavin, coarse in size, but better shape than leader, better bib, our choice; 3, McCallum, another cobby one, fails bib, nice lacing, rather wild; 4, Hagle, good size and shape, excels flanks, very steady, rather pinched skull; 5, Bell; 6, Goodall; 7, Lauder; 8, Green. LESSER REDPOLL (17): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, well known, often described, adds another to his list of wins here easy; 2, Nicholson, another good one, rare 'Poll, and even better bib than leader, but beaten breast and tone, no disgrace here; 3, Lloyd James, grand 'Poll, excels cap and wings, best bib in class, well laced, fails tone to leaders, yet our choice for 2nd; 4, no name, nice one, fails bloom, but still well placed on breast and flanks points; 5, Martin, nice shape, good cap and lacing, shining order, some thought should have gone up; 6, Conkie and Louden; 7, McGillivray Bros.; 8, Fraser. YELL. BUNTING (15): 1, Walsh, topper for size and shape, grand V and cheeks, good clear throat, excels roverts, spangle, wins well; 2, Stuart and Dalling, nice cobby shape, better col., scarcely so distinct in cheeks, and rather heavy in bib, grand bloom and cond., well placed; 3, Russell, another old stager, hardly so clear in head, very well defined in V and cheeks, just a little dark on breast, must have pressed for 2nd; 4, Jones, hardly so cobby, but grand col., best markings, grand sides, a real good Bunting; 5, Law, fails weight, good head, fails taper to leaders, yet could win in ordinary competition, no disgrace here; 6, Chickfield; 7, Rennie; 8, Livingstone. A.O. BUNTING (12): 1, Gostling, Coru, rare size and cobbiness excels tone and breast work, put down in grand order, steady, wins; 2, Dr. Wilson, Meadow a gem, grand head and moustache, delicate tones, in perfect order, a good 2nd; 3, Watson, Blackheaded, good size, well defined mask, excels tone, in grand order; 4, Jones, Corn, scarcely size or tone of leader, yet a good one, nice arrows, in A1 order, steady; 5, McPherson, Snow, good size, very pure for a moulted one, slightly rubbed on wing, or would probably have gone up; 6, Russell; 7, Richardson; 8, Miss Peddie Waddell. SMALL SOFTBILL (19): 1, 2, Taylor, leads, well-known Redstart, lovely order, grand size, rare col., 2 Black Redstart, fine size and col., not so well burnished; 3, Nicholson and Son, good Blackcap, well up in size, A1 qual., fine cap and body col.; 4, Watson, good Redstart, nice size and col., A1 qual., fails to winner in size; 5, he, Hattersley, good Lesser Whitethroat, fine size and col., well staged, feeling the cold; he, c, Waddell. LARGE (16): 1, McQuiston and Paterson, grand Chough, clinker for size, extra well staged, real gem; 2, Adams, tip-top Blackie, rare size, dense col. throughout, sweet bill and eye cere, well staged, a pity minus a back claw; 3, Bruce, well-known Song Thrush, looking well, grandly pencilled, shown in grand form, great size; 4, Levick, tip-top Missel Thrush, grand size and col., A1 markings, put down in rare order; 5, Taylor, good Waxwing, fine size, splendid col., staged in too large a cage, fine tippings and head; vhc, Taylor. A.O. BRIT (9): 1, Bull, wins in lovely order, not a large one, but a gem all over, grand depth of col., and rare style, as showy as a Yorkie, and well staged, a credit to exhibitor; 2, McQuiston and Paterson, good shape, lovely col throughout, great depth of body col., better bib and size of head than winner, not so showy, and fails a little in polish, beaten but not disgraced; 3, Crone, good stamp, fine col., fails a shade in size, but good cap and bib, in grand trim; 4, Williamson, good shape, fine bold head, fails in colour, not so good in feather; 5, Gentleman; vhc, Axe; he, McGavin; c, Pringle.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

HEN BULLF. (16): 1, Mackie, grand tone of col., fine cap and bib, A1 qual., good wing flights, neat shape and stylish, shade soft; 2, Hawkes, large capped bird, good square head, and fine tone of col., scarcely so deep in body colour, but well burnished up; 3, McPherson, good shape, close up, grand cap, and well up in colour, scarcely so good in wing bars, A1 qual.; 4, Steel Bros., lovely tone of col., A1 style, good cap and head, fails a shade in size, well put down; 5, Mantach; vhc, Jamieson; he, Gentleman; c, Steel Bros. HEN, SMALL (17): 1, Heard, good Corn, grand size, rare col. and markings, steady, and well shown; 2, 4, Taylor, good Wheaten, fine size and markings, steady and well shown; 3, Jeffrey, sweet Yellowhammer, well up in size, good markings, steady, and well shown; 4, Taylor sweet Bramble, grand size, lovely markings, well staged in fine bloom; 5, Mason; vhc, McQuiston and Patterson; he, Junor; c, Whomey and Son. ALBINO, BRIT. (1): 1, Martin and Archer, the famous clear Yellowhammer, still to the front, looking as well as ever, in fine order; 2, Lamb, sweet cinnamon Redpoll, fine size, lovely col.; 3, Marshall, Pied House Sparrow, in nice order; 4, Boslem, sweet cinnamon Sparrow, well put down, a shade wild. SELL. (20): 1, Parlett; 2, Martin and Archer; 3, Laird and Matthews; 4, Green; 5, Palmer; vhc, Watt; he, Miller; c, Watt.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Judge, Mr. J. Trengove.

CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, McGinn, grand size and subs., beautiful qual., beautifully moulded front, grand type, fine col., wins; 2, Thomas, great size and subs., fine head and neck, good wings, well laid on, a topper; 3, Thomas, not quite size of leader, grand qual., beautiful stamp, fine head and front, worth place; 4, Nickson, head ticked, fine size, good head and wings, nice quality of feather, in grand order; 5, Turner; 6, Cameron; 7, Steven; 8, Aitchison. BUFF (13): 1, Turner, good size, nice qual., fine head and neck, nice wings, well carried, closely followed by 2nd, Martin, beauty for size and qual., fine head and neck, rare depth of front, fine short wings, presses hard; 3, Cook, grand size and subs., bold head, slightly browed, nice deep chest, good wings and tail; 4, Mitchell, grand size and subs., splendid head and neck, good front and wings, presses hard; 5, Aitchison; 6, Ball; 7, Dryden; 8, Wilson. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Harris, good size and col., very good head and neck, fine wings and tail, nice front, grand cou.; 2, Aitchison, nice eye and wing-mark, fine size and subs., good front, nicely cut away, finely folded wings, rare good col.; 3, Cottam, nice bouncy bird, good size and type, capital front, nice head and neck; 4, Will, heavily marked. BUFF (10): 1, Hirst, good one, still winning, fine head and neck, capital size and subs., nicely moulded front, tidy wings, well carried, in the pink; 2, Allison, another beauty, still going strong, grand head and neck, rare qual., very good wings and tail, good front, in spanking order; 3, Murray, fine size and subs., capital type, nice silky feather; 4, Sneaton, great size, grand head, nice front, clean cut; 5, Cameron; 6, Aitchison; 7, Thomson; 8, Barnes. CL. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Ball, fine size and qual., grand head and neck, rare good qual. and subs., fine front, well

brown; 2, Harris, grand size and subs., good head, capital wing, well laid on, fine rounded front, splendid col. and qual., pressed hard; 3, Wade, tkd. head, fine size and subs., nice qual., good head and front, nice col.; 4, McGinn, good size, nice deep front, good head and neck, nice col.; 5, Dawe; 6, Martin, 7, Gardiner; 8, Cameron. BUFF (1): 1, 2, Thomas, beauties, head a rare size and subs., good head and neck, sweetly moulded front, rich col., 2, hardly bigger, rare head and front, splendid qual., both put down in the pink, a credit; 3, Hogg, good one for size and subs., good head and front, nicely moulded, loses in qual. only; 4, F. Taylor, good size and subs., nice head and front, not so good in wing car. as leaders; 5, Cameron; 6, Cottam; 7, Dowling; 8, Gardiner. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Turner, head and wing mark, grand size and subs., fine head and front, rare good wings and tail, grand col. and cou.; 2, Crawshaw, dark tail, beauty for size and col., fine head and neck, capital front and wings well shown; 3, Dickson, eye and wing mark, good size and subs., nice col., fine type and qual., in grand order; 4, Thomas, still, a dandy, rare type and qual., nice head and shoulders, nicely rounded front; 5, Maxwell; 6, Hampton; 7, Cottam; 8, Gardiner. BUFF (51): 1, Taylor, Glasgow winner, fine size, good head and front, splendid wings, very sweet qual., grand cou.; 2, sp., Dickson, another old favourite, in fine fettle, hard to separate, grand size and subs., rich qual., good head and front, well shown; 3, Mitchell, grand front and wings, good head, fine qual.; 4, Cameron; 5, Mitchell. UNFLIG. CL. CK. (27): 1, Thomas, beauty for size and col., grand head and wings, very dainty style, round front, wins; 2, 5, Mason, good size and qual., fine deep front, rich red., good head and nice close fitting wings; 3, grizzled, and head, great size, good wings and front, rather long; 3, Nelson, nice size and col., neat head, good front, nice wings and tail, grand qual. and col.; 4, Cook, fine size and col., good head and wings, rare qual.; 6, Harris; 7, Murray; 8, Turner. BUFF (22): 1, 4, Thomas, var., grand size, bold head, grand front and wings, richly mealed, very stylish, 4th, grizzled back, neat head and wings, deep front, rich qual.; 2, sp., Mitchell, tkd. neck, grand size and quality, good head, nicely moulded front, very rich col., a credit; 3, Hirst, good cl., fine size and style, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, fine qual.; 5, Dunn; 6, Mason; 7, Cook; 8, Hathaway; extra good class. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Cook, very sweet lady, rare type and quality, neat head and neck, short wings, well carried, good deep front, rich col.; 2, Finnie, good one for type and qual., neat head and wings, nice front, hard to separate; 3, Mason, still a good one, sweet qual., rich col, good head and front, well shown; 4, Maxwell, good size and style, neat head and wings, nicely moulded front, rich col. and qual.; 5, Morgan; 6, Nickson; 7 Hattersley; 8, Allison. BUFF (17): 1, Nelson, cl., grand size and subs., deep front, good head and neck, nice wings, rich mealing; 2, Allison, cl., good size and type, fine head and front, nice short wings well carried, well shown; 3, 6, Lawson, cl., great size, good head, nice breadth of front, short wings, crosses at times; 4, Thomas, good size, fine stamp, nice head, good wings and tail; 5, Cameron; 7, Turner; 8, Procter. NON-FED CK. (12): 1 sp, Smeaton, nice cl. yell., not biggest, but neat, good head and neck, grand style, fine front and wings, grand cond.; 2, Mitchell, variegs., good size and style, nice head, fine depth of front, nice qual.; 3, Leach, tkd. head, good size and qual., nice head and neck, nice deep front; 4, Thomas, nice cl., good size and style, neat head and neck, nice round front, in spanking cond.; 5, Brash; 6, Fleming; 7, Dobbie; 8, Winter. HEN (10): 1, Cook, cl., nice size, neat head and front, good qual., fine wings and tail, nice col.; 2, Sandison, fine size and col., good head and neck, nice wing and tail, neat front, very stylish; 3, Stewart, heavily variegs., good head and neck, nice deep front, good qual.; 4, Stevens, cl. yell., nice style, good col. and qual.; 5, Hathaway; 6, Boag; 7, Leach; 8, Taylor. PAIRS (8): 1, Cook, yell. variegs. and cl. buff hen, well matched; 2, Sandison, buff variegs. cock and cl. yell. hen; 3, Hathaway, yell. gr. and cl. buff; 4, F. Taylor, cl. yell. cock and buff hen; 5, Brash, cl. yell. cock and buff gr. hen; 6, Procter; 7, Holmes; 8, Midgeley. GREEN SELF YELL. (7): 1, Harding, grand size and type, good bold head, nice front, grand depth of col., full of qual., sound cond.; 2, Handley, hardly so full in head, but good subs. of body, sound col., shade darker in tone, fine cond.; 3, Walker, smaller, nice type, neat head and wings, grand rich col., teeming with qual., in the pink; 4, Wood, big bird, shade long in body neat head, good front, rich grassy col., fine cond.; 5, Craig; vhc, Ball; he, Davidson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, vhc, Ball, beautifully proportioned, good full head, bold front, nicely packed all round, sound, rich deep col., in the pink of cond.; 2nd big and massive, grand back and wings, good style, sound rich col. throughout, lovely qual.; 3, Winter, cobby type, good head, back and wings, well filled in all round, nice tone of col., beautifully pencilled, we liked, fine qual.; 4, Harding, cobby, short, thick-set, good head, capital wing carr., rather dark, rich tone of col., fine cond.; 5, Wood; he, c, Handley. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, 3, Harding, bib and tail foul bird, capital type, nice style, good head, bold front, grand wings and tail, sound rich col., A1 cond.; 2nd light bib and underline, typical, smart, nice carr., good full head and neck, sound rich col., in the pink; 2, 4, Walker, big bird, shade long good full head, grand front, capital wings, lovely tone of col., full of qual.; 4th short and cobby capital head, neck and front, nicely rounded all through, lovely rich grassy col., beautifully pencilled, much admired; 5, Wood; vhc, Handley. BUFF (15): 1, Mitchell, lovely cobby, foul wing, grand head and neck, good bold front, capital wing and tail carr., sound rich deep col., fine cond.; 2, Handley, bonny type, beautifully moulded, bold head, neat wing, capital col., fine qual.; 3, Rev. Mime, massive, hardly so sweetly moulded, grand well filled head, good back and wings, sound col.; 4, he, Harding, fine subs., neat head, grand full body, rich deep col. close up; 5, vhc, Walker; c, Campbell. LIMIT, 30s. (20): 1, Sanders; 2, Sandison; 3, Chubb; 4, Mitchell; 5, Johnston; 6, Jeffrey; 7, A. and W. Hay; 8, McGinn. 15s. (36): 1, Finnie; 2, Will; 3, Rennie; 4, Barrie; 5, Little; 6, Wake; 7, Sanders; 8, Sharp. HEN, 15s. (21): 1, Wilson; 2, Green; 3, Sharp; 4, Barrie; 5, Mahon; 6, Johnston; 7, Buchan; 8, McGinn.

THE CRESTS & CRESTBREDS.

Judge, Mr. G. Young.

CREST CK. (10): 1, McLaren, magnificent bird, monster for size, grand headpiece of wonderful size and shape, beautifully drooped and packed all round, rare frontal; 2, McLay, massive crest, of grand shape, beautifully packed and filled in all round, close up; 3, Noble, good one, grand size, hardly the spread of crest of winner, but still plenty of it, nicely drooped and packed; 4, Brotherton, grizzle cap bird, neat, good centre, nice droop, lovely qual.; 5, McNaughton; vhc, Taylor; he, Todd; c, Blanier. HEN (7): 1, Adams, fine massive bird, grand head, shade flat in build, but fine [illegible] neat centre, nice leafy feather; 2, McLay, another bonny one, barely so large as [illegible] splendid shape and droop, good frontal, well [illegible] nt back; 3, Sneddon, wing inkd, D.C. fine [illegible] grand bold head, shapely crest, nicely laid on from a good centre, well packed; 4, Donaldson, wing inkd. D.C., fine headpiece but [illegible] shapely as winner's, no the length of frontal, [illegible] a capital exhibit; 5, McNaughton vhc, Brotherton; he, Govan. C.B. CK. (11): 1, McLay, [illegible] grizzled, rare massive bird, good broad skull, beautifully domed and packed, well behind, grand length of feather; 2, Moreland, wing and head inkd, fine size, good full head, rare breadth of skull, nice [illegible] plenty of feather, close up; 3, Brotherton [illegible] el., bold head, lovely the width of wing [illegible] full head, grandly domed and packed, good [illegible] 4, Paul, variegs., wonderful size, full head, good [illegible] width of skull, nice length of feather [illegible] vhc, Govan; he, Sneddon; c, Donaldson. HEN (8): 1, Brotherton, fine massive variegs., beautifully packed with feather, good bold head, splendidly domed and packed, lovely qual., rare width of skull; 2, Noble, tkd., fine size, full head, grand width, good rise and nicely packed, splendid [illegible]; McLay, bonny gr., massive, full bodied bird, full bold head, grand width of skull, nicely domed; 4 Adamson, big variegs., grand shapely head, beautifully domed and packed, lovely qual. feather; [illegible] Barrie; vhc, Blyth; he, McNaughton; c, Anthony. CREST CK., 1913 (19): 1, McLaren, fine subs. of body, grandly shaped crest of fine size, good centre, nicely drooped and packed all round, good qual.; 2, Mills, smaller wing ink. D.C., very shapely head piece, grand frontal, well packed, with nice quality of feather; 3, Scott, variegs., fine size, neat, well formed crest, good centre, nicely drooped, hardly the frontal of winners; 4 McMillan, fine bold green grand headpiece, beautifully packed with dense heavy feather, well filled back; 5, Todd; vhc, Twigg; he, Donaldson; c, Edwards. Hen (18): 1, McLaren, bonny variegs., grand size, good big shapely crest, fine centre, grand frontal, beautifully packed all round, rare length of feather 2, Mills, variegs., wonderful frontal, hardly the size of winner, but densely packed with good leafy feather; 3, Noble, shapely bird, nice size, neat, well-formed crest, well filled in all round, good centre and droop, fine qual.; 4, Donaldson, cl. body D.C., big crest of nice shape, good centre and droop, hardly so nicely packed as winners; 5, Taylor; vhc, Barker; he, Davis and Porteous. C.B. CK. (15): 1, Edwards, magnificent cl., rare massive bird, wonderful width of skull, beautifully packed and domed, grandly lashed, lovely qual.; 2, Scott, grand variegs., capital size, good full head, capital entrance, rare length of feather, freely lashed; 3, McLay, variegs., nice size and subs., good wide skull, nicely domed, beautifully lashed; 4, Barker, neck inkd, bird, good subs., full head with nice entrance, grand length of feather; 5, Blythe; vhc, Forsyth; he, Summers; c, Tweedie. HEN (12): 1, Paul, variegs., fine size, cobby build, beautifully shaped head, good entrance, nicely packed with lovely feather, well filled in at back; 2, McMillan, variegs., hardly subs. of winner, good broad skull, well packed, grandly lashed, leafy feather; 3, he, McNaughton, nearly gr., fine size and type, full bold head of grand shape, well packed with nice [illegible] feather; 4, Scott, heavily inkd., broad skull, tightly packed, inclined to be horny, still a good one; 5, Todd; vhc, Bruce; c, Smith. LIMIT 20s.: 1, Donaldson; 2, Henderson; 3, Taylor; 4, McLay; 5, McNaughton; vhc, Turnbull; he, McLaren; c, Widdowfield. 20s.: 1, Adamson; 2, McLay; 3, Holton; 4, Mason; 5, Wright; he, Widdowfield; c, Bruce.

THE SCOTCH FANCIES.

Messrs. Carson and Hogg's Classes.

CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, sp, 6, Dalgleish, old champion looking as fresh as ever, grand all over; 2, sp, Campbell, falls size to leader, nice drive and top, good length of wing; 3, Simpson, grand snaky head and neck, very stylish, capital substance; 4, Pringle, rare top end and droop, fine depth through, nice length of wing; 5, Archibald; 7, McNiven; 8, Hamilton. YELL. PIED CK. (17): 1, Campbell, grand size and weight, free action, rare drive; 2, Munro, capital top end and rare drive, fine thickness through heart; 3, sp, Keill, rare size and subs., fine snaky head and neck, well placed; 4, Dalgleish, grand reach and top end, nice length of wing; 5, sp, Stewart, well packed shoulders, fails drive to winners; 6, Dunn; 7, Jardine; 8, Brown. YELL. FOUL CK. (7): 1, Strathearn, foul on head, rare square top end, well packed between shoulders; 2, Perk, slight tick on neck, grand depth through heart, very stylish; 3, McNiven, good size and subs., shade short in neck, rare top; 4, Hamilton, grand style and action, fine free mover, feathers missing in neck; 5, Thornton; 6, Henderson; 7, Paterson. YELL. GR CK. (9): 1, Muirhead, great size and subs., lovely drive and pos., wins; 2, Simpson, grand drive and top end, fair thickness through chest, rare mover; 2, Strathearn, capital style and action, fine snaky head and neck; 4, Menzies, falls size to others, stylish, very nervy; 5, 8, Reid; 6, Hamilton; 7, Petrie. BUFF CL. HEN (10): 1, Menzies, great size and weight, rare top end and drive, great depth through; 2, Strathearn, good reach and drive, rare length of side, very nice mover, stylish; 3, McLennan, nice size and pos., good circle, well filled shoulders, gets hard up; 4, Munro, very nervy, fine top end, fair good size and subs.; 5, Muirhead; 6, Bell; 7, Campbell; 8, Dalgleish. PIED (15): 1, Campbell, not a large one, but a gem for style and action, gets head well down, wins cup for best young bird; 2, Henderson, nice small head, rare good top end, capital reach; 3, Dalgleish, good size, fine drive and pos., grand length of wing; 4, Allan, capital size and reach, good square top end, neat head; 5, McLennan; 6, Gordon; 7, Bell; 8, Petrie. BUFF FOUL HEN (7): 1, Strathearn, great size and subs., grand top end, fine snaky head and neck, fine length of wing; 2, Dalgleish, good top end and neck, fine depth through heart, grand length and subs. 3, Farrell, grand type, fine snaky head and neck, gets hard up; 4, Niven, rare size and subs., grand reach and droop, good length of wing; 5, McLennan; 6, Thomson; 7, Hamilton. BUFF GR. HEN (13): 1, Nairn, rare top end and drive, grand subs., gets head well down, fine mover; 2, Gordon, great subs. and size, fine snaky head and neck, rare neck and drive; 3, Park, fine qual. and cond., short drive, well up in size, grand length of side, well placed; 4, Smart, rare neck and drive, gets hard up, good pos. and action; 5, Cockburn, rare size and style, very nervy; 6, Stewart; 7, Thomson; 8, Dalgleish.

Messrs. Hamilton and Stewart's Classes.

BUFF CK. (11): 1, Dalgleish, great size and subs., grand top end and drive, well-known winner; 2, keen, good subs., rare depth through chest, fine top end, very stylish; 3, Carson, hard up, capital drive, fine snaky head and neck, rare move; 4, Ramsay, rare good top end, grand length of side, gets tail well under; 5, Pringle; 6, Allan; 7, Dunn; 8, Munro. PIEBALD (14): 1, Munro, good size, fine reach and

droop, wonderful top end, good wing; 2, Muir, fine head and neck, rare subs., well filled between shoulders, stylish; 3, Dalgleish, good top end, rare pose, gets head well down, very nervy; 4, Thornton, good reach and drive, fails subs. to leaders; 5, McLennan; 6, McNiven; 7, Menzies; 8, Mitchell. BUFF TKD. (7): 1, Hope, grand length of side, capital drive, neat top end, wins; 2, Thornton, grand size and subs., rare good circle, fine depth through chest; 3, Thomson, nice qual., stands well on perch, fine square shoulders, fine length of side; 4, McLennan, very neat and stylish, capital front, gets hard up; 5, Dalgleish; 6, Bowman; 7, Gibson. BUFF GR. (8): 1, Clark, wonderful size and subs. for a gr., grand top end and reach, rare one all over; 2, Simpson, fine size, good head and neck, capital depth through chest, fine mover; 3, Smart, good reach and drive, gets hard up, nice thickness; 4, Wilson, grand size, fine reach and droop, very stylish; 5, Purves; 6, Muir; 7, Maxwell; 8 Thornton. CL. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Carson great size and subs., for a hen, sweet exhibit, nice reach and top end; 2, Strathearn, capital size, rare drive, neat head, fine depth through breast; 3, Farrell, good length of side, cap. front, gets well up on leg; 4, Crosbie, good top, rare size and subs., fine reach and droop; 5, Ramsay, stylish, neat head, good length of wing; 6, McLennan; 7, Dalgleish; 8, Weston. YELL. PIED HEN (9): 1, Simpson, good one, rare top end and reach, fine thickness through breast, wins; 2, Brown, fine head, nice size, good qual., rare circle, grand length of side; 3, Rodger, not just the thickness of winners, but all there for style and action; 4, Dalgleish, good size and pos., rare good top end, grand wing; 5, McNiven; 6, Ross; 7, Stirling; 8, Fulton. YELL. FOUL HEN (6): 1, Aitken, good top end, grand subs., great length of side, well put down; 2, Paterson, capital subs., fine snaky head and neck, get tail well under perch; 3, Pringle, fine subs., nice small head, grandly carried wings; 4, Hutchison, good size, fine snaky head and neck, nice depth through; 5, Smart. YELL. GR. HEN (6): 1, Menzies, lovely droop, rare top end, fine substance, grand length of side; 2, Keill, grand size and subs., neat head and neck, grand position; 3, Kirk, fine head and neck, good wings and tail, carried well under; 4, Nairn, capital size, good thickness, shade short in drive; 5, Ross; 6, Duns. PAIRS (9): 1, Thornton, buff cock and yell hen, cock excels in size and weight, stylish hen, should produce something good; 2, Dalgleish, buff pied cock and yell. pied hen, we liked very much, well matched; 3, Dalgleish, cl. yell. cock and buff pied hen, well matched; 4, Allan, yell. cock and buff pied hen, with luck should breed some winners; 5, G. Stewart; 6, McLennan; 7, Stewart; 8, Paterson. SELL., YELL. CK. 2os. (10): 1, Ramsay; 2, Binning; 3, 4, 6, Maxwell; 5, Henderson; 7, Thoms; 8, Smith. BUFF (31): 1 no name; 2, Ramsay; 3, 6, Maxwell; 4, Danskin; 5, Archibald; 7, Bell; 8, Wilson. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Lugton; 2, McNiven; 3, Nairn; 4, Gibson; 5, Robertson; 6, Laird and Matthew; 7, Binning; 8, Kirk. BUFF (11): 1, Craig; 2, Thomson; 3, Crosbie; 4, Bowman; 5, Wilson; 6, Brown; 7, Edgar; 8, no name.

THE BELGIANS.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

COCK (8): 1, Hope, buff, grand sub. and top end, long droop, well up on leg; 2, spl, Wilson, yell., long droop and top, grand length side, nice substance; 3, Butts, foul yell., tails droop to leaders, grandly set up; 4, Warren, capital yell., loses subs., rather short in droop; 5, Marshall; 6, Robertson; 7, White; 8, Greig. HEN (11): 1, Strachan, buff, grand size and top end, rare droop, nice thickness through heart; 2, White, sweetly made yell., well set up on leg, good top end, rare droop; 3, Stewart, grand size and subs., good top and droop, rare pos., looks like a cock; 4, Stewart, fine snaky head and droop, well filled between shoulders, nice pos.; 5, 7, Butts; 6, Allan; 8, Greig. 1913 (15): 1, 4, 5, 6, Butts, foul yell. cock, 3rd in old bird class, grand exhibit, 4th nice buff, fails droop to winners, nice subs.; 2, Pringle, stylish buff, fine snaky head, lovely droop and top end; 3, Stewart, buff hen, 4th in open class, inclined to get tail too much under perch; 7, 8, Robertson.

THE BORDER FANCIES.

Mr. Mossie's Classes.

CL. YELL. CK. (22): 1, Craig, little beauty, grand head and neck, sweet front and taper, rare wing carr.; 2, Cunningham, clinker, grand rounded head and front, well filled back, neat pipe tail; 3, M'Kean, shade flat on head, grand shaped body, teeming with qual., well placed; 4, Craig, neat head and front, fine qual. feather, well laid on wings; 5, Jeffrey and Stevens, good type and qual., neat pipe tail; 6, Watson; 7, Sampson; 8, Purvis. HEN (24): 1, Craig, sweet wee gem, fine weight and size, rare col. and qual., wins, and no mistake; 2, Hatfuday, little beauty, well rounded head and front, best of wings, rare taper; 3, Bennett, very neat and typical, good front and back, inclined to cross wings; 4, Aitchison, all right for type, nice qual. feather, must have pressed; 5, Morgan, good size and shape, close up; 6, Robertson; 7, Bennett; 8, Easton. CL. BUFF CK. (23): 1, Craig, perfect model, rare head and front, wonderful qual. of feather, wins; 2, Bennett, well up for size, grand head and neck, sweet front and taper, rare qual.; 3, G. Bennett, correct size and weight, capital pos., fine wings and tail; 4, Craig, beauty for type and qual., rare close feather, grand taper; 5, Hamilton, charming exhibit, might have gone up, we liked very much; 6, Easter; 7, Aitchison; 8, Irvine. HEN (22): 1, G. Bennett, rare head and front, feathers like wax, grand wing and tail carr.; 2, Craig, little beauty, fine shape and size, well rounded head and front, neat taper; 3, Auld, fails head to winner, rare front and back, well braced wings, neat pipe tail; 4, Smart, gem for type and qual., sweet fronted, grand taper; 5, Beveridge, neat and typical, good qual. and cond.; 6, Young; 7, Cubby; 8, Gilchrist. EVEN MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Johnston, well balanced eyes and wings, nice qual. feather and conditon; 2, Pearson, beaten eye marks, grand type and qual., close up; 3, Hamilton, well known Cinn. mark, best markings in class, beauty for type and qual.; 4, Findlay, grandly mkd., shade soft when taking notes; 5, Nicolson; 6, Watson. BUFF (14): 1, sp, Hamilton, well known winner, grandly balanced markings, gem for type and qual., well staged; 2, Nicolson, bull mkd. hen, fails eye marking, nice qual. feather and cond.; 3, Watson, nicely balanced markings, excels type, grand style and taper; 4, Gilchrist, shade weak on left eye, nice wing marks, rare qual. of feather; 5, Hamilton; 6, Cockburn; 7, Hay; 8, Gilchrist. UNVEN YELL. CK. (14): 1, Nicolson, lovely Cinn., wing mkd., gem for type and evenness of col., beautifully balanced and moulded, nicely cut away, grandly braced wings; 2, Auld, beautiful fourpointed, neat head, back and wings, nicely rounded, smart style, lovely qual.; 3, R. Smith, smart cap and wing mkd., beautifully balanced, slim in type, smart wings, grand col. and qual.; 4, Ketchen, lovely three-pointed, sweetly moulded, nicely rounded front, and cut away to a good tail, A1 qual.; 5, N. Smith; 6, Napier; 7, Clark; 8, Craig. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Duncan, lovely cap and wing mkd., sweetly typical, nicely moulded and cut away, beautifully packed wings, neatly folded tail, sound rich col. and qual.; 2, Cubby, grand three-pointed, free mover, full of swank, faultless type, beautifully filled all round, lovely qual.; 3, Aitchison, rather slimmer type, neat head, smartly fitting wings, lovely qual. of feather, good style; 4, Nicholson, similar, shade small, neat head and neck, nicely rounded body, full of qual.; 5, Beveridge; vhc, Marr; hc, Craig; c, Bennett. BUFF CK. (23): 1, Cubby, grand type and style, nicely packed all round, smart wings and tail, sound rich col., full of quality, wins; 2, Geddes, small drawing mkd., hardly so nicely moulded as winner, but grand qual. feather, perfect wings; 3, Findlay, big bird, rather full in type, nicely moulded, good head, smart wings, tails bloom; 4, Schooler, gem for type and style, splendidly modelled, neat head, faultless wings, full of qual.; 5, Napier; vhc, Cunningham; hc, Johnstone; c, Crabb. HEN (17): 1, Rodger, real topper, faultless type, full of swank, nicely filled in all round, capital head, light as wax; 2, Craig, head and wing mkd., not very large, but a beauty for type and qual. of feather, sweetly moulded and drawn, in the pink; 3, Rintoul, wing and eye mkd., nicely drawn and cut away, good head, smart wings, neat tail, A1 qual.; 4, Boswell, variegated, rather fully moulded good head, nicely packed wings, good qual.; 5, Gilchrist; vhc, Bennett; hc, Auld; c, Watson. TKD. CK. OR HEN (29): 1, Esplc, lovely wing mkd. buff, beautifully drawn, grand type, well filled in, splendidly balanced, moves well, in the pink of cond.; 2, Craig, wing and eye mkd. yell., grand type and style, neat head and neck, nicely rounded front, sound rich col.; 3, Halliday, neck tkd. buff, red gem for type and style, hard to find fault with, not a feather out of place; 4, Donaldson, cap tkd., fine type, beautifully balanced and moulded, sound rich col., fine cond.; 5, Aitchison, head and wing mkd. yell., lovely type, grand qual.; vhc, Smart; hc, Reid; c, Purves.

Mr. T. Arnot's Classes.

GR. YELL. CK. (26): 1 Middleton, good one, grand size and lovely lacing, fine depth of col., rare type, sweet exhibit, wins; 2, Johnston, good, close up, not so good on back, but all there for qual., well pencilled, good flank markings; 3, Allock, not so pure in pencilling, but good ground col., sweet type and quality; 4, Allan, good stamp, nice body col., fails a shade in lacing, good style; 5, Lumsden, good stamp, grand level col., very nicely mkd., scarcely so good on flanks, fine type; vhc, Campbell; hc, Montgomery; c, Grant. BUFF (23): 1, Bennet, H., good one, dense pencilling, grand flanks and back work, fine tone of col. throughout, inclined to be a shade low on perches; 2, Campbell, grand stamp, sweet level col., good markings, not so dense or clear on flanks; 3, Patterson, good col., shade long behind, grand markings and well up in body col.; 4, Johnston, lovely type, grand shape, extra good in pencilling, sweet depth of col., well worth its place; 5, Bennet, sweet all round, loses in pencilling, grand qual. of feather; vhc, Richardson; hc, Middleton; c, Ketchen. GR. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Greenwell, good one, fine stamp, extra sweet shape, grand pencilling, rare depth of col., well put down; 2, vhc, c, Johnston, leader very choice, grand depth of col. and sweetly pencilled, good flank markings and lovely type, well staged; 3, Montgomery, good one for lacing, rare head and front, and pure in col., fails on flanks; 4, Parkes, sweet stamp, good col., but rather blurred on back, good flanks and solid throughout; 5, Campbell, nice shape and well up in colour, grand tone and well laced on flanks, well placed; hc, Middleton. BUFF (23): 1, 4, Johnston, leader the best in show, grand all over, a gem for type and qual., lovely shape, rare pencilling, grand back, fine flanks, well placed; 4th, good one, scarcely so good in flank markings, but all there for type; 2, H. Bennet, nice tone of col., rather faint in markings, inclined to be thin in build, grand style and quality of feather; 3, Parkes, sweet one, might have gone up a peg, grand pencilling and solid in col., grand type; 5, Campbell, good stamp and col., loses in pencilling, sweet size and qual.; vhc, Jenkins; hc, c, Montgomery. CINN. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Patterson, good one, wins, grand col. and qual., well pencilled, in full bloom; 2, Wilson, sweet stamp, extra good in type, lovely tone of col., rare flank markings, well placed; 3, Middleton, good stamp, fails a shade in flanks, good type and qual.; 4, vhc, Bennet, grand col., splendid shape, loses in flank markings; 5, Kilpatrick, good one, lovely ground colour, fails in back pencilling, grand feather and finish; vhc, Bennet; hc, Richardson; c, Cubby. BUFF (14): 1, Wilson, grand type and qual., lovely col. and cond., rare qual. of feather, nice col. and mkgs.; 2, 5, Bennet, excels head and front, grand col. and cond., fine pencilling; 3, Allen, rare head and front, fine qual. and type, well tapered; 4, M'Coll, capital type, good col. and qual., well placed; c, Hamilton; 7, Dunsmore; 8, Dods. CINN. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Patterson, wins B.U.C. medal, grand col. and qual., rare head and front, one of the best seen for a long time; 2, Murray, rare good type and qual., grand head and front, long taper, well placed; 3, 7, Wilson, looks like his L.C.H.A. winner, grand sound col. and qual., might have gone up; 4, 6, Bennet, grand type and qual., rare depth of col., fine pencilling, lovely order; 5, Arnott, rare qual. of feather, well rounded head and front, well placed; 8, Aitken. CINN. BUFF HEN (14): 1, Patterson, good one, fine stamp, lovely shape and grand col., wins; 2, 5, Bennet, good one, close up, rare stamp, lovely head and front, grand pencilling, in fine bloom; 3, Wilson, stylish, well laced, grand back, fine flanks, pure in col., good one; 4, Wilson, close up, sweet size, grand markings, lovely type and qual.; 5, Bennet; vhc, he, Hamilton; hc, Cubby. GR. SELL., 10s. (21): 1, Bruce; 2, 5, Bennet; 3, Murray; 4, Watson; vhc, Lumsden; hc, Watson; c, Cubby. SELL. COCKS, 10s. (25): 1, 4, G. Bennet; 2, Allan; 3, no name; 5, Hamilton; vhc, Pennington; hc, Irvine; c, Service. HEN (15): 1, Hodgson; 2, G. Bennet; 3, Brown; 4, Crabb and Finlayson; 5, vhc, Brunton; hc, Irvine; c, Brown.

THE CINNAMONS.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

YELL. (9): 1, 3, 4, Nunn, leader wins easily, grand size, splendid lacing, good depth of col., rare qual., well put down, 3rd good markings, fine col., fails a shade in front, 4th beaten in lacing, grand size and qual. of feather; 2, hc, c, Proctor, nice qual., good shape and grand depth of col., fails a shade in head; 5, vhc, Bentley. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, Nunn, leading with a stormer, grand size, A1 col. and lacing, solid throughout, in lovely bloom, 3rd, 4th equal col. and markings, loses in size; 2, Bentley, close up, good one, grand bold head, fails in neck a shade; 5, vhc, Proctor; c, Ross. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, 3, McPhail, good white Canaries of the Border type, leader best in round, sweet taking exhibits, well staged; 2, 4, Bradley, 2nd Jonque Lizards, leader best in cap and lacing, both fine size and grand qual.; 5, Dickson, sweet Lizard, good cl. cap and lacing, wants to be staged to better advantage; vhc, Adam; hc, Reekin; c, McPhail.

THE YORKSHIRES.

Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.

CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Snead, wonderful length, beautifully balanced, grand head and neck, nice shoulders, clean cut, in the pink of condition; 2, Ogden, hardly so long or so rich in col., but perfectly typical, nice head, grand wings and tail, fine condition; 3, Dyke, hot col., beautifully drawn, grand shoulders and back, lovely smooth front, capital length of wing, hardly so full of bloom as winners; 4, Heggie, smart and typical, grand head and shoulders, beautifully moulded, clean cut, well up on leg; 5, Towers; vhc, Kearnes; hc, Junor; c, B.B. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Heggie, grand length and style, good head, shoulders, and back, grand length of wing, nice rich col., full of bloom, 3rd, good pos., well up on legs, grand back, perfectly braced wings, smooth as a bottle, full of qual.; 2, Ogden, smart hot col. bird, fine length, beautifully moulded, neat head, grandly braced wing, lovely qual.; 4, Junor, big one, fine length, good head, back, and wings, hardly the bloom. UNEVEN OR TKD. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Dyke, thigh tkd., grand length and style, beautifully drawn and moulded, lovely head, very smart wing car., grand con.; 2, 3, Snead, wing tkd., nice length and pos., beautifully moulded throughout, grand shoulders and back, A1 qual., 3rd, mkd. head and neck, nicely drawn, good head, well braced wings, good shoulders, sound col. and qual.; 4, 5, he, Heggie, neck tkd., fine length, splendid wings, neatly folded tail, nicely modelled, good col.; vhc, Towers. BUFF (10): 1, Mason, lovely thigh tkd., fine length, nicely modelled throughout, beautifully drawn, rare length of wing, sound, rich qual.; 2, Pennock, cap marked, lovely type and style, nice smooth front, grand back and wings, rich undercol., beautifully mealed; 3, Dyke, slim and typical, beautifully drawn and moulded, full of nerve, shade small, lovely qual. feather; 4, Ogden, smart, fine length and style, neat head, good shoulders, hardly so smart in wings as winners; 5, he, Heggie; vhc, Towers; c, Clayton. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Kearnes, wing tkd., lovely type, and style, grand pos., beautifully mould d and drawn, grand wings, bit soiled; 2, Dyke, hardly the length of winner, but beautifully moulded, nice smooth front, well up on legs, sound, rich quality; 3, Heggie, good one, nicely drawn, good head, back and wings, neatly folded tail, lovely qual.; 4, Cochrane, neck tkd., fine length, grand shoulders and back, good length of wing, rich col.; 5, Pennock. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Ogden, grand length, sweetly typical, beautiful head and back, smartly braced wings, light as wax, 2nd, gem for type and qual., beautifully moulded and filled in, neat head, wings and tail; 3, 4, Heggie, neck tkd., beautifully rounded, tightly packed wings and tail, shade small, but grand qual., 4, lovely wing tkd., nicely drawn, good pos., well up on leg, hardly the best of wings, sound qual.; 5, Meek; vhc, Cochrane; hc, Mason; c, Clayton. UNFLIC. YELL. (14): 1, 3, Dyke, faultless type, grand head, shoulders and back, beautifully modelled and drawn, A1 wings and tail, 3rd, lovely tkd. bird, beautifully rounded, nice head, back, and wings, and the neatest of tails, lovely quality; 2, Kearns, hardly so rich in col., or so full of bloom, but A1 type, grand shoulders, smart wings and tail; 4, Towers, very smart, cl., beautifully drawn, nice smooth front, rare length of wings, fine con.; 5, Mason; vhc, Snead; hc, Heggie; c, Meek. BUFF (11): 1, Mason, magnificent bird, as near perfection as possible, hard to find fault with, a real topper, tight as wax, full of bloom; 2, Ogden, smart, racy, nice length beautifully modelled and drawn, well up on leg, lovely back and wings; 3, 4, Harrison, grand 3-pointed, neatly moulded, good head, tightly braced wings, boxy feather, 4th, lovely cinn.-mkd., shade small, but nice type and qual. feather, smart wings and tail; 5, Gunning; vhc, Cochrane; hc, Priest; c, Huggins. HEN (8): 1, Ogden, gem for type and qual., sweetly moulded, grand head, wings and tail, in the pink of condition; 2, Gray, similar type, hardly so cleanly put down, but grand all round, lovely qual.; 3, Heggie, lovely typical yell., fine length, full of style, beautifully drawn, well up on leg, A1 con.; 4, Priest, smart buff fine length, nicely drawn and rounded, neat head, good back and wings, fine qual.; 5, Clayton; vhc, Kearns; hc, Priest. GR. SELF. YELL. (6): 1, Jones, lovely type and style, neat head, good shoulders and back, well up on legs, and nicely cut away, sound rich col., teeming with qual.; 2, 5, Metcalfe, scarcely so nicely rounded, grand shoulders and length of wings, lovely sound, rich col., beautifully pencilled; 3, McDermot, wonderful length and style, good head, scarcely so good in wings, nice rich body col., good qual.; 4, Benson and Young, shade smaller, but typical and beautifully drawn, rich col., well carried through, nice qual.; vhc, Handley. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Benson and Young, smart and typical bird, beautifully drawn and moulded, smartly braced wings, sound, rich col., dense pencillings, excels in qual., 4th hardly the best of wings, lovely rich col., nice qual. of feather, well put down; 2, 3, Metcalfe, shade smaller, but a beauty for type and style, lovely head and shoulders, smart wings, grand tone of col., fine qual., 3rd, wonderful length, grand style, beautifully drawn and packed, nice tone of col. all through, beaten pencilling; 5, vhc, Handley. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, Metcalfe, tail mkd., grand type and style, beautiful head and wings, wonderfully rich in col., grand qual., beautifully pencilled; 2, Handley, smart, foul tail, beautifully drawn, clean cut, on good legs, sound, rich col. throughout, grand qual. and condition; 3, Benson and Young, foul tail, beautiful pos. and nerve, nicely drawn and moulded, rich col., full of qual.; 4, McDermott, foul head, flank and tail, fine length, neat head and shoulders, fails a bit in wings, but lovely qual. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Benson and Young, wing, tail, and thigh, foul bird, fine type and qual., well up on legs, beautifully cut away, sound, rich col., 2nd similar for fouling, shade richer tone of col., hardly so sweetly typical, but grand qual. and well put down; 3, Handley, very smart, fine length, beautifully moulded, nicely cut away, good legs, hardly so rich in col., fine con.; 4, Jones, foul tail, capital length, neat head and shoulders, good smart wings, rich col.; 5, Clayton.

THE ROLLERS.

Judge, Mr. T. W. Walton.

CH. BIRDS, 1913 (17): 1, 2, 3, Neugebauer; 4, Wirth; 5, vhc, Ives; hc, c, Firth. NOV., 1913 (5): 1, 3, 5, Best; 2, Mrs. Firth; 4, Broadbent; vhc, Atherton. ANY AGE (21): 1, Ives; 2, Kremmer; 3, Gloeckner; 4, Neugebauer; 5, Bryson; vhc, Currie; hc, McKechan. MEMBERS, 1913 (10): 1, 6, 7, Stewart; 2, 3, Bryson; 4, McKechan; c, Nettleship. MEMB., ANY AGE (12): 1, 3, McDonald; 2, Jackson; 4, Currie; 5, 7, McKechan; 8, Bryson.

THE HYBRID SECTION.

Judge, Mr. J. Maddison.

CL., TKD., EVEN, MULE (11): 1, 4, Martin and Archer, leader the noted cl. Linnet, "Perfection," in fine order; 4th, very nice clear Greenf., lacks colour; 2, Beggie, grand cl. Greenf., rare size and subs., lovely col. and cond.; 3, Lamb, wing mkd. Goldf., grand shape and feather, spotless cond.; 5, Levick, eye, wing and tail mkd. Goldf., fine size and col.; vhc, McVittie; hc, Lavery; c, Miller; No. 5, "w.c.," alleged to be a Canary. VAR. (16): 1, 2, Martin and Archer, cheek-mkd. Greenf., very fine size, best of shape and col. 2nd, the well known eye and wing mkd. Goldf., a beauty, hot col., excellent cond.; 3, 5, Lamb, leader eye and tail mkd. Goldf., fine Mule, grand shape, col. and feather; 5th, hot col., variegated yell. Greenf.; 4, McQuiston, cheek and wing mkd. Greenf., excellent feather and cond., a bit slim; vhc, Brown; hc, Bell; c, Ovenstone. DARK GOLDF. (16): 1, Jamieson, rare good yell., very cobby shape, great size, hot col.; 2, Middleton, extra bright col., fine shape and style, less subs.; 3, Parlett, very good size and shape, shade dark in cut; 4, Crone, nice size, lovely rich col.; 5, Lamb, grand col. and feather, little pinched in head; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Wilson; c, Roy. DK. LINNET (16): 1, 3, Crone, leader rare full head, neck and front, capital wings, feather and cond.; 3rd, also big and thick set, in grand order; 2, Heard, grand Mule, very hot col., fine cobby shape; 4, Martin, very big and shapely, scarcely so level in col.; 5, McQuiston, very hot col., grand cond., less size; vhc, Alexander; hc, Duncan; c, Wilson. DK. GREENF. (17): 1, 2, McQuiston, rare good size, thick-set, very hot, level col., capital wing bars; 2nd, very big, hot coloured buff; 3, Parlett, rich level coloured yell.; trifle less subs.; 4, Mrs. Longden, good all round, just a little less size; 5, Walsh, hot col., lengthy, good style; vhc, Roy; hc, Jamieson; c, Dewar. A.O.V. DARK (17): 1, Middleton, yell Siskin, fine size, lovely shape and col., well defined cap and mkgs.; 2, Goodall, very good yell. Redpoll, grand size, shape and col.; 3, Heron, good and big yell. Twite; 4, Johnston, Siskin, excellent shape and col.; 5, Wilson, good sized Redpoll, rare round.; vhc, Webster; hc, Fairburt; c, Watt. BULLF. HYB. (16): 1, sp, best bird in show, Crone, magnificent Can.-Bullie, wonderful size and shape, very hot col.; 2, Walsh, Redpoll-Bullf., very rich col., good cap, lovely shape and cond.; 3, Parlett, the sensational variegated Bullie Hybrid; 4, Lavery, very nice, big, bright-coloured Can.-Bullf.; 5, Lamb, really good Greenf.-Bullf., fine size and shape, well mkd.; vhc, Higham, pretty Cinn. Can.-Bullf.; hc, Alexander; c, Wilson. A.O.V. HYB. (16): 1, and rarity sp, Martin and Archer, the noted Greenie-Chaffie, beautiful bird, in grand order; 2, Renwick, Redpoll-Greenf., fine size, excels in col. and cond.; 3, Collins, Goldf.-Redpoll, wee gem, lovely blazes, mkgs. and cond.; 4, Finnie, Goldf.-Greenf., extra good size and shape, wide skull, fine deep blaze, worth its place; 5, Lamb Goldf.-Siskin, grand example of the cross, rich col., beautiful mkgs.; vhc, Oldham; hc, Cranna; c, Martin. SELL. 10s. Gd. (22): 1, Finnie; 2, Hewitt; 3, Wilcock; 4, Renwick 5, Martin; vhc, Martin and Archer; hc, Parlett; c, Paterson.

THE FOREIGN BIRDS.

Judge, Mr. L. J. Arrighi.

GOLDF. (21): 1, Arnot, good face, grand square blaze, great density of col., nicely tanned cheeks, good wing flights, shade thin in build and inclined to be dark in tannings, grand order; 2, Henderson, good one, larger than winner and better in tannings, lovely body col., splendid nape and buttons, fails in density of face, looking a shade soft; 3, McMillan, grand col., fine size, good body and markings, and nice size, fails in purity of col.; 4, Cross, nice one, grand qual. feather, pure coloured blaze, fails in density, shade smoky in body col.; 5, Hood; vhc, Boag; hc, Henderson; c, Price. BUFF. CK. (10): 1, Brown, a monster, great size, lovely cap, grand back and wings, fails a shade in breast col., lovely order, wins; 2, Wilson, good shape, sweet wing, bar, and flights, nice head and cap, good bib, fails in size, grand order; 3, Brown, sweet made Bullie, lovely depth of body col., nice wings, good cap, rather loose in feather; 4, Welsh, likely bird, grand depth of col., rare polish, nice cap and bib, good stamp, well placed; 5, Adams; vhc, Cannon; hc, Brunskill; c, Arnot. HEN (7): 1, Ferguson, monster, grand hen, lovely body col., fine wing bars, grand cap and bib, shown in A1 order, clear win; 2, Cranna, good body col., fine wing flights, a shade narrow in head, not so good in bib, nice size, staged in fine bloom; 3, Dunn, nice size and qual., good col., shade smaller and lacks the bloom and finish of winner; 4, Allan, good size, good shape, fails in bib, fine wing bars and A1 col., rather soft working; 5, Wilson; vhc, Alexander; hc, Cannon. PYRRHEETS (5): 1, 4, Miss Waddell, leader Red collared Lovebird, fine qual., 4th pair of Stanley Parrakeets, in good order; 2, Mrs. Barlow-Massicks, good pair of Pennants, grand col.; 3, Nisbet, sweet coloured Crimson Wing, in fine bloom, extra good col.; 5, Mrs. Harvey, Alexandra Parrakeet, well shown. LOVEBIRDS (7): 1, Arnott, pair Black-faced Lovebirds, fine size, grand qual. feather; 2, Miss Waddell, nice pair of Yellow Budgerigars, grand size and markings, shown in grand order; 3, 4, Winter, pairs of Green Budgerigars in grand order, hard to separate; 5, Fletcher, also Green Budgerigars, beaten in size and markings; vhc, Green; hc, Wilson. PARROTS, &c. (8): 1, Butler, grand Green Lory, in lovely bloom; , he, Miss Waddell, good Blue fronted Amazon in tip-top order, well put down; 3, 4, Blackwood, Amazon in grand fettle, fails in size, and a sweet Lemon-crested Cockatoo, well put down; 5, Ditchfield, an Amazon, fails in size to winners; vhc, Waddell; hc, Kywater. AVADAVATS, &c. (17): 1, 4, vhc, Howe, leaders lovely Gold-breasted Waxbills, dense col., rare size and qual., 4th sweet St. Helenas, in grand order; 2, Arnot, a nice pair of Cordon Bleus, well up in size and col.; 3, Hoyle, good Diamond Sparrows, well put down; 5, Battersley, nice pair of Zebra Finches, grand size, a shade rough in feather; vhc, he, Vernon; c, Toulinson. GRASSFINCHES (16): 1, Arnot, Rainbow Buntings, pair, fine col. and cond., grand exhibits; 2, 4, Younger, Black-headed Gouldians, in good trim, and sweet pair of Cuban Finches in fine order; 3, Montague, nice pair of Violet-eared Waxbills, in good trim; 5, Howe, lovely Melba Finch, grand col. and qual., well staged; vhc, Waddell; hc, Vernon; c, Toulinson. TANAGERS, &c. (7): 1, 4, vhc, he, Arnot, leader well-known Sugar Bird in full bloom, well put down; 3, Golden-fronted Honeysucker, well up in size and colours; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, good Scarlet Tanager and sweet Sugar Bird, both in A1 order; 5, Montague, Purple Sun Bird, very interesting and rare exhibit. A.O.S. (6): 1, 4, Mrs. Warren Vernon, leader a grand exhibit, a Blue Rock Thrush, lovely order and grand colours, exceedingly well staged; 4th a Hunting Class, in good form; 2, 3, vhc, Miss Waddell, Silver-eared Mesia, grand shape, etc., and a nice Hill Mynah, in good form; 5, Mason, sweet Starling in good trim.

DIPLOMA WINNERS AT COUPON SHOWS.

C, indicates competitors in the champion section; N, in the novice section, of our Championship Competition. A second list of shows of later date will be published in due course.

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N.: W. Mollard, Nor.; F. W. Meock, Yorks.; J. Lockett, Brit. H.

GREAT HORTON.—C.: A. Lister, Yorks.

N.: W. H. Hamlyn, Yorks.

CLAPHAM.—C.: T. Gilbert, Crest; E. Baker, Nor.; G. H. Pratt, Bord.; W. J. Cooper, A.O.V.; W. J. Salter, Yorks; H. Howlett, Hyb.; W. Francis, Brit. H.; F. J. Hose, Brit. S.; A. Ezra, For.

N.: C. Hume, Yorks.

GILLINGHAM.—C.: F. J. Wickham, Nor.

N.: C. R. Bullen, Yorks.

LEEDS. C.: Martin and Archer, Hyb.; Dr. Craig, Yorks.; C. E. Hall, Nor.; L. Fulding, Brit. S.; E. Barker, A.O.V.; F. W. Christer and Son, For.

N.: E. Toulson, Yorks.; J. Wilford, Nor.

MORPETH. C.: G. Snowdon, Nor.; E. E. Pyman, Yorks.; Sorley Bros., A.O.V.; W. Smith, Bord.

N.: S. Lindsay, Nor.; J. W. Long, Yorks.

PLYMOUTH. C.: J. Dingmore, Yorks.; W. Collings, Nor.; F. G. Bale, Crest.; Dr. Laurie, Bord.; T. Pope, A.O.V.; F. Collins, Hyb.; E. Stevens, Brit. H.; Stephens and Gayed, Brit. S.

N.: G. Mellows, Yorks.; W. Phillips, Nor.; Miss V. Onslow, Crest.; W. Gingell, Bord.

HANLEY.—C.: W. Whetstone, Nor.; J. Gibbons, Yorks.; J. Davies, Brit. H.

N.: R. Parker, Nor.; J. Walker, Yorks.

NORWICH.—C.: J. A. Woodhouse, Brit. H.; A. Woollard, Crest.; W. Bale, Nor.; A. E. Brooks, A.O.V.; C. Thorne, For.

N.: E. F. Linder, Crest.; F. H. Phillips, Nor.

HALIFAX.—C.: J. E. Priestley, Yorks.; W. Millward, Nor.; D. A. Macpherson, Brit. H.; J. W. Metcalfe, Green.

N.: H. Lord, Nor.; A. Mann, Greens; W. B. Swaine, Yorks.

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BROUGHTY FERRY.—C.: R. Whitton, Crest; T. Thompson, Scot.; G. Mitchell, Nor.; J. Campbell, Bord.; J. M'Ardle, Hyb.; J. Sykes, Brit. H.; P. Arnott, For.; E. Taylor, Brit. S.

N.: J. Black, Crest; J. L. Smith, Scot.; W. Hutton, Nor.; Dalgetty and Weston, Bord.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—C.: W. Elliott, Nor.; J. H. Beamount, Yorks.; A. March, Scot.; J. M. Williams, Brit. H.; J. Wood, Brit. S.; J. W. Saywell, For.

N.: J. Fitchett, Nor.

ABERTILLERY.—C.: A. Hutchings, Nor.; J. Pritchard, Yorks.; N. Ball, Hyb.; W. J. Harry, Brit. S.

N.: A. Moule, Yorks.; H. Mortimer, Hyb.; R. F. Griffiths, Brit. H.; Mrs. E. Price, Nor.

HARROGATE.—C.: M. A. Wilson, Hyb.; A. Veitch, Yorks.; M. A. Wilson, Brit. H.

N.: J. Graham, Yorks.

SHEFFIELD.—C.: W. Radley and Son, Crest; C. Tomlinson, Yorks.; W. N. Turner, Nor.; G. Fletcher, Brit. S.; J. Chadwick, For.

N.: W. Watson, Nor.; G. Hunt, Yorks.

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N.: J. Hardie, Brit. H.; H. M. Govan, Scot.; D. Doig, Nor.; H. M. Govan, Crest; W. Gunning, Yorks; W. and J. Linton, Bord.

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N.: D. Walker, Yorks. and Nor.; R. W. Claydon, Bord.; W. Oakley, Hyb.; F. M. Littledale, For.

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N.: F. E. Wilson, Yorks.; J. Davies, Nor.; C. Forrester, Brit. H.

COVENTRY.—C.: J. M. Williams, Nor.; G. Snead, Yorks.; A. Wright, Greens; R. Symonds, A.O.V.; G. Lawrence, Hyb.; E. J. Labraham, Brit. S.; A. J. Smith, Crest.

N.: W. J. Dinmock, Yorks.; A. Green, Crest; A. Groom, Green; H. W. Thompson, Nor.

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N.: W. Gamble, Bord.; F. S. Baker, Yorks.; W. Bradley, Nor.

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N.: J. Northrop, Yorks.

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N.: C. Miller, Nor.

PAIGNTON.—C.: F. A. Redwood, Nor.; W. Buckingham, Yorks.; Mrs. M. H. Askham, Hyb.; L. M. Wade, For.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—C.: A. Wood, Nor.; P. Lane, Yorks.; G. Potter, Brit. H.; F. Price, For.; P. V. Williams, Brit. S.; J. A. Tonks, Hyb.

N.: Gough and Loach, Nor.; A. Philpott, Yorks.; T. Proctor, A.O.V.

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UPPER RHONDDA.—C.: E. Lewis, Nor.

N.: J. Davies, Yorks.

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LEATHERHEAD F.S.

19th annual members' show, held in the Drill Hall, Nov. 26, and was a great success. A. C. Otway, the hon. sec., is a host in himself, and he received splendid assistance from the members of his committee. The Drill Hall is a suitable place for holding an exhibition, the light being good, and the place ample and cosy. Challenge cup for best bird, sp., 2nd best, and sp. 3rd best went to Mr. L. M. Wade, a really good White Robin, a beautiful Crimson-wing Parrakeet, and a nearly white Blackbird of magnificent feather, and very tame. The Canaries were not numerous, Norwich and Yorkshires being the best classes, but the display of British and foreign and Albinos was a really remarkable one. At the judges' luncheon the President, the Rev. T. F. Hobson, made some exceedingly felicitous remarks concerning the influence of the Fancy upon the lives of those who kept and exhibited live stock. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Soper, winner a romping eye'kd. buff, bold head, nice body, and good under col.; 2nd, grand shape, just a trifle free in feather; 3rd, silky feathered yell., probably a hen; vhc, Gunnell. YORKS, VEry. (5): All prizes and cards to Soper; 1st, an upstanding bird, good back, wing, leg, and action; 2nd, nice pos., but loses behind the leg; 3rd, good length, but a bit too chesty. BUFF (5): Mr. Soper again all honours with a really good team. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Dancer, great buff Yorks., stands well, nicely shown; 2, Pearce, shapely yell. Nor.; 3, Dancer, yell. Yorks, neat; vhc, Mrs. Reader; hc, French. BRIT., SEED EATERS (7): 1, 2, Gunnell, topping Linnet leading, and a nice Goldfinch, hardly up in face col.; 3, vhc, c, Wade, very smart Yellow Bunting leading; hc, Kingsworth. INSECTIV. (3): 1, 2, 3, Wade, winner very choice, Bearded Tit, rich in colour and fine in marking; 2nd, Yellow Wagtail, in nice feather; 3rd, Nightingale, not in condition. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, cup, 2, sp., vhc, hc, Wade, leader White Robin, excellent feather, very tame; 2nd, nearly White Blackbird; 3, Gunnell, four-pointed yellow Goldf.-Can. Mule, a good one. PARRAKEETS (2): 1, sp, 2, Wade, Crimson-wing Parrakeet at the head. PARROT (6): 1, sp, Mrs. Hewlins, grand Grey, large, lovely feather; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Wade, 2nd nice specimen of Salvin's Amazon; 3rd, Blue-headed Parrot. SEED EATERS, SMALL (4): 1, Wade, lovely pair of Spice Birds, in tip-top fettle; 2, 3, vhc, Pleace, Cordons Bleu and Golden-breasted Waxbills, in grand feather. LARGE (5): 1, vhc, hc, Wade, winner very nice Long-tailed Whydah; 2, Mrs. Reader, grand African Sulphur Finch; 3, Pleace, nice Atlas Weaver.

TRANENT.

30th annual show, held Nov. 29 in Sinclair's Hall. Entries were up on former years, and some very good birds were staged, and quality all round showed an improvement. The sec., Mr. McNeil, had everything well in hand, supported by an able committee. Cup most points in Scotch Fancy section, also cup best young Scotch Fancy, went to Mr. Jas. Gordon; cup most points Bord., J. Fairgrove. Mr. J. Hogg, Oakley, judged and his awards seemed to please everybody.

SCOTCH FANCY, BUFF OR FOUL CK. (7): 1, cup, 2, 6, Gordon; 3, Thomson; 4, Paterson; 5, Rennie; 7, Scott. HEN (3): 1, sp, best in hall, Gordon; 2, Thomson; 3, Rennie. PIED OR GR. CK. (5): 1, Paterson; 2, Gordon; 3, J. D. Johnston; 4, McNeil; 5, Thomson. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp., Gordon; 5, Thomson; 6, Livingstone; 7, Scott. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, D. Murray; 2, Wood; 3, P. Fairgrieve; 4, Scott. HEN (7): 1, Wood; 2, Johnstone; 3, Murray; 4, Scott; 5, 6, J. Fairgrieve; 7, P. Fairgrieve. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 2, J. Fairgrieve; 2, P. Fairgrieve; 4, Wood; 5, Baird; 6, Fairgrieve; 7, Thomson.. HEN (7): 1, Murray; 2, J. Fairgrieve; 3, Wood; 4, P. Fairgrieve; 5, Johnstone; 6, Scott; 7, Smith. EVEN OR VARIEG. (9): 1, Wood; 2, Thomson; 3, Ramage; 4, Barrie; 5, Baird; 6, Murray; 7, Hunter. GR. OR CINN. (6): 1, 5, Ramage; 2, 3, 6, Fairgrieve; 4, P. Fairgrieve. NOR. (3): 1, sp, 2, Barrie; 3, Baird. CREST OR C.B. CK.: 1, Montgomery. HEN: 1, Montgomery. GOLDF. (3): 1, Wardrobe; 2, Greig; 3, Johnston. BULLF. (3): 1, sp, Gordon; 2, Dr. Gamble; 3, Wardrobe. A.O.V., SMALL (7): 1, Barrie; 2, 5, Docker; 3, 4, Fairgrieve; 6, 7, Wardrobe. MULE (3): 1, 2, Wood; 3, Johnston.

OPENSHAW, GORTON.

First annual show held Dec. 26 at Club Rooms, Alhambra Theatre, Openshaw. Entries were exceedingly good. Mr. Chilton won sps best bird and best in Norwich, Mr. Johnson best Bord. and best Mealy Redpoll, and Mr. Newton best Brit. The cottage class was well patronised. The main feature was the quantity of British on view, and keen competition all round. The show was well patronised by the public, and the door receipts were exceptionally good. The show was well managed by a body of willing workers, and Mr. Washbourne, sec., had arranged everything with the greatest satisfaction. Mr. Dooley judged, and his awards were well received.

AMAT. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Gilbert; 2, Washbourne and Son. BUFF (1): 1, Gilbert. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Gilbert; 2, Washbourne and Son. BUFF (2): 1, Gilbert; 2, Washbourne and Son. BUFF 1913 CK. (1): 1, Washbourne and Son. NOV. YORKS CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Greaves; 2, Beddall; 3, Appleton; 4, Wilkinson. BUFF (2): 1, Beddall; 2, Appleton. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Thurston; 3, Appleton; 4, Wilkinson. 1913 CK. (2): 1, Painter; 2, Appleton. BUFF (4): 1, Painter; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Appleton; 4, Wilkinson. HEN (3): 1, 3, Wilkinson; 2, Thurston. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Richards; 2, Greaves; 3, Shaw. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Chilton; 3, Richards; 4, Cain. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Shaw. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Greaves; 2, 4, Shaw. YELLOW 1913 CK. (4): 1, Greaves; 2, Chilton; 3, Shaw; 4, Richards. HEN (7): 1, 3, sp, Chilton; 2, Greaves; 4, Richards. NAT. COL. (1): 1, Richards. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Johnson. TKD. OR VARIEG. (1): 1, Johnson. BUFF (1): 1, Pee. YELLOW 1913 (3): 1, 2, Pee; 3, Johnson. BUFF (1): 1, Newton. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Johnson. GREEN (4): 1, 2, sp, Johnson; 3, Pee; 4, Newton. LINNET, F.M. (6): 1, Newton; 2, Chilton; 3, Gilbert; 4, Johnson. H.M. (4): 1, Chilton; 2, Richards; 3, Donovan; 4, Washbourne. GOLDF., H.M. (3): 1, Newton; 2, Chilton; 3, Giles. BULLF. AND GOLDF., F.M. (7): 1, sp, Newton; 2, Gilbert; 3, Greaves; 4, Washbourne. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Johnson; 2, Shaw; 3, Richards; 4, Washbourne. LESSER REDPOLL (2): 1, Chilton; 2, Greaves. GOLDF. OR LINNET MULE (5): 1, Chilton; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, Gnes. A.O. BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, Greaves; 2, Newton; 3, Pee; 4, Hathaway. HEN (1): 1, Chilton. FOR. (1): 1, Richards. COTTAGE CLASS (7): 1, Bishop; 2, Garbutt; 3, Taylor; 4, Hughes. BULLF., H.M. (1): 1, Newton. PAIR YORKS (1): 1, Washbourne and Son. MULING PAIR (2): 1, Hathaway; 2, Newton. HYB. PAIR (1), 1, Donovan.

BINGLEY O.S.

Show held Dec. 27 in Assembly Room. Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford) officiated as judge, his awards giving satisfaction. Class 1: 1, Denby; 2, Priestley; 3, Shaw; 4, F. Craven. Class 2: 1, Butterworth and Hardy; 2, Denby; 3, Townley; 4, Herschler. Class 3: 1, Denby; 2, Butterworth and Hardy; 3, F. Craven; 4, Shaw. Class 4: 1, Shaw; 2, A. M. Craven; 3, W. Dean; 4, A. Godwin. Class 5: 1, A. M. Craven; 2, F. Craven; 3, Townley; 4, A. Godwin. Class 6: 1, A. M. Craven; 2, Denby; 3, Townley; 4, F. Craven. Class 7: 1, Dean; 2, Hardaker. Result of competition for 1913: 1, A. M. Craven, 82 points; 2, H. Shaw, 71; 3, Denby, 57; 4, Butterworth and Hardy (win most prize money), 41; 5, W. Dean, 41; 6, E. Townley, 40; 7, F. Craven, 39; 8, H. G. Priestley, 26.—H. Shaw, Sec.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

Fourteenth annual show, held at Oakley Memorial Hall, Dec. 26. The Hall is not a very suitable one, being somewhat dark, and the lights too high. The cage bird section contained only 12 classes, and 3 of them had to be cancelled. The entry numbered 65. Yorks. were the leading class. Norwich were good, but few, the winner, a var buff, being a nice bold bird that should get a few more prizes if shown. Mules or Hybrids only numbered 6, but 6 of the first water, the first three all being light, and the judge had no easy task in finding the winner. Goldfinches were a hot class of eleven good birds. The Society has a hard-working sec. in Mr. S. C. Pearce, ably assisted by Mr. A. Rivett, and a hard-working committee. Mr. G. H. Billet judged.

YORKS. CK. (13): 1, Dinmock, nice yell., beautiful head, well filled neck, beautiful wing carr. and tail, grand col. and qual., good cond.; 2, Dinmock, nice big buff, very straight, but rather loose in feather, nice head, but wings a little crossed, good col. and cond.; 3, Goldsmith, nicely mkd. bird, as neat and even as could be, very straight, lovely wing carr. and tail, small in head, good col., qual., and condition, much admired: 4, Price; vhc, Stellcott; hc, Collier; c, Bond. HEN (4): 1, Dinmock, nice buff, good size, neat head, well carried wings, good qual. and cond.; 2, Stellcott, rather slim yell., small head, wings sometimes crossed, could have done with a wash; 3, Stellcott, small buff, better shown than 2nd; 4, Ward. NOR. CK. (7): 1, 4, Bowler, var. buff, bold bird, plenty subs., good head, well filled neck, good wing carr., nice tail, lovely feather, good col. and cond.; 2, hc, Wood, var. buff, bit longer, good head, neat wings, not so tight in feather, good col. and cond.; 3, Rayner, var. yell., nice chest, well across perch, lovely col., qual. and cond.; vhc, Barrett; c, Abbott. HEN (4): 1, 3, Bowler, bold yell., bit browy, nice wing carr., good col. and cond.; 2, Wood, if a hen might have been above winner, it was a good singer, good head, nice wings, well across perch, lovely col., and tight in feather; 3rd, nice buff, good subs., good col., nice wings, well carried. A1 cond. MULE or HYB. (6): 1, Bowler, Light Goldf.-Can., nice size and shape, beautiful col., well carried wings and tail, lovely cond.; 2, Bowler, light Goldie-Can., similar, just fails in head; 3, Carter, light Goldf.-Can., not quite the stamp of first two, but a nice one; 4, Bowler, dark Goldf.-Can., good big bird with a good blaze, beautiful col. and qual., but stood no chance against the light ones; vhc, Bowler; hc, Carter. BULLF. (7): 1, Pearce, beautiful cap and bib, lovely coloured chest, well carried wings, very steady, grand cond.; 2, Carter, good size, but not the qual. of winner, appeared fresh caught; 3, Collier, about the same stamp as 2nd, but not so steady; 4, Pearce; vhc, Barrett; hc, Abbott; c, Ward. A.O.V. HARDBILL (6): 1, Collier, Chaffinch, beautiful colour, nice size, good head, feather tight and glossy, wins well; 2, Smith, Crossbill, good large bird, nice plumage, very steady, good qual. and cond., beaten by excellence of winner; 3, Smith, nice Chaffinch, nice shape and colour, not quite so steady, good cond.; 4, Collier, Bramblefinch. GOLDF. (11): 1, sp, best Brit., Carter, grand size, beautiful square blaze, lovely colour, markings perfect, well tanned chest, very steady, grand cond.; 2, J. Burnham, grand bird, not quite the blaze of winner, nicely mkd. wings, bars being grand, only just beaten; 3, Wood, smaller, nice blaze, good col., well mkd. wings, grand cond.; 4, vhc, Bowler, hc, Stellcott; c, Collier.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

6th annual show held Dec. 6, National School Rooms, with a record entry of over 150 birds. Quality was extra good, particularly in Norwich. Yellow hens (20), unflig. buff hens (20), unflig. yell. cock (16), contained some tip-top specimens. Cup for best bird, J. Barnes. Sp., best old bird, Cook and Son; best mule or hyb., J. Briggs; Ramsden's special, J. Southworth. The show was opened by the President, Alderman J. T. Whip. Mr. J. Southworth makes an ideal sec. and show manager, and had everything in thorough working order. Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, judged, and his awards were well received.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Bell; 2, Metcalf; 3, Barnes; 4, Grainger. BUFF: 1, Cook and Sons; 2, Southworth; 3, Grainger; 4, Demain. TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Barnes; 2, Bell; 3, 4, Grainger. BUFF: 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Grainger; 3, Bell. YELL. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Grainger; 3, 4, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Grainger; 2, Sharples; 3, Barnes; 4, Demain. YELL. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, 2, Grainger; 3, Cook and Sons; 4, Metcalf. BUFF: 1, Bell; 2, Cook and Sons; 3, 4, Barnes. YELL. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 3, 4, Grainger; 2, Sharples. BUFF: 1, Barnes; 2, Metcalf; 3, 4, Grainger. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, Barnes; 2, Metcalf; 3, Cook and Sons. HEN: 1, Speak Bros. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Bath; 2, Cook and Sons. MULES: 1, Briggs; 2, Marsh; 3, 4, Smith. GOLDF. OR BULLF.: 1, Sharples; 2, Blackburn; 3, Smith; 4, Grainger. GREENF. OR LINNET: 1, Barnes; 2, 4, Smith; 3, Marsh. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Marsh; 2, Blackburn. FOR.: 1, Speak Bros.; 2, Smith.

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Last monthly table show held St. Luke's Institute, Dec. 23. The cage bird section constituted a record. Medal for best exhibit fell to Mr. E. Bookham's Syklark, a grand bird, as steady as a rock. Bronze medal for most points, C. H. Pope, 67 points. Mr. F. Roser kindly officiated, Mr. H. Arthurs taking the Yorkshires, and both gave every satisfaction. Fanciers in the district would do well to join this society; the sub. is 2s. per annum, due Jan. 1. Members please note subs. are now due.

YORKS COL.-FED: 1, 2, 3, 4, res, vhc, Cooke, grand team. NON-FED.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Cooke, another splendid lot. NOR.: 1, 2, Arthurs; 3, Pope, other splendid lot. NOR.: 1, 2, Arthurs; 3, Pope. CREST: 1, Arthurs; 2, 3, Pope. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Arthurs; 4, Pope. A.O.V.: 1, Pope; 2, Arthurs. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Garnett, Goldfinch Mules. BRIT. HARD.: 1, sp, 2 Pope, Linnet leading; 2nd, Goldie; 3, 4, Garnett Goldfinch and Greenie; res, Lyposs. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, Bookham, Syklark, a gem; 2, Pope, F.M. Starling.—C. H. Pope, Hon. Sec.

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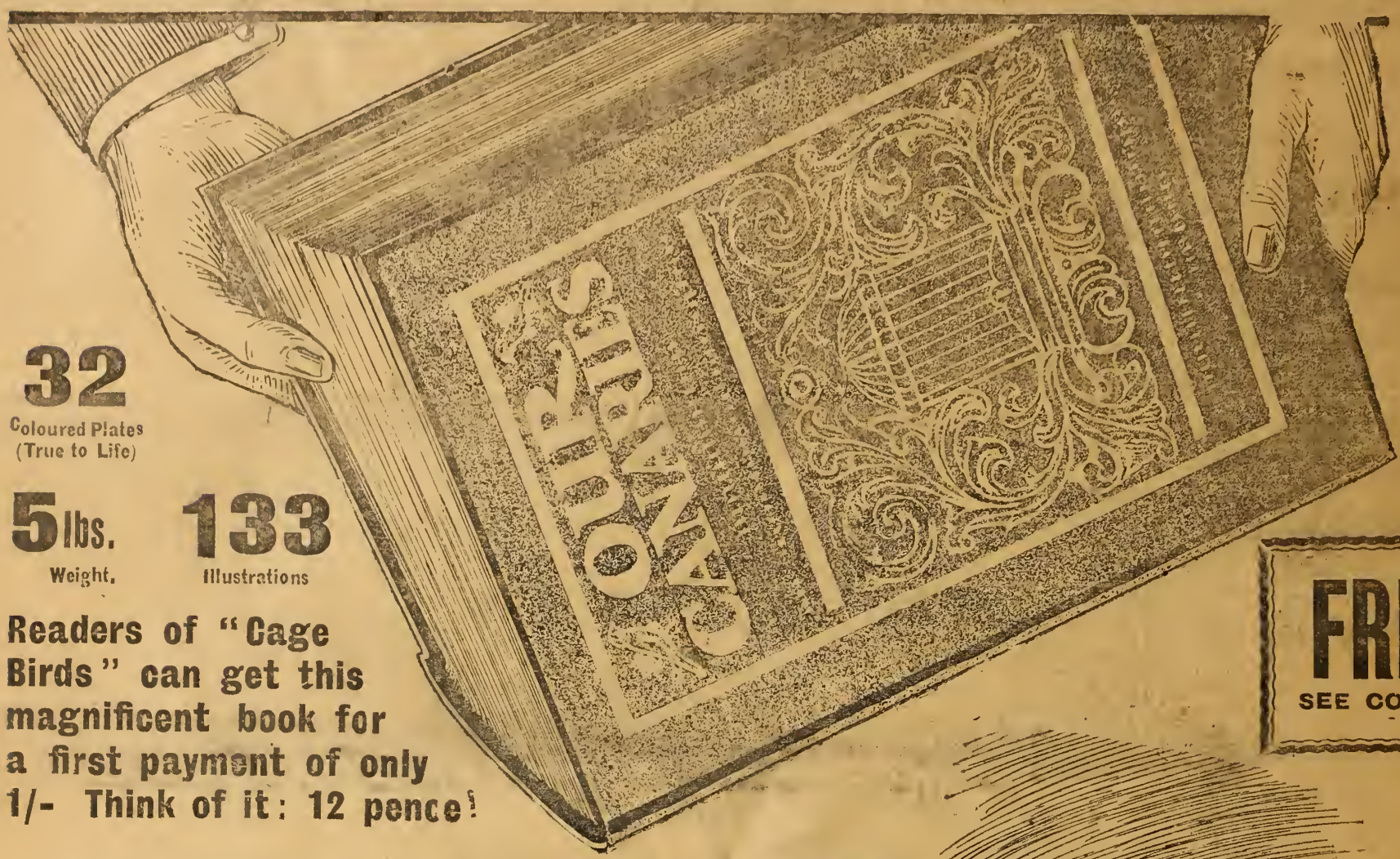
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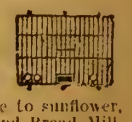
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a large stock of real Worcestershire Goldfinches, thoroughly on hard seed, in full colour and feather, warranted cock Goldfinches, 2/-, three 5/-, six 8/6, 16/- dozen; specially selected larger, guaranteed in song, 2/6, 3/- each; three, 7/-; six, 12/-; few extra large Goldfinches, picked from scores of dozens, with deep square blaze, fit to show at once, impossible to get better, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/6 dozen; warranted cock Linnets, every one with nut brown back and beautiful red breast 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/6 dozen; specially selected cock Linnets in free song 1/-, three 2/6, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen; few very steady cock Linnets, the right class of birds for showing or contest singing 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; cages 6d., 9d., 1/- each; trap cages, 9d.; double trap cages, 1/- each; strong travelling cages, 3d. each; all on approval as usual: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saleby-rd., Birmingham. (1142)

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We are patronised, and have been for 30 years, by every leading Crystal Palace judge and exhibitor, so our reputation stands 2nd to none. Editor of this journal has seen scores of original testimonials for birds we have supplied, which have bred hundreds of winning Mules. So if you intend buying British birds, buy from us, who have hundreds each week to pick from. We don't send out birds straight from the field; all are well on seed; guaranteed. Real English 1913 cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/-; extra picked for mating, 2/6, 3/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6; cock Bullfinches 2/-, hens 1/-, cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, hens, 1/- and 1/6; Lancashire cock Linnets, 8d., 10d., 1/- each, three 1/6, six 2/6; Greenfinches, 6d. each, three 1/3; cages, for any of above, from 6d., 9d., 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, and 2/-; seed grinding mills, 1/6. Send for catalogue of everything. Established 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs; also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.

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W. GORE, GOOCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM

(1181)

GOLDFINCHES BULLFINCHES LINNETS

Larks, etc. Real English cock Goldfinches, 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-; specially picked for showing, mating, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, three 6/-, six 11/-; hens 1/-, three 2/6, 7/6 doz.; rock Bullfinches 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-; picked ones for showing, 3/-, 4/- each; hens, 1/-; three 2/6, six 4/6; picked ones, 1/6 each; Lancashire cock Linnets, 9d., three 1/9, six 2/6, 4/6 dozen; large cock Larks 6d., three 1/-, six 2/-, 3/- dozen; yellow cock Greenfinches 1/-, cock Redpolls 1/-; Linnet cages 9d. each, three 2/-, singing box cages 1/6, three 4/-; cage fronts, any size, made to order, 5d. foot, 4/- dozen: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire; est. 1895. (1158)

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Arrived 3rd January, 1914. Splendid Siberian cock Goldfinches, in massive plumage and condition, with deepest scarlet square blazes, full caps and moons, well tanned on the breast, 4/6, 5/6 each; Siberian cock Bullfinches, like oil paintings, big as Larks, 6/6, 7/6 each; Siberian hen Bullfinches, 7/6 each; Austrian cock Crossbills, equal to Siberians, 4/6 each, in splendid condition. Notice, every purchaser of the above birds will be presented with a Siberian cock Greenfinch, or a Siberian cock Linnet, for one week only. Siberian cock Greenfinches, in massive colour and condition, 2/- each; Siberian cock Linnets, fit for mating or showing, 2/6 each: Enoch Power, Direct Importer of Siberian Birds, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

JUST ARRIVED! ANOTHER 300 SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, SISKINS

These are the proper ones, not the Russian, as offered by many as Siberians. I import direct from Siberia to London, and no one gets to pick at these same as many others offered. First come first served. Have some real monsters, beauties, full scarlet blazes, in the pink of health. Have sold scores of 1st prizewinners this last 10 years. Price, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; sensational winners, 8/6, 10/-; approval. Large Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; large Siberian cock Bullfinches for mating, as big as Thrushes, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; any on approval. Hundreds of testimonials, where I have supplied scores of winners, including Scottish National, Crystal Palace, etc. For proof, write Editor of this journal, who has seen the originals. "Mr. J. Ovenstone, Grangemouth. Sir,—You will be pleased to hear Siberian you sent me won two firsts and second Scottish National, last New Year's day." Show cages, 2/-. Send for catalogue. Estab. 50 years.—**Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, also 89, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London.**

BRITISH EXHIBITORS

Am picking specimens for moulting out winners. Have picked thousands of winners this last 30 years. Goldfinches or Bullfinches, and grand Siskins, for moulting out winners, 4/-, 5/-, and 6/- each, no fancy prices, on approval; also cock Linnets, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-; any on approval; sure to please you. Show cages, 2/-, three 5/6; order at once. Editor of this journal has seen scores of original testimonials, where I have supplied scores of winners, including Crystal Palace, Scottish National, one received this morning. Mr. Addison, High Shields. "Sir,—Please send Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet for 16/- enclosed. Hoping they are as good as last year. Bullfinch won open and members show. Linnet won twice; S. Shields and Jarrow. Patronized by every leading Crystal Palace judge this last 30 years, including Judge Battye, Payne, Roe, Barnes, Wellings, Vardy, Robson, etc. Established 50 years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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PAIR tame Ravens, 40/-, or exchange: Pearson, Greenwich. (1178)

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DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/6 each, hens 9d.: William Marles, jun., 19, Dean-st., Crediton, Devon. (1176)

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HAND-reared cock Thrush and cage, full song, sing anywhere, 10/6, or exchange, stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1172)

SELECTED cock Thrushes, Starlings, Blackbirds, 1/- each, well on food: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport. (1174)

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COCK Linnets, 1/-, 1/6; Thrushes, 2/-; Larks, 1/-; prompt dispatch: R. Trewhitt, 12, Jefferson-st., Goole. Late of Shotley Bridge. (1174)

LARKS, grand cock Larks 2/6 doz.; Greenfinches, 1/6 doz.; hen Linnets, 1/-; Yellowhammers, 9d. pair: G. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris. (1168)

LINNETS, Larks, Greenfinches, Redpolls, etc., mixed, 2/- dozen; selected, 3 for 1/-; half-dozen, mixed, 1/-: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1175)

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MIXED aviary birds, cocks and hens, clean, healthy seedeaters, 1/- doz., 20 1/6; better sort, 2/- doz.: Jackson, Birdcatcher, Washingboro', Lincoln. (1163)

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NOTICE! Cocks, Skylarks, singing loud, 1/-, three 2/6; singing Linnets 1/-, three 2/6; wanted, Goldfinches, Bullfinches: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham. (1170)

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COCKS for show; Larks, Linnets, Redpolls, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, 1/- each; one dozen well mixed birds 1/-: W. Fenn, Berk-rew, Mildenhall, Suffolk. (1160)

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COCKS for show; Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Yellow Bunting, Reed Bunting, 20 mixed, 1/6; selected dozen, 1/-: Gotobed Fenn, The Pitt, Isleham, Cambs. (1182)

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RED-breasted rock Linnets, 1- dozen; half, 7/3; warranted cock Larks, 3/- dozen: Greenfinches, hen Linnets, 1/3 dozen; Blackbirds, Thrushes, cocks, 3, 2/6.—J. Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach. (1169)

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BRITISH cock Goldfinches, on full song, 3/-, 3/6, and a few picked out for show, 4/6 and 5/6 each; also a few grand cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and two extra large well-pencilled cocks, make sure winners, 2/6 each; very large grand coloured cock Bramblefinches for the show bench, 1/-, 1/6 each; Yellowhammers 1/-; Redpolls, real gems, 1/-; cock Linnets, on full loud song, 1/- each; cock Larks, steady, commencing to sing, 1/- each; all on approval; cash or deposit: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull. (1175)

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Grand selected cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 2/- each; few gems, 4/-, 5/-; grand hen Goldies, 1/-, 1/6 each; cock Bullfinches, cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-, 1/6; selected cock Greenfinches, Linnets, Lesser Redpolls, Mealy Redpolls, Reed Buntings, Yellow Buntings, Chaffinches, Bramble Finches, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; pairs for aviaries, same price; all birds healthy, and sent on approval, cash or deposit: A. J. Underwood, 24, Wellington-st., Kettering. (1171)

J FENN, ISLEHAM

Exhibitors.—The pick of thousands for size and markings, cocks, Corn Bunting, 2/6; Yellow Bunting, Reed Bunting, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Lark, 1/6 each; 20 mixed seedeaters, 1/6; 12 brighter mixed, 1/-; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; Thrush, Blackbird, singing, 2/6 each; mating cock Linnet, coming on song, 1/6: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist and Judge, Westcliff Villas, Isleham, Cambs. (1182)

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CANARIES.

Border Fancy.

BORDERS, cocks and hens, winning strain, for sale: Kindow, 38, Hyde-rd., Ardwick. (1178)

BORDERS for sale. Six cocks, 4 hens, £2, or nearest offer: H. Smith, Blacklands, Nutfield, Surrey. (1165)

TWENTY good Borders, cold-room bred, yellows and buffs, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-: J. Nairn, Glasgow Vennel, Irvine. (1172)

PRIZE bred Borders, good stock birds, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6: J. Campbell, 279, Main-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire. (1172)

PRIZE-BRED Green cocks, 5/-; hen, 2/6; pairs, 6/6; or offers; leaving: Barber, 16, Glascote-road, Wilnecote, Tamworth. (1141)

1913, pair of good Borders, buff cock, yell. hen, 10/6; also 2 buff hens, vhc, 5/- each: W. Parker, Brynrhos, Glanamman. (1166)

BORDERS, yellow cocks, 6/-, 1912 and 1913, singing; young hens, 2/6, deposit: Knight, 495, Gorton-rd., Reddish, Stockport. (1161)

TYPICAL Borders for sale, show or stock, cheap; approval; winner CAGE BIRDS Diploma: Beard, 6, Slaney-st., Gloucester. (1171)

EXHIBITORS, Yellow Green hen, 1st Forres, 10/-; clear buff hen, 5/-; worth double: Bruce, Pointsman, Bonar Bridge. (1156)

BORDER hens, bred from my Palace winners, related to my winners of this year, from 3/-: Claydon, Oatlands-drive, Weybridge. (1173)

CLASS Borders, yellows, buffs, greens; see L.C.B.A. report; cocks 5/-, hens 3/6 upwards; stamp: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1176)

NOTICE; grand lot Border Fancies, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

BORDERS. Buff and yellow cinnamon marks, cocks and hens, cheap; a few clears; also see last week's advt.: Campbell, Ardmore, Biggar. (1170)

CUP winning strain, cocks from 5/-, hens 3/-; matched pairs, 10/- upwards; approval, stamp: McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert. (1172)

CANARIES, high class, specially fine selection songsters, feeding hens, beauties, none finer, cheap: Blackwood, 122, Queen's Drive, Glasgow. (1170)

HANCOCKS' Palace strain, cocks from 7/-, hens from 3/-; approval; reports Ilkeston, Warrington, Liverpool, Preston: 110, Stewart-st., Crewe. (1176)

BORDER Fancy: Pair of greens, properly matched, direct from Johnston's strain, young birds, price reasonable: Harvey, Raby-st., Byher, Newcastle. (1172)

THREE pairs, clear cocks and marked hens, first-class stock, 10/- pair; also three young Norwich cocks, 7/6 each: Wilson, King-st., Maxwelltown. (1163)

W. HORNBY, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Borders, has four selected pairs for sale, cheap; particulars free; satisfaction guaranteed: 17, Noster-st., Beeston, Leeds. (1171)

MRS. SALTER has several good Borders for disposal, cocks from 6/6, hens from 4/-; approval; inspection by appointment: 15, Trelawney-rd., Paragon-rd., Hackney, N.E. (1173)

A GRAND lot of Border Fancies, including good Greens, quality and low price make them the best value in the kingdom; list and particulars free: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

WALTER S. WILSON'S cinnamon Borders have type, substance, colour, and quality to commend them; all colours cheap; approval, stamp: "Glendyne," South Park-rd., Hamilton. (1132)

GREEN Border cocks, 2 yellows, 3 buffs, 20- to 25-; impossible get equal value; see them and judge for yourself; approval willingly before payment: Green, 5, Rocky-lane, Anfield, Liverpool. (1168)

GOOD show or stock birds of first class type and quality: clear buff and yellow hens and cocks, even and uneven marked hens, yellow and buff greens, etc.; prices reasonable; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries. (1176)

DAN HAMILTON for cinnamons, also, greens clears, and marks, all colours; see reports most leading shows. For colour, type, and quality none can excel; winners or stock birds; reasonable; approval; stamp; state requirements: 239, Lowwaters, Hamilton. (1172)

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W. Ireland, 19, Bowness-rd., Barrow-in-Furness, has few clears and Marks, also cinnamons, cocks and hens, prices reasonable; cash, deposit, approval. (1163)

Crests and Crestbreds.

TWO 1913 Crestbred cocks, 8/- each; approval, deposit: Comben, 94, Fortuneswell, Portland. (1180)

GIVING up breeding, few good birds, extra cheap to clear: approval; stamp: Alex. Onion, Sir Rowland Hill, Nottingham. (1172)

CRESTS or Crestbreds, 10/- to £5 each; best show blood, like Manchester winner: Laithwaite, Rigbylane, Bradshaw, Bolton. (1134)

CLEARING out; 7 Crested cocks, 3 Crested hens, 6 Crestbred cocks, mostly 1913, from 10/-; approval: Wm. Reid, Falkland, Fife. (1168)

LARGE heavy-feathered Crestbred cock, 25/-; ye low Crested hen, 15/-, 35/- the pair, approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1176)

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crestbreds for sale; a grand selection; price reasonable; approval: Lister, 166, Rectory-rd., Gateshead. (1165)

WILLIAM PAUL; a few young Crestbred cocks and Crestbred hens, good stock birds, from 20/-: Cooperative Buildings, Uphall. (1182)

C. ROBERTS, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, can spare few of his noted Crest and Crestbred for show or stock; state wants. (1181)

EVINS BROTHERS.—A few good stock birds for sale, bred the same as our winners; cheap to clear; approval: 259, High-st., Exeter. (1157)

GREEN Crested cock, 5/6; variegated Crested hen, 5/6; clear body dark Crest hen, 7/6, approval: Hicks, Secretary F.S., Holsworthy. (1167)

MRS. THOS. TAYLOR'S champion strain, a few good stock birds for sale, reasonable approval; stamp reply: 68, Edward-st., Gateshead. (1181)

GIVING up; all my winning and stock Crest and Crestbreds for sale, and cages, cheap to clear: W. F. Raby, St. Ervan, St. Issey, Cornwall. (1170)

GEORGE NAYLOR has some splendid Gold Lizards, cocks and hens, for sale; cocks 5/6 to 7/6, hens 4/6 each: No. 1, Cambridge-place, Rochdale. (1168)

CREST and Crested bred, from exhibition stock, prices reasonable; approval, inspection invited: Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham. (1176)

LARGE Crestbred cock, winner, also Crest cock, winner, 15/- each; giving up Crests; approval, cash or deposit: Devoy, 23, George-st., Straurar. (1177)

CREST and Crestbreds, from my well-known strain, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each and upwards; cold room; stamp: Radmore, 17, Chaddlewood Avenue, Plymouth.

NOTICE: grand lot Crests and Crest-breds for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

A FEW grand Crest and Crest-bred for sale, cheap; also 4 or 5 grand singing cocks for sale or exchange. Stamp reply to B. Woolley, Killis-la., Kilbourne, Derbyshire. (1171)

WELL bred young Crested and Crestbred Canaries, 10/6 to 18/-; hens 7/6 to 15/-; clear good grizzle Crested cock, 15/-; approval: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terrace, Hampstead. (1166)

SEVERAL 1913 Crest and Crestbreds, cheap to clear, guaranteed Tyson and Joyce strains, same blood as my winners, 7/6 to 20/- each: Mayhew, Jeweller, Bury St. Edmunds. (1169)

BARNETT'S direct. Crests and C.B.'s, all my expensive birds and their young for sale; £1 to £5; giving up; letters only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham. (1161)

GREENWOOD AND BURSON: 10 pairs of Crests, 30/- per pair; 5 pairs, 50/- per pair; matched for Crest-breeding, from our own stock, one of the best in the world; stamp: 28, Haydon-st., Swindon, Wilts. (1163)

A grand lot of Crest and Crestbred cocks and hens for disposal; not showing this year, no better blood obtainable; same strain as birds sold for £25 and £15 last year: W. Kilmister, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham. (1166)

LARGE heavy Crested green 1913 cock, 20/-; clear body dark capped Crestbred hen, 15/-; very large variegated Crestbred cock, show bird, 25/-, bred from one of the finest stocks in the Fancy; approval: Day, 5, Carleton-terrace, Halton-rd., Islington, N.

CLEAR Crest-bred cock, second cross, 1912 bred, 15/-; Variegated cock, 1913 bred, 12/6; just the birds to pair with rough Crests, wingmarked, Crestbred hen, good breeder, 1912 bred, 10/-; two Crested hens, 7/6 each; approval: Thomas Morley, Baldock, Herts. (1171)

CHAMPION Crests.—Several real good massive feathery Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, including several winners, only 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; also judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, only 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 30/-, to £5 pair; all strong, healthy and vigorous; Barnett's Palace winning strains; all cold room bred; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1158)

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BREEDER of Crests for 30 years. Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows, some nice young birds for sale, prices to suit everybody; state price prepared to give; on approval: G. Williams, 59a, Lower Union-st., Torquay. (1023)

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CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS

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Lizards.

TWO pair Lizards, 10/6 pair; 2 silver cocks, 7/- each; young birds; approval: Sutcliffe, 5, California, Lumbutt's-rd., Todmorden. (1164)

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Lancashires.

LARGE buff Plainhead cock, 10/6; 6/- yellow Plainhead cock, 10/6; each approval: Day, Fordham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds. (1164)

Cinnamons.

TWO yellow Cinnamon cocks, Norwich type, good birds, 15/- each; one fine buff, 2nd Chichester, fine stock bird, 30/-: Silk, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. (1145)

CINNAMONS, bred and lying in outside aviary, viewed by appointment, yellows and buffs, cocks 10/-, 15/-; hens 7/6, 10/-. Westley, Limes, Desmond, Bristol. (1162)

FOR sale, 2 pairs Cinnamons, 2 pairs Norwich, 2 pairs Yorkshires, 20/- pair; 8 buff Yorkshire hens, 4/- each, 8 buff var. hens, Norwich, 3/6 each, to make room: Howarth, 3, Rydal rd., Blackburn. (1167)

CINNAMONS, Norwich type; winners two cups this season and numerous other events. All my own breeding. Now is the opportunity. Buy good stock cheap; cold room; stamp: Brown, Is, Wembury Park-rd., Plymouth.

EXCHANGE prize bred pair Plainhead Norwich, reserve, for pair large yellow self Cinnamons, sell 21/-, yours first; Seifert Rollers, cocks, 5/-, 7/6, hens 2/6; monster yellow cock Greenfinch, Muler, 5/-; cock Siskin, 2/6, Norwich hens, 5, 7/6, 10/-: Weaire, Smodland, Kent. (1178)

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Having purchased this famous stock entire, offer buff cocks, unflighted, from 15/ upwards; buff hens, 10/ upwards; one chance for novices, winners for sale; approval: Rev. Nunne, Harrington, Cumberland (see Norwich). (1147)

Belgians.

GRAND 1913 yellow cock, good shoulders, bargain, £1/-; approval: Combeu, Outfitter, Portland. (1180)

FOR Sale, Belgians, same strain as my cup winners: Mme. Verhees, Grens-st., 56, Mortsel, Belgium.

FOR sale, young buff Belgian hen, 2nd prize Scottish National, cheap: John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk. (1175)

BELGIANS for sale, few 1913 birds, cocks or hens, either colour; reasonable approval: F. Baker, 2, Brooklands, Totnes. (1174)

CHAMPION Belgians, twenty grand birds for sale, cheap to clear; approval, deposit: Horrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple. (1151)

G. S. BAKER, Georges-rd., Barnstaple, has grand lot Belgians, bred from biggest winners living, reasonable prices, approval. (1144)

FOR sale, the whole stock of Belgians belonging to Mr. Robertson, who is giving up the Fancy; apply: Dan Harding, Harrington, Cumberland. (1164)

Greens.

FEW smart pairs Border Greens, only 15/- the pair; approval; also Norwich: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool. (1180)

LOT of good Green cocks and hens in pure Yorkshire and Border Fancies; particulars or list free: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens, show or stock, most reliable strain in the Fancy; approval willingly; deposit: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NOT having exhibited any Norwich Greenics this year I have a few stock and show birds to spare; no yellow hens; my strain has won every possible honour on the show bench: V. H. Deacon, Cardington, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool. (1174)

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frills, of my winners at the shows, Utrecht, Dusseldorf, Munchen, Rosenheim, etc., 1913; per pair 50/-, 60/-, 70/-; cash or deposit, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leenwen, Utecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

DUTCH Frills, young birds, 12/6 each, cash or deposit, very fine birds, July and August bred, plus 5/- for travelling cage and all carriage expenses: W. A. van Leenwen, Utrecht, 34, Palm-st., Holland. (111)

Norwich.

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WANTED, Norwich, cash or exchange: Royal Managerics, Greenwich. (1178)

FEW grand pairs, 8/6, 10/6; hens from 5/-; cash; approval: Girling, Harford-st., Norwich. (1181)

FIVE pairs Norwich Canaries, 1913 and 1912 bred, 8/- pair: F. Hallows, 33, Willow-st., Romford. (1165)

SEVERAL prize-bred Norwich cocks and hens, reasonable prices; on approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1152)

T. IRONS has some good Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, from 10/6; approval: Ivy-rd., Northampton. (1152)

CLEAR buff 1912 cock, 2nd, 4th; ditto colour-fed, 3rd, 8/6 each; cards sent: Harvey, Faith-st., Maidstone. (1165)

GRAND buff cock, big winner, with show cage, 40/-; worth double: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1166)

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/6; unflighted fed pairs, 10/6: A. Knight, 46, Spencer-rd., Kentish Town, N.W. (1178)

FEW buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; buff hens 7/6, 10/- each; approval, stamp: J. Hayhurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley. (1176)

LEAVING home; young Norwich colour-fed buff cocks, grand stock birds, 7/- to 10/-: 172, Kingston-rd., Wimbledon. (1165)

GRAND unflighted buff cock, 20s.; yellow cock, 1912, 15/-; from my cup team; deposit: Wright, All Saints, Stamford. (1165)

NORWICH cocks, in song, 6/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; approval; exhibition Scotch Linnets, 1/6; Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1173)

NORWICH for sale, yellows, buffs and variegated, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6: P. Philpott, 9, Wolesley Gardens, Chiswick. (1171)

NORWICH, 2 large yellow cocks, 1 buff hen, good stock birds, 17/- lot Tompkins, Crompten-st., Desborough, Northants. (1161)

HEALTHY typical birds, colour fed, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- per pair; songsters, 7/6; hens, 3/6: Varley, 63, Ingram-rd., Sheffield (1167)

NORWICH: 12 cocks, colour fed, majority Yellows, cold-room bred, 5/6 each: Harrold, 165, Ashes-rd., Langly, Birmingham. (1177)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, all colours: cocks 7/, hens 3/6; stamp reply: Galbraith, 162, Hospital st., Glasgow. (1168)

GRAND unflighted Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs, from 5/- each; approval, deposit: Clough, Wilson st., Sutton Mill, Keighley. (1172)

COLOUR fed Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; good bred birds; approval: Fox, Ebenezer Cottage, Mole Hill, Wirksworth. (1163)

CAN spare Norwich cocks, Crested and Crestbreds, all 1913 bred, no fancy prices; approval: A. Edwards, 53, Reigate-hill, Reigate. (1153)

YELLOW Norwich hen, grand type and good head; approval with pleasure: E. Noble, 12, Fenwick-st., Boldon Colliery, Durham. (1179)

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, full song, 6/-; unflighted hens, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jones, 29, Grafton st., Stockport. (1167)

MR. G. A. HARRIS, 12, Hazlewood lane, Palmer's Green, London, N., has a few good Norwich for disposal; pairs from 10/6. (1156)

GRAND buff Lancashire coppy, winner; 100 new Amberol Edison records; exchange good Norwich: Young, Palmer-st., Frome. (1180)

BEGINNERS wanting good Norwich send for my price list (private breeder): H. Clemence, 21, Hurst Green, Brightlingsea, Essex. (1179)

FOR sale, two yellow cocks, 8/6 each; one buff, 7/6; all Norwich, fine songsters; particulars: Dymock, Prestfeld, Shrewsbury. (1151)

LARGE unflighted Norwich, full song, cock 7/6, hens 3/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Wells, 38, Gooseley-lane, East Ham. (1167)

SEVEN high-class Norwich hens, fed, 3/- each; £1 lot; exchange 10-inch records: Land, 3, Linwood-grove, Longsight, Manchester. (1177)

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 to 10/- each; hens from 3/ to 6/- each; 30 years' breeding: William Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry. (1170)

NOTICE; grand lot Norwich, for show or song; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

TWENTY typical Norwich, champion strain, yellows and bulls, unflighted, from 7/6 each; stamp: Jay, 176, Astonville-st., Southfields. (1175)

FEW good outdoor aviary-bred Norwich, natural colour; yellow cocks, 5/-; buff, 4/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Foxon, Hoot Dealer, Hinckley. (1181)

TWO grand large typical 1912 buff cocks, 1st, special, vhc, only time shown, 10/6, 8/6; approval, cash or deposit: Eccles, Rhosymedre, Ruabon. (1171)

WANTED, Norwich Greens or variegated; exchange Yorkshire Terrier brood bitch, approval: Tattersall, East-st., Farington, Preston. (1176)

NORWICH. Champion breed; 8 unflighted buff cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; approval: Albert Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington. (1162)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, big birds, yellows, buffs, variegated; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, upwards; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire. (1176)

MRS. BARTLETT must sacrifice Norwich, winners and bred from winners; see Reading report; stamp reply: 51, Harpsden-rd., Henley-on-Thames. (1126)

CAN spare Buff cock, 10/-; Buff hen, 15/-; Yellow hen, 10/-; good birds, cheap, to make room; approval: John McCallum, 21, Sandy-rd., Carluke. (1173)

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has variegated buff cock, winner, 30/-; 2 nest brothers, 20/- each; several yellow cocks from 20/- each; approval. (1178)

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich, cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6; clear yellows and buffs, 3/-, 4/-; seven days' approval: Gater, Jones-sq., Troedyrhiw, Glam. (1151)

CHAMPION Norwich, 1913, cocks, 7/6 to 10/-; on approval; if not satisfied money returned: R. Marsland, 8, Highfield-ter., Hooley Hill, Audenshaw.

YOUNG buff Norwich cocks, stock birds, 12/6 each; Borders, all colours, 12/6 pair, prize bred: Davidson, Clydesdale House, Mossend, Lanarkshire.

GRAND Norwich, cold room bred, must sell, owing to business; cocks 7/-, 10/-, hens 4/-; approval, deposit: J. Lawry, Illagan, Highway, Redruth, Cornwall. (1178)

WANTED, typical yellow marked unflighted Norwich hen, give two buff Yorkshire hens, little cash, must be good: Amphlett, Ebbw-st., Risca, Mon. (1168)

GOOD bred Norwich, pairs from 10/6, 12/6, 17/6; marked cocks 10/6; yellow hen, 4/6; healthy birds, 1913: H. Burchell, 2, High-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex. (1170)

PURE typical Norwich, cold room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1179)

C. H. GOODMAN has some fine yellow hens, direct from his winners in champion competition, at 10/6, 20/-, and 30/- each; approval: 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Bedford. (1181)

NORWICH Roller cocks, bred for quality of song, every bird guaranteed, 7/6 upwards; also a few good hens, 2/6 each: Charles H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex. (1177)

LARGE heavily variegated yellow Norwich cock and typical clear buff hen, 12/6; clear yellow hen, 5/-; do. buff, 5/-; approval: Ryan, Ballinacarrow, Ballymote, Sligo. (1179)

TWO yellow, one buff cocks, 10/- each; two unflighted, seven yellow, buff and variegated hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each, unflighted, fed: Dyson, 25, Wyndham-rd., Salisbury. (1171)

CLEAR and variegated buff hens, 5/-, 7/6; cocks 7/6, 10/-; natural colour, Mr. Spillman's strain; approval, deposit: Terry, Norwich House, Hampstead-rd., Brighton. (1167)

BARGAINS; 3 pairs good Norwich (cocks winners), good hens; Greenfinch Mule, Diploma winner; cage, cases; lot £3; or exchange African Grey Parrot: Smith, Baker, Finedon. (1174)

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has decided to reduce his stock both in Norwich and Cinnamons owing to business pressure; some good stock birds cheap; stamp; approval. (1142)

GOOD large clear buff cock, unflighted, 30/-; buff marked hen, extra good, 1912, 30/-; few buff hens, very reasonable; approval: Arthur Wake, 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough. (1181)

D. DEVOY has the following Norwich for sale: Large thick-set clear yellow cock, winner, 30/-; also typical buff cock, winner, 20/-; approval; cash or deposit: George-st., Stranraer. (1177)

TWO large Norwich P.B. hens, 1 clear yellow, 1 buff ticked, good heads and chests, correct wing carriage, 10/6 each; cash or deposit: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Wisbech. (1171)

TYPICAL Norwich, unflighted yellows and buffs, cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-; few pairs stock birds, good breeders, 13/6 pair; approval, cash or deposit: Dowell, 4, Beer-st., Yeovil. (1153)

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, good birds; cocks in full song, yellow and buffs from 6/6; hens from 5/6; pairs from 15/6; approval; colour-fed; cold room bred: Jones, 27, Gotha-st., Leicester. (1165)

HIGH class Norwich cocks, 7/6; yellow cock, buff hen, 8/6 pair, colour fed; pure Roller cocks, 5/-; Crestbred cock, 7/6, worth double: James, Abbots Cottages, Hatherley-rd., Cheltenham. (1162)

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

FOR sale, a few good Norwich, winners and bred from winners; also rack and cages, carrying boxes, and show cages; can be seen any time: A. Smith, 24, Balmore-rd., Possilpark, Glasgow. (1172)

SEVERAL grand colour-fed flighted and unflighted stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, yellows and buffs hens from 5/-, cocks from 12/6; approval: A. Crawford, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow. (1177)

WINNER (5) 1st and cup Ramsgate, (2) 1st Canterbury; have some grand unflighted birds, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- and 20/- each, own breeding only, approval: Burgess, Hairdresser, Arcade, Ramsgate. (1152)

UNFLIGHTED large healthy typical Norwich hens, buffs and yellows, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 each; cold-room bred; seven days' approval; state requirements; cash or deposit system: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (1140)

EIGHT handsome large clear Norwich cocks, grand heads, necks, from winners, 7/6 each, lot 55/-; ten first-class Norwich hens, 4/- each; these birds are worth double above: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering. (1171)

CHAMPION Norwich; have few pairs and singles to part with from 7/6, pairs 12/6; also 4 good 1913 var. buff hens; latest wins see Ipswich report this week; approval: Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich. (1166)

FRANK COLE, 51, Melbourne-grove, East Dulwich, S.E., has only 16 Norwich for sale related to his winners at Clapham, Wimbledon, Leyton, Southend, Dulwich, and Peckham, L.C.B.A.; cocks 15/-, hens 10/-. (1165)

SEVERAL good buff and yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/- each; see Stoke report, four firsts, Walsall, two firsts, one second; approval, deposit: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent. (1167)

FOR sale, 12 Norwich 1913 cocks, cold room bred, 50/- lot: Apply J. W. Briggs, Kilburn, Derby. (1171)

A few nice unflighted buff hens, champion strain, from 5/-; also a few pairs: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton. (1171)

LARGE unflighted buff cock, £1; 1912 ticked buff cock, 10/6; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; buff hen, 5/6; colour-fed, bred from winners; cold room, approval; deposit: Thomas Herbert, 35, South-st., Redditch. (1168)

NORWICH, 4 cocks, 2 hens, all related to my winners at Leyton, East Ham, etc.; offers wanted for above; also a good pair, bred 1st class winners last season, £1; must sell: Baxter, 98, Danes-rd., Forest Gate, Essex. (1166)

B. WALL, 45, France-st., Parkgate, near Rotherham, has some prize-bred Norwich for sale, cocks 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; hens 3/-, 6/-; all birds on approval; cash or deposit; all outdoor aviary bred; inspection invited. (1165)

SPECIAL Offer, one week only: Ten unrelated matched pairs, grand type and quality, and in tip-top condition, 10/6 per pair; first come first served; cash returned not approved: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich. (1172)

SPLENDID Norwich, unflighted yellows and buffs, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards; cold room, cash, approval deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester; close to Midland Station. (1170)

FIRST prize Ramsgate, buff marked cock, 1912, 30/-; second prize clear yellow cock, 1912, 30/-; also 1913 cocks, bred from winners and will make winners, from 12/6 upwards: Miss Gwyn, Somerville N-Avenue, Ramsgate. (1168)

CLEAR buff unflighted cock, 1st and Hyde's teapot, Chatham; variegated yellow hen, £1 5/-; clear buff cock, 2nd Chatham, clear yellow hen, £1 5/-; approval, cash or deposit: Hy. Wray, Glencoe-rd., Chatham. (1166)

MASSIVE Variegated Yellow cock, winner two firsts, only times out, 30/-; clear Yellow cock, 20/- (see report Ipswich this week); 3 unflighted Buffs, 10/6; 4 Buff hens, 7/6, each; approval: Cole, 10, Levington-rd, Ipswich. (1177)

CLEAR buff cock, 1912, grand stock bird, 12/6; also yellow cock, wing and head marked, 12/6; unflighted yell. marked cock, with clear buff hen, 1912, 3rd only time shown, 15/-; others cheap to clear: Wheat, Postmaster, Shoeburyness. (1178)

HIGH class Norwich, large cocks, yellow, buffs, from 8/6, stock or song; buff hens from 3/6; variegated, 3/6; pairs from 10/6; English Goldfinch, house moulted, 7/-; approval, deposit: Charles Harbour, 263, Glyn-rd., Clapton Park, London. (1165)

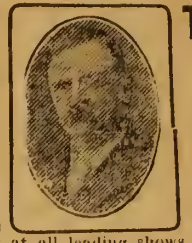
UNFLIGHTED Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, Roberts' noted strain, from 10/6; massive cocks from 15/6; matched pairs, to breed winners, from 15/6 to £5; show birds reasonable; approval: C. Roberts, Stannahey, Newton Drive, Blackpool. (1181)

MR. ECKERSLEY'S famous strain is known and valued all over the United Kingdom; some grand stock birds to spare, from 10/-, that will do their future owners good when the breeding season comes round; stamp for reply: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham. (1151)

CHAMPION Norwich; two 1913 clear yellow cocks, 30/- each; one variegated buff cock, 1913 bred, 30/-, also one buff cock, 1912, 20/-; all good stock birds; also all kinds of British birds, to moult out winners; cash or deposit; approval: Wren, 57, Norrey's Avenue, Oxford. (1170)

WINNER 1st Morpeth, 1st Newcastle, 2nd Gateshead, 2nd Alnwick, 2nd Hedlington, 1st Chester-le-Street, yellow marked cock, 1912; a few unflighted cocks, an unflighted buff cinnamon cock, 2nd Ashington; deposit: Thompson, Lynefield Cottage, Woodhorn, Ashington. (1170)

CHAMPION Norwich, the oldest and purest strain in England; 3,000 prizes have been awarded my birds; Chichester challenge cup winner still unsold; won 1st Luton, 2nd Reading since advertising this last; see reports Silk, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants; **35** years same address. (1148)



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GIVING Up: Buff cock, 1st, 1912 and 1913, with good yellow hen 25/-; buff cocks, from above, 2nd Rugby, 15/-; 3rd Rugby, 10/-; strong class; see report, CAGE BIRDS, 22nd November: Salter, 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby. (1173)

THREE sets good Norwich, containing two hens, one cock, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per set; also some good buff cocks and buff hens; see report, Longton Bridge and Clitheroe, last week's CAGE BIRDS; approval; stamp reply: James Barnes, Factory-row, Whalley, near Blackburn. (1172)

YOU won't beat these at the price; two unflighted buff Norwich cocks, good birds, colour fed, cold room, singing, 5/6 each; two small unflighted cocks, 4/- each, approval; also two pairs long distance homers; exchange British, anything: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton. (1166)

CHAMPION pair, correctly matched, high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 27/6, honestly worth £3 for stock alone; rare chance for beginner; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1178)

FIVE firsts, 1 second, 2 thirds, 1 fourth at our Christmas show; 2 specials for best bird and Norwich type; 1st Coventry, 1st Northampton; can supply yellow and buff cocks from 7/6, yellow and buff hens from 5/6; approval; cash or deposit: J. Boswell, 22, Lower Priory-st., Northampton (1177)

CHAMPION Norwich, winners and bred from winners; have supplied three diploma winners this season; large and typical yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, to 50/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, to 30/-; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to 60/-; satisfaction guaranteed or cash returned in full; approval: A. E. Ebbage, 57, Hotblack-rd., Norwich. (1179)

SENSATIONAL bargains; massive ticked yellow Norwich cock, gem, 25/-; clinking hot fed, clear yellow cock, can win anywhere, only 25/-; massive big-headed clear yellow hen, 15/6; marked yellow hen, topper, 12/6; these are 1913 bred, colour fed, large, stout birds, good heads, bred from cup winners; approval: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton. (1180)

COLD-room prize-bred Norwich, colour-fed, two unflighted clear buff hens, not large, but models for type, 7/6 each; two year old clear buff hens, short, type, 15/- each; monster stock variegated buff hen, 15/-; three unflighted variegated buff cocks, 10/6 each; twenty others, cocks and hens, cheap to clear; all colour-fed; approval or deposit: Lynn, 21, Bower-st., Maidstone, Kent.

WINNER of CAGE BIRDS 10/ cash special and diploma; grand lot of Norwich, bred as my special and diploma winner; see reports; yellows and buffs, or special matched pairs, feathered like wax, cocks from 7/6 to 30/-, hens from 6/6 to 15/-; also good hens from 2/6 to 4/6; no dealers; inspection invited, not Sundays: Thorpe, Park Grove, Levenshulme, see Yorkshires.

CHANCE for hybrid breeders; Chaffinch cock and Bullio hen, Greenfinch cock and Bullie hen, Goldfinch cock and Bullie hen, Linnet cock and Bullie hen; these birds have all been house-moulted and paired for months, are picked birds, and steady; will exchange the lot for one pair of first-class Norwich Plainheads; no rubbish offered, and none wanted: Grant, 55, Queen-st., Lossiemouth. (1163)

CHAMPION winning Norwich bird that has won and can win again; see reports at all leading South England shows. (1) Marked yellow cock, 1912, can win at Palace, a giant for size, with good head, win at Palace, a giant for size, with good head, nice quality and colour, 50/-; unflighted clear yellow cock, one of the best in the South, a big winner, £4, a real gem; marked buff cock, a winner, good head, short wings and tail, lovely quality, 50/; several good unflighted clear buffs, unshown, will make grand stock birds, 20/- to 30/-; also good hens, the same strain, from 7/6 to 30/-; all sent on approval with pleasure: C. W. Silk, Glenrosa, Emsworth. (1167)

CHAMPION exhibition Buff Norwich cock, grand size, deep chest, rare type and quality, sure winner, only 21/-, honestly worth £2; also monster exhibition Yellow cock, rare size and substance, large head and full neck, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, worth 50/- for stock alone; also good exhibition Yellow hen, good head and neck, feathered like silk, only 15/-, worth double; also very choice exhibition Buff hen, real model for type and quality, win anywhere, only 12/6, recently cost 30/-; also few grand Yellow and Buff cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality of feather, cocks from 10/6 to 60/- each, hens from 5/- to 20/- each; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich. (1150)

MIDLAND champion strain, vide Manchester, Notingham, Leicester, Stamford, Longton reports; winner four years in succession Young Bird Cup Leicester. For disposal, all own breeding, cocks, large clear, do. mk. buffs, clear yellow (1912), 20/ ; two unflighted yellows, 12/6, two ditto, 25/ ; two ditto hens, 20/ each; cash, deposit. Mr. E. Hulse, 23, Hartington-rd., Leicester (1154)

CHAMPION Norwich. Won twenty prizes this season. Silver cup, Oxford, silver ernet, Reading, etc. Can spare large variegated yellow cock, large variegated buff cock, typical wing ticked buff cock, 7/6 each; cinnamon Border Fancy cock, 3/6; nearly even marked yellow Norwich hen, typical, 6/6; wing marked yellow hen, 6/6, yellow hen, ticked head, 5/6; two typical clear buff hens, 5/6 each, all unflighted, bred from my winners; approval, receipt P.O.: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford. (1164)

CHAMPION Norwich. Few real good stock and exhibition Norwich Plainhead now ready for immediate showing; plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality of feather; Yellow and Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £3 each; Yellow and Buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £2 each; judiciously matched pairs to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, to £5 pair; all cold room bred, strong, healthy, and vigorous, and in tip-top show condition; for size, type and quality I defy competition; give me a trial, and I will guarantee full satisfaction; state wants fully; approval. Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich. (1156)

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH

LARGE typical cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/6, 7/6; sure winners 15/6 each; all ten days on approval at my risk; inspection invited: W. Powick, Eastfield Cottage, Dewsbury. (1168)

SELLING OFF

Compelled to clear out all my prize-bred Norwich owing to ill-health of my wife; pairs from 15/; cocks from 10/; hens from 7/6; approval, stamp: R. T. Carr, 6, Norman-rd., Ilford. (1170)

ABSOLUTELY

same strain as my three winning Norwich P.B. yellows at Palace show, 1913; can spare cl. yell. cock, 2 years, 20/-; another, 1 year, 30/-; unflighted variegated buff cock, green ticked cock, 20/- each, these two are bred by first named and large Cinnamon hen, approval: J. Peters, Mariners' Arms, Goole, Yorks. (1174)

JAMES STARK

ABSOLUTE winner of the Norwich Amateur Challenge Cup, awarded seven cups and eight silver medals and numerous cash and special prizes; largest amateur success on record. Can spare some grand young birds, from 10/6, from the above noted strain; not a dealer: 110, Oak-st., Norwich. (1174)

HANFORD'S WEEKLY BARGAINS

Prize bred Norwich or Yorkshires; cocks, full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; cobby hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; pairs, correctly matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; send for full list and approval terms; everybody's wants supplied; cold bred, pink of condition; 10 years' advertiser and judge; you are safe when dealing with R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby. (1179)

THE LATE W. CUNDIFF

BREEDERS AND EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

The entire stock of noted Norwich Canaries are for disposal; stamp, approval: Write to H. and W. Cundiff, Albion-st., Macclesfield. (1148)

W. N. MIDGLEY

Chesham House, Winslow, to clear quickly, offers following at bargain prices: Neat marked buff hen, 6/-; another, 12/6; clear buff hen, 10/-; marked yellow hen, £1; two pairs £1 per pair; these are all unflighted; clear yellow cock, unflighted, marked buff hen, 32/6 the pair; year-old marked yellow hen, 30/-; clear buff hen, 15/-. (1165)

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Fourteen 1sts, twelve 2nds, thirteen 3rds, eleven 4ths, eighteen specials, including special for best Norwich, and best bird in show championship diploma (see Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford, National, Aberdeen, Blaydon, Consett, Scotch National, etc., reports); yellow cocks, grand type, size, quality, from 15/-; buffs from 10/-; pairs, perfectly matched, from 20/-, bred from my winners; approval; see also Cinnamons: Rev. Nume, Harrington, Cumberland. (1162)

A. HUMPHRIES

can spare the following Norwich, 1912 birds: Ticked buff cock, a winner, 60/-; large eye and wing marked yellow cock, 50/-; also large clear buff hen, good one, 40/-; clear yellow cock, 25/-; the above on three days' approval: The Lodge, Acomb-rd., York. (1173)

DON'T BE GULLED

by claptrap and nonsense, but send stamp for my deferred payments and price list of high-class Norwich, Yorkshires and Rollers; cocks from 7/6, hens from 2/6; cash, deposit or deferred payments: Broadbent, Decorator, Lowfield, Sheffield. (1167)

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NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE SPECIALS.

Winner of Sheffield challenge cup (outright, three years in succession). Well-known strains; type and quality a special feature. Can spare some grand stuff, both varieties, over 200 birds to select from; cocks 20/- upwards, hens 10/- upwards; few special pairs, correctly matched, £3 to £5. To those fanciers who can visit me I extend a hearty welcome. Those unable to do so write full requirements, and I will endeavour to give every satisfaction; approval with pleasure; stamp reply.

15/- and 20/- Pairs.

Pure Norwich.

Some grand ones on approval. Real Crystal Palace strain for years. I don't exhibit, so you can get all my choicest. Those who show every week want all the good ones for themselves. Have a few grand Norwich, young and year-old, direct from our noted winning strain, also other noted strains, cocks or hens, Yellows or Buffs, from **6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-** each; a few likely show specimens from 15/- to 30/-; any on approval; supplied more winners than anyone in England. For proof, write Editor, who has seen the originals testimonials, or send for list of same. I guarantee to please you. Breeder 30 years. —**SANDIFORD**, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

Resolve in 1914

to do better than last year in breeding a few real champion Norwich. I can breed them; you can breed them also, if you have the right blood. I **have some grand pairs** from 15/- to £4. Clearing Yellow and Buff Hens, unflighted, and 1912 bred, from 7/6 to 30/-; fine Yellow and Buff Cocks, from 10/- to 50/-. All on three days' approval. **Cash or deposit**; or before payment to known fanciers. Note, **Get the genuine; there is no substitute for Judge Silk's unrivalled strain. The address, and only address, of the greatest Norwich Specialist —**

JUDGE SILK

Whitstable.

(1170)

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Cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; yellows or buffs; if not suited, money returned: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester. (1012)

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England. Winner 1st and silver cup Inter. Show 1913.

H. DIMMOCK.—Deep Glucke and Water-Glucke Rollers, same strain as my cup winners. Cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-; cages 4d. extra. All B.R.C.C. rung: 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath. (1096)

THOS. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Champion Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers: 20, Cross Green Crescent, Leeds. (1120)

ROLLERS; three 1913, two cocks, singing, lot 7/-; 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1168)

SEIFERT Rollers, Roehl's strain, cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- each; hens, same strain, 3/-, 5/- each; approval: R. Clouting, 27, Somers-rd., Brixton-hill, S.W. (1191)

CANARIES, pure Rollers, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, grand hens, 2/-: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge. (1123)

COLD room English bred Roller Canaries, in full song, cocks 7/6 each: J. Millican, 165, Hammond-st., Preston. (1170)

GLUCKE Roller, B.R.C.C. rung, 8/6, 10/6, many changes; approval: Wright, 17, Recreation-ter., Holbeck, Leeds. (1151)

ROLLER cocks, warranted full song, from 7/-; hens 2/-; cash or deposit: Mrs. Fulton, 153, Tachbrook-st., Victoria, S.W. (1175)

SEIFERT Roller Canaries, in full song; cocks from 7/6, hens 2/6; approval: Fred Parker, Green Lane, Leamore, Bloxwich. (1177)

HIGH-class Rollers, British Roller Club rung, cocks 10/- and 7/6, hens 5/- and 3/6; approval: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop. (1167)

ROLLERS, water glucke strain; cocks, full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens, 2/6; overstocked: Fulford, 29, Lime-grove, Bideford. (1167)

1913 HARTZ singing cocks, sex guaranteed, on approval; 4/6 each: W. Moses, 3, Barton-terrace, Yearsley Bridge, York. (1165)

F. WARD, Breeder and Exhibitor champion Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, Randall's: 43, Sussex-ave., Thwaite Gate, Leeds. (1147)

CHAMPION B.R.C.C. rung Roller hens, in breeding condition, from 2/6 each; approval willingly: Davy, Snelston-gdns., Ashbourne. (1176)

SEIFERT Rollers, in full song, sing anywhere, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; grand hens, 2/-, 2/6; cold-room; approval: Ditch, Stafford-st., Walsall. (1181)

CONTEST Rollers, 1913 winning strain, cocks 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, hens 4/-; B.R.C.C. rung: Eccleston, 48, Merridale-st., Wolverhampton. (1174)

RANDALL WILLOW'S strain direct, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks 15/-, hens 5/-; exchange anything useful: King, 89, York-st., Cambridge. (1163)

HIGH-CLASS 1913 Seiferts, Walton's strain, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; approval, cash or deposit: F. G. Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough. (1175)

THREE young Leipzig Roller cocks, bred from Schoolmaster, full rolling song, 7/6 each; bargain: Wakefield, Hurdsfield-rd., Macclesfield. (1172)

SUPERB songsters, Randall's strain Rollers, rung 1913; cocks, 8/6; hens, 4/-; 12/- pair: Amon, 5, Sewardstone-rd., Victoria Park, London. (1179)

FREE cages and carriage, magnificent breeding cocks, bandmasters 10/-, hens 3/-: Miss Jackson, Cowhill, Rutland-rd., Harrogate, Yorkshire. (1147)

GLUCKE cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6; bred of Randle and Walton strains; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: James Lloyd, 140, Gesty-rd., Crewe.

PURE Seifert Rollers, in full rolling song; cocks, 7/6, 8/6; one week's approval; hens, 2/6; cages, 3d. each extra: E. Wilson, 407b, West Green-rd., London.

GRAND Seifert Rollers in full song, cocks 7/6, 8/6; hens 2/6, 3/-, nicely finished box cages, 1/3 each; approval, deposit: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury. (1169)

BLACK Tan Yorkshire Terrier pups, dog and bitch, 3 months, no white, exchange Roller cocks, sell £1: Jas. Dodd, 25, Devonshire-st., Sunderland. (1165)

NOTICE; grandest lot Rollers Canaries in the world, full song day and gaslight; prices reasonable; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

HAVE a few good Roller cocks for disposal from 20/- each, bred from cup winners and B.R.C.C. rung; approval, stamp: Davis, 88, Compton-row, Harehills, Leeds. (1167)

FOR disposal, Hartz Mountain Rollers, bred from imported stock, in full song, night and day, cocks, 6/6 each; pairs, 8/6; approval: Hill, 59, Green-st., Stourbridge. (1174)

CAN supply genuine Seifert cocks, full song, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6; as supplied by me for years; exchanges entertained: Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1178)

HIGH-class Rollers, cocks, in full song, club rung, 10/-; and bird organ, in good condition, £2 10/-; cages and flight for sale: W. Tinsley, 100, Selwyn-st., Kirkdale, Liverpool. (1176)

ST. ANDREASBURG Roller cocks, direct from Leipsic, in full song; No. 1, nothing better, 8/6; No. 2, 4/-; unsatisfactory exchanged: Taylor, 15, Haydons-rd., Wimbledon (1181)

HIGH-class Rollers, cocks, organ and Schoolmaster trained, 10/6 each; grand hens, 3/- each; all cold-room bred and B.R.C.C. 1913 rung; approval: Hunter, 21, Cross-st., Prescot. (1175)

GLUCKE and Water Glucke Rollers, bred from winners of cups and medals, Randall's strain direct: cocks from 20/-; hens, same strain, 7/6, approval: Rhodes, 40, James-st., Bilston. (1169)

BRITISH bred Seifert Rollers, cocks, 1913, full song, 9/ each; beautiful strong hens, pure Seifert strain, 3/ each, 5/6 couple, cash or deposit: Turner, 8, Cook-st., Harrow-on-Furness. (1166)

T. TWIGG'S champion strain of Glucke Rollers, bred from Mr. Randall's selected strain; cocks from 15/-, hens 7/6; one 1912 rung, used for tutor, £2; exchange: 6, Stafford-st., Bilston. (1167)

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FOR sale, finest lot of Rollers in the country, Bird and Dimmock strain; cocks, full song, price 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; on approval; hens, 3/6: Woodridge, 18, Park-st., Lye, near Stourbridge. (1180)

SPECIAL Offer: 10 pairs Rollers, Fould's strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 1913, 10/6 pair, or what offers the lot; first prize L.C.B.A. and Birmingham; fourth and special, Bolton: Hayward, Melksham. (1174)

GERMAN Roller Canaries, cold-room English bred, cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; inspection invited, travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester. (1151)

WILLOWS' celebrated Glucke Rollers, my well-known winning strain; a few cocks for sale at 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, 70/- each; hens, 7/6 and 10s. each; approval willingly; deposit: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury. (1156)

WANTED, good Schoolmaster, day and gaslight songster, with shutter cage, on approval; exchange postcard size hand camera, accessories, complete, value 17/6: Goodenham, Ardeevin, Ballinlough-rd., Cork. (1167)

HIGH-class Glucke Rollers (1913), Randall, Chilcolts, and Perceval's combined strains, in full song, prices 10/- each; two schoolmasters 15/- each; hens same strain 4/- each: Carrington, Bridge-st., Bakewell. (1173)

ROLLERS, real Seifert and Glucke strain; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Schoolmasters, 12/6, 15/-, £1; come and hear them, hens, 2/6; all full week's approval; price list of cages post free: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton. (1159)

HIGH class Rollers, English cold room bred, perfectly trained; cocks in full song, with wonderful length and variety, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each; grand lot of hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. (1179)

ROLLERS for sale, water glucke strain, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks from 15/-; 1st and commended novice, Wolverhampton, North Staffordshire R.C.C., two 1sts and 3rd, best bird in show: H. Leese, 21, New-st., Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. (1175)

CHILLCOTT and Randall's strain, all deep hollow roll song, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks 8/6, 10/6 each; only four cocks and six hens left for sale; hens, 3/6 each; cash or deposit with Editor; seven days' approval willingly: Smith, 205, Boulevard, Hull. (1143)

FEW high-class Rollers left, Randall's strain, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each: have two with a slight fault, sharp flute notes, 8/6 each; sings all the principal changes of song; hens, 4/- each only; all club rung, 1913; week's approval, deposit: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston. (1150)

GLUCKE and deep water Glucke Rollers, bred from and trained under my winner of three cups and several medals; all my prize winners bred and trained by myself; cocks 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; stock cocks from 12/6; all B.R.C.C. rung; exchange anything useful: W. Bird, Brook-st., Bilston. (1171)

BARGAINS: Grand lot pure Seifert and water glucke Rollers for sale, guaranteed finest songsters, all trained birds, in full song; cocks, 8/6 to 30/-; hens, 5/- and 7/6; don't miss this opportunity; special invitation given to inspect my Roller aviaries; no other birds kept; cash or deposit: Glover, 25, Lime-grove, Bideford. (1176)

WINNING strain, bargains to clear; cock, 1st prize, Germany, 29 points, under German judge, £1 10/-, cost £6 last January; another, 1st Champion, Young Birds, Birmingham, £1 10/-; green cock, one of 1st and cup, best team, Wakefield, 26 points, £1 5/-; other bargains; send for list; this season twice cup best teams, diplomas best glucke, hollow roll: Hill, "Ashleigh," School-rd., Moseley, Birmingham; best hens (only few), 6/-. (1172)

ROLLER Schoolmaster, with deep hollow and double bass rolls, heavy chattering, soft roulades, sweet silvery trills, only 8/6, one of the best ever imported; sent on approval willingly, cash or deposit. The others I sold gave every satisfaction. Mr. Turner, of Bedlington, says: "I gave my B.R.C.C. away." Mr. Hupple, Almada Hill, Hamilton, writes: "Roller arrived safe: I think it excellent value for the money." Mr. Vale, 13, King-st., Hereford, writes: Roller quite satisfactory, good one, thanks for promptness.' Contest singers earnestly requested to try above: Fred Allen, Contest Judge, Porter-st., Hull. (1179)

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS

in full rolling song; cocks, 7/6, 8/6; one week's approval; hens, 2/6; cages, 3d. each extra: E. Wilson, 407b, West Green-rd., London. (1176)

TO ROLLER EXHIBITORS

Stock or contest birds, bred same as my winners, 10 prizes, 6 specials at Crystal Palace and Horticultural Hall, 1913; all my B13 birds are bred direct from that champion Roller which Dr. Read claimed at £10, and two of his sons; cocks from 25/-; hens 8/6; particulars or inspection: Hocking, 21, Manorplace, Walworth, London, S.E. (1169)

ROLLERS, WHOLESALE

Dealers, please send for trade prices. Only birds in full song sent out, and all on approval. Cheapest and most reliable importer in England: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1024)

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PRESTON CONTEST ROLLERS

Same champion strain that we supplied the winners at the principal contests for years, and have received thousands of testimonials. These wonderful songsters, only 15/- each, on 14 days' trial at our risk. Special terms, send 10/- deposit to us, and promise balance in two weeks, and we will send one of these nonsuch Rollers on 14 days' trial at our risk. Try one against any other strain advertised at double the money, and be your own judge. Hens, same strain, 3/6 and 4/6 each; St. Andreasburg Rollers, very highly trained, 8/6 each; send 6/- and promise 2/6 in two weeks. Hens 2/6 each. Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, all on 14 days' trial at our risk. Send for catalogue, post free: Bairstow Bros., Naturalists, 5-7, Ormskirk-rd., Preston; also at 24-26 Hallgate, Wigan. (954)

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The finest quality for money in all Europe today. Singing Cocks, 5/6, 6/-; extra selected, with better notes, 7/6. Hens, 2/- and 2/6 each. Pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. Matched for Breeding, good songsters. Seifert Trained Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each. Pairs, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cages, 3d. Approval

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **Norwich**

I KNOW IT'S RUDE

to point, but I must point out to you the very special qualities of Weber's Leipzig Rollers, imported solely by myself. For 22 years the breeders have devoted the whole of their skill to improving the song of this strain, and the result is round about perfection. They have none of the monotony of the ordinary Roller about them, their song being made up of a splendid variety of ever changing harmonious music, and this song they will retain during their whole lives, not merely for one year only. They are particularly strong and hardy, and thoroughly acclimatised before sent out. At present I have an exceptionally large stock (over 200) of these Leipzig Roller cock, all in full song day and gaslight, with long hollow and double roll, sweet silvery trills, waterbubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, jugging of Nightingale, bell, harp, gong and flute notes, etc., and guaranteed entirely free from any harsh, objectionable notes whatever, price 7/- and 8/- each. Special bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and bubbling water tours, 10/6 and 12/6 each. I also have a limited quantity of very special contest Rollers; these birds are of purest blood Germany can boast of, and are gems of very first water, fit for immediate contesting, 15/-, 17/6 and 21/- each. Leipzig Roller hens, 2/3 each, 4/- couple. No contest Roller hens yet. For those who like a loud, noisy singer, I have a splendid lot of free singing vigorous Hartz cocks in full loud song, day and gaslight. These are particularly good-looking birds, and will stand any amount of cold; just the thing for public bar or coffee house, etc.; price 5/- each; Hartz hens, 3/6 couple. Special travelling cages, 3d. extra. All safely and warmly packed with water and seed for 48-hour journey and sent on full week's trial at my sole risk, either on receipt of cash or deposit system of CAGE BIRDS, and money fully and freely refunded if every satisfaction not given. See following few letters and notice full address and date to each: "83, Cobham-rd., South Park, Ilford, Dec. 8. Sir,—Referring to birds from you a week ago, the cock bird has now begun to sing very nicely. I also beg to acknowledge receipt of hen you sent to replace one that died (owing to delay on railway.—W.G.). This is first transaction I have had with you, and in addition to giving me every satisfaction it has proved that I have been dealing with a straightforward business man. I shall not hesitate to send to you again. Yours, J. Chepcek." "Stonyhurst College, nr. Blackburn, Dec. 4. Sir,—A word to let you know how highly satisfied I am with Roller you sent me. His song is so soothing to the mind and quite different from that of other birds, whose song consists of a short, monotonous squeak, and thanking you for honest dealing. Yours, S. de Freitas." "1, Princess-sq., Longport, Nov. 28. Sir,—Birds arrived safe, and highly pleased with them. Yours, J. Joynson." "11, Gethon-rd., Penygraig, Nov. 30. Sir.—Received Leipzig Roller in pink of condition. I thought I had some good singers, but he knocks them into a cocked hat, and has secured you another order. Yours, T. Watkins." "Thorpe Terrace, New-rd., Luddenden, Nov. 25. Sir,—Roller to hand on Wednesday. He commenced singing as soon as unpacked, and for beauty of song I have yet to find his equal. I am perfectly satisfied, and wish to tender my sincere thanks for your straightforward dealing. Yours, Wm. Murgatroyd." Please note, all Roller cocks are stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and as I am sole importer of this strain no other man can sell as much as one feather unless he first purchases it from me. I publish but a very few of the testimonials I receive, but the Editor has frequently examined bundles of them which have never been published. (1111)

W. GORE, 131, GOOCH ST., BIRMINGHAM

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For many years I have supplied thousands of customers with the best singing Canaries that have ever been heard. If you require a genuine, reliable singing Canary I invite you to come and inspect my stock and select one for yourself, any day except Sunday. If you cannot come allow me to send you one on seven days' approval. You can see the quality and hear its song before deciding to keep it. I guarantee every customer satisfaction. I have many hundreds of unsolicited testimonials open for your inspection. The following is a sample of the many received this week:—23, Comer-terr., Cockfield, January 3rd, 1914.—I have given the Roller a fair trial and am pleased to say that we are more than satisfied. Many of my brother fanciers acknowledge he is a first-class songster at a reasonable price.—R. Heckley. Please remember that I import all my Rollers direct from the best and most reliable breeders, and can give the best possible quality for money. Every bird is tested as to its singing qualities before being dispatched, thus avoiding your disappointment. St. Andreasburg Roller cocks, with full change of song by day and artificial light, genuine, up-to-date songsters, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; a few extra good contest songsters, 15/, 17/6, 20/-; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each (not common German rubbish). For cheap reliable songsters my Hartz cocks are unequalled, and acknowledged by all to be the real working man's friend. Birds in full, loud, free song by day and gaslight, real loud, sweet songsters. Hartz cocks, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3 each, according to quality of song. Matched pairs for breeding songsters, 7/6, 8/-, 8/6. Neat travelling cages, 3d. each; special quotations to clubs and dealers. Travelling cages from 2/- dozen, 20/6 per gross. All birds are on 7 days' approval at my sole risk; cash or deposit: E. L. Storey, The Roller Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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Randall's Strain

The best blood in the Fancy. Cocks, **10/-; 15/-**; hens, same strain, **3/6**, two **6/6**. All 1913 B.R.C.C. rung, and on approval. Established 50 years.—**SANDIFORD**, Bird Specialist, Preston.



PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.

I am now in a special position to satisfy the requirements of all Roller fanciers. I have hundreds of birds to select from, and am prepared to send on 10 days' approval to any address in the United Kingdom at the following prices: Cocks, in full rolling song, with many changes of tours, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Genuine Schoolmasters, specially trained for contest singing, **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-** each upwards. Hens, guaranteed same pure strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6** each. I send every bird at my risk for your approval, and guarantee absolute satisfaction or cash returned in full. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra. **JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter, Ambler Thorn, Halifax, Yorks.** Over 30 years same address.

READ BELOW. RECEIVED 200 PURE ROLLERS

Direct from Germany. Pure Seifert, Shafer, Blumberger strains, which have won all leading prizes in Germany, properly trained under Titlark, Woodlark, Nightingale, and bell notes, like real music boxes, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; Schoolmasters, 10/6 and 12/; guaranteed to please you; on approval. Proper Roller box cages, enamelled sand drawer, etc., 2/; with shutters, beauties, 3/-; established fifty years; thousands of testimonials; for proof write Editor, who has seen the originals; send for catalogue. Mr. Wilson, Paris, Secretary for the Ambassador for Paris, writes, Dec. 10th: Sir,—Send two good Roller Canaries for 30/- enclosed. Hoping you send good ones to please the Ambassador." Mr. J. Davies, Stockport, big Crystal Palace diploma winner, and winner of hundreds of prizes, writes:—"Sir,—Send me 6 Rollers. Enclose £3. Last was grand." Patronised by every leading Crystal Palace judge this last 30 years, including Judges Buttye, Barnes, Roe, Robson, Yardy, Davies, Russell, etc., etc. Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston; also at 89, Schater-st., Shoreditch, London.

Scotch Fancies.

NOTICE; grand lot Scotch Fancies, for show or breeding; prices reasonable; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

SCOTCH Fancy for sale; 1 yellow pied cock, 1 buff pied cock, 2 buff pied hens, all good stock birds; cheap to clear: Grahame, 1, Hermitage-terr., Leith. (1142)

PRIZE-BRED Scotch Fancies, 1912; buff piebald cock, buff hen, 1913, yellow green cock, buff piebald hen, 30/- each: Renwick, 126, Ingleby-drive, Glasgow. (1181)

SCOTCH Fancy; 15 young birds, same as my winners at Glasgow, Galashiels, and Edinburgh, cheap; or exchange Parrot: John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk. (1175)

THREE yellow pied cocks, two buff cocks, two buff pied hens, one buff hen, two green hens, two yellow hens: Hugh Moore, 21, Kehburn-st., Barrhead. (1180)

SCOTCH Fancies.—Yellow piebald cock, 50/-; buff piebald cock, 40/-; yellow piebald hen, 80/-; buff piebald hen, 30/-; others from 20/-; young, approval: James McGregor, 34, Queen-st., Tayport. (1176)

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, Champion Yorkshire breeders; finest strain in the world, which is proved by the champions we have bred, sold, and exhibited for over 30 years, winning thousands of prizes and championships at leading shows. Three times best in show Crystal Palace. This season have sold some of the biggest champions on the bench. For sale, a few clinking pairs, wonderful length and quality, from 15/- to 60/-; also some lovely hens, full of style and feathered like wax, 7/6 to 30/-. Winners, fit for keenest competition. Better Yorkshires cannot be bought. Approval, cash or deposit.—Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorks.

BAILEY, winner outright Y.C.C. 20-guinea Challenge Cup, the Y.U. 30-guinea Challenge Trophy, etc., etc.: 46, South View-terr., Sandy Lane, Bradford.

T. BENNETT, Specialist in high-class Yorkshires, over 25 years' breeder and exhibitor, winner of more first prizes than any other fancier with birds (own breeding) remember, no bought or claimed winners here, every bird absolutely his own breeding, from the purest, finest, and oldest strain in the Fancy. Winner of Yorkshire challenge and other cups, championship diplomas, gold and silver medals, also other trophies far too numerous to detail, at all leading exhibitions throughout the land. Matched pairs from 15/-, on approval: 14, Cumberland-rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. (1149)

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WANTED, Yorkshires, cash or exchange: Royal Menageries, Greenwich. (1178)

FEW Yorkshire birds left, reasonable prices, Bailey's strain; approval: Dr. Allen, Ambleside. (1152)

CANARIES. Four 1913 Yorkshires, three cocks, singing, lot 8/6: 23, Cecil-rd., Gorseinon, Swansea. (1168)

TWENTY long, typical birds, full of quality, 7/6 to £3 each: Richards, Aston Fields, Bromsgrove. (1180)

WANTED, offers for 16 pairs high-class Yorkshires: Apply, O'Keeffe, Mount Eden House, Blarney-st., Cork. (1178)

YORKSHIRES for sale, cocks 7/6 to £1, hens 4/-; bred from winners. Neighbour, 12, Arthur-rd., Holloway, London. (1132)

EXTRA big yellow cock, splendid stock bird, 20/-, nice unflighted hens, from 8/6: deposit: Wright, All Saints, Stamford. (1165)

COME and inspect my noted stud of Yorkshires, prices to suit all; home all day: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, cannot be sold; cocks, 5/; hens, 3/; pairs, 7/6: no dealers: Williams, 862, Penistone-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield. (1157)

YORKSHIRES, winners and stock birds, type and quality; cocks from 10/-, hens 6/; approval willingly: Smith, 3, Torquay Villas, Rosmead-st., Hull. (1169)

FEW pairs good Yorkshires, cocks from 7/-, hens 4/-, pairs 10/6, or exchange good British: Wright, 14, Rosevale-st., Partick. (1176)

RATTLING yellow Belgian hen, ideal hen to put into Yorkshires, 15/-, dirt cheap: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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MUST be sold, room wanted, grand pair of Yorkshires, 35/-; both winners; approval willingly: Hawkes, 30, Deacon-st., Walworth. (1161)

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire for sale; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens from 2/6: J. Lamb, 1, Tasker's Villas, Church-lane, Carcroft, nr. Doncaster. (1180)

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FOR sale, Cinnamon Yorkshire, yorks or hens, in pairs 8/6 pair, or separate, cock 5/6, hens 3/6 each, or exchange: 51, Vere-rd., Wadsby Bridge, Sheffield. (1166)

GRAND yellow cock, winner of 12 prizes, with grand buff hen, with show cage and case, 40/-; worth double: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1166)

NOTICE: Grand lot high-class Yorkshires, for show or breeding; prices reasonable; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas. (1148)

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MUST clear; good Yorkshires, colour-fed cocks 5/6, 7/- and 8/6 each; hens from 2/3; Cinn.-Yorks. feeding hens, 3/6 for two: Avery, 136, Birchanger-rd., S. Norwood, S.E. (1178)

GRAND Yorkshires, colour-fed or natural colour, yellow and buff cocks 6/- to 10/-, buff hens 2/- to 4/6; also green cock 6/6: Oxley, Lumb-lane, Liversedge, Yorkshire. (1165)

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FIVE lovely prize-bred buff Yorks. cocks, unflighted, rung, 6/6 each, 30/- lot; also two splendid pairs, 8/6 a pair; appro., cash or deposit: Collinge, 29, Balmoral-rd., Leyton. (1169)

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HIGH class Yorkshires, good length, type and quality; cocks 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6; hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6; correctly matched pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey. (1166)

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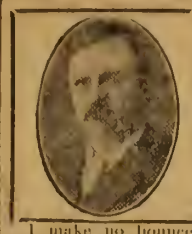
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Jackdaws, 2/6 each; Hartz Roller cock Canaries, on full song, 5/6 and 6/6 each; Seifert Rollers, 7/6, 10/6, and 12/6 each, all on a week's approval; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, and 3/6 each; German cock Linnets, 1/-; cock Greenfinches, 1/-; Redpolls, 1/-; Chaffinches, 1/- each; hen Bullfinches, 2/6 each; all sent on approval at my risk; cock Goldfinches, 3/- each; dealers write for wholesale lists; largest importer in the kingdom; exchange Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, Mules, etc. Note address: C. A. Luer, 32, East-st., Walworth-rd., London, S.E.; and 87, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

AMATEURS AND NOVICES

On the look out for something useful, and that will prove profitable to breed from with ordinary luck, should have a pair of any of the following on approval; all scientifically matched to produce best results. Prize-bred Norwich, Yorkshires, Border Fancies, or Hartz Mountain Rollers, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; all cocks guaranteed on song; Crests, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; travelling cages, 3d.; single breeding cages, 2/6; double ditto, 3/6 and 5/- each—all fitted ready for immediate starting, with all utensils complete: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CROSS TALKING PARROTS. PIPING BULLFINCHES. GERMAN CANARIES. PET MONKEYS. PETS OF ALL KINDS.

Menagerie, Liverpool.

WANTED.

WANTED, stocks, Norwich and Yorkshires.—Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

WANTED, anything alive, good prices for good stock: Royal Menageries, Greenwich. (1178)

WANTED, steady, big, house-moulted Linnets; particulars; approx.: Bartholomew, 383, Glossop-rd., Sheffield. (1171)

WILL buy for cash any quantity hen Canaries, 1/- each; colour-fed, 1/3: Helyar, 55, Palmos-rd., North Brixton, S.W. (1167)

CANARIES. Wanted, good singing cock Canary; will exchange extra good cock Goldfinch: Manager, 5, Mount-st., Welshpool (1168)

WANTED, any quantity of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids, for export; also British, for cash: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr Tydfil. (1178)

WANTED, gramophone and records; exchange four pairs of Canaries and two double breeding cages: Wise, Myers-st., Keswick. (1172)

WANTED, birds in exchange for English concertina, 48 keys, good condition; value £2 10s.; offers: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham. (1170)

WANTED, six Seifert hens and one cock; exchange three pairs Yorkshires: Docherty, 37, Evelyn-rd., West Silvertown, E. (1175)

WANTED two hen Canaries, exchange tame hand-reared cock Starling, commenced talking, excellent plumage: Dutton, Dunstable. (1164)

WANTED, typical Norwich cock, in exchange for pair yellow Budgerigars, 2nd prize Newport; yours first: Harris, Binstead, Wight. (1180)

WANTED, offers in Borders or Yorkshires for exhibition Siskin Mule; yours first: E. Chisholm, 1, Glenurquhart-rd., Inverness. (1172)

WANTED, cock and hen Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hen Goldfinch Mules, hen Canaries: Blackett, 42, Hasard-st., Hackney-rd., London. (1178)

WANTED, clear yellow Norwich cock; exchange two yellow hens, clear and ticked, sell 12/-: Woodrow, Muston's-lane, Shaftesbury. (1166)

WANTED, large Norwich cock or hen; exchange four large Scotch Linnets, exhibition specimens, sell 8/-: Dawson, 185, Duke-st., Glasgow. (1179)

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Canaries; hand-reared Jay, talking, bird and cage, 10/-: T. Green, 22, Bull-st., West Bromwich. (1175)

WANTED, correctly matched pair Scotch Fancy Canaries, must be healthy, typical, and at reasonable price: Ferguson, Golf Fields, Irvine. (1176)

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, cocks or hens, good price given; write stating particulars, prices, to Percival, 96, Burgess-st., Great Grimsby. (1175)

WANTED, good yellow Yorkshire stock cock, exchange good Norwich, sell 15/, 20/- pair: Teare, Cabinet Maker, Drury-ter., Douglas, Man. (1174)

WANTED, dealers who can take large or small quantities of Linnets, Larks, all kinds of British birds: Chris. Halton, 31, Richmond-st., Brighton. (1171)

WANTED, model engine; exchange singing Yorkshire Canaries, or sell 6/- each: Hobson Lodge, 11, Sunnyside cottages, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. (1171)

WANTED for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, either sex; state price, if colour fed; Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London. (1179)

WANTED surplus stocks of Canaries, also hen Canaries, cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford. (1055)

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, Mules wanted, colour-fed, giving 7/- pair, good birds, cash deposited; particulars, price, stamp reply: Oliver, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton. (1133)

WANTED, young Canaries, for breeding, Yorkshire preferred, no rubbish, would exchange smart, active fox terrier dog, price 25/-; offers: Browne, 7, Parkst., Camberley. (1170)

A CREST hen, must be good, in exchange for Crest cock and C.B. hen, young birds, value £2 10s.; yours first: John Thomson, Smith's-buildings, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn. (1180)

WANTED, good Norwich Plainheads, Yorkshires, Crests, and Lizards, in small or large lots; state full particulars to: J. Taylor, 33, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

WANTED, unlighted buff Yorkshire hen, must be first-class bird; exchange 1913 Canaries, Goldfinch Mule; sell 20/-; fit for Palace: Burke, 5, Ashworth-st., Hollenwood. (1173)

WANTED, Canaries or large fowls, exchange mandoline in leather case, £1; rose-combed Bantam cockerels, 5/-; cock Greenfinches, 6d.: Mullett, Peelst., Kate's Hill, Dudley. (1178)

WANTED, large or small quantities of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Mules, Canaries, etc., cocks and hens; state your price: Thomas Hughes, Bird Merchant, Saltley-rd., Birmingham. (1176)

WANTED, any quantity of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, either sex; state lowest price; stamped envelope reply: Enoch Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

WANTED Canaries, Foreign or British birds, dogs, puppies, Parrots, pigeons, poultry, rabbits, ferrets, monkeys, rats, mice, kittens; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich. (1180)

WANTED for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules and Goldfinches, either sex, colour fed preferred; state lowest price: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E. (1178)

WANTED, any varieties British birds, cash, or exchange foreigners, pullets, Bantams, puppies, rabbits, cavies; state wants, offers: Simmond's Aviaries, 64, Steam-st., Haggerston, London. (1171)

WANTED, from genuine catchers, large or small quantities of Bullfinches, Siskins, Twites, Hawfinches, etc.: highest price and prompt cash paid, and no juggling: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham. (1181)

WANTED, good buff Norwich stock cock; exchange large dark variegated Goldfinch Mule, sell 12/6; yellow marked Norwich cock, buff hen, sell 9/-; 1913 birds: Dunlop, 28, High-st., Irvine. (1174)

WANTED for cash, Canaries all varieties; also other live stock; state prices: cash sent the same day, or will deposit with Editor; established 15 years: Kirling's Aviaries, Frith-rd., W. Croydon.

NOTICE; will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires; also wanted, Border Fancies, Scotch Fancies, Crests; reasonable: cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas. (1148)

WANTED to exchange, 1 yellow stock 1912 Yorks. cock, 1 ditto, Cinn. marked, winner several firsts in open, for 2 Norwich hens to value, 50/-; no rubbish offered or wanted: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley. (1181)

WANTED, gent's free-wheel cycle, good condition, or offers, exchange 2 heavily feathered green Crested cocks, winners, 2 firsts, sell, 30/- each, show cages included; approval.—Martin, Show Secretary, Castle Douglas. (1181)

CANARIES

Wanted, any quantity cocks and pairs: Chapman, High-st., Birmingham. (1179)

WANTED—CANARIES

Mules and British birds, Toy Pomeranians, and Yorkshire dogs and puppies; cash immediately; state price and particulars to Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester. (1012)

CANARY KING

Wanted, 3,000 pairs Canaries for export, colour-fed, natural colour, Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, Lizards, Crests, and Scotch Fancies, and Mules; my annual sales are 20,000 Canaries; the largest dealer, breeder, and exhibitor in Great Britain: James Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich. (1173)

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

WILL exchange 3 cock Linnets for 2 hen Bullfinches, or sell: Bowles, High Ashurst, Dorking. (1170)

OFFERS in Norwich hens for 2 cocks and 4 hen Goldfinches, cage-moulted: E. Osborne, Swayfield, Grantham, Lincs. (1175)

SEVERAL good cock Goldfinches, stout, in song, sell 3/- to 4/- each; or exchange Canaries: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton. (1167)

GOOD cock and hen Greenfinch Mules, 6/- pair; exchange Goldfinches, Siskins. Wilcox, Ivy Cottage, New Sawley, Derby. (1177)

HAWFINCHES, 2 good cocks, 8/6 the two; exchange clap-nets or Canaries: Fuller, Oakhurst-lodge, Badcombe-rd., Haywards Heath. (1170)

GRAND dark cock Goldfinch mule, 1913, full Finch song, 7/6; exchange cock Goldfinches; approval: Siddons, Meira, Ashby Zouch. (1165)

MULE breeders, genuine Canary hatcher, rearer, Greenfinch cock and hen, 2/6 each; exchange hen Canaries: A. March, Evesham. (1175)

EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinches for left-off clothing, Canaries, mules; yours first; stamp reply: Swift, 13, Pump-st., Nottingham. (1166)

LARGE new 9-compartment breeding cage, with all accessories; exchange cock Goldfinches: Gingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs. (1171)

TWO good cock Goldfinches, exchange for cock Mule, pure Finch song; approval both ways: Hinder, Crosshayes, Malmesbury, Wilts. (1180)

WANTED, unlighted yellow Norwich hen; exchange house-moulted Bullie cock, yours first: Alex. Millar, Pearl Cottage, Kilsyth, Stirlingshire. (1173)

HAND REARED singing cock Skylark, with cage, 4/6, or will exchange Canaries, etc.: Harrison, 1, Taval-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1176)

PAIR hand reared Woodpigeons, 5/: hand reared cock Blackbird, large enamelled cage, 6/; exchange Canaries: Davison, Haddenham, Bucks. (1170)

NORWICH hens, bred Mules, exchange cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins; wanted finger-tame cock Bullfinch: Lanham, 36, Walcot, Bath. (1180)

PAIR clap-nets (Young's), 18ft. x 4, complete, little used; offers exhibition field-moulted Hardbills; yours first: Ernest Watson, Kirbymoorside. (1170)

SEVEN cock Bullies, 1/6 and 2/-; hens, 1/-; Chaffinches, 9d.; Linnets, 1/-; splendid birds; exchange; offers: Durant, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds. (1170)

EXHIBITION Redpoll, 2nd last Bedford Show, 5/-; brilliant coloured Goldfinch mule, 8/-; or offers; approval: Brewer, Sandhurst-place, Bedford. (1168)

COCKS, Twite, Mule, Silver Lizard Canary, 5/6 each; exchange, Hardbills, Norwich, show cages; offers: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire. (1172)

SELECTED Linnet, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Yellowhammer, Mealy Redpoll, 2/- each; exchange clapnets, Lark net: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs. (1182)

FOUR cock Goldfinches, 2/6 each; three Bullfinches, hens, 1/- each; cock Siskin, 4/6; exchange Norwich: Reg. Dallman, High-st., Melbourne, Derby. (1173)

EXHIBITOR'S Mi'sel Thrush, 3/6; Bramblefinch, H.M., 2nd Brechin, 5/: Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, 1/6 each: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin. (1163)

WANTED, good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires; will exchange high class British or Siberians; see advert.: John Day, The Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull. (1175)

EXCHANGE aviary-moulted cock Linnet and hen Canary for two English Game Spangle Bantam hens, or sell 3/6: A. Taylor, No. 7, Warre-st., Ashton-under-Lyne. (1175)

EXCHANGE Bullfinch, Siskin, and two Redpolls, all cocks, for Norwich hens; or sell 8/-; approval: Robert Johnston, Coronation-pl., Truncut, Haddingtonshire. (1175)

TWO field-moulted Welsh cock Bullfinches, both winners, 16/- each, or offer in robby large yellow Norwich hens: Apply, Griffith, Balaclava, Carnarvon, Wales. (1175)

FOUR cock Linnet Mules, full Linnet song, 7/6 each; approval, deposit; three nmling hens, 11/-; exchange all or any for cycle, buff unlighted Norwich cock, Goldfinches; yours first: Fordy, Pymst., Rochdale. (1170)

HIGHLAND Lesser and Mealy Redpoll cocks, 1/- and 2/- each; Chaffinch cocks, 1/6 and 2/- each; picked birds; or exchange Border hens: Smith, 35a, Wells-st., Inverness. (1172)

MAGPIE, tame, hard-reared, chatters, 7/6; exchange nicely variegated singing Linnet mule, new phonograph records, or cycle gas lamp: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable. (1167)

CAGE-moulted cock song Thrush, in full lond song, pure wild notes, sell 12/6, or exchange Canaries or British birds: Henry Hudson, 9, Tenterbrow, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

SELECTED cock brown Linnets, giants, full song, for show or contest, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6, 6 for 4/6; Goldfinches, full song, big birds, 3/6 each; stamp: Cooper, 163, Princess-st., Manchester. (1172)

THREE YELLOWHAMMER cocks, 4 mealy Redpolls, 2 Greenie mules, cocks, all good birds, sell 15/-; or exchange pair good Norwich: Richd. Smith, 23, School-st., Cowdenbeath, Fife, N.B. (1173)

EXCHANGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, Siberian hen Bullfinch, for laying pullets or cock Goldfinch Mules, fowls preferred: Enoch Power, 91, Sclater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

YELLOW Siskin and cock Twite, fed, for two house-moulted cock Goldies; also 6 hen Siskins for Goldie-Greenie Hybrid or Greenie-Bullfinch cock: MacCallum, Fortwilliam, Inverness-shire. (1172)

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Linnet for good Norwich hen, strong pair of 15in. compasses, sell 5/-, or exchange good Norwich hen, buff: Thompson, 8, Gibson-st., Newton Heath, Manchester. (1162)

SELECTED to moult: Greenfinch 2/-, Mealy 'Poll 1/6; Lesser 'Poll, 1/6; or exchange pair green Budgies; approval each way; waxters not offered or wanted: Lewis, Hallwood-rd., Kettering. (1175)

GOLDFINCH, English, yellow Norwich hen, good breeders, with flight cage, 10/-; buff Yorkshire hen, bred with Greenfinch, 3/6; young Goldfinch mule cock from above, 4/-; deposit: Groom, 114, Finborough-rd., Fulham. (1165)

HAND-reared Goldfinch, 5/-; Goldfinch mule, 4/-; perfect cock Greenfinch, warranted breeder, 4/-; cock and hen Greenfinch mules, 4/-; exchange: Beacon, Hayle-pl., Maidstone. (1175)

TWO cock Bullfinches, two show cages, case, four and he. Middlesbro', cards sent, sell 20/-; exchange pair Norwich or pair cinnamons, Norwich type: approval: Taylor, Dunsdale, Guisbrough, Yorkshire. (1176)

WANTED, Goldfinches, or lop-eared rabbits, in exchange for my Indian Green Parrot with cage, in good order; or sell 20/-; what offers; approval, deposit: Wm. Coombes, 14, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool. (1173)

SPLENDID house-moulted clear cut Cheveral cock Goldfinch, sell £1: exchange pair of prize-bred Norwich; 4 pairs Bullfinches, 2/- pair; hens 1/-; house-moulted Linnet mules, 2/-: Bowerman, Williams' bldgs., East Quay, Bridgwater. (1170)

MASSIVE Siberian cock Goldfinch, beautifully square blazed and tanned, splendidly moonded and buttoned, outside aviary moulted, full song, cash or deposit, approval, worth double, 7/6: Mr. A. Howard, 10, Huntingdon-buildings, Bethnal Green-rd., London. (1153)

SPECIAL notice to exhibitors and fanciers. I will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Bullfinches, hens and Siskins, also all kinds of British birds, for show, moulting, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, or Foreign birds; mole, all sent on approval both ways; state wants at once to: Hollinsherd, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport. (1146)

Mainly Canaries.

FIVE Norwich hens; exchange 2 Norwich cocks, full song: 31, Christchurch-rd., Southend. (1170)

EXCHANGE cock Linnet mule, dark, for big Nor. yell. Cinnamon or green cock: Juby, 2, Bardinet, Plumstead. (1165)

ONE pair of good Norwich and one pair Yorkshires, exchange good rifle, B.S.A. preferred: Wm. Binns, Alne, York (1166)

YORKSHIRES, 5 yell. 6 buff cocks, 4 yell. 1 buff hens, 60/- lot, or useful exchange: Crowther, Florist-st., Keighley. (1166)

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch mule, 1913, for green Yorkshire cock, 1913, or sell 7/6: Edwards, 31, Hall lane, Liverpool. (1169)

EXCHANGE all brass hanging cage and Roller for revolver in working order: Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottage, Thackley. (1179)

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YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS FOR 1913 & 1914.

Huddersfield show brought the Union competitions to a close for the season, and below will be found a complete list of points. I am sorry to have to record a remarkable decrease in the average entries at Union shows, compared with previous years, and this is a factor to which societies will have to give most serious consideration. The struggle to carry through an open show so that the balance is on the right side at its termination is a very severe strain on those officials who are desirous of catering for the Fancy in its most progressive form, and the question of making the shows more attractive will have to be tackled sooner or later by societies who wish to meet with that success which is so often promised, and just as often denied them. The problem has been pending a good few years now, some fanciers have argued that there are too many shows, others that what we want is a few shows with an enlarged classification, but whatever the cause is, it will have to be faced with determination. Ogden Bros. win Ramsden's prize with 222 points in champ. section; L. Dykes, runner up, 205; Errington's prizes, champ. section, E. Clegg, 119 points; 2nd, S. Tidswell, 82, four amateur gold medals, presented by the Union, C. E. Hall 121, T. Tidswell 82, G. Snead 80, F. Binns 68; Ramsden's prize in nov. section, A. Sheard, with an average of 8 points per show; W. E. Hutchinson follows with 7.41; Errington's nov. prizes, W. Hirst, average 9.83; 2nd, R. Rhodes, 3.91. Union gold medals, first half of season, R. Seager, 53 points; J. W. Bedforth, 49; J. E. Hudson, 43; A. L. Ellis, 42 points, in Yorks.; B. Airton, 99 points, in Nor. Second half of season, W. Hirst, 131; A. Sheard, 107; C. H. Greenwood, 100; W. E. Hutchinson, 93; H. Chew, 85, win in Yorks.; and H. Lord, 54, and G. Hunter, 21, in Nor. A full list of CAGE BIRDS Union Competitions for Professionals and Amateurs will be published by Mr. F. Hammond (sec.) after the eight shows at which points count have been withdrawn by CAGE BIRDS Prizes Committee. All the above points have been taken from the catalogues, and any error should be communicated to me immediately, when same can be rectified by the judges' slips. The prizes will be presented at the annual prize distribution in March; particulars and full announcements respecting same will be published in due course. Alterations to rules and nominations for officials should be sent in before Feb. 1st. Will all secretaries of Union societies please bring this before their members?—H. Hill, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Results of the various competitions promoted by Y.C.C. for 1913. The Ogdens trophy competition, 1st and gold medal, P. Mason, 128 points; 2nd and Ramsden teapot, Ogden Bros., 102; 3rd, J. Thomas, 101; 4th, L. Dykes, 99; runner-up, H. H. Towers, 96. The Ramsden cup competition: 1st and teapot, L. Dykes, 114; 2nd, Ogden Bros., 112; 3rd, L. Dyson, 88; 4th, J. Bailey, 75; runner-up, J. Thomas, 72. Amateur competition (presented by Mr. J. Bailey), 1st and Ramsden's teapot C. E. Hall, 99; 2nd and 3rd, pair of crystoleum paintings (presented by Mr. A. Cooper) and 15s. value by club, tie between A. Whitley and T. Tidswell, 68 each; 4th, S. Binns, 46; runners-up, J. H. Fowle and G. Snead, 37 each. Junior novice: 1st, J. W. Bedforth, 43; 2, P. Taylor, 35. Sandiford's spl.: 1, P. Mason; 3, 4, 5, 6, birds, cash prizes, Great Horton show; 3rd birds, L. Jebson, L. Briggs, J. E. Beaumont, E. Clegg, and Wilkinson Bros.; 4th birds, C. E. Hall; 5th birds, Messrs. Esterling and Carson, A. Whitley, and W. Hutchinson; 6th birds, L. Dyson. Windhill: 3rd birds, L. Dykes; 4th birds, L. Dykes; 5th birds, Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son; 6th birds, H. Long, H. Hudson, J. A. Whitwham, F. Townsend, W. H. Hamlyn, W. H. Kilburn, and J. Harney. Halifax: 3rd birds, J. Thomas, Ogden Bros., and A. Whitley; 4th birds, Ogden Bros.; 5th birds, J. Bailey; 6th birds, J. H. Fowle. East Bradford: 3rd birds, L. Briggs, H. H. Towers, L. Dyson, J. E. Priestley, J. E. Beaumont C. E. Hall, Brown and Son, H. Simonette, and J. Powell; 4th birds, J. Bailey, H. H. Towers, J. H. Fowle, F. Townsend, J. Powell, and P. Taylor; 5th birds, J. Bailey; 6th birds, H. H. Towers. Border City (Carlisle), 3rd birds, Ogden Bros.; 4th birds, C. Morrison, A. Whitley, H. J. Chittenden, and T. Tidswell; 5th birds, A. Whitley; 6th birds, Ogden Bros. Sheffield: 3rd birds, W. Broughton, L. C. Casey, C. Morrison, H. H. Towers, H. J. Chittenden, and A. Radley; 4th birds, H. H. Towers and T. Tidswell; 5th birds, H. J. Chittenden; 6th birds, C. Morrison. Blaydon-on-Tyne: 3rd birds, A. Whitley; 4th birds, J. Thomas, C. Morrison, and L. Dyson; 5th birds, T. C. Crawhall; 6th birds, T. C. Crawhall, C. Morrison, J. Thomas, and L. Dyson. Bradford (City): 3rd birds, S. S. Rigg, C. E. Hall, L. Briggs, S. Binns, J. W. Bushby; 4th birds, W. E. Hutchinson, J. W. Bushby, G. Shaw, S. Binns, P. Drake, H. Hill, W. H. Shackleton, and A. Radley; 5th birds, W. H. Shackleton; 6th birds, S. S. Rigg, L. Dyson, G. Snead, J. H. Fowle, A. Radley, J. E. Beaumont, S. Denby, W. H. Shackleton, and W. Helliwell. Bradford (West): 3rd birds, W. Crabtree; 4th birds, P. Drake, G. Snead, C. Morrison, L. Dyson, Myers and Lumb, and Marshall Bros.; 5th birds, L. C. Casey, J. Northrop, and L. Dyson; 6th birds, H. J. Chittenden, L. Dyson, A. Whitley, C. Morrison, Myers and Lumb, and E. Neeson. Bradford National: 3rd birds, P. Drake, L. C. Casey, S. Binns, C. E. Hall, Myers and Lumb, P. Mason, and H. H. Towers; 4th birds, H. H. Towers; 5th birds, F. Townsend; 6th birds, H. H. Towers.—John Greaves, Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oak) O.S.

Meeting held Jan. 3, on the occasion of Mr. Cant, one of our members, leaving Hamilton for Canterbury. Mr. Braidwood, pres., was appointed to make the presentation, and in a neat short speech handed over to Mr. Cant a small token of respect from the members and the friends who had associated with him for the past seven years. Mr Braidwood said he knew he was expressing the feelings of the members in saying that they were all sorry to part with Mr. Cant, but what was our loss would be the gain of some other cage bird society. Mr. Cant suitably replied, thanking the members and friends about Hamilton for their generosity, and said that he had gained a lot of experience since coming to Hamilton which he believed would be of great service to him in the future. Mr. Braidwood then said that the members had not forgotten Mr. Cant's good lady, as he also had a small token of respect for Mrs. Cant for her great kindness in entertaining the members who had visited her house from time to time. The presents were a handsome gold medal for Mr. Cant, and a gold brooch for Mrs. Cant. Long may they be spared to wear the presents and enjoy life as they have done in Hamilton. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Braidwood and Mr. Cant terminated the meeting.—Wm. Hamilton, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. BOOTH, 14, Boardman Street, Hyde, Cheshire. Judge of Cage Birds, Norwich Specialist. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Eldgel Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

JOHN GOODALL, 105, Gladstone Road, Watford, Herts. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist British, life experience.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

R. HANFORD, Derby. Judge of Canaries, British, and Foreign. Practical life experience; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester; judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist Yorks. and Norwich; terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide, practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester, Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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OUR GREAT

Birthday Issue

Next week we publish the finest issue of Cage Birds for the whole year. The extra pages we intend giving will enable us to work off a tremendous amount of interesting material that has accumulated in our editorial drawer for some months past. As the result, we can promise our readers such an unexampled treat as they have not experienced for some time past.

We are sparing no expense this year to make Cage Birds Birthday Issue more successful than hitherto, and to this end have decided to

INCREASE THE SUPPLEMENT TO SIXTEEN PAGES.

These will be crammed full of clever illustrations, sketches, and photographs—articles, tit-bits of useful information, etc. The coloured plates are really fine. We have still room for a few short items of interest if our friends can spare time to send us any from their experiences. We want every reader to place an order at once with his newsagent or bookstall for this number, and for extra copies of it, and to advertise in it. The very wide circulation usually enjoyed by "C.B." will be considerably increased for this number, and sales of birds, etc., offered in it are assured. This issue will form a splendid one to send to absent friends, with the idea of keeping them in touch with the growth of our hobby in Great Britain. It will be a pleasant reminder of old faces and interests. Please bear in mind that positively the last day for receiving communications and advertisements for the Grand Birthday Issue will be Tuesday next, January 13th. We shall be grateful for all the help you can give us.—The Editor, Cage Birds.

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Letters must not exceed 300 words in length.

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NOW THEN! YOU EXPERT ENTHUSIASTS, GIVE OTHERS YOUR LITTLE WRINKLES AND TIPS.

Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax), along with Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) is to judge the Green Canary Association's Old Bird Show on Jan. 17.

Secretaries, please note our show will be held on third Friday and Saturday in Nov., 1914, writes Mr. J. Stewart, City of Belfast Nor., Crest, and Yorks C.C.

Kindly accept the appreciation of North Staffs Roller C.C. Society for the coloured plate of Rollers recently published. Wishing you and all your staff the compliments of the season.—J. Tomlinson (Newcastle, Staffs).

Llanelly is a coupon show, with no novice classes in the schedule, writes Mr. D. John, the secretary, but novice exhibitors may enter in the open classes, and we will instruct judges to duly award the novice cash special and diplomas if the exhibitors will mark their entry forms "C.B.N."

I have been appointed judge at Worthing Show, writes Mr. H. T. Gibb (Brighton).

Palace Show, Feb. 6 to 10. Schedules will be posted on Wednesday, Jan. 14, to all exhibitors at last Palace, Horticultural Hall, Sheffield, Manchester, Bradford National, and Scottish National shows.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Attercliffe and District Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. E. Johnson, Back 111, Worksop-road, Attercliffe. Wishing your esteemed paper every success.

Notices of meetings of the following societies were received too late for insertion in last week's number, and the meetings will have been held before this issue is published:—Clapham C.B.S., Bolton C.B.S., Sowerby Bridge C.B.S., Leeds C.B.S.

A very fine specimen of a pure white cock Blackbird, with rich amber beak, and pink eyes, has been captured near Bideford, writes Mr. R. Taylor, and just a few months ago a pure white Goldfinch was, unfortunately, shot near here.

ADDRESSES WANTED.

For the purposes of Cage Birds 1914 Annual, now in course of preparation, we want the new addresses of the following gentlemen, our communications to them having been returned by the post office officials marked "Gone away."

The DIRECTORY OF JUDGES.

W. Hamilton (Glasgow), W. Lorimer (Edinburgh), A. Steele (Aberdeen), J. W. Bancroft (Sale).

DIRECTORY OF CAGE BIRD CLUBS.

Where there have been changes of secretaries, we shall be glad if any member of the various societies will notify us, giving the new secretary's name and address, or tell us in cases where the society has been discontinued.

Fenechouses (Nor.) C.B.S., Mr. W. Halton. Liverpool Bird Breeders' Assn., Mr. F. Eccleston. Maryhill (Glasgow) O.C., Mr. R. A. G. McKissock. Govan, Kinning Park O.S., Mr. R. Fernie. Calder, Midlothian and Dist. B.P. and C.B.S., Mr. D. Anthony. Peterborough C.B.A., Mr. H. Popple. Leith Jubilee O.S., Mr. J. Sinclair.

A printed form has been posted to every secretary of a society, but a large number have not been returned filled in; we hope they will all be sent back this week-end.

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Advertisements will close finally on Tuesday, January 13th, and as an unique opportunity for appealing to the largest possible number of purchasers, our Birthday Number holds the field.

May we earnestly beg our friends not only to make certain of securing this number for themselves, but to tell all their bird-loving friends about it and advise them to secure a copy also.

Finally, remember all communications must reach us, at the very latest, first post Tuesday morning next, January 13th, and as the great amount of "copy" to be got through will entail a very heavy strain upon all departments, including our printers, we shall appreciate the early receipt of advertisements and all other communications intended for this great Birthday Issue.

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Belper entries are extended until Jan. 12.

Mr. J. E. Conway, hon. sec. Gainsborough C.B.S., has removed to 7, Northolme-st., Gainsborough.

Mr. J. Elliott writes that Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland) and Mr. R. Tindale (Newcastle) will judge Cambois and Dis. Show, Nov. 21.

Walsall Open Show, Dec. 12 and 13: All prize-money paid. Anyone overlooked please communicate to F. Price, hon. sec., 18, Milton-st., Walsall.

We hear that prize-money won at the following shows has been paid. Anyone who has not received payment should write to the respective secs.: Wingate, Dunfermline.

I have disposed of unflighted Buff, 2nd Longton, 3rd Nottingham, to Mr. A. G. Smith, Manchester, at a good figure, and hope it will do him good service, writes E. H. Hulse, Leicester.

As I have now definitely settled date on which I am leaving London, I am compelled to resign the secretaryship of the L.B.F. Club, and the Metropolitan C.B.A. at annual general meetings.—F. Moore.

At High Wycombe Messrs. F. and T. Bowler won 2nd in Nor. hens, Rayner 3rd, Price 1st disq., not as given in report, and in Goldfinch class Messrs. Bowler won 1st and sp. best Brit., not Carter as stated.

Our date for closing of entries, writes Mr. D. John, hon. sec. Llanelly C.B.S., is scheduled for Jan. 8, but up to this post for 57 classes we have only a dozen entries, so will have to extend time to Sunday morning's post.

Would Mr. Swan, who bought a bird in the gift class at Dunfermline Show, and who has lifted the wrong bird, kindly return same, when we will forward his bird by return.—Robert T. Campbell, 19, Rolland-st., Dunfermline.

Kindly announce that the date of our next open show will be Nov. 5 and 6, writes Messrs. Forse and Son, hon. secs. Leyton C.B.A. We should be glad if other societies will avoid clashing as far as possible in their own interest as well as ours.

Mr. M. Cook, hon. sec. Boscombe C.B.A., writes that Class 16 in schedule should read, York, A.V., unflighted. Schedule also states full prize-money guaranteed; it should be in all classes with eight or more entries; prize-money will be 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d.

We hear that Mr. R. E. Griffiths, Carnarvon, will judge Llandudno Members' Show, Jan. 10.

We hear from Mr. Muir, hon. sec., that the next annual show of the Lochgelly C.B.S. is fixed for Oct. 10.

Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, writes that he was judge at Garston B.B.A. show, Dec. 6, not Mr. J. Thornton, as in the report.

In Sheffield O.S. Members' Show, Class 1 should read York A.V. Yell.; Class 2, A.V. Buff. Young birds' classes 11 and 12 read as Class 1 and 2. In Novice Class 35 read Cl. or Tkd. Yell. or Buff Nor.

Although I am disposing of my birds, as advertised last week, writes Mr. W. Nichols, hon. sec. Richmond and Dis. C.B.S., I hope still to be able to carry out for a little time longer the duties of hon. sec. to my society.

I have resigned the secretarial duties of the Hetton-le-Hole and District Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, and in future all communications must be addressed to my successor, Mr. Geo. Vipond, 10, Fairy Street, Hetton-le-Hole, co. Durham.

The North Wales C.B.S. Show, held Dec. 26, having resulted in a loss of nearly £5, writes Mr. R. E. Griffiths, hon. sec., I beg to inform the prize winners that a percentage will be deducted from their prize-monies to make up the loss. If they will refer to their rule card they will see that Rule 9 reads as follows: "All members are equally liable in connection with the society." I hope each member will do his best by refunding some of his prize-money. Those who will do so kindly let me know, as we have printing, etc., to pay for.

Palace Show, Feb. 6 to 10.—Breeders should not fail to have their card or quarter-page advertisement inserted in the catalogue of this show. These advertisements are inserted in the classification of the variety mentioned, and not grouped together at the end of the catalogue. They are a cheap and lasting advertisement, for the Palace Show Catalogue is kept as a book of reference by most fanciers, and surplus copies of the catalogue (if any) are posted to colonial fanciers. Terms: Breeders' cards, 2s. 6d.; quarter-page advt., 7s. 6d. Advts., with remittance, should be sent to the Show Manager, J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.

Owing to pressure of business Mr. W. A. Wilson has resigned the secretaryship of Leeds C.B.S., and I have been appointed to the position. All correspondence re the above society should now be addressed to me, Ernest Norton, 11, Edgware-place, Bayswater-road, Roundhay-road, Leeds.

An Appeal for Yarm.

Your attention is called to the advertisement of the Yarm, Eaglescliffe, and District C.B.S., who are guaranteeing full prize-money, whether competition or not. Last year we received over 200 letters of congratulation from exhibitors. We sincerely hope all fanciers will rally round us again.—T. Wilson, sec.

Accident to Mr. Braybrook.

The many friends of Mr. H. Braybrook will be sorry to hear of the accident which befel him on Monday last. He had the misfortune to fall and break his leg on going home, and he is one of those fanciers that a club can ill spare. He has been president of the Burnley Club for a good many years, and I am sure all fanciers in Lancashire and Yorkshire will wish him a speedy recovery.—George Wharton, sec. Burnley Society.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. Taylor, Alexandria.

A prominent member of the Vale of Leven C.B.C., in Mr. Wm. Taylor Alexandria, has just passed away on the 2nd inst., at the age of 57, writes Mr. A. H. M'Lean, sec. A famous football player in his younger days, having been a member of the Vale of Leven Football Club for nine years in its historical days, and he was for many years an enthusiastic fancier, model cards being displayed in his bird-room which he had won in the 'eighties. Though in bad health for the last few years, he stuck true to his hobby, having just put up ten pairs for the forthcoming season, nearly half of which he had purchased during the last few weeks, showing how little he expected to be called away in five minutes' time while sitting in a chair by the fireside. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and family, while his club feels the loss of one whom they ill could spare.

Abertillery C.B.S. Invites New Members.

An invitation is given to all fanciers of Monmouthshire to attend the general meeting held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Jan. 10. The balance-sheet will be read. The society is in a good financial position, which speaks well, as it has only been in existence since Nov. 30, 1912. All members joining on this night, writes Mr. G. Broome, hon. sec., will be able to show at our Members' Show in Jan.; there are 13 classes and good spls. We intend running an open show this year, the date to be fixed at this meeting.

Boscombe C.B Show.

I have received a copy of the schedule of the Boscombe and Dis. Cage Bird Show, on the front cover of which I am much annoyed to notice that my name has been included under the heading of officials, without any authority whatever from me. I would like to point out that I am not in any way connected with the Boscombe C.B. Society, excepting as an ordinary advertiser in their schedule and catalogue, for which I am paying their charge. I am also giving a small special prize, both from a purely trade standpoint. I am asking you to publish this, as my name has been linked with the "Bournemouth and Dis. Cage Bird Society, founded 1890," as a prominent official, for a number of years, and much misunderstanding and confusion will undoubtedly be caused unless I make this disclaimer.—G. W. Jones, Chairman of Comm. Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.

SHOW EXTRA.

The amazing growth in the number of small Shows has compelled us to add Four Extra Pages this week to cope with Exhibition matter. Even now a large number remain in the Editorial drawer to be dealt with in our great issue of next week.

Wishaw's Record Entry.

Annual New Year Show held Jan. 1 in Watson's Hall, a very suitable one for the purpose, being roomy, with abundance of light, free from draughts, and kept at a fine temperature. Exhibits were neatly staged round the four sides of hall and up the centre, a credit to the management. Sec. and Treas. Jas. Watson worked hard, and had all arrangements well in hand, aided by a strong force of office bearers. Pres. Wm. Cringles, Vice. R. Gemmell, Assist. Sec. D. McPhee; committee, Messrs. McKenna, Richmond, Allardice, jun., Rae, Pollock, McAllister, Nimmo, W. Watson, Dickson, Allanson, Wright, McKie, and Sheen, who all did their best for the success of the show. Their efforts met with a record entry of well over 400 birds. The live classes allotted for Yorks. met with poor response, no doubt owing to the large number of shows being held at this season. Norwich showed a marked increase, and were an excellent lot for quality, the unlighted tkd. buff cock belonging to Mr. Lamb being worthy of special mention. Crests were a fine lot, though not too numerous. The unlighted C.B. cock shown by Mr. Hamilton is a bird of rare skull and exceptional length of feather, S.C.C. medal winner at Glasgow. British were the mainstay of the show, and were far in advance of last year, the district being a hotbed for British bird fanciers. The classes for Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, both field and cage-moulted, were exceptionally strong, and contained some outstanding birds of great merit. The classes were carefully handled by Mr. G. Marlin, in his own quiet way, who appears to be happy among the 'Polls. The class for mules and hybrids brought out 15 very fine birds; this class might be split another year with advantage to all. We noticed a very fine Linnet-Bullie far down the class worthy of higher honours if the class had been divided.

Borders were about the same as in former years, and contained some very fine wee gems. Mr. Haddow winning B.F.C.C. medal for best with his well-known even mkd. yellow L.C.B.A. winner; much admired here. Owing to entries being left open till the morning of show there was slight delay in starting, but judging was finished in good time. Judges were: Nor. and Crests, Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Bord., Mr. T. Ritchie, Lesmahagow; Brit. and For., Mr. G. Marlin, Hamilton, whose awards with few exceptions were well received.

NOR. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 6, Barron, variegated, great size for a yell., good head and neck, rare bold front, excellent qual. and wing carr., rich col., slightly corded on front, still wins well; 2, Dick, cl., fine size, head, and neck, shade, long in body, could do with more front, and trifle rough in feather; 3, Harper, varieg., good head, neat shape and size, fine qual.; 4, Scobbie, we liked for 2nd, line head and neck, rare cobby body, rich qual., good size, mkd. left wing; 5, Bisset. BUFF (8): 1, 5, Cringles, 1 varieg., good size, fine head and neck, shade long in barrel, lovely qual.; 2, Wright, head and wing mkd., grand one, rare head and neck, rich qual., fine cobby body, clean cut away, neat wing and tail carr.; 3, sp, Wilson, cl., fine head, neck, and qual. of feather, faulty wings; 4, Irvine; 6, McFarlane; we made third, cl., line size, shape, and best of wings, rare qual., style and cond. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Cringles, grizzled head, great size and subs., fine qual., col., and cond.; 2, Wilson, cl., lighter got up, still fine size, head, and front, very nice qual. and cond.; 3, sp, Dobbie, grizzled head and wing, medium size, very well proportioned, good qual., close upon 2nd; 4, 6, Barron; 5, McFarlane. BUFF (10): 1, McFarlane, mkd. head, rare size, shape, and style, fine head, hold front, well packed wings and tail, hot col., some doubted the sex; 2, Harper, cl., medium size, sweet shape and qual, neat wings, beaten size and subs.; 3, Barron, cl., fine type, rich qual., not quite the subs.; 4, Allardice, jun.; 5, Burt; 6, Scobbie. UNFLIG. CK. (19): 1, sp, Lamb, buff, tkd. wing, a right good short one, fine round head, thick neck, rare deep, broad front, short thick set body, neat, short, well packed wings and tail, clean cut away at thighs, lovely qual., col., and cond., we made best Plainhead in show; 2, Scobbie, cl. yell., fine size, head, and neck, rich qual. and col., rare short wings and tail, could do with more subs.; 3, Harper, cl. yell., close up on 2nd, very fine qual., col., and cond., grandly carried wings and tail; 4, 5, Barron, 4 tkd. yell., good size, col., and qual., looks drawn up to-day; 6, Dick; strongest class in section, many good birds cardless. HEN (16): 1, Dick, tkd. yell., very rich qual., good col. and cond., very light got up, we thought lucky to beat 2, Lamb, better subs., fine head, neck and front, rare back, wings, and tail; 3, Forbes, grand sized tkd. yell., neat head, nice shape, qual., and cond., we made second; 4, Dobbie; 5, Gemmell; 6, Wright; good class. NON-FED CK. (9): 1, Dick, mkd. wing, excellent qual., fine size and shape, good wing and tail carr.; 2, Jardine and McFadyen, mkd. on neck, better size and subs. than winner, rare head and neck, fine short flights and tail, loses qual.; 3, Naismith, varieg. buff, fine size, good qual. and cond., shade narrow in entrance, well placed; 4, Miller; 5, Bisset; 6, Campbell. HEN (8): 1, Campnell, cl. buff, rare size and subs., lovely qual. and cond., inclines to crouch; 2, Miller, grand head and neck, beautiful qual., fine shaped body, best of wings, we liked; 3, Dick, very fine buff, mkd. head, neck, and wing, good size, fine head and neck, trifle rough in feather; 4, Lawson and Son; 5, Connelly; 6, McAllister. CREST CK. (10): 1, Hamilton, foul gr., rare size, grand headpiece, fine droop, neat centre, lovely qual. of feather; 2, Nimmo, varieg., grand shaped crest, fine centre, nicely drooped, and plenty of it, of good qual.; 3, Hamilton, D.C., otherwise clear, very neat centre, fine droop, scarcely the length of leaders; 4, Barron; 5, Cringles; 6, Wright. HEN (6): 1, Nimmo, D.C., fine big shapely Crest, neat centre, grand frontal, well radiated, of good length; 2, Arnott, varieg., rare frontal, hardly the length, but well packed with fine leafy feather; 3, Hamilton, gr., very neat, well formed crest of lovely qual., nice centre; 4, Watson; 5, Lawson and Son; 6, Johnstone. C.B. CK. (10): 1, 3, sp, Hamilton, 1, grizzled head and wing, rare wide skull, grand entrance, wonderful length of feather, of lovely qual., grand youngster, Glasgow winner, wins well; 3, varieg., fine size and subs., full head, good entrance, hardly the length of lashing as winner; 2, Watson, varieg., rare size and subs. of body, good skull, well lashed, not so wide in skull as leader; 4, sp, Watson; 5, Johnstone; 6, Watson. HEN (7): 1, Cringles, varieg., rare size, massive body, fine wide entrance, grandly lashed, good length, of lovely feather; 2, Hamilton, mkd. neck, otherwise cl., lacks subs. of winner, fine broad skull, well lashed, neat length, of good qual.; 3, Watson, almost gr., fine size and subs., good entrance, nicely parked with fine leafy feather, scarcely the length of those in front; 4, Nimmo; 5, Johnstone; 6, Kirkland. GOLDF. (15): 1, Wilson, expansive face, neat square cut, in full bloom, equally well tanned body, fine size, shape, and cond., wins well in good class; 2, Jardine and McFadyen, hardly so rich in blaze, very expansive, not so neat cut, finely tanned body, good buttons, size, and shape; 3, Porteous, richer face than second, just a shade pinched, neatly cut, otherwise good Finch; 4, Milloy; 5, Hamilton; 6, Davidson. BUFF. (6): 1, sp, McFarlane, grand size, shape, and qual., fine col., rare cap and wing bars; 2, Allanson, better size and col., grand cap and bars, trifle rough at thighs, and beaten by a moult; 3, Porteous, shade smaller, fine shape, col., and cond., tail feather still growing; 4, Porteous; 5, Lindsay; 6, W. Watson. HEN FINCH (19): 1, Campbell, fine big Greenf., well made, as good col. as a cock, rare rich flights; 2, Arnott, Bullf., fine bold head, neck, and front, grand tone of col., very stylish, shows herself well; 3, Lawson and Son, perky little Siskin, sweet shape, fine col. and neatly laced; 4, Reid; 5, McCallum; 6, Harper. LINNET, H.M. (13): 1, sp, Waugh, grand size and shape, rather dark in col., good whites, rare bloom, shows well; 2, Selkirk, better tone of ground col., finely laced, little open in front, good size, shape, and cond., honestly shown; 3, Crawford, grand shape and size, nice breast, full of work; trifle rough in feather, unsteady; 4, Davidson; 5, McFarlane; 6, McGhie. F.M. (15): 1, Connelly, fine size and shape, Yorks. type, rare tone of colour, grand breast, full of work, well closed up, wins; 2, 3, Reid, 2nd grand size and shape, Nor. type, fine col., good breast, looking a little soft; 3, same stamp, rather heavy in lacing, very steady, claimed; 4, Baird Bros.; 5, Main; 6, Jardine and McFadyen. GREENF. (19): 1, McFarlane, yell., well built, rare head, neck, and body, grand flights and tail, fine col. and bloom; 2, Smith, another Jonque, very close up, better tone, hardly so good head, A1 qual., rare bloom and cond., nice one; 3, Baird Bros., grand big buff, rare head and wings, fine cobby body, in grand order, well placed; 4, Thomson; 5, Cunnings; 6, Dick. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. (11): 1, Brownlie and Cook, the old firm, fine size and shape, grand tone of col., neat shaped bib, very distinct lacing, rare sheen and cond.; 2, McFarlane, close up in good company, fine cobby shape, hardly the tone, rare bib, cap, and lacing; 3, Crawford, another rare 'Poll, grand size, shape, and col., finely laced, lacks bloom; 4, Connelly; 5, Morton; 6, Dick; not much between this lot. F.M. (20), strongest class in show, and good competition; 1, McFarlane, rare head, bib, and col., very delicate lacing, yet distinct, fine shape, grand bloom; 2, Main, equal in every respect, only scarcely so distinct in lacing, rare good 'Poll; 3, Connachie, grand 'Poll, better size, rare head, bib, and col., lacing rather heavy, hard pressed by 4, Lamb, just a shade smaller, grand col. and lacing, rare bloom, merry little chap; 5, Jardine and McFadyen; 6, Sorrel; best lot of 'Polls seen this season. MEALY 'POLL OR TWITE (18): 1, Quinn, Mealy, great size, good head and bib, fine mealy front, nice laced flanks, well known winner; 2, McFarlane, beaten size only, fine shape, good head, bib, and lacing, grand bloom; 3, Whiteford, F.M. Mealy, we thought a bit lucky, queer shape and unsteady, oftener on the horizontal bar; 4, McFarlane, unsteady; 5, Wright, Mealy, we liked for 3rd, H.M., good size, col., and cond., steady; 6, Cummings. SISKIN (10): 1, Neilson, fine size, shape, and col., rare cap, faint bib, nicely laced flanks, staged in good cond.; 2, Graham, better size and shape, dense cap, enormous bib, H.M., fine lacing, col., very steady; 3, sp., Cringles, fine one for size, shape, and col., no bib, rare cond., fails only in lacing; 4, McGhie; 5, Hannay; 6, Lamb. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (9): 1, Lawson and Son, grand Chaffie, not the biggest, but rare shape and col., very fine qual. of feather, in rare bloom, good whites, and steady; 2, Jardine and McFadyen, Bramble, fine depth of col. on breast, good mantle, could do with more size, grand cond.; 3, McFadyen, Chaffie, better size than winner, good col. and cond., fine bars, beaten bloom and steadiness; 4, Dickson; 5, T. Dick; 6, Lawson. A.O. BRIT. (7): 1, Lawson and Son, Hawfinch, rare size, shape, col., and style, good head and bib, rather broken in breast feather; 2, McLean, good Redstart, we liked for 1st, fine size, rare head, very distinct band, pure in colours, and nicely staged; 3, Gray, Yellowhammer, fine size, shape, and col., could be clearer on head, rare bloom and cond.; 4, sp., Gamble, lovely Starling, lustrous plumage, grand spangling, staged in rare order, might have gone up one; 5, Lindsay; 6, Miller. MULE OR RYB. (15): 1, Whiteford, lightly varieg. Greenie Mule, rare size and make, grand col. and cold.; 2, Brownlie and Cook, Siskin-Goldie, grand blaze, fine markings and col., nice exhibit; 3, Heron and McNairn, dk. Goldie Mule, rare size and hot. col., fine face and cond.; 4, Hannay, Siskin Mule; 5, Heron and Nairn; 6, A. McFarlane, Linnet-Bullie, rather hard lines. FOR. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (8): 1, W. Naismith, Goldie, grand face, rare col., finely tanned body, good size and shape; 2, J. Watson, hen Bullie, fine stamp, rare size, grand cap and bars; 3, W. McFarlane, Goldie, fine face, good col. and cond., beaten size only; 4, Doig; 5, Molley; 6, Marshall. YORKS., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Jeffrey, cl. yell., rare length, well up on leg, lovely smooth front, grand wings, tail, and cond., wins well here; 2, Booth, cl., fine length, back, and wings, good qual., not the length of winner; 3, Cringles, nice length, well on leg, could be better staged; 4, sp., Baird; 5, Hutton. BUFF (7): 1, Gracie, cl., fine length and style, good qual., bit patchy in col.; 2, Jeffrey, good one, nicely drawn, good head, wings, and tail, fine position, rich qual.; 3, Wood, fine length, qual., col., and cond.; 4, Cringles; 5, Morton; 6, Baird. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Morton; 2, Jarvie; 3, Jeffrey; all clears, good qual., col., and cond. BUFF: Two entries, we could not find. BORDS., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Haddow, charming cl., grand shaped body, beautifully tapered, very rich col., lovely qual. and cond.; 2, Allardice, fine round head, grand shaped body, excellent qual. and cond., trifle thin in neck; 3, sp., Watson, fine weight, very neat wing carr., shade coarse in feather; 4, Linton; 5, Aitkin; 6, Sloan. BUFF (10): 1, Haddow, grand one, rare head and front feather, like boxwood, well braced wings and tail, fine action; 2, Sandilands, fine shape and size, well rounded, neat carr., good cond., beaten bloom; 3, Dick, shade heavier build, nice qual. and cond.; 4, Linton, might have gone up one, very neat shape, grand qual., fine sheen; 5, Stewart; 6, Allardice. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Stewart, sweet shape, well braced wings, pipe tail, fine tree action, rare col. and bloom, wins; 2, Patterson, not so well braced wings, very fine qual., nice col. and style; 3, sp., Sandilands, very neat, sweet, and tidy, we liked for 2nd, better wing carr.; 4, Watson; 5, Davidson; 6, Gentleman. BUFF (12): 1, Sandilands, well rounded head and body, lovely qual., col., and cond., neat wings and tail, free action; 2, 6, Allardice, jun., equal every respect, very close up; 3, Reid, shade thin at neck, rare close feather, of lovely qual.; 4, Hamilton; 5, Allardice, sen. YELL. VARIEG. (6): 1, sp., medal winner, Haddow, even mkd., very well balanced, which carries it through; 2, Linton, saddle-mkd., little beauty, rare rich qual., col., and cond., grandly braced wings, well rounded body, beaten by markings only; 3, Watson, eyes, wing, and fine mkd., fine one for type and qual., lacks bloom; 4, sp., Allardice, jun.; 5, Stewart; 6, Lambie. BUFF (6): 1, Stewart, wee gem, sweetly made, wonderful qual., well laid wings, fine style and cond.; 2, Wilson, wing and eye mkd., neatly balanced, excellent qual., fine round head and body; 3, Linton, varieg., neat and typical, beaten bloom; 4, Davidson; 5, Haddow; 6, Stewart. GR. OR CINN. (10): 1, Houston, cinn., rare depth of col., lovely qual., well pencilled, grand cond. and bloom, wins; 2, Orton, cinn., fine rounded head and body, neat wings, and tail fails, depth of col.; 3, sp., Wilson, gr., rare col. and well pencilled, sweetly made, good qual.; 4, T. and W. Dick; 5, Lambie; 6, Haddow, fine class. NOV. (14): 1, McKie, cl. buff ck., regular toff, dressed in his best, rare qual., col., and cond., well braced wings, fine free action; 2, Patterson, cl. yell., grand rounded head and body, well tapered, very fine qual., could win in the best of company; 3, Graham, neat shape, gaudily carried wings, lovely qual., line style; 4, McKie; 5, Gentleman; 6, McPhee.

FALKLAND.

54th annual show held Town Hall, Jan. 2. The hall is a nice one for the purpose, being well lighted, and the birds were staged in a fine position. The entry was very disappointing, all the Canary classes being cancelled, and many of the remainder having very few entries. This is to be explained by the fact that so many shows are being held during the New Year holidays, and we are afraid also by the fact that the show was very poorly advertised. The executive is a good one, headed by our old friend Baillie Angus, whom we congratulate on his promotion to such a prominent position. It is one of our earliest recollections in the Fancy, more than thirty years back, meeting John at Perth show in the palmy days of the Scots Fancy, and he is still pegging away, and enjoys a crack about old fanciers we both knew so well. (Long may he flourish! He was ably assisted by the treas., Mr. Birrel, while the cage bird steward, Mr. Melville, was only sorry he had so little work to do, and was a host in himself in doing what was to be done, while sec., Mr. W. Anderson, had all his arrangements in a forward condition, and was courteous and obliging to all. In the absence of the appointed judge, Mr. John Adams (Dundee), Mr. W. Reid (Falkland) judged.

LINNET (8): 1, sp, 2, Philip and Sons, leader nice one for size, fine distinct pencilling on breast and flanks, shows whites well; 2, Small, markings indistinct and blurred, could have given way to 3, Mackie, good one for size and fine warm col., capital markings; 4, Black and Lumsden, good size and col., beautiful markings, our choice for 2nd; 5, Lawson; 6, Wilkie. BULLF. (2): 1, sp, Summers, good size, dense cap, clearly defined, good wing bars, pale breast col.; 2, Mackie, not quite so big, but a beauty, rare good cap, good bars, fine slaty coloured back and rich breast, must have pressed. GOLDF. (3): 1, sp, Harrower, good size, fine wings and tail, good blaze of rather pale col., nicely tanned; 2, Mackie, good one, fine size, very rich coloured blaze, coming well back, nicely buttoned wings and tail, well tanned on chest, well shown; 3, Dryburgh, good Finch, nice wings and chest, not quite the size. GREENF. (7): 1, sp, Moyes, grand size and col., splendid wings, showing plenty gold, rather weak in head; 2, 6, Arch, Dryburgh, leader bouncer for size, grand col., rare depth of chest, and big bold head, might have won; 3, Alex. Dryburgh, grand size, splendid col., rare texture of feather and good head and wings; 4, Mackie; 5, Black and Lumsden. Best class in show. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, sp, Poulter, nice Siskin, good size, nicely barred wings, good cap and flank markings, rather poor col.; 2, 4, Arch. Dryburgh, 2nd good Mealy 'Poll, fine size, nice poll and bib; 4th, another Mealy, as good; 3, 5, Mackie, Siskin, not size of winner, but better bars and col.; 6, Alex. Dryburgh. A.O.V. (3): 1, sp, 2, Poulter, leader good Corn Bunting, fine size and cond.; 2nd, nice Yellow Bunting hen; 3, Mackie, nice Reed Bunting, good size and markings. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, sp, Beattie, Linnet-Bullie, nice bird but small, shows cross well; 2, Wilkie, nice wee Siskin-Can., fine col. and markings. CAN., HEN (2): 1, sp, Melville, C.B., fair sized body, weak in head; 2, Angus, Yorkshire.

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HEMSWORTH.

The Hemsworth, Doncaster, and Adwick [illegible] C.B. Societies held one of their series of [illegible] at Hemsworth, Dec. 26. The large club room at the [illegible] to the King's Head Hotel, kindly lent by Mr. Jno. Tait (the one time Yorkshire cricketer), being a very cosy and suitable room. Yorks. were the leaders, with Norwich and British good. The competition between these societies was keen, for the various trophies. Doncaster leads by about 5 points, Hemsworth; and 3rd, Adwick. Mr A. Gr[illegible] (Hemsworth sec.) is one of the right sort, and a capital controller. Mr. T. Tait acts as president in a most tactful and praiseworthy manner. Mr A. Taylor, vice-pres., well known as a York[illegible] exhibitor, renders valuable assistance. Stewards also executed their duties A1 were Messrs. Holroyd and Cook (Hemsworth), and Pogmore (Doncaster). Teas shown by Messrs. A. Taylor, T. Trueman, J. Hall, A. Graham, W. Blanchon, S. Kendrick, were a credit to them. Mr. J. Hall deserves a word for the good work he did, and is an asset to the society. The Waxwing shown successfully by S. Kendrick was a recent capture, not a mile from Hemsworth, so we were informed. The noted Goldie owned by Mr Blanchon looked a picture, and the six-year-old yellow Yorkie cock, the property of Mr. A. Taylor, won well, and appeared as sprightly as an artful [illegible] and Mr. J. Pogmore still knows how to put a Linnet down. The next and final amalgamated show takes place Jan. 31, and by what one heard strenuous battles will be fought. Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. YORKS (8): 1, Taylor, lovely qual., type, length, and style; 2, Trueman, longer, hardly texture; 3, Graham, shorter, but all there; vhc, Holroyd, he, Hunt; c, Middleton. BUFF (9): 1, Hall, true character, gem right through; 2, Taylor, not quite so waxy in feather; 3, c, Trueman, close up; vhc, Brooks; he, Holroyd. YELL. HEN (14): Choice class. 1, Trueman, wonderful length, stand, and feather; 2, Kendrick, not quite so level in col.; 3, Blanchon, smart, hardly the length; vhc, Hunt; he, Cook, c, Hall. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Trueman, very charming damsels; 3, Kelsey, tight as wax, not so lengthy; vhc, Parkes; he, Hunt; c, Brooks. YELL. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Taylor, cl. and mkd. neck, very promising "gents."; 3, Trueman, hardly so stylish, yet good; vhc, Hunt; he, Blanchon; c, Kelsey. BUFF (8): 1, c, Taylor, shooty, magnificent qual.; 2, Hunt, close up, well shown; 3, Blanchon, falls a little in character; vhc, he, Middleton. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Trueman, cobby cl. of good size and shape; 2, Simpson, cl., better head, but longer in build; 3, Flint, not quite the contour; vhc, Leam. BUFF (5): 1, Hewitt, bonny shaped cl., good col., feather, and subs.; 2, vhc, Leam, very nice cinn., A1 col. and qual.; 3, Trueman, var., neat all over, not size; he, Brown; c, Kendrick. YELL. HEN (5): 1, he, Kendrick, shapely cl., 1913 bred, most promising, well up in size; 2, Parkes, cl., good shape and subs., not the col.; 3, vhc, Trueman, mkd., loses in wing carr. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Parkes, cobby cl. leading, nice head character, good feather; 2, Graham, var., large, and of capital col. and shape, pressed hard; vhc, Cook; he, Trueman. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Smith, yell., mkd. wing, gem all over; 2, Cook, grand cl. buff, close up; 3, Simpson, yell., beaten by winner in texture only; vhc, Parkes; he, Flint; c, Hewitt. GOLDF., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Blanchon, beauties, his well known leading and looking fit to fight for a kingdom; 3, Brown, yet another good one, hardly the blaze; vhc, Middleton; he, Frost. BULLF., ETC. (5): 1, Trueman, lovely Bullie, treat to observe; 2, Temperton, very fine and bright coloured Greenie; 3, Kelsey, Bullie, hardly the breast col.; vhc, Pogmore; he, Middleton. LINNET (4): 1, Pogmore, grandly pencilled, A1 shape, size, and polish; 2, Kemp, not quite the col., still gem; 3, Wade, beaten in size; vhc, Brown. WAXWING, ETC. (5): 1, Kendrick, fine Waxwing, in nice order; 2, 3, Pogmore, Twite and Mealy Redpoll, both in the pink, and extra good specimens; vhc, Trueman; he, Wade. MULE (8): 1, Kendrick, choice Lin.-Can., in full bloom; 2, vhc, Blanchon, yell. dark Gold.-Can., good face; 3, Trueman; he, Hall; c, Middleton.

WORKSOP.

3rd annual show, held Nov. 29. The Golden Ball Hotel was the venue, and a very suitable place. A couple of large rooms were utilised for the purpose. The birds were neatly staged at one end of the lightest room, and commanded great attention from the many visitors present. Mr. F. Potts put down a most pleasing team, annexing five 1sts and other honours. That well known old stager, Mr. T. Simpson, also benched gems, his noted buff mkd. Gold.-Can. looking a picture, and taking special for best in show. Yorks. predominated, and were a nice collection. Norwich were on the small side, more subs. required for present-day requirements. Brit, and For. drew great attraction. Special winners: Best in show, silver medal, Mr. T. Simpson; best in 74 and 75, F. Potts; Mule, T. Simpson; Brit., A. Woodhead; best and 2nd best in 76, 77, 78, F. Potts; 79, 80, 81, T. Simpson; 83, 84, T. Simpson; For., G. Gray; 86, 87, T. Simpson; Canary, F. Potts. President C. A. Longbottom and Vice., T. B. Dale and W. Smith, a trio of great assets to the society. Committee consist of well known and esteemed fanciers, every praise being due to the following for the many exertions put forth, Messrs. H. Smith (chair), Hett, H. P. Sissons, Sibson, Hewitt, Ogden, Green, Sugden, Staniland, Stafford, Howard, H. Taylor, Bowles, Blakeborough, W. Taylor, Forrest, Davidson, Lane, Holmes, and G. Redsdale. Treas., Mr. H. Marshall is the right man in the right place. Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Hooton, is worthy of many compliments for the manner in which he fills this office, a real worker and courteous to the fullest degree. In Mr. W. B. Foster he has a capable understudy, who got through judiciously an abundance of work. Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, judged; his awards met with every approval.

YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, sp., vhc, F. Potts; 2, Simpson; 3, Sugden. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Potts, very smart team. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Potts; 3, Simpson; vhc, Sugden. HEN (4): 1, sp., 2, 3, Potts; vhc, Sugden. 1913 (7): 1, sp., 3, vhc, Potts, trio of promising youngsters; 2, he, Bryan; c, Sugden. NOR. (2): 1, Staniland; 2, Green. HEN (1): 1, Green. CREST (2): 1, sp., Simpson; 2, Sugden, absent. PAIRS (4): 1, vhc, Simpson; 2, Blow; 3, Potts. MULES (2): 1, sp., Simpson; 2, Lane. BRIT. (3): 1, sp., Woodhead; 2, 3, Lane. FOR. (2): 1, sp., Gray; 2, Simpson. GIFT (3): 1, sp., Simpson; 2, Sugden; 3, Potts. NOV., YORKS (1): 1, Fricker. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Green. BRIT. (1): 1, Fricker.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Annual old Bird show, Dec. 13, St. Andrew's Parochial Hall. Over 300 birds were staged, a real good lot. The special winners were McNulty, Silcock, Lobb, Brachen, T. Evans, Hamilton, Handley, Southwood, Steinart, Rimmer, Larkin, Skilling, Plunkett. Everything went on as smoothly as possible, owing to the hard work of the energetic sec., Mr. L. T. Hamilton and committee: Messrs. Rimmer, Huyton, McNulty, McLean, Steinart, Owen, Handley, Pilkington, and Plunkett. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. CL.: 1, Larkin, grand col., size, type, V-shape wings; 2, McNulty, bigger and fuller, excellent stand, nice wings and tail, plenty of leg, loses in type; 3, Owen, nicely drawn out, not quite the colour; vhc, Lobb; he, Brachen; c, Wale. BUFF: 1, McNulty, well fed, nice type, wins; 2, Owen, nicely drawn out, good feather, loses in col. and crosses wings; 3, vhc, Hamilton, nicely filled in, good wings and tail; he, c, Lobb. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Silcock, a soldier, good feather, rol., and size; 2, he, Lobb, better col., even nkd. wings, well filled in, nice type and quality; 3, Handley, hottest fed, bit too heavy in build, good in other points; vhc, Rawsthorne; c, Huyton. BUFF: 1, Silcock, lengthy, clean cut, nice shoulders, a picture; 2, 3, he, — —, 2nd nice type and quality, not quite as fine a drive as winner, close up, 3rd better than 2nd, but wants handling; vhc, Lobb; c, Owen. CL. HEN: 1, Silcock, well drawn out, perfect wings and tail, good col.; 2, McNulty, longer than 1st, but loses in feather and col., lovely drive; 3, Skilling, nice type and qual., not quite fit; vhc, Lobb; he, Bracken; c, Larkin. CL. BUFF: 1, vhc, McNulty, champion, well-filled-in hen, a real topper, fine feather, type and size, wins; 2, Huyton, clean cut, feather like wax, stands well from the perch, something to be proud of; 3, he, Silcock, gem, not quite type of 2nd and crosses wings; c, Handley. TKD., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Silcock, lovely lady, nice drive, feather, and type; 2, McNulty, better col., must have pressed; 3, Plunkett, lovely feather, not quite so well filled in; vhc, Handley. BUFF: 1, Lobb, stands well, rare feather, not quite good wing carr., but wins; 2, — — —, gem for type and qual., smaller; 3, McNulty, best feather and col. in class, clean cut, might have stood higher up; vhc, Skilling; he, Owen. CL., ETC., YELL., 1913: 1, McNulty, topper, wins; 2, vhc, Silcock, stylish, but droops wings, nicely rounded; 3, Rawsthorne, nicely drawn out and rounded, could do with a tubbing; he, Huyton; c, Plunkett. BUFF: 1, Larkin, nice type, qual., and col., shows no corners; 2, Lobb, bigger, but not quite the type, lengthy; 3, Skilling, smaller, feather like wax, not quite style of leaders; vhc, he, c, McNulty. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Silcock, clean cut, boxy feather, very typical; 2, he, McNulty, much like winner, better col., might have won; 3, Larkin, smaller, nice type and qual.; vhc, Huyton; c, Plunkett. BUFF: 1, he, McNulty, unbeatable feather, type, and quality; 2, Handley, bigger, but rather down, a real good one; 3, Lobb, very typical, more like winner, excellent feather; vhc, Plunkett; c, Bracken. CINN. TKD. OR MKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Silcock, hot fed, even mark, fine length, feather, and type; 2, Owen, shade smaller, mkd. rather badly, nice type and feather. CINN. HEN: 1, 3, Lobb, 1st real gem, lovely type feather, wins; 2, Larkin, rather chesty, sound col. NAT. COL.: 1, Plunkett, nice feather, typical, wins; 2, Rimmer, yell., nice racy bird, very leggy; 3, Silcock, yell., larger than 2nd, not quite the style. HEN: 1, Bracken, typical buff, good round body and head, excellent wings and tail; 2, Larkin, well drawn out yell., nice col. and wings; 3, Rimmer, racy, good feather, leggy; vhc, Plunkett. HEAVY VARIEG. YELL.: 1, he, Larkin, lengthy, good head, perfect v. wings and tail, good feather; 2, c, Skilling, similar, not quite style, good feather and col.; 3, Bracken, racy, not quite so well filled in, nice wings, tail; vhc, Silcock. BUFF: 1, Lobb, fine big upstanding bird, plenty of subs., fine feather; 2, Skilling, not fed, or would have won, nice carr., style, feather; 3, Bracken, fine type and qual., clean cut, very wild, probably best in class; vhc, Handley; he, Silcock; c, Wale. YELL. HEN: 1, Lobb, typical, good feather, upstanding; 2, Handley, shade smaller, not quite so well filled in, close up; 3, Larkin, not quite type of 1st and 2nd; vhc, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, Lobb, big, tight feather, nice head and neck; 2, Skilling, nicely filled in, not quite the size; 3, Rawsthorne, rather stout, but excellent feather; vhc, Southwood. GRN. SELF YELL.: 1, Hamilton, real topper in size, type, and feather, rich grass green, well known winner; 2, 3, McNulty, 2nd rich col., but smaller, and not quite through, 3rd better drawn than 2nd; vhc, Plunkett; he, Skilling; c, Rawsthorne. BUFF: 1, McNulty, nice size col., and type, good feather; 2, Wale, beauty, rather shorter, but well filled in and better col.; 3, Rawsthorne, nice type and qual., nice head and shoulders. GRN. FOUL YELL.: 1, 3, Bracken, rare col. and size, clean cut, stands like a guardsman, wins, 3rd fine big upstanding foul, not much to shoose; 2, McNulty, good one, shade smaller, crosses wings wee bit, lovely head and neck. GREEN FOUL BUFF: 1, McNulty, good sound col., lacks nothing; 2, Steinart, good col. and feather, well rounded and clean cut; 3, Skilling, similar type, more fealed, lovely head and neck; vhc, Larkin. HEN, SELF YELL.: 1, 3, Skilling, very typical, well rounded and clothed, beauty in every way; 2, Owen, rather slimmer, not quite the colour, not much in them; 3rd gem for type and qual., close up; vhc, Rimmer; he, Rimmer; c, McNulty. BUFF: 1, Skilling, well clothed and typical, nice carr., clean cut, nice head and shoulders; 2, Rimmer, tight one, larger, stands well off the perch, not the drive of 1st; 3, Wale, loses in type to first two. HEN, YELL. FOUL: 1, McNulty, real smasher, perfect Yorkie in every way; 2, Bracken, nice, long drawn, not quite the feather of 1st, perfect V wings, good col.; 3, Skilling, boxy feather, nice head, neck, and shoulders, perfect wings; vhc, Wale. BUFF: 1, Hamilton, boxy feather, nice head, neck, shoulders, perfect wings, nice drive; 2, McNulty, close up, loses only in carr.; 3, Plunkett, smaller, but nice feather and type; vhc, Handley; he, Larkin. SELF OR FOUL YELL., 1913: 1, McNulty, well filled in, good col., nice head and neck; 2, Bracken, typical, clean as a whistle, will make a good one; 3, Silcock, another typical one, not quite through; vhc, c, Skilling. BUFF: 1, Hamilton, nice type and qual., good sound col., perfect wings and tail; 2, Handley, larger, nice full neck, mkd. well, not quite so typical; 3, Rimmer, similar to winner, nice and racy; vhc, Lobb; he, c, McNulty. HEN, SELF OR FOUL YELL.: 1, 3, T. Evans, bit good sound col., clean cut, nice pos., and similar, two nice ones, 2, Hamilton, lovely lady, a toss up between them; vhc, he, Skilling; c, Rawsthorne. BUFF: 1, 3, he, Hamilton, bit rare style and qual., V wings, nice tail, head and neck, 3rd smaller, grand type and qual.; 2, Bracken, same type good bit crosses wings; vhc, c, Rimmer. NOR., ETC. YELL.: 1, Plunkett, topper in subs., feather, and col.; 2, Silcock, nice head and neck, col. the best. BUFF: 1 sel. 2, Silcock, beat Nor. (a show for size, qual., feather, and col., 2nd another good tight one; 3, Plunkett, droops tail, loses in feather. YELL. HEN: 1, Silcock, feathers like wax; 2, Plunkett. BUFF: 1, Plunkett; 2, Silcock. NOV. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Handley, nice type and qual.; 2, vhc, Evans, some liked for 1st; 3, Steinart; he, Steinart. BUFF: 1, Steinart, nice feather, type, qual., col.; 2, Southwood, loses in col.; 3, T. Evans. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Handley, nice col., feather, and type; 2, Evans, similar to 1st; vhc, Evans; he, Southwood. BUFF: 1, 3, Handley, nice type, qual., feather, and size; 3, smaller; 2, Steinart, loses in feather; vhc, he, c, Evans. YELL., 1913: 1, T. Evans, grand type, qual., feather, nice head and shoulders; 2, Steinart, slimmer, V-shape wings, better col.; 3, he, Handley, loses in carr.; vhc, Southwood. BUFF: 1, 2, he, Handley, nice type, qual., feather, nice head and rearh, 2nd tight up; 3, Steinart, loses in feather; 2, vhc, Evans, some liked for 1st; 3, Steinart; he, real smashes; 2, he, Handley, better col.; vhc, Stewart. BUFF: 1, 3, Handley, fine type and qual., well cut, nice head and shoulders; 2, Steinart, loses in carr. HEAV. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Steinart, nice type, qual., and feather; 2, 3, Handley, better feather, not quite the type. GR., SELF., OR FOUL YELL.: 1, 3, Handley, nice type, qual., 3, smaller, nice type and qual.; 2, Evans, crosses wings, better pencilling. BUFF: 1, 3, Evans, well drawn out, good feather, 3rd not the style; 2, Handley, loses feather; vhc, Steinart; he, Handley. SELF OR FOUL YELL. HEN: 1, 2, T. Evans, 1st nice type, qual., and feather, clean cut, 2nd smaller; 3, Handley, nice type and qual., but small; vhc, Steinart. BUFF: 1, Evans, well rounded, nice type and feather; 2, Steinart, close up. SELF OR FOUL YELL., 1913: 1, Handley, gem for type and qual., nice V wings and tail; 2, Steinart, not quite the neatness of winner; 3, Evans, heavier pencilling and not the feather. BUFF: 1, Evans; 2, Handley; 3, Steinart. GIFT: 1, Evans; 2, Rawsthorne. G.C.A. CLASSES.—YORKS. GR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, he, Jones, topping feather, clean cut, V wings and tail, 3rd Liverpool novice winner; 2, Cooper, loses in feather; vhc, c, Bell. HEN: 1, 2, Cooper, 1st grand type and qual. of feather, 2nd better carr.; vhc, he, Jones; c, Bell. GR. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, vhc, Lemas, topper for subs. and col.; 3rd close up; 2, Woods, loses in col.; he, Woods; c, Higham. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Woods, 1st foul, nice head and neck, good subs. and col., 2nd self, smaller, 3rd foul, more like winner; vhc, he, c, Lomas. BORD., GR. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Bratherton, beauty of a wee gem, nice type, qual., and wings, clean cut, 2nd more body than 1st, equal in type, etc.; 3, vhc, Howeroft, very neat, must have pressed. YELL.: 1, vhc, Bratherton, V-shape wings, fine col., neat in every way; 2, 3, Howeroft, not quite so neat in feather, but a good one, 3rd fine neat one.

WINGATE.

Second annual show held Jan. 1, Boys' School. Cage birds were staged in a large room that is an ideal place—splendid light both day and night, and comfortable to a degree. Entries totalled 101, which, although hardly up to expectations, was fairly satisfactory, being an increase of 25 on last year. This old-time-honoured show seems to be beginning to take hold again. Quality was very good, several well-known winners being on view. Chairman is Mr. J. L. Good, with Mr. M. Gibson treas., while Mr. J. Burdett still retains hold of the sec. reins, and it would be difficult to find a better man for the position, for he takes to secretarial work as a duck takes to water. All his arrangements are perfect and carried out without the slightest hitch, while his courteous and obliging manner makes it a pleasure to meet him. The stewards were Messrs. W. Burdett and T. Stones, and these two keen fanciers did all that was required, while Messrs. W. Stogdale, R. Proudlock, and W. Hall, also rendered assistance during the show. The show was well patronised by visitors, and our section came in for a good deal of attention. We hope to hear of it having proved a financial success. Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) judged.

NOR. YELL (6): 1, Fraser, nice size, lovely shape, short and thick-set, good head and neck, excellent col. and qual., neatly carried wings and tail; 2, Wilson, plenty of size, grand thick-set bird, nice col., good head and neck, nice chest, just lacks the qual. and finish of leader; 3, c, Burdett, nice size and shape, bit longer in body, good col. and qual., neat head, nicely carried wings and tail; vhc, Peirson; he, Morrison. BUFF (8): 1, Briggs, big bouncing var., grand subs., rare head and neck, nice chest and back, capital col. and qual., well carried wings and tail; 2, Peirson, cl., plenty of size, grand shape, hardly so thick-set, lovely col. and qual., good head and neck, nice wing carr., well cleaned out; 3, Rev. Bennett, grizzled on rump, nice shape and size, neat head, nice front, bit long-sided and loses in col. to leaders; vhc, Wilson; he, Morrison; c, Gill. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Morrison, cl. yell., grand size, nice shape, teeming with col. and qual., neat round head, nice wing carr.; 2, Watson, variog. buff, a real topper for shape, short and cobby, grandly rounded front, nice head and neck, excellent col. and qual., throws wings over badly at times, or would take some stopping; 3, Seely Bros., cl. yell., not quite the size of leader, lovely shape, short all over, sweet head, lovely col., but hardly so good in qual.; he, Briggs; c, Burdett. 1913 (8): 1, 2, Russell and Teasdale, leader cl. yell., medium size, lovely shape, neat head and neck, nice chest, lovely col., qual. of the very best, nice wing carr.; 2nd, cl. buff, nice size, grand shape, well rounded chest, nice head, good col. and qual., well cut away; 3, Watson, cl. yell., more size than winner, nice shape, good head and neck, neat wing carr., lacks the col. and qual. of leaders; vhc, Burdett; he, Rev. Bennett; c, Peirson. YORKS., YELL (9): 1, Wigglesworth, cl., grand length, straight as a gun barrel, beautifully drawn, neatly rounded shoulders, nice head, lovely wings and tail; 2, Swinsco, fourpointed, bit shorter, nice pos., good shoulders and waist, neat head, grand qual., finish, and wing car., loses a bit in col.; 3, Wearmouth, very slim and stylish, straight up, finely tapered, neat head and wing carr., loses in col., and shade open in breast feather; vhc, Stevens; he, Chesworth and Mason; c, Pymon. BUFF (6): 1, Carlisle, fine length and pos., straight up, slim and finely drawn, neat head and neck, lovely wings and tail, bit patchy in col.; 2, Stevens, shorter, but a gem for col. and qual., straight as a rush, sweet head, grandly rounded shoulders, beautifully braced wings and tail, must have pressed closely; 3, Cattell, very slim and stylish, finely drawn, neat narrow shoulders, nice head, good col. and qual., not so well braced in wing carr.; vhc, Pyman; he, Swinsco; c, Wearmouth. 1913 (10): 1, 3, Carlisle, tkd. yell. leading, nice length and pos., good shoulders, well tapered body, nice col., lovely wings and tail; 3rd, variog. yell., fine length, not the col. of leader, but gem for finish, well up, neat head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Wigglesworth, cl. buff, nice length, straight up, well rounded shoulders, neat head, lovely col. and qual., grand wings and tail, hardly so neat a waist; vhc, Wearmouth; he, Pyman; c, Rev. Bennett. A.O. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Hanson and Scorer, variog. C.B. leading, grand subs., wonderful skull, grand entrance, abundantly clothed with grand feather, well lashed; 3rd, variog. D.C., nice size and shape, well radiated from a neat centre, good droop and density; 2, Reid, cl. cap Gold Lizard, nice size and shape, good col. and spangling; vhc, Seely Bros.; he, Stogdale. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Davidson, nice ones, leader fine size and shape, well pencilled, clear and distinct, nice head and back, grandly polished, and in fine condition; 3rd, not so big, nice shape, well pencilled all over, but hardly so bold and distinct, nice col. and cond.; 2, Stones, plenty of size, grand shape, nicely pencilled all over, nice col., but lacks the polish of leader, steady; vhc, Smurthwaite; he, Gill; c, Sanders. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (7): 1, Henderson Goldf., grand one for size and shape, good square cut blaze, pure in col., nicely tanned body, lovely wings and cond.; 2, Smurthwaite, Bullie, grand size and shape, nicely cut cap, grand col., rich breast col., lovely back and bars, in the pink; 3, White, Goldie, nice shape, square cut blaze, but hardly so expansive, good sound col., nice cond. and feather; vhc, Forster (R.); he, Forster (J.); c, Lane. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Smurthwaite, Twite, fine size and shape, lovely col., profuse in pencilling, and carried well down, grand feather and cond.; 2, Forster (R.), Siskin, nice size and shape, nice cap, well laced, good body col., well laced flanks, rare feather and cond.; 3, Forster (J.), Twite, bigger than leader, but lacks the grand col. and polish, nice pencilling, neat shape, fine cond.; vhc, he, c, Garthwaite. A.O. HARDBILL (6): 1, Davidson, Hawfinch, medium size, lovely shape, grand bold head, lovely col., excellent wings, grand feather and bloom; 2, Lane, Chaffie, medium size, lovely col., grand head, rich body col., splendid whites, shown in the pink, not a feather out of place; 3, Forster (J.), Bramble, lovely body col., carried well under, nice head, neat spangling, in grand feather; vhc, Forster (R.); he, Sanders; c, Stogdale. NOV., MEMB. (8): 1, Stones, Linnet, 2nd in open, and referred to there; 2, c, Hall, Goldie, nice one for shape and size, good blaze, nicely tanned body, good cond.; 3, Proudlock, nice Goldie, good blaze, col., well tanned, nice wings and cond., would look better in a more suitable cage; vhc, he, Stogdale.

HIRST UNIVERSAL,

Third annual show held Dec. 6. The birds were well staged in a good room free from all draughts, a great improvement upon previous shows. Entries came up well. Spl. for best cock Canary was won by J. Anderson; 2nd best, J. Armstrong. Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) judged.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Armstrong; 2, Smith, jun.; 3, Hancock; vhc, he, Middleton; c, King. BUFF: 1, J. King; 2, 3, Armstrong; vhc, Middleton; he, Hancock; c, Edward: HEN: 1, King; 2, 3, Armstrong; vhc, Hancock; he, King; c, Smith. YORKS, YELL.: 1, Anderson; 2, Charlton. BUFF: 1, 3, Anderson; 2, Hancock; vhc, he, Charlton; c, Furance. HEN: 1, 3, Charlton; 2, Anderson; vhc, Hancock; he, King. BORD. YELL.: 1, Armstrong; 2, 3, Anderson. BUFF: 1, Armstrong; 2, Furance; 3, vhc, Anderson. HEN: 1, 3, Anderson; 2, he, Smith, jun.; vhc, Charlton. A.O.V.: 1, Furance; 2, Smith, jun.; 3, vhc, Armstrong. BRIT.: 1, 3, King; 2, Charlton; vhc, c, Anderson; he, Middleton. LINNET: 1, Middleton; 2, King; 3, he, Edwards; vhc, Hancock. PAIR: 1, 2, J. Armstrong; 3, vhc, Middleton; he, Charlton; c, Smith. NOV. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Smith. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Smith; 2, 3, he, Furance. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Furance; vhc, he, c, Smith.

LINCOLN.

Annual show, held Dec. 6. The Central Hall, which is of good light, spacious, and void of draughts, was the venue. The entry was a record, and the exhibition the finest yet held in the city. Yorks. were the feature, Norwich and British good. Mr. W. H. Willerton, the worthy chairman, is one of the right metal, and a most capital and enthusiastic controller. Mr. A. Speakman acts as vice-chairman in a very praiseworthy manner. Committee, Messrs. A. Johnson, G. Boucher, W. Lowis, W. Coulson, and W. Sindell, are all workers, have the society fully at heart, and are liberal supporters, a very capable lot of officials. Stewards who rendered most useful help were Messrs. Spurr, Hill, and Boucher. Staging was neatly executed, and the show-room was very tastefully decorated with flags, bunting, foliage, etc. A very fine array of special prizes graced a large table. Silver cups, clocks, gold medals, etc. etc. Special winners were, cup best Canary, W. Sindell, a very stylish var. yell. York, doing the trick; cup for 2nd best, Mr. Harris, with a smart tkd. yell. Yorks.; cup best Brit., R. W. Sisson, with a grand Hawfinch, also Sandiford's sp. with a hot-fed buff Norwich cock. Mr. Sisson, the popular treas. and hon. sec., had all arrangements perfectly in hand. We must not forget to mention the good work done by Mrs. Sisson; practically all day long she was hard at it, her assistance being most valuable. Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Willerton; 2, 3, vhc, Sisson; 4, Barnsdale; he, Cordwell; c, Sindell. HEN (7): 1, Foley; 2, Willerton; 3, Sisson; 4, vhc, Barnsdale. BUFF (8): 1, Sandiford's medal, Sisson; 2, 3, Barnsdale; 4, F. Sisson; vhc, he, Foley; c, Willerton. HEN (6): 1, Barnsdale; 2, Cordwell; 3, Sindell; 4, vhc, Sisson; he, Willerton. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, cup, Harris; 2, Cordwell; 3, c, Boucher; 4, vhc, Pinchbeck Bros; he, Spurr. HEN (7): 1, Boucher; 2, Pleasance; 3, c, Pinchbeck Bros.; 4, Harrison; vhc, Rawlin; he, Cordwell. BUFF (7): 1, he, Spurr; 2, Harris; 3, c, Cordwell; 4, Boucher; vhc, Pinchbeck Bros. HEN (7): 1, c, Sindell; 2, he, Pinchbeck Bros.; 3, Cordwell; 4, Spurr; vhc, Harris. VARIEG. (11): 1, he, c, cup, Sindell; 2, Hall; 3, Cordwell; 4, Willerton; vhc, Harris. CINN. MKD. (8): 1, 4, Willerton; 2, 3, Harris; vhc, Pinchbeck Bros.; Nos. 2, 3, 4, all green marks. NON-FED (9): 1, c, Harris; 2, Pleasance; 3, Hall; 4, he, Cordwell; vhc, Foley. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Willerton; 2, Spurr; 1, Sisson. MULE (13): 1, 3, 4, Pinchbeck Bros.; 2, Spurr; vhc, Hill; he, Foley; c, Hall. GOLDF. (8): 1, Spurr; 2, vhc, Foley; 3, Johnson; 4, Hall; he, Richerson. BULLF. (2): 1, Sisson; 2, Hill. LINNET (6): 1, 2, vhc, Foley; 3, Sisson; 4, Hill; No. 1, Absent. A.O. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, vhc, cup, Sisson; 3, Cordwell; 4, Pinchbeck; he, James; c, Foley. FOR. (4): 1, Pinchbeck; 2, 3, 4, Foley.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

NEW STEVENSTON (Holytown) O.S.

Annual show held Dec. 6 in Masonic Hall, New Stevenston. The staging was very neatly erected and allowed plenty of room for the exhibits, so that visitors had a splendid view of the birds. There was a large entry, and the show was well patronised throughout the day. Cup for best Scots Fancy was won by A. Allardice, sen.; this being the third win the cup now becomes his property. Cup best young Nor. and cup best old bird were won by D. Harper; cup best young Bord. and B.F.C.C. medal, A. Harper. The society has a splendid lot of trophies for competition, and is ably managed by a practical band of fanciers, who try to excel each other in the working of the show. Mr. Jas. Lamb, sec., had everything in fine order. Mr. Hunter judged Scots Fancy, Mr. Clark Borders, Mr. Marlin Nor. and British, and their awards were well received.

SCOTS FANCY CK. (11): 1, Allardice, sen., real good one, grand style, gets into fine pos., splendid shoulders, wins easily; 2, Buchan, easy worker, fine reach and drive; 3, Buchan, nice drive and action; 4, Murdoch; 5, Allan; 6, Murdoch. HEN (10): 1, Allardice, sen., best of action, very nervy, stylish, fine pos.; 2, Buchan, good head and shoulders, fine drive and action; 3, Allardice jun., not far behind, fine head, neck, and shoulders; 4, 5, Murdoch; 6, Allan. YELL. OR PIED. CK. (4): 1, 2, Allardice, sen., nice drive, good shoulders, grand depth of chest, best of action; 2nd, well up, fine reach, best of action; 3, Allan, nice length, grand pos.; 4, Murdoch. HEN (7): 1, 2, Allardice, sen., well up in size, grand style, free action; 2nd, splendid shoulders, fine reach; 3, Allardice, jun., well up, fine pos. and action; 4, Allan. BUFF OR PIED.: 1, 2, 3, Allardice, sen., grand bird, fine style and action; 2nd, grand shoulders, fine pos.; 3rd, very stylish, good action; 4, Waugh. NOR. CK. (18): 1, Harper, cl. buff, nice head, grand qual. of feather; 2, Clark, variog. yell., nice head and front, splendid col.; we liked this one for first place; 3, Hales, cl. buff, nice shape, good col.; 4, Burt; 5, Lamb; 6, Russell. HEN (15): 1, Russell, cl. buff, topper, grand head, splendid front, wins easily; 2, Allardice, jun., cl. buff, fails in head to winners, yet a grand bird, splendid col.; 3, Harper, yell. variog., grand head and front, nice wing carr., liked for 2nd place; 4, Lamb; 5, McVicar; 6, Clark. NOR., CL. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 6, Hales, cl. yell., well put down, nice qual. of feather; 2, 4, Reid, variog. yell., good shape, fails in head; 3, 5, Harper, cl. yell., good one, grand neat head, splendid front, tip-top order, some liked this one for 1st place. HEN (5): 1, Harper, cup best young Nor., grand head, neat wings and tail, splendid col., easy win; 2, Millar, nice one, barely subs. of winner, good size and shape; 3, Lamb, variog., grand head, well put down, must have pressed; 4, Murdoch; 5, Laidlaw. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 2, 3, Harper, fine team, must have been a difficult job to pick the best one, three beauties, perfect models, no need for further description; 4, Murdoch; 5, Hales; 6, Davidson. HEN (11): 1, 4, Lamb, splendid model, grand head and front, well put down, fine cond.; 2, Davidson, fails in subs. to winner, grand qual. of feather; 3, 5, Hales, nice stamp, grand col.; 6, Harper. CREST (8): 1, 2, Clark, 1st grand big body, fine expansive crest, very round and neat, 2nd very close up, fine qual; 3, 6, McVicar, fine build, plenty of feather; 4, 5, Brown. C.B. (6): 1, 3, Clark, fine, thick-set body, grandly built, grand qual. of feather; 3rd, grand body and skull, close up; 2, Brown, nice wide domed skull, well lashed, fine body; 4, Crawford; 5, Drummond; 6, McVicar. YOUNG CREST (5): 1, Murphy, good body, splendid feather properties; 2, 3, Reid, grand size, fine skull, grand head feather; 3rd, good size and subs., grand qual. of feather. BORD. CK. (18): 1, 3, Harper, gr., lovely col., splendid lacing, grand type; 3rd, cl. buff, good stamp, rare bloom, well put down; 2, Davidson, cinn. mark, rare shape, well moulded, must have pressed; 4, Allardice, jun.; 5, McVicar; 6, Dick. HEN (24): 1, 6, Dick, variog. buff, beautifully rounded, good head, back and wings, lovely col. and quality; 2, 4, Allardice, jun., cl. buff, gem for type and style, grandly braced wings, full of bloom; 3, Harper, variog. yell., typical as any in class, feathered to perfection; 5, McVicar. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (17): 1, 5, Dick, cl. yell., smart, stylish, grand type; 2, Allardice, sen., cl. yell., gem, nice pos. and movement; 3, Allan, lovely type, neat head and neck; 4, Davidson; 6, Murdoch. HEN (15): 1, Harper, cl., beauty, well filled back, wings tightly braced, sound, rich col.; 2, McVicar, grand type, lovely head and neck, rich qual.; 3, Allan, nice shape, nice head and neck, grand col. and qual.; 4, Millar; 5, Murphy; 6, Davidson. BUFF CK.: 1, cup, and B.F.C.C. medal, Harper, gem, magnificent shape, sweet head, rich tone of col., lovely qual., fine braced wings and tail; 2, 5, Allardice, sen., grand shape, short, tight feather, neat head and grand wing carr.; 3, McVicar, nice head and neck, good wing carr.; 4, Dick; 6, Millar. HEN (17): 1, 4, Allardice, sen., cl. buff, rich col., sweet type, clean cut away, best of wings and tail; 2, Dick, cl., similar type, fine boxy feather, close up; 3, Davidson, cl., very typical, well braced wings and tail; 5, Allen; 6, Harper. GR. (13): 1, 4, 5, Harper, yell., rich grass col., rare pencilling, sweet type; 2, Allardice, sen., yell., grand col., finely drawn and stylish; 3, 6, Dick, yell., capital type and style, nice col. VARIEG. (29): 1, Allardice, sen., real gem for type and qual., grand col.; 2, McVicar, lovely head and neck, nice pos. and movement, close up; 3, Murphy, typical and smart, nice qual. and col.; 4, Davidson; 5, Harper; 6, Clark. GOLDF. (7): 1, Davidson, expansive blaze, richly tanned, good bars and buttons, rich col.; 2, McVicar, square cut blaze, nice buttons, good cond.; 3, 4, Clark, good shape and size. LINNET (7): 1, Dick, nice size, good col., steady, well shown; 2, Lamb, gem for shape, lovely markings, fine flights, well staged, close up; 3, 4, Hussy, good col., nice shape, well shown; 5, Laidlaw; 6, Davidson. GREENF. (7): 1, Davidson, grand Greenie, lovely tone of col., good flights, steady; 2, 4, Millar, same type, grand col., well staged; 3, Clark, rare head, sweet shape and qual. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Allardice, jun., Siskin, lovely cap and bib, nice shape and col.; 2, Drummond, Mealy 'Poll, great size, bold head and chest, well laced at flanks; 3, Millar, Mealy, huge 'Poll, extra nice col., grand head; 4, Lamb; 5, Hales; 6, McVicar. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Dick, fine bold head, clean cut bib, splendid lacing, fine col.; 2, 3, Millar, old winner still to the fore, fine col. and lacing, beautiful cond.; 3rd, nice size and shape, well mkd., good cap; 4, Lamb; 5, Hales; 6, McVicar. A.O. BRIT. (12): 1, 4, Millar, Yellowhammer, splendid size, plenty of col., nice shape, very steady; 2, Davidson, Bullf., good col., grand back and wings, very nice cap; 3, Dick, Chaffinch, nice head and chest, nice wings, very stylish carr.; 5, Hales, 6, Lamb. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, Davidson, Greenie Mule, stormer for size and subs., nice rich even tone of col., well staged; 2, 4, Millar, Greenie Can., nice size, lovely col., close up; 3, Clark, fine bold front, nice wings; 5, Hales; 6, Drummond.

DUNFERMLINE.

Held Jan. 1 and 2 in Drill Hall, a very suitable hall, well lighted from roof and comfortable. Entries were hardly up to last year except in Borders, but quality was well maintained, quite a few sending their duplicate specimens here, while remainder were facing the music at the more important events on this crowded date. Everything worked out smoothly, judging being got over in good time, and Mr. R. F. Campbell, sec., wore that smile which is indicative of "All's well!" A good one at management is the opinion of all who see him at it, and he modestly attributes it to the splendid assistance of good stewards and a good director in Mr. Hynd who pilots the entire show well. Border medal was won by Mr. J. W. Duncan. In Norwich Mr. Moffat (Musselburgh) had a good team forward and annexed a share of the honours including specials for points over show and section. Crest and C.B. only mustered 39 in eight classes and though a few birds of really good quality were on view, that counter attractions had got the cream of the stables was evident. We noticed a regrettable occurrence at the station during the despatching, which was entirely caused by a lack of care on the part of porters, a truck of cases and hampers being upset. Judges were: Nor., A. Dickson; Crests, J. Young; Borders, G. Bislop; Brit. and For., W. Malcolm; and their awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL CK. (6): 1, Murray, good size, very cobby, excels head and front, just a trifle browed, wins nicely; 2, McCue (catalogue gives 3rd), nice col., hardly subs. or front, beaten wings, not looking his best here; 3, Thomson fails head and front to leaders, excels texture; 4, Moffat; 5, McGowan; absent, McCondill. HEN (6): 1, sp, Moffat, grand one, rare head, nice depth of front and cobbiness, wins well; 2, McGowan, wet when taking notes; 3, Thomson, nice front, short, fails head; 4, Kirk; 5, Pearson. CL. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Ross, nice body, fails head and neck, yet wins; 2, Ferguson, head mkd., nice one, trifle on long side, we preferred; 3, Moffat, scarcely so well rounded, but excels head and shortness, in good order; 4, Pearson. HEN (6): 1, 2, Moffat, nice head and depth of keel, excels col. and texture, wins; 2nd scarcely subs. or head of leader, fails taper, good cond.; 3, Kirk, fails subs., rather pinched in head, we preferred 4th, Mathieson, better head, nicely rounded, equal feather; No. 2, Murray, marked soft. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, 4, Moffat, leader gr., not largest, but gem for shape, rare skull, a good one; 2, Watt, nice one, hardly front or head of leader, nice texture; 3, Kirk, rather long side. HEN (2): 1, Kirk, very cobby, good front, well put down; 2, Moffat, beaten head and front, better texture. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Mathieson, good head and neck, fails a little in front, yet wins nicely; 2, Hutton, better front, loses head and neck, in good order; 3, Moffat, good size and head, wants handling; No. 2, Stirling, marked wet. HEN (3): 1, McCue, good size, very cobby, nice short wings and tail, excels head, fails neck, but wins; 2, Kirk, beaten head and front, excels feather, good order; 3, Thompson, heavier stamp, nice shape, coarse feather, well placed. NON-FED CK. (3): 1, Kirk, head tick, rather long barrel, good size and feather; 2, McGowan, variegated, loses size, better front, rather pinched in head, yet our choice; 3, Anderson, beaten subs., browed. HEN (4): 1, Hutton, good front, fails head and texture; 2, Moffat, better head, fails front, well packed; 3, Simpson, best in class if properly put down. UNFLIG. CK. (15): 1, Gardiner, not largest, but all there for type, grand head and front, excels texture, A1 order; 2, Simpson, variegated, hardly head or front of topper leading, yet a good one, well placed; 3, McCue, wet when taking notes, appeared to be a good one; 4, Murray; 5, Kirk; 6, Ross. HEN (11): 1, Gardiner, another grand one, very cobby, nice skull, short wings and tail, excels cond.; 2, McCue, heavy variegated, good front, beaten head and feather; 3, Langan, variegated, hardly subs. of leaders, nice wings and tail, well placed; 4, Moffat; 5, no name. CREST CK. (4): 1, sp, medal, Cram, massive Dk. Crest and wings, rare headpiece, nice centre, droop, leafy, wins easily; 2, 3, Howie, nice density, hardly droop or radiation of leader, good 2nd; 3rd fails subs., hardly centred, fails droop; 4, Bishop. HEN (5): 1, McLaren, good size, slightly split, well drooped, wins; 2, Beaton, fails spread and cushion; 3rd, massive body, hardly droop or radiation of leaders. 1913 (4): 1, Bishop, massive size, good expanse, slight split, nicely veined, wins; 2, Wood, fails spread, useful one; 3, McIntosh, similar stamp, fails frontal C.B. CK. (3): 1, 2, Cram, leader grand one, massive, grand entrance and width, excels lashing, wins; 2nd, hardly width or dome of leader, yet a good 2nd; 3, McLaren, fails entrance and lashing. HEN (5): 1, 4, McLaren, gr., good size, fails entrance, well filled at back; 2, 3, Howe, hardy weight of leader, better lashing, beaten width, good dome; 3rd fails entrance and length feather; 5, Burt. 1913 (8): 1, 2, McLaren, leader massive size, good width, fails entrance, wins here; 2nd similar stamp, hardly so wide skull, loses in dome; 3, Bishop, fails frontal and lashing; 4, McLaren; 5, Wood; 6, Bishop. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, medal, Duncan, sweetly moulded, grand col., rare texture, jaunty action; 2, Robertson, scarcely subs., nicely braced wings, better rounded back, beaten front, good 2nd; 3, 4, Lyttle, nice head, fails texture, excels front, well placed; 5, Arnot; 6, Cummings. HEN (5): 1, Symon, grand hen, rare front and head, packs well, very stylish; 2, Young, hardly the curves of leader, nice wings and pipe tail, beaten col., good 2nd; 3, Murray, scarcely up in texture, fails wings, very jaunty, excels head, useful one; 4, Gibson; 5, Penman. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 3, Duncan, nice weight, good front and head, Java-like texture, excels poise, wins; 3rd similar stamp, hardly so well rounded, beaten col. and leg; 2, Murray, nice one, well braced, sweetly moulded, nicely piped tail, must have pressed; 4, Dunsmore; 5, Cock; 6, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 7, Arnot. HEN (8): 1, Dunsmore, nice mould, excels texture, fine poise and action, well put down; 2, Cummings, quite equal head, even better front, fails taper, hardly so well packed, well placed; 3, Cock, grand qual. feather, nice head, fails back and taper, trifle leggy; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 5, Lyttle; 6, Baxter; 7, Symon. UNEVEN YELL. (8): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, Cinn., wings and head, rare type and col., excels front and head, grand action, wins nicely; 2, Paterson, hen, sweetly moulded, excels taper, nice bullet head, good texture, well placed; 3, Gibson, nice stamp, fails to pack, rather forward cond.; 4, Duncan; 5, no name; 6, Grubb; 7, Cock. BUFF (6): 1, Stirling, hen, grand head and front, feathered like wax, very jaunty, good all points; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, almost wins, rare col. and texture, hardly so sweetly moulded, nicely braced, good 2nd; 3, no name, good head, excels poise, fails wings and texture; 4, Paterson; 5, Arnot; 6, Brennet. EVEN MARK (31): 1, 3, Jas. Anderson, yell. leading, just on slim side, nice marks, might be better staged; 3rd also soiled, fails head and texture, better front; 2, Brennet, heavier stamp, rather frayed, equal marks. GR. OR CINN. (4): 1, Cock, Cinn., rather dark shade, good texture; 2, Campbell, better head and front, fails texture, better tone; 3, Stirling, gr., our choice, best tone, nicely pencilled; 4, Hunter and Coutts. LIGHT MEALE OR BYB. (4): 1, 4, Jamieson, Linnet-Bullie leading, good one for shape, col., and cond., well placed; 4th almost even buff Goldie-Can., good col., fails subs., yet our choice for 3rd; 2, Bell, yell. variegated, Goldie, just on slim side, but rare col., well placed; 3, Kilpatrick, Linnet-Bullie, falls feather and subs. to leader. DARK (8): 1, 4, Hogg, well-known Greenie leading, often described, rare sheen and texture, nice size; 2, McLaren, Goldie, nice flush, good size, excels wings, just on long side; 3, Bell, Linnet, our choice, very cobby, rare sheen and tone, good one; 5, 6, Jamieson. GOLDF. (5): 1, Anderson, good expanse, shape and col. of blaze, excels tans, A1 order, wins; 2, Allan, scarcely so square or clean cut, yet a nice one, could be improved, good 2nd; 3, Arnot, nice face, fails neck, excels moons, beaten subs. and cond.; 4, Hutton; 5, Rolland. BULLF. (3): 1, Anderson, C.M., well known in Fife, 3rd win here, looking his best; 2, Arnot, hardly so expansive or dense in cap, better bib, beaten breast, still a good one; 3, Rolland. GREENF. (7): 1, Burnett, good shape and size, rather flat skull, hot col., wins nicely; 2, Henderson, even better shape and quite equal col., beaten weight, excels head; 3, Watt, best skull in class, too dark in tone, rare wings; 4, Moreland; 5, Pearson; 6, Anderson. LINNET (6): 1, Alex. Anderson, nice cobby shape, good tone, nicely pencilled and closed up, excels sheen, wins; 2, 5, Kennaway, grand whites, equal tone to leader, rather open front, beaten breast work; 3, Bell, just behind in polish to leaders, rather open, yet a good one, will improve; 4, J. Anderson; 6, Moreland. REDPOLL (7): 1, 2, Campbell, Mealy leading, Palace winner, in good order; 2, small Mealy, good cap and flanks; we preferred 3rd, Bell, Lesser, F.M., nice cap, good breast, steady, A1 order; 4, Rice; 5, 6, Warwick. SISKIN OR TWITE (5): 1, 4, Arnot, Siskin leading, good size, back solid cap, faint bib, nice col. and lacing, wins; 2, Bell, F.M., better bib, fails weight, excels flanks, beaten cap, well placed; 3, Hunter and Coutts, quite equal cap and flanks, just on slim side, no bib; 5, Rice. GOLDF. FOR. (1): 1, Howie, well known winner often described, wins nicely; 2, Marshall, beaten weight and blaze, nasty twirler; 3, Arnot, rather ragged in cut, fails colour. HEN BRIT. (7): 1, Gentleman, Hawfinch, good order, pale even for a hen, steady; we preferred 2nd, Rankine, Bullie, good size and expanse of cap, distinct bars, in A1 order; 3, Kilpatrick, Greenie, we liked, grand wings, teeming with col.; 4, Miller; 5, Rankine; 6, Dewar. A.O. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, Arnot, grand Blackcap leading, good tone, dense head, in first-class order, wins; 2, Chaffie, nice size, deep col., rather pinched head, steady; 3, Rankine, Yellow Bunting, just on dark side, fails V and breast; 4, Kennaway; 5, Bell; 6, Yates. LARGE (6): 1, Anderson, Missel Thrush, rare size and spotting, grand order, lacks back claw, yet too good in other points to pass; 2, Steel, Hawfinch, not largest, but in good order, well placed; 3, Nicol, Song Thrush, rare breastwork, feather perfect, just on pale side, must have pressed, we liked very much; 4, 6, Rice; 5, Arnot. FOR.: 1, 3, 5, Arnot, Whydah and Cuban Finch, in nice order; 2, Johnstone, Red Cardinal, good size, in best order; steady; 4 Rice. JUVENILE CLASSES—CAN. CK. (10): 1, Ella Arnott; 2, Barbara Penman; 3, J. Maneiark. HEN (10): 1, A. Anderson; 2, Sinclair; 3, Isa Anderson. BRIT. CK. (15): 1, Easson; 2 (our choice), Rd. Watt; 3, W. Clark. HEN: 1, J. Kilpatrick; 2, Bessie Henderson; 3, A. Anderson.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Annual exhibition of Canaries Jan. 3, in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom. 228 was the total number of entries, another poor entry for a union show. This has been the worst year on record for small entries. The show room is large enough to hold 500 exhibits. Quality was quite up to the standard. The room is ideal being very lofty and free from draughts, and close to the station, a great advantage to the exhibitors. The most notable feature was the small number of Norwich, only one class out of six being full, three half prize money, and the two novice classes void, and only three Yorks. classes paid their own prize money. Mr. L. Dykes won sp. for most points in champion Yorks. ; Messrs. Ogden Bros. 2nd, sp. In the Nor Mr. S. Heap wins 1st, and J. Thomas 2nd; Novice Yorks. 1, Mr. Chew; 2, Sheard. The management was excellent; Sec., Mr. A. Lawford, had charge of the work, and did his duty in a very able manner; he was well assisted by Mr. B. H. Clegg. Show stewards, Messrs. A. Gee, S. Lawford, and H. W. Battye, along with other members, got through their duties in the best possible manner. The packing and sending off was done in quick time. Mr. R. Halliday, the judge, seemed to give general satisfaction.

CHAM. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Helliwell, wing tkd., rare length and style, hot in col., nice head and shoulders, well braced wings and tail, nicely feathered, stands well up on good legs, fine cond.; 2, Towers, wing tkd., beautifully feathered, hardly the length, neat wings, and tail, very stylish, well up on leg; 3, Dykes, cl., grand shape and col., wings and tail, well carr., not as tightly feathered; 4, Binns, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape, hot col., good head and neck, neat wing carr., fails in qual.; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Radley, deserved better place; c, Beaumont. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Jebson, mkd. head, grand length, good head, well filled neck, feathered like glass, wings and tail correctly placed, A1 pos.; 2, Dyson, mkd. head, rare qual., shows bit of breed, stands well up, neat wings, pipe tail, close up; 3, Darlington Bros., mkd. eyes and wing, hot col., very stylish, hardly as good head and neck; 4, Dykes, cl., nice length, sound col., neat wing and tail, just a shade stouter; hc, Morrison; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HENS (10): 1, Darlington Bros., mkd. eyes and wings, grand length, beautiful shape and style, very tight and silky feather, stands correct on the best of legs, level col.; 2, Helliwell, cl., lovely qual., nice length and style, not as good in wing carr.; 3, Dykes, tkd. on neck, very slim and stylish, silky feather, only fails in length; 4, Thomas, slightly mkd. head, beautiful shape, rare length, good wings and tail; vhc, Radley; hc, Dyson; c, Hill. BUFF (13): 1, Ogden Bros. neck tkd., rare length, grand head, well filled neck, wings, and tail carr. correct, rich, silky feather, A1 pos., best of cond.; 2, Hill, cl., lovely qual., grand shape and style, well fitting wings and tail, not the length of 1st; 3, Ellis, cl., plenty of length, nicely feathered, very hot col., looks rather cocky; 4, Helliwell, mkd. head, grand qual. hen, very stylish, good wing carr., loses in length; vhc, Clegg; hc, Beaumont; c, Thomas. UNFLIT. CK. (10): 1, 3, Dykes, cl. plenty of length, feathered to perfection, nice shaped head, good shoulders and back, well braced wings, pipe tail, stands well up; 3, cl., hot in col., very breedy and stylish, full of nerve, grand qual., loses in length; 2, Dyson, cl., rare length, beautiful shape, feather as tight as wax, stands on the best of legs, wings and tail well carr., close up; 4, c, Ogden Bros., cl., very slim and stylish, silky feather, not as full in neck; vhc, Ellis; hc, Gledhill. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., cl., grand length, boxy feather, good head and neck, wings and tail well carried, best of legs and feet, A1 pos.; 2, Dykes, hardly as long as 1st, excels in qual., level col., grand back and wings; 3, Thomas, cl., rather stouter, very silky feather, sound col., well fitting wings and tail; 4, Jebson, mkd. on wing, nice length, plenty of nerve, stands well up, neat wings and tail; hc, Hall; c, Peel. CINN, CK. (7): 1, 3, Morrison, yell., mkd. head, eyes, and wings, wonderful length, very long flights, hot col., grand, silky feather, stands well up, wings and tail well carr.; 3, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful qual., nicely moulded, very stylish, loses in length; 2, 4, Towers, yell., mkd. head, neck and wing, plenty of length, good head and shoulders, nice shape, well fitting wings and tail, make good stock bird; 4, yell., hot in col., mkd. on wings, very slim and stylish, full of nerve, grand qual.; vhc, Binns; hc, Thomas; c, Ogden Bros. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Lingard, cl., grand head and breast, rich, sound col., plenty of subs., stands well across perch, wins; 2, Mallinson, cl., very shapely, sound col., good head and bold front; 3, Jackson, cl., grand shape and qual., good head, plenty of chest, close up; 4, Morris, mkd on head, hot col., plenty of subs., nice shape; vhc, Meadowcroft; hc, J. M. Thomas; c, J. Thomas. BUFF (12): 1, Mallinson and Son, cl., hot in col., perfect type, grand head and breast, plenty of subs., neat wings and tail, beautiful feather, stands well; 2, Granger, cl., another good one for type, very bold, silky feather, grand cond.; 3, Heap, cl., shade longer, hardly as much chest, grand qual., good stock bird; 4, Jackson, cl., very typical, grand head and well filled back, sound in col; vhc, J. M. Thomas; hc, Lingard; c, J. Thomas. YELL. HENS (7): 1, hc, J. Thomas, cl., plenty of subs., nice shaped head and breast, very bold, hot in col., nicely feathered, stands well on perch, best cond., wins; 2, Parkes, cl., hardly as much subs., grand shape, good head and breast; 3, 4, Sykes, cl., hot in col., grand head and neck, fails in breast, nice qual.; 4, cl., level col., very typical, good head and breast, but gets up too much; vhc, Morris; c, Lingard. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Heap, mkd. on wings, gem for qual. and cond., rare depth of body, grand head and neck, nicely feathered, stands well on perch; 4, cl., very typical, good head, well filled back, neat wings, very steady; 2, J. Thomas, very bold, grand head and breast, rich mealy col., nice type; 3, Granger, cl., plenty of subs., nice shaped head and chest, grand qual.; vhc, Meadowcroft; hc, Parkes; c, Lingard. NOV., CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, 4, Chew, neck tkd., plenty of length, rare qual., very well drawn, nice shoulders and wings, sound col., stands on best of legs, very stylish, wins; 4, cl., wonderful length, nice qual., wings and tail, well braced, good type; 2, Fisher and Dyson, cl., grand shape and style, not as silky in feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Sundford, cl., very stylish, nicely feathered, stands well up; vhc, Sheard; hc, Smith; c, Scaife. BUFF (12): 1, Radley, eye tkd., rare length, gem for qual., good head and shoulders, well filled neck, wings and tail, well carr., stands well up, nice level col., wins; 2, Sheard, wing tkd., very stylish, nice silky feather, neat wings and tail, fails in length; 3, Taylor, wing tkd., big strong bird, nice qual., but bad tail; 4, Cawtheray and Son, cl., good length, grand back and wings, not as clean on legs; vhc, Townend; hc, Hutchinson; c, Chew. YELL. HENS (9): 1, Fisher, cl., plenty of length, very slim and stylish, silky feather, grand head and shoulders, nicely moulded, well braced wings, and tail, nice col., gem; 2, Sheard, another beautiful hen, feathered like glass, grand shape and style; 3, Hirst, cl., nice length and style, lovely qual., stands well up, shade stouter; 4, Hutchinson, cl., wonderful length, very long sided, neat wings and tail; vhc, Cawtheray and Son; hc, Greenwood; c, Farnish. BUFF (18): 1, Fisher and Dyson, cl., wonderful length, nice col., grand head and shoulders, wings, and tail, carr. correct, lovely qual., stands well up on good legs; 2, Greenwood, cl., has not the length, but excels in qual., very stylish, neat wings and tail; 3, Faruish, cl., fails in length, nice style and feather, wings, and tail, well carr.; 4, Bower, mkd. eye and wing, and splash on breast, lovely qual, A1 pos., grand back and wings; vhc, Radley; hc, Smith; c, Quarmby. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Mosley, cl, rare length and style, very fine and tapering, lovely qual., good head and shoulders, well fitting wings and tail, sound col., stands correct; 2, vhc, Chew, mkd. head and wing, beautiful feather, good length and style, neat wings and tail, fails in col.; 3, Spencer and Maiden, cl., very slim and stylish, stands well up, hardly as good wing carr.; 4, Hutchinson, mkd. on head, feathered like glass, wings and tail corr., fails in length; hc, Quarmby; c, Barnes. BUFF (14): 1, Sandford, wing tkd., plenty of length, very long sided, fine silky feather, nice level col., well braced wings, pipe tail, A1 pos. wins; 2, hc, Hirst, mkd. head, eyes, and wings, rather short flights, beautiful qual., stands on best of legs, very stylish, grand col.; 3, Townend, cl., wonderful length, neat wings and tail, slack feather; 4, Farnish, cl., grand head and neck, well placed wings and tail, shade less; vhc, Hutchinson; c, Hampshire. CINN. MKD. CK. (7): 1, Mitchell, buff mkd. head, eyes, and wings, grand length, fine silky feather, nice shape and style, rich col., wings, and tail, well carr., stands well up; 2, Rhodes, yell. mkd. head and wings, hot col., fails in head, good wing carr., nice qual.; 3, c, Bushby, buff mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful qual., very stylish, loses in length; 4, hc, McLaughlin, yell. mkd. head, checks, and wings, nice qual., fails in pos., slim; vhc, Sheard. HEN (7): 1, Townend, yell. mkd. head and wings, plenty of length, nice level col., well braced wings, pipe tail, nicely feathered, very stylish; 2, Barnes, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, fine length, silky feather, sound col.; 3, 4, McLaughlin, yell. mkd. head and wings, nice stylish hen, grand qual.; 4, buff mkd eyes and wings, good qual., nice shape and style, only fails in length; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Cawthra; c, Bushby.

WAUNARLWYDD.

With a largely increased entry, a good gate, and a nice display of quality birds, the second show of the Waunarlwydd P. and C.B.S., held January 1, was a great success. Shepherd's Hall, in which the show was held in, a cosy little building, and most suitable for the purpose. The committee is composed of the following good fanciers: Messrs. Williams (chair), Hughes (vice-chair), J. Daniels, J. T. Daniels, P. Jones, E. Lucas, S. Lucas, D. J. Thomas, J. Johns, W. Evans, D. Jones, D. W. Jones, Wm. Daniels, W. Bidder, D. J. Rees, D. George, Fred Bateman, T. Jones, W. J. Jones, T. D. Jenkins, B. Griffiths, and Wm. Walters (treas.), and they attended to their duties in first-class style, whilst Mr. J. Walters made a most courteous and indefatigable sec. Canaries had only a small classification, but quality was there, especially in Yorks. Goldies were a big class, and very little separated the first half score. Some of them seemed to be feeling the cold a bit, but brightened up later in the day. In Linnets, Mr. Nicholas's stock was not looking quite so fit as we have seen it, and had to play second fiddle owing to condition. A grand lot of Greenies were staged, and a nice class of hen Britishs. Mr. Oldham won in Mules with a fine big Linnet-Bullie, but his second cage was empty. It arrived at the show with label attached, but there was no bird. We saw the cage unpacked, and so can say if the bird was sent it must have been taken out on the way to the show. Mrs. Longden won in the foreign class with one of the finest Blue Mountain Lories we have ever seen. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (9): 1, vhc, G. Edwards, very sweet wing mkd. yell., lovely silky feather, sound, rich col., in grand fettle; 2, 3, res, Greaves and Richards, neat, compact buff, rare shape and feather, nice short wings and tail; 3, very shapely, nice coloured cap., good head, wings, and tail, not quite so tight on chest; 4, Muscott, good stamp of buff, nice col., shape, and style; hc, c, Addison. YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Phillips, real gem of a Cinn.-mkd. yell., magnificent col. and qual., beautifully tapered body, full of nerve and style; 3, long, well moulded buff, wing tkd., good head, wings, and tail, nice col. and feather, not quite so finely drawn; 2, res, Cook, very sweet cl. buff., fine head, back, wings, and tail, grand style, very close and silky in feather, 4, Greaves and Richards; vhc, c, Owen; vhc, Dicks; hc, Portman. BORD. (9): 1, 3, Jenkins, very neat head and wing, Cinn.-mkd. buff, lovely head, wings, and tail, rare shape and feather, full of style; 2, yell., nice even col., soft silky feather, neat head, wings, and tail, not quite so fine in body; 2, Pearce, rare shaped, stylish, close feathered, good coloured buff green, in nice form; 4, Shaw; res, c, W. Edwards; vhc, hc, Sampson. GOLDF. (22): 1, res, sp, S. Jones, jun., lovely, rich coloured, deep cut blaze, nice checks and collar, capital bars and buttons, good body col. and feather; 2, 3, Portman, rare shape and style, splendid head, back, and chest, sound col., neat buttons, not so fit; 3, very smart in feather, grand blaze, cheeks, and collar, good back and bars, nice buttons, not so steady; 4, Saunders; vhc, Hollerow, Rees, and Son; hc, Jeffreys, Gear; c, Ford. BULLF. (10): 1, S. Jones, large, deep cut, lustrous cap, sound, rich breast, lovely bars and back, nice size and shape, beautifully shown; 2, T. J. Gregory, sen., not quite so large, but lovely col., cap, and breast, very smart in feather; 3, Collerow, capital shape and size, beautiful back and bars, not so rich in breast col.; 4, Cheney; res, G. Edwards; vhc, T. J. Gregory; hc, Jeffreys; c, Musscott. LINNET (9): 1, sp, D. H. Davies, nice level col., beautiful feather, neatly mkd., in grand cond., and very bright and lively; 2, Nicholas, larger, better shape, grand col., and mks., but was listless, looked overshown; 3, Bancroft, grandly mkd., nice nutty col., lovely feather, not so shapely, and thin in neck; 4, vhc, Jenkins, Bros.; res, Ford; hc, Oldham; c, Poyer. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Ford, lovely little Lesser Redpoll, rich, sound col., beautifully feathered, very nicely mkd., in rare form; 2, 3, 4, Jeffreys, Siskin, shapely, well mkd., nice col., close feather; 3, big Mealy, good shape, nice col., well mkd., but not in the best of trim; 4, well mkd. Twite; res, Oldham; vhc, Lucas Bros. GREEN, ETC. (14): 1, Portman, a real gem of a Greenie, wonderfully bright and rich in col., rare bars and tail, full of qual., and grandly shown; 2, Pearce, Chaffinch, rich sound col., nice shape, well mkd., beautiful feather; 3, Reynolds, Greenf., rare col. and feather, nice shape, not so large as 1st; 4, Jeffreys, nice coloured Greenie; res, Cheney; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Holborow; c, W. Hughes. HEN (8): 1, Jeffreys, very fine Bullie, capital col., and feather, nicely mkd., grand cond.; 2, Jones, big, well mkd. Corn Bunting, plenty of col., beautifully feathered; 3, Holborow, fine, shapely, stylish, well mkd., good coloured Greenie; 4, Ford, another good Bullie, very shapely and nice col., not so steady; res, Cheney; vhc, Lucas Bros.; hc, D. J. Thomas. MULE (12): 1, Oldham, Linnet-Bullf., large, well mkd., rich col., fine head and breast, very shapely and stylish, grand feather; 2, res, Davies and Jones, very handsome Siskin-Greenie, wonderful col. and qual., lovely feather and style; 3, Greaves and Richards, nice variegated, Can.-Greenie, good col., shape, and feather; 4, T. Jenkins, eye mkd. buff, Goldie-Can., useful, but not in form; vhc, G. Edwards; hc, Portman; c, Jas., Davies. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, S. Jones, jun., handsome Chough, rare col. and feather, grand head, eye, and bill; 2, smart, stylish, well mkd. Waxwing, in grand form; 3, Ford, very smart Redwing, lovely col. and marking, nice shape and style, well shown; 4, H. W. Jones, nicely mkd. Woodpecker, good feather, but would not show; res, Burrows. FOR. (7): 1, 3, Mrs. Longden, magnificent Blue Mountain Lory, superb col., very sharp and clear in markings, lovely feather and style; 3, fine bold pair Budgerigars, grandly mkd., capital col. and feather; 2, 4, Musscott, remarkably fine Blue Mountain Lory hen, capital col. and feather, a bonny bird; 4, very shapely, good coloured, well mkd. Goldie; res, J. Jones; vhc, Phillips; absent, 6, Musscott.

BOLTON C.B.S.

Annual members' show held Dec. 20 Bow Street Assembly Rooms. Entries which numbered over 100 were a record for the Society. Mr. J. W. Cleminson, Preston, judged, and all seemed pleased with his awards. Norwich were especially great, both in numbers and quality, averaging over 10 per class. Mr. P. Lawton won the Whitehead Cup, which now becomes his property; 2, Terrell; 3, Davies. Other specials: Best Nor., and best bird, Lawton; best unflig. Nor., Davies; best unflig. Yorks, Brooks; best Brit., Gostling; most points, Brooks; 2nd ditto, Davies.

NOR. YELL.: 1, T. Marginson; 2, Smith; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Davies; hc, Lawton; c, Terrell. BUFF: 1, 2, Lawton; 3, Smith; vhc, Davies; hc, Brooks; c, Gerrard. HEN: 1, hc, Davies; 2, Smith; 3, Lawton; vhc, Haslam; c, Terrell. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Lawton; vhc, Grundy; hc, Smith; c, Terrell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Brooks; 3, Lawton; vhc, Grundy; hc, Smith; c, Terrell. BUFF: 1, 2, Davies; 3, hc, Terrell; vhc, Lawton; c, Brooks. NAT. COL.: 1, Brierley; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, Terrell. YORKS YELL.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Brierley; vhc, hc, Barlow. BUFF: 1, vhc, Brooks; 2, Brierley; 3, Mitchell. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, hc, Barlow; vhc, Brierley. BUFF: 1, vhc, Brooks; 2, Brierley; 3, Mitchell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Brierley. BUFF: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, Barlow. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Gostling; c, Smith.—J. Gerrard, Sec.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN

F.F.C.B.S.

Second annual open show held January 8, in Schoolrooms. Cage birds had two rooms allocated to them, both being splendidly adapted for the purpose. The staging was nicely arranged on the tier system. Entries came up well, totalling 283, and although not quite up to last year's numbers, quality was well maintained, most sections containing birds of superlative merit. Norwich, Yorks, and Border all filled well, the latter being slightly ahead in point of numbers, but in each section were birds that have held their own in the strongest and keenest competition. Brit. were a grand lot and made a really fine show. The society appears to be progressing very favourably, and all connected with it, headed by the genial chairman, Mr. J. N. Elliott, seem to be determined to bring it right into the front rank as regards cage bird exhibitions. The popular sec., Mr. Matt. Archer, has a thorough grasp of the work, and understands his duties from end to end, and all his arrangements were carried out splendidly. He had a grand body of stewards, headed by Mr. Joe Williams, all keen fanciers. Mr. W. H. Butler secured the special for best bird and best cock with his well known clear Goldf. Mule. Spl. best hen, J. Moore, Border, J. Nicholson, Members' British, H. Oxley. Judges: Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell), even numbers; Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) odd.

YORKS YELL. CK. (9): 1, Wigglesworth, cl., grand length, lovely pos., grandly rounded shoulders, neat head, hot col., beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Pyman, cl., equal length and pos., well rounded, neat head, nice shoulders and waist, lovely wing carr., loses in col.; 3, Snead, trifle shorter in body and wings, but grandly tapered, nice colour, teeming with qual., neat shoulders, tightly braced wings; 4, Lane; vhc, no name; he, Bentinct. HEN, ANY COL. (8): 1, Snead, fine length, well up, neat head and shoulders, lovely col. and qual., finely drawn, capital wings and tail; 2, Stirk, nice length, straight up, neat narrow shoulders, nice head and neck, not quite the hot col.; 3, Dykes, not quite the length, grand pos., neat head and neck, lovely qual. and finish, grandly braced wings and tail; 4, Robinson; vhc, Pyman; he, Morton. YELL. CK., 1913 (9): 1, 3, Stirk, nice ones, leader lovely length, straight as a rush, nice legs, nice col. and brimful of qual., well drawn at waist, well braced wings and tail; 3rd nice length, grand pos., extra col. and qual., slim and finely drawn, might be a wee bit fuller in neck, good wing carr.; 2, Snead, not the length, red-hot col., neat head and neck, nicely rounded shoulders, well tapered, well braced wings; 4, Dykes; vhc, Ramsden; he, Pyman; c, Oxley HEN, 1913 (8): 1, Sneall, var., good length and pos., straight up, nice col. and qual., neat narrow shoulders, finely drawn, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Dykes, grand qual. cl. buff, finished to perfection, nice length, straight as a gun barrel, beautifully rounded shoulders, neat head, lovely wing carr., beaten only in col.; 3, vhc, Pyman, wing tkd., pale col., nice length, slim and finely drawn, neat head and neck, lovely wing carr.; 4, Robinson; he, Cattell; c, Lanc. NOR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Fraser, green wiug, Wingate winner, gem for shape, col. and qual., but looking thick when taking notes; 2, Thompson, variег., plenty of sub., longer in body, rich col., neat head, good chest, nice wing carr., well cleaned out; 3, vhc, Morrison, not quite the subs., hot col., good head and neck, nice full front, neatly carried wings and tail, presses hard; 4, Pierson; he, Robson and Dowson. BUFF (9): 1, Matthewson, grizz. neck, nice size and shape, good head and neck, best of col. and qual., gets wings over a bit at times; 2, Morrison, variег., larger, but not so hot in col., neat head, nice full front, nicely carried wings and tail; 3, Callaway and Williams, head tkd., fine size and shape, trille longer, nice col. and qual., neat head and neck, good carr.; 4, Fraser; vhc, Peirson; he, Glendinning; c, Butler. HEN (12): 1, 2, Butler, gems, leader cl. buff, nice size, beautiful shape, short and thick-set, nice col., qual. of the very best, neat short wings and tail, might be a little bolder in head, 2nd cl. yell., gem for shape, grandly rounded chest, better head, lovely col. and qual., grand front, well carried wings and tail; 3, c, Peirson, buff, fine size and shape, neat head, good back and chest, grand col., lacks the rich qual. of leaders, yet grand hen; 4, vhc, Moore; he, Morrison. YELL. CK., 1913 (8): 1, Butler, cl., gem all over, nice size, lovely shape, short full-fronted bird, good head and neck, hot col., grand qual., lovely wings and tail, clean-cut and finished to perfection; 2, Peirson, variег., trifle longer than winner, yet another grand one, grand col. but not quite the qual., neat head and neck, grand chest, lovely wing carr.; 3, Callaway and Williams, wing mkd., nice size and shape, grand col. and qual., neat head, nicely carried wings and tail; 4, McKay; vhc, Matthewson; he, J. H. Elliott; c, Morrison. BUFF (13): 1, Butler, head tkd., fine size and shape, grand back and chest, nice head, lovely col. and qual., grandly carried wings and tail; 2, McKay, tkd. side of neck, not the subs., fine shape, grand col. and qual., neat head and neck, nice wing carr.; 3, Peirson, variег., nice shape, not so deep in chest, or so short in wings, grand col. and qual., nice head, good carr.; 4, Callaway and Williams; vhc, Moore; he, Glendinning. HEN (12): 1, Moore, head tkd. yell., fine size, lovely shape, grand back, full chest, neat head and neck, lovely col. and qual., short, well-carried wings and tail, takes spl. best hen; 2, Callaway and Willinms, cl. buff, not a big one but gem for shape, lovely chest and back, neat head and neck, grand col. and qual., short wings and tail, well cleaned out; 3, Morgnn, cl. yell., not the col. of leader, fine shape, nice head and chest, lovely feather, grand wings and tail; 4, Butler; vhc, Peirson; he, c, McKay. BORD. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Watson, four-pointed, nice shape, lovely col. and qual., nice markings, good wings and tail; we rather preferred 2, Bates, wing tkd., even better shape, rounder in head, lovely col. and qual., beautifully braced wings and tail; 3, Smith, shade slim in build perhaps, yet nice shape, neat head and neck, lovely col. and qual., looked a bit slack in wing carr.; 4, vhc, Nicholson; he, Wilson. BUFF (16): 1, c, Nicholson, cl., gem all over, lovely shape, grandly rounded, sweet head and nick, nicely balanced, grand col. and qual., beautifully carried wings and tail, takes spl. b st Bord.; 2, Wilson, tkd. neck, truly a little gem, must have pressed, lovely shape, good col., feather of exquisite qual, sweet head, grand wing carr.; 3, Smith, bit shorter in body, lovely col. and qual., neat round head, nicely rounded body, grandly carried wings and tail; 4, Richards; vhc, Beevor; he, Davison. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Nicholson, beautifully moulded, well rounded body, sweet head, lovely col., feather of finest texture, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, J. H. Elliott, cinn. mkd., gem all over, scarcely anything between it and winner, lovely shape, beautifully balanced, grand col. and qual., lovely wings and tail; 3, Peel, grandly shaped variег., not the rich col. of leaders, but teeming with qual., well rounded body, sweet head, grandly braced wings and tail; 4, Carlill; vhc, Smith; he, Watson. HEN (12): 1, Watson, cl., lovely shape, grandly rounded, sweet head and neck, rich col. and qual., beautifully finished, lovely wings and tail; 2, Smith, fine shape, well rounded body, not quite so neat in head, splendid col., qual. of the best, lovely wings and tail; 3, Nicholson, not quite the rich col., beautiful shape, grandly rounded, neat round head, nice qual., neatly braced wings and tail; 4, Wilson; vhc, Goldchild; he, Bates; c, Beevor. GR. OR CINN. (10): 1, York, yell. gr., nice shape, neat head and well rounded body, grand col., level in tone, extra qual., grand carr.; 2, 4, Nicholson, yell. cinn. leading, gem all over, lovely shape, grand tone of col., nice pencilling, not too heavy, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail; 3, c, J. H. Elliott, buff gr., fine shape, nicely rounded, good col. and qual., neat head and neck, good wing carr.; he, Peel. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Butler, grand team, leader well-known cl. Goldie Mule, needs no comment, takes sp. best in show; 3rd, Linnet Bull., nice size and shape, shows cross distinctly, lovely col., in best possible cond.; 2, Dr. Wilson, Can.-Bullie, nice one all over, medium size, fine shape, lovely col. and qual., in grand trim; 4, McGuire; he, Bates; a good class. GREENF. (6): 1, Stewart, plenty of size, cobby shape, big bold head, lovely col. and qual., grand cond.; 2, vhc, Bentinct, topper for size and shape, grand head and neck, short, thick-set body, nice col., not so rich in tone; 3, Cresswell, fine size and shape, short and cobby, grand front, good col. and qual., a wee bit rough behind head; 4, Humphrey; he, Hooper. BULLF. (13): 1, Dr. Wilson, topper for size and shape, grand short thick-set body, lovely shaped cap, dense col., grand body col., lovely back and bars, in the pink; 2, 4, Barkass, not the size of leader, but a gem for shape, lovely breast col., rich and pure, nice shaped cap, pure and dense in col., grand back, well defined bars, lovely feather and cond.; 3, Stewart, medium size, nice shape, lovely body col., nicely shaped cap of good dense col., wing bars on right side badly damaged, might have given way to 4th; vhc, Rutherford; he, Jameson and Johnson. GOLDF. (10): 1, Dr. Wilson, fine size and shape, big clean cut blaze, rich in col., well tanned body, grand wings, lovely polish and cond.; 2, Jameson and Johnson, rare size, lovely square cut blaze, large, and carried well down, nice col., fine wings, grand cond., lacks the rich tanning, yet grand Finch; 3, he, Butler, col.-fed, nice size and shape, nice blaze col., but not so big and expansive as leaders, clean cut and pure tone of col., grand wings and cond.; 4, Almond; vhc, Craig; c, Lanc. LINNET, F.M. (11): 1, Boyd, fine size and shape, grand col., beautifully pencilled all over, grand head and back, lovely cond.; 2, 3, Wilford, 2nd grand size and shape, well pencilled, hardly so clear and distinct, nice whites, good col. and cond.; 3rd, not so shapely, but a gem for col., beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, just beaten a little in neck and throat marking, lovely feather and cond.; 4, Herdman; vhc, Robson and Dowson; he, Forster. H.M. (15): 1, Davison, lovely shape, fine size, grandly pencilled, clear and distinct, grand col., nice head and back, in the pink; 2, Boyd, not so massive, yet a good one, fine shape, lovely pencilling, good head and back work, extra col., grand feather; 3, Wilford, nice shape, well pencilled, not so distinct, nice col., steady as a rock; 4, Herdman; vhc, he, Jameson and Johnson; c, York. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, Dr. Wilson, Twite, nice size, good shape, lovely col. and polish, grandly pencilled, nicely worked flank, extra feather and cond; 2, Peart, Siskin, nice size and shape, grand body col., well laced flanks, good cap, clean cut and nicely laced, grand feather; 3, Hooper, Mealy Redpoll, good size, shapely, neat bib, nice col. and well pencilled, good back and bars; 4, Jameson and Johnson; vhc, Forster; he, Thompson. A.O. HARD (11): 1, Dr. Wilson, lovely Cirl Bunting, not a big one, but lovely feather and cond., nice body col., neat, clean cut head and cheek marks; 2, Davison, Hawfinch, medium size, lovely bold head, level tone of col., grand wings and cond.; 3, Emmerson, Bramble, nice size and shape, good col., nice head, neat backwork, grand feather and cond.; 4, Hooper; vhc, Lane; he, Stephenson; c, Jameson and Johnson. FOR. (9): 1, 2, 4, Almond, grand team, leaders Cordon Bleus, lovely feather; 2nd, St. Helena Waxbills, nice cond.; 4th, Diamond Sparrows, very pretty; 3, vhc, W. Elliott, nice Zebra Finches, in grand feather and cond.; he, Herron. MEMBS.'—Nor. (6): 1, 2, Callaway and Williams; 3, 4, Peart.

GUERNSEY.

Judging from the display made at the show of the Royal Guernsey Agricultural Show, in the Market Hall, on Dec. 3 and 4, the Cage Bird Fancy in the Channel Islands is not in the flourishing condition it was a few years since. The classification has dwindled, and quality is much below what it used to be. The arrangements were carefully carried out by the committee under the direction of Mr. H. Carre, the popular and businesslike sec. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. (11): 1, spl, Collinetti, long, shapely, stylish, well mkd. buff Yorks; 2, vhc, Mansfield, nice shaped stylish var. yell. Yorks; 3, he, Le Rossignol, var. yell. Yorks, useful sort, but not up to this exhibitor's standard of a few years since; res, West; c, Girard. HEN (5): 1, Bichard, nice cobby-shaped buff Nor., capital feather, not much col.; 2, vhc, he, Collinetti, neat shapely yell. Yorks; 3, Girard, nice stylish yell. Yorks, rather open in front. GROUPS, ETC. (4): 1, Renouf, nice pair matched for Crest breeding; 2, Bichard, very useful pair of Nor.; res, Litrou; vhc, Girard. MULES (6): 1, 3, West, well mkd., nice coloured jonque, dark Goldie, and a var. buff Goldf.-Can.; 2, vhc, he, Renouf, nicely mkd., good coloured, well feathered, dark Lin.-Can. GOLDF. (5): 1, Renouf, capital col., well-cut blaze, good bars and moons; 2, 3, Wright, nice shape and feather, not quite so rich in col.; 3, not up in blaze, nice body; vhc, West. PARROTS (2): 2, Miss Hutchinson, good Blue-fronted Amazon, nice col., feather and size. A.O. BRIT. (10): 1, Waymouth, well spotted, rich coloured Thrush, grand cond.; 2, Girnrd, shapely, good coloured Bullie, glossy, well-cut cap; 3, Andre, nicely mkd, rich plumaged Chaffinch; res, Marhon; vhc, Frampton; he, West; c, Moignan. No. 1265, Petit, a Woodcock, hardly a cage bird. FOR. (7): 1, Mahy, very fine Rose-breasted Cockatoo, capital col. and feather, good size, nice head; 2, res, Miss D. Walker, charming pair White Doves, beautiful col. and plumage; 3, Frampton, grandly mkd., rich coloured Budgerigars; vhc, he, Waymouth, nice Weavers, in winter plumage; c, Robert.

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SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Sixth annual show, held Dec. 13, Bill Street Hall, where the most successful gathering in the history of the society passed off without a hitch. Entries came up well, and numbered over 370, with still brighter prospects for the future. Mr. Berry still holds the secretarial reins, and all seems to go well; he is supported by an enthusiastic band, and their efforts always seem to meet with the general approval of the members. Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow, judged Canaries, and G. Maslin, Hamilton, British, and their awards were well received.

CREST (4): All Hood, a fine quartette, in cap, feather, leader D. C., variег., excels in headpiece, fine radiation and droop, nice veiny feather, wins nicely; not much between other three. C.B. (1): 1, Hood, fine size, nice feather, might be more full in skull and centre. CREST, 1913 (4): All, Hood, nice team youngsters, staged in rare feather and style. C.B., 1913 (1): 1, Hood, broken gr., nice feather, just on the fine side, may improve yet. NOR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, sp., Galloway, nice size and col., good subs., thick set, fine wings and neck, rather flat and browy in head; 2, sp., Williams, hot, even col., nicely built, neat top end, very hard up on leader; 3, Rankin, rare good qual., capital order, fine carr., only fails in subs.; 4, 6, Divens; 5, Hendrie. HEN (14): 1, 5, Divens, leader, nat. col., even wing, dark cap, nice size, neat carr. and shapely, in lit cond.; 2, Galloway, nicely fed, neat front, sweet feather and carr., runs well up on leader; 3, E. Taylor, short, neat, and typical, well braced, in top cond.; 4, Williams; 6, Carrick. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Galloway, neatly got up tick, nice qual., wet when we saw it; 2, Taylor, light var., in the pink, fine head, neck, neat carr., could do with trifle more front; 3rd, nice qual. and size, neatly braced wings and tail; 4, Henderson; 5, Thomson; 6, Inglis. HEN (13): 1, sp., Galloway, nice size and col., neat shape and carr., could be trifle better at entrance; 2, Henderson, fine qual. feather, not so massive, but neat through, and nicely placed; 3, Davidson, mkd. tail, good for type and style, unsteady, requires more head; 4, sp., Divens; 5, Rankin; 6, Henderson. YELL. CK., 1913 (11): 1, sp., Galloway, lovely hot even col., fine silky feather, cobby and neat through, fine stamp; 2, Henderson, nice size, good type, well braced; trifle weak at throat; 3, Rankin, cheek mark, top qual., shapely body, well braced, might be fuller in head and neck; 5, Divens; 6, Jackson. HEN (8): 1, Galloway, fine col., good qual. feather, cobby built, and stylish, just trifle faulty at throat; 2, Carrick, nice size, fine qual., neat, sweet front, more subs. in head and neck would improve; 3, Jackson, eye mark, fine feather, not so hot in col., but more evenly balanced, our choice for 2nd; 4, Divens; 5, 6, Kean. BUFF CK. (12): 1, No name, plenty size and subs., nice qual. and cond., might be better at top end; 2, Rankin, tkd. head, well up on lead all over; 3, sp., Divens, neck mark, fine subs., rare qual. feather, capital head and neck, many preferred as winner, our choice; 4, we missed; 5, Jackson; 6, Galloway. HEN (9): 1, Kean, pale col., dark cap mark, nice qual., size, and type, cobby and well staged; 2, Galloway, lovely qual., well made, shapely, rightly placed; 3, Berry, nat. fed cl., capital type, neatly filled and proportionately built, very tight up; 4, Kean; 5, Inglis; 6, Rankin. BORD., YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, Congan, lovely type and qual., faultless carr., real waxy feather, if anything weak at throat; 2, Henderson, cap and eye mark, nice type and qual., well carried wings and tail, just rather snipey in head; 3, Lunn, cl., fine shapely little fellow, neat head and neck, only fails in closeness of feather; 4, sp., Yule; 5, 6, Jarvie. HEN (7): 1, sp, 3, Lunn, leader little beauty, tight and waxy, well tapered, and neat, finely balanced; 3rd, spl., nice all round, in capital trim; 2, Congan, typical, nice in shape and feather; 4, Berry; 5 Hendrie; 6, Kean. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Lunn, topping little bird lovely qual. and feather, beautifully tapered, well filled, stylish and neat, wins easily; 2, Congan, lovely qual cinn., typical, rather loose at thighs and crosses at times; 3, same owner, mkd. wings and eyes, neat, typical, well drawn, just behind in qual. of feather; 5, Hendrie; 6, Kean; 4, we could not find. HEN (6): 1, Congan, light var., all right for type and qual., neat wings and tail; 2, sp., Lunn, finely built and typical, good boxy feather, runs hard up on leader for pos.; 3, Yule, not clean under, and bit too strong in head pts; 4, 5, Jarvie; 6, no name. YELL. CK., 1913 (3): 1, sp., 2, Lunn, fine shapely well drawn pair, right qual. feather, leader excels in perfection of wing carr.; 3, Henderson, good one for type, but not so close in feather or good in head. HEN (6): 1, 3, sp., Buchanan, leader little beauty, in the pink, fine size and right good type and carr., in right place; 2, Henderson, wing mark, rare cond., typical and neat got up, fails only at throat; 3rd, neatly built and clean cut, just inclined to cross at times; 4, sp., 5, Lunn; 6, Yule. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Yule, leads with lovely tick, fine sweet type, neatly placed, fine head and neck, good one; 3rd, fine stamp, not just so perfect in wing carr.; 2, Lunn, good one, fine shape and neat type and style, might have been better staged; 4, Henderson; 5, 6, Buchanan. HEN (7): 1, cup best young Bord., 3, Baird, leader wee gem, faultless cond., lovely mould, tight, and waxy not a ruffle from head to tail; 3rd, nicely got up, but inclined to be rather loose behind; 2, sp., 6, Lunn, very nice, typical and neat all over just fails in qual. to leader; 4, Buchanan; 5, Yule. YORKS., CK. (10): 1, sp., 2, Wood, leader rare length, clinking qual., neatly tapered and clean cut, very fit; 2nd, good length and carr., not so close in feather or so nicely rounded as leader; 3, 4, 5, Baird, fine trio, leader, beautiful warm col., top qual., capital shape and neatly built, our choice for 2nd; 6, Jarvie. HEN (7): 1, 2, sp., 3, sp., 5, Wood, nice team, leader yell., top length and shape finely tapered neat; 2nd, lovely qual., neat carr., nicely rounded, just behind in closeness of feather; 3rd, fine length, qual., tightly screwed together, neat; 4, Lunn; 6, Jarvie. 1913 (6): 1, sp., 2, 3, Wood, leader, sweet even col. and qual. good length fine wedgy appearance, good wings and tail, neatly staged; 2nd, top qual. buff, fine type, well filled, neat, hard up for premier pos.; 3rd, cl. yell., nice col., rich qual., fails head and neck; 4, Jarvie. SCOTCH FANCY, CK. (8): 1, 2, spls., best old bird, Robertson, fine cl. yell., rare reach and prominent drive, fine shoulder, nice depth through, and free to work, wins easy; 2, sp., 3, 5, 6, Buchanan, 2nd, buff pied, nice feather good reach and style, not the subs. of leader; 3rd, nice cl. buff, reachy, not so thick, more stiff behind, and slow to work; 4, sp., Hendrie. HEN (5): 1, Robertson, gr., foul buff, thick through, nice drive and good reach, wins nicely; 2, 3, sp., Buchanan, leader neat and typical all over, but bit behind in subs.; 3rd, nice buff pied; 4, 5, Hendrie. COCK, 1913 (3): 1, sp., best young bird, Robertson, large cl. buff, clinking feather, seemed bit soft, and would not be coaxed to show its good qualities, did not seem a popular win for sp.; 2, 3, Buchanan, nice cond. HEN, 1913 (4): 1, 3, Buchanan, cl. cuff leads, nice reach and drive, thick through, not too ready to work; 3rd, buff pied, good feather; 2, 4, Robertson, former yell. pied, in lit cond, steady, free mover, only behind in subs., still runs close up. A.O. CAN. (4): 1, Robertson, capital yell. Belg., fine reach, grand shoulder and back, thick through, well ahead; 2, Hood, good cinn., nice feather; 3, Pirken, nice feather; 4, Hood. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Taylor, Greenie cross of the Yorks. persuasion, nice size and col., perfect cond., wins easy; 2, Berry, rather small, same cross; 3, Forrest. GOLDF. (8): 1, 6, Divens, good one for size and col., good wing marks, neat moons, might be shade more square in blaze; 2, sp., Curley, not just so large, but well up on leader otherwise, fine polish, perfect cond.; 3, Forrest, nice size, pure col. and distinct marks, steady, well placed; 4, Hendrie; 5, Congan. BULLF. (7): 1, sp., 2, Taylor, leader fine cock, good size, rich slaty col. and fine bars, nice fitting expansive cap, fine breast col., perfect cond., clear win; 2nd, lovely lady, all there for size and qual., perfect feather and richness of colour, deserves her rights among men; 3, Forrest, nice exhibit, smaller, but good in col. and cond.; 4, Congan; 5, Rankin; 6, Divens. GREENF. (11): 1, sp., 2, Taylor, leader fine jonque, not one of the largest, but nice size and faultless cond., rightly placed; 2nd, fine buff, well up on leader, in the pink; 3, Rankin, fine cond., yell., steady and nice, not so large; 4, Curley; 5, Hood; 6, Kean. LINNET (17): 1, sp., 2, Taylor, beauties, leader rather more massive than 2nd, both finely pencilled, steady, and bang at the top for col. and cond.; 3, Fulton, steady, good cond., bit smaller, and not so fully pencilled at throat; 4, Rankin; 5, Jarvie; 6, Kean. TWITE, ETC. (10): 1, Forrest, capital Siskin, rare feather, nice size, steady, good in marks, fine cap and bib, nicely pencilled flanks; 2, 3, 4, Rankin, Twite, Mealy Poll, Siskin, nice team, in creditable feather and cond.; 5, 6, Taylor. LESSER POLL (10): 1, sp., 4, 5, Taylor, leader, nice size and col., well tanned, and richly pencilled, in the pink; 2, Forrest, in top cond. nice qual. exhibit, not just so pleasing in appearance, very fit; 3, Berry, good h.m., fine feather, well tanned, could be better pencilled; 6, Rankin. BRAMBLE, ETC. (12): 1, sp., 3, Rankin, fine Bramble leads, nice size faultless feather, steady, and well spangled, rich col., body, fine cap, wins nicely; 3rd, good col. Bramble, rather unsteady, damaged wings; 2, no name, good Chaffie, fine size, rare good col., trifle unsteady; 4, 6, Taylor; 5, Divens. A.O. SMALL (3): 1, sp., 2, 3, Taylor, leader Redstart, winner of close on 40 1st prizes, always in the pink; 2nd, lovely Yell. Wag., steady and perfect; 3rd, clinking Wheatear, quite at home, steady, really a creditable team to keep in such excellent condition. LARGE (1): 1, Taylor, gorgeous Waxwing, secures sp., cup best Brit., faultless bloom, a real credit. AMAT. (9): 1, Carrick; 2, Davidson; 3, 4, Irvine; 5, Yule; 6, Galloway.

LESLIE.

Forty-third annual show held Drill Hall, Jan. 1. The hon. sec., Mr. J. L. Mitchell, had everything in good order. He is supported by a hard-working committee. Mr. D. Low, Dundee, judged Scotch Fancy and Foreign, and J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh, the remainder; their awards were well received.

SCOTCH FANCY CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Thomson, good size, rare top end and drive; 2, Gray, fails size. BUFF (1): 1, Thomson, good size, rare top end and drive. BUFF HEN (1): 1, Thomson, big massive hen, but lacks action. YELL. PIED or GR. HEN (1): 1, Gray, nice bird. BUFF (1): 1, Allan, good one, grand drive, stands well on perch, fine action, wins sp. best bird in hall. HEN (2): 1, T. Thomson, plenty of size, well up, some thought a cock; 2, J. Thomson. NOR. CL. or TKD. BUFF CK. (3): 1, W. and J. Mowbray, grand size and body, good col. and qual., rare head; 2, Davidson, loses in size and col. BORD. CL. or TKD. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Johnstone, needs a wash. GOLDF. (5): 1, Chalmers, grand col. and blaze, very steady; 2, Harrower, nice one, fails in blaze to winner; 3, Barclay, good col., fails size and blaze. BULLF. (6): 1, Mackie, rare size and col., good head, cap and bars; 2, Summers, good size, but fails breast col.; 3, Barclay, hen, grand tone of col., fine cap, good size, might have gone up. LINNET (6): 1, Robertson, rare size, shape and breast work; 2, Barclay, good size and col., well laced; 3, Robertson, good one, shade smaller. GREENF., NON-FED (8): 1, Thomson, grand size, body and shape, wins; 2, Poulter, plenty of size, loses in qual.; 3, Bell. COL. FED (3): 1, Barclay, large yell., well fed, wins; 2, Laing, fails in size. SISKIN (6): 1, 4, Barclay, grand bib and cap, good col. and markings, well shown; 2, Poulter, good one, loses in qual. to winner; 3, Leitch; he, Laing; c, Black and Lumsden. REDPOLL or TWITE (4): 1, W. and J. Mowbray, Lesser, nice shape and size, nicely pencilled, a good one; 2, Poulter, Mealy, nice size and markings; 3, Laing. DARK MULE (6): 1, Barclay, large Greenf. Mule, well fed, wins easy; 2, Laing, Siskin Mule, good size, well mkd.; 3, Thomson, Greenf. Mule, fails size to winner. LIGHT (2): 1, W. and J. Mowbray; 2, Laing, nice Goldie Mules. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, Poulter, Bunting, good size and markings; 2, Barclay, Chaffinch, rare size and shape, well mkd.; 3, Robertson, Bramble, good size, well spangled. FOR., LARGE (2): 1, Duncan; 2, Mitchell, both Cockatoos, well shown. SMALL (9): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Lawrie, leader Bullf., plenty of size, lovely cap, grand back and wings in good order; 2nd, Yell. Budgerigars, grand size and markings, well shown; 3, Cochrane, Green Budgerigars.

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How a Good Aviary may be Cheaply Built.

BY JOHN BARLEYCORN.

HOW often we hear novices say "Yes, I know an aviary is a jolly nice hobby, and a thing I should very much like to go in for myself, only just at present I have not the money to spare," or give some other lame excuse. When I first started with an aviary, or I should say to build an aviary, I was harder up than many. I was sitting over the fire one winter's evening with a friend, talking about what we were going to do next summer, when he suddenly said "You have a nice little garden at the back, why don't you build an aviary, try and breed a few birds of some sort or other, and buy the wife a new frock." I was thunderstruck. If he had said why don't you buy a motor car, or a steam yacht, or a house in the South of France I could not have been more surprised. Anyhow, we started talking the matter over, and we talked it over and over again, until before the beginning of the year I had made up my mind to make a start on building an aviary, and see what I could do at aviculture.

Getting out the Plans.

First of all we had to get the plans out. My friend, who was very keen on Canaries, had lots of back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, and we went all through them for photographs of aviaries others had built, but they all seemed to be more elaborate affairs than we would afford, and we were forced to put them on one side, but not before we had gathered plenty of useful ideas. Then he unearthed another book, "Aviaries, Bird Rooms and Cages," and although the plans given there were again too expensive for us to attempt, they put the finishing touches to our own idea. When I say that the plans we found were more than we could afford, it must be borne in mind that we, or rather I, had just enough to make ends meet at the end of each week, and if I did by any chance have a shilling or two to spare the wife usually found some use for it.

First of all we chose a site at the angle of two walls running about North and South and East and West. I don't say that they were exactly thus placed, but as far as we could judge that was the way they ran, and in the angle we dug a hole to lay the foundations. We planned it out that the flight was to face West, so as to be sheltered from the cold North-East and South-East winds, and the house was to be built at the South, and to give as much more shelter as possible. Of course we lost a lot of sun, but we meant to have our birds sheltered from the wind and cold as much as possible. I often laugh over that aviary when I think about it now-a-days; but, considering my friend had only seen two that had been built by carpenters, and I had only seen the grand erections one finds in pleasure parks and zoos, I think we made a very fair shape at it.

Laying the Foundation.

To get back to the hole again. We dug it 10ft. long by 4ft. wide, and about 1ft. deep, and put down a good 6in. of cinders, and then waited a day or two, for two reasons: to let them settle, and to collect more cinders. When we had what we considered to be enough for a second layer we trod down the first layer, laid on the second, and trod that down, and waited again. The next problem was what we were going to put on next. There was a piece of waste land not far from the street in which we were living, which was used as a general rubbish heap, etc., and there we found a lot of old bricks, just the very thing we wanted. At night time we used to steal out, collect as many bricks as we could carry, and steal back again in triumph. The following Saturday I bought a bucket of cement and begged a little sand, and there we had the best part of our foundation. We laid the bricks as closely together and as level as we could get them, and when we had our surface laid (9ft. by 3ft., for that was to be the size of the aviary) we mixed the sand and cement with water into a very thin state, so thin that we had over two buckets of the mixture, and poured it over the bricks. The first dressing was almost lost, for a great deal of it ran between the bricks, but most of the crevices were filled up, and that was a great help. Then we sat down and waited for another pay day. Next Saturday I bought another bucket of cement, and this time we had all the crevices filled up, and a moderate wash of cement and sand over the bricks, and there was our foundation laid, about 3in. higher than the surface of the garden.

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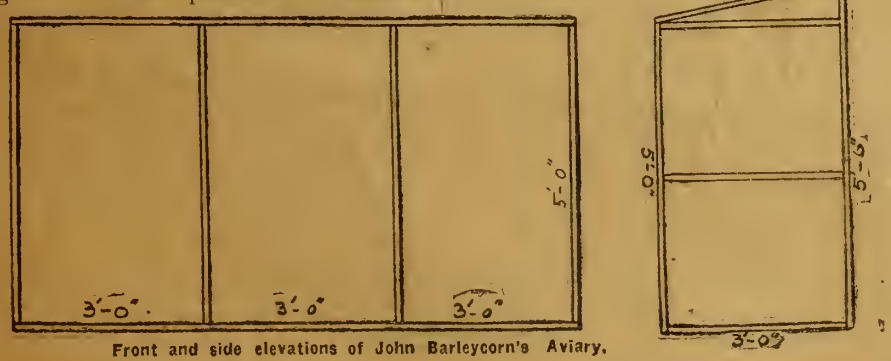
The Problem of the Woodwork.

Now came the woodwork, a problem which had to be gone into very carefully, for you don't pick up wood suitable for building an aviary on waste pieces of land. There were two courses open to us; either to buy or to beg, so we had to do a little of each, but very little of the former. We begged old orange cases, old egg boxes, in fact any piece of old wood we could come across, until the coal-hole, where we had our store, was full up. Of course a lot of the wood was useless to us, but that came in handy for firewood, so none of it was wasted in the long run. The height of the back of the house was to be 5ft. 6in., the height of the wall, and the front was to be 5ft., and as it was to be 3ft. long by 3ft. wide we decided to build it in panels each 1ft. 3in. by 2ft., and nail them on to the frame.

Utilising Spare Evenings.

And the frame, how were we to get that? There we had to do some buying, for we found out that we wanted four pieces of at least 1½in. square, 5ft. long, two pieces 5ft. 6in., and one piece 9ft., to say nothing of a board at least 6in. wide, to go all round the bottom. I don't remember how much we paid for it, but I know it was very little, and then we set to work in real earnest. We saved as many nails as we could out of the old boxes we had, and made them go as far as possible, and we found also that by boring a hole with a gimlet and driving in a piece of wood which had been dipped in glue we had a very good substitute for a nail. We worked away in the evenings as well as we could, for we had very few tools, and neither of us was much of a carpenter. By the end of the week we had our framework all ready to put together, holes bored for the plugs, etc., and the panels in some sort of shape.

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Front and side elevations of John Barleycorn's Aviary.

What Causes Soft Moult?

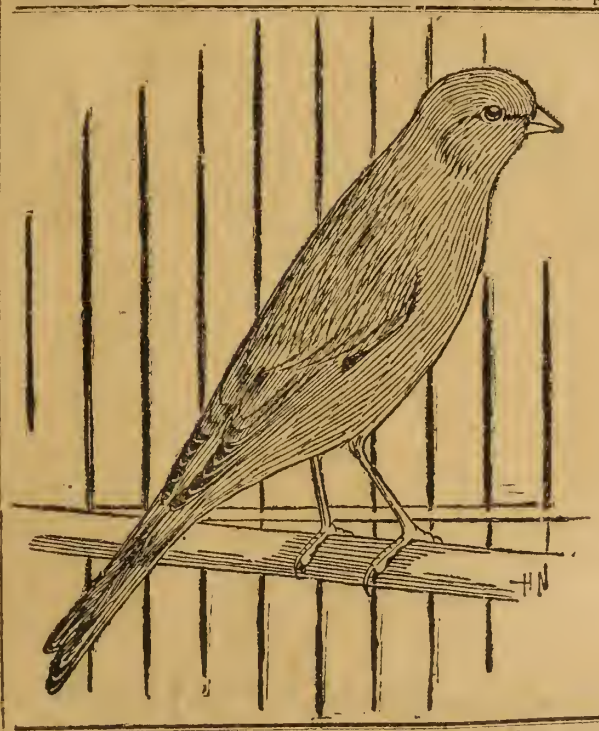
By SUB ROSA.

Soft moult, French moult, cross moult, whichever fanciers care to call it, is an unnatural and partial shedding of feathers which generally visits our birdrooms during the winter months. Occasionally we may have a bird drop off in the summer, but very rarely, except in cases of singing Canaries, which are kept in living rooms, and it is a usual cause of complaint with keepers of such birds. With these, it is a continual dropping of body feathers almost all the year round, and the cause is—I should say—the unequal temperature of living rooms. But with birds kept in separate rooms of more equal temperature, i.e., without a fire, soft moult generally lasts from a month to six weeks, and sometimes only the head is moulted; other times the whole of the body; but very rarely, if ever, the tail flights. I have seen and heard various reasons given for its cause, but I am not going to offer any opinion on them. It is a complaint that has attacked my stock a few times, and the last attack was in the winter of 1910, when I formed certain opinions of my own as to its cause. I don't want to force them upon anyone. I am simply going to give my reasons for forming them, and the reader can then please himself. My birdroom is a wooden structure, situated in my garden. I used to keep my birds in a spare bedroom, but the family said that either I had to get a larger house, or build a structure outside especially for them; so I chose the cheaper of two evils. As all fanciers know, a wooden structure is not proof against frost in winter, and I had a lamp which I burned to help keep out the cold and damp. "Ah!" I almost hear someone say, "that lamp again." But wait; I used the lamp all through the winter, and my birds were in the pink of condition. I also used to go into the room about 8 o'clock at night, and put on an extra light to allow them to have a feed, because I thought it was a long time from dark to light. By January the hens, especially the young ones, were screeching after the cocks, and beginning to carry small bits of sawdust about in their beaks. I can assure you I felt quite proud to have them in breeding condition so early in the season, and my prospects were very rosy for the next breeding season, so I thought. This was in January, 1910, and I believe I am right in saying that in that month, after a mild time, there was a sudden advent of heavy frost, when the thermometer rarely registered less than 25 degrees of frost. I kept my lamp burning, and got as much heat from it as I could, but the frost proved master. The water-glasses were frozen hard two or three times a day, and —to quote Charles Garvice—"it was a high old fortnight, I give you my word." At the end of the fortnight, those which had been most forward were dropping feathers galore, and looked miserable indeed. Only about two of the cocks dropped off, and they were two which had been most forward and were vieing with each other which could give forth the most "noisie." A few of the staid old



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customers, both cocks and hens—those birds which didn't wish to anticipate the proper breeding season—did not moult a feather, and that set me thinking. Now, I reasoned to myself, if the lamp is the cause, why didn't affect the whole lot? Why was it the most forward and the most healthy birds which dropped off? And then I began to see daylight. Those birds were in forward breeding condition, and the severe frost came and made the temperature so bitterly cold that it sent them back and caused them to drop into moult; and while the lamp was one of the indirect causes, along with the habit of feeding them at night, it was not the primary cause of the moult. The sudden advent of frost sent the birds into moult, but the primary cause was the birds being in too high a condition so early in the season. It must be so; else why didn't the backward birds moult as well? Since then I have only lighted my lamp in very severe weather, and have left off feeding them at night time. I have found that fasting from four o'clock in the afternoon to eight o'clock next morning is a grand thing for keeping them back, and preventing them from coming into condition before the proper time.



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CANARY QUERIES

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

YORKSHIRE HENS SOFT (Yorkshire).—You must see that the hens are kept in a bright and healthy place, and free from draughts. Having done so, give in addition to the staple of plain canary seed half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, in which you have well mixed four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkled the whole with maw seed. Give this every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Add a small pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for one day only, and then dissolve a half drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, stir in a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three for a fortnight. If not quite tight in feather by the end of the fortnight, write again, and say whether they have lost or are losing any feathers. Allow the birds to bathe three or four times a week if they desire to do so, but always give the bath early in the day at this season.

NOT COMMENCED SINGING (A. Degg).—Considering the time at which the young were bred there is a very good chance of them being the wrong gender to sing much, if at all. Assuming

CANARY QUERISTS

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they are really cocks, treat as follows for a month or so, by which time they should be coming into vigorous song. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. In addition to this give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of maw seed strewn on top. Twice a week give a half teaspoonful of mixed seed, as advised to "Yorkshire" in this issue, and on two other days give a morsel of watercress when it is obtainable in a fit condition to use, and at other times substitute a small piece of banana, sweet apple, or any kind of sweet fruit in season. Continue this treatment for three weeks or so, and you should find the birds coming out strongly in about three weeks hence. If they make no attempt at all in that time I should seriously doubt their being cocks.

HENS IN SOFT MOULT (A. E. T.).—The first step towards treatment is to remove the cause, which will usually be found in the existence of cold draughts or damp. See that the birds are free from these exciting causes, and keep them in a nice bright healthy position, and in a fairly equable temperature, which need not, however, be a very high one. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and finally sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks as may seem necessary. On the alternating days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Two or three times a week give a morsel of watercress or banana, using the latter as a substitute for the former when green-food is not in a fit condition to use on account of the weather. Add to the drinking water six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three for a week, and then every second day for another week or fortnight as may be necessary until the feathers cease dropping.

HEN WITH DIARRHŒA (T. H. S.). You ought to have described the state or appearance of the stomach which leads you to think the bird is suffering from inflammation. If this is the case, it may very probably have been brought about by giving green-food injudiciously during the recent spell of severe weather. Keep the bird now in a cosy place, not overheated, nor yet on the cold, chilly side, and see that the seeds and all foods are perfectly sound and good. In addition to the staple of plain canary, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and finally sprinkled with a little soft sugar. Give this every second day for a week or fortnight, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of scalded summer rape and a morsel of banana. Limit the diet to this until the bird is better. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece for two consecutive days, then omit the rhubarb and substitute in its place a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and continue giving this mixture two days in every three until bird is better. If bird is not quite well in a fortnight or so, write again and describe its condition more fully, especially with regard to the appearance of the stomach.

SLOVENLY HABITS (R. MacDonald).—The thing you describe is not infrequently seen temporarily in heavily and close-feathered birds, and also occurs with weakly birds, due in the latter case to an abnormally viscid condition of the droppings. As your bird seems to be in perfect health and condition, it is not unlikely that the cause may be simply due to a slovenly habit, as all birds are not equally particular about keeping their plumage spick and span. Try the following treatment for two or three weeks, which should set matters right unless it is due to habit, which I am afraid you cannot alter. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Give a small spray of watercress every second day when you can get it in a condition fit for use, and at other times give as a substitute a morsel of sweet apple or a grape broken open and fastened to the end of a perch. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw. Keep the cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand, and allow the bird to bathe twice a week in mild weather, but give the bath early in the day at this season. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week. If this does not set matters right, write again, and I will advise you further.

WHAT TO DO (F. K.).—The best thing you could do for a Canary that sneezes is to look well into the conditions under which it is kept, and see whether it is exposed to direct cold draughts, extremes of heat and cold, or any similar exciting causes of colds, etc. If you find this is so, the first step towards treatment must be to remove these causes. Do not allow bird to hang near or over a burning light in the evenings, and strictly avoid keeping it in a cold draughty position, though this does not necessarily imply that you should keep it very warm. Having adopted these precautions, give in addition to the usual seed diet, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a week or so, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together.

BALD AND SCALY (A. E., Didcott).—I am strongly inclined to think that the bareness is mainly, if not wholly, due to the irritating effects of insect pests. Thoroughly examine the cage for red mites, and if any are found, overhaul the cage and see that they are exterminated. Also examine the bird to see if it is troubled with grey lice, and if it is, give it a wash with a little Creolin in the first two waters, as you may have often seen advised in this column. Keep the cage and perches as clean as possible, and the floor of cage strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and in addition give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flower of sulphur, and then sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week you may give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts millet, niger, and teazle. In the drinking water give three times a week on the days when you are giving rape, five drops of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece. Continue this dietary for a month. Slightly moisten the scaly places twice a week with Lanocyllin.

CANARY LOSING FEATHERS (R. I. G.).—You certainly score a win when you say you think the loss of feathers is due to the cold at night affecting the bird hanging in the kitchen window. That being so, the first step towards treatment should have been equally obvious to you—the removal of the bird to a more healthful position. Do this at once, and keep the bird in a bright and cosy, though not necessarily very warm, position within the room, where the temperature will be fairly equable, but avoid any position exposed to cold draughts, and do not let it hang where it will be exposed to the heated fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give separately, every second day for a fortnight or so half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, in which you have well mixed four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, and finally sprinkle it with maw seed. On the alternate day give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and a morsel of banana. Also dissolve half a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three, until the feathers cease dropping.

STARTING BREEDING ROLLERS (J. S.).—(1) You write as though you intend having the birds all in one compartment of the cage, although you say it is a three compartment one. If you attempt to keep all three birds in one compartment they will most assuredly disagree, and the chances will be all against you breeding anything, unless it is strife and dissension. You will succeed all right with these birds and the cage referred to if you place the hens in different compartments, preferably one in each end compartment, and the cock in the middle part. Then when the time comes to pair them, which will not be for another three months or so, you must mate the cock with the hen that is the most forward, and when she has gone to nest and commenced to sit, remove the cock, leaving her to hatch and rear the young by herself, and mate the cock with the other hen. When the second hen has gone to nest, remove the cock again and place him by himself in the centre compartment, until he is required again for the second round of nests, when you must proceed as before. (2) It is not wise to mate two yellows without any definite object for doing so, as you seem to be about doing. A buff cock would be more suitable for your hens, or it would be better to have a slightly ticked buff hen instead of the ticked yellow one. (3) I do not think there is anything wrong with this hen beyond a little constipation. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece to the water for two consecutive days, or break open a grape and fasten it to the end of a perch for her to peck at for a time.

A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE (Thrush).—It is nothing at all uncommon for Canaries to refuse canary seed if they can have an unlimited supply of a mixture of various seeds. Like some other bipeds, they will, when given a free choice of their own, reject the most wholesome items for those which "tickle their palates" more, which are rarely the best for long continued regular consumption. Some birds will withstand this luxurious system of feeding for a long time without apparent ill-effect, but others soon suffer from its effects. The only way in which you can deal with a case of this kind is to give as a staple diet in the seed boxes a plain mixture of three parts of canary to one part rape, and limit all other items to a small pinch in the egg drawer, or thrown on a clean portion of the sand on the cage floor, now and again. There is no fear of the birds starving, though they may waste a lot of seed for, perhaps, a week or two, in throwing it out of the box to look after the dainties to which they have been accustomed. This cannot be avoided. Give the staple just named, and for a week or two give some little addition each day, ringing the changes on a small pinch of the mixed seed for each bird, a morsel of bread and milk, egg-food, or any substitute you may use for this purpose, and give a little banana or green-food, when you can get the latter in a condition fit for use. With a little judicious management of this kind you should have no difficulty at all in getting the birds to take quite freely to a plain diet of canary and rape at most, long before it is time to commence breeding. But even if you should fail, it is not absolutely essential to have the birds on a diet of plain canary for breeding, however advisable it may be. Strong, robust health and activity, is of far greater importance in a stock bird.

FORCING A MOULT (M. J. D.).—(1) If the hen seems to be in good sound health and condition, as you seem to suggest, you would be best advised to let well alone. It is quite possible that she will drop into moult as soon as the weather becomes mild in the spring, when, by keeping her in a fairly warm place, and covered with a light cover to hasten the moulting process, you should get her through with at most the loss of an early first nest, and that would be much more satisfactory than any result you could hope to get from attempting to force on an unnatural moult. If, however, you prefer taking the risk you should keep the bird in a warm, cosy place for a week or fortnight, and meantime give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flower of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days add as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, and five drops of syrup of saffron to the water. Most chemists would be able to supply you with the syrup of saffron, but if you have any difficulty in getting it, procure a little hay saffron instead, and place ten or a dozen shreds of this in the water as a substitute. After a fortnight of this treatment, place the bird in a cold room, but see that it is free from draughts, and keep a light cover over the cage for a week or so. By this time it will probably have begun to cast its feathers freely. Then you may take it back to a rather warmer temperature, but be careful not to overdo it, and then let the moult proceed in the ordinary way, with the little extra warmth to hasten it. (2) Am sorry, but I cannot give the address of any breeder or dealer in this column. If you look in our prepaid advt. columns any week now you will find plenty of both offering stock for sale. Select any one of repute, and deposit your money with the Editor whilst you have the bird on approval, and you should get ample satisfaction.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. NORMAN.

TAMING A SKYLARK (Gilbert Platt).—No. There is no royal road to the taming of wild birds; it requires patience and perseverance. To begin with, be careful where you hang him; let it be in a position where someone is continually passing, and do not hang him up too high—breast high is the best, if you can manage it. Whenever you go near him speak to him, and give him a mealworm or anything he is particularly fond of; after a time try to get him to take it out of your fingers. When cleaning the cage out, run him from one cage to another; this helps considerably. A gentle spraying occasionally is good for a Skylark, and when he is wet is a good time to approach him and handle the cage. Some people have a knack of taming birds; you may have, if you try to develop it.

BULLFINCH LOSING FEATHERS (C. Jarvis).—I have no doubt your bird is infested with insects, either red-mite or grey lice. Get a clean white cloth and cover over the bird and cage when he goes to roost; examine this an hour or two later, or early in the morning, and if there are any red-mite you will easily detect them—they are very small, so look closely. If you find them, either destroy the cage or place it in hot, soapy water with some soda in it, and give it a thorough cleansing, then paint all the cracks with turpentine that has had a spot or two of creosote put into every spoonful, work it well into the cracks with a stiff brush; repeat the operation in a week's time. Also catch the bird and hold it in the hand for a few minutes, and if it has any grey lice on it you will soon see them running about. Then procure some fresh insect powder and dust the bird well with it, working it into the feathers, using plenty, but do not let it get into his eyes. Then take a cloth and roll the bird in it and leave him there for ten minutes, take out, and replace in his cage. You must repeat this every four days until he is quite clear, when his feathers will probably commence to grow again. If you can find no insects whatever, you had better write again, giving particulars of food and general treatment.

'GALE WITH SORE FEET (W. F. Wilber).—I suspect you are not giving your 'Gale sufficient vegetable food. You should mix your insectile food with scraped raw carrot, boiled potato, or even ripe banana. This would not only prevent sore feet, but improve the breathing. I would advise you to give him at once a mild aperient, a small teaspoonful of effervescing citrate of magnesia in three tablespoonfuls of water; give him this for two or three days. Bathe his feet in half a cupfull of warm water to which has been added a teaspoonful of witch hazel. Only give the mealworms occasionally, or replace them with gentles. You can get some at the fishing tackle shops. Scour them first in a little bran.

LINNET OUT OF SORTS (Govan Linnet).—Change of situation and different treatment has no doubt upset your bird. I would advise you to give him a mild aperient first (say, a crystal of glauber salts in his drinking water) just for one day, repeating in a week's time. Then follow it up with this tonic: Get an ounce of the crystals of citrate of iron, and put as much as will cover a sixpence in his drinking water; this will regulate the looseness of the bowels, but get him a little green-food if you possibly can—if not, place a piece of apple between the bars of his cage, he will probably take a little of it. Get a packet of good wild seed mixture, and give him a teaspoonful of it, twice a week. Be sure that it is the wild seed mixture, not simply niger, maw, etc.; a little of these you can give separately.

AVIARY MATTERS (Wheat Sheaf).—Your aviary would do very nicely for a few British birds, and with good treatment you may get some of them to breed. I would advise you to cover the floor

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); *Norman's "British Bird Manual"* (2/3); *or Part 1 "Hardbills"* (1/1), *Part 2 "Softbills"* (1/1); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *"Secrets of Hybrid Breeding"* (1/2); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nut-shell" booklets* (2½d. *each*); *No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2, "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4, "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Choffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

with some kind of oil cloth; or, a cheaper material is the tarred felt used for roofing purposes. This makes a capital flooring, especially if you nail a few strips of tile batten where you are in the habit of treading, so as to not wear it away too much. Sawdust would certainly do for the floor with a dish or two of grit placed about. I do not like your selection of birds. Four hen Bullfinches would keep you busy peace-making; it is seldom two of these ladies will live on good terms with each other, much more four of them. Anyway, you might try a couple, and if they will not settle down you must remove one. The other hens might be a couple of Greenfinches and a Redpoll. The cock birds I would advise are a Goldfinch, a Linnet, and a Siskin, and if you want another, a Twite. Do not put in two cocks of the same species, particularly Linnets and Siskins, they only waste time. Two Goldies will sometimes behave better. Put up plenty of nesting places so as to prevent quarrelling, and be liberal with building material, particularly moss and hair, short lengths of grass, and fine roots.

SIBERIAN GOLDIE (Urgent).—Give the bird at once a dose of glauber salts, a couple of crystals the size of a pea in his drinker; repeat in three or four days. His food should be hemp and good teazle three parts, canary two parts, linseed one part, and just a little summer rape. Maw and niger, frequently; and be pretty liberal with cracked sunflower. Get a good wild seed mixture and let him have a teaspoonful twice a week. Don't forget green-food. When these birds come over they are fed principally upon niger seed, and I expect it is this he is hunting for; just try him with some separately and see, and if it is so, you will have to supply him with it until you can manage to gradually wean him off it. The best thing to take its place is cracked sunflower, so be liberal with this, and as he takes to it diminish the niger. I would also advise you to offer him a pot of soaked teazle; this is a grand pick-me-up. When he appear to be pulling round somewhat he should have a tonic, as advised to "Govan Linnet" in this issue.

ANOTHER SIBERIAN (J. W. H.). Your feeding, as suggested in your letter, is quite right. No doubt the advice given to "Urgent" in this issue will assist you. Be sparing with grit, give only a pinch at a time, or he will gorge himself with it, and then you will probably have him droop.

LINNET'S EGGS AND A GOLDFINCH (A. T.).—You have omitted to send your address; perhaps you will let us have it on a p.c. As regards the Linnet's eggs, if quite fresh and the weather is not too warm, they should keep a week or ten days, place them in some bran and turn them every day, but remember the fresher they are the more probability of them hatching and your getting sturdy young ones. When collecting be very careful not to shake them. Your cock Goldie will do rapitally to breed with, but you would have a greater chance of obtaining young ones if you had a hen as tame as he is, as the rearing depends much more upon the temperament of the lady than the gentleman. Anyway, I have known two freshly-caught birds to nest, so you have every chance to succeed. Procure your hen bird as early as possible and try to get her steady before the spring. Your big flight is just the thing for your purpose. Put a thick bush, gorse or heather, up one end, and give them plenty of nesting materials.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S

FINCHES FOR CAGES (E. A. B. N.).—(1) It is very seldom that males disagree when there are no females to stir up competition and strife among them. (2) Yes. (3) Yes, but with the Lavender Finch, Orange-cheeked Waxbill, and Silverbill it will be none too easy to get guaranteed males. Your best plan will be to see the birds before purchase, and seeing a number together the masculine demeanour of certain birds and song will enable you to arrive at a reasonably correct decision. (4) All species are subject to these plumatic aberrations; sometimes they occur in old age, but as they also occur with quite young birds, and as a rule this is occasioned by a temporary loss of vigour, and unless they are constitutionally lacking, matters usually right themselves at the next moult.

NONPAREIL BUNTING (Tobacco).—(1) The case of this bird is not abnormal. I have known of similar cases, even in an outdoor aviary, where they have remained partially unclad for over a year. Exercise your patience and continue the treatment. I certainly anticipate the bird recovering its plumage if the skin is intact. As soon as spring arrives give it all the natural green-food you can, and such spiders—smooth caterpillars, etc.—as you can capture. Offer ripe fruit as green-food during the winter months. (2) Linseed is an oily food, but providing you do not overdo it, a little makes a quite wholesome change. While for most foreign Finches, canary and the various millet should form the staple diet, they can have pinches occasionally of "wild seed mixture," "British Finch mixture," etc., with advantage to vary the dietary. A pinch of maw seed, linseed, hemp, etc., occasionally is beneficial in cold weather. The Nonpareil does not need actual heat; it is a hardy species, but within the limits of a cage, and while partially unclad, an even temperature, somewhere about 60 degrees Fah., will suit it admirably.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Sarum).—It does not do to overcrowd if you want any breeding results, and twelve to eighteen pairs must not be exceeded for this purpose, though simply as a home it would accommodate three times that number. I do not know your county, but, unless it is in the far north, all the following should succeed with you: White Java Sparrows; Magpie, Bronze and Rufous-backed Mannikins; Zebra, Ribbon, Red-headed, Ruficauda, and Bib Finches; Silverbills, Bengalese; Grey and Green Singing Finches; Masked and Long-tail Grassfinches; Avadavats, Gold-breasted, Orange-cheek, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills. As regards British species, these are best confined to Siskin, Redpoll, Twite, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, and Linnet—Chaffinches, Bramblings, and the Buntings frequently prove unsafe. If your flight has a solid back, put a thicket (hedge) of pea sticks against it, and plant the open flights ground with grass, dock, mallow, etc. In an aviary for Finches deciduous bushes have rather a short life, but such evergreens as common laurel, berberis, spruce fir, box, and aucuba usually last out pretty well, so does holly, but good sized bushes want putting in for a start to provide immediate cover. My book, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d., from "C.B." manager, would give you a good general idea how to fit up and plant. From the above list you should be able to make a selection to meet your need.

LAMP FOR AVIARY (Coney).—A lamp that makes an objectionable smell is not suitable for the purpose. A suitable lamp, providing it is kept properly trimmed, should be almost odourless. I never accept the responsibility of advising their use, but, properly managed, they can be used; for instance, I have used a common "Gem" stove, with a 4-in. wick, for years, and never had a mishap with it, but it is personally regulated, and never left to servants to attend to. The main thing is watching it well for the first hour after lighting; by this I mean, have a look at it every 15 minutes. After the expiration of an hour there should be no danger of the flame rising and causing trouble. The species of birds you keep really do not require heat unless you are far north. I have told you I use a "Gem" oil-stove, but note, if you use one it must be on your own responsibility. If you have one, test it in some outhouse or room, and grip the management of it before using it in the aviary.

HIMALAYAN GOLDFINCH (E. J. G.).—Apparently this bird is only a little out of sorts; make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts till the bowels have been well moved. When this occurs do not give any more Epsom salts unless the voidings show hard and stiff again. For about a month or more put 10 drops of syrup of phosphates in the drinking water every other day, and keep a slice of sweet apple between the bars of the cage till you are using green-food freely again. Keep a millet spray in the cage in addition to the mixture you are using. Keep also a small piece of cuttlebone in the cage, and supply grit (sprinkle this over sand tray) regularly. If there should be any change for the worse, write again at once with the fullest details you can give.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1, 1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-Keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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O. C. Smith.—Broncho-Pneumonia, due to sudden weather changes.

Miss Barrows.—Acute inflammation of the bowels.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

N.B.B. & M.C. (B. Evans).—The hon. sec. is Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing, W., who will send you all particulars on application.

Bullie Hybrids and Disq. Yorks (A Looker-on).—Your letter has caused us considerable amusement, but it is quite unprintable, for the reason that it is libellous.

Safe Heating Lamp (Constant Reader).—The lamp in question is obtainable, we believe, from W. Tamlin (Twickenham). Glad to hear you find CAGE BIRDS of such value, and thanks for your good wishes

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Boscombe (Hants).—St. John's Parish Hall, Jan. 20-21. Judge, J. Robson. 50 open classes: Nor. 11 (1 Sell., 2 Nov.), Yorks 8 (1 Sell, 2 Nov.), Bord 5, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Non-fed 1, Pair 1, Collection 1, Mules 3, Brit. 9, For. 5, Stock 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Ent. close Jan. 12 to M. Cook, Myrtle Villa, Purbeck Road.

Denny and Dunipace.—Foresters' Hall, Denny, Jan. 17. Judge, J. F. Dewar. 29 classes: Crest, 4; Nor., 10; Bord., 6; Brit., 6; For., 1; Mule, 1; Sell, 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; fee, 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 12, to A. France, 63, Herbertshire-st., Denny.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Abertillery C.B.S. Jan. 10, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7. General meeting. All members are expected to be present, and to bring new members, if possible. Balance-sheet for 1913 to be read, and election of new members.—G. Broome.

Anfield, Everton, C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Priory Grove Mission Room, 8.30. General meeting. Report of old show and balance-sheet.—Redpath and Walker.

Annfield Plain F.F. and C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Queen's Hotel, 7. Important business.—M. Archer.

Barrow C.B.A.—Jan. 14, Gardner and Richards, 7.30. Arrangements for table shows, and balance-sheet for late show.—A. Hudson.

Beamish C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Date of annual show, and important business. New members invited.—Peart and Cresswell.

Birmingham South O.S.—Jan. 14, Marlboro' Hotel, Small Heath, 8.30. Election of new officers; year's balance-sheet; presentation of cups and specials.—J. Sheppard.

Boldon Colliery F. and F.S.—Jan. 10, W.M. Institute, 7. Important business.—A. Hirons.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Jan. 13, Joiners' Arms, 8. Members bring ticket money.—J. Kilshaw.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. General meeting, balance-sheet, and election of officers for 1914.—H. Bryant.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 13, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Annual prize distribution and supper. Social evening; commence 7.30, supper at 9. Gents 9d., ladies 6d. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Election of officers and balance-sheet.—A. Cooper.

British Roller C.C.—Jan. 6, The Royal Mail, Noble-st., St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Birds present, and final International Show arrangements.—J. W. Norris.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers. Elect judges for pair and open shows. Decide members' cup competition.—E. Thomas.

City and Suburban A.C.—Jan. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., W., 8. Annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Jan. 15, 81, Kilbowie-rd., 7.45. —Wm. Kane.

Craghead C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Punch Bowl Inn, 7.—Business very important.—A. Dawson.

Craghead Workmen's Club F. and F. and C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Club Rooms, 7. Stewards for the show, and other important business.—A. Dawson.

Crystal Palace District and Penge C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Alexandra Hotel, Penge, 8. Confirmation of rules, and to discuss schedule for pair and Finch show for Feb. meeting. Going strong; 50 members joined. —H. Legg.

[Kindly send us your address.—ED.]

Darvel C.B.C.—Jan. 13, Town Hall, 7. Balance-sheet and report for 1913. Election of office-bearers. Table show of Canaries.—J. Robertson, jun.

Denton C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Brotherhood Rooms, 8. Prize money amalgamated will be paid. All ticket money to be in.—W. Hepwood.

Dublin S. County C.B.A.—First members' meeting for the New Year will be held towards the end of the month, or early in Feb. Committee meet Jan. 12 at 8, 70, Glothule. Members are reminded that their annual subscription of 2/6 becomes due this month. —D. Smyth.

East Stanley Workmen's Club F. and F.C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Club Room, 6.30. Usual show business and taking of entries.—Killgallon and Robinson.

Edmonton F.A.—Jan. 15, Charity School, Church-st., 8. Annual general meeting. Presentation of cups, etc., won at annual show.—W. H. Jackson.

Farnworth C.B.S.—Jan.14, Church House, Church-rd., 7.30. Balance-sheet 1913. Election of officers. Local fanciers invited.—W. Dawson.

Felling F. and F.S.—Jan. 10, Blue Bell Hotel, 7. —G. Garbutt.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Jan. 14, headquarters, 8. Members' specials, fixing show date.—W. Curry.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 10, Mr. A. Holden's, 139, Beldon-rd., Gt. Horton, 8. Annual meeting, Balance-sheet and other very important business.—W. A. Brown.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 10, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hackney, Stoke Newington and Dis. F.A.—Change of meeting night from Tuesday to Monday. Next meeting and show of cage birds, headquarters, Jan. 12, 8.30.—R. W. Ford.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Jan. 14, St. George's Hall, 8. Annual general meeting. Large attendance requested. —Woodhead and Pyman.

Hastings and St. Leonards United C.B.S.—Jan. 14, headquarters, Royal Oak Hotel, 8.30. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.—A. E. Godden.

Hornsey, Wood Green C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Ningtingale Hotel, High-rd., Wood Green, 8.30. Annual meeting.—P. Brooks.

Keighley C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Hare and Hounds, 7.30. Presenting season's specials. Sec. report and balance-sheet for 1913. Election of officers for 1914.—C. W. Town.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Jan. 13, No. 2, Goth, 6. Club show business.—A. Dickson.

Kent County C.B.A.—Jan. 14, 30a, Snargate-st., Dover, 8. General, cups, etc.—H. Wood.

Laisterdyke, Bowling, and Tong Combination.—Jan. 17, St. John's School, Paley-rd. Last show, judging at 2. Judges: Messrs. Shackleton and Wilcock. Entries Friday night at schools, 8.15 to 10.30. At 5.30 general meeting for election of officers and rules, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancs and Liz. F.A.—Jan. 11, Volunteer Inn, George-st., Oldham, 6. Arrangements for memb. show, Jan. 11. Allotting of specials. Entries.—A. Martin.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for show.—D. John.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Jan. 17, Globe, Maple-st., Tottenham Court-rd., 8. Annual general meeting.—G. G. Stubbs.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale-rd., Harpurhey, 8. Rochdale Amalgamated Show. Business very important.—J. Davey.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Jan. 12, Pillar's Cafe, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. A. Montgomery and J. Johnstone.—M. C. Potts.

North Staffs. Roller C.C.—Jan 10, Evans' Cafe, Newcastle, 7. Election of officers, etc.—J. Jamieson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Jan. 13, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Balance-sheet. Election of officers.—J. G. Royce.

Openshaw Gorton C.B.S.—Jan. 14, 8 Annual meeting. Election of officers. Payment of prize money. —P. Washbourne.

Oxford C.B.S. Jan. 14, Old Masonic Hall, Alfred-st., High-st., 7.15. Annual general meeting. Members please note change of meeting-place.—A. F. Filleld.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 12, Crumpsalt Hotel, Cheetham-hill, 8.30. General society business and nomination of officers.—H. Clayton.

Perth City and County O.A.—Jan. 12, Laidlaws Rooms, Leonard-st., 8. Balance-sheet. Election of officers.—J. L. Smith.

Redcar C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. Annual meeting, report of show, date of pair show, etc.—C. L. Mallory.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 10, Club Rooms, 2. Table show of Brit. and Canaries.—E. Blincoe.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Jan. 10, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Members' show. Judge: Mr. E. Carr, Bedford.—P. Drake.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show, matched pairs, Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest, Muling, Hybrid. ...Members please bring in ticket money.—A. Hobson.

Skipton C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Friendly Society's Hall, 8. Arrangements for show.—E. Gill.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Wharfe Hotel. Show for hens only. Birds staged 7. Judge: Mr. J. Robertshaw, Hedben Bridge.—A. Sutcliffe.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.—Jan. 14, Reid Hall, 8.—J. Waugh.

Stockbridge C.B.S.—Jan. 10, headquarters, 8. Annual meeting. Payment of special prizes. Election of officers for 1914, etc.—G. L. Sampson.

Stockport and Hazel Grove C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Mechanics' Institute, Hazel-grove, 8. Election of officers. Revision of rules. Report of delegates, etc. Old and new fanciers cordially invited.—W. Stallard.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 13, Central Cafe, 7.30. Draw for special prizes. Members' books. Final arrangements for show.—J. Peacock.

Swansea C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, auditor's report, other business according to rules.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Arrangement of prize distribution.—W. Walker.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Jan. 13, Village School Room, Alexandra, 8. Annual meeting. Election of office-bearers. Annual report, etc.—A. H. McLean.

Wales and Monmouth Y.C.C.—Jan. 13, Llanelly Show, 5. Adoption of rules and other business.—H. Webster.

Wallsend Mid Tyne C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Station Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition, and to consider if we have an open or members' show this year. New members invited.—G. Greenwell.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Jan. 13, Assembly Rooms, 8. Annual meeting. Election of officers. Proposed alteration of rules.—T. Callegari.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Duke of York, 8. Balance-sheet. Election of officers.—J. Gibbons.

York C.B.S.—Jan. 12, All Saints' School, 8. Election of officers 1914, and balance-sheet.—H. Sayles.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Market Tavern, Godwin-st., Bradford, 5.30. Council meeting. Very important. Halifax case, novice medals, etc.—H. Hill.

Correspondence.

See special announcement on page 608 this week.

Another Roller Club Forming.

Newtown, Wigan, to be Represented.

Sir,—We are forming a Roller Canary Club in Newtown, Wigan, and district. Will any fancier, desirous of joining, please communicate with

PETER VICKERS,
6, Ormskirk road, Newtown, Wigan.

A Bristol Novice on His Success.

Says it is Due to "Cage Birds."

Sir, I beg to acknowledge 10s., won by me at Bristol Show in your Champion Coupon Scheme, and thank you for congratulations upon winning the same. Last year, 1913, was my first year of the Yorkshire Fancy, or, in fact, any other. I kept a few common Canaries for the past three years, and I have to thank CAGE BIRDS for the strides I have made in the Fancy that is so popular in this district. I hope to do better this year by the aid of CAGE BIRDS and "Cage Birds Annual," which I am sure bring success to the hobby.

WM. J. NORMAN.

[Photo of corner of aviary sent is, unfortunately, too dull for publication.—ED. "C.B."]

The Winning Hybrid at Preston.

Sir,—I have been very interested in the letters for and against on the above bird. The weight of evidence seems to prove it genuine. I would like to congratulate the breeder on his success, but at the same time think him rather fortunate to get it accepted. I have always thought the beauty of a winning hybrid was when it showed evidence of both parents quite distinctly. Apparently this bird does not do so. I am looking forward to seeing him at the Palace.

T. W. POPE.

Should Exhibitors Purchase Winners or Breed Them?

Sir,—Bumbleism, like custom, dies a hard death. Such was the thought when I read a letter in your welcome paper purporting to come from one "Yet Another Member," though, had he not so signed himself, one would never have thought it. His bump of fairness, if there be such a phrenological term, is strangely developed. He says: Buy what you like; show what you like; and get what you can on the show bench or elsewhere as a return for your outlay. He might have gone a little further, and started the English and Continental Bird Loan Society at reasonable fees, and special terms for teams, as a further return for his outlay. Not that this has never been near accomplishment, for the highest offer, as far as my records go, was one of 30s. offered by an exhibitor for the use of another man's birds, but which was as promptly refused, though the cash was tempting to this man of very moderate means. I have looked through the correspondence on the subject, and have so far failed to find the acrimonies he refers to, and this being the season of goodwill I hope they will not occur. The reason the controversy continues to be placed before your readers is because the grievance remains, and so long as the fester is there, so long will the poultice be applied. For any club to be healthy, it is necessary for all to compete on as near as possible equal terms, and not on the dictum of your correspondent, which is likened to the fact that a lord has as much to pay for his bread as a poor suburban clerk. I have not discouraged the purchase of birds; on the contrary, I have encouraged it, but I cannot for the life of me understand why Jack Jones should win a trophy of any description with a bird bred by Bill Smith. I have said, over and over again, that a bird may be purchased and shown, but the owner should be content with the prize money, and that those who breed the winners should have the trophies, and so encourage the breed. There is nothing wrong with challenge cups and trophies, for they are harmless—it is the terms of competition that are wrong. I should like to hear from this gentleman, or any other for that matter, what fraud is likely to take place if the bird wore a S.N.P.C. ring. I have read of the consternation that took place when Oliver Twist asked for more, and I knew Lazarus is not content with the crumbs. The proposed alteration in judging may or may not make the difficulties a little more difficult; it certainly will the nominators, but it will be small progress for the breeder. Pity your correspondent didn't make public his name, but suppose he could not. I can understand his position.

H. W. TOMSETT.

Yorks C.C. of Wales and Mon.

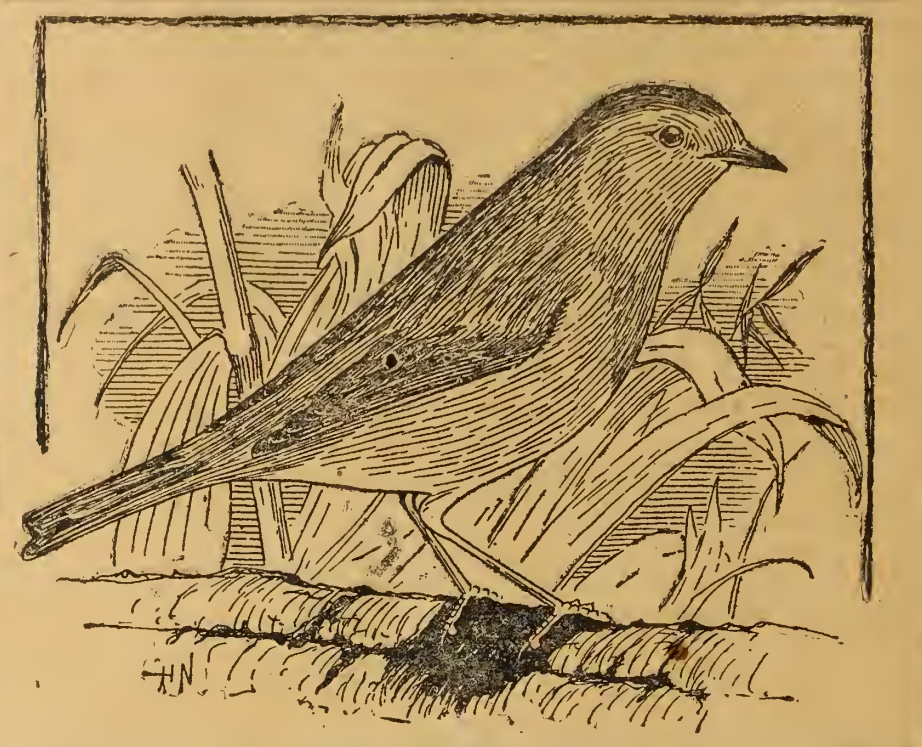
Sir,—A meeting will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Llanelly, Jan. 13 (Llanelly Show day), at 5 p.m., when all members and fanciers who intend joining same are earnestly invited to attend. Any Yorkshire fancier who cannot attend, and wishes to join, can do so by forwarding 1s. entry fee to the hon. sec., Mr. H. Webster, 6, Upper Park Street, Llanelly. Annual subscription 2s. 6d., payable in March. As this is the only specialist club for one variety confined to Wales, it behoves all true fanciers to join, and especially novices, as it will increase the classification of Yorks at Welsh shows, and also be of great benefit to societies in increasing entries.

H. WEBSTER, Hon. Sec.

Class for Hen Hybrids.

Sir,—Replying to "Hybrid's" letter anent shows making a class for hen Mules and Hybrids, I quite agree with his suggestion. I have before suggested the same thing to some show secretaries, and they always said it would not do, but my personal opinion is that it would, and that it is a class, I am almost certain would be well supported; and seeing the show season is now nearing an end, show secretaries would do well to keep this class in mind when making up schedule for their next show. Could Mr. Ramsden see his way to put this class before his committee (if not too late) and endeavour to add it to the schedule for the coming Palace show, and thereby set an example to other big events?

INTERESTED.



The Japanese Robin, which in shape and bearing greatly resembles our own Robin. Drawn from the specimen exhibited by Mr. A. Ezra.

Appreciation from a Roller Fancier in New Zealand.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, to express my gratitude to Mr. Tomlinson for the very edifying articles on the Song of the Roller, which he so ably pens? The lucid explanations and illustrations make the song of our favourites easily understood, especially to novices, such as myself, exiled, so to speak, in this far-off land, where there is none to explain to the novice the rolls and tours, and how they ought to be rendered. I trust Mr. Tomlinson may long be able to write many more such articles, even though he may reiterate those relevant illustrations of sounds; to the true fancier they never read stale. While writing I would like to state that I am most indebted to CAGE BIRDS for the intrinsic information which I have garnered from its columns. Without a doubt it is the vertebra of the Fancy.

Wellington, New Zealand. J. FORD.

Llandudno Show.

Why No Class for Unflighted Hens?

Sir,—May I, through the columns of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, call the attention of the above committee to Class 8 in their schedule, which reads Yorks hen, A.V., bred prior to 1913. How is it that they've altered the wording of the above class since their last show? Is it because of people who were exhibiting in the hen class and got beaten by unflighted hens at their last show? Or is it through one or two of the local exhibitors not having bred an unflighted hen fit to win? May I ask them why not have made a class for unflighted hens, as everyone who has the least bit of knowledge about Yorkshire classes ought to know that a young hen class would pay as well again as an old hen class. If the committee could not see their way clear to make separate classes, why not have left the wording of the class as it was? This kind of thing is nothing less than a local affair; it sounds very bad on the part of the Llandudno O.S., and this narrow-mindedness will not improve matters.

No wonder our societies are begging for members, etc. I can assure the Llandudno O.S. that they will not flourish on these lines.

EX-TOWNSMAN.

Don't miss next week's Great Number of C.B.

A Novice's Fine Record.

Sir,—Being a regular reader of your paper CAGE BIRDS, I cannot speak too highly of the same. It is a most valuable paper, giving sound and substantial advice for all those who are interested in cage birds, whatever the variety may be. It has been the mainspring of my success during the past breeding season. I started as a novice in 1913, my first year in breeding canaries, and ended same as a champion. My wins have been 14 specials, including CAGE BIRDS 10s. cash special and diploma, gold medal for most points in novice section, 13 firsts, 7 seconds, 9 thirds, 6 fourths, 3 vhc's, and 2 hc's.

By constantly reading your paper I have gathered most useful and valuable information, and would strongly recommend all lovers of birds to follow up, week by week, its various articles, and success will attend their labours.

Levenshulme. A. S. THORPE.

Scottish National Show.

Some British Bird Awards.

Sir,—In Bullfinch class, 5th should read R. D. Parlett; we had not an entry in this class. In non-fed Siskin class, 2nd should read Nicholson and Son. In non-fed Greenfinch class, 3rd should read Nicholson and Son. In claiming those awards we desire to give honour where it is due, and to say the Siskin was moulted and formerly exhibited by Mr. James Brown.

NICHOLSON AND SON.

The Hybrid Sensation of the Year.

Sir,—As I stated in your previous issue, I would let others fight the above subject out, as I am satisfied Mr. Welling's award at Preston Show gives his honest opinion. What he has said after, or any remark he may have made will never alter the award, which was a credit to his judgment. I don't think there is one expert in Mules who doubts the above's parentage. Why I write at this time is to give the visitors at Doncaster Show another treat. I am exhibiting the hen that laid the golden egg that produced the sensation of the season, "White Rose." One of your writers thought it rather strange that a Greenfinch should be her second nest partner. For his interest I may say she killed the cock Canary when she was going to nest the second time, so I can't show that, but she is a grand hen Bullie, the mother.

R. D. PARLETT.

Winning F.M. Linnet at Gateshead Show.

Sir,—Seeing that it was reported that it was the Linnet we purchased from Mr. Curry (secretary of Gateshead Show) that won for us at the above show, we thought it might interest fanciers to know that we bought it from Mr. J. Mackenzie, of Newcastle. It had only been in our possession about six or seven weeks before Gateshead Show, and that was only its second time on the bench. It stood 1st for us at Consett a week before. We have since sold it to Mr. Parlett of Sheffield at a good figure, and we are pleased to see it doing so well for him. The Linnet we purchased from Mr. Curry is still in our possession, but has not been out these last few weeks. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

JAMESON AND JOHNSON.

The Radius of Luton Society.

Sir,—For several years I have been a member and an exhibitor at Luton, having won the Norwich cup twice, and am now debarred from winning it again, when it would have become, according to the rules, my property. I should like to ask the Luton members if they consider this fair play and genuine sportsmanship to boycott old members in this high-handed and illegal manner. Unfortunately, I am not in the same position as Mr. Watts (the winner of the Foreign Bird cup), as I was not able to be present at the show on the last occasion that I won it, consequently the cup never came into my possession, or I should certainly have done as Mr. Watts has done, refuse to return it; and I consider it the height of impudence for the Luton Society to ask Mr. Watts to make the said cup a present to them. I notice the secretary says that they hope to come up smiling next year; if so they will have to act very different, as there is certainly nothing to smile about this year. I hope, however, they will acknowledge their mistake and seek to rectify it.

A. KEECH.

My Experience with the Norwich Plainhead.

Sir,—It was a pleasant surprise to find my bird so nicely shown on the front page of your paper last week, for which kindly accept my thanks. I commenced with Norwich Plainheads some seven years ago, and have carefully read the notes in CAGE BIRDS. Every man should have a hobby of some kind at which to turn his attention after business, and I find it a pleasant and highly interesting pastime.

I have never yet double yellowed or buffed or inbred, but kept to the hard and fast rule of yellow and buff and vice versa, using green blood with discretion, with the result that I have been steadily successful. My first best "hit" I consider was at Norwich Alliance All England Show, 1912, when I secured 1st with a bonny yellow hen in a class of 26 entries. The strain which placed me "on my feet" as an exhibitor was derived from a 50s. yellow cock (son of a Crystal Palace winner); therefore there is something in pedigree beside the good appearance of a bird.

My first year I was bewildered with the points of a Norwich Plainhead. Fanciers spoke of "quality of feather, heads, necks, size, shape, carriage, length, browed," etc., etc., when to me one bird looked very much like another but gradually I began to "tumble" or note the defects. In my opinion, the biggest difficulty of a beginner is to know a good bird when he sees it. He can, of course, "see it" on a show bench after the judge has been round, but "on his own" he is "at sea" to "see."

Specialise on one breed; do not overestimate your stock. There are just as many winners yet to be staged as have already been shown. The novice should certainly invite two or three old hands to call and give their candid opinion of his birds, and he will soon begin to hear the faults for correction. When he is sure his stock is fairly right, the ups and downs of his show birds by various judges' awards will not upset him, and he will hang on, always trying to go one better next year. The hobby is a test of patience, and many a disappointed angler can find both profit and pleasure for the time he turns to bird breeding.

E. OLLY.

Disputed Special at Dysart.

Sir,—In looking over Club Reports in CAGE BIRDS, I see there is a dispute about the 4th spl. in class 17, at Dysart show. I won that special. I had 4th card and spl card, also my cage number slip marked 4th and special by the judge in blue pencil, and I can get witnesses to prove that, if necessary.

ROBERT ATTCHISON.

Biggar.

A Prize of 10/6 will be given for the best letter published next week.—See page 608.

THE DISQUALIFIED YORKSHIRE AT HALIFAX SHOW.

Mr. Hill defends the Yorkshire Union and asks for "Fair Play and no Favour."

Sir,—As secretary of the Yorkshire Union, I feel compelled to say a few words at this most inopportune time in respect to the correspondence which has taken place on the above subject through the columns of your valuable paper, and in doing so, Sir, I must say how strongly I regret that circumstances over which only perhaps a very small minority of your readers are aware of, have induced you to take sides in this great controversy, however much you may try to explain away the attitude you have adopted in the Editorial notes following certain contributions which have been made to it. Your opinions, which you have a perfect right to hold, and which will command as much respect as any other person's, should not have been asserted so repeatedly as they have been through the columns of your paper, when the attack has been led against the Yorkshire Union and its rulings by Mr. House and others, who have legitimately expressed their opinions in his support. This is where a great many Yorkshiremen differ entirely with you and your Editorial notes. It is not for me to say how you should conduct the correspondence through your valuable paper, you know this better than me; but I do hold the opinion that in all questions of a nature such as this, where governing bodies who are on the spot, and after due consideration come to a decision, should be shown a certain amount of impartiality until such times as that decision is proved to be wrong.

The question which the Council was called together to deliberate upon was in respect to a certain bird which had been trimmed, according to the judge's decision, and I venture to say that the question as to whether the Council or Halifax had it to deal with is not part of the question at all. It has simply been trotted out to mislead and take attention from the main point at issue. Some rather curious evidence has been given by several witnesses, including those who saw this said bird at Halifax; but still more curious has been the evidence voluntarily given by several of those who have indulged in writing and giving their opinions through the Fancy papers, and they have undoubtedly opened the eyes of many members of the Council and its officials. At first sight, on reading several of these efforts, it has almost led one to believe that instead of the Union standing for all those principles of right, justice and equity, of which in the past it has been justly proud, and at the same time has always stood by without fear or favour, that it was actually a guilty party to all that appertained to drag it down to the level of the gutter, along with its adherents; for one week we have a society saying that favour is shown to a certain class of exhibitor, and on two separate occasions individuals have said that there was some prevailing under-current which, if stirred up, would emit an unsavoury odour. Now this is a very unhealthy sign of the times, and you will agree with me I am sure, when I say that no true progress can be achieved where such like things exist, and the Council has recognised this on a good many occasions when called upon to tackle these very intricate, and at the same time delicate questions; it is also a very difficult thing to get at this under-current, and therefore I am very pleased that, by adopting "brer rabbit's" attitude of defence and lying low some of those persons who know far more than the members of the Council, have been induced to divulge to the Fancy at large through the Fancy press some of those serious insinuations, as contained in Mr. H. H. Mitchell's article last week, wherein he says that "if the whole evidence was given, it would lead to a great complication of matters that would not do to be disclosed."

Now this is just what the Council are desirous of getting at, as evidenced by the delegates at the last Council meeting, whereby they left the case entirely open for further evidence; therefore, I am writing Mr. Mitchell personally to invite him to appear at next week's Council meeting, in order that he can publicly divulge to the Council this very useful and acceptable information which we are so desirous to obtain, in order that the whole thing may be probed to its very bottom. I will go further than this, and give an invitation to *any person* to attend the Council meeting who can assist its members in any shape or form with evidence bearing direct on the disqualification, for it is needless of me to say that the Council has nothing whatever to fear from an open enquiry into all details concerning this case, and every action which they have taken is perfectly legitimate and covered in every detail by show rule No. 8, however you may try to explain it away by quoting other rules. There is a proper time and place to say everything, and I contend that instead of making a newspaper sensation, this thing ought to have been thrashed out in Council, for it has been left open for anyone since the case was heard at Halifax to bring forward any information in respect to the case. The Keighley Society will also have an opportunity of defending their action in the matter, as will one or two more persons who have been mentioned as being in possession of very important evidence.

Another thing, Mr. Editor, in respect to the sensational development, as reported in last week's issue, namely the resignation of Halifax. Is there any matter contained in the notification which you received from the Halifax Secretary to give you reasons for attributing their resignation as being directly brought about by this case? Because if so, then I beg to differ, for although it may have hastened the climax, still it has been pending for a good long time now (in fact it was expected last year), and under these circumstances, and by the heading of the article last week, the only conclusion that a reader could arrive at, after reading it, was that they had resigned as a protest against the Union's action. This may be all right from a newspaper standpoint, also it may carry weight to those who do not know the full facts of the case, and have a tendency to bear you out in your Editorial notes, but it is playing the game a little bit too far, and it is causing serious dissensions in the ranks of your esteemed readers. Fair play and no favour is all that is needed, and the question should have been left entirely between Mr. House, who is quite capable of dealing with it, and the Union. In Mr. House's last letter he says that the rules of the Union have been broken, and that the all-important question to Union members is to ask themselves if the Council are to be allowed to do so. I say that neither Mr. House nor anybody else can prove, to my satisfaction, that the action taken by Halifax and afterwards by myself on behalf of the Council, is contrary to the show rule quoted above, and I will even go further than this, and say that the fanciers who framed the rule interpreted it to mean exactly as it has been taken in this case, and all other cases of a similar nature since the rule was formed. Therefore I say the rule has never been broken, neither is it possible to misconstrue it to suit any particular case; but as I said previously, the question at issue is the disqualification of the bird by Mr. House, and it is going to be kept at that, and not allowed to drift off again on to any side issues. The Council is prepared to hear all the evidence it can get on the case, and will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to overthrow all the insinuations which have been hurled at the Union over this case; therefore I again appeal to all those who do possess information to kindly bring it to the fountain head, where it can be tackled in a manner which shall not subject Union members to periodical shocks given on perusing their weekly paper, but give each and all concerned an opportunity to get at the motive underlying this correspondence, which I have had to refer to.

Now, Sir, I have read your New Year's message to bird fanciers, and I beg to compliment you upon it. I am an optimist to the hilt, always trying to look for the better things in the Fancy; at times I am carried to the highest point of enthusiasm when all is running smoothly, and this is naturally what one expects from the optimist; but I also have the dark days and the dark clouds to face, and I know the Union which I have the honour of serving is at present passing through a very trying time in its history, and I am desirous of seeing it emerge from that ordeal with flying colours. This and other achievements can only be accomplished when that feeling exists which you have tried to inculcate into your readers' minds through your hearty message. We all have our opinions, we all have our failings and our shortcomings—to the conscious person these are ever before him. We can only urge upon one another the necessity of looking at all perplexing questions and problems from the broadest-minded standpoint, and if we cannot see eye to eye in all things, give each other credit for our opinions. I venture to think that if this feeling had permeated the question on which I have written at such length, that it would never have assumed the proportions it has developed into, and which have caused it to be the talk of fanciers the world over. It is just as possible for any exhibitor, however honest he may be, to be called upon to face a trying ordeal, such as this case has been, and an example of one case in point was given at the last Council meeting by a gentleman who is respected and revered by all who know him, who had to face a similar case to this, but who was afterwards cleared of any imputations by allowing the exhibit in question to stop with the show authorities, who found it exactly as he had told them. But unfortunately in this case, it is an impossibility to deal out that measure of justice which can only satisfy when every stigma has been removed. However, I thank you for allowing me space for this letter, and trust that even yet we shall be able to get at the most satisfactory conclusion to this much talked of case. See announcements for place and time of meeting. H. HILL.

Mr. Hill sends this long letter to me, to reach me on the eve of my going to press, when it is quite impossible for me to do little more than to repudiate emphatically the charges he makes against me.

I have expressed no opinion whatever on the merits or demerits of the disqualification, and so far as the resignation of the Halifax Society is concerned, if this is not solely caused by the affair in question, it is certainly an outcome of it, and I have a perfect right to draw my readers' attention to it, which was all I did.

Mr. Hill says the question should have been left to Mr. House and the Yorks. Union But it was Mr. House who first sought the hospitality of my columns, and it is Mr. House who is now contending that the Union has not given him fair play, in not abiding by their own rules. Mr. House solicited my view on the matter. I perused the rules carefully and felt compelled to express the view that his interpretation of them was correct. Mr. Hill apparently declines to deal with this side of the matter, which is the only one with which I am, or ever have been, concerned.

The principle involves, to my mind, the welfare of the cage-bird hobby. The Yorkshire Union has rules, which say distinctly "*this case should have been dealt with by the Halifax Society*," and that "*the judge's decision is final.*" There is not a single judicial tribunal in the world which can afford to disregard its own prescribed course of regulations, and say: "Oh, what do rules matter? The end justifies the means. So long as we are right in our action, we can disregard regulations!!" On that point I must reluctantly disagree with the Union.

Mr. Hill is ungenerous enough to hint at ulterior motive on my part. I have none. With everything to lose and nothing to gain by doing so, I merely determined to express my firm conviction that the Union has acted *ultra vires* in this affair. However powerful the forces against me, I should adhere to that opinion and continue to express it, so long as I felt the injustice of it, until I could be convinced by common sense argument to the contrary. I have taken no side. I hold no brief for anyone, but I am not going to allow friendship and respect to muzzle me from voicing the very strong view I hold that arbitrary action, however well intentioned, and however honest, is prejudicial to our hobby, and therefore detrimental to my paper. "Fair Play and No Favour" is asked for by Mr. Hill. I would remind him that the first principle of fair play is that whatever rules you lay down for the game shall be adhered to.

EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.

[A further letter on this point, from E. Cundall, held over.]

THE YORKSHIRE UNION RULES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

6.—The decision of the judge shall be final, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that a Bird has been entered in a wrong class, or is not the property of the Exhibitor, or has been fraudulently tampered with, in which case such decision shall be void; and the Committee reserve to themselves the right of adjudicating thereon.

8.—Any Exhibitor who shall be disqualified at any Show held under the Rules of the Union for fraudulent practices or false statement as to ownership, shall forfeit all or any prizes or specials that may be awarded to him or her at the Show, in addition to all entry fees. Such disqualifications must be reported to the Union Secretary, to be dealt with by the Council, who may inflict such other punishment as they may decide.

9.—Any Member or Exhibitor found guilty of dishonest practices at any Show held under the Rules of the Union shall be punished as the Committee of the said Show decide, in accordance with these Rules. Such person shall have the power to appeal to the Council of the Union, whose decision shall be final.

An Albino Thrush.

Sir, This summer in the garden I found a thrush's nest with four young birds, three being the ordinary colour, and the fourth perfectly white with pink eyes. I should be pleased to hear if any of your readers have had a similar experience. Is a white thrush a rarity? The bird has been reared from the nest, and is now in perfect feather.

NOVICE.

Downend.

P.S.—The bird was found in a Forest Hill garden.

[A white Thrush cannot really be called a rarity, as quite a good number have been put on record.—ED. "C.B."]

Cock Cutthroat's Parental Devotion Rewarded.

Sir,—No doubt some of your many readers will be interested to hear that a pair of my Cutthroats hatched a nest of young three weeks ago in an open outside aviary of mixed British and Foreign birds. A few days after hatching, the hen bird was killed by a cat, which got into the aviary and killed seven birds. Notwithstanding his loss the cock Cutthroat went steadily on feeding, quite undisturbed by me constantly taking down and looking into the nest husk. To-day, Jan. 1, two strong youngsters (cock and hen) have flown from the nest. One remains inside, which appears to be neglected, so my wife is trying her hand at feeding it. I hope to bring up all three. Is this not rather an unusual occurrence?

EBENEZER G. CORNWELL.

Non-fed Norwich at Brighton.

Sir,—There is a mistake on your part as to the winner's name placed below the Norwich Bird (Brighton Show, 1st) on your front cover this week. Mr. E. Olle (Lewes) did not win a 1st in any class at Brighton; but I find in looking through your "C.B." report of show, that you credit him with 1st in the Non-fed Norwich class. This is evidently how the mistake has arisen. The winner in this class was the Rev. T. Miller (Southwick), and his is evidently the bird portrayed on your cover.

WILL H. GIBB,
Hon. Sec. Brighton C.B.S.

[See Mr. Olle's letter on page 616.]

Singing Contests.

Announcements of forthcoming contests in the nature of advertisements must be paid for at advertisement rates, three words a penny.

PENDLEBURY.

Linnet contest, held at Butchers' Arms, Union Street, Jan. 1. For time, 26 birds entered, and some very good time was done, before a large company. 1, Knowles, 157sec.; 2, Dixon, 114; 3, Bate, 112; 4, Green, 90. Timekeepers, J. Hodgkiss and J. Jackson; tappers, E. Wynn and J. Talbot; minute man, J. Caswell. Contest, Jan. 10, at 2.30. —E. Hickman, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest for time, held George and Dragon, Bridge-st., Jan. 3; 31 entered for 3 prizes. 1, Harding; 2, Brindley; 3, Smith. Jan. 4, 23 entered: 1, Morley; 2, Nelson; 3, Brindley.—J. Brindley, Sec.

LEIGH.

First club contest, held Jan. 1. Albion Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh; 17 birds sang for 6 good prizes. Quality: 1, Barnes; 2, Page; 3, Jones. Time: 1, 2, Statham; 3, Poole. Judge for quality was P. O'Niel; timers, R. Holcroft and J. Dyke. General meeting, the Albion Inn, Jan. 11, and all members are requested to attend, as we are expecting to have a great bumping contest for time shortly. Any time singers who would like to join can do so at this meeting.—R. Holcroft, Assist. Sec.



Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, 1st prize at Kingstown (Ireland) Show, the Property of Mr. D. F. Alexander (Bangor).

PAISLEY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

"Roses! Roses! all the way."

Diamond Jubilee Show, held Drill Hall, Jan. 1 and 2. The hall is one of the best in Scotland for an exhibition, very spacious, and splendidly lighted from both sides of its arched roof. The place is kept at a temperature which makes it comfortable for everybody who foregather at this feathered battlefield. Seldom do mishaps occur at this event, as the rules are strictly carried out by a methodical band of fanciers, who have the wellbeing of their society at heart, and little wonder is it that among the many New Year fixtures Paisley can lay claim to be one of the most popular, and this, the Diamond Jubilee, was celebrated in modern fashion. Entries were in excess of last year, and everybody wore a smile of satisfaction equal to the occasion. Mr. John Sinclair (better known as "Jock") had the manipulating of the secretarial duties, and was supported by a large and efficient committee. Scots Fancy were just about the same for numbers, but many birds of real merit graced the staging, Mr. Allardice having his clear yellow hen, a beauty (open Members' Cup winner), claimed at catalogue price, £15 15s. We heard the plucky purchaser was the well known Mr. Brown, East Kilbride, and we wish him luck. Norwich were well filled classes, but the Crested section was so poorly supported as to cause the amalgamating of the four classes into two. Quality was quite up to standard.

Borders were a good collection, some hot ones being present; Mules and British were the feature of the show, and must have given the judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce, considerable anxiety to separate, the Brit. Goldie and Linnet classes being especially strong in quality, as well as numbers. Yorks. were quite a level lot, but the classification was not taken advantage of, as might have been expected. The foreign section was well patronised, and many specimens of real outstanding merit faced the judge who disposed of them with real credit. Grumbling was conspicuous by its absence, and we feel sure the awards, taking them as a whole, were well received. Judges were: Scots Fancy, A. Livingstoue, Paisley; J. Stewart, jun., Muirend; A. Nisbet, Galston; R. Menzies, Edinburgh; J. Main, Coatbridge; J. Smith, Howwood. Norwich and Clns., E. Barrow, Glasgow. Yorks., J. McLellan, Renfrew. Bords., J. Hutchison, Dysart. Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream.

SCOTS FANCIES, YELL. CK. (14): 1, Gray, grand size and subs., nice reach and fine shoulder, thick through, in real hard cond.; 2, sp., McClure, well up for size and cond., fine reach and style, not just so thick through the heart; 3, 3 spls., confined cup, Livingstone, nice size, fine snaky head, good reach, and prominent drive, very nervy, and free to work, fine stamp; 4, Allardice; 5, Campbell; 6, Fulton; 7, Carlaw; 8, Baird. BUFF (7): 1, Gray, clinker for size and subs., fine head, capital reach and drive, fine side, nice mover; 2, Miller, nice spec., well up on leg, very stylish and reach, hugs the perch well, only fails in subs.; 3, Robertson, hard up for style and shape, good reach and pose, thick, but loses in size; 4, Smith; 5, Beckett; 6, Thomson; 7, Muirhead. YELL. PIED CK. (8): 1, McClure, fine size, best cond., very snaky, nice top end, fine shoulder, nice action, very fit; 2, Gray, rather less subs., but clean cut, for style and type hard up on leader; 3, Higgins, nice shapely exhibit, good style, not the depth or so free to work; 4, sp., Hendry; 5, Clark; 6, Muirhead; 7, Burnside; 8, Brown. BUFF (8): 1, McClure, fine made, grand size and reach, thick through, fine side, nice leader; 2, Muir, nice exhibit, hard up on leader for size and style, fine reach, not just so good in side; 3, Livingstone, nice, close up for qual., fine drive, but not quite reach, rare worker; 4, Sharp; 5, D. Brown; 6, Gillies; 7, Carlaw; 8, Brown. FOUL CK. (12): 1, Stewart, griz. cap buff, good top end, thick through, looking trifle soft; 2, Gray, yell., grand style and action, reachy and typical, fine drive and side, hard up on leader; 3, McClure, nice size and good feathered yell., nice head and neck, free worker, just behind in subs.; 4, Thomson; 5, sp., Allardice; 6, sp., Brown; 7, sp., Blue; 8, sp., Wilson. GREEN CK. (9): 1, Muir, fine stamp, nice size, good qual. feather, nice snaky head, fine reach and drive, nervy and free, nice wings and fine subs., capital cond.; 2, Carlaw, nice all-round exhibit, staged in fine order, beaten in subs.; 3, McMillan, quite nice, good style, behind in side and reach, fine free mover; 4, Smith; 5, Robertson; 6, Renfrew; 7, Beckett; 8, Kenuedy. YELL. HEN (12): 1, sp., open Members' Cup, Allardice, beauty for size and depth, rare shoulder and reach, fine drive, grand side, some thought her the best young hen bred last season, quickly claimed; 2, Gray, good size and type, proportionately built, but beaten here; 3, Clark, shade smaller in build, but fine style and action, nice reach and good droop; 4, McClure; 5, 8, Frew; 6, Campbell; 7, Higgins. BUFF (8): 1, McClure, clinker for style and type, fine reach and droop, determined drive, fine side and close feathered, a credit; 2, Gray, well up for size and cond., outweighed in style and subs., still good; 3, Muir nice style and fine action, runs hard up for 2nd; 4, McDonald; 5, Blue; 6, Carlaw; 7, Brown; 8, Miller. YELL. PIED HEN (6): 1, Higgins, fine size and cond., grand col., carries too much loose feather under, for our taste, restless; 2, sp., Strathearn, tighter in feather, nice style and action, good subs., fine side, deserves her place, good one; 3, Stewart, A1 cond., fine shape, compactly built, not just the reach of leaders, nicely placed hen; 4, Siddens; 5, Hainey; 6, Gray. BUFF (14): 1, McClure, fine size and subs., top cond., thick made, inclined to be bit restless; 2, Allardice, not quite the subs., but all there for style and action, fine shoulder and drive, very nervy, and free to work; 3, Miller, nice one for size and subs., not quite so hard up in cond.; 4, J. Miller; 5, Muir; 6, Frew; 7, Carlaw; 8, Thomson. FOUL HEN (13): 1, 2, McClure, fine yell. and buff respectively, leader fine size and subs., thick through, but very restless when we saw it; 2nd, not quite the size, stylish appearance, fine head and neck, fine reach, and fine drive, runs hard up; 3, Allardice, yell., good size, nice style and cond., free mover, still moulting in neck; 4, Smith; 5, Robertson; 6, Buckley; 7, Muir; 8, Burnside. GR. HEN (9): 1, Robertson, nice yell., fine cond., neatly got up, grand style, close feather, neat, compact; 2, Hamilton, yell., fine col. and style, nice reach and sweet droop, only fails length side; 3, sp., Baird, buff, well up for size and subs., thick through, nice shoulder, scarcely the reach and style of those in front; 4, McMillan; 5, McLauchlan; 6, Thomson; 7, Fulton; 8, Slater. PAIRS (6): 1, McClure, clean buff cock, yell. hen, clinking pair, grandly matched, all there for subs. and qual., massive built, rare top end, fine reach and droop, well cut away, hard up for cond., in the pink; 2, Strathearn, yell. pied cock, buff hen, fine subs. and feather, thick through, fine side and style, not just the droop, but well matched, and good 2nd; 3, Millar, buff cock and yell. hen, nice style and type, not quite as thick as those in front, but creditable pair; 4, Baird; 5, Fleming; 6, Brown. BELG. (8): 1, Powell, buff nice build, fine cond., good shoulder and droop, grips perch nicely, very steady; 2, Robertson, cl. yell., lovely col., staged to perfection, stylish and free to work, must have run tight up on leader; 3, White, cl. buff, A1 cond., stylish and typical, nicely placed here; 4, Ward. CREST (5): 1, McMillan, light var. wing and B.C., plenteous headgear, fine qual. velvy feather, lovely droop and radiation, neat and typical, fine cond.; 2, Shillinglaw, wing mark D.C., fine cond., nicely radiated top, finely groomed, standard qual., not just so massive; 3, Brown, even wing, dark, fine size and good feather, not quite so thick set, and lacks the spread of those in front; 4, Ritchie; 5, Potts. C.B. (8): 1, sp., Chalmers, green, light tail, fine body subs., and good qual feather, nice lofty skull, well padded, staged in top order; 2, Shillinglaw, tick yell., lovely col., fine silky feather, broad skull and entrance, nice subs., staged lovely bloom, deserves its place, our choice; 3, Brown, massive var. buff, plenty sub. and feather, nice back, skull, and lash, just fails at entrance; 4, McMillan; 5, Robertson; 6, sp., Ritchie. NOR. CL. OR TCK. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Chalmers, grand tck., even col., fine qual. feather, very shapely front, full head, neck, top style, and carr., wins in fine fashion; 2, Martin, head tck., pleasing hot col., fine qual., little more subs., neat and shapely, cobby build, runs hard up on winner; 3, Munro, grizzle cap, frequent winner (sitting soft to-day during judging, hard lines); 4, Hutchison; 5, Jaffrey; 6, Harper; 7, Campbell. BUFF (9): 1, sp., Chalmers, lovely qual., cheek mark, feathered like wax, not a monster, but real cobby shape, and well balanced throughout, wins, lovely bloom; 2, Tawse, head tck., hard up for size and qual., nice style and carr., not quite so broad and deep fronted; 3, Campbell, fine size and capital cond., lovely feather and wing carr., rather fatty on chest for our taste; 4, Devoy; 5, Harper; 6, sp., Stewart; 8, Galloway. VAR. OR GR. CK. (17): 1, Martin, var. buff, often described, and looking fit as ever; 2, McNeill, yell. var., lovely feather, nice build, sweet front, head, neck, well up on leader; 3, Bell, yell. var., nice size, fine feather and carr., not just so shapely as might be; 4, Crawshaw; 5, Ward; 6, Stewart; 7, Picken; 8, Maxwell. CLR. OR TCK. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Jeffrey, nice qual. cl., in fine feather, chubby body, nice carr., could do with more subs.; 2, Stewart, fair all-round tck., nice cond.; 3, sp., Paling, very similar to 2; 4, Tawse; 5, Maxwell; 6, Baillie; nothing outstanding in this class. BUFF (15): 1, sp., Martin, fine, short, cobby, neat, and well braced, capital type and qual., in the pink; 2, Paling, nice qual., fine carr., not so deep fronted or thick set, but compact and neat; 3, Devoy, clean cut, fine size, type, good qual. feather, only behind in wing carr. and subs. of head; 4, Webster; 5, Hutchison; 6, Galloway; 7, Naismith; 8, Rosemond. VAR. OR GR. HEN (12): 1, Philip, var. yell., cobby, thick set, full fronted, and well balanced properties, good one, well staged; 2, Roberts, var. buff, plenty size, fine texture feather, fails wing carr., might be fuller in head; 3, Dowell, var. yell., in capital order, fair all-round bird, well staged; 4, Bell; 5, Crawshaw; 6, sp., 7, Stewart; 8, McMillan. NON-FED CK. (10): 1, 2, J. W. Naismith, leader, shapely cl. yell., lovely qual. feather, fine built, and well balanced through, staged in perfect feather and cond.; 2nd, nice cl. buff, in good cond., neat and typical; 3, Godfrey Bros., broken buff gr., nice subs., fine head and neck, nice carr., too fatty-chested; 4, Herd; 5, Pratt; 6, sp, Naismith; 7, Wylie; 8, Wright. HEN (8): 1, sp., 2, Martin, fine var. yell., right for size and subs., well filled front and clean cut away behind, perfect carr., easy win; 2nd, var. buff, fine feather, nice type and subs., but soft when we saw it; 3, Hutchison, griz. cap buff, plenty size and subs., well filled, neat carr., just trifle feathery at thighs, nice stock bird; 4, Naismith; 5, Guthrie; 6, Wright; 7, Pratt; 8, Smith. NOV. CK. (15): 1, Tawse, fine buff, not a monster, but all there for col. and type, A1 qual., many a champion would be proud to breed its equal; 2, Hadley, yell. var., fine hot even col., fine size and nice type, could be better staged; 3, Houston, cl. buff, fine qual. and size, nice, well freed top and front, not quite so short behind; 4, Savage; 5, Holms; 6, sp., Crawford; 7, Blair; 8, sp., Thomson. HEN (10): 1, sp., Tawse, lovely qual., cl. buff, right on top for qual. feather, good head, neck, sweet front, trifle rough at cheeks, but all there, good one; 2, Hadley, large var. yell., nice subs, and type, trifle corded in feather, wants better staging to win; 3, sp., Wylie, cl. buff, smaller built, but short, neat, and cobby, well braced, just fails head and throat; 4, McIntyre; 5, Blair; 6, 8, Pearson; 7, Crawford. UNFLIG. CK., YELL. (8): 1, Picken, light var., top for col., A1 qual. and type, neat and shapely, fine head, neck, well balanced properties, just trifle unsteady, wins well; 2, McEwan and Malton, tck. head, hot col., nice qual., neatly filled, not just so broad across front, but nice creditable exhibit; 3, Martin, sweet cl., not just the weight of those in front, but short, neat, and typical, finely braced, steady, lovely bloom; 4, Maxwell; 5, Laurie; 6, sp., Galloway; 7, Tawse; 8, Herd. BUFF (13): 1, sp., Crawshaw, var., Glasgow and Dist. winner, capital qual., neat, short, and cobby, compact, and well braced, rare stamp; 2, 4, Wright, leader, tick, fair good size and subs., nice carr., not the stamp of winner, lacks the breadth of front; 3, Crawford, var., fine col. and size, nice qual. feather, might be trifle fuller in neck, and more perfect in carr.; 5, Bell; 6, Hutchison; 7, Naismith; 8, Maxwell. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (14): 1, sp., Naismith, head mark yell., massive built, deep broad front, fine head, neck, rare body, and wing carr., Queen's Park winner, in fit order; 2, Maxwell, fine cl., nice even col., fine size and build, neat and typical, well carried, short, neat wings and tail, rather too fat at front; 3, Kelly, smaller built var., short, neat, well filled, made in proportion to size, nice one; 4, sp., Tawse; 5, McMillan; 6, Martin; 7, Crawshaw; 8, Braidwood. BUFF (13): 1, Chalmers, cl., lovely feather, short, compact, broad deep front, fine wings and tail, wins well; 2, Ward, var., well up on leader for size, nice head and neck, fine carr., not just the breadth of front in winner, nice cond.; 3, Braidwood, large cl., fine qual. feather, nice stump of youngster, deserves place; 4, McEwan and Malton; 5, Herd; 6, sp., Martin; 7, McNeill; 8, sp., Hutchison. CINN. NOR (4): 1, 8, Jackson, leader nice jonque, capital feather, nicely braced wings and tail, clean cut, fine qual., best subs. in class, wins nicely; 3rd, nice, typical, fine qual. feather, not so hot col. as 2nd, but more typical and cobby, our choice for that position; 2, Stewart and Dalling, warm col. jonque, nicely pencilled, in fine feather, rather lengthy, and not the subs. of leader; 4, sp., Hope and O'May. YORKS., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Cullen, rare length, fine type and qual., round as a bottle, tight and well drawn, might just be trifle sweeter in head; 2, Macready, grand warm col., fine length, clinking qual., neat and shapely, not quite so tight up in feather, good one; 3, Hurst, not quite so close in feather as we like, but well balanced and shapely; 4, Reilly; 5, Furguson; 6, Park; 7, Ross; 8, Ritchie. BUFF (7): 1, Reilly, tick, plenty size, fine length, good qual. feather, just inclined to draw too much when handled; 2, Peters, cl., capital feather, closed, and more shapely, fine carr., steady, must have run up tight against leader; 3, Hurst, large cinn. mark, capital qual. feather, well drawn, clean cut, deserves its place here; 4, Houston; 5, Macready; 6, Park; 7, Ross. HEN, A.V. (7): 1, Macready, clinking buff, beauty for type and qual., rare bottle shape, clean cut, shapely, and well drawn, staged in lovely feather, and steady cond.; 2, Peters, yell., fine length and good qual., well drawn and typical, rare leg and thigh, just trifle open feather; 3, McRobbie, nice buff, shapely and typical, nicely drawn and clean cut, nice qual. exhibit, runs hard up on 2nd for place; 4, Barr; 5, Reilly; 6, Cullen; 7, Hunter. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 3, Kinnear, leader, cheek mark yell., lovely feather, deep, even, silky qual., shapely, and well drawn, A1 carr. and style; 3rd, lengthy, good qual. and nice shape, rare leg and sweet carr., just fails at front; 2, Reilly, fine qual. buff, nicely rounded and beautifully tapered, neat carr and style, in fine trim, nicely placed; 4, Pinnock; 5, 7, Ferguson; 6, McRobbie; 8, Hurst.

BORD. YELL. COCK (15): 1, B.F.C. medal, 5, Hyslop, stunner, correct style and weight, grand head and front, A1 wing carr., sweetly drawn, shade warm in col.; 5, well drawn, and lovely order, beaten in neck; 2, Gentleman, sweet one for type, well known, fine weight and style, fails in bloom to-day; 3, Marshall, shade plainer, but lovely front, grand style; 4, Lambie; a grand class, well judged; vhc, Strachan; he, Montgomery; c, Simpson. BUFF (17): 1, Grubb, good one, lovely weight, fine head, grand front, splendid wing carr., rare bloom and col. for a buff, popular win, runner up for medal; 2, Coventry, good style, well drawn, fine weight, shade plain in back, and not so well burnished, grand action; 3, Voy, good one, lovely bloom, shorter in taper than winners, but fine head and front, grand trim; 4, Shields; 5, Gilchrist; vhc, Campbell; he, Nairn; c, Briggs. CL. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Wallace, sweet, grandly drawn and neat body, and fine col. and finish, rare head and neck, taking exhibit; 2, Laidlaw, longer in taper and well balanced, grand wing carr., beaten on head and neck; 3, Lambie, grand body and lovely wing carr., fails in bloom; 4, Cairney; 5, Philip; vhc, McGhee; he, Henderson; c, Dewar; a good class all over. BUFF (14): 1, Arnott, grand weight, fine head and front, rare wing carr., well drawn, in fine order; 2, 4, Nairn, pair of hot ones, leader the best in bloom, grand weight, lovely head and front, well drawn; 3, Gilchrist, marvel for feather, like marble, fine style and grand taper, a shade lighter in build than winners; 5, Broadfoot; vhc, Strachan; he, Campbell; c, Voy. UNEV., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Strachan, good one, grand weight, rare head and front, extra good in body, well rounded all over, shown to perfection; 2, Henderson, well known winner, grand stamp, but beaten here in head and polish; 3, vhc, Arnot, good one, fine weight, extra good shape, shade longer in feather, grand bloom; 4, Fraser; 5, Broadfoot; he, Wallace; c, Cunningham. BUFF (7): 1, Arnot, good one, well known, as fit as ever, exceedingly well put down; 2, Murray, nice stamp, good body, rare head and wing carr., not so well rounded as winner; 3, Lambie, good stamp, grand front and head, rare wing carr., shade longer in feather; 4, Grubb; 5, Cunningham; vhc, Strachan; he, Campbell. GR. BORD. (9): 1, 2, Lambie, leader the old champion, grand col. and markings, solid throughout, showing signs of age, but put down in masterly fashion; 2, veil., shade lighter than winner, but equal in col. and markings; 3, 4, Johnstone, good buff and yell., leader a gem for type and qual., extra well burnished up, and correct size; 5, Murray; vhc, Marshall; he, Nairn; c, Service. CINN. (10): 1, Lambie, good buff, deep pure col., pencilling, and rare shape, extra good qual. throughout; 2, Arnot, buff, beaten in back-work, but fine col. and type; 3, Arnot, grand yell., sweet shape, pure col., extra good in pencilling, well worth its place; 4, no name; 5, Marshall, as good as any, grand shape and rare qual., rather heavy in pencilling, but good ground col.; vhc, Philip; he, Kernohan; c, Gentleman. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Dixon, good yell., 5-point Goldie, in full bloom, sweet shape, grand col. and markings, well staged; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, var. yell., rare size, grand col. and qual., well put down, loses in markings; 3, 4, Heron, Goldie-Bullie and a Linnet-Bullie, two gems for col. and qual., but a shade on the small side, well staged; 5, Pirrie. DARK (16): 1, Gilchrist, well-known yell. Goldie, grand size and rare col. and markings, well put down, wins; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, romping yell. Linnet, well pencilled, full of col., sweet shape, lovely qual.; 3, Craig, nice yell. Greenie, grand bloom, fine bold head, rare wings, well put down; 4, Lyall; 5, Johnston; good class, carefully handled; vhc, Johnston; he, Dickson; c, Scobie. GOLDF. (20): 1, Wallace, gem, grand all over, dense sq. cut blaze, fine nap, splendid tannings, good buttons and fine size, lovely qual., in rare bloom, good win; 2, Guthrie and Son, equal in body, lovely tone of colour, but a shade narrow in head, rare cut blaze, pure in col., in fine order; 3, Stewart and Dalling, good one, well burnished up, but not so pure in colour, equal in size and condition; 4, Hobbs Bros., sweet, grand qual., lovely cut blaze, shade duller in body col.; 5, Watson; a grand class all over, which contained 2 sets of winners; vhc, Cowan; he, Millar; c, Harcombe. FOR. GOLDF. (20): 1, Mills, good one, H.M., fine size, grand tone of col., pure clean cut cheeks, lovely tannings, fine dense face, A1 cut blaze, grand size, lovely qual., well staged; 2, Wallace, grand square cut blaze, great head and good cheeks, fine body col., well defined wing bars, rather short in build, F.M.; 3, Cowan, good stamp, fine size, good face, nice tannings and wing flights, scarcely so dense on gap as winners; 4, Johnston, good one for col., fine pure coloured face, well buttoned, fails a shade in size, good qual.; 5, Adams; vhc, McDonald; he, Steel Bros.; c, Cunningham. BRIT. BULLF. (9): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, good one, fine depth of col., well carried down, shade dark on back, but grand cap and bib, big bold head, in fine order; 2, Hannah, good F.M., sweet crimson shade, well carried, bold wing bars and good size, fails in cap and bib; 3, Wallace, sweet shape, lovely col., not so well cut below, and beaten in cap; 4 Jeffrey and Stevenson; 5, Holliway; vhc, Parker; he, Steel Bros.; c, Brown. GREEN. (11): 1, Gentleman, Whitehaven winner, in full bloom, grand shaped Greenie, well up in size, A1 qual., lovely tone of col., shows to perfection; 2, Campbell, romping non fed, grand bold head and rare shape, inclined to be smutty in col., or would be a champion, well staged; 3, Pirrie, sweet one, grand shape, lovely head and front, rare col. and finish, beaten in size; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 5, Stewart and Dalling; vhc, Cowan; he, Hope and May; c, Juran. LINNET (19): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, good one, gem for lacing, grand size, lovely qual., sweet tone of col., plenty of breast work, good flights, well staged; 2, Downie, rare order, clearly pencilled, lovely tone of col., teeming with qual., in rattling order; 3, McIntyre, good stamp, close up in markings, and equal in size, fails a shade in flights; 4, Cowan, good size, fine shape, not so rich in ground col., and fails a little in flank markings, well burnished up; 5, vhc, Parker; a good class; he, Livingston; c, Ritchie. SISKIN (16): 1, Calder, topper for shape, grand all over, good cap and bib, lovely flank markings, exceedingly well fed, nicely staged; 2, McEwen, good non-fed, rare size, nice cap and bib, plenty lacing, shade rough in feather, still a grand one; 3, Dixon, lovely yell., sweet size, good cap, nicely mkd., shade rough on back, grand style; 4, McGilivray, sweet fed bird, bit small in head and faint bib, good feather, shows well, well placed; 5, Crone; vhc, Steel Bros.; he, Hope and O'May; c, McGavin. LINNET, F.M. (27): 1, Watt, stunner, great size, lovely tone of col., bold head and front, lovely pencilling, steady as a rock, well staged, popular win; 2, Lambie, close up, as large as winner, grand Nor. stamp, but fainter in pencilling, good col., well staged; 3, Gentleman, sweet one, lovely tone of col., rare bloom, scarcely so good in lacing, but very distinct, grand style, well shown; 4, Robson, good stamp, fine lacing and well up in size, fails in flights to winners; 5, Telfer; vhc, Lyall; he, McQuistou and Patterson; c, Ritchie. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (13): 1, McQuiston and Patterson, tip-top Twite, grand size, rare col., fine pencilling, good flights, well polished up; 2, Gentleman, fine mealy, lovely feather, good cap and bib, sweet tone of col., nicely laced; 3, Graham, Twite, well up in size, finely pencilled, shade dark in col., grand feather, good all round; 4, McMilan; 5, Calder; vhc, Watson; he, Millar; c, Lyall. LESSER REDPOLL (18): 1, Lyall, sweet, rare shape, good tone of col., fine cap and bib, nicely laced, grand shape, teeming with qual.; 2, Arnott, clinker for size and shape, rare head and front, lovely type, fine lacing, good back and wings, shade rougher in finish; 3, Gentleman, good one, scarcely so large, but good col. markings, sweet style; 4, Hannah, nice stamp, good tone of col., fails in markings, grand cap; 5, Priest; vhc, Lambie; he, McEwen and Mattman; c, McQuiston and Patterson. SMALL (8): 1, Clark, nice Wagtail, good col. and qual., well staged; 2, Craig, sweet Yellowhammer, fine size, A1 markings, lovely order, well put down; 3, vhc, Morrison, lovely little Jenny Wren, artistically put down, interesting exhibit; 4, Stobbs Bros., sweet Bearded Tit; 5, McQuiston and Patterson, good Meadow Bunting; he, Jopping; c, Smith. LARGE (7): 1, Adams, tip-top Blackbird, grand size and col., well shown; 2, Clark, lovely Hawfinch, sweet size, in lovely order, well put down; 3, Morrison, nice Waxwing, well up in size, grand colour; 4, Craig, Hawfinch; 5, Henderson; vhc, McCloy; c, McAllister. HEN FOR BREEDING (16): 1, McGavin, lovely Chaffie, rare size, extra good qual., off feather, well staged; 2, McQuiston and Patterson, sweet Bullie, in grand order, nice col., good cap and bib; 3, Craig, romping hen Greenie, rare size, lovely tone of col., grand flights, shown in rattling order; 4, Gentleman, sweet Yellowhammer; 5, Lyall, Linnet; vhc, Telfer; he, Downie; c, Stevenson. FOR. (9): 1, Muir, Electus Parrot in full bloom; 2, Fraser, sweet pair of Roscila Parrakeets; 4, 5, he, McCready, 3rd Black-faced Love Bird in grand trim; 4, Craig, good pair of Diamond Sparrows; vhc, Pirrie; c, Parker.

WINSFORD C.B.S.

Show held Dec. 26, in the North Western Railway Club Rooms. 70 to 80 very good class exhibits turned up. Canaries were not quite so numerous as usual, but quality was very good. A grand buff Yorks. winning special best Canary. Brit. and Mules were very good, and competition keen all through. A very pretty Siskin took sp. for best seedeater. A very large variegated yell. Goldf.-Can. won sp. best Mule. The rooms are eminently suitable for a show, and quite the best in the district. Mr. S. S. Brooks, hon. sec., had all matters well in hand, and Mr. Chas. Houlton judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, J. Perry, fine, slim, variegated, well up and tight, 3rd, slim cl., fine type, not quite so good in wings; 2, Tomkinson, fine slim, well drawn, nat. col.; 4, E. Weedall; vhc, T. Weedall. BUFF: 1, 2, E. Weedall, 1st, excels in every point, spl., best Canary, a grand bird; 3, T. Weedall, beaten in style. HENS: 1, J. Perry, good big buff; 2, 3, E. Weedall, yell., fine bird, bit soft, 3rd, very grand Gold. buff, small; 4, T. Weedall. UNFLIG.: 1, J. Perry; 2, E. Weedall, promising yell and buff. NOR. YELL.: 1, J. Davies, fine type. BUFF: 1, H. Siddall, grand cobby bird. HENS: 1, 3, J. Davies, big, bold, buff green, rare, good col., etc.; 2, Siddall, very compact cl. yell., A1 condition. GOLDF. (9): Very nice lot. 1, Brooks, good expansive blaze, clean cut, nice moons, bars and plenty body tan, fine shape, body, etc.; 2, vhc, Bennett, rather lighter in body feather, good shape, colour, and con.; 3, he, c, Robinson, nice trio, latter bird might have won, but had knocked left wing, long flights out; 4, Hatton. BULLF. (6) 1, 4, A. Weedall, leader wins on all round condition; 2, 3, vhc, Robinson, very neat trio, in fine condition; he, Siddall. LINNET (9): Linnets always very good here. 1, Brooks, remarkably perfect F.M., tight as a Java, very large and grand wagon-horse shape, etc., very steady, and shows A1. 2, Bennett, similar type, H.M., pale, nice markings, hardly so silky as first to-day; 3, J. Perry, long, slim bird, very nice condition; 4, J. Davies; vhc, he, Hatton; G. Clarke. REDPOLL (open) (10): Fine lot of Mealies in this class. 1, 3, he, Siddall, 1st, stands well away, grand mealy all over; 2, Robinson, well moulted mealy, bit smaller, fine condition; 4, J. Davies; vhc, Hatton; c, J. Perry. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Siddall, perfect Siskin, takes sp. best seedeater; 2, vhc, Hatton, good colour, Twite, nice trim; 3, he, A. Weedall, nice nat. col. Siskin. A.O. SEEDEATER: 1, Robinson, good Chaffinch. SOFTBILL: 1, Tomkinson, very fine bold young Thrush, well spotted. LIGHT MULE: 1, Siddall, very large variegated yell. Goldf.-Can. DARK: 1, 3, Robinson, fine Greenf.-Can, and large buff Goldf.-Can., fine condition; 2, J. Davies, bonny buff Linnet-Can., tight; 4, Bennett. FOR.: 1, 2, Tomkinson, fine Bishop and a neat pair of Cutthroats. STOCK (7): 1, 3, E. Weedall; 2, he, J. Perry; 4, vhc, Tomkinson.

Northern Crest Club's Second Venture.

SUPERB COLLECTION OF CRESTS.

The second open venture of the Northern Crest Club, held Jany. 1, has come, and has turned out a success, as was to be expected, when in such capable hands as those of its worthy sec., Mr J. G. Hutchinson. With a lengthy experience as joint sec. and as show manager for the Newcastle C.B.S., he brought that experience and his own remarkable personality to bear upon the N.C.C.'s show, with a result that, from a Crest Fancier's point of view, left nothing to be desired. Through his own efforts, a schedule of wonderful worth was got together, with specials overlapping each other in general profusion. In addition there was a subscription list exceeding £14, which ought to be a grand stand-by in case of need. The entry was not what might have been expected in response to such generosity, though equal in numbers to that of the first venture. Champion classes provided 114 birds in 12 classes, and the novices 24 for two classes. The total entry was 220. The Scottish National Show being held on the same day would possibly have an adverse effect upon the entries; however, there was some excellent quality. It is almost an impossibility to single out any particular birds for special mention; but it is almost impossible not to mention Mr. George Dobson's old champion Crest cock, a winner at many shows; he has again added another to his long list of honours. Then Mr. Broad's famous hen was there; she is well known, and has had many wins to her credit, and here again the judge singled her out for many honours. She won the J. Ford Maling challenge cup for best old Crest or C.B. exhibited by a member of N.C.C., the china tea service, also given by Mr. Maling for best member's Crest, 5/- by Mr. F. W. Burnett for best Crest open, and the case of carvers by Mr. Anderson for best old Crest. Mr. A. J. Smith's yell. Crest and yell. C.B. also deserve especial mention, as do the same exhibitors' young birds, 1st in young Crests and 2nd young C.B. In fact, this exhibitor put down one of the finest teams of birds it has been our pleasure to see for a long time, accounting for four 1st and two 2nd. This would doubtless have been more but, having entered two or three birds in duplicate classes, there was no objection raised and upheld by the committee. The young Crest class was the strongest, and contained some excellent specimens, and when it is considered that Mr. Martin's Gateshead winner was out of the tickets, it may be readily understood that there were some eye-openers. Many seemed to prefer Mr. Martin's second to the winner, and though we agree with the judge's decision, no one could have grumbled if they had been reversed. They are both birds of exceptional merit. The young Crestbreds, though only numbering 11, was a very strong class for quality, and was well headed by Mr. Y. L. Martin's wing tkd., closely followed by Mr. A. J. Smith's variegated, another bird which has a promising future. The novices turned out some very creditable examples. Norwich turned up well in numbers, but the other classes were not exceptionally well supported. The Bird Market is very centrally situated, and is the Saturday meeting-place for fanciers for many miles round. It forms a nice room for a show, and the club is to be congratulated upon securing it for its show. This year it was a trifle cold, but was free from draughts, and the birds all seemed well, and none the worse for the elements, which were very unpropitious. The sec. was ably supported by a band of willing helpers, amongst whom we noticed Mr. T. Robson, chair; Mr. W. F. Swan, vice; and the members of committee present were: Messrs. Farrer, Riseborough, Armstrong, G. Dobson, Bewick (R. S.), Coutts, Mole. A familiar figure we missed was that of Mr. Cuthbert Dobson, who we were sorry to hear from his son George is far from well; he made his last entry as an exhibitor at this show. Failing health is preventing him from following his hobby. We trust that in his retirement better health may be given to him. Pres. Mr. J. Ford Maling was present, and looking keenly at the specimens. What a pleasure it would be to see this gentleman amongst the breeders and exhibitors of the Crested variety once again! It is years ago that he was amongst them with his birds, and it seems as though his enthusiasm has not waned. The judges were Mr. J. Brotherton, Crests: and Mr. T. Dixon, Linnet classes and members'. Their awards were well received.

D.C. BUFF CK. (7): 1, George Dobson, the old champion, one of the best, large round crest, very broad, leafy feather, well drooped; 2, Smith, cl. body dark, equal in size and shape of crest., but not same class of feather, bigger body; 3, R. S. Bewick, big as either, crest of good shape and density, but not so good centre; 4, Dickinson Bros.; vhc, Richardson; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Jeffries. LIGHT, ETC. (7): 1, Smith, well shaped crest, grey, not one of the largest, well radiated from closely packed centre; 2, Lister, cl. crest, larger both in body and size of crest, not so good in centre, looks to be deficient in feathers towards the back; 3, c, Hutchinson, variegd. Crest, well shaped, better behind than in front; 4, Dickinson Bros.; vhc, Swan; hc, Gillespie. D.C. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Broad, champion foul green, big in body as most cocks, splendidly shaped massive crest, close packed centre, perfect droop; 2, Hutchinson, another big-bodied hen with a large crest, very heavily feathered, not so good in shape, inclined to horn behind; 3, G. Dobson, not so big as 2nd, but better shape, splendid veiny feather, might have gone one up; 4, J. Taylor; vhc, Mrs. Taylor; hc, R. S. Bewick; c, Richardson. YELL. CREST (6): 1, Smith, variegd. good yell., nice sized crest of good formation, fine broad feather for a yell.; 2, J. Taylor, not quite so big, but very neat, almost green, grand shape and centre; 3, Richardson, D.C., mkd. wing, bigger body and larger crest, not so good in centre nor so good a shape; 4, Jeffries; vhc, Farrer; hc, Hutchinson. YELL. C.B. (6): 1, Smith, foul green, champion yell., head equal to many buffs, fine wide entrance, turnover more than covers a half-crown; 2, J. Taylor, monster for a yell., good head, well lashed, good entrance; 3, E. Richardson, variegd., good broad entrance, well domed head and well lashed; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, R. S. Bewick; hc, R. W. Mole. C.B. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Broad, variegd., good heavy bird, broad skull, well packed head, broad entrance, nice rise, good lashing; 2, Hugill, a big one, broad entrance, good rise and turnover; 3, J. Taylor, variegd., little narrower in entrance, broad behind, well packed head, nicely domed; 4, Gillespie; vhc, Cuthbert Dobson; hc, Smith; c, Hutchinson. HEN (6): 1, vhc, R. S. Bewick, big broad head, well packed with dense leafy feather, good browing; 2, Lister, lovely hen, big head, good broad entrance broad feather of good length; 3, Hugill, variegd., fine size, beautifully shaped head, well packed head, good rise; 4, Hutchinson; hc, Mrs. T. Taylor. YOUNG CREST BUFF (22), a strong class: 1, vhc, c, Smith, beauty, wing mkd. D.C., splashed on breast, beautiful round crest radiating from a fine centre, very broad leafy feather; 2, Martin, green, foul tail, some thought should have won, smaller body, but crest equal in size, probably denser feather, very little divides them; 3, Lawson, D.C., cl. body, big crest, nice leafy feather, split a little at front; 4, Mrs. Taylor; hc, Lister. BUFF (11): 1, Martin, spl. best C.B. over old birds, a truly marvellous youngster, fine bold head, grand brows and very lengthy turnover; 2, Smith, splendid turnover, bred from the yellow C.B. which shows that yellow blood does not shorten feather; 3, c, G. Dobson, a big bold head, nice broad entrance and long feather, good rise; 4, Broad; vhc, Jeffries; hc, J. Taylor. CREST YELL. (5): 1, Lister, Grizzled Crest, beautiful feather, nice dense crest, round as a coin; 2, Mole, variegd. D.C., good yell., well shaped, not so dense; 3, Lawson, good yell., not so long in front, shows too much beak; 4, Bewick. C.B. YELL. (10): 1, T. Bewick, big variegd., wide entrance, nice rise, long feather; 2, Hutchinson, almost gr., larger, good headpiece, not quite equal in turnover, but good; 3, 4, R. S. Bewick, lightly variegd., not so good in head properties as leaders, but nice loug feather; vhc, c, Smith; hc, Jeffries. NOV. CREST (11): 1, vhc, Simpson, big bouncing bird, with big round crest, well packed up to centre; 2, hc, Charlton, big crest, not quite so shapely, inclined to be egg-shaped, but very dense; 3, 4, Redpath, 3rd not so big, but nice shape, good centre; c, Morrison. C.B. (13): 1, Charlton, almost gr., huge head, good entrance, rise, and nicely domed; 2, Simpson, big bird, even broader bead than winner, nicely lashed, good broad entrance; 3, Tait, longer head, but narrower, good length of feather; 4, Bissett; vhc, Redpath; hc, Morrison; c, Bissett. PAIRS (10): 1, 3, G. Dobson, 1st nicely balanced pair, splendid shaped Crest cock to a fine bold-headed C.B. hen, a likely pair; 3rd, fine broad-headed C.B. cock, grand entrance and good rise, to a hen with an ideal crest to breed with; 4, vbc, T. Bewick; hc, Swan; c, R. S. Bewick. GIFT (14): 1, Gillespie; 2, Jeffries; 3, Scott; 4, Farrer; 5, Dickinson Bros.; 6, T. Robson; 7, R. S. Bewick; 8, Morrison; 9, Simpson. MEMB. NOR. (23): 1, c, Jeffries, good buff, easy win; 2, Morrison, nice qual. yell., good body, little pinched in head; 3, Hutchinson, unflig. yell., nice size and shape, might have been better in head; 4, hc, Newton; vhc, Morrison. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Riseborough, leader cl. buff, good style, not one of the longest, but very neat; 2, 3, longer birds, both yell., lacking in shape and finish; 4, vhc, c, Swan. CINN. (6): 1, 2, Soutts, good yell. leading, nice size, good head and excellent feather; 2nd, also yell., larger bird, loses in qual.; 3, Scott, buff, not so large; fair shape and qual.; 4, vbc, Riseborough. BORD. (11): 1, Coutts, sweet shape, good head, correct carr., nicely piped tail; 2, hc, Dickinson Bros., yell., good head, nicely filled back, good legs; 3, c, Hutchinson, sweet little bird, good type; 4, R. S. Bewick; vhc, Swan. A.O.V. (4): All Riseborough; 1, nicely rowed silver; 2, broken cap silver; 3, 4, nice birds, but not equal to first in spangle. BRIT.: 1, Newton, fair sized Linnet; 2, Riseborough, good big Hawfinch; 3, Riseborough, fair Greenie; 4, Redpath, smaller Greenie; vhc, hc, Riseborough; c, T. Robson. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Coutts, Dk. Linnet mule; 2, 3, Riseborough, Dk. Greenie and Dk. Goldie; 4, T. Robson, Dk. Redpoll.

UPPER RHONDDA.

Very successful show held headquarters, Cardiff Arms Hotel, Dec. 9. Over 120 birds faced the judges. Yorks. and Bords. were a grand lot. Five medals kindly given by Mr. E. Richards were competed for. Messrs. Richards and Watts judged Canaries, and Messrs. Buze and Rowland, British and Mules, their awards being well received.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Davies; 2, James; 3, 4, Thomas. BUFF: 1, 3, Curtis; 2, Thomas; 4, Davies. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Curtis; 2, Thomas; 3, James. BUFF: 1, sp., Watts; 2, Powell; 3, Thomas; 4, Curtis. UNFLIG. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Watts; 3, Curtis; 4, Thomas. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, 4, Richards; 3, Davies. YELL. BORD.: 1, sp., Thomas; 2, Richards. BUFF: 1, Richards; 2, 3, Watts; 4, Thomas. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Richards. GOLDF., H.M.: 1, Watts; 2, 3, Thomas; 4, Curtis. F.M.: 1, sp., Curtis; 2, Thomas; 3, Davis. BULLF.: 1, 3, Davies; 2, Curtis; 4, Powell. LINNET: 1, 4, Davies; 2, Jones; 3, Powell. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Davis; 3, Powell. A.O. HARD.: 1, 4, Jones; 2, 3, Powell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp., 4, Jones; 2, Davis; 3, Powell.—E. Thomas, Sec.



FALKIRK (Good Intent).

Fourth annual show, held Dec. 13, when a grand entry was put forward, especially in Norwich and British. Quality was well above the average for a confined show, some real champion Norwich gracing the benches. Crests were a grand lot, the medal winner being a real beauty. Bords. were not numerous, but a few good birds of nice type and qual. were staged. British were a choice lot; the medal for best went to a clinking Hawfinch staged to perfection. The hall has a good light, and is free from draughts, and the staging was nicely arranged round the sides, top, and down the centre. The society is blessed with a capable set of officials, headed by Mr. J. Muir, pres., and the worthy sec., Mr. Clarkson, and a hard-working committee, who one and all worked like Trojans. The judges were: Nor., Mr. R. Martin, Kirkintilloch; Bords., Mr. G. Brown, Leith. Brit., Mr. R. V. Raine, Cathcart, and they got through their work in good time, their awards being well received.

YOUNG BIRDS, NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Smart, nice clear, cobby shape, lovely col.; 2, Clarkson, another nice one, shade longer behind, grand order; 3, 4, Woodhouse, beaten head, nice frontal, capital wings; 5, Corbett; 6, Hutton; 7, Ross; 8, Penman. BUFF (9): 1, sp., Marshall, bouncing cl., best of heads, capital frontal; 2, 3, sp., Woodhouse, 2nd, close up to winner, A1 cnt. and col.; 3rd, beaten in col. only, well placed; 4, Winstone; 5, Hunter; 6, Clarkson; 7, Smart; 8, Ovenstone. A.O.C. CK. (12): 1, 8, M'Naughton, mkd. eye, neck, and wings, clinker for type and col., wins; 2, Ovenstone, capital variegd., teeming with qual.; 3, Woodhouse, mkd. both eyes and wings, grand subs., lovely front; 4, Corbett; 5, Dougall; 6, Aitken; 7, Smart. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hutton, lovely cl., leading, beautiful front and head, nice wings; 2, Smart, foul on head, grand shape, excels qual.; 3, 7, Woodhouse, wing mkd., gem for type and qual.; 4, 5, Ovenstone; 6, Leishman; 8, Richardson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Reid, beauties, leader excels head, well rounded front; 2nd, good subs. and shape, nice wings; 3, 5, Woodhouse, fine cobby shape, neat head and wings, capital bloom; 4, Ross; 6, Hunter; 7, Ovenstone; 8, Smart. A.O.C. HEN (4): 1, sp., Davie, grand eye, neck, and wing mkd., beauty for type and col.; 2, M'Naughton, head, eye, and wing mkd., bouncer for size and shape, rattling col.; 3, Corrie, close up, lovely qual. and shape, well placed; 4, Smart; 5, Muir; 6, Clarkson; 7, Marshall; 8, Hunter. NON-FED CK. (10): 1, Woodhouse, yell. cl., good type and qual., rare frontal; 2, Clubb, lovely head and shape, best of wing carr., shade rough in feather; 3, Walker, nice variegd., rare cobby shape, well put down; 4, Ovenstone; 5, Moreland; 6, Thomson; 7, Wm. Thomson. HEN (7): 1, Reid, good head and frontal, fine shape and subs., perfect wing carr.; 2, Clubb, gem of a buff, nice type and qual., must have pressed; 3, 4, Ovenstone, capital variegd. buff, well rounded front, grand order; 5, Burke; 6, M'Naughton; 7, Thomson. CREST CK. (9): 1, M'Dougall, wing mkd. D.C., capital formation, nice centre; 2, Davie, similar, beautiful headpiece, close up; 3, sp., Bishop, wing mk., grandly formed crest, of nice leafy feather; 4, Whytock; 5, 7, Williamson; 6, Burnett; 8, M'Naughton. HEN (8): 1, medal, best Crest, Bishop, a beauty, grand subs., well rounded crest, wins; 2, M'Naughton, heavy variegd., fails crest, grand body snhs.; 3, Whytock, mkd. left wing D.C., nice formation and droop; 4, Williamson; 5, Moir; 6, Angus; 7, Burnett. C.B. CK. (8): 1, sp, Moir, head and wing mkd., rare size and subs., wealth of head feather; 2, Williamson, variegd., grand skull, nicely browed; 3, sp., Davie, nearly gr., fine body subs., abundance of feather; 4, Whytock; 5, Bishop; 6, Smart; 7, Williamson. C.B. HEN (11): 1, 8, M'Naughton, lots of feather, great subs., massive skull; 2, 4, Whytock, eye, neck, and wing mkd., well up in size, lacks the skull of leader; 3, Bishop, grand variegd., capital entrance, nice subs.; 5, Beaton; 6, Angus; 7, Burnett. BORD. CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (4): 1, medal, best Bord., Reid, foul on head, finely shaped body, good wing and tail carr.; 2, Bishop, lovely cl., shade thin on neck, nice qual.; 3, Jamieson, nice stamp, fails wing carr.; 4 Berry. BUFF (8): 1, Smart, grand type and qual., neat head and front; 2, 4, Reid, close up, fine weight, nicely drawn; 3, Berry, true to type, capital qual., inclined to cross wings; 5, M'Dougall; 6, Smart; 7, Berry. A.O.V. CK. (10): 1, Gentleman, eye and wing mkd. buff, nice type, good close feather; 2, Gray, capital even mkd. buff, nice qual. and subs.; 3, Berry, typical yell. variegd., good wing and tail carr.; 4, 5, Spence; 6, Reid; 7, M'Dougall; 8, Jamieson. CL. OR TKD. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Berry, neat head and front, well-carried wings, broken feather in tail; 2, Jamieson. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Reid, beauty for shape and qual., well-balanced wings, neat pipe tail; 2, Bishop, grandly rounded head, fails front, capital feather; 3, Berry, good stamp, well rounded back, nice order, well placed; 4, Gray; 5, Gentleman. A.O.V. HEN (10): 1, 2, Berry, leader, mkd. yell., nice type and qual., neat wings; 2nd, head and wing mkd. buff, neat head and front; 3, Jamieson, typical, yell. variegd., sweet head and wings; 4, Gray; 5, Gentleman; 6, 7, Reid; 8, Spence. CL., ETC.: MULE (4): 1, Ovenstone; 2, Moreland; 3, Baird; 4, Reid. DARK (14): 1, 5, Reid; 2, 4, Bell; 3, 6, M'Dougall; 7, Richardson; 8, Bain. OLD BIRDS, NOR. CK., COL. FED. (20): 1, M'Naughton, rare size and col., teeming with qual.; 2, Smart, lovely variegd., fine bold head and front; 3, Clubb, clinking cl., good head and wings; 4, 8, Hutton; 5, Clarkson; 6, Hunter; 7, Clarkson. HEN (14): 1, sp, Smart, grand eye, neck, and wing mkd., A1 col. and qual.; 2, Clarkson, grand shape, level col., fine head; 3, Herd, mkd. right wing, model for shape and qual., close up; 4, Ovenstone; 5, Leishman; 6, no name; 7, Milne; 8, no name. CK., NON-FED (12): 1, Woodhouse, capital buff, rare subs., grand qual.; 2, Corrie, charming yell., fine cobby shape, neat head; 3, Moreland, another good yell., best of head and wings; 4, Burnett; 5, Penman; 6, Thomson; 7, Boslem; 8, Ewart. HEN (18): 1, sp, Clarkson, beauty for type, well rounded head and front, rare wings; 2, Moreland, typical yell., good frontal, nice head; 3, Marshall, shade longer in body, lovely qual. of feather; 4, Ovenstone; 5, Penman; 6, Pearson; 7, Clarkson; 8, Hunter. CREST CK. (5): 1, sp, M'Naughton, wing mkd. D.C., massive headpiece, nicely radiated; 2, Bishop, beautiful crest of nice formation; 3, sp., 4, Davie, dark crest, neat droop and centre; 5, Burnett. HEN (9): 1, M'Naughton, D.C., mkd. wings, plenty of subs.; 2, Moir, slashing green, nicely formed crest; 3, Whytock, varieg., well up in size, thick feathered crest; 4, Beaton; 5, Angus; 6, no name; 7, Hunter; 8, Bishop. C.B. CK. (8): 1, sp., 4, Moir, heavy wing mkd., grand size and subs., fine wide skull; 2, M'Naughton, capital subs., plenty of bead feather; 3, Bishop, variegd. buff, massive skull, nice size; 5, Liddle; 6, Beaton; 7, Burnett. HEN (8): 1, Moir, capital gr., abundance of feather; 2, no name, heavy varieg., well browed; 3, sp., head and wing mkd., A1 size and substance; 4, M'Dougall; 5, M'Naughton; 6, Whytock; 7, Burnett; 8, Thomson. BORD. CK. (7): 1, 3, Reid, nice yell. cl., good stamp, sweet head; 3rd, lovely yell. varieg., nice wing and tail carr.; 2, Gentleman, capital buff cinn., A1 col. and qual.; 4, Spence; 5, Gentleman; 6, Liddle; 7, Jandeson. HEN (9): 1, 3, sp., Gentleman, sweet buff leading, neat head and wings; 3rd, eye and wing mkd. yell., neat and typical; 2, 6, Reid, capital cl. yell., fine shaped body; 4, Gray; 5, Aitken; 7, J. Aitken. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (11): 1, sp., Marshall, charming Goldie leading, capital blaze and tans; 2, Miller, grand capped Bullie, nice breast col.; 3, sp., Clubb, another nice Goldie, fails tanning to leader; 4, Arnott; 5, Thomson; 6, Arnott; 7, Gray, 8, Robertson. LINNET (11): 1, sp., Robertson, grand size, nice breast markings, nice polish; 2, 6, Clubb, nice nutty brown col., shade open in breast; 3, Pearson, capital size, fine pencilling; 4, Leishman, 5, Robertson; 7, Burnett; 8, Baird. GREENF. (12) 1, 2, Burnett, two grandly fed yellows, leader wins on size only; 2nd, polished like satin; 3, Baird, another good one, grand shape and subs.; 4, Gentleman, 5, Reid; 6, Bell; 7, Robertson; 8, Milne. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, sp., Corbett, hot fed Siskin leading, just a little overdone, we think, grand cap and lacing; 2, Gentleman, fine big Mealy Poll, nice flank markings; 3, Thomson, dense coloured Twite, lovely polish; 4, Hunter; 5, Boslem; 6, Baird; 7, Rennet, 8, Herd. LESSER REDPOLL (12): 1, Gentleman, grand col. and bib, nicely mkd. flanks; 2, Corbett, shade smaller, but all there for col. and markings; 3, Bell, clinker for size and col., close up; 4, Thomson; 5, Rennie; 6, Clubb; 7, Burnett. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE (7): 1, Rennie, rare good size and col., fails a little in whites; 2, 6, Robertson, capital Bramble, nice spangling; 3, 7, Burnett, fair sized Chaffie, fails breast col.; 4, Arnott; 5, Gentleman. A.O. HARDBILL (12): 1, medal, best Brit., Gentleman, clinking Hawfinch, staged to perfection; 2, Richardson, grandly mkd. Corn Bunting, nice size, 3, sp., Rennie, well mkd. Yellowhammer, nice V.; 4, 6, Baird; 5, Bell; 7, Clubb; 8, Millar. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Bell, charming Yell. Wagtail, nicely put down; 2, M'Pherson, nicely mkd. Mavis; 3, Millar, good size and col.; 4, J. Millar. MULE (10): 1, 7, Herd, grand big Linnet Mule, beauty for col.; 2, Baird, Redpoll-Bullf. cross, taking exhibit, on the small side; 3, Bell, lightly mkd. yell. Goldie Mule, capital cond.; 4, Ovenstone; 5, Reid; 6, Aitken; 8, Arnott. FOR. (10): 1, 3, medal best For., Arnott, lovely Crimson Finch leading, staged to perfection; 3rd, charming Fruit Sucker, shining like satin; 2, Reid, capital Goldie, grand blaze, fine wing bars and buttons; 4, Ovenstone; 5, M'Pherson; 6, Richardson; 7, 8, M'Pherson. HYB. PAIRS (9): 1, Thomson, fine big Goldie and Bullie hen, with luck should breed something good; 2, Ovenstone, good sized Canary and Bullie hen; 3, Corbett, good looking Goldie and Bullie hen; 4, Thomson; 5, Reid; 6, Baird; 7, Millar, 8, Gentleman. HEN HARDBILL (13): 1, Leishman, capital Bullie hen, nice cap and col.; 2, Thomson, nice Hawfinch; 3, Robertson, grandly mkd. Corn Bunting; 4, Richardson; 5, Thomson; 6, Wm. Thomson; 7, Millar; 8, Hird.

STOCKSBRIDGE.

Annual members' show, held Dec. 27, in the National Schoolroom. Entries did not turn up as well as wished, several of the most prominent members holding back. With a fair amount of members on the books, and several new faces ready to throw in their lot, Stocksbridge, with union, ought to present a good show. In Mr. G. L. Sampson no society could be better served with a sec; he is practical, enthusiastic, and courteous to the extreme. Others, "good and true" who rendered capital assistance were Messrs. W. Moore, R. Bradshaw, and W. Webb. We were very pleased to meet that over forty years' fancier, Mr. J. Evans, the noted Crest breeder. He wears well, and was in the pink. Yorks were a nice collection, with a fair assortment of Norwich, and a nice lot of Brit. and Crests. Special best in show, and spl. best Yorks. went to a clear yell. cock owned by Mr. G. L. Sampson; Nor., Mr. Tattersall, with a good yellow mkd. cock; Brit., Mr. Bradshaw, a prettily mkd. and good coloured Chaffinch. Staging was neatly carried out, and birds well attended to. Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, judged.

YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, sp., 2, Sampson, winner a gem of a clear. BUFF (6): All prizes, Sampson, 1st, full of true character, shooty, and waxy in feather. HEN (4): Again all to Sampson, a quartette of bonny damsels. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Sampson, very promising cl.; 3, Webb, cl., non-fed, very neat. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, sp., Tattersall, mkd. hen, fine subs., shape, col., and feather; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Moore. BUFF (6): 1, hc, c, Moore, good all through; 2, 3, vhc, Tattersall. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, Bradshaw, smart Redpoll, good in size and markings; 2, 3, Webb, Linnet and Redpoll respectively, neat specimens. HARDBILL (2): 1, sp., 2, Bradshaw, Chaff. and Goldie, both pleasing exhibits. CREST (4): 1, Moore, var. D.C., plenty of feather, neat Crest 2, 3, vhc, Evans, former presser hard. C.B. (4): 1, Moore, buff var., grand head points; 2, 3, vbc, Evans, close up. UNFLIG. BUFF. NOR. (2): 1, Moore, winner should make up into a good specimen with more time.

BIDEFORD F.S.

Annual show held Dec. 3, in the Market Hall. Entries were not large, but quality was of a high order. The birds were staged in two tiers, and the light was very good. Mr. Sing makes an ideal sec., and worked very hard in getting the show up to such a pitch. Mr. Geo. Dix judged.

NOR. (13): 1, sp., Taylor, buff cock, a real good Nor., grand cond., noted winner, good head and full neck, nice chubby body, short tail, wins; 2, 4, Richards, 2 yell., his cup winner, grand bird for a yell., tip-top cond., red-hot col., beautiful qual. of feather, a gem; 3, res, Shaddick, sons of 1st prize buff, two nice exhibits; vhc, hc, c, Nicholls. YORKS. and A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, 4, Richards, 1 buff cinn., Nor. type, bouncer for size, good head and body, nice cinn. col., 2 noted winning buff, real beauty, feathered like wax, beautiful back and body, well up on leg, 4 noted tkd. yell. hen, to-day out of cond.; 3, Collins, jonque cinn., grand size for a yell., hot col, simply grand, only fault a bit slack in feather; res, Fogaty; vhc, Violet; c, Violet. GOLDF. (9): 1, sp., vhc, c, Potter, grand Finch, noted winner, nice blaze, large and square cut, good body and tannings, wins; 2, Dart, good square blaze, of nice col., not quite so nicely tanned a buff; 3, Morgan, beautiful under blaze, of good col., fails top of head to winner; 4, Hughes; c, Dunn. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Collins, noted Hawfinch, grand exhibit, and great winner; 2, Taylor, Greenfinch, a topper, can win in his class, put down in A1 style; 3, Potter, hen Bullie, one of the best hens ever staged, beautiful shape, grand feather, noted winner; 4, Col. Williamson, cock Bullf.; c, Col. Williamson; vbc, Williams.

THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL.

Some Interesting Gossip about Scotland's Great Show.

A Show Amidst Snow.

Snow laid thickly all over the North country, and the weather was rather nippy, but with a little heat going during the night the spacious hall was fairly comfortable in the morning, although some of the Canaries looked a bit "Jumpy" when they faced the judges.

Entries this year numbered slightly over two thousand, although even with this fine collection the officials were somewhat disappointed, as with the inclusion of the Scotch fanciers they hoped to create a record. Unfortunately, there was rather a slump in both Nor. and Yorks. The small entry in the former was rather a surprise, as the National collection of chubby ones has always been one of the best in the country, and has attracted a lot of attention from the admirers of this popular variety. In Yorks the numbers have never been very enormous, but it was hoped that the average would be well maintained. This year there were only two classes of Cinnamons against five of last, so that the "Cinnies" were not quite so well represented. The Hybrids were possibly the finest collection ever seen, even in the North, where the popularity of these birds is well known, and good classes are generally the rule.

Early Birds at the Award Board.

Although a fine morning, a slight fog hung over the city, but this quickly cleared, so that by the time the judging was well under way there was a splendid light all over the huge hall. Quite a crowd collected at the barriers, many of them busy pencilling the winning numbers from the award board fixed at the end of the hall. This is a boon to those seeking early information regarding their entries, and was taken ample advantage of by the morning visitors.

The judging was over in good time, and the show declared open by Councillor Stevenson, who made a very eloquent speech upon the pleasures of bird-keeping. He was supported by Professor Ewart, of Edinburgh University.

Of all the two thousand odd birds on view, none attracted so much attention as Mr. Parlett's Light Hybrid. There was always a crowd of fanciers gathered round it, freely giving their views and discussing its parentage in no gentle tones. As a rule the Scotchmen accepted the bird for what he is reputed to be.

Where the Specials Went.

There was the usual interest evinced in the big specials, particularly the Dewar Shield; the winner proved to be Mr. Crone's Canary-Bullie, followed by Mr. Campbell's Scotch Fancy and Mr. McLaren's fine Crest, both of which secured equal number of points. CAGE BIRDS champion 10s. special was also won by Mr. Crone's Hybrid, the novice 10s. going to Mr. Levick's Goldf.-Can. Other special winners were —Best Nor., McGinn; Crest, McLaren; Hyb., Crone; Scotch Fancy, Campbell; Brit., McQuiston's Chough; Bord., Mr. Hy. Bennett; For., Mr. P. Arnott's Purple Sugar Bird. The Border Cup was won by Mr. J. Rodger.

Norwich were slightly down on last year, but the quality all over was of the very best. A great improvement was shown in quality and wing carriage, not nearly so many of the crossed wing birds being seen as formerly. Some of the classes were simply filled with really grand birds, and the judge had great difficulty in some cases in arriving at a decision owing to the closeness of the exhibits in point of merit. Mention must be made of the really grand team shown by Mr. Joe Thomas (Bradford), nearly every one of his birds being well in the money. Mr. Trengove judged, and his decisions gave satisfaction, very little fault being found with them.

The Scotch Fancy exhibits were forward greatly in excess of last year, and many well-known winners fought their battles over again. Mr. John Dalgleish, of Leith, had a grand team out and captured a fair share of the spoils. The cup for best young bird went to a buff pied hen belonging to Mr. G. T. Campbell, Clydebank, a rare stylish bird. This exhibitor also won spl. for most points over the section. The judges' decisions were well received, and they did well considering the coldness of the hall.

The Yorkshires were not particularly numerous, but some of the best from many of the North Country breeders were on view. They were an exceedingly level lot, just a bird here and there standing out above his fellows. Mr. Mundell was exceedingly patient with them, the nippy air of the big hall naturally affecting some of the birds.

The Green Yorks were a fine collection, being particularly level in type and col. The Norwich Greens were also a wonderfully fine lot, each year is showing a distinct improvement on the last, in both colour and type.

The Crests and Crestbreds made a fine section, grand birds, and every class well filled. The cream was naturally to be found in the old Crested cock class, where the first three or four were all of particularly high merit. The young birds were grand, and contained many future champions. Among them we particularly noticed Mr. McLaren's Crest cock, Mr. Taylor's hen, and Mr. Paul's C.B. hen, all very fine.

Green and Cinnamon Borders were forward in force; some grand birds were out. All the classes were very keenly contested, and carefully handled by Mr. J. Arnot, the well-known Green specialist, who seemed to please the majority.

The Hybrid section, as is usual, was extra good, most of the well-known cracks being forward. The light classes contained the cream of the Fancy, while the dark Mules were really marvellous for size, col. and cond. The Bullfinch Hybrid class was the attraction of the show, the much-discussed Bullie Hybrid being on view. The class for Hybrids from two British birds was very strong, quite a varied and interesting lot. Mr. J. Maddison judged, and his awards seemed well received.

Britishers in Strong Classes.

British birds were slightly down in numbers, but for quality were far in advance of previous events. British Goldies, 20 strong, contained grand specimens, many real cool ones having to fight down. The winner shown by Mr Pringle (Peebles) is a real cl. bird well worthy of his honours. Lancs came forward well, 6/ in two classes, a trifle only in size in balance separating the winners. The Judge must have had a task. Siskins numbered 43 in two classes, this season having been a good one for obtaining them, but the quality on the whole was hardly up to what we have seen here. The class for lid-mounted Redpolls failed to draw the entry of a few years ago, when over 50 appeared, and though a fine display were on view size was not up to that of the last influx. Yellow Buntings were the finest lot we have seen here, even the quality of some which had to take the lesser honours being very high. England has secured a good share of the honours in the British section. The decisions of Mr. J. Sykes and Mr. J. Maddison seemed to be generally approved.

British Softbills were a nice collection, some rare exhibits being forward, especially among the smaller varieties. The winning Chough was a gem, and well put down by Messrs. McQuiston and Patterson. The Foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches were a great show, some gems of the first water being forward. The winning hen Bullfinch has now won a reputation of her own, having headed this class for three years in succession under three different judges!

The Men who did the Work.

One hardly knows what words to use to express properly the general opinion of the management. A big venture like the Scottish National must be managed on lines that leave no loophole for errors. From the arrival of the first bird until the end, everything went as smoothly as it possibly could; no waiting, no hitch anywhere. Mr. R. Craig, as manager, was just in his element; he had a particularly busy time, and carried out his duties in a very capital and efficient manner. As usual, the President, Mr. J. Winter, did yeoman service; he was always busy, yet always to hand when wanted. His assistance was invaluable. Every one of the committee realised that it was a National show they were running, and they each gave of their best. Among them were Messrs. Rodger, Finnie, Todd, Easter, Smart, Hoyle, Gourlay, Nelson, May, Spence, Turnbull, Carson, Morris, Cooper, Brown, Hutchinson, Murray, Stormont, Carlton, Allan, Paterson, Lile, Petrie, Sinclair, and McNiven. The duties of the secretarial offices were undertaken by Mr. J. R. Meikle, and in him the society have a most careful and painstaking worker. His duties were arduous, but were carried out with a zeal that left nothing to be desired. He had valuable assistance from his brother, Mr. D. Meikle.

The whole of the birds were well tended, and we heard no complaint of any kind. Miss Peddy Waddell (looking bright and bonny) had the foreign birds under her care, and their appearance testified to the excellence of her attentions.

The judges were Messrs. T. Trengove (Norwich), J. Young (Crests), J. Carson, J. Hogg, A. Hamilton, J. A. Stewart (Scots.), J. F. Dewar (Belgs.), W. Mossie, T. Arnot (Borders), W. Mundell (Yorks.), T. W. Walton (Rollers), J. Maddison (Hybrids), and part Brit., J. Sykes (British), and L. J. Arrighi (foreign). Their awards generally were very well received.

CAGE BIRDS stall was in its usual place, and there was a steady demand for plates, booklets, etc. Mackay and Sons had a fine collection of cages, beautifully made and finished. They also had on view some specially made light wood carriers, with strong steel corners, and special fasteners, for which they have a good demand. Messrs. Baron and Co.'s "Kosy Karriers" attracted a lot of attention, their strength and lightness surprising everybody, and we expect plenty of orders were placed for them.

Never before in the history of the Cage Bird Fancy has a bird been so much discussed, or attracted so much attention as Mr. Parlett's variegated Hybrid. All the time the show was open the crowd round the bird was simply wonderful. It only needed a stalwart policeman with his somewhat monotonous "Pass on, please," to make one think it was a Lord Mayor's show. The bird was absolutely tired out at the end of the exhibition, all eyes were on him, but through it all he was not a bit shy, and occasionally enlivened the proceedings with a burst of song that was almost laughable, he was the only one of the whole gathering that saw the humorous side of the affair, everyone present was in such deadly earnest, the discussion at times waxed hot and strong, he had quite a dozen parents, ranging from the Canary to the Snow Bunting, attributed to him. Some of the other Hybrids must have been almost green with envy; for all the attention they attracted they might just as well have been at home. Even the Greenfinch-Sparrow was so upset with the whole affair that she slunk into a corner of her cage and refused to budge, perhaps she will recover by the spring, when the sun shines, and some cheeky cock Sparrow wants to make love to her. The gate and sales were records, but we were unable to get the actual figures. Although much more space than usual was allowed, the crowd at times was so thick that one could scarcely move, particularly round the Hybrids, Scotch Fancies, and Borders. The admirers of the two latter cannot tear themselves away from their pets, the other birds in the show have no attractions for them whatever. One had a proof of this at the close for one hardly had time to turn round before these varieties were cleared from the staging, packed, and out of the hall.

Mr. Meikle and his brother were both kept pretty busy attending to the purchasers, and never before have we seen such spirited bidding at the auction of the winners in the limit classes. The keenest tussle of all was for Mr. Wilson's Buff Nor. Hen, in the fifteen shilling limit. We really thought the bidding would never stop, and expected to hear the auctioneer tell the bidders to wait while he had some tea, anyway, the end came at last, the bird finding a new owner at four pounds, two and six.

It was considerably warmer on the second day of the show, and many of the winners were quite out-classed. The judges who stayed behind had a roaring time. We noticed Pa Mundell with a crowd about six deep round him, when he was trying to explain why the cap marked buff was beaten by "you" class. We did not stop to hear the result, but we would gladly have laid odds on "Pa."

Mr. Shackleton's birds arrived during the evening of the first day, so also did Mr. Muscott's from Wales, they were, of course, too late for competition; we fancy the owners were trying to squeeze another day on to the old year, but Wednesday was the opening day not Thursday. Hard lines for some of them certainly looked winners.

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PWLLHELI.

Annual open show held Jan. 1 in Owen's Garage, a very fine room for the purpose. Entries turned up well, including all the North Wales cracks. A few birds were absent when judging commenced through the late trains, notably Mr. Crawford's Hawfinch, of Llanelly, which arrived at 2.30 p.m. The room was packed with visitors. Norwich were not over strong, but Yorks. came out well. Bord. were charming in qual. and numbers, Goldfinches were quite a sight, as is the rule at all North Wales shows. Mules and Hyb. were worth a long journey to see, and must have taken some separating. Novices came well to the fore with 40 exhibits in the Canary class, and every one a credit. The management was in the hands of a hard-working committee headed by Mr. D. J. Jones, chair., and Mr. W. S. Lloyd, hon. treas. Sec. Mr. W. H. Davies, is a respected exhibitor and judge in Wales, and he carries out his duties in a most painstaking manner; he had cards up in no time, and the show open by 1.30. We are pleased to notice the Mayor of Pwllheli, Dr. R. Jones Evans, taking an active interest in the show. The room was cleared of all railway birds by 6.30 p.m., so as to catch the mail train, and exhibitors would get their birds same night. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool, judged, and every one seemed pleased with his awards.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, Cup for best in show, W. H. Williams, noted even mkd. buff leading, put down in excellent order, 2nd cl. yell., grand head and neck, evenly balanced wings, short tail, clean cut; 3, Davies and Jones, smart buff, noble head, exquisite qual., capital form, just wants a bit more subs.; 4, R. Williams; vhc, W. Williams; hc, James; c, J. Roberts. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Nolan, mkd. cap and wings, stands like a guardsman, full of swank, rare shoulders, pipe tail and well finished; 2, Sgt. Evans, erect and fearless, lovely back, round front, sweet head and neck, tapered to perfection, runs winner close; 3, T. G. Roberts, straight as a rush, capital legs, well balanced wings and tail, bathing when judged; 4, c, H. Jones; vhc, he, J. O. Williams. BUFF (9): 1, c, H. Jones, variegated, often described, looking as well as ever, runner-up for cup, real smart exhibit; 2, Nolan, capital bird, rare top end, sweetly tapered away, throws a wing now and then, close up; 3, Miss Parry, lovely shape and style, full of Yorks. type, capital wings and tail, quite a credit; vhc, R. Roberts; hc, Sergt. Evans. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, E. R. Roberts, grand team, almost any lit to win, all have lovely heads, move freely and show grand Border type, very jaunty and full of qual., a team to be proud of; 4, H. Jones; c, J. Green. BUFF (11): 1, 2, E. R. Roberts, lovely contour, marble heads, well shaped body, tapered to perfection and put down in rare style; 3, vhc, R. Green, sweetly cut, full of type and qual., move freely, well balanced; 4, hc, c, H. Jones. GOLDF. (11): 1, 3, Evans and Roberts, wonderful blaze, rare shape, grand moons and buttons, tanned well down to waist, 3rd bit unsteady, but a good 'un; 2, W. H. Williams, monster for size, sweet blaze, excels in tanning, grand bars and finish, close up; 4, R. E. Griffiths; vhc, T. G. Roberts; hc, W. Williams; c, T. Williams. GREYPATE (12): 1, Evans and Roberts, grand body, expansive face, well furnished on top, rare tanning and bars, will want stopping; 2, W. H. Williams, another of the right stamp, full of col., wonder for bars and buttons, not so clean in cheeks; 3, R. E. Griffiths, capital blaze, good top, fine tanning, in excellent form; 4, T. G. Roberts; vhc, A. Owen; hc, Rogers; c, E. Roberts. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, R. E. Griffiths, Goldf.-Bullf., shows parentage well, nice size and wonderful col., put down in rare order; 2, 3, Hughes Bros., Can.-Bullf., pied tail, grand size and col., pity its not a self or would want some beating, 3rd variegGoldie Mule, capital size and cond.; 4, H. Jones; vhc, c, G. Rogers; hc, Lloyd. A.O. BRIT. (14): 1, R. E. Griffiths, Waxwing, good col., rare size and cond., should make a good one later; 2, res, W. H. Williams, Bullie, capital col., large cap and bib, nice tone of col. on back, well staged; 3, Nolan, Waxwing, even better col., shows wax well, but bit rough behind; vhc, hc, Evans and Roberts; c, J. Hughes. NOV. CAN. (40): 1, Miss Jennie Parry, sweet buff Yorks., erect and fearless, full of style, in excellent trim; 2, R. Williams, grand Nor., bold head and neck, lovely wings and tail, full of qual., staged to perfection; 3, G. J. Williams, Cinn.-Bord., grand type and col., moves well, sweet head and neck; 4, W. James, W. Williams; vhc, hc, J. Roberts; vhc, he, Miss E. Lloyd; vhc, Ellis Jones; hc, Mrs. J. Owen, R. Williams; c, T. Williams, Master W. Thomas, Rowlands. GOLDF. (16): 1, W. Williams, topping blaze, excellent col., grand bars and buttons, nice size and cond.; 2, A. Owen, rare col. of blaze, well mooned, finished well on top, tanned to waist, in excellent form; 3, J. James, rare expensive blaze, bit soft when taking notes; 4, J. Hughes; vhc, H. Roberts; hc, T. Williams; c, E. Roberts. MULE (6): 1, R. Lloyd, monster Goldie Mule, grand face and cond., wants colour feeding; 2, J. Hughes, variegated, shapely, lacks col. and size to winner; 3, J. James, slimmer, nice col. and size, put down in grand form; 4, W. Williams; vhc, R. Roberts; hc, R. D. Roberts. FOR. (5): 1, Master Griffiths, Yellow-fronted Amazon, excellent plumage, talking all the time; 2, Master Hughes, Alexandrine, grand cond., full of col., well staged; 3, Miss Sally Owen, Alexandrine, in excellent form, poor col.; 4, Master Lloyd, Amazon, chatting nicely, put down in grand trim.

WIDNES C.B.S.

Eighteenth annual show held Nov. 14, 15, Milton Schools, Simm's Cross. The entry was a record, some 25 competitors showing 212 exhibits. The School is an admirable place for the show, and the exhibits were shown to considerable advantage. Mr. S. Andrew, the indefatigable sec., did well in his department, and his arrangements contributed in no small measure to the success of the show. Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, judged.

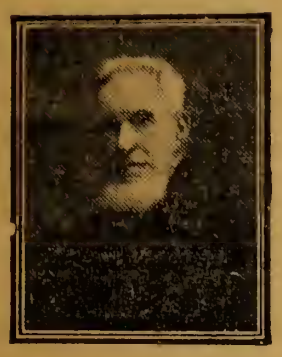
G.C.A. NOV. CLASSES.—YORKS. GR. BUFF CK.: 1, Jones; 2, Cooper; 3, Steinart. YELL. HEN: 1, Bell; 2, Postlethwaite; 3, Jones. NOR. GR. BUFF CK.: 1, Tomlinson; 2, Higham; 3, Woods. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Lomas; 3, Woods. BORD. GR. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Bratherton; 2, Howcroft. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Howcroft; 3, Barnett. MEMB. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Ashcroft; 2, Howard. BUFF: 1, Tomlinson; 2, Ashcroft; 3, Howard. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Hayes; 2, 3, Barker. BUFF: 1, Hayes; 2, Barker; 3, Bloor. NOR. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Jones 2, Barker; 3, Andrews. BUFF: 1, 2, Barker; 3, Andrews. CL. BUFF HEN, 1913: 1, 2, Barker; 3, Lowe. NAT. COL. HEN: 1, Jones; 2, Barker. GR. YELL.: 1, 2, Yates; 3, Barker. BUFF: 1, Bloor; 2, Jenkins; 3, Yates. YELL. HEN: 1, Andrews; 2, Abbot; 3, Bloor. BUFF: 1, Andrews; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Yates. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, T. Higham. BORD. YELL. A.V.: 1, 3, Hampson; 2, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 3, Hampson; 2, Johnson. CINN.: 1, Bloor; 2, Tomlinson. A.V. CAN., BUFF: 1, Jenkins; 2, Andrews; 3, Barker. PAIR: 1, Capt. Evans; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Johnson. MULE: 1, 2, Capt. Evans; 3, Leicester. GOLDF.: 1, Jones; 2, Leicester; 3, Yates. LINNET: 1, 2, Leicester; 3, Barker. F.M.: 1, Rice; 2, 3, Audrews. A.O. HARDBILL: 1 Yates; 2, Hampson; 3, Rice. NOV. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Capt. Evans; 2, Lowe; 3, Roberts. BUFF: 1, 2, Lowe; 3, Capt. Evans. HEN: 1, Capt. Evans; 2, Lester; 3, Popple. GR. CK.: 1, Capt. Evans; 2, Lester. HEN: 1, Howard; 2, Lester; 3, Popple. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Capt. Evans; 3, Yates. Challenge cup, most points, Andrews. Most points in Yorks., Ashcroft. Best bird, Jenkins. Members' points: S. Andrews, 72 points; Capt. Evans and R. Barker, 66 each; C. F. Yates, 42; I. Hampson and T. Tomlinson, 31 each; F. Leicester, 27; W. Jones, 24; O. J. Lowe, A. Robert and J. Bloor, 20 each; W. Howard, 19; R. Jenkins, 15; W. Hayes, J. Johnson and J. Ashcroft, 12 each; H. J. Rice, 10; W. F. Popple and H. Abbott, 8 each; W. Murray, 6; T. Higham, 5; J. Bradley, 2; and J. W. Potter and C. W. Keats, 1 each.

WORKINGTON.

3rd annual show held Jan. 1, in Covered Market. The birds were staged at one end of the hall at a nice convenient height, and were well looked after by the stewards appointed. The four classes of Borders averaged just under 11 per class, and contained some of the best in the north, the local exhibitor, Mr. J. S. Wilson, putting down a fine team and capturing all the first prizes with birds anyone might be proud of. Yorks. had six open and one novice class, and though held under the patronage of the C. and W.Y.C.C., were a disappointing entry numerically, two exhibitors having 22 entries betwixt them out of 37 entries in open classes. The novice class had a better response, and contained some very creditable birds. British, we think, were the best seen round here this season, many of the birds being quite capable of scoring at much larger shows. The insectivorous class was extremely interesting, both as regards the exhibits and the manner of staging. A large and capable band of well-known workers formed the committee, with Mr. J. Wilson treasurer, and Capt. Summers sec., who each worked energetically for the benefit of exhibits and visitors alike. Judge, Mr. J. Nicholson, who appeared to give full satisfaction. Members' silver cup for most points was won by Mr. J. Wilson, who had out a good team and scored well.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, 2, 4, J. S. Wilson, tick and uneven in order named, both well known winners, possessing type, qual., and well put down; 3, Pearson, nice type, well made, neat and jaunty; vhc, Wilson Bros.; hc, Poole; c, Watson. BUFF (12): 1, 4, J. S. Wilson, leader cl., Bradford National medal winner, grand qual., excellent wings, capital action; 2, hc, Moore and Son, uneven head and wing, fine type, well rounded, grand qual.; 3, J. Ellwood, cl., nice style and qual., good type; vhc, Deacon; c, Poole. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, Wilson, tick head leading, both neat, stylish, good qual.; 3, Pearson, cl., clean, typical, bebind in col; 4, Moore and Son, stylish, close up; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Watson; c, Leggat. BUFF (13): 1, 2, J. S. Wilson, uneven and cl., fine qual., typical, capital showers; 3, vhc, Hopper Bros., cl., excellent type, neat and stylish; 4, J. Wilson, nice stylish exhibit; hc, Smith; c, Ellwood. YORKS., YELL. CK. (7): 1, c, Stewart, upstanding, well and cleanly made, fair col.; 2, vhc, Coulson, better col., good pos., capital qual., well drawn; 3, Henderson, paler col., neat back, wings and tail, good reach; 4, Bradley, neck tkd., heavier made; hc, Huntington. BUFF (6): 1, Coulson, beauty for qual. and col., neat, narrow shoulders, grand shower; 2, Bradley, tkd. wing, equal in col. and qual., not so neat in wing carriage; 3, vhc, Stewart, neck and wing behind in col., nice and stylish, shade shorter; 4, Huntington; hc, Woodward. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Coulson, cinn. mark, excellent qual. and pos.; 2, 4, Stewart, wing tkd., shade stouter than winner; 3, Woodward, nice hen, patchy in col. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Coulson, finely drawn, good showy birds; 3, 4, Stewart, tkd. wing, fails wing carr., nice qual., latter heavier made, nice qual. and pos. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, Coulson, hot col. yell., nicely drawn, clean and showy, capital qual.; 2, Tweedie, neck tkd. buff, good pos. and col., well drawn and excellent reach; 3, vhc, Woodward, nat. col. yell., fine pos., good feather; 4, c, Henderson, buff, well made, capital style and pos.; hc, Stewart. HEN (7): 1, 2, Stewart, yell. and buff, leader finely made, excellent pos., stylish, latter nice col. and qual., fine pos; 3, hc, Coulson, buff, not the col., but nice pos.; 4, vhc, Tweedie, well made, nicely drawn; c, Huntington. NOV. (12): 1, 2, Buchanan, yell. and wing tkd. buff, both clean made and typical, fine in qual. and well shown; 3, Palmer, yell., paler in col., fine pos. and excellent qual.; 4, vhc, hc, Ashbridge, yell., very little behind; c, Burns. A.O.V. (6): 1, J. S. Wilson, variegbuff Nor., rare type, fine body and feather; 2, Bradley, cl. yell. Nor., rare col., good body; 3, Nicholson, 4-nkd. yell. Bord., nice qual., fair col. and type; 4, Reid and Co., buff Nor.; vhc, hc, Johnson. DARK HYB. (5): 1, 2, Bertram and Baines, Goldie leading, nice size and col., latter Greenie, well known, fine bird, looking well; 3, Sumpton Bros., fine, Linnet cross, good size and shape; 4, Legget, Linnet, fine bird, fails col. and substance; vhc, Lewis, unlucky we thought. GOLDF. OR BULLF. (15): 1, 3, vhc, Bertram and Baines, Gateshead winner leading, both well known, possessing good clean cut blaze, well defined, and excellent in col. and cond.; 2, 4, J. Wilson, Bullies, good in col., well cut caps, former has lit col; hc, Parlett; c, Bradley. LINNET (10): 1, 4, vhc, Park and Sons, F.M. leading, nice tone of col all over, good size and type, exceptionally steady, 4th good stamp, nice size and good col.; 2, Parlett, rare size, finely tkd., good wings and cap col., but not the rich brown of winner; 3, Lewis, similar in markings and col. to 2nd, not the size; hc, Drabble; c, Waugh. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Drabble, Siskin, nice size, beautiful cond., well laged cap; 2, Steward, Twite, fine size; 3, 4, vhc, J. Wilson, Redpolls, latter in held plumage; hc, Parlett; c, Lewis. GREENF., ETC. (10): 1, Parlett, Bramble, rare size and cond., good markings, well defined; 2, 3, J. Wilson, Greenie, not one of the large t but fine shape and col., latter Chaffinch; 4, hc, c, Lewis; vhc, Oglethorpe. A.O. FINCH OR BUNT (7): 1, Ellwood, Hawfinch, fine body, excellent cond., good col.; 2, vhc, hc, Wilson, Reed Bunting, fine order, dense cap and gorget; 3, Oglethorpe, Yell Bunting, good shape, nicely defined and marked, good col. and cond.; 4, Parlett, Hawfinch, not the subs. of winner; c, Watson. INSECTIV. (7): 1, hc, Lewis, Blackcap, beautifully stayed; 2, 4, vhc, c, J. Wilson, Black Redstart and Wagtail good order, and both nice exhibits; 3, Parlett, Red Lartnble colours and steady. HEN (5): 1, Bonnel Greenie, nice size and order; 2, 4, vhc, Wilson Siskin and Redpoll, neat all over; 3, Lewis, Linnet nice markings and size. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, 4, hc, Wilson, beautiful team Green Cardinal, pair of Magpie Mannikins and Cordon Bleu in order named attractive exhibits; 3 vhc, c, Lewis, Orange Bishop rich colour. LARGE (9): 1, 4, Poole, Mealy Amazon and Senegal Parrot, c, Lewis, Senegal, fine and soft colours; 3, Bostock, Grey Parrot.

RHEUMATISM



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ELGIN P.P. AND C.B.A.

28th annual show, held in Corn Market Hall, Jan. 1. The hall is fairly large and well lighted; 12 of the 44 classes were cancelled. Entries numbered only 80. We would greatly advise the committee to advertise more extensively another year. Economy in advertising spells lack of entries. The birds were staged in the centre of the Hall, but one drawback was that the passes were rather narrow. The local people take a great interest in the show, which adds considerably to its success. The exhibits were well staged and looked after, and some grand specimens were on view. The management was of the best. The secs., Messrs. Garden and Sinclair, were ably backed up by hard working and enthusiastic stewards. Silver cup best bird was won by J. C. Dressel, silver cup best bird in largest class, K. Maclean. Spend most points local, H. Garden, most points, J. C. Dressel, silver medals, members, J. C. Dressel, 1three, and H. Craigen one; Mr. A. Thompson judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR., NAT. COL. CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (1): 1, Maclean, rare size, col. and qual., good body and head, well shown, wins. BUFF (3): 1, sp, Garden, nice col. and qual., good lights and tail, grand body, size and shape, fine head and neck, fit; 2, Dressel, 1kd. on head, large, grand head and neck, rare col. and qual.; 3, Gregor, grand col. and qual. YELLOW HEN (3): 1, sp., medal, Dressel, nice type, col and qual., good head and neck, fine body and wings; 2, Maclean, rare head and neck, good body and size, fine col. and qual., our choice; 3, Bank, nice size and body, fine col. BUFF (8): 1, cup, Maclean, typical hen, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, grand body and wing carr., well shown; 2, 4, vhc, c, Garden, grand size, body and shape, good col. and qual., nice head and neck, close up; 4th, good one, loses in head, might have changed in favour of 3, Gregor, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, nice wings and tail; hc, Brenner. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Dressel, nicely mkd., good size and body, rare head and neck, fine col and qual well staged.. BUFF (2): 1, sp, medal and cup, 2, Dressel, best in show, rare col. and qual., good head and neck, grand body and size, fine wing carr., tip-top order; 2nd, another sweet exhibit, well shown, close up. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Garden, rare col. and qual., good body, head and neck, nice size and wing carr.; 2, Dressel, good head and neck, fine col. and qual., tails in body. NOR., CL. or TKD. YELL. CK. (2): 1, sp, 2, Garden, grand couple, rare col. and qual., good heads and necks, rare size and shape, well shown; 2nd, loses a little in body to winner. HEN (1): 1, Dressel, good body col. and qual., nice wings, fine head and neck. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Craigen, grand col. and qual., rare size, good head and neck, well staged; 2, Garden, grand body and size, rare head and neck, good col. and qual., nice wing carr., our choice. HEN (3): 1, sp, Dressel, good body and size, rare head and neck fine col. and qual., nice thighs and tail, in nice bloom; 2, 3, Craigen, rare colour and qual., good size and shape, fine bodies, heads and necks, well fed. VELL. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, 2, 4, Garden, grand head and neck, good col. and qual., fine wing carr., well shown; 2nd, fine col. and qual., good body, size and neck; 3, Dressel, grand col. and qual., fine size, rather slim. HEN (3): 1, sp, 2, Dressel, rare bodies and size, good heads and necks, fine col. and qual., well shown; 3, Maclean, exc mkd., typical, rare col. and qual. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Dressel, good head and neck, nice size and shape, fine col. and qual., in rare trim; 2, Garden, grand size and shape, good head and neck, nice wings and qual. HEN (3): 1, sp, medal, 2, Dressel, rare col. and qual., good size, bodies and heads, nice wing carr., well shown; 3, Garden, not far behind. A.O.V. (1): 1, sp, Craigen, yell. Clun., good head and neck, well fed, nice col. and qual., well mkd. CREST (2): 1, sp, 2, Craigen, varieg. D.C., fine col. and qual., nice crest, good body, size and feather, well staged; 2nd, gr., grand size, col. and feather, good head and crest, loses in body. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Craigen, variegs., rare body and size, grand head and neck, plenty of feather, well carried; 2nd, not so large. CINN. or GR. (3): 1, 2, Allan, vell. gr., grand col and qual., rare head and neck, nice body and size, well mkd.; 2nd, buff green, nice one, close up; 3, Banks, buff gr., good head and neck, nice col. and qual. BORD., CL. or TKD. YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Cross, smart team, rare col. and qual., nice heads and necks, fine wing carr., in rare bloom, well placed. BUFF (1): 1, Smith, good col. and qual., nice head and wing carr. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, sp, Stewart, nicely mkd., good head and neck, nice shape, col. and qual., well staged; 2, Smith, nice one, loses in type, otherwise close up; 3, Cross, good col. and qual. A.O.V. (1): 1 Fraser, York., fair all round bird. BULLF. (2): 1, sp, Grant, good size, body and shape, fine col., nice head, cap and bars, well shown, 2, medal, Craigen, sweet exhibit, loses in breast col. a little. BULLF. HEN (1): 1, Law, large, good body and head, rare cap and bars, nice col., wins. SISKIN or REDPOLL (3): 1, Thomson, Mealy Redpoll, good size and shape, nice col., well mkd., fine bib, very steady; 2, Stewart, Siskin, fine col., nice cap and bib, loses markings; 3, Minty, Redpoll, nice size, shape, well mkd. LINNET or TWITE (1): 1, Barrie, Twite, good col., well mkd., nice whites, very steady. A.O.V., LARGE (4): 1, sp., 2, 3, Thomson, Waxwing smart exhibit, good size and col., well mkd.; 2nd, Blue bird, rare col., good size and shape, well shown; 3rd, Mistel Thrush, well mkd., good size and col., in tip-top order, our choice for 2nd; 4th, Anderson. PAIR for BYE BREEDING (1): Anderson, Goldf. and Bullf., nice matched pair, good size and col., well mkd. JUVENILE A.V. CAN. (2): 1, 4 vhc, Mekerron, nice col, well variegs. N... grand col. and size nice head and body, well flown; 2, Wm. Murray, nice col. bull, good head and neck and qual., nice size, fails body; 3, Jas. Murray, nice col., rare col. and qual., nice head and neck

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

It is proposed to hold a member... 31st, when all medallists are req... utmost to make the event a... money paid accordingly to... cage. R. Main, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held Dec. 6. The entry was capital, upwards of 310, with splendid quality, in fact, we have seen open shows not equal. The Montgomery Hall, often described as being a most suitable venue, was utilised, and the birds were judiciously staged. President, Mr. F. Jones, is an ideal leader, and the vice-president, Messrs. T. Hemming and J. Thorpe, complete a trio of "toppers" as regards correct management. The committee consist of practical fanciers, praise being due to Messrs. Champion, Kelly, Walsh, Furniss, Cowley, Bingham, Bailey, Memmott, Tow, Drabble, Robson (C. W.), Tomlinson, and Curley. Mr. Wm. Oxley, treas., is a 20 years' trustworthy and genuine official, and a pleasure to chat to. Mr. A. Hobson, the capable sec., receives capital help from Mr. J. Woolhouse, who takes the role of understudy. Yorks. were the feature, Nor. good, and are once again gaining ground; Brit. made a fine display. Special winners. Silver cups: Champ., Yorks., W. T. Furniss; Nor., H. Waters; nov., Yorks., J. Carr; Nor., L. Woolhouse; champ., Crests, J. Evans. Shield for most points (all shows), L. Fallding; best Crest, J. Evans; nov. York., J. Carr; nor., L. Woolhouse. Most points champ. Yorks., W. T. Furniss; Nor., A. H. Waters; Canary section, A. H. Waters; Brit., L. Fallding; nov., any section, D. Pickering; Brit., G. Drabble; 2nd, S. Richards; 3rd, A. Bailey. The show was nicely attended, and management A1. Mr. L. Fallding put down a very fine team of Britishers, in absolutely the pink of condition, many well known all England winners. Mr. M. Broadley (Shipley) judged.

YOUNG YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Furniss, very fine team; 4, Champion; c, Jones. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Furniss, good brace; 2, vhc, c, Drabble; 3, Jones; hc, Bradshaw. MKD. (5): 1, 3, w.c., Jones; 2, Butler; 4, Champion. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Tomlinson, very choice; 2, Drabble; 3, vhc, Furniss, 4, Butler; c, Jones. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 4, Furniss, charming trio; 3, Champion; vhc, Drabble; hc, Tomlinson; c, Oxley. MKD. (7): 1, hc, Tomlinson, stylish brace; 2, Thorpe; 3, vhc, Jones; 4, Butler; c, Champion. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, vhc, Dunford, grand pair; 2, 3, Waters; 4, Cowley; hc, A. Hobson; c, Woolhouse. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4, Dunford, bonny lot; 2, Hemming; vhc, C. W. Hobson; hc, A. Hobson. MKD. (12): 1, 4, Woolhouse, neat and stylish couple; 2, hc, Cowley; 3, c, Waters; vhc, Dunford. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Waters, bewitching damsels; 3, 4, Dunford; vhc, hc, A. Hobson; c, Cowley. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, c, A. Hobson, charming team; 2, Waters; 3, 4, Cowley; hc, Dunford. MKD. (9): 1, 3, 4, hc, Cowley, ratthing quartette; 2, Waters; vhc, Dunford; c, Hemming. CRESTS (6): 1, 3, Evans, most promising; 2, hc, Memmott; 4, Dodd; vhc, Memmott. C.B. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Memmott, former very likely; 2, 3, Evans. GOLDF., ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Fallding, choice array; 4, vhc, Walsh. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Fallding, very taking team; 3, hc, Walsh. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, all to Fallding, Nos. 1, 2, Walsh, ab. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, 3, Fallding; No. 1, Walsh, absent. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Fallding; 2, 4, Richards; 3, Bailey. NOV. GOLDF., ETC. (7): 1, Farrell; 2, 3, Drabble; 4, Richards; vhc, Sissins; hc, Bailey. LINNETS., ETC. (5): 1, Drabble; 2, Bailey; 3, Farrell; 4, Sparkes; No. 2, Bingham, ab. A.O.V. (6): 1, Bailey; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Richards; 3, Drabble. OLD BIRDS, YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, 3, 4, Bingham, leader a good one; 2, Webster; vhc, Champion. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Champion, full of style and nerve; vhc, Butler; 2, 3, Webster. ... HEN (6): 1, Bingham, extremely neat and well drawn; 2, Webster; 3, vhc, hc, Champion, 4, Butler. BUFF (6): 1, Webster, lengthy and full of go; 2, 3, vhc, Bingham; 4, Thorpe; hc, Wakefield. YELL. NOR. (9): 1, hc, Waters; 2, Dunford; 3, vhc, Cowley; 4, c, Dodd. BUFF (9): 1, Richards; 2, Dodl; 3, Dunford; 4, A. Hobson; vhc, Hemming; hc, Cowley; c, Waters. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Waters; 2, Fallding; 3, Dodd; 4, Cowley; vhc, A. Hobson; hc, Dunford. BUFF (9): 1, hc, c, Dunford; 2, vhc, Waters; 3, A. Hobson; 4, Bailey. CREST (5). 1, Dodd; 2, vhc, Memmott; 3, 4, Evans. NOV. YOUNG BIRDS, YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Carr, quartette of good type; 2, c, Pickering; hc, Wakefield. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 4, Carr, another choice trio; 3, c, Pickering; vhc, Blunt; hc, Bradshaw. MKD. (5): 1, Blunt, very typical; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Fowler; 4, Bradshaw; vhc, Wingfield. YELL. HEN (6): 1, hc, Pickering, neat brace; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Wingfield; 4, Fowler; vhc, Howarth. BUFF (12): 1, 4, c, Pickering; 2, vhc, Wingfield; 3, Fowler; hc, Howarth. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, White, shapely and good col.; 2, Curley; 3, Gill; 4, Richards. BUFF (11): 1, 2, L. Woolhouse, right sorts; 3, 4, c, White; vhc, Sisson; hc, Curley. MKD. (9): 1, 4, L. Woolhouse, good pair; 2, hc, Hobson; 3, vhc, c, Wragg; hc, White. YELL. HEN (10): 1, H. Hobson; ... Wragg; 3, Bailey; 4, Sisson; vhc, Gill; hc, Ri... c, Curley. BUFF (9): 1, 3, vhc, Richa... lot of good type; 2, Marcroit; 4, Var... ; hc, ... Hobson; c, Curley.

CITY OF BRADFORD C.S.

Meeting held Jan. 3 at "Flying Dutchman," before a good number of members. Business, election of officers for 1914, arrang... distribution of ... prizes won during 19... Decided to hold a free concert at the "Flying Dutchman" Hotel on the last Saturday of ... month, when a hearty welcome will be given ... all fanciers.—W. Helliwell, Sec.

SUNDERLA... C.B.A.

Meeting held Jan. 3, ... r presiding over a good attendance. Off... ed for open show: Carriers, M... ker, Proctor and Comerton ... ay, Swan, J. Riseborough, P... r, with Mr. Gray to assist ... he show. Mr. Jas. Wa... night watchman on ... Proposed to invite ... riday of the show. That ... d Jan. 13, in the Central ... Sec.

...OLLER C.C.

...ting held Jan. 3, at head... e, Mr. Best chair, only a few ... Sec. intimated that he was com... the position on account of ill... moval from the district. Officers ...ected, i.c., Pres., Mr. T. W. Walton; ... E. Peel; sec., Mr. H. Best; auditors, ...kinson and Barnett. The balance sheet ...ial contest held in November showed a ... £1 on the right side, and the provisional ...ce sheet for the year showed a credit balance ...18 10s.; there being several items to come in, ...e books could not be finally made up. Decided to hold members' show Jan. 24, at 3 p.m., at Luckhart's (55, Briggate). Classes: Champ. young birds, Nov. young, open, and £1 limit; fee 6d. Prizes on sliding scale. Alteration of judging standard was discussed, and a resolution passed.—H. L. Davis.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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EXCHANGE one pair Yorkshires for one pair Norwich or Foreign, also cages exchanged: 6, Hams-rd., Saltley, Birmingham. (1151)

EXCHANGE, four Roller hens, for Linnet Mule, or sell, 8/-: H. Hodges, 42, Caerphilly-rd., Sengheny-fl, nr. Cardiff. (1181)

EXCHANGE 2 good pairs of Yorkshires for one pair typical large Norwich Plainheads: Beaf, Newsagent, Midsomer Norton. (1169)

WILL Exchange three large unflighted Norwich hens for two york Mules; mutual approval: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich. (1149)

EXCHANGE 2 pair of 1913 Roller Canaries, cocks on full song. What offers? Sell 14/: Hawkins, Pomer hill, Cannock, Staffs. (1163)

WANTED disc records, give in exchange Norwich cock Canary, Border hen, and Greenfinch cock Mule: Offers to Banks, Evesham. (1163)

EXCHANGE Yorkshires Canaries for 4 Yorkshire show cages and case, or offers: Arthur Heeley, Huddersfield-rd., Skelmanthorpe. (1172)

LIVER Bedlington Terrier, 14 months: sell 20/-, or exchange two good Roller cocks: Liddle, No. 7, Fell View, Cockfield, Durham. (1175)

GRAND pair Yorkshires, cock winner 1st and 2nd; exchange green or var. yellow Norwich hen; £1: Jones, Vaynol House, Harlech. (1175)

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, dark hen, 1912, 10/6; exchange Goldfinch, Bullfinch, or both: Kent, 166, Bedwas-rd., Caerphilly, Glam. (1166)

COCK Goldfinch Mule, large buff Nor. hen, exchange for clear yellow Norwich cock, unflighted: Rawlings, 284, Oundle-rd., Peterborough. (1165)

EXCHANGE 2 buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, for 2 yellow unflighted hens (vonrs first): E. Edwards, 58, Durham-rd., Newport, Mon. (1169)

TWO typical buff Norwich cocks, non-fed, 12/6 each, or exchange good Border Faucies, mutual approval: D. Irons, Park Place, Brechin. (1178)

EXCHANGE 4 good feeding hens, Canaries, for 4 cocks, Goldfinches; Finches first: Roe, 21, Lorne-gdns., Holland Park, Kensington. (1157)

WILL exchange Yorkshire or Seifert Roller Canaries (cocks) for good British birds or Bedlington Terrier: 6, Tancred-rd., Wallasey. (1173)

EXCHANGE two yellow Yorkshire cocks for Cinnamon and self green Yorkshire cocks: 61, Nelson-st., Peter's-st., Hackney-rd., London. (1178)

WANTED, offers H.M. British in exchange for good pair Norwich; approval (no postcards): (Mrs.) Clemence, 151, Lordship-lane, East Dulwich. (1179)

EXCHANGE 5 healthy hen Canaries, for two Yorkshires, or Roller cocks, in full song; yours first: W. Hopkins, 56, Church-rd., Cadoxton, Barry. (1165)

SET carvers or six table knives, good quality ivorine handles; exchange for good cock or three hen Canaries: B. Tarton, 42, Hunt-st., Shellield. (1178)

YELLOW Yorkshire hen, £1; ticked ditto, £1; yellow cock, £1; buff, 15/-; or exchange gold curb albert to value: T. Wilkinson, 5, High-st., Leigh, Lancs. (1171)

EXCHANGE champion yellow Yorkshire cock, buff hen to match, value £1 for pair of Norwich. 1913 yellow preferred: Roberts, 23, Victoria-st., Carnarvon. (1169)

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires or Rollers for scrap brass, copper, lead, solder, etc.: W. Whiteley, Buck Wood Cottage, Thackley, Yorkshire. (1173)

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cock, 3rd Rugby show, will exchange for house moulted Goldie, or sell 8/-; mutual approval: Whitehouse, 127, Abbey-st., Rugby. (1165)

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshire hens for light Goldfinch Mule hen, has won, or sell 25/-: R. Poole, 4, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley, Worcestershire. (1163)

SALE, two cock Mules, 10/-; three cock Linnets, 4/6; all 1913 birds; exchange for large yellow Norwich hen; yours first: Emmerson, 16, Trinity-terrace, Hoo-ley-on-Thames. (1173)

WHAT offers for eight pairs Yorkshire Canaries, also two dark Goldfinch mules; splendid songsters; cash, or exchange anything: Firth, Home-st., Scunthorpe, Lincs. (1170)

EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera, with stand, in good order, for Norwich Canaries, or sell 20/-; approval: Robert Johnston, Coronation-pl., Tranent, Haddingtonshire. (1173)

WILL exchange two young Crestbred cocks and 2 do., 1912 cocks, good birds, for a good young Crestbred hen, approval; yours first: P. Burns, West Barns, Dunbar. (1148)

NOTICE.—Four large exhibition cock Goldfinches, beautiful beyond description, 15/- each; accept Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries in exchange: Copp, Ward robs Stores, Dartford. (1181)

DOUBLE barrel breech loader, bottom lever, good shooter and recoupher, £2, or exchange for Canaries to the value of 50/-; appro.: J. Hands, 7, Simpson-st., Crookhill, Ryton-on-Tyne. (1172)

WANTED, exhibition Goldie or exhibition Bullie for pair of Yorkshires; must be large birds that can win in good class; approval, yours first: Todd, 4, Allanby-st., Scunthorpe, Lincs. (1172)

WANTED, surplus stock of Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash, or will exchange Siberian Goldfinches, Siskins, or good British birds; approval: Hodkinson, 4 Sandy-lane, Stockport. (1146)

YOUNG Seifert Roller cock, rung, splendid songster, day and gaslight, sell 10/-, or exchange for pair Yorks. or Norwich, yours first: Kent, Holmwood Stables, Tenderston Grove, Hudon. (1178)

YORKSHIRES.—Twenty high class cocks and hens, winners, and bred from winners of over 80 prizes; will sell cheap, or exchange boots, drapery, cycle, or offers: Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (1166)

FIVE Norwich Plainhead hens, 1913 5/- each; or exchange Roller cock 1913 must have good notes, no chopping; approval both ways; yonrs first: Ell. Williams, 7, Mountain-view, Rhosdin, Wrexham. (1167)

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire hen, leggy and typical; exchange clear buff hen, must be good; also ticked yellow hen, real good bird, exchange clear buff Norwich cock: Woodrow, Muston's-lane, Shaftesbury. (1166)

WANTED, trained Schoolmaster Roller, a week's trial must be genuine, in exchange for an Italian mandoline and case, beautiful tone and good order, or sell, 25/-; approval: Gronow, Pleasant View Villa, Cilfynydd, Pontypridd. (1163)

EXCHANGE, high-class Gluck contest Rollers, Randall's strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 12/6, 15/- each; 12 all-wire training cages, 1/10 each; what offers in curtains, household linen, anything useful: Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool. (1164)

CAN spare grand pair Crests, heavy feathered dark Crest hen, overhanging crest; large variegated Crestbred cock, £2 10/-; clear yellow Lancashire coppy hen, 15/; deposit; exchange anything useful: Walsh, 15, Union-st., Glossop. (1174)

EXCHANGE two Crested cocks from my winners Braintree, Witham, Chelmsford, etc., for two unflighted Crestbred hens; no rubbish wanted or offered; or sell 35/- and 30/-; approval both ways: P. Linn, Gt. Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex. (1167)

TWO dark Siskin cock Mules, three yellow Norwich hens, two bred Mules: six H.M. Redpolls, also Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch; all H.M. cocks; everyone grand birds; exchange for Roller cocks, or anything; sell cheap: W. G. Blythe, 1, Russell-st., Bacup. (1164)

WILL exchange eight Seifert Rollers, cocks, for gramophone and records, or sell 10/6 each; yours first: Fiddler, 26, Thornton-st., Preston. (1176)

EXCHANGE three hens, bred Mules, for Roller cock or exhibition British; sell 12/-; yours first: 121 Cannock-rd., Chadsmore, Cannock. (1176)

CLEARANCE bargains: Norwich, winning buff cock, 1912, 20/; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; unflighted buff cinnamon hen, 10/-. Yorkshires, clear yellow cock, 1912 (Crisp), 17/6; unflighted variegated buff cock, 10/-. Steady H.M. exhibition cocks, Hawfinch 20/, Greenfinch 6/, Goldfinch 7/6, Siskin 7/6, mule breeders; grey singing Finch, 7/6; approval: Platt, 5, Framford-lane, Ipswich. (1169)

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE pair green Budgerigars for good Yorkshire cock or Sib.-bred hens: R. Graham, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin. (1154)

TALKING Indian Rock Parrot, very fine bird, £2, or exchange Canaries; will allow 7/- pair; birds first: J. Shard, 2, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks.

HANDSOME Indian Green Rock Parrot, good whistler, commenced to talk, 25/-, bird and cage; or exchange Canaries; mutual approval: Wood, 72, Southgate, Gloucester. (1181)

GREEN Budgerigars, breeding pairs from outdoor aviary, good healthy birds, 5/- pair; also good British birds; exchange; offers: Arthur Stibbards, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness, Essex. (1169)

LARGE healthy acclimatised Cockatoo, guaranteed finger-tame, mimic, talks distinctly, with large brass-mounted cage, 50/-; or exchange; no live stock; approval: Bolton, Millham-st., Blackburn. (1169)

Miscellaneous.

BARGAIN, 3 spaniel puppies for sale, 10/- each; or exchange: Papworth, Clare, Sulfolk. (1167)

THREE pairs champion short flying pigeons, cheap; exchange: Stubbs, 23B, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

I WILL exchange one large Swan for Canaries; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Howard-st., Stockport. (1151)

HOOPLA cover, almost new, exchange pair Canaries, or sell £1: Ash, 24, Doleyfellin-st., Caerphilly, Glam. (1173)

EXCHANGE about 50 coloured plates for good singing Canary, or sell: W. Wortley, 58, Dawes-rd., Fulham. (1156)

PAIR good red Jacobins, sale 15/-, or exchange cage birds or anything: Hunter, Station Farm, Chirnside. (1171)

WANTED, cage birds, foreign or British, exchange black pom bitch, good pedigree: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester. (1175)

SPLENDID mandoline, beautiful tone, value 15/-; exchange for Yorkshire hens: T. McLaren, Fintona, Co. Tyrone. (1179)

EXCHANGE, four volumes of "Robert Burns," for pair good Sibs. or Norwich: Hebden, 115, Roseberry-st., Dundee. (1181)

EXCHANGE 3 single breeders and 2 Norwich show cages (new) for good Roller or Norwich hens: Haslett, Takeley. (1171)

SPLENDID large mounted bullock's horns, 12/6 pair, or exchange bullets to value, or offers: J. Keeling, Potton, Beds. (1169)

EXCHANGE stationery, all kinds, for good songsters, stamp reply: Plomer, 8, Victoria-rd., Winborne, Dorset. (1159)

EXCHANGE, gent's smart albert, for two extra long Yorkshire hens, or any variety birds: Carter, Churchplace, Halifax (1162)

WANTED, leather or brass candlesticks; will exchange good cock Goldfinches: Manager, 5, Mount-st., Walshpool. (1168)

WANTED, offers in Canaries for all-wool Scotch blankets; sell 25/-: Wright, 11, Mannering-rd., Shawlands, Glasgow. (1172)

WILL give pair extra large heavy pure wool white blankets for four pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1157)

WILL exchange phonograph and 40 records for Yorkshire Canaries, or sell 35/-: C. Ward, Sharow, Ripon, Yorkshire. (1170)

FOR sale, dozen Columbia Rena records, double-sided, good condition, 10/- lot: Glew, Doncaster-rd., Ferry Bridge.

EXCHANGE 3 Norwich show cages in case (new) for Crests offers value 15/-: L. Sheppard, Stortford, Bishops Stortford. (1162)

SILVER mounted calabash pipe, cost 15/6, exchange for good yellow Norwich cock: Brooks, 88, Balls Pond-rd., Dalston. (1173)

SELL one pair flying homer pigeons, exchange pair of Bullfinches or Goldfinches: O. Brown, King-st., Clown, Chesterfield. (1161)

FOUR Linnets, guaranteed singing, 6/-; Fawn Whippit bitch, 7 months, 6/-; exchange anything: Croom, 12, Ash-st., Gateshead. (1168)

WANTED, British birds in exchange for good tan rabbits, value 15/-, or offers: Watkinson, Ravine Aviaries, Filey, Yorks. (1170)

FOR sale, 12 disc records, 8/6; or exchange pair of Canaries or British; yours first: Biggs, 62, Standard-rd., Enfield Wash.

GIVING up; one pair each of Blue and Black Fantail prize bred; exchange anything: Adams, Weston-Rhyn, Oswestry. (1174)

WILL give pair warm, heavy, pure wool white blankets for three pairs Canaries: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft. (1157)

FIELD glasses, in sling case, 15/-; approval; exchange cock Mules, Canaries, etc.: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham. (1168)

BLACK bitch Retriever, flat coated, two months, bred from good working parents, only 8/6: Mitchell, Willord-rd., Nottingham. (1179)

TWO Norwich cocks, 5/-; one h.p. petrol engine, 17/; steam engine, 2/6; all guaranteed perfect: Malley, 50, Bridgend, Dumbarton. (1161)

EXCHANGE Cassell's "Dictionary of Gardening," 21 7d. parts; clean; for British hardbills: Seager, West-st., Newport, Wight. (1164)

EXCHANGE Flemish Belgian Rabbits, 10 months, for Canaries or show pigeons: Cocks, 24, St. James'-rd., Wandsworth Common. (1165)

CAMERA, tripod, 8/6; exchange quality Roller, buff Yorks. cock, 6/; exchange lengthy yellow: Willis, 31 Thames-rd., Aldershot. (1160)

TOY Dachshund dog, 25/; Edison gem phonograph, 21/-; records and case, 35/-; exchange; offers: Love, 2, Park lane, Tipton (1160)

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